

# City of Clearwater

## Parks and Recreation System Master Plan



### The Clearwater Parks System

Clearwater residents have enjoyed a high quality of life partly because of their commitment to fund and support the City's parks and recreation system. The City's park and recreation system - consisting of miles of beautiful beach and waterfront, state of the art community centers, dozens of neighborhood parks, lush nature reserves and connecting trails - are generally well used and received by the citizens. However, the Master Plan has identified the need to redevelop and renovate several of the existing park sites and facilities over the next 20 years.

### Clearwater as Facilitator

To accomplish this objective, the City's Parks and Recreation Department has adopted a philosophy as "facilitators" of parks and recreation to residents, visitors and residents of unincorporated Pinellas County. The "facilitator" model basically states that the City is not the only responsible party in providing services to residents - but instead, a leader in helping to deliver City services in conjunction with other providers such as non-profit groups, municipal organizations, the County, and the School Board. This cooperation is essential in meeting the array of various parks and recreation needs and priorities.

### The Implementation Program

The implementation program for meeting resident's recreation needs and priorities identified in the Master Plan is categorized by the following prioritization schedule:

- Priority Actions - 2003 to 2008
- Medium Term Actions - 2009 to 2014
- Long Term Actions - 2015 to 2022
- Continuous Actions / Policies - ongoing

The following map illustrates the full potential of the implementation program - detailing individual initiatives corresponding with the above implementation schedule.

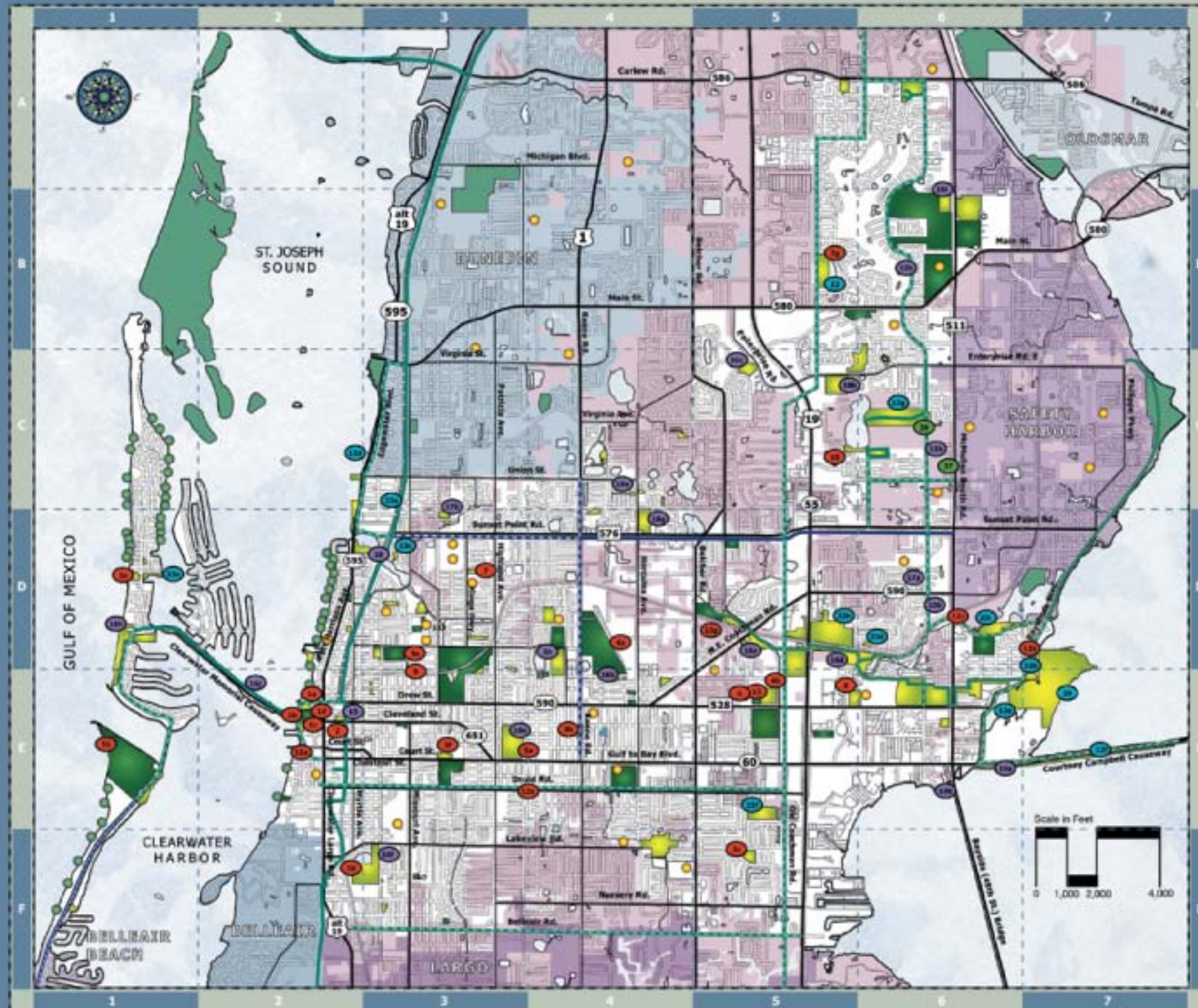
## Implementation Program

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### LEGEND

	Parks		Existing Bikeways
	Parks by Others		Proposed Bikeways
	Park Outside City Limits		Existing Multi-Use Trails
	City Limits		Proposed Multi-Use Trails
	Un-Incorporated Areas		
	Public Beach or Intercoastal Water Access Points		
	Public Schools		
	Facilities - Proposed Phased Improvements		

NOTE: Those numbers which are missing are omitted intentionally as they are recommendations not related to specific site-related capital improvements or sites to be determined (See document Action Plan for full text).



#### Priority Projects (2003-2008)

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|---|--|
| 19 Coachman Park                        | 48 Soccer Complex at Airpark (option 1)  |
| 19 Bayfront Memorial Parks              | 48 Soccer Complex at Joe DiMaggio Fields and McMullen Elementary School (option 2) |
| 14 Bayfront Tennis Complex              | 54 Dog Park - South Facility   |
| 14 Harborview Center                    | 58 Dog Park - Beach Facility   |
| 2 Downtown Trailhead for Pinellas Trail | 6 Skate Park / Extreme Park  |
| 34 Mandalay Park                        | 7 King's Highway Cultural Center   |
| 38 Skycrest Park                        | 8 E.C. Moore (8-9) / Eisenhower Elementary Fields                                  |
| 38 Morningside Recreation Complex       | 9 Armory Building  |
| 34 Norton Recreation Complex            | 10 Chautauque Park South   |
| 34 Jack Russell Stadium                 | 12a Complex Existing Funded Recreation Trails                                      |
| 37 David Martin Soccer Field            | 12b Alligator Creek Trail Section  |
| 39 Countryside Community Park           | 12c East/West Trail - Coachman to Long Center                                      |
| 38 Sid Lickton Park                     | 13 Joe DiMaggio Sports Complex   |
| 5 Clearwater Beach Restrooms            |  |

#### Medium Term Projects (2009-2014)

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|--------------------------|---|
| 12b Landmark Trail       | 18 Countryside Sports Complex                         |
| 13 Station Square Park   | 19 Memorial Causeway                                  |
| 15 Valencia Park         | 19a Sells Lake Park                                   |
| 15 Marymont Park         | 19b State Street Park                                 |
| 15c Woodgate Park        | 19c Northeast Coachman Park                           |
| 15d Cliff Stephens Park  | 19d Chautauque Park North                             |
| 15e Crest Lake Park      | 19e Courtney Campbell Parkway Park                    |
| 16f Norton / Wright Park | 19f Bayview Park                                      |
| 15f Frank Tack Park      | 20 Senior Center at Lawn Bowls / Shuffleboard Complex |
| 15g Pier 60 Park         |   |

#### Long Term Projects (2015-2022)

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|---------------------------------------|---|
| 12b Edgewater Drive Trail             | 23a Wood Valley Park                    |
| 12b Bayshore Drive Trail - South      | 23b Clearwater Beach Recreation Complex |
| 12f Courtney Campbell Parkway Trail   | 23f McMullen Tennis Complex             |
| 22 Countryside Family Aquatics Center | 23g Lake Chautauque Park                |
| 23a Charles Park                      | 23h Moccasin Lake Nature Park           |
| 23b Coopers Bayou Park                | 23i Alligator Lake Park                 |
| 23c Overtbrook Park                   | 24 Coopers Point Park                   |

#### Continuous Actions (Maintenance, etc.)

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| 35 Land Adjacent to Lake Chautauque Park for Swap |
| 36 Camp Soule                                     |
| 37 Equestrian Stables on Union Street             |

## The Implementation Philosophy in Action

In order to create a sustainable parks and recreation system, the City as well as its partners must share in providing the fiscal resources needed to implement the plan.

The following chart summarizes the various recommended capital funding sources and amounts:

Bond Issue	\$31,178,000
Pinellas County	\$9,800,000
Penny II	\$12,700,000
Penny III	\$16,938,000
Impact Fees	\$1,725,000
Grants	\$16,533,000
<b>Total Funds Required</b>	<b>\$88,874,000</b>

If the entire plan representing \$88.8 million is constructed, it will require additional annual maintenance costs of approximately \$4.5 million. Two thirds of this cost will be met with participation from the County, user fees and new revenue sources. Further study is needed to determine how to cover the remaining costs of \$1.5 million.

## A Call for Participation

To make this vision a reality, everyone must be an active participant, including Pinellas County, Pinellas County School Board, non-profit groups, and the citizens of Clearwater and Pinellas County. Funding ultimately depends on the support and wishes of the people, whether it is for an additional 10 years of "Penny for Pinellas", a 30 million dollar municipal bond issue, additional State and Federal grants, new impact fees or county funding. It is up to each one of us.

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