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8 Recreation and Open Space

The purpose of the Recreation and Open Space Element is to ensure adequate and accessible recreation facilities and open space to meet the future needs of the University.

1. **Inventory and Analysis of Existing Conditions**

An important part of university life is the availability of choices for leisure time activities.

The individual should enjoy a well-rounded lifestyle with appropriate time allotted to active and passive recreation. The host community, City of Port St. Lucie, offers a wealth of these opportunities. In addition, the adjacent St. Lucie West development contains several recreation facilities within a 10 minute walking distance which can be made available on a shared basis. These facilities include: community park with tennis, basketball and volleyball; minor league baseball stadium with practice fields; 18-hole golf course; greenway with bike and nature trail. Future recreational needs will be defined and incorporated into the final master plan, both as active recreation facilities and open spaces between buildings.

1.a. **Existing Recreational Facilities in Context Area (non-University owned)**

Refer to **Figure 8.1** for location and listing of City of Port St. Lucie parks and recreation facilities within city limits and St. Lucie County recreation and school facilities, convenient to the campus.

1.b. **Existing University-Owned Recreation Sites and Open Spaces**

There are no existing facilities. The entire site is currently undeveloped.

1.c. **Level of Service Standards Established by Comprehensive Plan**

The St. Lucie County Comprehensive Plan, adopted in 1989, establishes the following minimum level of service acreage standards:

SUPPORTING DATA**8 Recreation and Open Space****TABLE 8.3 National and State Recreation Areas**

Park Class	County Standard	1985	1995	2010	Buildout
Community	2.5	0.37	0.38	0.50	0.62
District	5.0	1.29	1.25	2.00	2.50
Regional	7.0	4.37	4.55	5.25	5.25
Beach	0.5	0.35	0.36	0.36	0.36
Total	15.0	6.38	6.54	8.11	8.73

St. Lucie County has established a 6-year Capital Improvement Plan to ensure that minimum adopted levels of service are maintained, allow increased levels of accessibility above current levels of service, and provide a more even distribution of recreational facilities, parks, and open space throughout the county. Refer to **Table 8.3**. The City of Port St. Lucie has established Level of Service standards for park acreage through the year 2000. Refer to **Table 8.4**.

TABLE 8.4 Port St. Lucie Level of Service Standards

	1990	1995	2000
District Parks	0.79 ac/1000	2.47 ac/1000	2.33 ac/1000
Community Parks	1.18 ac/1000	1.35 ac/1000	1.94 ac/1000
Neighborhood Parks	1.07 ac/1000	1.04 ac/1000	1.14 ac/1000
Nature Parks	3.09 ac/1000	3.11 ac/1000	3.19 ac/1000

1.d. University-Owned Recreational Facilities Incorporated in Comprehensive Plan Recreation and Open Space Element

Since the existing Campus is primarily undeveloped, the host community's comprehensive plan does not include any University-owned recreational facilities or open space, therefore this data requirement does not apply.

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Refer to **Table 8.5** for the requirements of recreation and open space area based on the Comprehensive Plan Level of Service guidelines for community parks in the year 2000. There are no recreation and open space areas based on the existing campus, however, refer to **Table 6.4** for projection of future recreational facility needs and to **Figure 8.2** for campus areas allocated for open space and recreation..

TABLE 8.5 Recreation/Open Space Areas Based on Comprehensive Plan L.O.S.

	Student Headcount	Total Recreation/Open Space (1.94 Acres/1000 population)
Present Campus	575	1.12 Acres
1999-2000	1,150	2.23 Acres
2003-2004	1,688	3.27 Acres
2008-2009	2,423	4.70 Acres

Source: Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan

2.b. Assessment of the Adequacy of the Existing Recreational Facilities and Open Spaces to meet the Future Needs of the University

There are no existing recreational facilities on campus, therefore no assessment is required.

2.c.2.c. Opportunities for Alternative Future Siting in Order to Conserve the Supply and Character of Campus Open Space

Not applicable

2.d. Description of Future Host Community Facilities

The *Comprehensive Plan of Port St. Lucie* identifies increased recreation and open space facilities in the extended neighborhood. These additional facilities are identified on **Table 8.6**.

TABLE 8.6 Port St. Lucie Future Recreation & Open Space Facilities

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Facility	1995-2000
Tennis	10 Courts
Baseball	8 Fields
Softball	9 Fields
Football/Soccer	8 Fields
Basketball	7 Courts
Racquetball	11 Courts
Golf	1 Course
Exercise Trail	4 Trails
Community Center	25,000 sf

Source: Port St. Lucie Comprehensive Plan