

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

Goals, Objectives, and Policies

Goal 1 To provide public recreation facilities and open space which are commensurate with the size, land availability and needs of El Portal.

Objective 1.1 Maintain access to the Little River Canal.

Policy 1.1.1 Maintain the pedestrian bridge and public right-of-way to the Canal at the end of N.W. 2nd Avenue.

Policy 1.1.2 In redeveloping the former Little Farm Trailer Park site, include provisions to enhance the scenic view of the Little River Canal and encourage public access along the waterfront through an open space, civic space or park space.

Policy 1.1.3 Seek to create parks on the parcels along NW 86th Street to provide access to the Little River Canal.

Objective 1.2 Coordinate public and private recreational resources.

Policy 1.1.1 The Village Council shall continue to monitor private and County recreational facilities and programs to avoid duplication.

Objective 1.3 Maintain the existing facilities at the Village Hall of El Portal to assure full recreation use and program potential.

Policy 1.3.1 Retain the existing Village recreational and open space facilities and acreage in order to meet the Level of Service standard of .1 acre per 1,000 population.

Policy 1.3.2 Continue the policy of systematic park facility maintenance.

Policy 1.3.3 The Village shall seek to enter into a Joint Park/School Agreement with Miami- Dade Public Schools in order to make the recreational facilities at Horace Mann Middle School available for use by Village residents.

Policy 1.3.4 Enhance access for residents to open space by improving connectivity and street design.

Objective 1.4 ~~Open space:~~ Ensure the preservation and expansion of public and private open space.

Policy 1.4.1 The Village shall work with the developer to ensure the provision of adequate private open spaces and setbacks and the implementation of

appropriate landscaped area requirements in the redevelopment of the Little Farm Trailer Park site.

Policy 1.4.2 The Village shall retain and enhance its public open space medians and right-of way.

Policy 1.4.3 The Village shall encourage residents to maintain swales in an unpaved state.

Policy 1.4.34 The Village shall coordinate with Miami Shores Village, the City of Miami, and other appropriate agencies in the implementation of street tree planting and landscaping programs along N.E. 2nd Avenue.

Policy 1.4.5 Implement the recommendations established in the Miami-Dade County parks and open space system Master Plan Vision to continue to ensure a sustainable system of great parks, public spaces, natural areas, greenways, and streets.

Policy 1.4.6 Whenever possible, acquire additional land to provide open space so that all residents are within a quarter mile of a park, parklet, or plaza.

Policy 1.4.7 Incorporate, where appropriate, the “Great Streets Planning Principles” contained in the Miami-Dade Parks and Open Space System Master Plan and incorporate the design elements of “Complete Streets” components, where feasible to support the creation of an interconnected framework of parks, public spaces, natural and cultural areas, greenways, trails, and streets that promote sustainable communities and the health and wellness of Village residents.