Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Vision

- Seek citizen input from a wide array of citizens and interest groups.
- Form stewardship committees to help guide development of Heritage Parks and other types of parks.
- Provide parks, recreation, and open space facilities and services in an efficient and economical manner.
- Supports using a strong environmental ethic when identifying lands for acquisition and in designing, managing and maintaining County open space lands and park facilities.
- Support acquiring and managing lands to preserve/enhance groundwater recharge, key wildlife habitat and sensitive areas.
- Incorporate open space and parks amenities in proximity to new and existing housing.
- Support preservation of open space that provides wildlife habitat; preserves important historical and cultural sites, maintains lands that contribute significantly to the character of the County and buffers urban areas.
- Partner with cities and other entities to provide parks, open space and recreation in urban areas.
- Provide local, community-based parks in unincorporated urban areas until area incorporates or is annexed.
- Acquire and preserve a network of off-road non-motorized trails.
- Provide regional parks and open space facilities.
- Provide local, community-based parks in unincorporated rural areas.
- Provide interpretive and cultural program through the recreation program, including environmental education.
- Preserve historical and cultural resources in parks and open space.
- Provide parks, open space, and recreation that support the economic growth of the County and contribute to a sense of place where people want to live, work, and play.
- Focus on management and maintenance of park and open space lands.
- Work with cities and other communities for park and open space acquisition projects.
- Target capital development and maintenance resources on specific parks for the greatest benefit.
- Institute management programs for habitat value, forest health and safety for the Heritage parks.
- Incorporate a network of trails and greenways through the County to connect population and employment centers, schools, and public facilities.
- Promote pedestrian and bicycling through provision of bicycle and walking trails in parks system.