

ELEMENT 8

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

Goal 1

To ensure the provision of adequate and accessible passive recreation facilities and open spaces to meet the needs of the University.

Objective 1A

Coordinate public and private resources to meet the projected demand for recreational facilities and open space, as needed.

Policy 1A-1

Continue to work with the Boca Raton Beach and Parks District and the City of Boca Raton, to provide joint-use facilities on and off-campus.

Policy 1A-2

Work with student leaders, FAU administrators, Boca Raton Beach and Parks District and the City of Boca Raton to secure Henderson Field as dedicated to FAU student use.

Policy 1A-3

Continue to use off-campus facilities for recreational clubs, as needed.

Policy 1A-4

Within the greenspaces and pedestrian corridors, allow for the provision of major bicycle route connections, internally throughout the campus, and to the adjacent community.

Policy 1A-5

The University shall continue site development for sports and recreational facilities to meet the needs of increased enrollment, and to continue the construction of the proposed Track and Field Facility and the proposed Recreation Center, including all future phases of the Recreation Center as outlined in the Facilities Program.

Policy 1A-6

The University shall construct a Convocation Center / Arena which shall function as a special use, mass seating and athletic facility. The timing and phasing requirements and priorities for this facility are established in the Capital Improvements Element.

Policy 1A-7

The University shall construct a Stadium which shall function as a special use, mass seating and athletic facility. The timing and phasing requirements and priorities for this facility are established in the Capital Improvements Element.

Policy 1A-8

The University shall provide 2 recreational softball fields in the northeast portion of the campus. The timing and phasing requirements and priorities for these facilities are established in the Capital Improvements Element.

Objective 1B

Ensure that facilities developed with the Beach and Parks District shall be accessible to general student use.

Policy 1B-1

Annually schedule the use of joint FAU-Beach and Parks District fields with the participation of the District, the FAU Athletic Department, and the FAU Recreation Department, as required by contracts.

Objective 1C

Develop future recreation and open space areas on the FAU campuses. (Refer to Figure 8.1 for the Boca Raton Campus.)

Policy 1C-1

Develop the new Student Union courtyard for noisy activities and for activities requiring hardscape.

Policy 1C-2

Develop the new courtyard south of the Library for moderately noisy activities requiring a mix of hard- and soft-scape.

Policy 1C-3

New facility construction will designate a portion of construction funds to develop adjacent courtyards.

Policy 1C-4

The designated courtyards and open spaces and areas set aside for recreational development (see **Figures 8.1, 4.2, and 6.2**) will be the sites for future recreation facilities.

Policy 1C-5

FAU shall select sites for infrastructure and academic and support facilities which are designed to maximize the retention of campus open space.

Policy 1C-6

FAU shall maintain densities and intensities for the development of its campus which maximize the retention of open space. These densities and intensities are established in Future Land Use **Table 4.1** and Future Land Use Element **Policy 1B-12**.