

**Town of Longboat Key
Comprehensive Plan Update
RECREATION & OPEN SPACE ELEMENT**

ROS Goal 1: Provide appropriate recreational and cultural opportunities and preserve open space.

ROS Objective 1.1: Adopt and implement a *Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*.

ROS Policy 1.1.1: Develop and maintain a ***Recreation and Open Space Master Plan*** that establishes plans, standards, and programs for (1) the development and management of parks, recreational, and cultural facilities, (2) the protection of open space and its functional integrity and (3) the protection and enhancement of access to recreational and cultural facilities and open space.

ROS Objective 1.2: Provide for recreational and cultural spaces and facilities.

ROS Policy 1.2.1: *The Recreation and Open Space Master Plan* shall include (1) the establishment of levels of service for parks and recreational facilities, (2) projections for future park, recreational, and cultural needs, (3) programs and strategies for the acquisition of lands for park, recreational, and cultural facilities, (4) programs and strategies for the improvement of recreational and cultural facilities and (5) standards for both public and private facilities.

ROS Policy 1.2.2: Establish a level of service for parks, recreational, and cultural facilities.

ROS Strategy 1.2.1.1: The minimum Level of Service for parks, recreational, and cultural facilities will be measured by the number of facilities and the following standard: 12 acres per 1,000 peak seasonal functional population.

Standards for Recreation Facilities for the residents of the Town of Longboat Key

No. Facilities	Facility
1	Basketball Court
3	Bathroom
10 miles	Beach

No. Facilities	Facility
14	Beach Shelter
32 racks	Bicycle Parking
4	Boardwalk
2	Boat Ramp
1	Bocce Ball Field
1	Botanical Garden
2	Covered Multi-Purpose Area
1	Cultural Center
2	Dog Park
3	Environmental Education/Information
3	Equipped Play Area
4	Fishing Pier
3	Gazebo
4	Hiking Trail
1	Library
2	Multi-Purpose Court Area
2	Multi-use path
6	Non-Motorized Boat Launching Area
2	Open Play Field
3	Paddle Sports Storage
4	Physical Fitness Trail with Fitness Stations
4	Pickle Ball
45	Picnic Table
1	Recreation Center
14	Shower at Beach Access
3	Shuffleboard Court
1	Splash Pad
4	Tennis Court
2	Volleyball Court

ROS Strategy 1.2.1.2: The Land Development Code shall include criteria, standards, methodologies, and procedures for determining the impact of new residential development and redevelopment to maintain the Level of Service.

ROS Policy 1.2.3: Require that new residential development and redevelopment contribute a fair share to support the acquisition, development, and/or improvement of public open space, parks, recreation, and cultural facilities.

ROS Strategy 1.2.3.1: The Land Development Code shall include criteria, standards, methodologies and procedures for determining a fair share contribution roughly proportional to the impact of new residential development and redevelopment on public open space, parks, recreational, and cultural facilities.

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ROS Policy 1.2.4: Acquire, improve, and maintain lands for open space, park, recreational, and cultural purposes.

ROS Strategy 1.2.4.1: Develop and implement a program for the acquisition and improvement of public open space, parks, recreational, and cultural facilities.

ROS Strategy 1.2.4.2: The Capital Improvement Program shall include schedules and funding for park, recreational, and cultural facility improvements.

ROS Policy 1.2.5: Encourage the provision of recreational opportunities within private developments.

ROS Strategy 1.2.5.1: The Land Development Code shall include criteria, standards, methodologies, and procedures that encourage the provision of recreational opportunities to serve the residents of new development and redevelopment.

ROS Objective 1.3: Protect open space and ensure its functional integrity.

ROS Policy 1.3.1: *The Recreation and Open Space Master Plan* shall include (1) the establishment of levels of service for parks and recreational facilities, (2) projections for future park, recreational, and cultural needs, (3) programs and strategies for the acquisition of lands for park, recreational, and cultural facilities, (4) programs and strategies for the improvement of recreational and cultural facilities and (5) standards for both public and private facilities.

ROS Policy 1.3.2: Acquire and manage open space that serves the public interest.

ROS Strategy 1.3.2.1: Acquire and manage open space (1) to minimize risk in the Coastal High Hazard Area, (2) to preserve natural vegetation and significant wildlife habitat, (3) to expand the inventory of parks and recreational lands, (4) to expand existing publically owned or controlled lands and (5) that protects lands expressly deemed to serve the public interest.

ROS Strategy 1.3.2.2: Create and manage a Land Acquisition Fund for the purpose of acquiring, maintaining, and improving public open space, parks, recreational, and cultural facilities. The Town will continue to collect fees for the Land Acquisition Fund until acreage and improvements/amenities are met.

ROS Policy 1.3.3: At least fifty percent (50%) of the gross land area within residential developments shall be retained as open space.

ROS Strategy 1.3.3.1: The Land Development Code shall include criteria, standards, methodologies and procedures to ensure that at least fifty percent (50%) of the gross land area within residential developments is retained as open space.

ROS Objective 1.4: Ensure public access to public open spaces, parks, and recreational facilities.

ROS Policy 1.4.1: *The Recreation and Open Space Master Plan* shall (1) identify access ways and access points to parks, recreation facilities, public open space and natural assets including the gulf of Mexico and Sarasota Bay, (2) establish programs and strategies for the protection and management of access ways and access points, and (3) establish programs and strategies to improve bicycle and pedestrian circulation and access to parks, recreational facilities, public open space and natural assets.

ROS Policy 1.4.2: Protect and maintain points of public access to the Gulf of Mexico and to Sarasota Bay while avoiding disturbance of the natural environment.

ROS Strategy 1.4.2.1: Provide informational signage to identify public access ways and access points.

ROS Strategy 1.4.2.2: Ensure that all access ways and access points comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act and the Florida Accessibility Code.

ROS Policy 1.4.3: Improve circulation and safety conditions for recreational pedestrian and bicycle traffic.

ROS Goal 2: Enhance the quality of the visual environment in the Longboat Key community, both natural and built.

ROS Objective 2.1: Raise the level of citizen awareness of the importance of aesthetic experiences in their everyday lives.

ROS Policy 2.1.1: Explore the development of a *Public Art Master Plan*.