

6.0 Recreation and Open Space

Goal 1: Provide Recreation and Open Space Facilities In Close Proximity to the University Population to Support Healthy Lifestyles, and Adequately and Efficiently Serve the Instructional, Active and Passive Recreation Needs of the University Population.

Objective	Status	Recommendations
<p>Objective 1.1: To maintain existing recreation facilities that are safe, modern, functional and minimize deferred maintenance.</p>	<p>While this objective and its policies are important to the university’s provision of recreation facilities, they are not required to be included in campus master plans and are internal to the operations of those entities providing the facilities and services.</p>	<p>Delete the objective and its policies. Incorporate into Objective 1.2 as appropriate.</p>

Policies	Status	Benchmarks	Recommendations
<p>Policy 1.1.1: The Department of Recreational Sports and University Athletic Association, Inc. shall provide ongoing maintenance surveys, preventive maintenance programs and corrective actions as needed to ensure the safe operating condition of the facilities under their organization’s purview. Such corrective actions shall include those necessary to provide life, safety and ADA code compliance.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>These entities continue to be responsible for providing regular, ongoing preventive maintenance and code compliance.</p>	<p>Delete. See also new Policy 1.2.11</p>
<p>Policy 1.1.2: The Department of Recreational Sports and University Athletic Association, Inc. shall provide proper maintenance of athletic fields including restoration, rotating or restricting use as needed.</p>	<p>Ongoing</p>	<p>These entities continue to be responsible for athletic field maintenance and management.</p>	<p>Delete</p>

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Policy 1.1.3: The Division of Student Affairs shall explore opportunities to increase coordination and efficiency in recreational facility development, operation and maintenance between its Department of Housing and Residence Education and Department of Recreational Sports	In progress	The Department of Housing and Residence Education and Department of Recreational Sports are both within the Division of Student Affairs.	Delete. See also Policy 1.2.8
Policy 1.1.4: The Department of Recreational Sports, O’Connell Center, College of Health and Human Performance and Physical Plant Division shall continue to collaborate in the operation, maintenance and scheduling of Florida Pool and the O’Connell Center pool.	Ongoing	These entities continue to communicate and cooperate for efficient utilization of these swimming pool resources.	Delete. See also Policy 1.2.8

Objective	Status	Recommendations
Objective 1.2: To efficiently utilize and expand existing recreation facilities to meet the needs of the university population.	This objective and its policies remain important to the University. Facility management shall be incorporated to replace Objective 1.1. The Campus Framework Plan emphasizes passive and active recreation opportunity as critical to health, wellness and the student experience.	Renumber and Modify – Objective 1.1: To provide recreation facilities that meet the health and wellness needs of the university population and support a signature student experience.

Policies	Status	Benchmark Data	Recommendations
Policy 1.2.1: New recreation facilities shall be provided consistent with the Future Land Use Element, Capital Improvement Program Element and other policies of the master plan and depicted on Figures 6-1 and 6-1.a of this Element.	Ongoing	Recreation facilities have been located consistent with the campus master plan FLU and Future Building Sites designations.	No Change
Policy 1.2.2: Student recreation facilities shall be provided to meet existing and future enrollment that are equal or better than national comparative data and address the needs of students, faculty and staff considering different cultures, diversities and social interests.	Ongoing	Although new student recreation facilities have been provided such as the SW Recreation Center expansion and Broward Courts Outdoor Complex, provision of recreation facilities continues to fall below peer benchmarking.	No Change
Policy 1.2.3: The Department of Recreational Sports shall continuously engage its Board of Directors, student and employee groups, and academic departments to determine needs, interests and the adequacy of existing facilities and programs.	Ongoing	The Department of Recreational Sports seeks input from various stakeholders. This is not required to be included in campus master plans and is internal to the operations of the entity providing the facilities and services.	Delete
Policy 1.2.4: The UAA shall continuously engage its Board of Directors, the NCAA and other stakeholders to determine needs and the adequacy of existing facilities and programs.	Ongoing	The University Athletic Association seeks input from various stakeholders. This is not required to be included in campus master plans and is internal to the operations of the entity providing the facilities and services.	Delete
Policy 1.2.5: The Department of Recreational Sports shall pursue expansion of recreation facilities at Lake Wauburg that make efficient use of the land resource, yet are compatible with the environmental setting of the lake area and its natural resources.	Ongoing	The Department of Recreational Sports has plans for additional facility enhancements consistent with this policy.	No Change- Policy 1.1.3

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Policy 1.2.6: The Department of Recreational Sports shall coordinate with the appropriate federal, state and local governmental agencies as well as related academic departments to monitor the success of the eagles' nests at Lake Wauburg when present.	Ongoing	According to best available information, there is not currently a bald eagle's nest on this UF controlled property.	No Change - Policy 1.1.4
Policy 1.2.7: The University shall seek to enhance areas designated in the Urban Park Future Land Use classification, particularly those identified on Figure 1-5 of the Urban Design Element, for the purpose of ensuring adequate areas for passive recreational pursuits.	Ongoing	The Urban Park FLU areas have been maintained and enhanced for passive recreational pursuits. Enhancements have been implemented in many areas including the Plaza of Americas, Wilmot Gardens, and by two heritage Live Oaks adjacent to Newell Drive and the new Harrel Medical building. The new Landscape Master Plan identifies improvements to Urban Park areas.	No Change- Policy 1.1.5
Policy 1.2.8: The University shall continue to explore opportunities to maximize facility utilization through partnerships between the Department of Recreational Sports, Division of Housing and Residence Education, UAA, O'Connell Center and College of Health and Human Performance such that shared use of facilities is provided without compromising the programmatic needs of one entity over another.	Ongoing	These entities continue to collaborate for efficient use of facilities.	Modify – "...to maximize facility utilization and <u>accessibility</u> through partnerships..." - Policy 1.1.6
Policy 1.2.9: The University shall encourage and educate its faculty, staff and students about healthy lifestyles including physical activity, and shall increase availability of recreational resources to faculty and staff.	Ongoing	Resources and programs for healthy living are provided through a number of entities, including the prominent Healthy Gators coalition. Recreation facilities are made available to university employees including facilities managed by the Department of Recreational Sports, O'Connell Center, and UAA golf course.	No Change- Policy 1.1.7

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Policy 1.2.10: The University reserves the right to monitor the use of University facilities to ensure that the University population is given preference in the use of its facilities at all times.	Ongoing	The University manages its facilities in accordance with policies set by the various managing units.	No Change- Policy 1.1.8
	Ongoing		New Policy: Policy 1.1.9: The University shall maintain and operate safe recreation facilities that provide life/safety and ADA code compliance, and shall prioritize projects that enhance safety and the useful life of existing recreation facilities.

Objective 1.3: To ensure accessibility of recreation resources, particularly by non-automobile transportation modes. (Renumber)

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Policy 1.3.1: New recreation facilities shall be provided consistent with the Future Land Use Element and as depicted on Figures 6-1 and 6-1.a of this Element, which strives to locate active recreation facilities in proximity to student housing, adjacent to academic land uses for those recreation facilities that support academic programming, and near the campus perimeter to be accessible to students living off-campus both to the west/southwest and east/northeast of campus.	Ongoing	Recreation facilities have been located consistent with this policy. Existing campus recreation facilities are in proximity to student housing on the west side of campus and the north central area. In both instances the facilities are near the campus perimeter and therefore, accessible for many students who live off-campus. Indoor recreation space is not located near the large and growing student population living on-campus on the east side of main campus or those that live off-campus east of W 13th Street; however, a new facility serving this population is planned.	No Change - Policy 1.2.1

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Policy 1.3.2: The University shall continue to work with RTS to ensure continued transit service to Lake Wauburg and Lake Wauburg South with schedules and routing that maximizes student accessibility.	Ongoing	The Student Transportation Access Fee currently funds Saturday service to Lake Wauburg facilities during the fall and spring semesters.	No Change - Policy 1.2.2
Policy 1.3.3: Recreation facility locations and site design shall seek to take advantage of access provided by bicycle and pedestrian facilities, both existing and proposed, and shall seek to enhance those facilities whenever feasible. These bicycle and pedestrian facilities are depicted in Figures 8-2, 8-3, 8-4 and 8-5 of the Transportation Element including both on campus and off-campus linkages.	Ongoing	Bicycle and pedestrian facilities serving the Southwest Recreation Center as part of the Cross-Campus Greenway were completed in 2017.	No Change - Policy 1.2.3

Objective 1.4: To engage the City of Gainesville, Alachua County, School Board of Alachua County and other community partners for mutual benefit to address the recreational needs of the campus and community. (Renumber)

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Policy 1.4.1: The University shall consider cooperative agreements, when appropriate, on a case-by-case basis, with public, semi-private, private and non-profit entities to provide recreation and open space facilities, programs and/or maintenance consistent with applicable provisions of Chapter 253 Florida Statutes and policies of the Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund for properties owned by the State of Florida	Ongoing	The University provides such access in compliance with facility use and risk management policies. The State of Florida Board of Trustees of the Internal Improvement Trust Fund is also a party to any such agreements as applicable for state owned lands.	No Change - Policy 1.3.1

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Policy 1.4.2: The University shall work with Alachua County, City of Gainesville and the School Board of Alachua County to identify off-campus sports fields and other outdoor active recreation non-instructional sites that may be appropriate for joint active and/or passive recreation programs and facilities. The University shall consider interlocal agreements and memoranda of understanding as needed to provide for the joint use of identified sites, facilities and programs as appropriate	Ongoing	The University considers such arrangements on a case-by-case basis as appropriate and consistent with other risk management requirements, use policies and restrictions.	No Change - Policy 1.3.2
Policy 1.4.3: The University's inventory of existing park and open space facilities located on the campus and in the University Context Area shall be maintained and updated on a periodic basis. This inventory shall be used to help coordinate and monitor the provision of recreation and open space facilities with these entities.	Ongoing	The University continues to maintain records of all properties under its control.	Delete. Duplicative of policies in the Facilities Maintenance and Capital Improvements Element.
Policy 1.4.4: The University shall meet with the City of Gainesville, Alachua County and any pertinent committees or interest groups as needed to discuss and coordinate on issues related to the provision of recreation and open space facilities and services.	Ongoing	The University will meet and coordinate with these entities when requested.	No Change - Policy 1.3.3
Policy 1.4.5: The University shall continue to work with the City of Gainesville and Alachua County to mitigate adverse effects of special events, including sporting events, on the surrounding community.	Ongoing	The University Athletic Association, University Police Department, and Office of Community Relations work with the City and County toward this purpose.	No Change - Policy 1.3.4