



INDIAN RIVER COUNTY, FLORIDA
AGENDA ITEM
Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department
Parks Division

Date: December 1, 2024
To: The Honorable Board of County Commissioners
Thru: John A. Titkanich, Jr., County Administrator
Michael C. Zito, Deputy County Administrator
Beth Powell, Parks, Recreation & Conservation Director
From: Brad Dewson, Parks Superintendent
Subject: 2023-2024 Parks, Recreation & Conservation Department Project Update:
Parks Division

BACKGROUND:

This informational item has been prepared to provide the Board and the public with a summary of projects completed by the Parks Division during the 2023-2024 fiscal year.

It is our goal to continue to use a strategic approach to planned improvements to our parks that is based on the direction provided by the Board through the Capital Improvement Element of the Comprehensive Plan. In addition to physical improvements to the parks, staff has been working to finalize the Parks Master Plan which will be presented to the Board for approval in February. It is the goal of staff for this Plan to provide a roadmap for the development of integrated and innovative park amenities that will result in enjoyable park experiences and serve the needs of residents and visitors well into the future. The engagement and input of the public through online tools and public meetings has helped to create a plan that responds to all ages and interests of our community.

This past year was a period where many new facilities and improvements to existing facilities were completed to benefit the public. The tables below provide a summary of projects that were completed in Fiscal Year 2023-2024. In addition, staff is providing a summary of projects that are underway, and projects that are planned for completion in Fiscal Year 2024-2025.

Parks Division Projects Completed in FY 2023-2024

Project	Work Completed
Hosie Schumann Park	Construct new restroom, parking, and replace basketball court
Kiwanis Hobart Park	New restroom and connection to sewer
Round Island (Riverside & Oceanside), & Treasure Shores Parks	Septic to sewer improvement
Treasure Shores, Round Island Oceanside & Golden Sands Parks	Replaced playgrounds
MLK Park	Replaced sidewalks
Dick Bird Park	New disc golf course
West Wabasso Park	Improvements to the walking trail, concession stand, restrooms, pavilions and entry gate

Donald MacDonald Campground	Resurfaced roadways
Middleton's Fish Camp Park	Dock replacement
Fairgrounds	Opened the campground for public year-round use, upgraded lighting in parking area (energy efficiency) and upgrade the AG pavilion roof and skylights
Helen Hanson Park	New playground
Donald MacDonald Campground & Dale Wimbrow Park	Replaced boat ramp docks
Improved Aesthetics at Beach Access Sites	Remove invasive species and replanting with native species
Golden Sands Beach Park	Resurfaced parking lot

Planned Parks Division Projects for FY 2024-2025

Project	Work To Be Completed
Tracking Station Beach Park	Septic to sewer
MLK Park	Tour Through Time Educational signage, video & brochure (grant funded)
Kiwanis Hobart Park (Lakeside)	Septic to sewer
Victor Hart Park Sr. Community Park	New restroom/concession stand including septic to sewer upgrade
West Wabasso Park	Replace playground (partially funded by FRDAP grant)
Fran Adams Park	New restrooms building and expansion of restrooms at concession stand; replace ballfield fencing
Dick Bird Park/IG Center	New exercise station, pavilion, walking trail; replace ballfield fencing
Trans Florida Rail Trail	Boardwalk replacements
Jackie Robinson Training Complex	Design conceptual plan and install passive park amenities
All County Parks	New signage to provide improved park safety & use
Fairgrounds	New UF/IFAS office; repair parking and new marquee sign
Victor Hart Sr. Community Enhancement Complex	Playground replacement
Treasure Shores Beach Park	Repair parking area
Wabasso Causeway Park	Design & permitting of parking lot and boat ramp improvements

APPROVED AGENDA ITEM FOR DECEMBER 17, 2024