



CITY OF PORT ST. LUCIE
HEART OF THE TREASURE COAST

TOP WAYS WE ARE PUTTING THE STRATEGIC PLAN INTO ACTION

PARKS & RECREATION

OVERVIEW

The City of Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Department enhances quality of life by providing diverse parks, amenities and programs that inspire guests to learn, grow and serve daily. With exceptional leisure, cultural and recreational opportunities, its facilities are dynamic destinations that reflect the City's character. Committed to safety and inclusivity, the Department ensures all guests can play, celebrate and connect in welcoming spaces.

FY 2026/27

CULTURE, NATURE & RECREATION

Expanding recreational offerings and parks access through a multitude of projects and programs.

Implementing the 10-Year Parks & Recreation Master Plan.

- Implement the revised Parks & Recreation Master Plan
- Extend our trail network via the completion of the Wilderness Trail and via partnerships with Public Works to expand trails at O.L. Peacock
- Complete Phase I of Tradition and Torino Regional parks.
- Acquire land and/or City-owned land for additional parks and open spaces, in partnership with the High Performance Public Spaces team
- Continue enhancements of camping options at McCarty Ranch Preserve
- Increase access to parks within a 10-minute walk of residents through innovative partnerships and planning

Expanding programming and cultural offerings

- Evaluate new and existing programming via the completed Recreation Programming plan
- Launch new environmental education programs
- Launch new adult and sports programming
- Analyze existing programs via benchmarking and needs assessment
- Develop partnerships to deliver programs
- Implement the BMX Operations Plan

Improving current facilities and operational efficiency

- Construction of Phase 1 improvements for O.L. Peacock, Sr. Park
- New playground installations and renovations at Oak Hammock Park
- Develop creative placemaking strategies including activating green spaces such as Rosser Lakes
- Using new technologies such as OpenGov Asset Management
- Evaluate findings from Fee Study for potential revenue generation

HIGH-PERFORMING GOVERNMENT ORGANIZATION

Continuing to grow as a high-performing Parks & Recreation Department.

- Retain Commission for Accreditation of Park and Recreation Agencies (CAPRA) Accreditation via the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA)
- Successfully completed CAPRA reaccreditation in September 2026, improving previous score to meeting 100% of the 154 CAPRA standards. Begin next reaccreditation effort in preparation for CAPRA Reaccreditation 2036.
- Continue to evaluate and improve operations
- Expand marketing in coordination with Communications
- Support further development of the Parks & Recreation team through training
- Better utilize volunteers, including developing and implementing volunteer training

A HIGH-PERFORMING PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

The Port St. Lucie Parks & Recreation Department provides programs, services, and facilities that serve a public purpose by promoting community health, well-being, and equitable access, while maintaining budgetary control and stewardship of public resources through alignment with current budgetary standards and industry best practices.

6 million total visits to PSL parks and indoor facilities in FY 2025/26

237 recreation programs offered annually

320,000 total visits to recreation centers

The Parks & Recreation Department met 100% of the CAPRA standards in 2026

152,000 total visits to the Botanical Gardens



PERFORMANCE MEASURES AND SCORECARD

PARKS & RECREATION

Workload Measures							
Goal	Key Performance Indicator	2022/23 Results	2023/24 Results	2024/25 Results	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Results	2026/27 Target
6	Total visitation to parks & facilities (via Placer.ai)	4.8 million	5 million	5.3 million	5.5 million	6 million	5.8 million
6	**Total visitation to recreation centers - indoor facilities & The Saints Golf Course (via Placer.ai)	351,000	385,200	400,000	425,000	360,000	375,000
6	Acres Maintained	1,583.37	1,583.37	1,594.18	1,594.18	1,857.80	1,857.80

Efficiency Measures							
Goal	Key Performance Indicator	2022/23 Results	2023/24 Results	2024/25 Results	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Results	2026/27 Target
6	Acres maintained per FTE	25.0	22.95	24.24	24.24	28.29	30

Effectiveness Measures							
Goal	Key Performance Indicator	2022/23 Results	2023/24 Results	2024/25 Results	2025/26 Target	2025/26 Results	2026/27 Target
6	*National Community Survey™ (NCS™): Quality of city parks	66% ↔	67% ↔	65% ↔	70%	71% ↔	72%
6	*NCS™: Recreation centers or facilities	56% ↔	63% ↔	57% ↔	65%	56% ↔	57%
6	Park reservations rating overall satisfaction “above average”	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%	99.9%

*NCS: Percent of respondents’ rating serves as excellent or good from the annual National Community Survey™ for Port St. Lucie. The following symbols are provided to show the relationship to the national benchmark.

↑↑ Much higher ↑ Higher ↔ Similar ↓ Lower ↓↓ Much lower

**These measures were updated following Placer.ai’s recent enhancements to their reporting methodology, which improved the accuracy of the platform’s metrics.