

RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT



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INTRODUCTION

Dunedin has an outstanding array of parks and open spaces. Comprising roughly one quarter of the land area, the parks and recreational facilities ran the gamut from passive mini-parks to a new state-of-the-art Community Center.

INVENTORY

Dunedin’s parklands can be broken down into four categories:

▲Mini-Parks are small, often unimproved “green space” scattered throughout the City. They have an average size of less than half an acre. Overall, the City has one-quarter the mini-park acreage it should have based on a standard of .5 acres per 1000 population. Although small vacant parcels are well dispersed and, until recently, generally purchasable, the citizenry places little or no demand on the acquisition of additional mini-parkland. Many private developments have open space, pools, and courts for use by their residents, and this acreage has been utilized to satisfy the Level of Service (LOS) standards.



Belle-Terre is a mini-park situated in the middle of a large residential development.



Lake Paloma is largely passive, allowing fishing or quiet contemplation.

▲Neighborhood Parks come in two varieties: active and passive. Passive parks have few amenities and include Amberlea, Edgewater Drive and Scotsdale. The Martin Luther King and Jerry Lake Recreation Complex can be considered more active neighborhood parks. Averaging 4.9 acres in size there are a total of 58 acres spread throughout the City. Neighborhood parks are augmented by larger community designated parks satisfying neighborhood needs.

▲Community Parks can have multiplicity of activities, from the water sports at Dunedin Causeway to the team-oriented sports emphasized at Vanech. Five community parks exist currently, with the inclusion of Pinellas Trail. For LOS purposes, community parks supplement neighborhood parks.



The Martin Luther King Recreational Center boasts both inside and outside activities.





Hammock Park is a nearly 80-acre hardwood hammock, a rarity in Pinellas County.

There are five other regional parks less than 15 miles from Dunedin.

Recreational facilities such as the Senior Center, the Martin Luther King Jr. Center and the Jerry Lake Complex are classified as neighborhood parks, but they serve a limited clientele. As noted in the Conservation and Coastal Management Element, there are no freshwater beaches; the shorelines of freshwater lakes are vegetated, but this does not detract from enjoyment of lakes as recreational locations

Figure 1 below shows the parkland acreages by type, and Table 1 displays data on each park within the City.



The Dunedin Country Club was originally designed by legendary golf designer Donald Ross in 1926.

Quasi-Public Parks are special purpose facilities. They include Knology Park, the five school properties and the Dunedin Country Club. The Toronto Blue Jays have held their Spring Training in Dunedin since 1977. In 2004, communications provider Knology bought the naming rights to the stadium.

Dunedin is fortunate to be one of the few cities in Pinellas County not to have their barrier islands developed. This is because the two Regional Parks within the city limits are owned by the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (DEP). Caladesi Island has 631 upland acres and 1,799 submerged acres, and is accessible only by private boat or public franchised ferry. Honeymoon Island has 408 upland acres and 2,400 submerged acres and is accessible via Dunedin Causeway. Only a small portion at the island's

southeastern tip has been developed with high density



Knology Park is host not only to the Toronto Blue Jays, but also to high school baseball teams as well.

Figures 2 and 3 show the location of the municipally-owned parks and the privately-owned recreation areas.

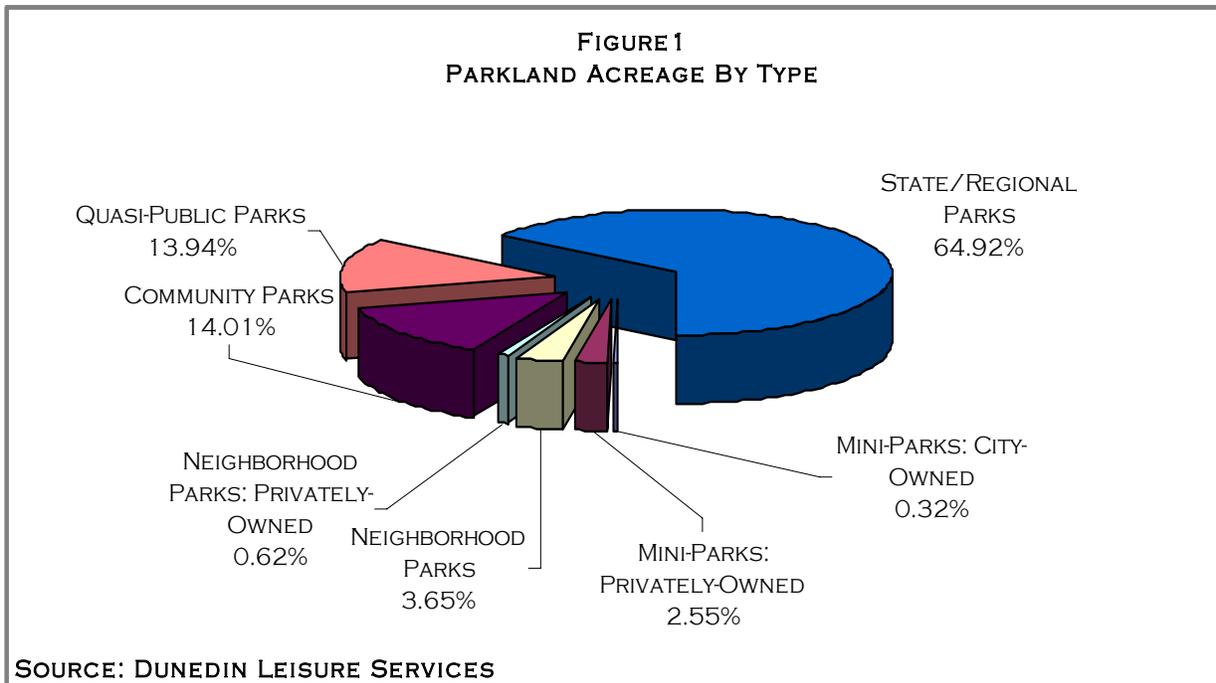
The inventory for the quasi-public parks only lists that amount devoted to recreational activities. Thus, for example, while all of the



Caladesi Island, is accessible only by watercraft, and has been named one of the top beaches in America for several years by Dr. Stephen Leatherman, known as Dr. Beach.
 (Photo courtesy of State of Florida)

Grant Field acreage is listed, only that portion of the public schools devoted to open space is included here. While this may be under representing the acreage because of the joint use of public schools (see below), the result is still over 200 acres of quasi-public park facilities. Also, while accounting for as many privately-owned recreational facilities as could be located, Table 1 assesses them conservatively, in many cases calculating only the acreage used by the pool and surrounding deck. In this way, although

very significant, the privately-owned parkland is not over represented.



**TABLE 1
PARKLAND INVENTORY**

FACILITY	ACRES	PRI-MARY USE	SECON-DARY USE	PRIMARY TRANS-PORT METHOD	BEACH/WATER-WAYS	PLAY-ING FIELDS	COURTS	PLAY-GROUND EQUIP-MENT	REST-ROOMS	SHEL-TERS	PICNIC TABLES	BENCHES	SPECIAL INVENTORY
Mini-Parks													
Armston	0.17	Passive		Ped									Fountain
Belle Terre	0.23	Passive		Ped								2	Tree Swing-2
E.S. Jackson	0.92	Playgrd	Passive	Ped			Basketball-1	1	2	1	4	2	Drinking Fountain
Harbor View Villas	0.25	Passive		Ped								1	
Kiwanis	0.26	Passive	Scenic	Ped	Sound-1							2	
Lime Circles	0.28	Passive		Ped									
Lakewood Estates	0.59	Passive		Ped	Lake-1								
Mira Vista	0.34	Passive	Scenic	Ped	Sound-1							2	
Pasadena	0.21	Passive		Ped									Trail Access
Pioneer	0.39	Passive		Ped								8	Stage
San Jose	0.44	Passive	Scenic	Ped	Sound-1							1	
San Jose Circle	0.36	Passive		Ped									
VFW	0.06	Playgrd		Ped				1					
V.S. Grant	0.53	Passive		Ped								1	
Wee Garth	0.04	Passive		Ped								4	Drinking Fountain
Sub-Total	5.07				4		1	2	2	1	4	23	
Neighborhood Parks													
Amberlea	4.54	Passive	Recre.	Ped		Open-1		1			1	4	
Curlew Creek	2.00	Passive	Nature	Veh	Creek-1		Basketball-1			1	1	3	
Eagle Scout Park	2.55	Recre.	Passive	Veh			Tennis-3			1	4	5	Jogging Path



TABLE 1 (continued)													
FACILITY	ACRES	PRI-MARY USE	SECON-DARY USE	PRI-MARY TRANSPORT METHOD	BEACH/WATERWAYS	PLAY-ING FIELDS	COURTS	PLAY-GROUND EQUIP-MENT	REST-ROOMS	SHEL-TERS	PICNIC TABLES	BENCHES	SPECIAL INVENTORY
Neighborhood Parks (continued)													
Edgewater Drive	4.07	Passive	Scenic	Ped	Sound-1							12	Drinking Fountain
Edgewater Park	2.87	Recre.		Ped/Veh	Marina			1	2		2	6	Gazebo
Jerry Lake Recreation Complex	13.03	Recre.		Veh		Multi-4			2		5	11	Concession; Drinking Fountain
Lake Paloma	3.31	Passive	Fishing	Ped	Lake-1							1	
Martin Luther King Jr. Recreational Center	2.47	Recre.		Ped/Veh			Multi-1 Indoor-1	1	4	1	4	12	Indoor Activities; Skate Park (under construction)
Old Road 37 Park ^C	5.17	Passive	Recre.	Ped/Bike/Veh						3	1	12	Bike Rack; Drinking Fountain
Scotsdale	8.22	Passive	Recre.	Ped/Veh	Lake-2			1	2		5	6	Trail
William Hale Senior Activity-Center	3.09	Social	Recre.	Ped/Veh					4			4	Indoor Activities; Trail Access
Youth Guild	7.09	Passive	Recre.	Ped/Veh	Creek-1	Disk Golf-1				3	9		Trail; Amphitheatre; Disc Golf
Sub-Total	58.41				6	6	6	4	14	9	32	76	
Community Parks													
Beach Causeway	19.30	Water	Passive	Veh	Sound-1				2		5	38	Concession; watercraft rentals
Hammock	74.74	Nature	Passive	Ped/Veh	Creek-1			1	2	4	14	12	Trails
Highlander	55.75	Recre.	Passive	Veh	Lake-1	Ball-7	Multi-1 Basketball-2 Tennis-8	2	8	5	33	14	Fine Arts Center; Pool; Nature Center; Garden for the Visually-Impaired; Volleyball; Pavillion; Community Center (new facility under construction)



TABLE 1 (continued)													
FACILITY	ACRES	PRI-MARY USE	SECONDARY USE	PRIMARY TRANSPORT METHOD	BEACH/WATERWAYS	PLAYING FIELDS	COURTS	PLAYGROUND EQUIP.	REST-ROOMS	SHELTERS	PICNIC TABLES	BENCHES	SPECIAL INVENTORY
Community Parks (continued)													
Louis A. Vanech Recreation Complex	46.00	Recre.	Nature	Ped/Veh	Creek-1 Lake-1	Ball-3	Hockey-1 Handball-4	1	2		7	10	Dog Park
Pinellas Trail ^C	30.48	Recre.		Ped/Veh	Creek-2				2	1	1	18	Drinking Fountain-2 Bike Rack-3
Sub-Total	224.27				7	10	16	4	16	10	60	92	
Quasi-Public Parks													
Dunedin Country Club	124.76	Golf	Social	Veh	Creek-1 Lake-1				2	1			18-hole golf course
Dunedin Highlander Middle	8.44	Educ.	Recre.	Veh		Multi-2	Multi-4		2		1		Fitness Course
Dunedin High School	13.38	Educ.	Recre.	Veh		Multi-2	Tennis-6		4				Track; Stands
Englebert Recreation Complex	25.50	Pro	Recre.	Veh		Ball-5			4				Stands
Grant Field	12.00	Pro/ Special	Recre.	Veh		Ball-2			4		20		5509 seat stadium; concessions
Old Dunedin Elementary	4.58	Educ.	Recre.	Veh		Multi-1	Multi-5	2		2			
St. Andrews	24.31	Golf	Social	Veh	Lake-3								18-hole golf course; Driving Range; Putting Green
San Jose Elementary	3.81	Educ.	Recre.	Veh		Multi-1	Multi-2	2			5		1 covered court
Garrison-Jones Elementary	4.38	Educ.	Recre.	Veh/Ped		Multi-1	Multi-2	1			4		1 covered court
Sub-Total	223.16				5	14	19	5	16	3	30		
State/Regional Parks													
Caladesi ^s	631.00	Water	Passive	Boat	Beaches Gulf-1			1	6	4	50	12	Concession; Trails
Honeymoon ^s	408.00	Water	Passive	Veh	Beaches Gulf-1			1	6 locations	4	3 locations		Concession; Trails
Sub-Total	1039.00				2				18	4	15		
Total of Public Parks	1,549.91				23	31	31	11	41	23	72	93	



TABLE 1 (continued)

FACILITY	ACRES	PRIMARY USE	SECONDARY USE	PRIMARY TRANSPORT METHOD	BEACH/WATERWAYS	PLAYING FIELDS	COURTS	PLAYGROUND EQUIP.	REST-ROOMS	SHELTERS	PICNIC TABLES	BENCHES	SPECIAL INVENTORY
Privately-Owned Mini-Parks													
Beltrees Plaza Apartments	.40	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Braemoor Lake Villas	1.52	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Lake-2		Shuffle-2						Pool-1
Camelot Apartments	.08	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Cedar Creek MHP	.11	Recre.		Ped			Shuffle-4						
Chesapeake Apartments	2.09	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Lake-4		Tennis-2 Racquetball-Indoor				2		Pool-1 Paths-2
Concord Arms	.04	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Sound-1								Pool-1
Country Lakes	.06	Recre.		Ped					1	2		2	Pool-1
Covered Bridge Townhomes	.06	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Country Woods	.19	Passive	Scenic	Ped									
Countrygrove West	.14	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Curlew Landings	.62	Recre.		Ped			Tennis-2		1				Pool-1
Curlew Trails	.10	Passive	Scenic	Ped									Pool-1
Douglas Arms	.95	Recre.		Ped			Shuffle-2					2	Pool-1
Dunedin Mobile Manor	1.27	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Lake-1		Shuffle-4						Pool-1
Dunedin Pines Villas	.17	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Lake-1								Pool-1
Edgewater Arms	1.43	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Sound-1								Pool-1
Forest Park Villas	.09	Passive		Ped									Pool-1
Forest Park Condo	.65	Passive	Scenic	Ped	Lake-1						2	3	Pool-1
Golden Acres MHP	.57	Recre.		Ped			Shuffle-6						Pool-1
Golden Crest MHP	.59	Recre.		Ped			Shuffle-6						Pool-1



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Privately-Owned Mini-Parks (continued)													
Greenway Manor	1.00	Passive	Scenic	Ped	Lake-1								
Harbor Oaks	.05	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Harbor Point Condo	.07	Recre.		Ped					1				Pool-1
Harbor Point West	.05	Recre.		Ped					1				Pool-1
Harbour Town	.66	Recre.		Ped			Tennis-1						Pool-1
Heather Hill Apartments Condo (West)	.45	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Pond-1								Pool-1
Heather Hill Apartments Condo (East)	.12	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Heather Lake Condo	.47	Recre.		Ped	Pond-3		Shuffle-2						Pool-1
Heather Ridge	1.65	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Lake-1		Shuffle-4						Pool-3
Highland Woods	.50	Passive		Ped									
Honeymoon MHP	.59	Passive		Ped									Pool-1
Hunter's Glen	.67	Passive	Scenic	Ped	Lake-1								Pool-1
Island Bay Townhomes	.06	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Island Park Condo	.32	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Island Towers	.07	Recre.	Scenic	Ped									Pool-1
King Arthur's Court	.50	Recre.		Ped			Shuffle-2 Tennis-2			1	2		Pool-1
Lake Haven MHP	.70	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Lake-2		Shuffle-10			1	3	1	Pool-3
Lake Heather Heights	.05	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Lake Highlander MHP	.69	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Lake-1		Shuffle-4					7	Pool-1



TABLE 1 (continued)

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Privately-Owned Mini-Parks (continued)													
Lake Tiffany	1.00	Recre.	Scenic	Ped									Pool-1
Laurel Oaks	.52	Recre.		Ped			Tennis-1						Pool-1
Loch Lomond Estates	.47	Recre.		Ped	Pond-1								Pool-1
Logarto	1.11	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Lake-1								Pool-1
Macedonian	.13	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Marina Place	.14	Recre.	Scenic	Ped									Pool-1 Docks
Marina Tower	.23	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
McAlpine Apartments	7.5	Recre.	Social	Ped	Lake-2	Soccer-1	Tennis-2						Pool-2 Trail
Mease Manor	.23	Recre.		Ped						1	7	13	
Mediterranean Manor	1.00	Recre.	Scenic	Ped			Shuffle-6				7		Pool-1
Palm Lake Village	.34	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Pond-1		Shuffle-6				1	4	
Patrician Oaks	1.00	Passive	Scenic	Ped								2	Trees
Pinehurst Village	.92	Recre.	Scenic	Ped			Shuffle-6				7		Pool-1
Piper's Glen	.13	Recre.							1				Pool-1
Pipers Ten Condo	.03	Recre.		Ped					1				Pool-1 Docks
Royal Stewart Arms	1.00	Recre.	Scenic	Ped			Shuffle-5 Tennis-2		1				Pool-2
San Christopher Villas	.23	Recre.		Ped			Shuffle-2						Pool-1
Scotsdale Cluster	.38	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Scotsdale Villas I and II	1.00	Recre.		Ped			Tennis-2 Shuffle-4						Pool-1



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Privately-Owned Mini-Parks (continued)													
Scottish Towers One	.08	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Scottish Towers Two	.73	Recre.	Scenic	Ped					1				Pool-1
Seaview Townhouse Condo	.03	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Seaview Townhouse (East)	.04	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Skylloch	.10	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Lake-1		Shuffle-4					2	Pool-1
South Paula Point Condo	.10	Recre.		Ped					1				Pool-1
St. Andrews Links	.08	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Sunset Harbor	.06	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Tahitian Place	.46	Passive	Scenic	Ped			Shuffle-1						
Tahitian Villas Condo	.05	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Townhomes at Weathersfield	.08	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Union Park Villas	.53	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Pond-1								Pool-1
Victoria Condo	.11	Recre.		Ped	Sound-1								Pool-1
Victoria Palms Condo	.16	Passive		Ped									Pool-1
Victoria Shores	.11	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Sound-1								Pool-1
Virginia Crossing	.59	Recre.	Scenic	Ped	Lake-1								Pool-1
Whispering Hills	.98	Passive		Ped								2	
Willowood Village	.55	Recre.		Ped			Tennis-1						Pool-1
Windemere Apartments	.23	Passive		Ped				1					Pool-1



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Privately-Owned Mini-Parks (continued)													
950 Broadway Condo	.12	Recre.		Ped									Pool-1
Total of Privately-owned Mini-Parks	42.35				31		96	1	9	5	35	38	
Privately-Owned Neighborhood Parks													
Lake Saundra	2.10	Passive		Ped/Veh	Lake-1							1	
Waterford Crossing	2.15	Recre.		Ped/Veh				1					
Total of Privately-owned Neighborhood Parks	4.25				1			1				1	
Privately-Owned Mini-Parks in Planning Area													
Countrygrove East	.21	Recre.		Ped			Shuffle-4						Pool-1
Countryside Estates MHP	.11	Recre.		Ped			Shuffle-4						
Doral MHP	1.30	Recre.		Ped			Shuffle-12 Tennis-1						Pool-1
Greenbriar	1.78	Recre.	Social	Ped/Veh									Clubhouse
Silk Oak Lodge MHP	.5	Recre.		Ped			Shuffle-4						Pool-1
Total	3.90						25						
Notes: ^C County-owned Park ^S State-owned Park Educ. = Educational N/A = Not Available Ped = Pedestrian Playgrd = Playground Pro = Professional Recre. = Recreational Veh = Vehicular Source: Dunedin Department of Leisure Services; Dunedin Planning & Development, 2007													





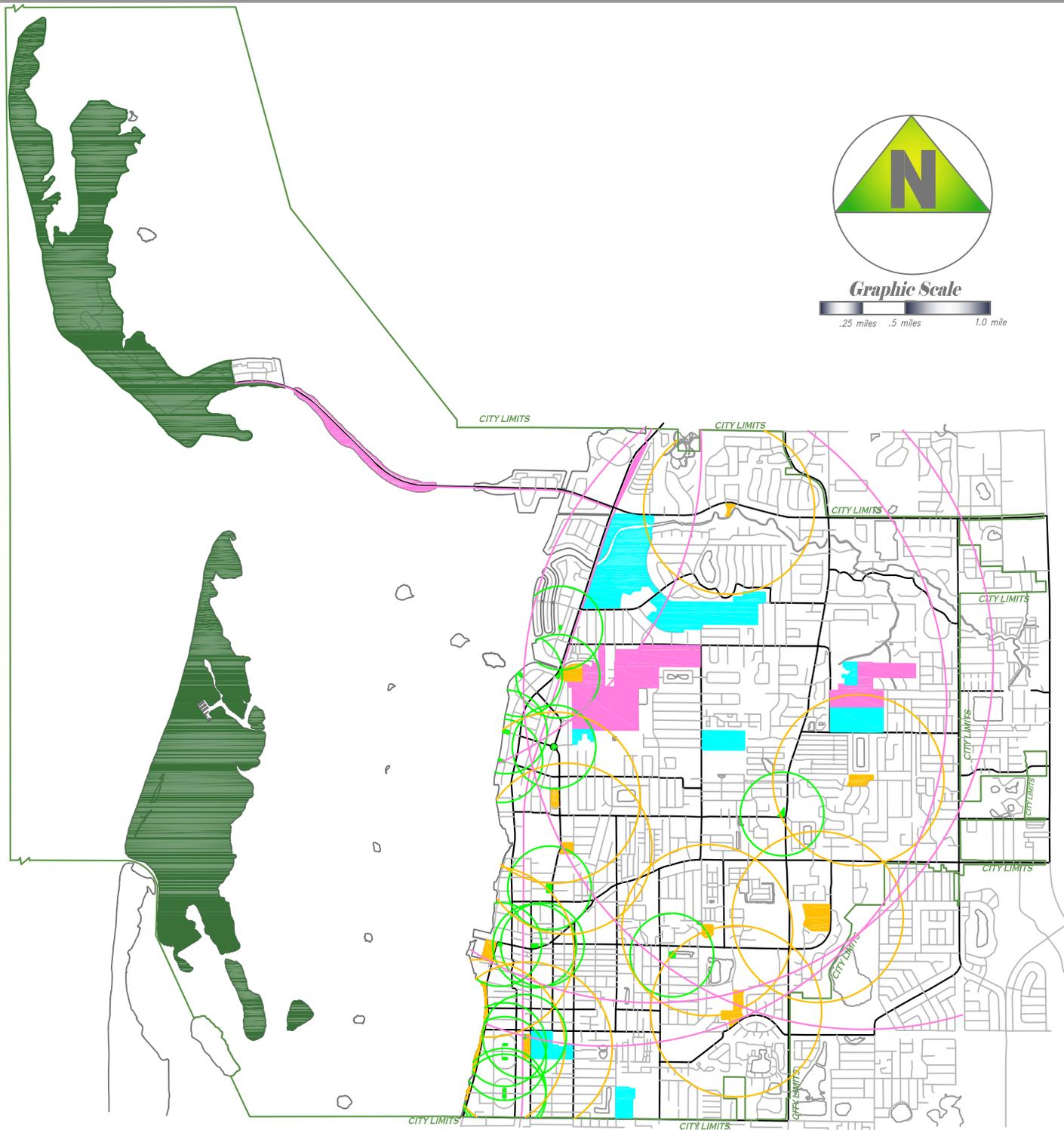
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FIGURE 2

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

LEGEND

-  MINI-PARKS
-  NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS
-  COMMUNITY PARKS
-  QUASH-PUBLIC PARKS
-  STATE/REGIONAL PARKS
-  SERVICE RADII BY TYPE FOR CITY PARKS





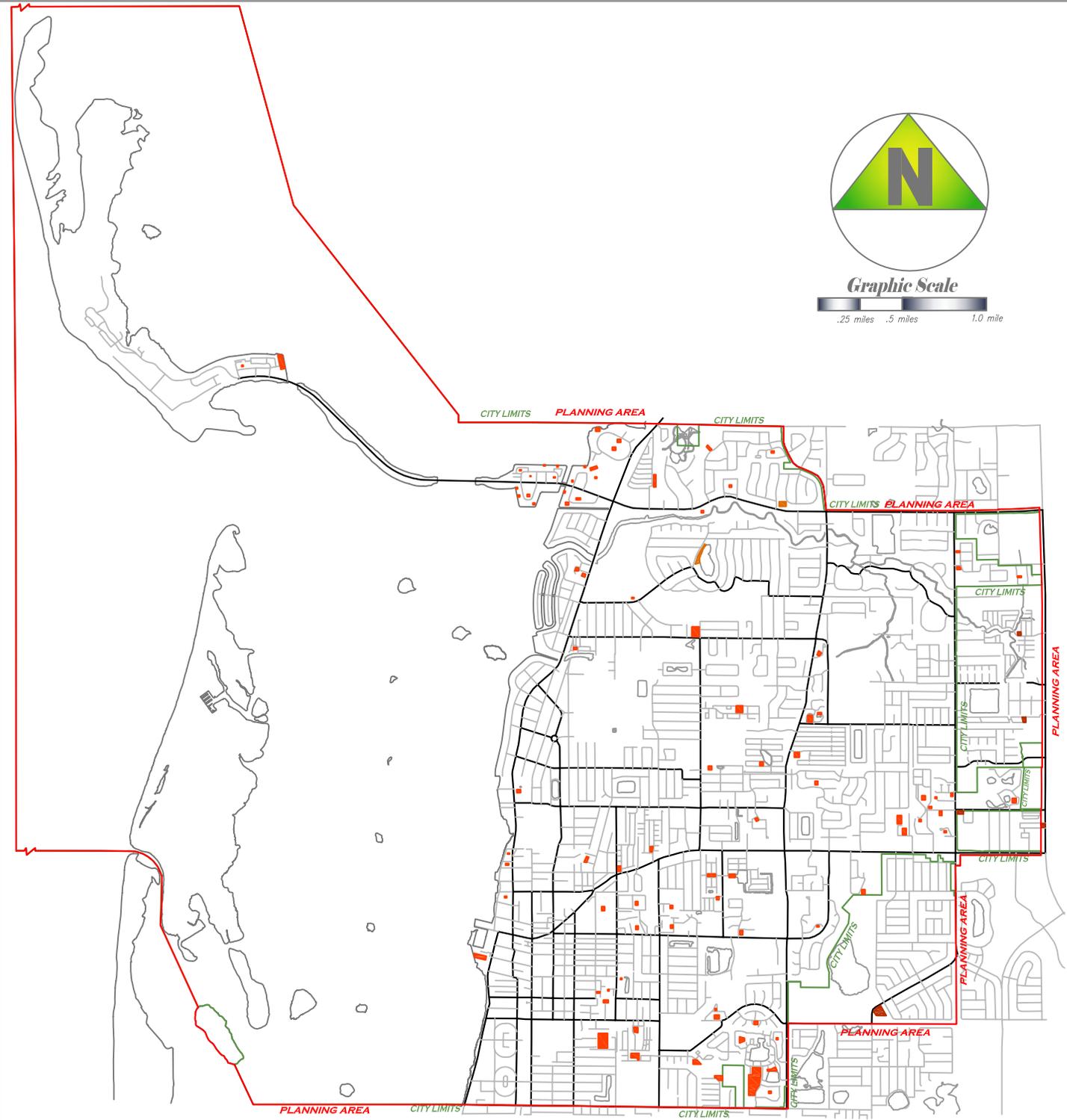
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FIGURE 3

PRIVATELY-OWNED PARKLANDS

LEGEND

-  PRIVATELY-OWNED MINI-PARKS
-  PRIVATELY-OWNED NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS
-  PRIVATELY-OWNED MINI-PARKS IN PLANNING AREA



SOURCE: DUNEDIN PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT, 2007

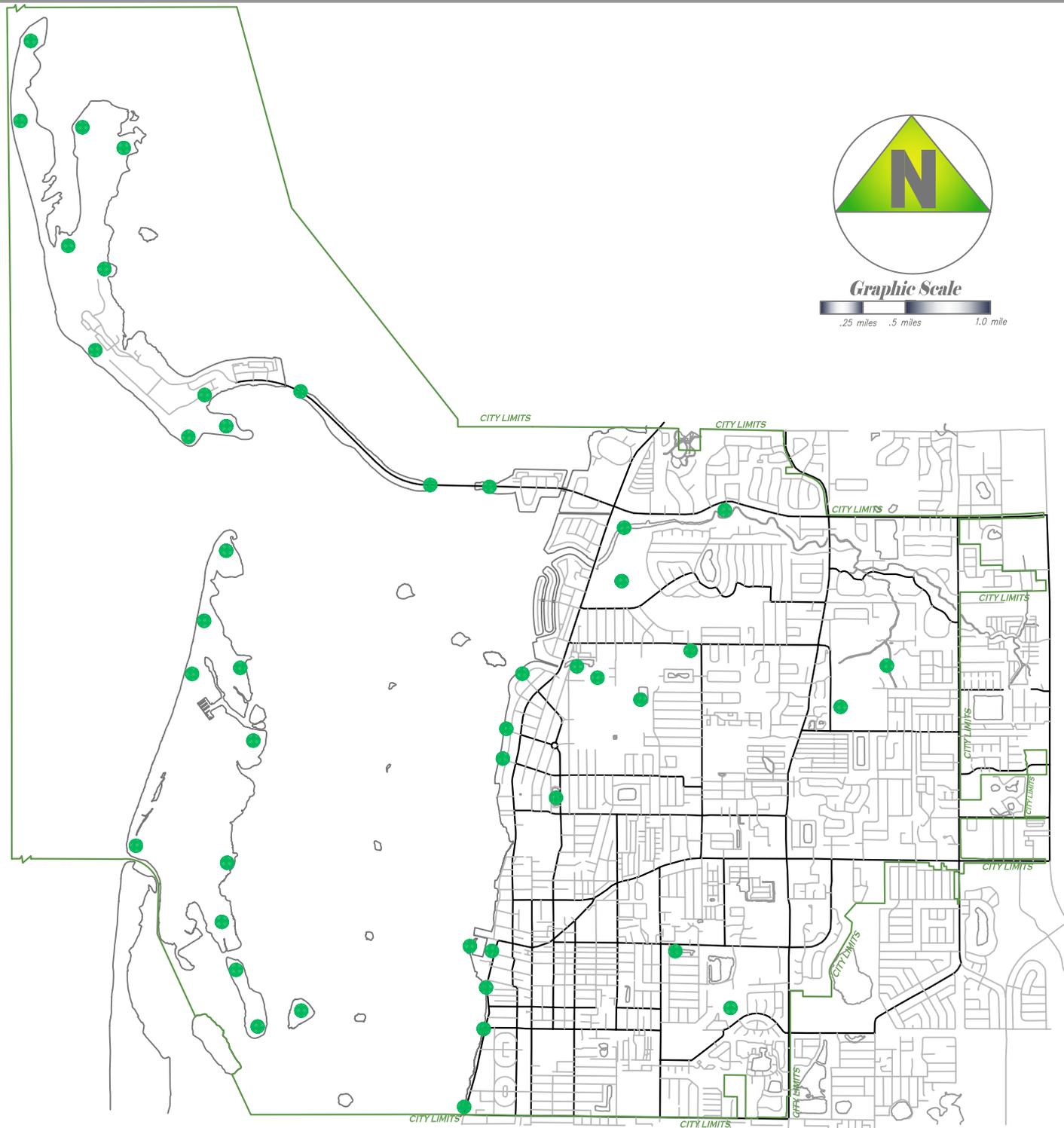


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FIGURE 4
WATERFRONT AND
WATERWAY
ACCESS

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- LOCATION OF PUBLIC ACCESS TO WATERFRONT (BOTH FRESH AND SALTWATER)



ANALYSIS

Table 2 below lists relevant standards for parks and open space.

TABLE 2 STANDARDS FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE				
STANDARD	MINI-PARK	NEIGHBOR- HOOD	COMMUNITY	REGIONAL
Size (acres)	Up to 2	2 to 15	15 to 100	100 and over
Acres/1000 population	0.5	2.0	3.5	20
Service Radius	0.25 miles	0.50 miles	2.0 miles	County
Primary Access	Pedestrian	Pedestrian Bicycle	Bicycle Vehicular	Vehicular
Function	Passive	Passive Active	Passive Active Organized	Passive Active Resource Base
Activities	Relaxation Play Ornamental Scenic Picnic	Relaxation Play Scenic Picnic Free Sports	Athletics Open Sports Crafts Recreation Projects Special Events Water Sports Nature Interests	Relaxation Play Picnic Free Sports Water Sports Natural Resources Historic Interests
Facilities	Benches Tables Free Play Area	Benches Table Play Equip- ment Multi-Court Free Play Area Rest Rooms	Picnic Grounds Play Equipment Special Courts Athletic Fields Free Play Fields Rest Rooms Shelters Recreation Building Swimming Pool Parking	Picnic Grounds Play Equipment Bikeways Nature Trails Swimming/ Beaches Rest Rooms Shelters Bath Houses Campgrounds Scenic Drives Parking
Ownership and Manage- ment	Municipality	Municipality	Municipality or County	County or State
Note: Quasi-Public not given due to variety of activities and lack of standards methodology. Source: Florida Department of Natural Resources; Dunedin Planning & Development				

Along with other development fees, the City has a Land Dedication Ordinance (LDO). This ordinance requires dedication of parkland or payment of a fee in lieu of dedication. It is required for subdivision or planned residential developments of five units or greater. Scotsdale Park, Curlew Creek Park, and the Jerry Lake Complex are examples of parks built with LDO funds; the proposed Countryside Heights, located on Belcher Road north of Main Street, was purchased with these LDO funds.

In order to expand the use of parks and other facilities, the City has entered into partner-

ships with several entities. For example, in 2003, the City entered into an agreement with Pinellas County that facilitated the purchase of the St. Andrews Links Golf Course. The agreement states that Pinellas County provided \$575,000 “in the form of a reimbursement grant toward the purchase price of the [Golf] Course.” The City agreed to a number of items “as partial consideration for the County’s reimbursement grant,” including applying the same schedule of greens fees, cart and equipment rentals to all City and county residents. Additionally, the same user fees for the Skate Board Park (under construction in 2007), Highlander Pool, monthly teen dances, participation in the Dunedin National Little League and pram sailing lessons will be applied to all City and county residents as well. The City has also worked with Pinellas County on maintenance issues on Dunedin Causeway.

Dunedin has also entered into interlocal agreements with the Pinellas District School Board providing for joint use of facilities. This allows the City to make use of school facilities for activities such as summer recreation facilities, before and after school programs and sports camps. The School District, in turn, can make use of City facilities such as Knology Park, Englebert Field, Highlander Pool and the Jerry Lake Recreation Complex for physical education, sports teams, practice and games. The mutual benefits of these arrangements are tremendous.

Being a coastal community, the City offers a tremendous potential for water activities. While Table 1 lists which parks provide access to waterfronts (under the “Beach/Waterfronts” column), Figure 4 graphically displays these public access locations. As can be seen, there are an abundance of these sites, especially when the barrier islands are factored in.

As noted above, the City has a Land Dedication ordinance requiring that certain residential developments contribute either acreage or money for parkland. While over \$3 million has been collected since its inception, the contributions have diminished as only smaller and smaller vacant parcels are available. And on the flipside, as these parcels are developed, other vacant land becomes more dear and more difficult to purchase. As a result, LDO funds have gone primarily to Vanech Recreation Complex debt service.

On an overall level, Dunedin has 31 acres/1000 population, even with the exclusion of the quasi-public and privately-owned parks). It is only when the analysis parses the parks into separate categories that there appears to be a dearth of open space. For its size, the City has an abundance of parks, and when the privately-owned lands are included, then the operating level of service far exceeds the standard.

LEVELS OF SERVICE

The current operating LOS is shown in Table 3 below. As alluded to above, the mini-park standard can be met only when the privately-owned acreage is factored in. This is appropriate because of the tremendous number of developments, both condominiums and apartments, that provide pools, tennis courts and open space. Although not detailed in Table 1, many residential complexes provide clubhouses catering to indoor activities.

The maintenance of this LOS will be achieved through the following activities:

- ▲The inclusion of privately-owned open space and recreation areas unlikely to be developed.
- ▲The retention of existing small open space parcels.
- ▲The enforcement of Land Dedication Ordinance providing either land or funds for purchase and construction of parkland.

**Table 3
Existing Parkland Levels of Service**

Year	Level of Service	Measure	Standard	Population	Acreage	Operating	LOS Achieved?
2006 Existing	Mini-Park (City-Owned)	Acres/1000 population	0.5	42,843	5.07	0.12	No
	Mini-Park (Privately-Owned)	Acres/1000 population	0.5	42,843	42.35	0.99	Yes
	Mini-Park (Both)	Acres/1000 population	0.5	42,843	47.42	1.11	Yes
	Neighborhood (City-owned)	Acres/1000 population	2	42,843	58.41	1.36	No
	Neighborhood (Privately-Owned)	Acres/1000 population	2	42,843	4.25	.10	No
	Neighborhood (Both)	Acres/1000 population	2	42,843	62.66	1.46	No
	Neighborhood plus Community	Acres/1000 population	2	42,843	286.93	6.69	Yes

Source: Dunedin Planning & Development, 2007

▲The acquisition of parkland where cost-feasible.

▲The continued pursuit of grant funds for acquisition, development and preservation of parklands and open space.

PROJECTIONS

The population projections developed in the Introduction chapter will be utilized to estimate future demand. As with the other elements, projections are made for the horizon year of 2025 as well as the interim year of 2015 (Table 4). While the 2006 assessment was able to take the existing acreage and relate it to the population in order to determine the operating LOS, future year projections must utilize the LOS standard and relate it to both population and estimated future parkland amounts. This includes the acquisition in 2007 of 5.32 acres abutting Hammock Park (and placed into the community park category), as well as the addition of Countryside Heights (roughly one acre) at some point prior to 2015. As can be seen, it is still necessary to include privately-owned mini-parks to meet the standard. Additionally, privately-owned neighborhood parks and public community parks are needed to supplement the City-owned neighborhood parks.

PLANNING AREA ANALYSIS

Again, making use of the projections found in the Introduction, if the entire Planning Area were annexed and the City was responsible for providing parkland acreage, a 2025 total functional population of 51,323 would exist. This would produce a daily demand of (51,323 persons x .5/1000; and 51,323 persons x 2/1000) 25.66 and 102.64 acres for mini-parks and neighborhood parks, respectively. Again, the City would meet these standards by factoring in the privately-owned acreage.



Table 4 Projected Parkland Levels of Service							
Year	Level of Service	Measure	Standard	Popu- lation	Acres Re- quired to Meet Stan- dard	Acres of Parkland	LOS Achieved?
2015 Projected	Mini-Park (City-Owned)	Acres/1000 population	0.5	44,341	22.17	5.07	No
	Mini-Park (Privately-Owned)	Acres/1000 population	0.5	44,341	22.17	42.35	Yes
	Mini-Park (Both)	Acres/1000 population	0.5	44,341	22.17	47.42	Yes
	Neighborhood (City-owned)	Acres/1000 population	2	44,341	88.68	59.41	No
	Neighborhood (Privately-Owned)	Acres/1000 population	2	44,341	88.68	4.25	No
	Neighborhood (Both)	Acres/1000 population	2	44,341	88.68	63.66	No
	Neighborhood plus Community	Acres/1000 population	2	44,341	88.68	287.93	Yes
2025 Projected	Mini-Park (City- Owned)	Acres/1000 population	0.5	44,804	22.40	5.07	No
	Mini-Park (Privately-Owned)	Acres/1000 population	0.5	44,804	22.40	42.35	Yes
	Mini-Park (Both)	Acres/1000 population	0.5	44,804	22.40	47.42	Yes
	Neighborhood (City-owned)	Acres/1000 population	2	44,804	89.61	59.41	No
	Neighborhood (Privately-Owned)	Acres/1000 population	2	44,804	89.61	4.25	No
	Neighborhood (Both)	Acres/1000 population	2	44,804	89.61	63.66	No
	Neighborhood plus Community	Acres/1000 population	2	44,804	89.61	287.93	Yes

Source: Planning & Development Department, 2007

SUMMARY

Taken as a whole, the City currently has over 37 acres per 1000 population devoted to recreational or open space purposes. Even just limiting the total to publicly-owned parklands, the ratio is 36 acres per 1000 population.

But beyond just the acreage, the City offers tremendous recreational opportunities to its residents. From the small mini-park for quiet introspection, to the new Community Center for exercise, games and theatrical productions, to Grant Field for Spring Training games, to Caladesi Island for water activities, Dunedin has a wide range of activities that everyone can enjoy.

