



# BROOKSVILLE

## PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN

### Phase 1 Parks Inventory, Existing Conditions Analysis, and Needs Assessment



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# EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The City of Brooksville is pleased to present Phase I of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will guide the community in regard to recreation operations, park maintenance, and capital improvements over the next 20 years. Phase I of this effort establishes the current state of parks and recreation in the City.

Chapter 1 begins with the overall introduction. It synthesizes the project overview, plan purpose, planning process, and existing City parks and facilities. Chapter 2 provides an overview of public outreach; including the overall public

engagement plan, stakeholder meetings, the City Council workshop, the online survey, and the project website. Chapter 3 describes the plan review and analysis effort. It reviews existing plans and policies, features select demographics of the community, and provides the City development context. Chapters 4 and 5 illustrate the facilities, context assignments, and existing parks and open space inventory through a variety of maps. This is then complemented by the Chapter 6 parks programs and operations assessments that examine budget, staffing, interrelationships between public assets, park program offerings, and regional parks and trails. Chapter 7 highlights best practice studies. This includes benchmarks for recreation facilities, state and national standards and guidelines, sports tourism, and parks and recreation land acquisition strategies. Phase I concludes with Chapter 8 and the parks and recreation improvement opportunities and challenges.

Phase I of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan provides an important step in identifying the current conditions of parks in the community and best practices throughout the United States. The information collected in this effort will inform future phases of the project to help determine the vision, goals, policies, design elements, and capital improvement recommendations of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.



Brooksville Welcome Sign

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# CHAPTER I

# INTRODUCTION



The Hernando County Courthouse Plaza

# Foster stewardship of Brooksville's natural and cultural legacy.

The City of Brooksville is about 45 miles north of Tampa and 15 miles east of the Gulf of Mexico in east-central Hernando County, Florida. Over 9,000 people call it home, and it has a thriving downtown with a designated Main Street. Within 11 sq. miles, Brooksville is a full-service City with a Council-Manager system of government. The City of Brooksville is driven by future goals and is recognized for its warm southern hospitality. Due to its historic homes along brick avenues tucked among picturesque rolling hills, the City of Brooksville offers an environment that no other jurisdiction in the Greater Tampa Bay region can match. The City's landscape comprises a network of hubs for activity that serves different residents and visitors.

Historically, Brooksville has been the seat and main focal point for Hernando County. The City fosters an environment that allows residents opportunities for a better quality of life. In addition, the City's population makes it possible to offer highly specialized public and private services that are not easily obtainable elsewhere in Hernando County. This parks and recreation master plan will illustrate how the City can help residents achieve their recreational needs.



Downtown Main Street





Brooksville Adventure Coast Map

# 1.1 Project Overview



Downtown Main Street

The City of Brooksville is a charming, small town with great culture and heritage that could only be improved by further organizing the City's parks, recreation, and open spaces through the proposed system-wide Brooksville Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Improving existing facilities, adding new ones in the right locations with the right programs, and most importantly maximizing equitable access to these facilities will greatly benefit the community, visitors, and business owners.

Parks and recreation provide resources and services for the purposes of leisure, entertainment, and recreational pursuits. Resources include public spaces and facilities such as parks, nature preserves, open space areas, greenways, trails, and built structures for sports, recreation, or art programs. In addition, the Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for ensuring that citizens have spaces to exercise, play, and conduct other activities to improve quality of life.

The City aims to provide the fair and just access to quality parks, programs, services, and experiences that energize visitors and create lifelong users and advocates. In addition, the City endeavors to provide and promote safe, healthy, and enriching recreational and educational opportunities that promote stewardship of Brooksville's natural and cultural heritage.

## 1.2 Plan Purpose

The purpose of this project is to establish a strategic plan for the City of Brooksville's recreation and parks system that will guide decision-making regarding operations, maintenance, and capital improvements over the next 20 years. The objectives are to:

- Address the City's role in meeting the recreational needs of the residents of the City of Brooksville.
- Promote best practices and innovative strategies for
- improvements to parks, operations, and organization.
- Provide a realistic guide for decision-making with regard to park, building, and facility usage; policy; operations; short- and long-term maintenance costs; and future capital improvement expenses.
- Facilitate a participatory process for citizen involvement in the development of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to ensure the City's future efforts align with citizen's needs and priorities in terms of programs and facilities.
- Address the City's future greenspace and recreational needs as well as provide recommendations for prioritizing acquisitions and any staffing augmentation to meet future needs.



Tom Varn Park

The City's Parks and Recreation Department is responsible for ensuring that citizens have spaces to exercise, play, and participate in other activities to improve their quality of life. Parks and Recreation provide resources and services for the purposes of leisure, entertainment, and recreational pursuits. Resources include public spaces and facilities like parks, nature preserves, open space areas, greenways, trails, and built structures for sport, recreation, or art programs.

# 1.3 Planning Process and Timeline

The City of Brooksville is a charming, small town with great culture and heritage that could only be improved by further organizing the City's parks, recreation, and open spaces through the proposed systemwide Brooksville Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Improving existing facilities, adding new ones in the right locations with the right programs, and most importantly maximizing equitable access to these facilities will greatly benefit the community, visitors, and business owners.

Innovative strategies for improvements to parks facilities, safety, operations, staffing and organization; participatory process for citizen involvement; land acquisition criteria and strategies for parks and trails; and funding and grants will be the main topics. This will be based on a realistic projection of the City's future greenspace and recreational needs

based on a demographic trends analysis and conditions on the ground. The Master Plan will provide a realistic guide with regards to park, buildings, and facility usage; policy, operations; short- and long-term maintenance costs; and future capital improvement expenses. Our project team will utilize local knowledge and our multidisciplinary expertise to undertake this project through a collaborative approach with the public, key stakeholders, decision makers and the City's project team.



Jerome Brown Community Center

# Timeline



# Parks and Recreation Master Planning Basis

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be developed in relation to the regulatory, cultural, historic, and development context of the city, and the larger ideals that will benefit the City's residents and visitors.



# Approach

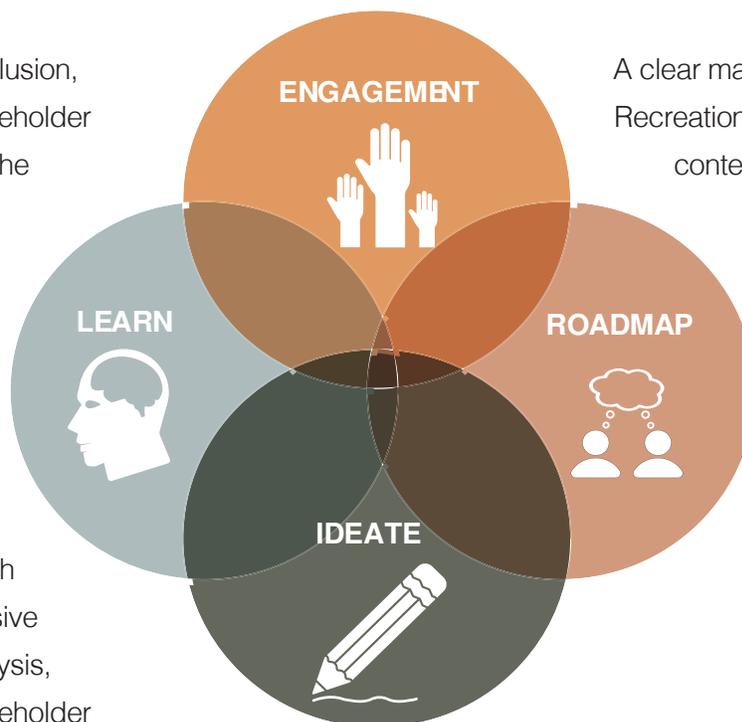
The City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan will be based on sound planning and design practices that consider the community's needs.

## ENGAGEMENT

Clear communication, inclusion, public outreach, and stakeholder collaboration throughout the planning process.

## LEARN

Project exploration through an interactive and immersive process of research, analysis, public outreach, and stakeholder collaboration. This will help us gain a deeper understanding of the project to establish a strong foundation for the plan and its implementation. We will assemble an inventory and assessments to various levels of detail.



## ROADMAP

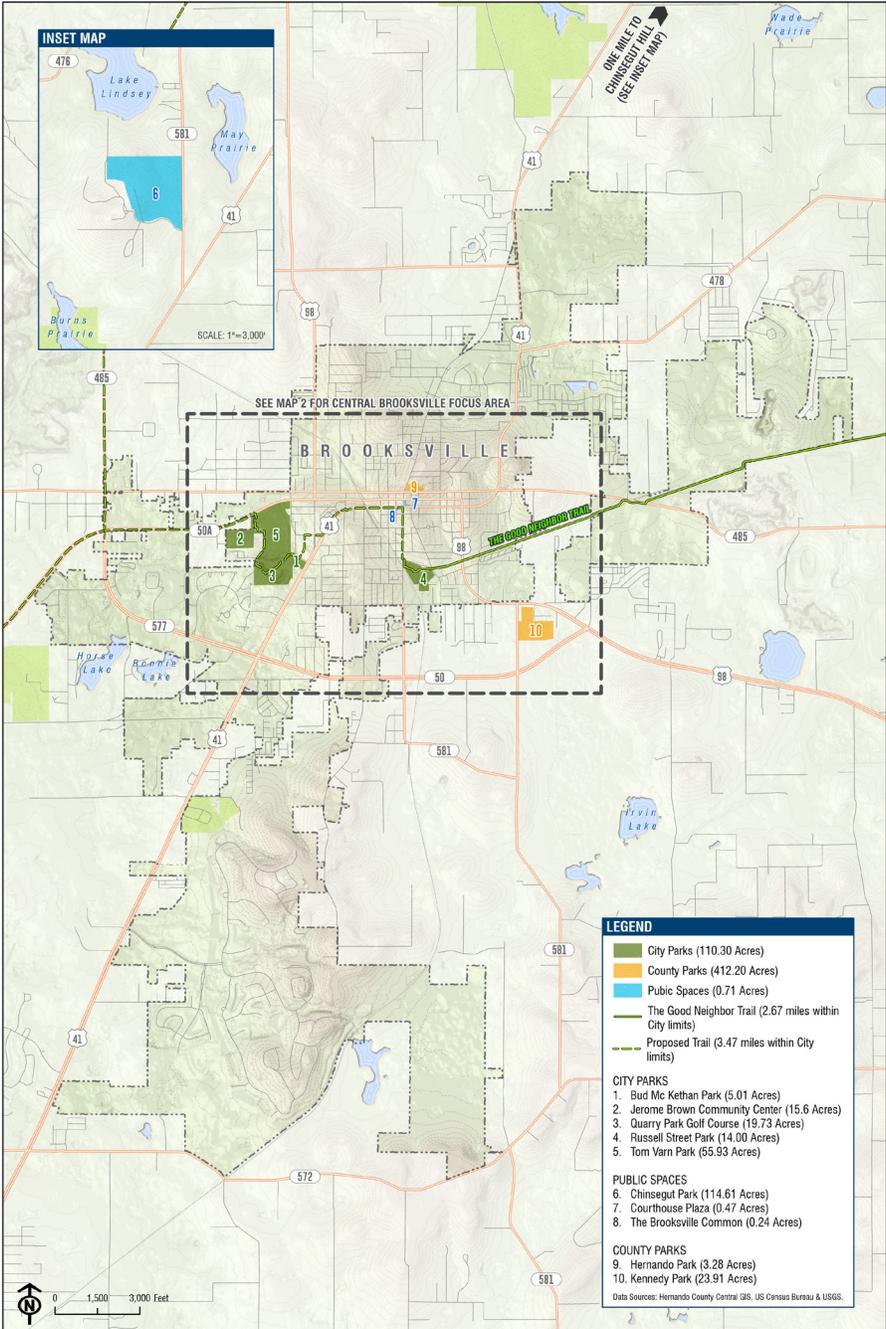
A clear map of a system-wide Parks and Recreation Master Plan fitting the unique context of the City of Brooksville. As part of the implementation strategy, we will prioritize projects that can be implemented quickly to meet community aspirations.

## IDEATE

Our team of experts will guide the preparation of viable plan alternatives supported by an appropriate level of analysis for implementation.

# 1.4 Existing City Parks and Facilities

Within the City, several City and County facilities cater to parks and recreational needs. By fostering collaboration and integration among these entities and agencies, we can expand the range of opportunities and maximize the use of these facilities. This would benefit the residents and create advantages for everyone involved.

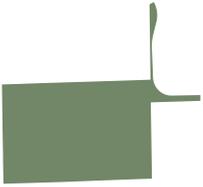


Existing Parks and Recreation Facilities



## RUSSELL STREET PARK

Russell Street Park is a well shaded open space, associated with the Historic Museum and Brooksville Train Depot, a heritage site. Accessed by the Good Neighbor Trail, the park features small structures, including the School House building, toilets, and a gazebo, that could be updated. The stormwater retention swale/pond is a prominent park feature in this park along with the mature oak trees. It is a nature oasis just to the south of downtown. Vacant properties across the street provide park expansion opportunities.



## JEROME BROWN COMMUNITY CENTER

The Jerome Brown Community Center houses indoor basketball, a conference room, and the City's Parks and Recreation Department offices. The park is a significant asset for the community, and the current road improvements are expected to improve the park's functioning. Opportunities to improve bike and pedestrian circulation within the park and connections to the residential neighborhoods and the Good Neighbor Trail can be investigated as part of the Master Plan.



## QUARRY DISC GOLF COURSE

The Quarry Disc Golf Course is part of the same large parcel and on the southern side of the Tom Varn Park. The future use of the Quarry Park considering the lease agreement conditions are opportunities to be explored. These facilities have access to the southern residential neighborhoods in the City and are adjacent to the assisted living and nursing home facilities.



## THE GOOD NEIGHBOR TRAIL

This trail built in collaboration with the FDEP is an important dedicated trail within the City linking the Historic Museum and Train Depot to the wider County and wildlife areas to the east. There are opportunities for spurs from this main trail to serve other City neighborhoods and destinations.



### KENNEDY PARK

This park is another County park that is just outside the eastern City limits but primarily serves the City’s residents. This park provides programs and multiple facilities that could be consolidated. The ballfields, basketball court, and recreation center are well-used, but could be optimized further. The utility easement could provide a connection to the Good Neighborhood Trail.



### HERNANDO PARK

Hernando Park is a key open space in the heart of the City, in an urban setting. This is a County park but located within the City. The park features active tennis courts, a children’s play area, and a bandshell adjacent to the Chamber of Commerce building. Walking paths and a restroom are additional features within this park.



### CHINSEGUT HILL

Chinsegut Hill sits five miles outside Brooksville’s City limits and is home to a historic museum on a 114-acre nature preserve. Atop one of the highest points in Hernando County, Chinsegut Hill has breathtaking views of the rolling hills. The grounds are utilized as a retreat and conference center with various mini cabins for overnight stay.



### THE HERNANDO COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The Courthouse Plaza is a key public open space within the core City area. The spaces and could provide passive recreation for residents and visitors. They can function more effectively with the right treatment and connectivity to other destinations and amenities. The current mermaid public art installation program is a positive move to enhance the user experience.



## **TOM VARN PARK**

Tom Varn Park is the largest and most active recreational center within the City. Programs here include baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, and picnic areas.



## **BUD MCKETHAN PARK**

Bud McKethan Park is part of the same large parcel and is located on the southern side of the Tom Varn Park. Improvements to the courts at Bud McKethan Park are opportunities to be explored. These facilities have good access to the southern residential neighborhoods in the City and are adjacent to the assisted living and nursing home facilities.



## **THE BROOKSVILLE COMMON**

The downtown Main Street and associated public spaces such as The Brooksville Common are key public open spaces within the core City area. These spaces could provide passive recreation for residents and visitors. They can function more effectively with the right treatment and connectivity to other destinations and amenities. The current mermaid public art installation program is a positive move to enhance the user experience.

## CHAPTER 2

# PUBLIC OUTREACH AND PROJECT MANAGEMENT



Stakeholder Meeting

## 2.1 Public Engagement Plan

A robust public engagement plan was developed for the project. This table provides the framework for public engagement activities.

Clear communication, inclusion, public outreach, and stakeholder collaboration throughout the planning process.

City Council Presentation (CC1) – City Council Meeting/ Presentation	
Target Date	Workshops occur every 10 weeks, the first meeting occurs on the 10 <sup>th</sup> week. May 22, 2023
Location	In person
Purpose	To get direction and input from city community

Online Survey (OS1) – Park Programing Preferences	
Target Date	Surveys are distributed every 10 weeks. May 12, 2023
Platform	Survey Monkey or Equivalent
Purpose	To get an understanding of what people want in the future park
Advertisement	Promote at Community Meeting #1 City website, social media, other? QR Code at the park
Sample questions	What are your <b>two</b> favorite or most frequented parks in Brooksville? Are there park features/amenities you and your family would use that are not currently provided? What are the top <b>two</b> ways you find out about parks and recreation events, activities, and news? Please indicate the specific park locations or facilities that need improvement.
Results	The gathering of ideas, data on current usage

<b>Public Workshop (PW1) – Public Meetings/ Workshops</b>	
Target Date	Workshops occur every 10 weeks the first meeting occurs on the 10 <sup>th</sup> week. Date TBD
Location	In person
Purpose	To get community input and feedback from the surveys

<b>Non-traditional Public Engagement</b>	
Target Date	1 <sup>st</sup> meeting on the 14 <sup>th</sup> week (summer). Date TBD 2 <sup>nd</sup> meeting on the 26 <sup>th</sup> week (fall)
Location	TBD
Purpose	Project updates and directions on the master plan

<b>Online Survey (OS2) – Park Programing Preferences</b>	
Target Date	Surveys are distributed every 10 weeks. Date TBD
Platform	Survey Monkey or Equivalent
Purpose	To get feedback on concepts presented at community meeting #1 from those who cannot attend.
Advertisement	Promote at Community Meeting #2 City website, social media, other? QR Code at the park
Sample questions	Show images and ask: What do you like about this concept? What do you dislike? What would you add?
Results	Feedback on concepts to inform final design

<b>Public Workshop (PW2) – Public Meetings/ Workshops</b>	
Target Date	Workshops occur every 10 weeks, the second meeting occurs on the 20 <sup>th</sup> week. Date TBD
Location	In person
Purpose	To get community input and feedback from the surveys and needs assessment

<b>City Council Presentation (CC2) – City Council Meeting/ Presentation</b>	
Target Date	Workshops occur every 10 weeks and the second meeting occurs on the 21 <sup>st</sup> week. Date TBD
Location	In person
Purpose	To get direction and input from city community based off of the community's feedback
Advertisement	City website, social media, flyers, other? Other events where cross advertising could happen?
Activities/Materials	Visual preference boards (voting on passive and active park types, recreation centers, play areas, etc.) Map to mark where people live Context map (key destinations/connections) Food, games for kids
Results	Understanding of preferred recreation, activities, and programming

<b>Non-traditional Public Engagement</b>	
Target Date	2nd meeting on the 26 <sup>th</sup> week (fall). Date TBD
Location	TBD
Purpose	Project updates and directions on the master plan

<b>Online Survey (OS3) – Park Programing Preferences</b>	
Target Date	Surveys are distributed every 10 weeks. Date TBD
Platform	Survey Monkey or Equivalent
Purpose	To get feedback on concepts presented at community meeting #2 from those who cannot attend.
Advertisement	Promote at Community Meeting #2 City website, social media, other? QR Code at the park
Sample questions	Show images and ask: What do you like about this concept? What do you dislike? What would you add?
Results	Feedback on concepts to inform final design

<b>Public Workshop (PW3) – Public Meetings/ Workshops</b>	
Target Date	Workshops occur every 10 weeks, the third meeting occurs on the 30 <sup>th</sup> week. Date TBD
Location	In person
Purpose	To get community input and feedback from the surveys and Parks Master Planning and Design Ideation

<b>Community Meeting (CC3) – City Council Meeting/ Presentation</b>	
Target Date	Workshops occur every 10 weeks and the third meeting occurs on the 36 <sup>th</sup> week. Date TBD
Location	TBD
Advertisement	City website, social media, flyers, other? Other events where cross advertising could happen?
Activities/Materials	Visual preference boards Food, games for kids
Results	Feedback on the final Master Plan and Implementation Strategies

## 2.2 Stakeholder Meetings

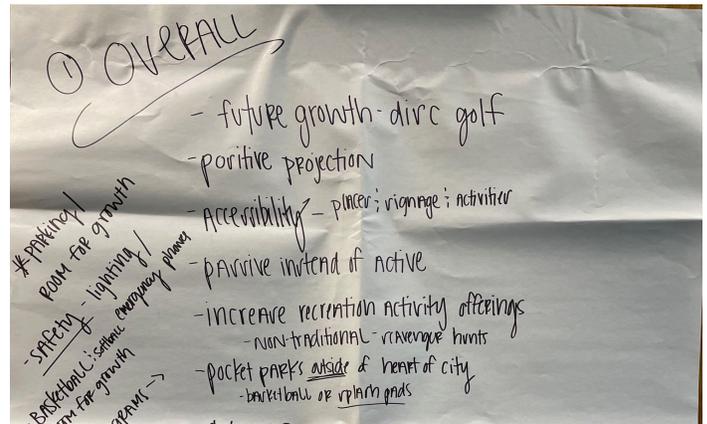
Stakeholder meetings were held May 9, 10, and 12, 2023. Over 25 people represented various parks and recreation interests. Key themes from these meetings are:

- With parks and trails, many of the passive, active, cultural, and historical activities in Brooksville could be easily accessible if they were connected to the greater community by the Good Neighbor Trail.
- There is a significant need for adult and youth designated spaces that are inclusive and accessible for individuals with physical and mental limitation that include yoga areas, sensory stations/gardens, butterfly gardens, aquatic centers, and trails with exercise equipment.
- Amenities should be distributed throughout the park system and recreational amenities for older community members should be considered.
- Partnerships with non-profit and private service providers can offer a range of activities such as basketball, flag football, music, robotics, e-sports. These can provide opportunities for continued educational programs such as GED classes, STEM, and STEAM as these should be prioritized in the planning and design.
- Collaborating with local organizations will intertwine active and passive recreation and bring activities to the parks that support non-traditional recreational activities that services a wide age group.

The overall goal of the Parks Master Plan should incorporate inclusivity, accessibility, and leverage partnerships with local organizations as this facilitates the necessary improvements and improves quality of life. Refer to Appendix 1 for detailed notes on the meeting.



Stakeholder Meeting May 9, 2023



Stakeholder Meeting May 9, 2023



Stakeholder Meeting May 9, 2023

# 2.3 City Council Workshop 1

The City Council Workshop was held on May 22, 2023, with City officials where the opportunities, challenges, and progress was discussed regarding the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. City officials had the opportunity to voice their concerns and thoughts on the future of their parks system. Below is a summarized consensus of the main priorities.

- Past contributions from citizens, including respecting the efforts of volunteers and donors.
- HYL is integral to the community's identity and should further embrace the future while avoiding trendy sports. Explore the potential for multiple sports in one facility.
- Capitalize on sport tourism opportunities, particularly with Hernando High School students. Plan for pickleball and its economic potential.
- Investigate the relationship between sports tourism and travel ball by prioritizing youth sports over travel leagues.
- Recognize trails as an important resource and highlight the link between trails and local businesses.
- Collaborate with the YMCA for potential opportunities.
- Address safety concerns, vandalism, and parking issues.
- Consider alternative accommodation for dogs if their presence in the park changes.
- Foster public/private partnerships.

Refer to Appendix 1 for detailed notes on the meeting.

**Agenda**

1. Project Overview
  - Project Objectives
  - Purpose of the Plan
  - Goals for tonight's discussion
2. Project Update
  - Existing City Parks Inventory
  - GIS Mapping
  - Stakeholder Meetings
  - Online Survey
  - Project Website
3. Council's preferences for the City's parks system
  - What's working?
  - What's needed overall?
  - Any specific improvements needed?
  - Overall vision for parks and recreation
4. Next Steps

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP 1 - May 22, 2023

**Council's Preferences for the City's Park System**

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP 1 - May 22, 2023

**Round-robin Discussion**

- What's working?
- What's needed overall?
- Are there any specific park locations or facilities that need improvements?
- What is the overall vision for the City's Parks and Recreation System?

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP 1 - May 22, 2023

# 2.4 Online Survey 1

An online survey was created to garner community support and gather comments and feedback about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan that will aid in the decision-making process. Online Survey 1 will end in June. The feedback will inform the Phase 2 plan development.

\* 1. What are your **two** favorite or most frequented parks in Brooksville?

- Tom Varn Park
- Jerome Brown Community Center
- Quarry Park Golf Course
- Bud Mc Kethan Park
- Russel St. Park
- Hernando Park
- Kennedy Park
- The Good Neighbor Trail
- The Brooksville Common
- Courthouse Plaza
- Chinsegut Hill
- Other

2. Please indicate the specific park locations or facilities that need improvement.

3. Are there park features/amenities you and your family would use that are not currently provided?

adequately meet their needs.

	Adequately serviced	Needs not currently met	Not sure
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Toddlers	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Children	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adolescents	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Adults	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Seniors	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

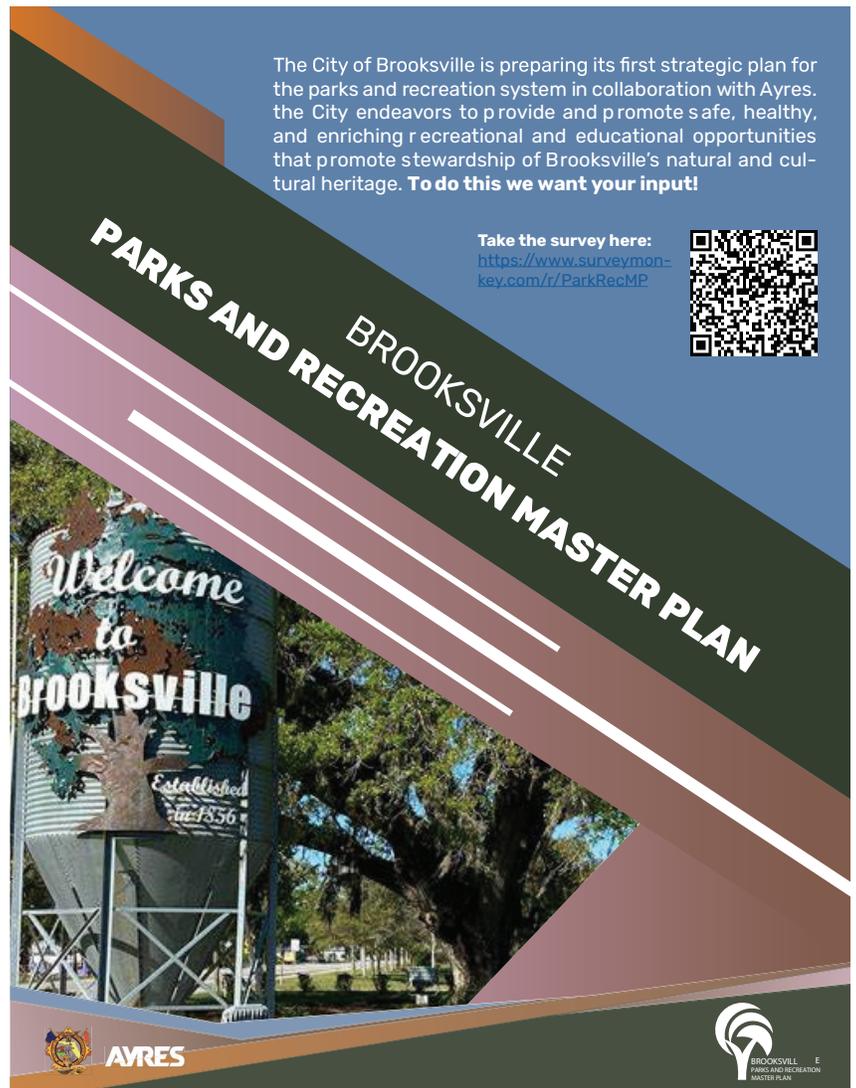
If needs are not currently met, please specify what is lacking:

5. Rank the following needs in order of least to most urgent:

- Maintenance of existing facilities
- Increased staffing
- Improvements added to existing facilities
- Development of new facilities
- Additional programming

\* 6. What are the top **two** ways you find out about parks and recreation events, activities, and news?

- Facebook
- Other social media
- City website

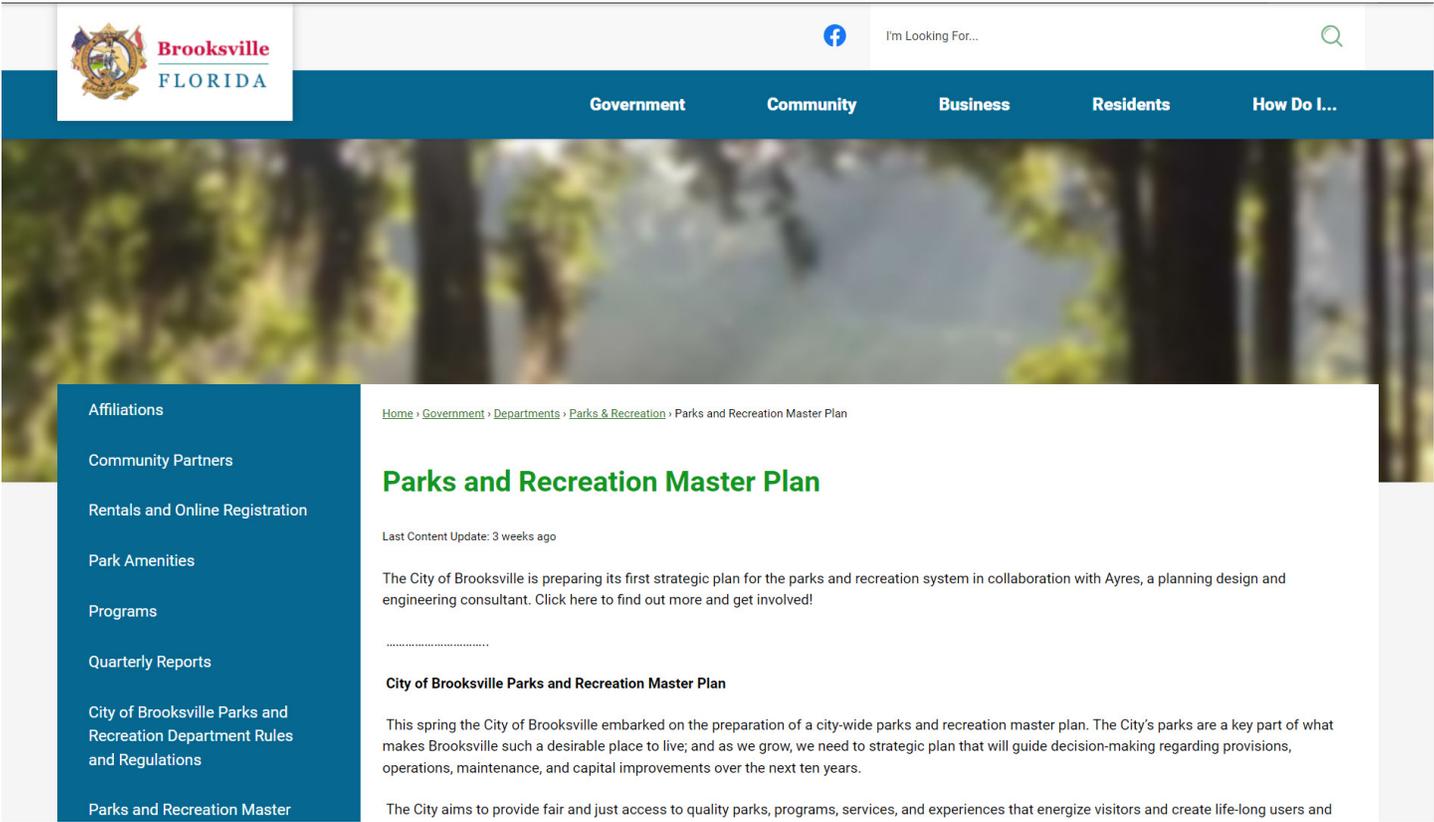


Online Survey 1 Flyer

# 2.5 Project Website

A dedicated project website was developed within the City's website in collaboration with City staff to publish project summaries, maps, and information on the project. The website is designed to encourage public input and discussion. The content for the website was organized into three brief sections.

1. What's been done so far?
2. How can I be involved?
3. What's next?



Parks And Recreation Master Plan Project Website

The website can be accessed at <https://www.cityofbrooksville.us/386/Parks-and-Recreation-Master-Plan>. The website content is updated regularly to feature the latest on the project.

# CHAPTER 3

## PLAN REVIEW AND ANALYSIS



# 3.1 Existing Plans and Policies

This section provides an in-depth overview of the parks and recreation components in the Brooksville Comprehensive Plan while providing a short summary of the recreation element of the Hernando County Comprehensive Plan.

## **BROOKSVILLE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

The primary existing plan for Brooksville is the City of Brooksville Comprehensive Plan, which was completed in April of 2017. The plan is crafted not only to address short-term objectives from 2017 to 2027, but also to establish Guiding Principles that shape the development of the community through 2050. The Guiding Principles that directly relate to Parks and Recreation include one Land Use Guiding Principle and two Conservation and Open Space Guiding Principles. These guiding principles are:

- Pursue development and revitalization that efficiently use land by providing for a mix of uses and ample open space.
- Preserve and enhance Brooksville's unique environmental setting.
- Create an interconnected network of sidewalks, trails, and parks that provide access to all areas of the City.

### **CITY OF BROOKSVILLE** **Comprehensive Plan**



**April 2017**

After establishing Guiding Principles, the Comprehensive Plan overviews goals, objectives, and policies for the plan elements. The plan elements include future land use, transportation, housing, infrastructure, conservation, recreation and open space, intergovernmental coordination, capital improvements, economic development, and public school facilities. Goals, objectives and policies act as the organizational structure for each element. Objectives overview the items which the plan seeks to achieve. Policies provide a means to accomplish each objective. Although parks and recreation elements are interwoven throughout all plan elements, the following paragraphs will discuss those specifically related to recreation and open space in Chapter 6.

The goal of Chapter 6: *Recreation and Open Space* is “to provide sufficient and adequate recreation and open space opportunities enabling high-quality participation for all residents and visitors of Brooksville.” To accomplish this goal, the chapter outlines four objectives related to facilities, open space, access, and public-private coordination. The policies provide a variety of means for accomplishing these objectives and range from establishing impact fees to designing parks for accessibility. The objectives and policies illustrate the commitment to outstanding parks and recreation facilities for the City of Brooksville. All objectives and policies are outlined as follows and will be considered throughout the drafting of this plan.

**Objective 1:** *Through the year 2050, maintain a system of parks and recreation facilities that will accommodate the existing needs and future (2055) demands of the population.*

**Policy 1-1:** *Realize the full development and high quality of existing recreation areas and facilities through the use of adequate operating budgets and proper management techniques.*

**Policy 1-2:** *To assure that its parks and recreational facilities keep pace with growth, the City shall maintain facility standards for planning future park and recreational facility needs.*

**Policy 1-3:** *The City shall implement, as part of its impact fee program, an impact fee to raise revenues to purchase land and develop a satellite system of neighborhood and vast-pocket parks to facilitate recreation opportunities for future populations, providing special emphasis for the elderly, handicapped, and very young.*

**Policy 1-4:** *The City shall review and revise current subdivision regulation, as necessary, to ensure that recreation and open space impacts of new development are mitigated so that adverse fiscal impact will not result.*

**Objective 2:** *Through the year 2025, the City shall maintain a sufficient amount of open space to provide a harmonious balance between the requirements of continuing urbanization and spatial needs of an increasing population as identified in this element.*

**Policy 2-1:** *The City shall provide land development regulations that provide specific open space standard and definitions and address parameters of tree protection, landscape, and signage in relationship to utilization of such open space.*

**Policy 2-2:** *The City shall develop and utilize specific open space and impervious surface ratio criteria as part of its development review process.*

**Policy 2-3:** *The City shall encourage the use of Planned Unit Development type projects to promote the use of open space as buffers between various land uses.*

**Policy 2-4:** *The City staff will continually investigate and utilize state and federal funding programs to enhance and expand recreation and open space facilities.*

**Policy 2-5:** *The City shall utilize the concept and use of open space as part of the satellite system of neighborhood and vast-pocket/tot lot parks.*

**Objective 3:** *The City shall maintain safe, operational park and recreation access for all segments of the City population.*

**Policy 3-1:** *City parks and recreation facilities shall be designed and constructed with access ways that are compatible with the character and quality of the resources and activities contained within the site.*

**Policy 3-2:** *The City shall provide safe, operational automobile, bicycle, and pedestrian access to all public parks and facilities as applicable.*

**Policy 3-3:** *All public recreation facilities shall be designed as barrier-free as possible to accommodate accessibility by the elderly and handicapped.*

**Policy 3-4:** *The City shall provide adequate parking space, including handicapped parking and bicycle racks at recreation sites as applicable.*

**Policy 3-5:** *Acquisition and development of corridor open space as access ways to City recreation facilities shall be researched and utilized.*

**Policy 3-6:** *The City shall provide specific coordination mechanisms with Hernando County to ensure safe access ways to all local parks and facilities as applicable.*

**Objective 4:** *The City shall continue to improve and coordinate efforts with the public and private sectors as a means of increasing recreational opportunities in the City.*

**Policy 4-1:** *The City shall maintain and periodically review the appropriateness of the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board to assist in coordination of existing recreation programs and provision of sites for future recreation opportunities.*

**Policy 4-2:** *The City shall research and provide incentives for developers to provide recreation facilities for their projects such as in-lieu-of fees and direct site transfers where applicable.*

In addition to the Chapter dedicated to recreation and open space; the Comprehensive Plan contains bicycle facilities, pedestrian facilities, and multi-use trail facilities maps that provide locations of existing and future facilities. These maps will be taken into consideration during the drafting of this plan and are shown below.

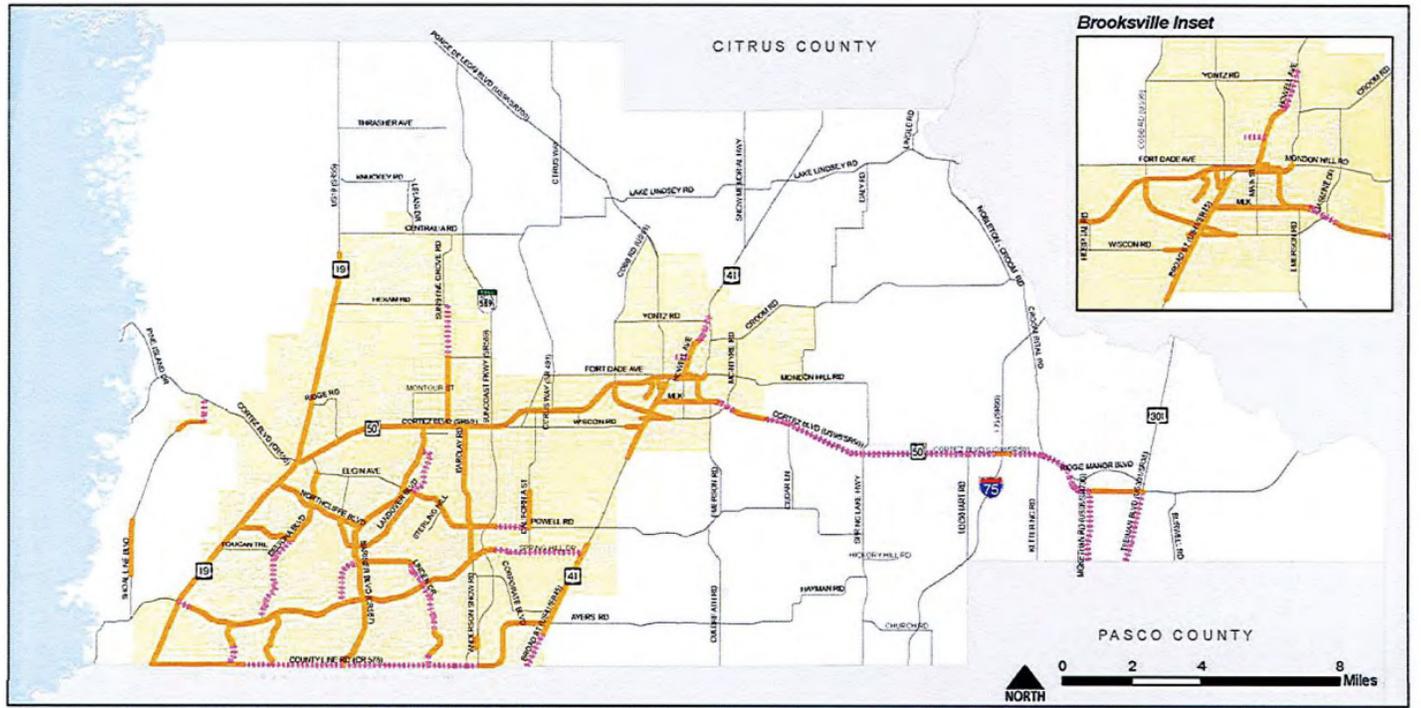


- Legend**
- Paved Shoulder, Existing or complete within next 5 years
  - - - Future Paved Shoulder, complete beyond 5 years
  - Trailheads
  - Urban Area

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**Tindale Oliver** **MP**

Brooksville Bicycle Facilities

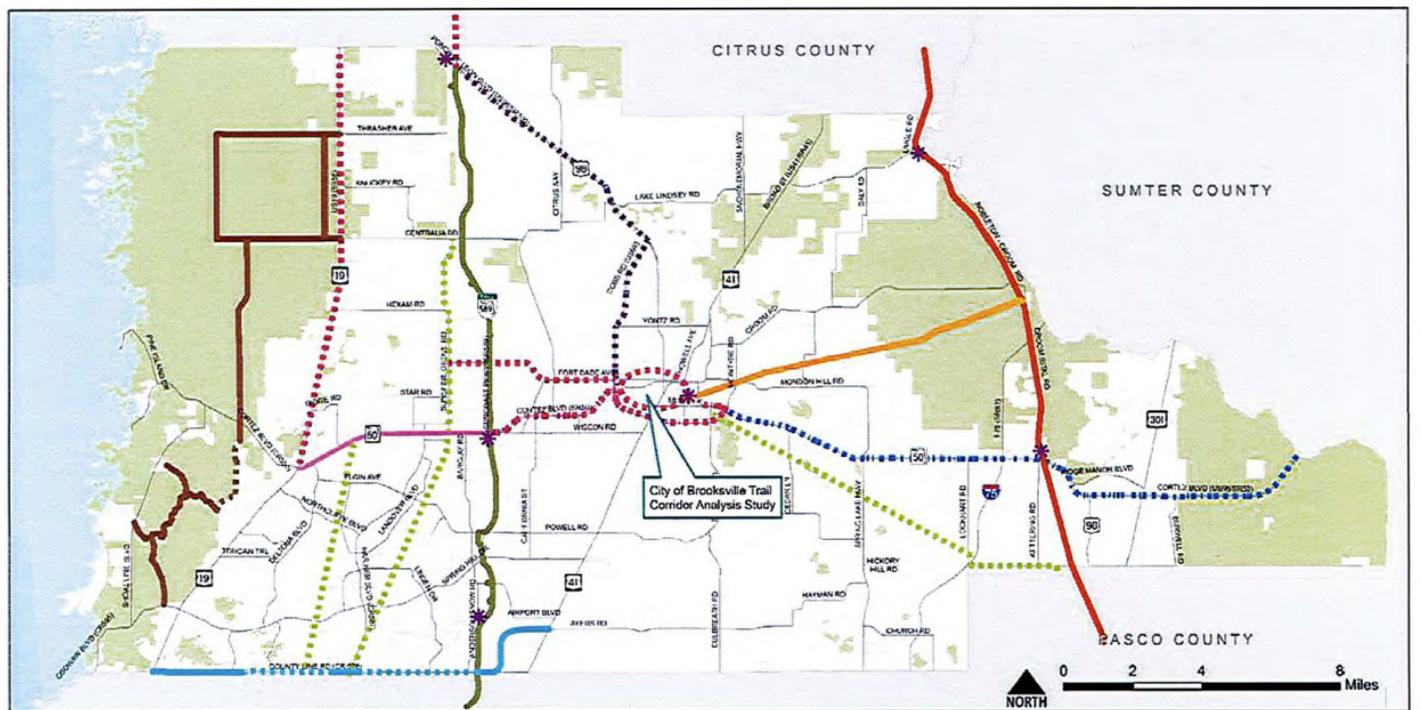


- Legend**
- Existing sidewalks or sidewalks completed within 5 years
  - Urban Area
  - - - Future Sidewalks, complete beyond 5 years by 2040

Data Source: Hernando County MPO  
 Data Projection: NAD\_1983\_StatePlane\_Florida\_West\_FIPS\_0902\_Feet

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Brooksville Pedestrian Facilities



- Legend**
- \* Trailheads (with parking)
  - Withlacoochee State Trail (Regional)
  - Good Neighbor Trail (Regional)
  - County Line Trail
  - Conservation
  - Unpaved coastal trail network
  - Name TBD, under construction by FDOT
  - Suncoast Trail (Regional)
  - - - Planned SR 50 Connector
  - - - Planned - County Line Trail
  - - - Planned Ponce de Leon Trail
  - - - Planned unpaved coastal trail network
  - - - Planned Powerline Trails
  - - - Name TBD, planned trail/study
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Brooksville Multi-Use Facilities

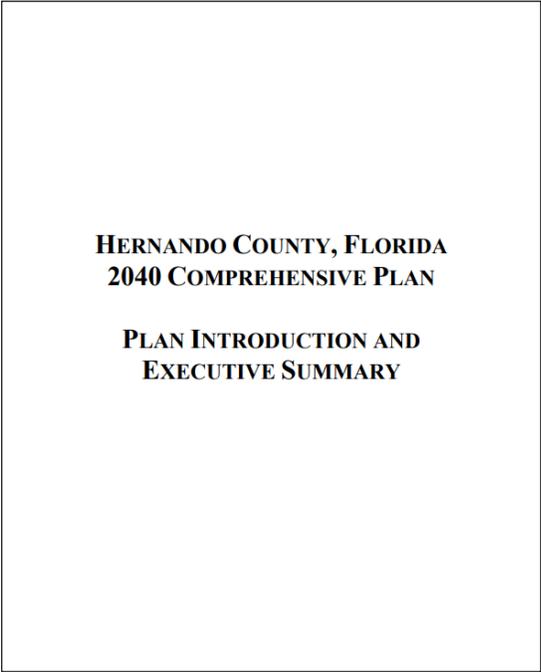
Lastly, the Comprehensive Plan outlines levels of service for a variety of recreation and open space facilities in the community. The table below overviews the adopted level of service for each facility. The land development code reinforces this level of service with a concurrency requirement in Article 6-Adequate Facilities. Section 6-1.3 states, “A development order will be issued only if the proposed development does not lower the existing level of service of a facility/service below the adopted level of service in the City Comprehensive Plan or provides mitigation in accordance with the terms of the concurrency management requirements.”

<i>Recreation and Open Space</i>	
Picnic Table	20 per 6,000 persons
Swimming Pool 1 per 10	1 per 10,000 persons
Baseball Field (regulation) 1 per 6	1 per 6,000 persons
Tennis Court 1 per 2	1 per 2,000 persons
Basketball Court 1 per 5	1 per 2,000 persons
Volleyball Court 1 per 5	1 per 5,000 persons
Recreational Building 1 per 15	1 per 15,000 persons
Outdoor Theater 1 per 20	1 per 20,000 persons
Shooting Range 1 per 50	1 per 50,000 persons
Golf Course 1 per 25	1 per 25,000 persons
Equipped Play Area 1 per 3	1 per 3,000 persons
Multi-Use Court 1 per 10	1 per 10,000 persons
Shuffleboard 1 per 6	1 per 6,000 persons
Handball Court 1 per 10	1 per 10,000 persons
Horseshoe Court 1 per 5	1 per 5,000 persons
Multi-Sport Play Field 1 per 5	1 per 5,000 persons

Level of Service for Recreation Facilities

## **HERNANDO COUNTY COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

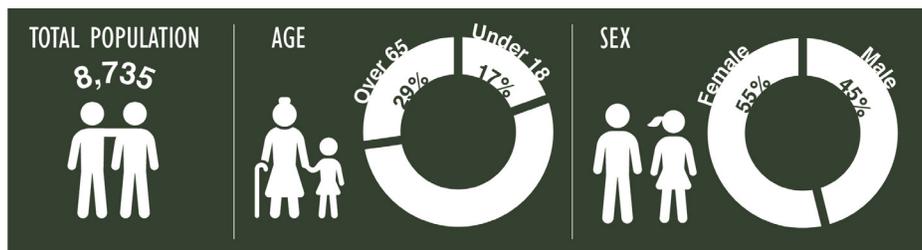
The Hernando County Comprehensive Plan was adopted on September 25, 2018. The Plan has a horizon of 2040 and was adopted at a time in which the County was projecting significant growth spurred by the proximity of the County to the Tampa Bay Metropolitan area. The plan is organized into 12 chapters based around different plan elements, similar to that of the Brooksville Comprehensive Plan. Chapter 7 of the Hernando County Comprehensive Plan is the Recreation and Open Space Element. The Recreation and Open Space Element contains several components that relate to the Parks and Recreation Plan update for the City of Brooksville. Specifically, Strategy 7.01C states that the County should, “Identify opportunities for joint or shared use recreation facilities such as those at municipalities, county schools, colleges, churches, community centers, and private facilities that are open to the public.” This strategy illustrates the cooperative nature of recreation facilities and the importance of strategizing with the County to ensure facilities meet the needs of all residents and do not duplicate one another. Additionally, the Recreation and Open Space Element explores a variety of similar strategies that the City Comprehensive Plan addresses such as levels of service, accessibility, alternating funding sources for recreation facilities. Chapter 7 of Hernando County will be referenced throughout the drafting of this plan.



## 3.2 Demographic Analysis

The data below show the demographic characteristics for the City of Brooksville. All the information gathered is from the 2021 American Community Survey Estimates. The population of Brooksville is 8,735. Approximately 17% of the population is under the age of 18 while 29% is over 65. The household information shows the median age of the community to be 50.6. This illustrates that the Parks and Recreation Master Plan will need to account for the recreational facilities for not only children, but also senior citizens.

The demographic survey and household information not only include age but also provide details about income, race, and sex. Specifically regarding income, it is important to highlight that 21% of households are below the poverty level. Additionally, 17% of households fall within the income range of 100% to 150% of the poverty level. Furthermore, 29% of households are enrolled in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), and the median household income is \$35,191. These statistics indicate a significant portion of the population falls into lower income brackets. To promote equity, it is crucial to ensure that facilities are easily accessible in areas where lower income populations reside.



**MEDIAN AGE**

50.6



**POVERTY LEVEL**

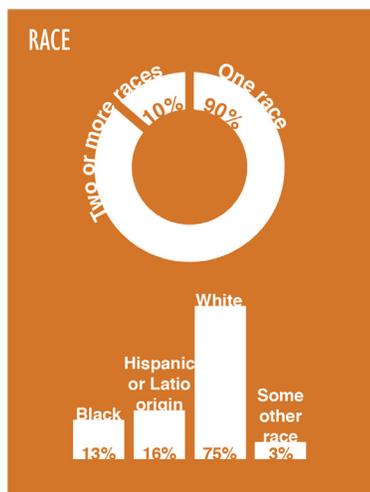


Population for whom poverty status is determined: 8,545



**MEDIAN INCOME**

\$35,191



**SNAP**

Households receiving SNAP: 1,214



29%

**HOUSING TENURE**



Tenure Type	Percentage
Owner-occupied	56%
Renter-occupied	44%

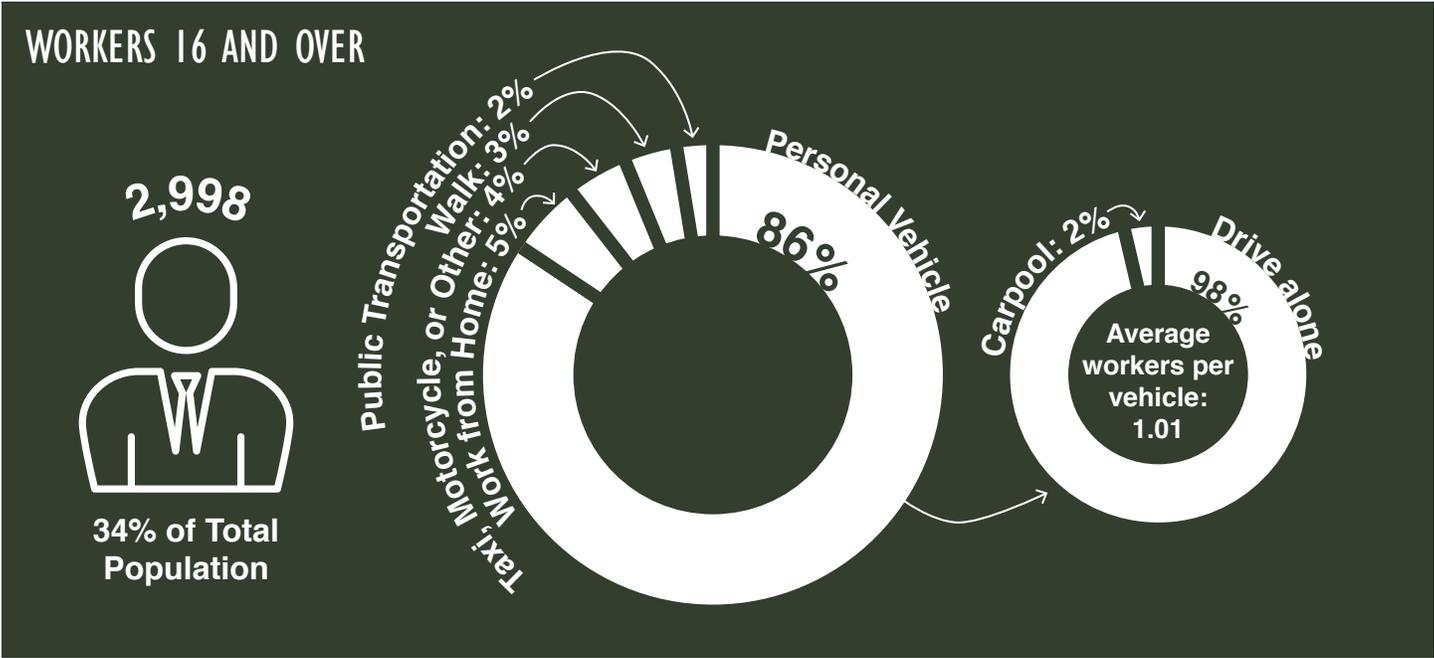
TOTAL: 4,157

**HOUSEHOLD SIZE**

2.04



The Parks and Recreation Master Plan update will consider how the trail network in the community can connect residents with their desired destinations, including their workplaces. By incorporating multi-use trails, pedestrian facilities, and bicycle networks, we can encourage active modes of transportation for commuting. The accompanying infographic presents data from the 2021 American Community Survey, specifically focusing on the means of transportation to work for Brooksville citizens. The data includes residents aged 16 and above, totaling 2,998 individuals or 34% of the community. The majority, comprising 84% of the population, currently commute to work by driving alone. Only 3% of the population walks to work, and the survey estimates a negligible percentage (0%) of individuals who bike to work. The updated plan will explore strategies to facilitate the connection between households and places of employment through active transportation methods.

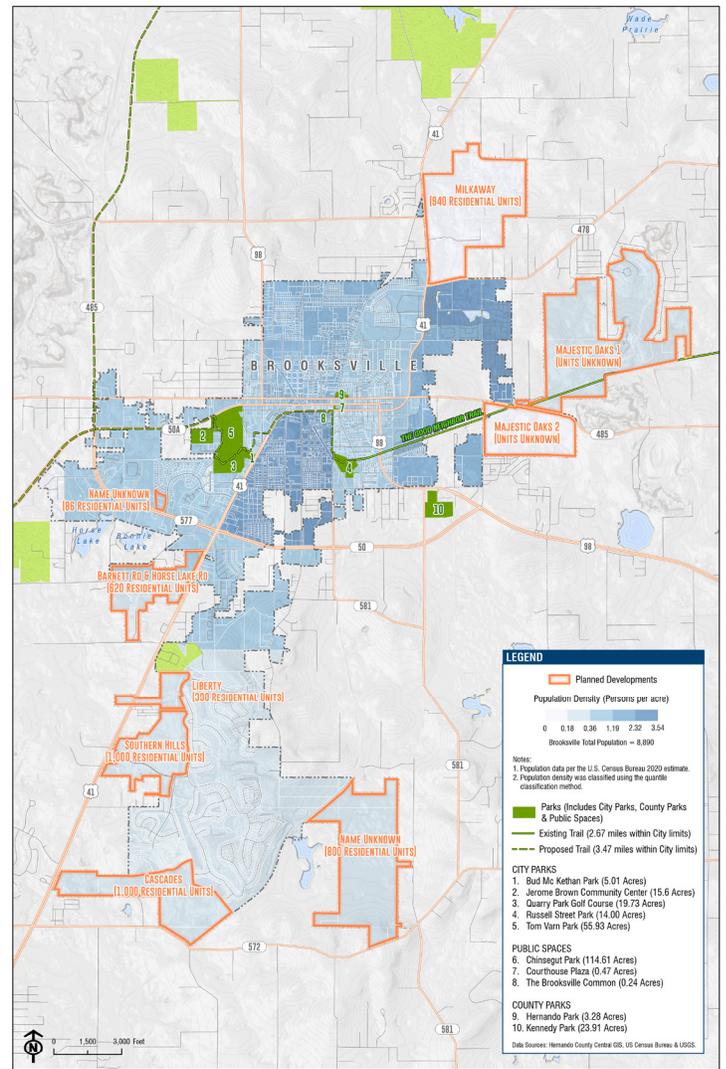


Brooksville Household Information

## 3.3 City Development Context

Brooksville is on the precipice of new development. The availability of the Suncoast Expressway allows for more convenient travel to and from Tampa. Extensive discussions are underway with the City's planning department, developers, and landowners regarding multiple projects across the City. These initiatives are mostly residential projects and are under varying phases of planning and development. The influx of new development could potentially bring over 4,000 dwelling units to accommodate the rising population. It is anticipated that the City will require a designated regional park that will have updated athletic and sports facilities. This space may potentially be in one of the prospective locations on the southeastern edge of the city. Overall, annexation is a desired outcome and the City Planning Department is hard at work to achieve this objective.

The map displays anticipated development in different stages of deliberation and inquiry with the City. This level of interest indicates an absorption rate for the number of units that is approximately twice the historic rate. As a result, a significant population increase, potentially doubling the City's population, can be expected over the next 20 years.



Anticipated Development Map

# CHAPTER 4

# FACILITIES AND CONTEXT ASSESSMENTS

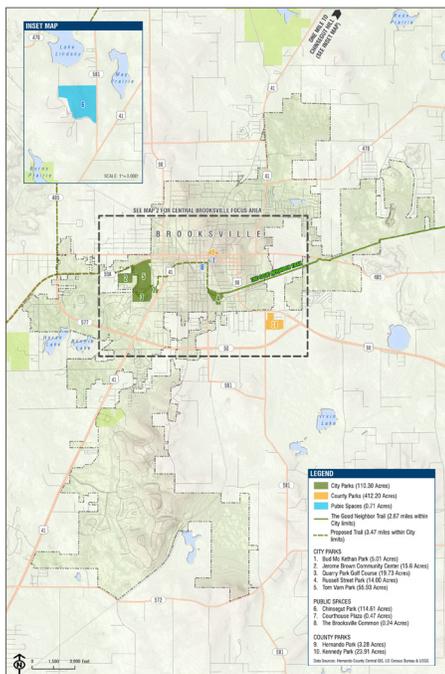


Downtown Main Street

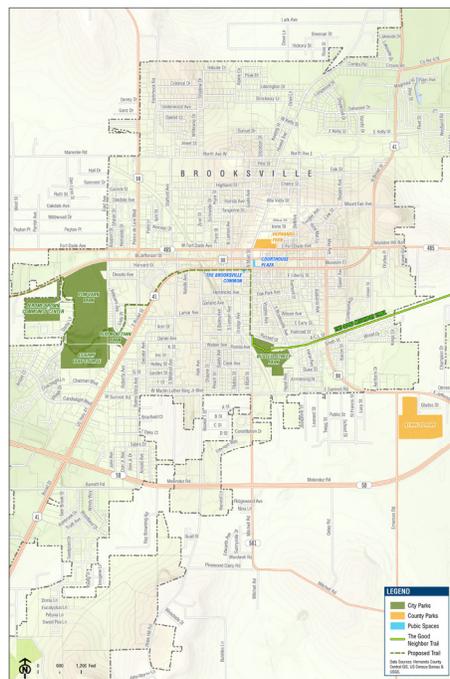
# GIS Mapping and Assessments

In this chapter, a series of maps is presented. These maps describe a variety of features about the Brooksville parks and recreation system. The first two maps show existing City parks and the Good Neighbor Trail. This map also includes two County-owned parks that will be transferred to the City of Brooksville. Parks are often assessed by the area they serve. Larger parks, like community parks, serve a larger area, while smaller parks, like mini parks, serve a smaller area. Maps 1 and 2 show the location of the existing parks and facilities within the City. Map 3 presents the demographics. The dark blue represents the higher density. Map 4 shows each park service area in the context of the City as a whole.

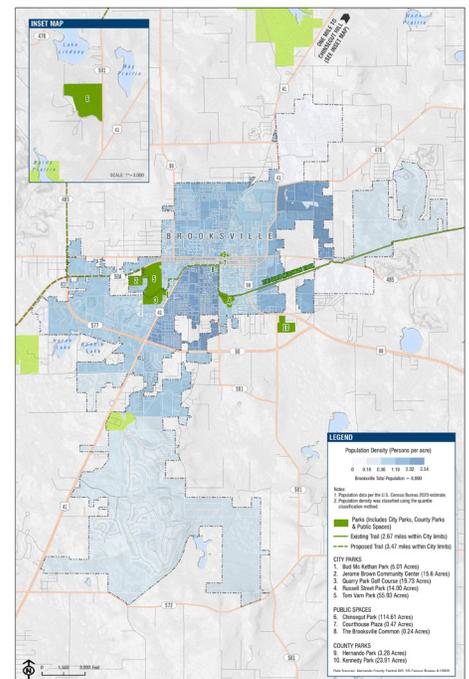
Please refer to appendices 3 for the full size maps.



Map 1: Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities

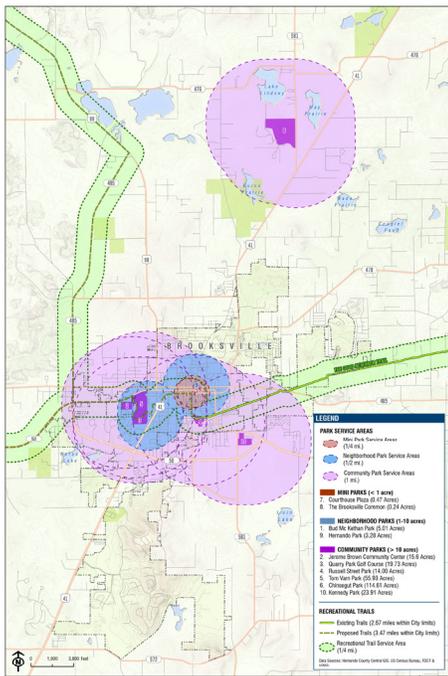


Map 2: Central Brooksville Focus Area

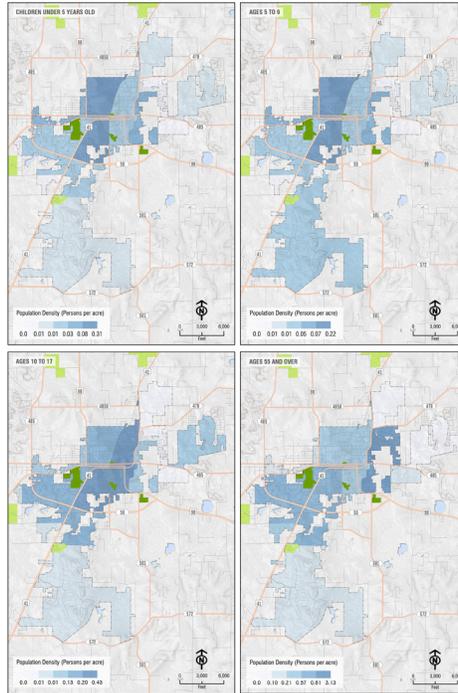


Map 3: Population Density

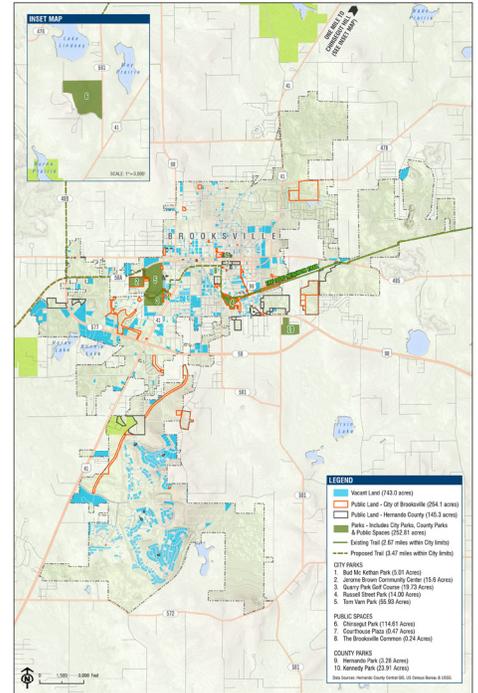
It is ideal to have parks placed where there are more people to enjoy and use them. Map 4 shows the population density throughout the city in relationship to the existing parks. Map 5 breaks down population density by looking at the age of people and where the most people in each age group live. This can help a jurisdiction plan what types of facilities should be near large populations of people of a certain age. Parks are not the only places that people can gather. Other public spaces and vacant land provide potential opportunities for additional recreational spaces, so these are shown on Map 6.



Map 4: Park Service Area

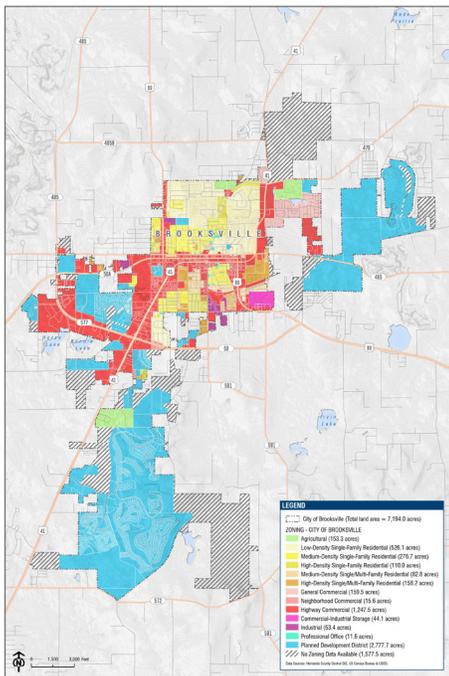


Map 5: Population Density by Age Group

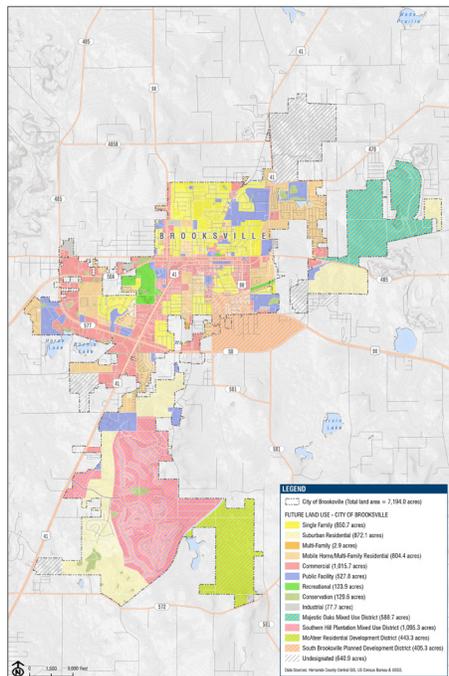


Map 6: Vacant & Public Lands

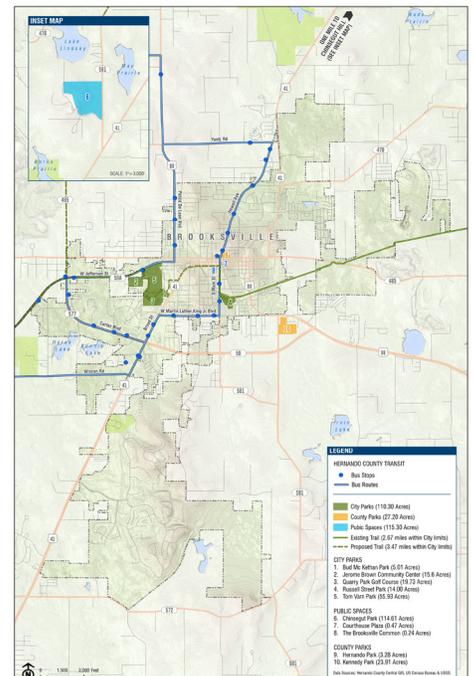
Understanding existing land use can help identify the appropriate location for parks. For example, parks are potentially better used in residential areas, or parks in commercial areas may have a different character than those in residential area. Maps 7 and 8 show existing zoning and future land use to help ascertain the best locations for parks. In order to make parks available for all people, including those without access to a vehicle, it is useful to look at public transportation options. Map 9 shows bus routes, stops, and parks to show how accessible a park may or may not be. Natural systems are important to consider in park planning.



Map 7: Zoning

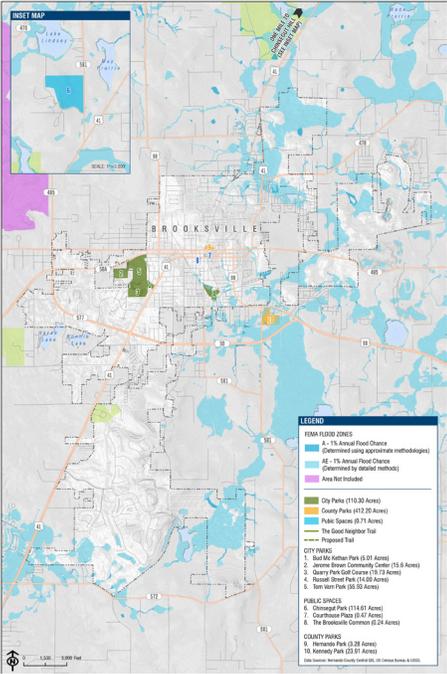


Map 8: Future Land Use

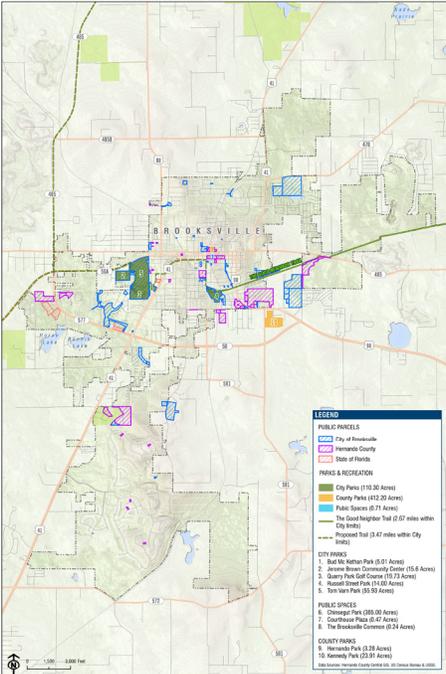


Map 9: Public Transportation

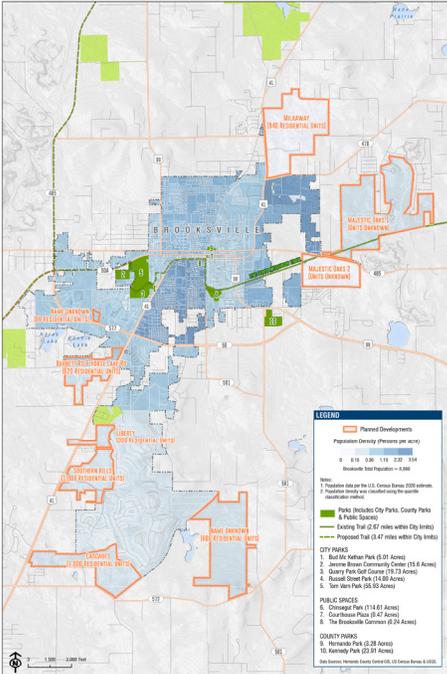
Natural features can offer excellent possibilities for distinctive park features in certain instances, while in other cases, they can pose hazards. Map 10 illustrates floodplains, which should be taken into account when planning future parks. Map 22 highlights public facilities and institutions that can be utilized to support the City's park system. Lastly, Map 23 presents anticipated developments that are currently being discussed with the City.



Map 10: Floodplain



Map 22: Public Facilities



Map 23: Anticipated Developments

# CHAPTER 5

## EXISTING PARKS AND OPEN SPACE INVENTORY

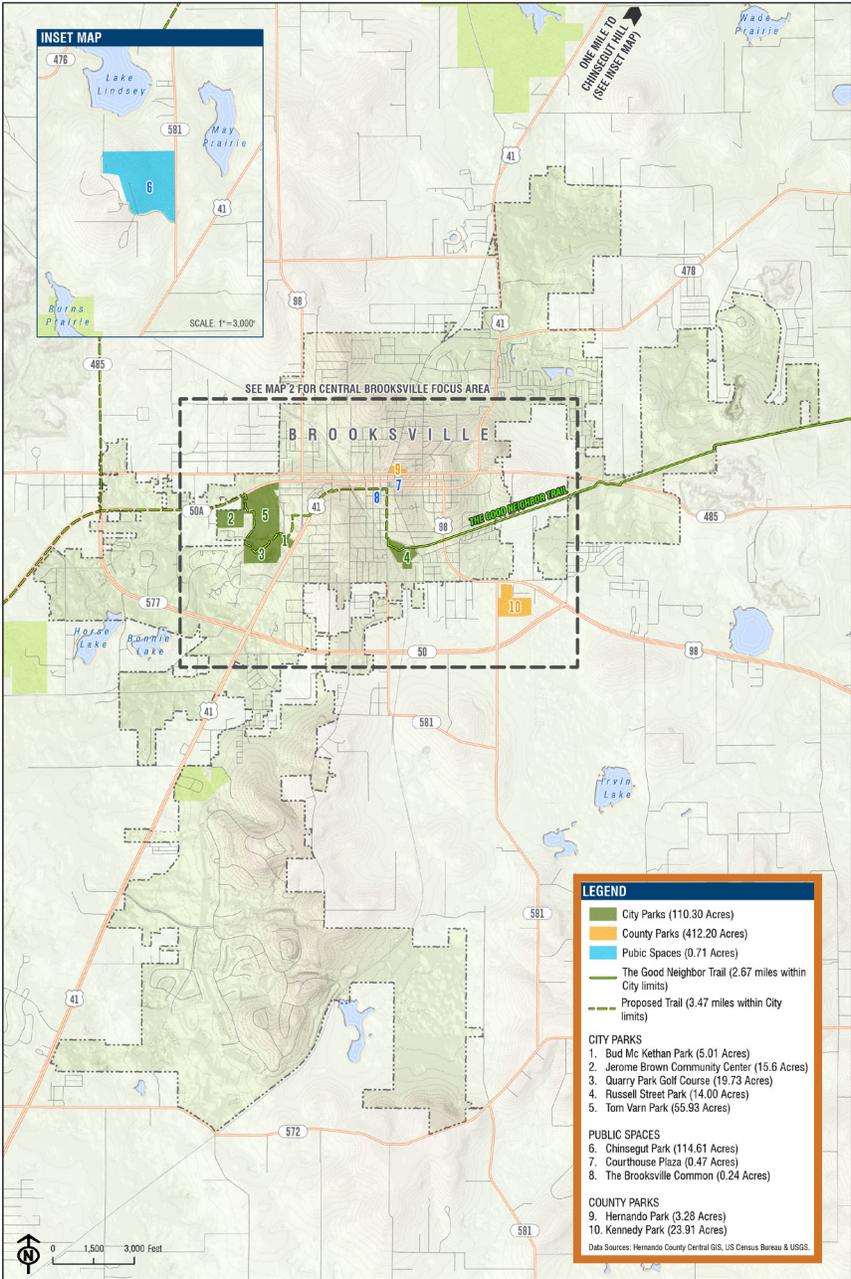


The Good Neighbor Trail

The City of Brooksville has five public parks; three public spaces, that, like parks, are places where people gather; and two County parks that are slated to become City parks. A major trail, the Good Neighbor Trail, transects the city.

Three of the parks: Tom Varn Park, the Quarry Park Golf Course, and Jerome Brown Community Center area, are clustered together creating a large amount of open space in one part of the City. Chinsegut Park is outside of the City limits and operates as a destination rather than a typical City park.

Below, each park is described. For further details please refer to Appendix 2 for the full detailed inventory of the existing park facilities summarized in this chapter.



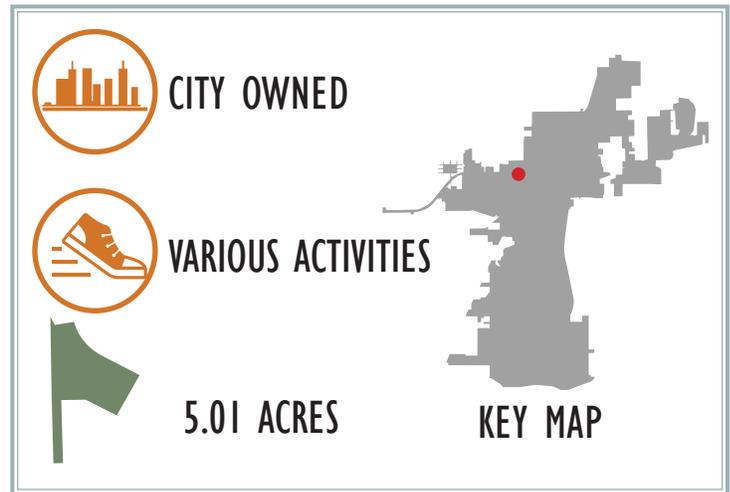
Existing Parks & Recreation Facilities

# 01 BUD MCKETHAN PARK

Bud McKethan Park has tennis courts, a playground, a shelter, and a creek. Both parks have ample parking. The future use of the Quarry Disc Golf Course considering the lease agreement conditions and improvements to the courts at Bud McKethan Park are opportunities to be explored. These facilities have good access to the southern residential neighborhoods in the City and are adjacent to the assisted care living and nursing home facilities.

## PARK FACILITIES

- 2 park shelters
- Trash cans
- 1 unisex bathroom
- 1 playground
- 1 swing set
- 3 tennis courts
- Seating available



Bud McKethan Park Aerial View

SITE PHOTOS:



Tennis courts



Misc. court



Pavilion



Signage



Playground



Swing set



Seating



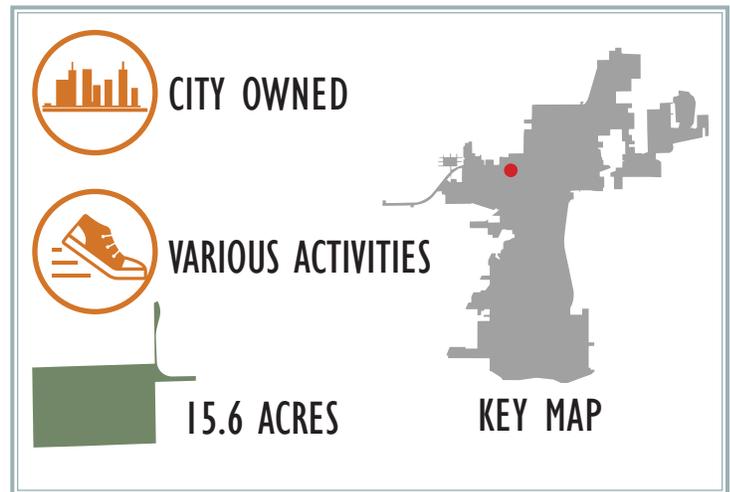
Bathroom facility

# 02 JEROME BROWN COMMUNITY CENTER

The Jerome Brown Community Center houses indoor basketball, a conference room, and the City's Parks and Recreation Department offices. The park is a significant asset for the community, and the current road improvements are expected to improve the park's functioning. Opportunities to improve bike and pedestrian circulation within the park and connections to the residential neighborhoods and the Good Neighbor Trail will be explored.

## PARK FACILITIES

- 7 park shelters
- 1 trash can
- 1 male and female bathroom facility
- Seating available
- Trash cans available
- 2 baseball fields
- 1 basketball court
- 1 concession stand
- 2 dugouts



Jerome Brown Community Center Aerial View

SITE PHOTOS:



Community center



Bathroom facility



Baseball field



Signage



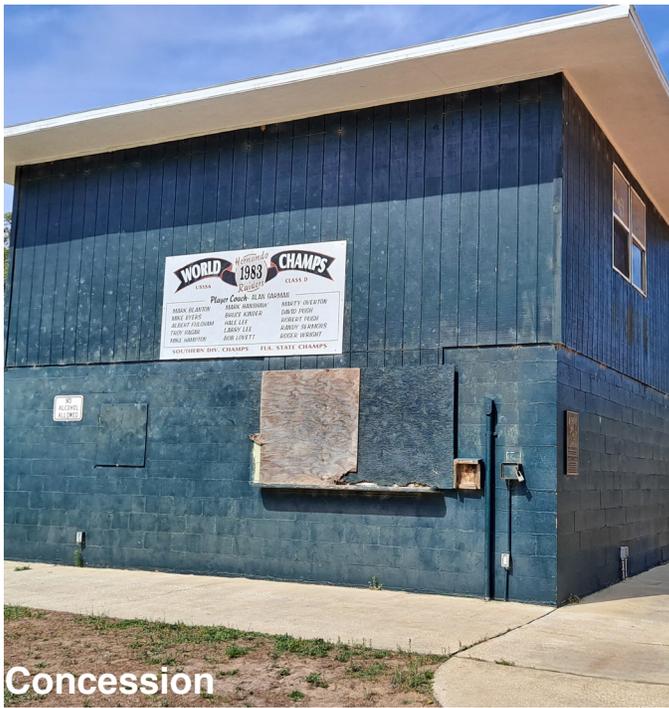
Water fountain



Hopscotch



Basketball court



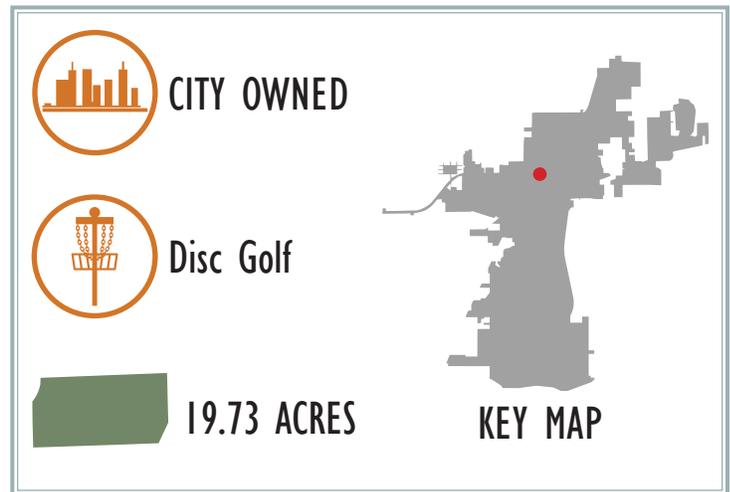
Concession

# 03 QUARRY PARK GOLF COURSE

The Quarry Golf Course and Bud McKethan Park are part of the same large parcel and on the southern side of Tom Varn Park. The Quarry Park's rolling topography and rock outcroppings are unique assets. The Mining Association Enrichment Center is housed in an old mining building built when the quarry was operational. The Enrichment Center is run by Hernando County and offers social services, classes, and other activities.

## PARK FACILITIES

- Disc golf course
- Trash cans
- 1 unisex bathroom facility
- Dog cleanup station



Quarry Park Disc Golf Course Aerial View

SITE PHOTOS:



Pavement markings



Broken fence



Tee pad



Disc baskets



Dog cleanup station



Pedestrian path



Disc course



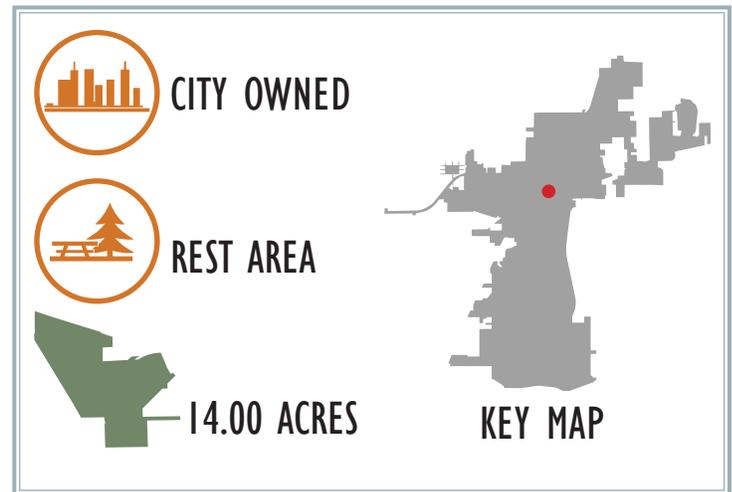
Signage

# 04 RUSSELL STREET PARK

Russell Street Park is a well-shaded open space, associated with the Historic Museum and Brooksville Train Depot, a heritage site. Accessed by the Good Neighbor Trail, the park features small structures, including the School House building, toilets, and a gazebo, that could be updated. The stormwater retention swale/pond is a prominent park feature in this park along with the mature oak trees. It is a nature oasis just to the south of downtown. Vacant properties across the street provide park expansion opportunities.

## PARK FACILITIES

- 7 park shelters
- Trash can
- 1 male and female bathroom facility
- Little reading library



Russell Street Park Aerial View

SITE PHOTOS:



Pavilion



Park signage



Good Neighbor Trail



Stormwater runoff ditch



Trashcan



Tree stump



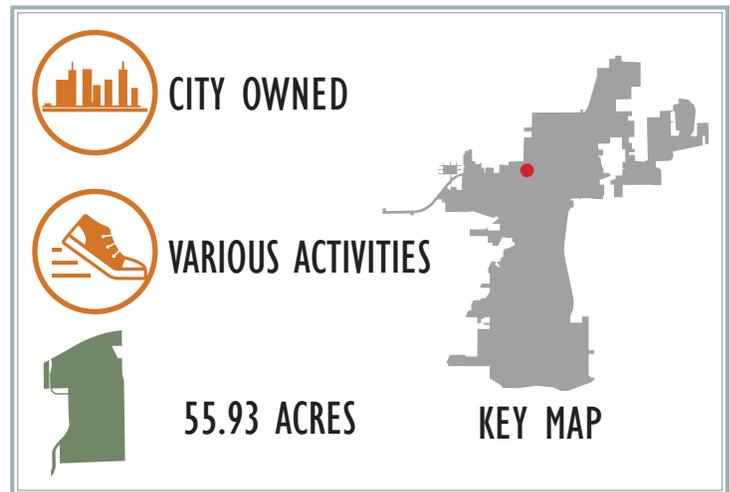
Plaque



Little reading library

# 05 TOM VARN PARK

Tom Varn Park is the largest and most active recreational center within the City. Programs here include baseball, softball, basketball, volleyball, and picnic areas.



## PARK FACILITIES

- 1 bike rack
- 2 pavilions
- Seating
- 1 ADA accessible seating
- Trash cans
- 1 male and female bathroom facility
- 3 baseball fields
- 1 basketball court
- Walking trail (connection to the Good Neighbor Trail)
- Outdoor exercise equipment
- 1 bike rack
- 1 playground
- 1 outdoor volleyball court
- Little reading library



Tom Varn Park Aerial View

SITE PHOTOS:



Bike rack



Park signage



Baseball field



Outside volleyball court



Exercise equipment



Tree stump



Batting cage



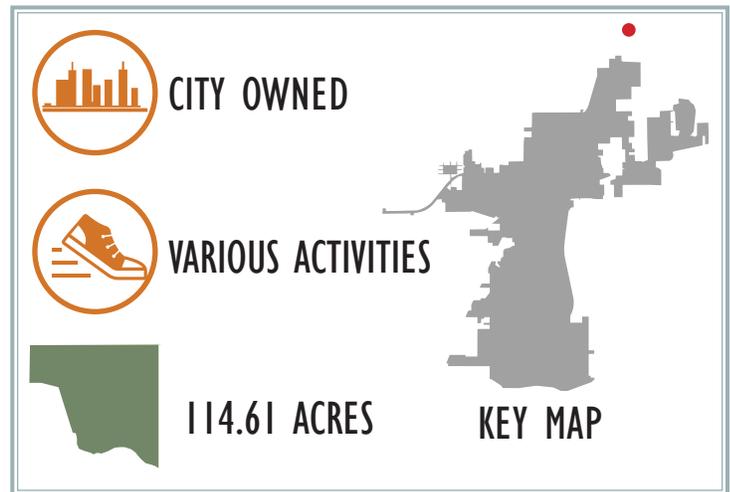
Basketball court

# 06 CHINSEGUT HILL RETREAT AND CONFERENCE CENTER

Chinsegut Hill sits five miles outside Brooksville's City limits and is home to a historic museum on a 114-acre nature preserve. Atop one of the highest points in Hernando County, Chinsegut Hill has breathtaking views of the rolling hills. The grounds are utilized as a retreat and conference center with various mini cabins for overnight stay.

## PARK FACILITIES

- Conference center
- Overnight cottages



Chinsegut Hill Retreat And Conference Center Aerial View

SITE PHOTOS:



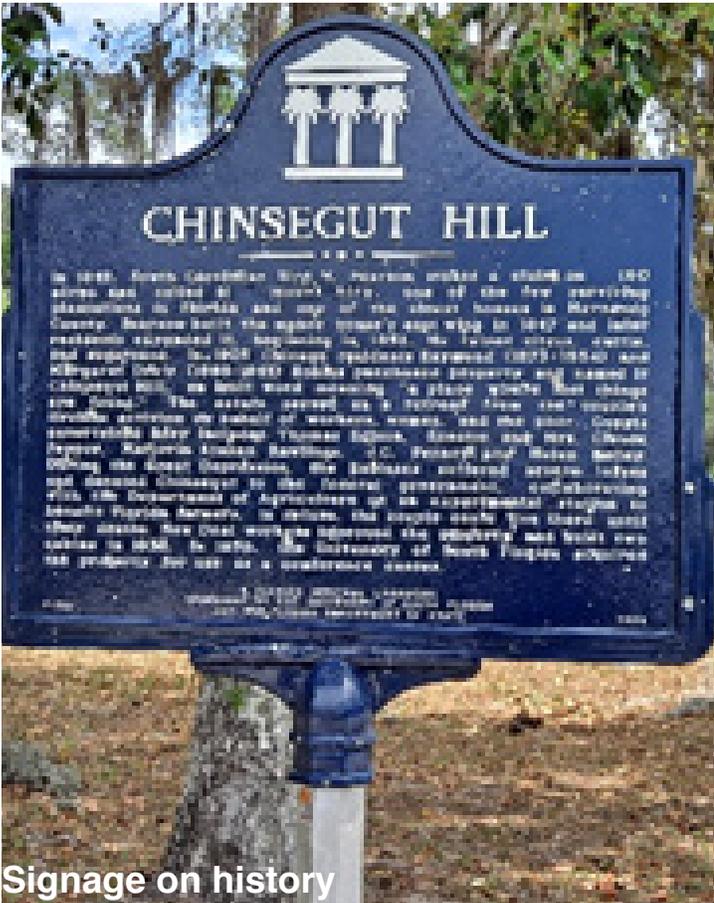
Museum



Signage



Signage on history



Signage on history



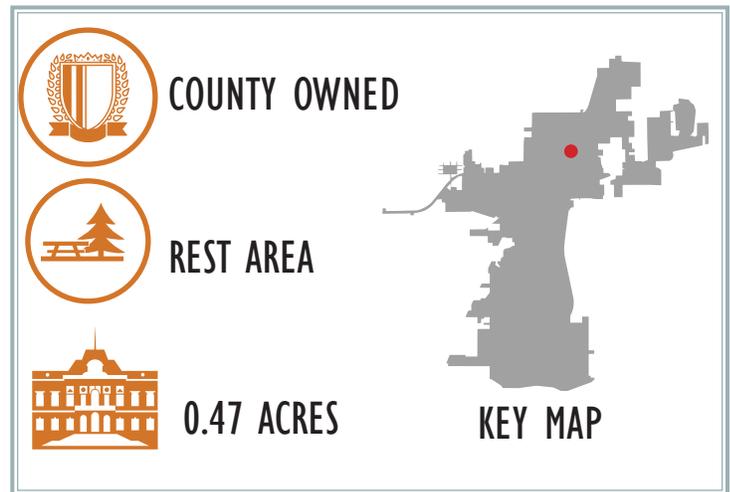
Driveway

# 07 COURTHOUSE PLAZA

The Courthouse Plaza is a key public open space within the core City area. The spaces provide passive recreation for residents and visitors. They could function more effectively with the right treatment and connectivity to other destinations and amenities. The current mermaid public art installation program is a positive move to enhance the user experience.

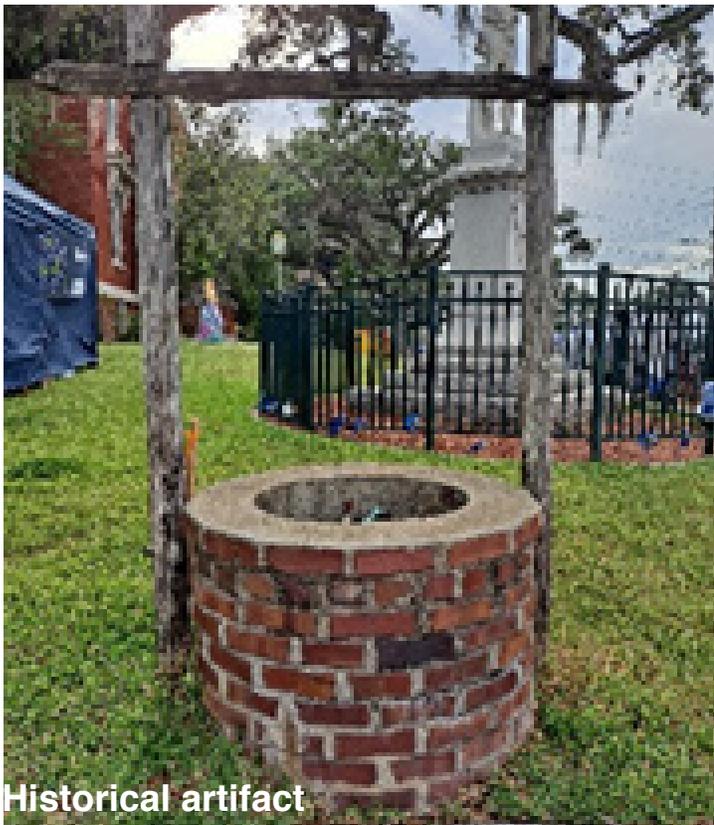
## PARK FACILITIES

- Seating
- Trash cans

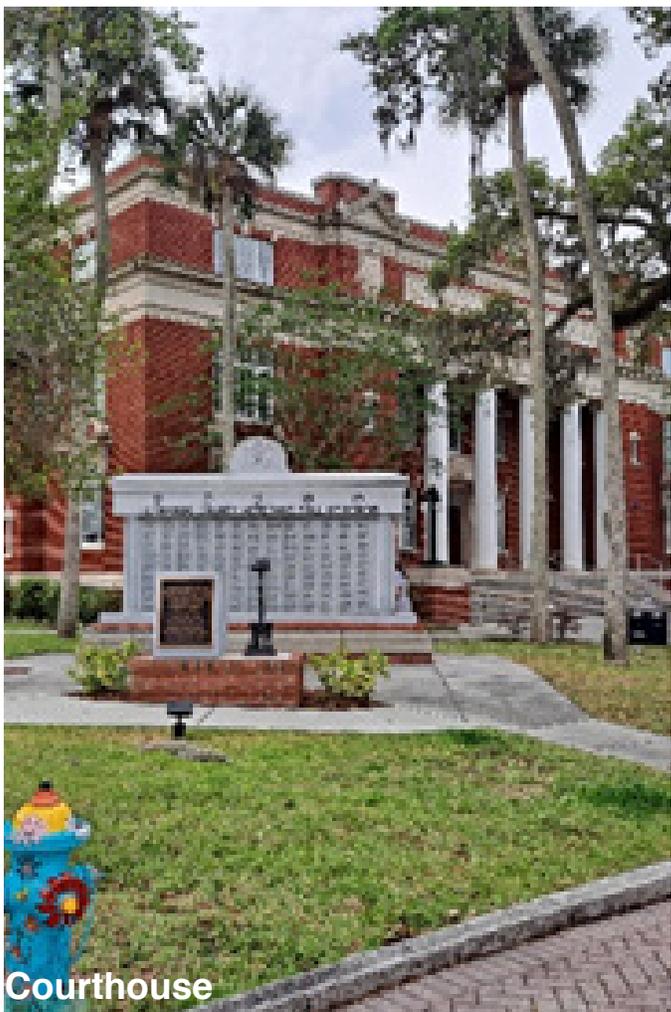


Courthouse Plaza Aerial View

SITE PHOTOS:



Historical artifact



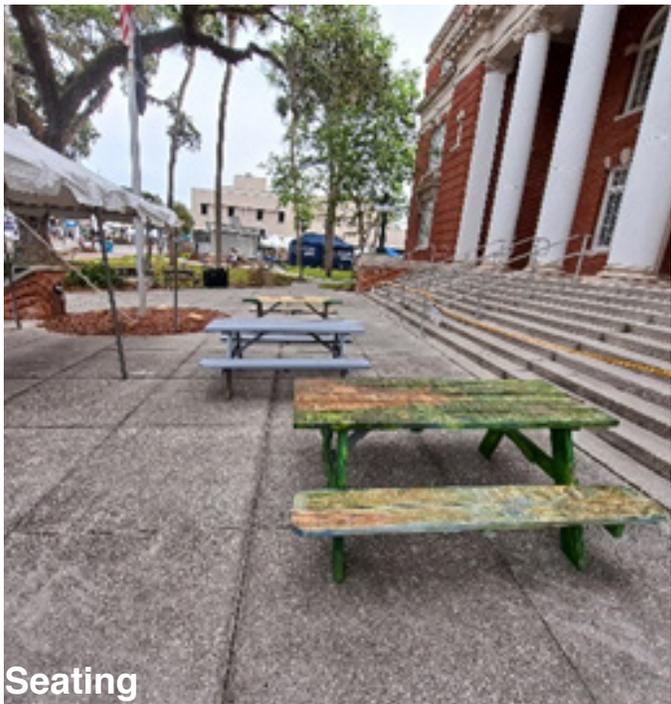
Courthouse



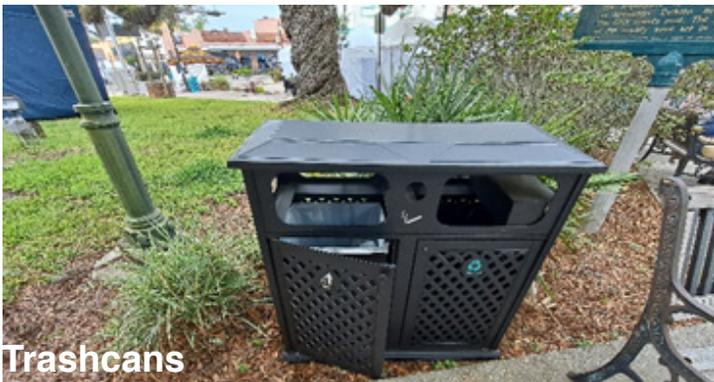
Signage



Water fountain



Seating



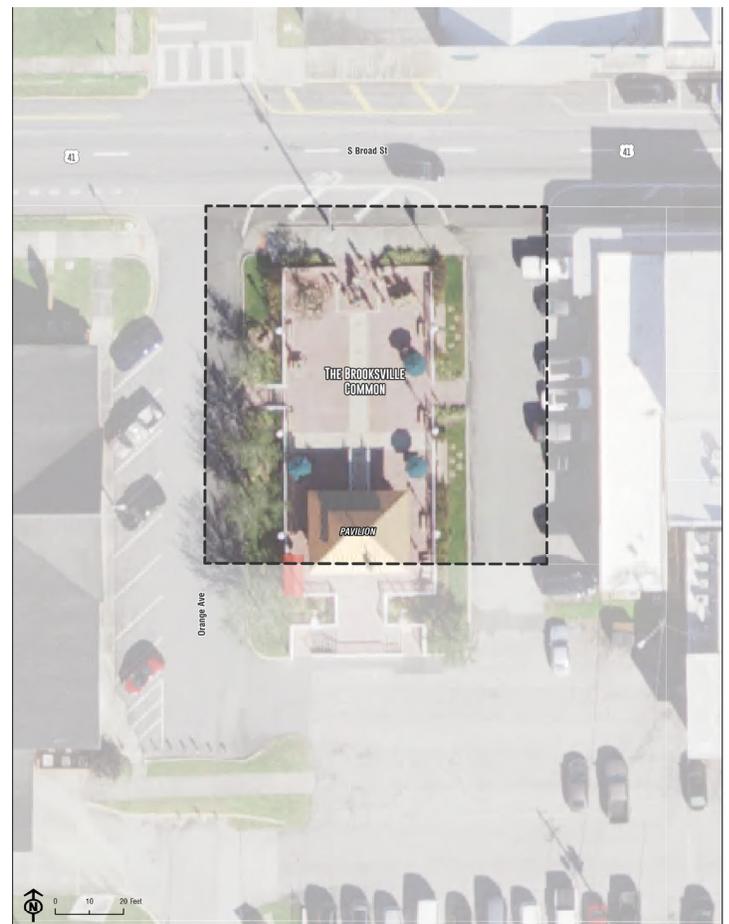
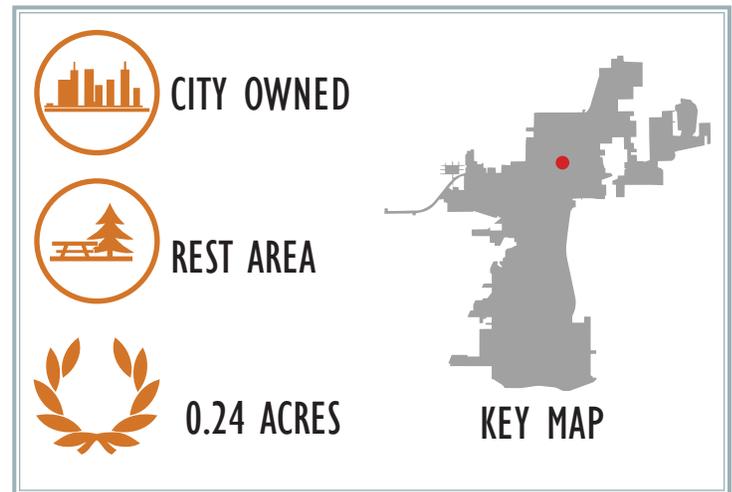
Trashcans

# 08 THE BROOKSVILLE COMMON

The downtown Main Street and associated public spaces such as The Brooksville Common are key public open spaces within the core City area. These spaces provide passive recreation and residents and visitors. They could function more effectively with the right treatment and connectivity to other destinations and amenities. The current mermaid public art installation program is a positive move to enhance the user experience.

## PARK FACILITIES

- Seating
- Memorial plaques
- Prayer corner
- Little reading library
- Trash can



The Brooksville Common Aerial View

SITE PHOTOS:



Prayer corner



Signage



Memorial seating



Memorial sculpture



Little reading library



Seating



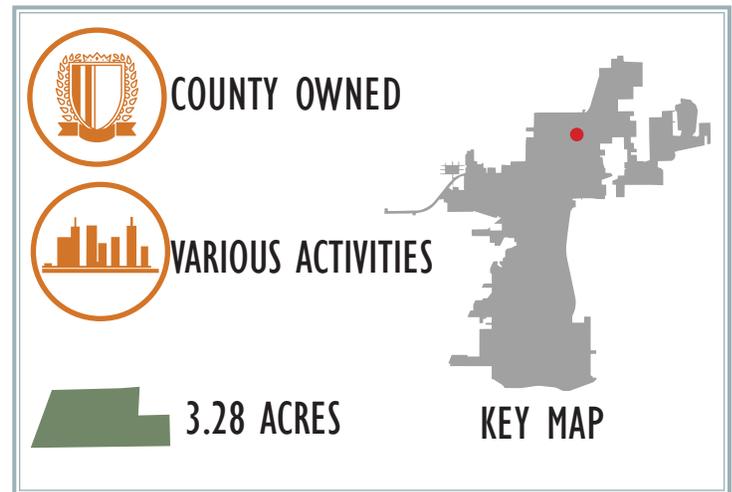
Trash can



Engraved donor bricks

# 09 HERNANDO PARK

Hernando Park is a key open space in an urban setting in the heart of the City. This is a County park but located within the City. The park features active tennis courts, a children's play area, and a bandshell adjacent to the Chamber of Commerce building. The Hernando County Public Library is located within the park. Walking paths and a restroom are additional features within this park.



## PARK FACILITIES

- Trash cans
- 1 amphitheater
- 1 male and female bathroom facility
- Seating
- 4 tennis courts
- 1 playground
- Little reading library
- Recreational games (i.e. hopscotch)
- 1 swing set



Hernando Park Aerial View

SITE PHOTOS:



Playground



Amphitheater



Tennis court



Swing set



Signage



Little reading library



Bathroom facility



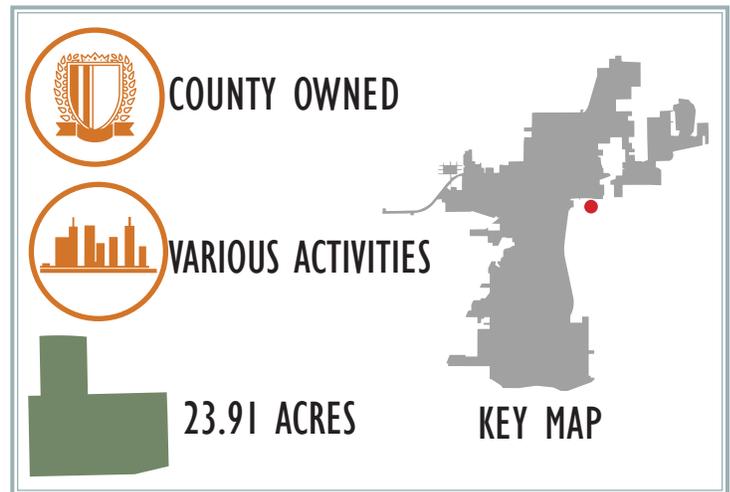
Park Signage

# 10 KENNEDY PARK

This park is a County park that is just outside the eastern City limits but primarily serves the City's residents. This park provides programs and multiple facilities that could be consolidated. The ballfields, basketball court, and recreation center are well-used, but could be optimized further. The utility easement could provide a connection to the Good Neighbor Trail. Additionally, Mid Florida Community Services, Inc. has an office just off the entrance to the park.

## PARK FACILITIES

- Community center
- Trash cans
- 2 playgrounds
- 1 male and female bathroom facility
- 4 pavilions
- Seating
- 1 swing set
- 2 baseball fields
- 1 basketball court
- Community bulletin board



Kennedy Park Aerial View

SITE PHOTOS:



Pavilion



Community board



Community center



Baseball field



Trashcan



Signage



Bathroom facility



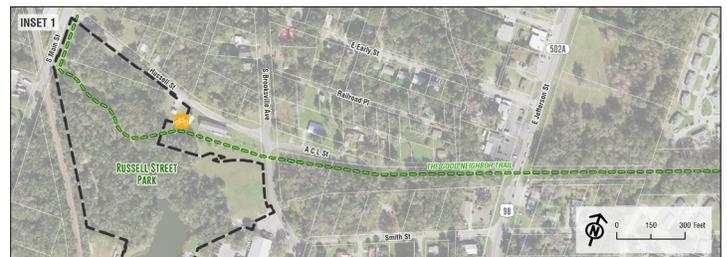
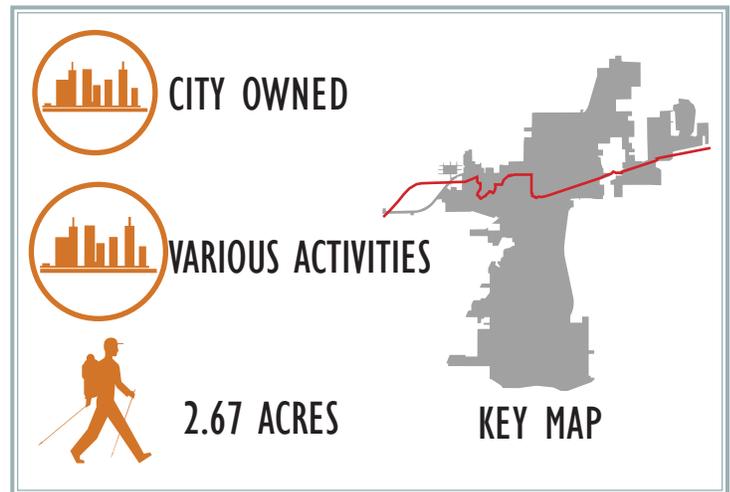
Playground

# 11 THE GOOD NEIGHBOR TRAIL

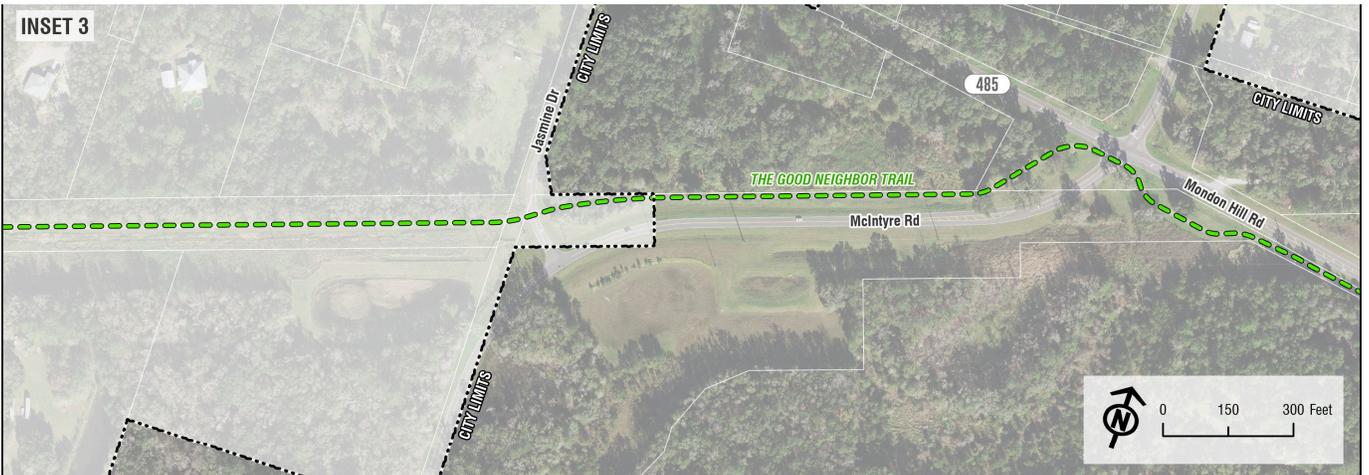
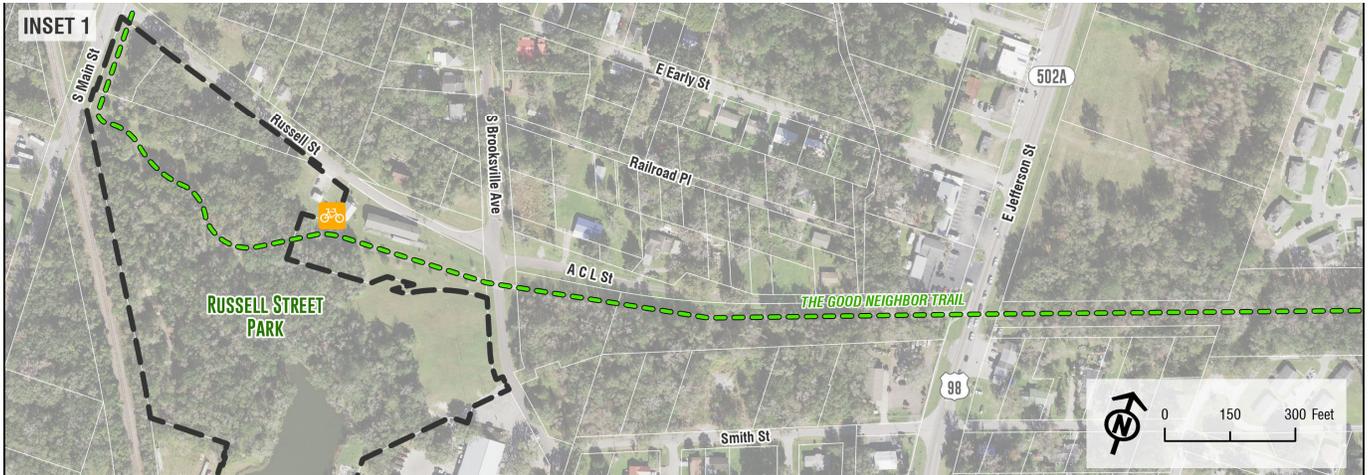
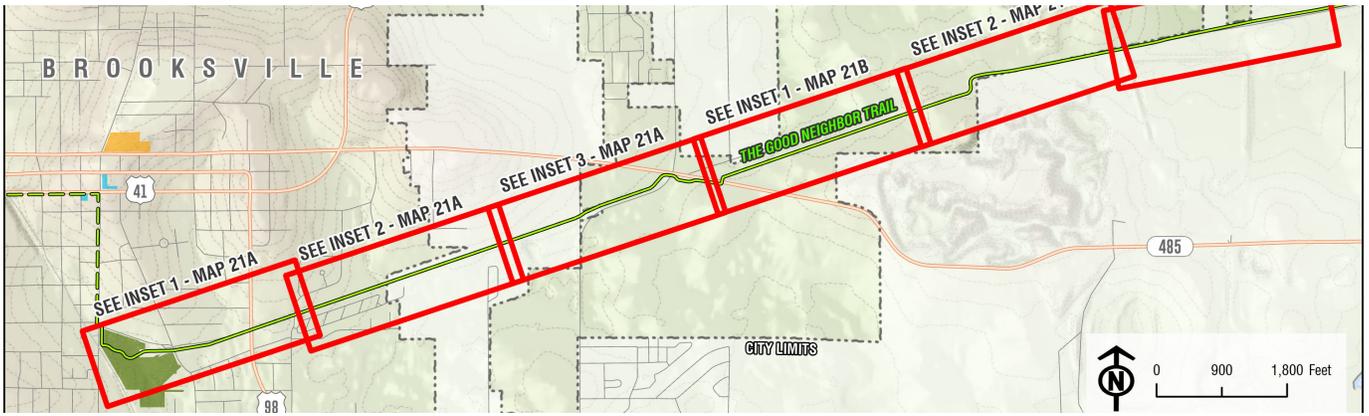
This trail, built in collaboration with the FDEP, is an important dedicated trail within the City that links the Historic Museum and Train Depot to the wider County and wildlife areas to the east. The trail travels through all five City parks and downtown. There are opportunities for spurs from this main trail to serve other City neighborhoods and destinations. In addition, there are opportunities for businesses, like sports shops and coffee houses, to market services to trail users.

## PARK FACILITIES

- Walking path
- Gazebo with seating
- Trash cans
- Lighting
- Bike path
- Community bulletin board
- Bike rack
- 1 male and female bathroom facility



Good Neighbor Trail Aerial View



SITE PHOTOS:



Signage



Walking/bike path



Bike rack



Community board



Trashcan



Lighting



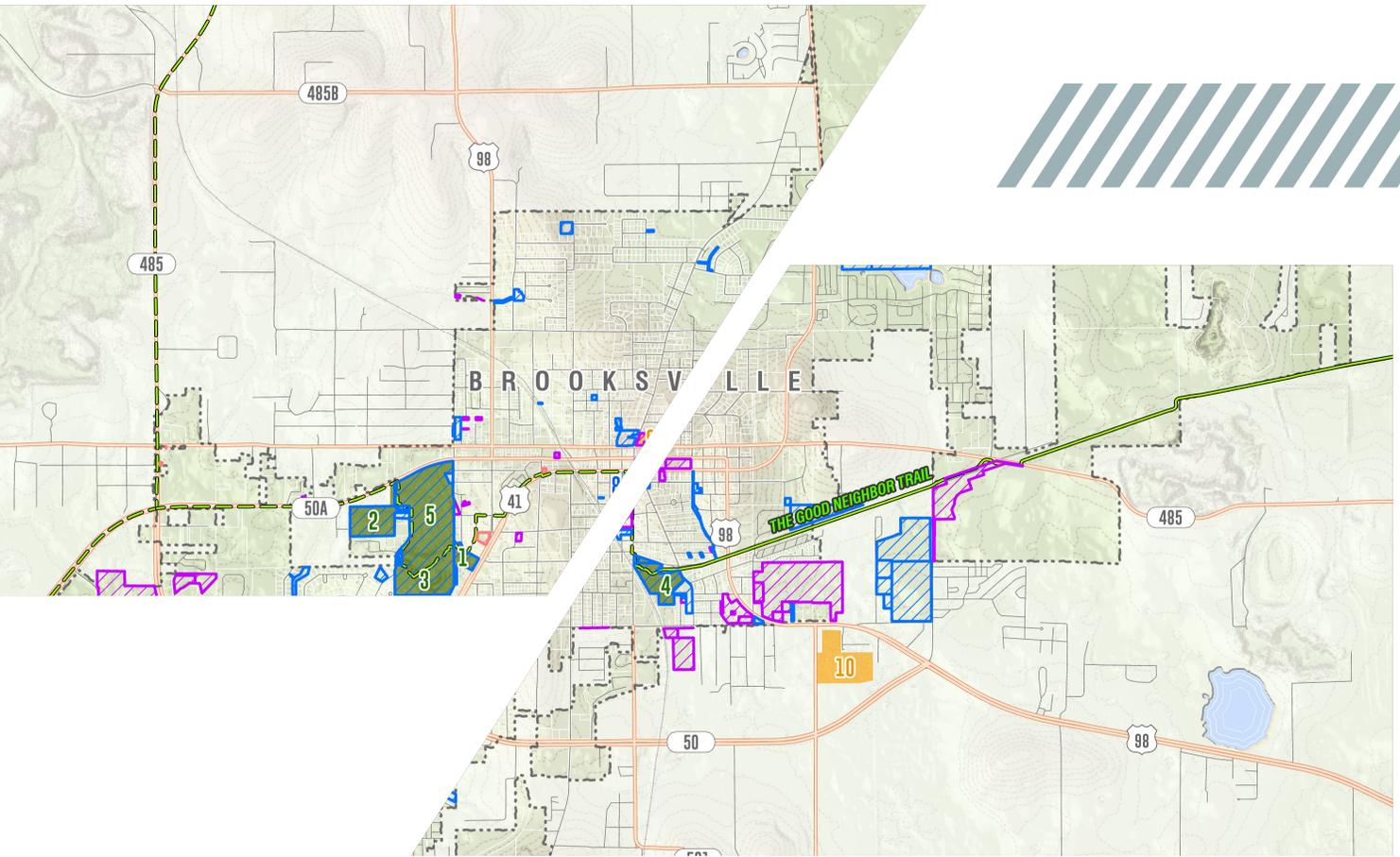
Bathroom facility



Gazebo

# CHAPTER 6

# PARK PROGRAM AND OPERATIONS ASSESSMENTS



Public Facilities Map

## 6.1 Regional Parks and Trails

Brooksville's current park system and open space facilities are fragmented throughout the City. To strengthen the community, connections to the Good Neighbor Trail must be created by addressing and resolving the missing links in the open space network. Doing so will reconnect communities in North and South Brooksville through a system of multi-use trails and recreational assets. There is a significant need for active, passive, and non-traditional recreational amenities. The challenge becomes how to address the needs of the community. Through a collaborative approach between developers, City officials, and the community, we can identify new spaces and create a more seamless public realm. This will allow for the creation of new parks that capitalize on the City's environmental, cultural, and historical heritage while meeting the demand for future growth. One strategy is to provide and optimize inclusive, safe spaces for all age groups that improve their quality of life through sports, art, and education. This will then create a framework for Brooksville's parks to provide continued opportunities for health and wellness, education, and other interdisciplinary pedagogies.



Sun Trail Dunnellon



The Good Neighbor Trail

# 6.2 Current Park Program Offerings

The Brooksville Parks and Recreation Department provides a variety of programs; most prominent are sports. The City offers open court basketball, adult basketball, and outdoor group fitness. Youth programs include youth softball and basketball leagues. The youth softball league has approximately 240 children aged 4-17 enrolled in the program. Disc golf is another prominent sports activity. Brooksville has become a hub for disc golf tournaments and at times approximately 90 people use the course. Sports are supported in part by a variety of volunteer groups. The department also supports several more passive activities and community events. These include family movie night, ice cream events, Art in the Park festivals, and celebrations held at the facilities.



Brooksville Blueberry Festival

Hernando Park

## 6.3 Budget and Staffing Analysis

The City of Brooksville Parks and Recreation Department had a 2022 budget of approximately \$1,500,000. The budget varies each year due to the amount of capital outlay. Personal services and operational expenses appear to remain relatively steady and represent approximately one-third of the budget with the remainder going to capital purchases and transfers. The department has six full-time staff members and one part-time person. The positions include the director, an administrative assistant, two parks attendants, a recreation leader, and a part-time park service aide. In addition to managing the parks grounds, the parks staff maintains the following:



14 park restroom facilities



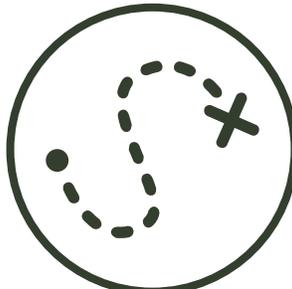
1.6 miles of streetscape



21 downtown bulbouts



29,758 square feet of highway medians



6.1 miles of trails



89,723 square feet of indoor facilities

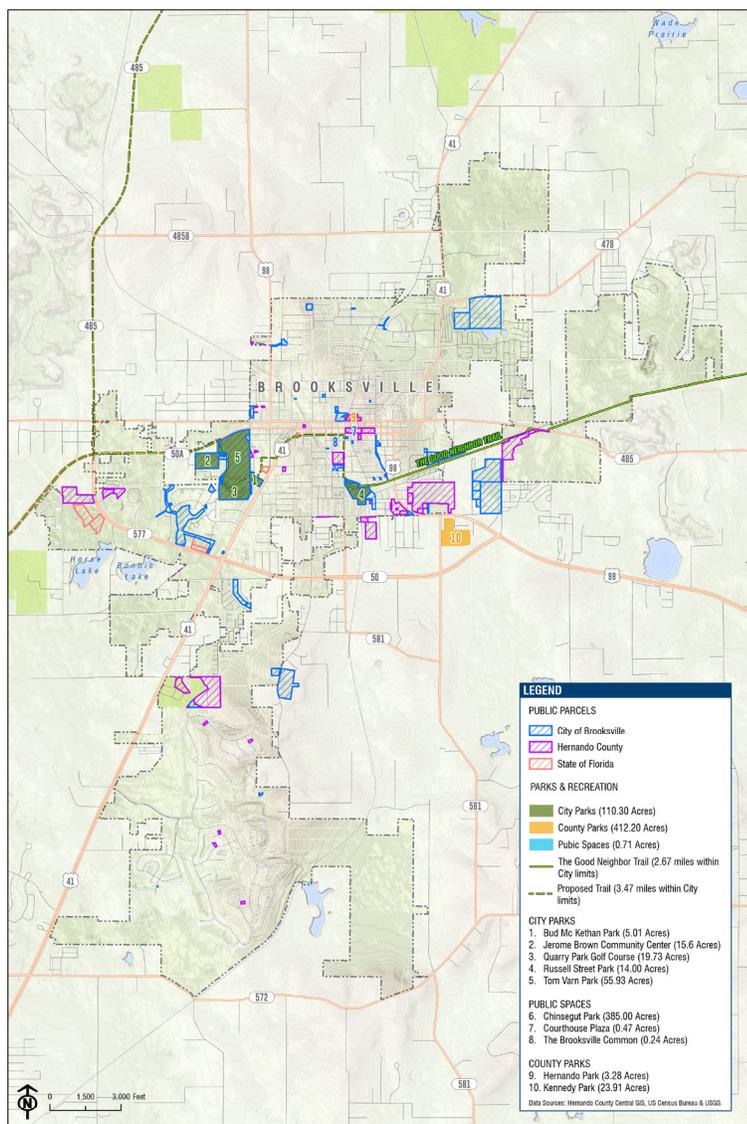
The department is funded with general tax revenue, impact fees, and community contributions. Planned future growth will result in a need for more park space, so demand on staff will increase and more funding may be needed.

# 6.4 City Public Assets and Interrelationships

Parks are a community asset, and they should be considered part of a system of key public space. Instead of thinking about just parks, it is important to think about the connections between parks, schools, downtown, and public buildings such as libraries. By examining all public land, we can begin to assess those connections. When we think about linking destinations like a park and library or school, we can also look at the roadway connections to ensure that people can walk or bike from one destination to the next. We can even explore complimentary programing between different public facilities.

It's also important to look at vacant land when considering an open space network. While some vacant land, like parking lots or private vacant lots, is not suitable for public recreation, sometimes there are unexpected resources. People often use remnant parcels to walk their dog or walk from one place to the next without going on a street. In addition, some vacant lands are natural areas that are not buildable, but could be options for undeveloped open space.

In future sections, we will further explore connections between public assets and opportunities to transform vacant land into linkage and potential future open space.



Public Facilities Map

## 6.5 Needs and Priorities Assessments

Our mapping analysis has presented which areas of the City have easy access to parks and which do not. Generally, most of the parks are downtown, which is the most densely populated, so many people have easy access. However, areas south and north of downtown are underserved and this will be exacerbated if parks are not planned as part of future development.

It's also important to look at what age people live where because that can indicate what kinds of recreational resources they may need.

- More people age 55 and over live on the east side of Brooksville and their nearest park is Kennedy Park, which has several ballfields that would be used by younger people.
- The area between Russell Street Park and Tom Varn Park has the most kids under five years of age, but no smaller, neighborhood scale parks with age-appropriate play equipment.

Most parks are developed as opportunities arise, but taking time to look at the dispersion of parks and demographics can provide for a better overall system.

- As the City evolves, it will be important to plan for parks to the north and south of downtown and to focus on neighborhood level recreational opportunities.



Brooksville Stakeholders



# CHAPTER 7

## BEST PRACTICE STUDIES



The Quarry Disc Golf Course

# 7.1 Benchmarks

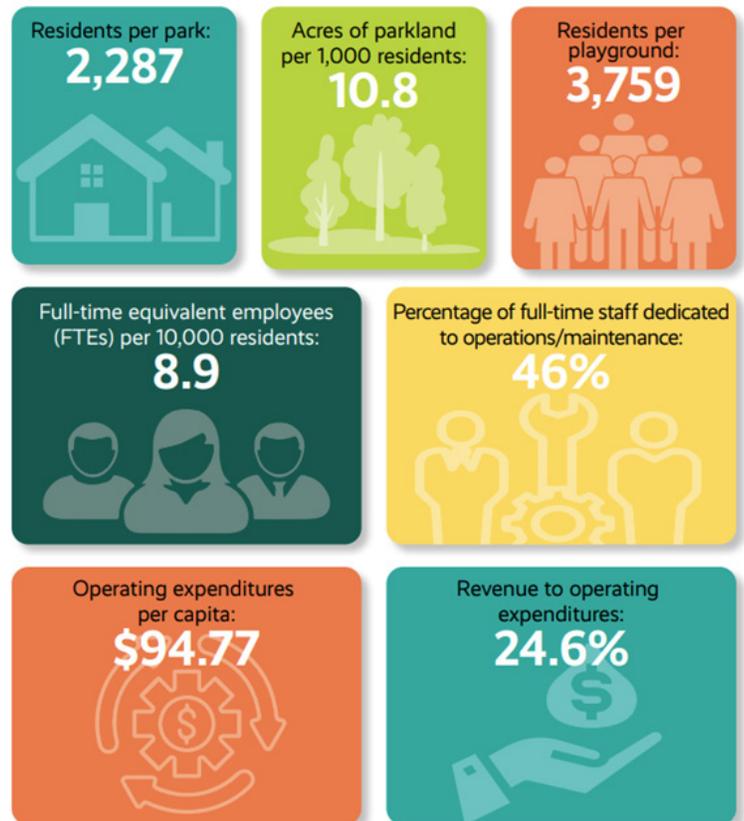
In 2019, the National Recreation and Parks Association transitioned from providing standards for park allocations to measuring metrics of communities and park performance. The reason for the transition is stated to be, “There is not a single set of standards for parks and recreation that could possibly encompass the uniqueness found in every community across the country. Communities vary greatly by size, needs and desires; so too should their park and recreation agencies’ offerings. To think an agency in Alaska, one in Kansas, and one in south Florida should hold themselves to the same standards is unrealistic, impractical, and potentially detrimental.” With that being said, the City of Brooksville can access Parks and Recreation Metrics from the NRPA through the following site: <https://nraparkmetrics.com/NRPA/Account/login.aspx>. The general metrics are found in the following image.

In addition to the new metrics, this plan update has included the previous benchmarks provided by the NRPA. These were retrieved from <https://www.mybigspring.com/258/National-Park-Land-Standards>.

## National Park Land Standards

The National Recreation and Park Association suggests that a park system, at a minimum, should be composed of a total of 6.25 to 10.50 acres of developed open space per 1,000 population.

### 2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review Key Findings



2023 NRPA Agency Performance Review Key Findings

# Park Classifications

## Playlots

**Description:** Small areas intended primarily for the use of children up to early elementary grades. Most suited for apartments, townhouses, and trailer parks.

**Contents:** Play equipment, swings, slides, sandboxes, benches.

**Population served:** Generally, serves toddlers to children age nine. Should be designed to have areas that accommodate adult gathering.

**Service area and accessibility:** The service area is confined to a sub-neighborhood level of 500 to 2,500 residents within a 1/4 mile area.

**Acres/1,000 people:** No ratio established; suggested .1 to .3 acres.

**Size range:** 1,000 square feet to one acre. Can be serviced through mobile recreation programs.

## Neighborhood Playground

**Description:** Designed to provide both active and passive short-term activities. Usually located adjacent to public schools.

**Contents:** Distinct play areas for preschool and school age children, shelter structures, open space, multiple-use paved for court games, areas for field games, some off-street parking, and lighting.

**Population served:** General focus is for ages 5 to 14, with informal recreation for all ages. One per 1,000 to 5,000 population: possibly one for every elementary school.

**Service area and accessibility:** Neighborhood. Walking distance within 1/2 mile radius.

**Acres/1,000 persons:** 2.0 for cities of 10,000 to 25,000; 1.5 for cities of 25,000 to 100,000.

**Size range acres:** 5 to 10 for cities of 1,000 to 25,000; 4 to 8 for cities of 25,000 to 100,000

## Neighborhood Park

**Description:** Landscaped natural park of limited size primarily for passive recreational needs of all ages but with designated active areas. Provides some scenic and aesthetic value. Should be located in the center of a multiple-family dwelling neighborhood or nearby site.

**Content:** Open lawn space, shrubbery, small picnic areas, drinking fountain, miniature scenic paths or nature walks, area for court games if not provided at a nearby recreation facility, off-street parking, and lighting. Has some program potential.

**Population served:** All ages. Serves between 1,000 to 10,000 people.

**Service area and accessibility:** Entire neighborhood. If park is unique, it may attract others from another neighborhood.

**Acres/1,000 persons:** 2.0 for cities of 1,000 to 25,000; 1.5 for cities of 25,000 to 100,000.

**Size range acres:** 6 to 8 for cities of 1,000 to 25,000; 5 to 8 for cities of 25,000 to 100,000

## Community Playfield

**Description:** Primarily an athletic complex that serves the recreational needs of the community. Usually one per community, however, if the community is cut by barriers or if sufficient acreage cannot be obtained, then two are recommended.

**Content:** An athletic complex has a lighted court and field games area, community center, swimming pool, lawn

areas, adequate parking, and may have picnic and play area for children. May be a portion of major community park. Has high potential for recreation programming.

**Population served:** All ages. Entire population of community - 10,000 minimum to 30,000 maximum.

**Service area and accessibility:** Within biking distance.

**Acres/1,000 persons:** Minimum one acre per 1,000 persons. For cities up to 50,000 it is recommended there be 2 acres per 1,000 persons.

**Size range acres:** 15 to 25 for cities of 1,000 to 250,000.

## Major Community Park

**Description:** A large natural area and/or landscaped area to provide urban dwellers escape for city congestion without traveling a large distance. Designed to accommodate a large number of people and a wide variety of activities. Provides for both intensive use and passive use.

**Content:** Provides for combination of intensive and non-intensive development ranging from play apparatus to bicycle trails. Typical facilities include swimming facilities, picnic tables, paths, game courts, gardens / natural areas, pavilion, ample parking, and sanitary facilities. May include multipurpose trails internally or as part of a system.

**Population served:** All ages, toddler to retiree. Serves between 40,000 to 100,000 people.

**Service area and accessibility:** Entire population for cities with population up to 25,000. 1 to 4 miles for cities of 1,000 to 25,000 persons. Within 30 minutes for cities of 25,000 to 250,000.

**Acres/1,000 persons:** From minimum of one acre to maximum of five acres. Recommended: 5.0 acres for cities of 1,000 to 100,000.

**Size range acres:** 20 to 35 for cities of 1,000 to 25,000; 50 to 100 for cities of 25,000 to 100,000.

## Urban Greenspace or Open Space

**Description:** Passive areas in landscaped or natural state in or near urban areas. May be planned for conversion to more intensive recreational use when needed. May provide recreational use when needed. May provide recreational experiences, provide environmental quality, or act as buffers. Main recreational purpose is to act as buffer from congestion and provide aesthetic experience. May also act as a land bank.

**Contents:** Natural lands, watershed and waterfront, forests; landscaped borders, parkways, and boulevards, corner parks, medians, downtown aesthetic parks, plazas, malls, and sanitary facilities. May provide bicycle, hiking, and nature trails as a feature or as part of a larger system.

**Population served:** Entire population, but may also be used as privacy buffer against high traffic corridors.

**Service area and accessibility:** Not established. Usually part of the park system and viewed as part of urban design and urban beautification program. Primary accessibility is visual, may have hiking paths along traffic corridors.

**Acres/1,000 persons:** No ratio established. Suggested to be .75 to 1.0 acres per 1,000. Cities of up to 100,000 would be 1.0 per 1,000 persons.

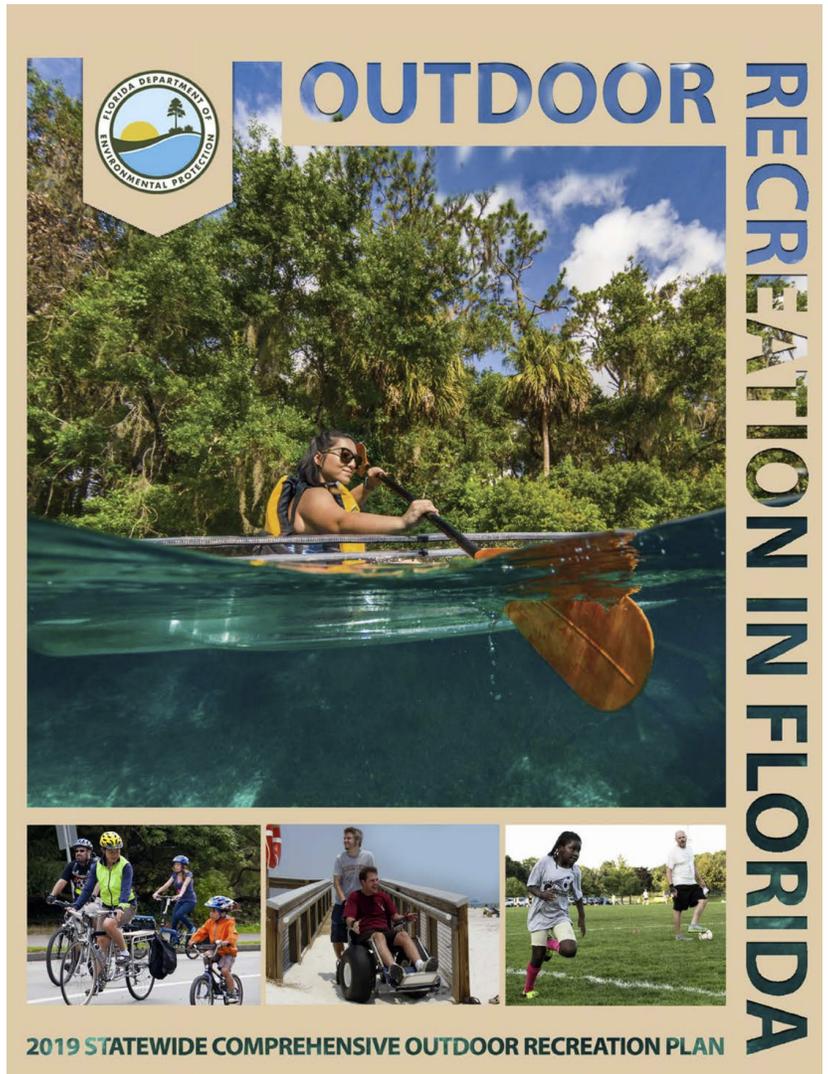
**Size range acres:** From a few square feet to and extended boulevard or parkway development.

# 7.2 State and National Standards and Guidelines

The National Recreation and Park Association is the primary body that sets national standards and guidelines for parks and recreation facilities. As previously mentioned, the body has transitioned into providing metrics for similar communities rather than standards that apply to diverse geographies and municipalities.

In addition to these national standards, the State of Florida provides robust guidelines for parks and recreation development through the Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan in the Florida Department of Environmental Protection. This plan, adopted in 2019, provides guidance on a variety of priority areas in relation to Florida's Outdoor Recreation Setting; Outdoor Recreation and Programs and Supply; Outdoor Recreation Demand and Need; and Outdoor Recreation Issues and Recommendations.

The 2019 update is the most recent rendition of a process that has been in place since 1963. The Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) is updated every five years to account for changes in the recreation industry and environment. The Plan overviews that the need for outdoor recreation in the state is growing and that the state will need to deal with environmental challenges, such as climate change, to ensure recreation remains viable. While the other chapters of the plan provide the context of recreation in the state, Chapter 5 provides the priority areas, goals, and strategies to implement the vision. Each priority area has goals to address followed by strategies to accomplish the goal and over-arching priority area. It recommended that users of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan update review the strategies to further understand the implementation of the SCORP. The four priority areas identified in the Plan, with their associated goals are:



2019 STATEWIDE COMPREHENSIVE OUTDOOR RECREATION PLAN

## Priority Area 1: Health and Well-being

**Goal 1-1:** Increase the promotion of active and healthy lifestyles in the outdoors.

**Goal 1-2:** Increase the number the recreation facilities, programs, and opportunities in urban areas and rural communities.

## Priority Area 2: Public Access, Accessibility and Connectivity

**Goal 2-1:** Promote the diversity of recreation participants through the development of inclusive and welcoming programs and facilities.

**Goal 2-2:** Improve universal accessibility on all public lands.

**Goal 2-3:** Ensure that appropriate conservation lands and waters are open and accessible for public use and are widely promoted.

**Goal 2-4:** Coordinate providers, agencies, and organizations to better connect and promote lands and opportunities.

**Goal 2-5:** Promote local parks and trails, along with neighborhood and regional connectivity.

## Priority Area 3: Economic Opportunities and Ecotourism

**Goal 3-1:** Promote the economic benefits of outdoor recreation and ecotourism in Florida.

## Priority Area 4: Resource Management and Stewardship

**Goal 4-1:** Encourage the conservation and protection of Florida's natural, historical, and cultural resources.

**Goal 4-2:** Support natural, historical, and cultural resource management to ensure high-quality outdoor recreation experiences for Florida's residents and visitors.

The plan in its entirety can be found at: <https://floridadep.gov/sites/default/files/1SCORP%20Chapters.pdf>

In addition to the SCORP, the Department of Environmental Protection also designates communities as "Trail Towns." A Trail Town is described as:

*A Trail Town in Florida is a community located along or in proximity to one or more long distance non motorized recreational trails. Whether on a paved or unpaved multi-use trail, paddling, equestrian or hiking trail, recreational users can venture off the main path to enjoy the services and unique heritage of the nearby community. The town is a safe place where both town residents and trail users can walk, bike, jog etc., find the goods and services they need, and easily access both the trail and the town. In such a town, the trail is an integral and important part of the community.*

The City of Brooksville received this designation due to the Good Neighbor Trail that traverses three City parks and downtown Brooksville. The community should be proud of this designation and continue to build upon its success. While much of the statewide and national guidance relies on outdoor recreation, the following section will explore how organized sports and sports tourism can contribute to a successful recreation atmosphere in the community.

# 7.3 Sports Tourism

Sports tourism refers to travel and tourism activities that revolve around sports events, competitions, or sports-related experiences. Sports tourism can include traveling to a location to either participate in or observe a sporting event. For example, it may refer to an array of activities from attending sports camps, to traveling for golf, to attending the Super Bowl. Sports tourism has been noted as one of the fastest growing sectors in the tourism industry. The Sports Events and Tourism Association (SETA) estimates that sports tourism generated over \$90 billion in economic impact in the United States in 2021. The economic impact of Sports Tourism can result in the following benefits:

## ECONOMIC IMPACTS OF THE SPORTS TOURISM SECTOR



1. Increased tourism revenue: Sporting events attract a large number of attendees, participants, and media coverage. Visitors spend money on lodging, transportation, food, shopping, and entertainment, generating significant revenue for the host destination.
2. Infrastructure development: Hosting sporting events may require the development or improvement of sports facilities. These investments contribute to the long-term development of the destination, enhancing its sports tourism potential and attracting future events. The construction and maintenance of sports infrastructure stimulates the local economy, providing employment and business opportunities in the construction industry.
3. Job creation: Sports tourism creates a range of employment opportunities across different sectors; including event management, hospitality services, transportation, retail, and tourism-related businesses. This leads to reduced unemployment rates and increased income levels within the host community.
4. Increased business activity: Sports events act as channels for increased business activity in the host destination. Local businesses, such as hotels, restaurants, bars, and retail outlets, experience an increase in demand during major sporting

events. This increased customer traffic boosts sales, encourages new businesses, and promotes entrepreneurship in the area.

5. Off-peak tourism boost: Sports tourism can help alleviate the problem of seasonality in the tourism sector. By hosting events during traditionally slow periods, a destination can attract visitors during off-peak times, thus extending the tourism season and maximizing the utilization of tourism resources. This fosters a more balanced and sustainable tourism industry throughout the year.
6. Destination branding and legacy: Successfully hosting sports events can enhance the host's identity as a tourism destination. The destination becomes associated with the sport and its identity, which can increase investment and business opportunities. Sports tourism can lead to improved sports infrastructure, increased participation in sports, and the development of local sporting talent.

*In identifying sports to target for tourism activities, it is important to note the most popular sports in the United States and those in Florida. According to Sports Quotes and Facts, the most popular sports for participation in the United States are basketball with 30.3 million participants, soccer with 19.6 million participants, baseball with 19.1 million participants, American football with 8.9 million participants, and ice hockey with 3.1 million participants. Florida's most popular sports include football, basketball, surfing, baseball, and hockey according to the Tampa Bay Newswire. Tampa Bay Newswire also noted that Florida maintains a large interest in betting on sports, as well.*

Sports tourism in Florida revolves heavily around the State's favorable year-round climate. Florida is a popular sports destination for football, basketball, water sports, golf, tennis, cycling, and baseball. Baseball, football, basketball, and golf involve both spectator events and participation while water sports and tennis are primarily participation. Many communities in Florida capitalize on sports tourism as a fundamental component of their local economy. A prime example of this is Pasco County, located directly south and adjacent to the City of Brooksville. According to an article in Fox 13 Tampa Bay, Pasco County reported visitors spent more than \$636 million in fiscal year 2022 related to sports tourism, which was up 24% from 2021. The sports identified in Pasco County contributing to this influx of spending include ice hockey, pickleball, lacrosse, tennis, and a variety of other outdoor sports offerings. Pasco County markets itself as the Florida Sports Coast. The marketing campaign only began in 2019 and has already resulted in significant economic impact. One example of an event in Pasco County is the "Learn to Skate" program at AdventHealth Center Ice, which has over 700 participants. In addition to this, the Center is slated to host over 18 large-scale hockey tournaments in 2023.



AdventHealth Center Ice

Brooksville has a high potential to become a sports tourism destination. The community can market itself based on its proximity to Pasco County by expanding the capacity of sports camps, facilities, and events. This may include offering another YMCA

location for the YMCA of the Suncoast, which currently only has one facility in Hernando County, or embracing its identity as the hometown of Jerome Brown, prominent NFL player for the Philadelphia Eagles, by establishing a football camp in his memory. The opportunity for sports tourism in the community is abundant and will have a significant impact on the local economy through the creation of jobs, construction of accommodations, facility improvements, and increased revenue.

## 7.4 Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition Strategies

Throughout the United States and the State of Florida there are a variety of strategies to acquire land for Parks and Recreation purposes. Parks and Recreation land acquisition commonly occurs through subdivision dedication requirements; fees-in-lieu; negotiations with landowners; trail corridor planning; future land use planning; flood plain, wetland, or drainage protection; special district planning; or specific purpose taxes. It is common that a municipality will employ most or all of these strategies in order to obtain a robust parks and recreation system. Each strategy is quickly summarized below.

**Parks Dedication Requirements:** Throughout the United States it is a common practice that developers dedicate a certain percentage of their subdivision for parks and recreation purposes. Often times, municipalities have a set percentage of a development area that is required for open space or recreation. The size or percentage of land to be dedicated as parkland can vary depending on local zoning ordinances and the specific needs of the community. Typically, it is based on factors such as the density of the development, the number of residents expected to live in the area, and the overall goals of the local government in terms of providing open spaces. The open space or recreation area may be conveyed to the City to be held as a City park or may be held by a special district for recreational purposes.

**Fees-in-Lieu:** Fees-in-lieu offer an alternative to subdivision park land dedication. If a developer does not wish to allocate a certain portion of their development to parks and recreation, they may pay an established fee to forego the dedication. The amount of the fee may be based on a variety of factors, including subdivision size, density, or other community needs. Local governments may use the funds generated through park land fees-in-lieu for the development, improvement, and maintenance of dedicated parks. This can include the construction of amenities like playgrounds, sports fields, walking trails, picnic areas, and landscaping. It ensures that the new developments contribute positively to the overall community infrastructure. The fees may also be used in other park acquisition efforts but may be required to be used within a certain distance of the project that paid the fees-in-lieu.

**Future Land Use Planning and Corridor Planning:** Long-range plans offer a strong basis for park land dedication and park land acquisition. Parks and Recreation Master Plans, such as this one, may contain sections for future planning efforts which identify gaps in existing trail networks, areas of the community that are underserved by parks, or parcels well suited for future parks. Once an item is identified in a long-range plan or future land use map the community has a strong basis for requiring dedications in a subdivision or utilizing parks and recreation funds to acquire the subject properties. Often times, these trail corridors or future parks may contain hazard areas such as floodplains, wetlands, or drainage areas. This happens as these areas are not suited for typical development patterns yet are safe to use by the community a majority of the time.

**Special Districts and Specific Purpose Taxes:** The last prominent Parks and Recreation Land Acquisition strategy is through the use of tax dollars. This may take form through a Parks and Recreation District or a Specific Purpose Tax for a project. A Parks and Recreation District would likely take the form of a mill levy on property tax for properties within the district boundaries. This mill would then be utilized for various parks and recreation improvements. For larger districts, this may include using the mill levy for park land acquisition or large improvements to play structures or recreation amenities in existing parks. A Specific Purpose Tax may take the form of a sales tax or property tax that, when collected, funds an identified project for the community. This may range from building new recreation facilities, to acquiring large tracts of land for recreation, to funding a new stadium for a local sports team. Taxes provide a notable opportunity to acquire park land through special districts or specific purpose taxes.

## CHAPTER 8

# PARKS AND RECREATION IMPROVEMENT OPPORTUNITIES AND CHALLENGES



The Hernando Park

## Opportunities

## Challenges

	Opportunities	Challenges
<h3>Overall Vision</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Plan and design for inclusiveness to accommodate users with physical and mental limitations.</li> <li>Highlight the Good Neighbor Trail with active recreational activities and designate it as the main connection to other open space amenities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Branch out and embrace the future while keeping the small-town charm of Brooksville.</li> </ul>
<h3>Active Recreation/ Organized Sports</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Brooksville has the capacity to explore sports tourism. By providing new facilities, the City can host major events.</li> <li>Provide designated spaces for youth sports (HYL) as they make up a large demographic.</li> <li>New sports facilities should accommodate expected growth in sports.</li> <li>Provide designated spaces for other sport-related recreational activities like swimming and skating.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Cost and funding associated with new facilities.</li> <li>Public and private partnerships facilitation.</li> </ul>
<h3>Passive Recreation</h3>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide non-traditional activities and programs for all age groups and physical and mental abilities through education, arts, and the environment.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Aid users who are outside the parks radius to utilize the parks amenities by providing means of transportation.</li> </ul>

## Opportunities

## Challenges

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Collaboration</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage public-private partnerships through sponsorship and bring improvements to the park facilities.</li> <li>• Work with developers to secure and designate new land toward parks.</li> <li>• Look to the YMCA for potential opportunities.</li> <li>• Explore other avenues for generating funds.</li> </ul>	
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Other Considerations</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage public-private partnerships through sponsorship and bring improvements to the park facilities.</li> <li>• Work with developers to secure and designate new land towards parks.</li> <li>• Look to the YMCA for potential opportunities.</li> <li>• Explore other avenues for generating funds.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Provide aid to those who are economically disenfranchised and un-housed who utilize the parks as a means for shelter.</li> <li>• Make the parks accessible and safe by providing appropriate safety measures.</li> </ul>

# APPENDICES



Downtown Main Street

# Appendix 1: Meeting Notes

## Brooksville Parks and Recreation Master Plan Kick-off Meeting Agenda & Notes

**Meeting Attendees:** Charlene Kuhn (City of Brooksville), David Howard (City of Brooksville), David Hanley (City of Brooksville), Ronald Snowberger (City of Brooksville), Amanda Arnold (Ayres), Jay Molokwu (Ayres), Binoy Panicker (Ayres)

**Date:** April 05, 2023 – 2:00pm-3:30pm

**Location:** Virtual

**Agenda:**

**Notes:**

- 1. Introduction
  - a) Expectations
  - b) Project Scope & Schedule

- City Staff and the Ayres Team introduced themselves.
- Project expectations were discussed. The City stated that the County’s Hernando Park and Chinsegut Hill (<https://chinseguthillretreat.com/>) is expected to be turned over to the City. These facilities are to be considered in the Master Plan. Kennedy Park on the outskirts of the City was discussed as a potential park for consideration in the master plan. City residents take advantage of Kennedy Park and utilize its amenities. It was mentioned that the City is considering a CRA in this vicinity.
- Ayres discussed the scope and key project dates. The project is to be completed in three (3) phases. As per the draft schedule, Phase 1 is to be completed by June 9<sup>th</sup>, Phase 2 by September 15<sup>th</sup>, and Phase 3 by December 8<sup>th</sup>. The City will review and advise if there are any concerns.
- The City will confirm and schedule dates for the three (3) workshops/ presentations with the City Council. See enclosed key project dates.
- The upcoming Blueberry Festival April 29<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> was discussed as an event to attend. Charlene Kuhn to review and suggest events for the two (2) non-traditional events.
- Post meeting note: The Brooksville Watermelon Festival May 27 - 28 from 11:00 AM to 4:00 PM - S. Brooksville Ave. & Liberty Ave and The Hernando County Sheriff’s Safety & Fun Fest on October 14 from 4 - 9 pm – Downtown, were suggested as events for the non-traditional public engagement event.

- 2. Project Coordination, Community, Stakeholder and Public Engagement Plan

- The City’s Main Street program and County Chamber of Commerce were mentioned as key stakeholders. Recreation service providers such as the Hernando Youth League and Kiwanis (who initiated the recent splash pad construction) were also mentioned as stakeholders who could play an integral role in the future.
- Ayres to finalize the Public Engagement Plan with stakeholder engagement meetings, surveys, and public meetings when confirmed.

### 3. Data Information Request

- The City to ID stakeholders, obtain a list of programs they support, and organize targeted sessions with them—so that Ayres can discuss and understand their requirements for the preparation of the master plan.
- The City stated that it is imperative to let the stakeholders know we are just collecting data and by no means are promising anything specific.

- Ayres reviewed the approach and intent of the data collection and mapping exercise to be undertaken as part of the Phase 1 work. The City to coordinate with the County for GIS data.
- Post meeting note: Upon the City's request, the Hernando County GIS department coordinated with Ayres to make GIS files available.
- The City will provide park related CIP information, park programming information, and previous studies as applicable.
- Post meeting note: Ayres established the SharePoint link for data and file transfers: [BROOKSVILLE PARKS MASTER PLAN](#). The City provided the CIP data in an excel table. See enclosed data list.

- The following City parks and facilities was discussed for the existing facilities inventory:

#### CITY PARKS/ FACILITIES

- 1) Tom Varn Park and Jerome Brown Recreation Center
- 2) Quarry Park Golf Course
- 3) Bud Mc Kethan Park
- 4) Russel St. Park

#### COUNTY PARKS/FACILITIES

- 5) Hernando Park
- 6) Chinsegut Hill (<https://chinseguthillretreat.com/>)
- 7) Kennedy Park

#### TRAILS

- 8) The Good Neighbor Trail

#### PUBLIC SPACES

- 9) The Brooksville Common
- 10) Courthouse Plaza

- It was noted that Hernando Park is in the process of being incorporated into the City. There are four (4) courts at Hernando Park that are being resurfaced. Two courts are to be designated for tennis and the other two as pickle ball courts.
- It was noted that the Chinsegut Hill Retreat and Conference Center is about five (5) miles from Brooksville and currently state-owned under Hernando County. The City of Brooksville as per the latest agreements will manage and maintain the facilities in this location.



- 4. Project Management Protocols
  - a) Point of Contact
  - b) Progress Meetings and Reporting
  - c) Deliverables and Format

- David Howard from the City and Binoy Panicker from Ayres will be the main points of contact for the project.
- Ayres mentioned coordination with the City to provide content for website updates specific to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Charlene Kuhn will coordinate with Brenda, the City’s in-house IT lead and website manager. Online surveys related to the project are to be posted on the website to ensure maximum participation. The City’s Facebook page was also discussed as a platform to advertise the survey.
- In addition to David Howard, Charlene Kuhn, and Dwight Manning will assist in project data and coordination from the City’s side.
- Ayres to prepare bi-monthly progress reports. Ayres stated that the project deliverables and presentations will be prepared in a graphic and easy to read format, supported by the data assessments and maps in a separate document as needed.

5. Next Steps

- Ayres to coordinate and undertake the field inventory and assessment.
- Ayres to prepare and coordinate with the City for:
  1. Stakeholder Interviews/Agendas
  2. Public Workshop 1 content
  3. Phase 1 Online Survey questions
  4. Website content
  5. Parks Inventory and Assessment (on-site)
  6. Phase 1 - Data Collection, Parks Inventory & Assessment work
- David Howard to coordinate two to three stakeholder meetings for facilitated discussions.
- City to provide other requested data as available.
- Ronald Snowberger to confirm City Council Meeting/Workshop dates. See enclosed Key Meeting Dates.
- David Howard/Charlene Kuhn to reserve the venue for the three (3) public meetings at the Jerome Brown Recreation Center.
- Charlene Kuhn to coordinate with partners for the two (2) non-traditional public engagement events.

Enclosures:

- 1) Key Project Dates
- 2) Data Request List
- 3) Project Schedule



## Brooksville Parks and Recreation Master Plan

### Stakeholder Meeting Notes

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#### Day #1 – May 9, 2023

##### Vison Related

1. The City needs more accessible parks. The current model is more of a 1990's model focused on "organized sports". While this is important, passive, and other forms of recreation needs to be incorporated such as "art in the park" e-sports, beach volleyball, geocaching pools, and gyms as in the YMCA facilities with the possibility of sports therapy, STEM and STEAM programs, and other non-traditional uses. Ex: history scavenger hunt.
2. Parks are to be made more accessible for those physically disabled, and should focus on mental health programs, community gardens, and other health and wellbeing initiatives.
3. Chinsegut Hill is a preferred location for disc golf, as there are some facilities installed here.
4. Pocket parks outside of the heart of the City are important to serve residential neighborhoods. Basketball facilities and splash pads are the most popular needs.
5. Capitalize on the recent designation of the City as a "Trail Town".
6. Think sports/rec facility and sports tourism destination - travel sports – multi-use facility – e-sports. Think rental space and sports as an economic development generator.
7. Amenities passive and active should be distributed throughout the park system.
8. How can the older community be served—have recreational amenities that they can use too like outdoor exercise equipment (i.e. Sims park in New Port Richey).
9. Increase felling of safety many people are afraid to frequent Tom Varn Park due to inadequate lighting.

##### Active Recreation and Organized Sports

1. City disc golf course caters to approximately 90 users, especially over the weekend.
2. The Quarry Disc Golf Course is a favorable location because of its terrain. The existing facilities need to be improved with better accessibility, new T-pads, and signs. This needs to be budgeted.
3. The future of disc golf sports is positive.
4. March and January are big months for disc golf as Brooksville has begun to become a main hub for disc golf tournaments—60% of attendees are out of towners. Disc golf could potentially help stimulate Brooksville's economy. One of the top players just purchased land nearby.
5. The City has a heritage and tradition for offering softball, this should be supported and enhanced. The stadium needs to be enhanced and completed. Currently 16 teams are accommodated in 3 courts, and this is falling apart. Softball needs to be further supported.
6. Basketball facilities are lacking, and parents cannot attend and watch games.
7. Pickleball is an upcoming sport and facilities can be provided along with tennis.
8. Is there an opportunity for Skate parks and to provide designated facilities for skateboarders in the City?

##### Passive Recreation

1. The City should focus on passive recreation and accommodate different age groups. This will increase the recreation offerings and opportunities for a wider range of activities.
2. The current parks and recreation offerings lack facilities for small children and youth.
3. Incorporate festivals at parks.
4. Need facilities focused on improving mental health – community gardens – therapeutic recreation.



- 5. Could potentially leverage partnerships with local organizations to help fund a splash pad/ pool.
- 6. How to incorporate educational components into the Good Neighbor Trail possible a reading trail.

Collaboration and Process

- 1. Check the sports and programs offered in Pasco County. There is an opportunity to have an understanding and complimentary function to promote sports tourism.
- 2. Hernando County High School is a partner and has an approximate enrollment of 1,300 students and offers Football and Softball.
- 3. The East Campus of the Pasco-Hernando State College is seeking to expand their footprint. Is there an opportunity to collaborate?
- 4. Reach out to the UF Extension Campus (near the airport) for collaborative opportunities.
- 5. As part of this process identify neighborhood champions and go to communities for input through them. Consider meeting or organizing public meetings in other locations.
- 6. Consider establishing a "Park District" as a legal structure and funding mechanism to facilitate parks and recreation improvement in the City.
- 7. Is there a possible opportunity for having a designated location for transporting people and residents to the park(s)?

Other Considerations

- 1. The vacant area around Hwy 41 (N Broad St.) and Croom St. is a potential location for a Community Center.
- 2. Improve facilities to accommodate and rec centers and after school programs.
- 3. Plan and design for all ages and user groups.
- 4. Provide adequate parking, room for visitors (currently parents do not have space to watch) and plan for growth.
- 5. Change perception of small town with unmaintained facilities.

**Day #2 – May 10, 2023**

Vison Related

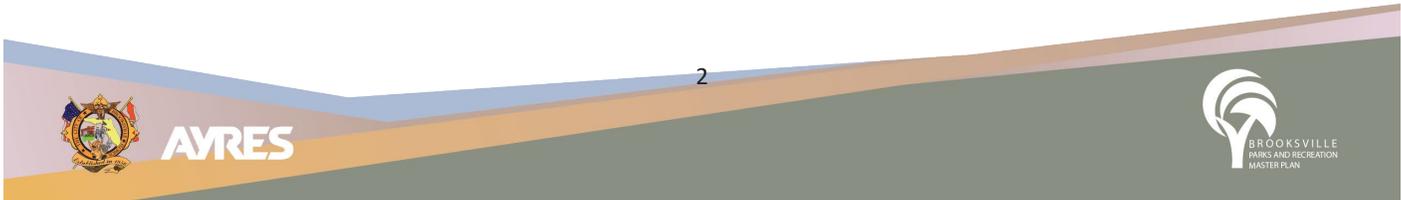
- 1. Consider spaces for arts festivals.
- 2. Improve and bring travel league facilities here.
- 3. Make parks and recreation a business through public-private partnerships.

Active Recreation and Organized Sports

- 1. Softball is a source of community pride and stadium is part of it. The stadium in Tom Varn Park needs to be fixed.
- 2. Further the Bambino Buddy Ball program (no age)
- 3. The HYL Softball League currently has a registration of around 240 users for children ages 4-17 from mostly Brooksville and Spring Hill and uses 3 fields.
- 4. Softball needs more fields, improved maintenance, and staffing.

Passive Recreation

- 1. There is room for growth for special needs specifically through: arts, programming, healing through nature and interactive spaces.



#### Other Considerations

1. The City is improving overall and has come a long way in the past 20 years.
2. Need ADA compliant facilities.
2. HYL provides sports for the needy.
3. Check the examples of Clermont where the City is in partnership with the Hospital and College.
4. Check the Wesley Chapel Sports Complex as a successful model for adoption in the city.

### Day #3 – May 12, 2023

#### Vison Related

1. South Brooksville was just given their first bus stop on April 3<sup>rd</sup> and should be further connected to the rest of the community with parks and trails.
2. Plan and design for inclusiveness to accommodate users with physical and mental limitations (Brooksville has significant population of both).
3. Have designated areas for both adults and youths.
4. Highlight the Good Neighbor Trail with active recreational activities such as hiking and mountain biking.

#### Active Recreation and Organized Sports

1. Swimming is a much-needed recreation opportunity in the City.
2. Tom Varn Park is a unique facility and there is an opportunity to revive the Men's League and Volleyball in addition to incorporating splash pads (planned) and dog parks.

#### Passive Recreation

1. After School, STEM and STEAM is needed to keep children occupied and out of trouble.
2. Partner with the Arts Council for: Arts – Murals; Art Activities in the parks; public art and facilities to support the arts that can be at parks.
3. Interactive signs are a good method to improve the quality of passive recreation.
4. Need spaces for physically and mentally challenged users such space for yoga, sensory stations/gardens, butterfly garden and aquatic center, and trails with exercise equipment along them.

#### Collaboration and Process

1. Partner with non-profit and private service providers such as Maple Blade Sports activities including basketball, flag football, music, robotics, e-sports, and STEM programs.
2. Moton School is advocating for a community center or YMCA.

#### Other Considerations

1. South Brooksville has been overlooked. Kennedy Park (current County park) wants sports and kids activities back down here.
2. The YMCA in Spring Hill is a good model for recreation provisions that meet the City user's needs. Hernando County is currently not being serviced.
3. It is estimated that Tom Varn Park users are 40% City residents, and 60% user from the wider County.
4. The old KYC club was a good model for socially responsible recreational activities and some of the activities such as "dance" could be reinstated.
5. Check the Ocala Arts Council and Sims Park, New Port Richey as good benchmarks for arts integrated with parks.



- 6. Leverage the success of the City's Arts festival (Art in the Park) at Tom Varn Park
- 7. Look into park certification for accessibility—possible funding venture.

# DRAFT

**CITY OF BROOKSVILLE**  
**MINUTES OF THE WORKSHOP CITY COUNCIL MEETING**  
**Joseph E. Johnson III, Council Chambers**  
**201 Howell Avenue, Brooksville, FL 34601**  
**5:00 p.m.**

**ORDER OF BUSINESS**  
**May 22, 2023**

Present: Mayor Blake Bell; Vice-Mayor David Bailey; Council Member Casey Thieryung; Council Member Christa Tanner; Council Member W. Thomas Bronson

Also: City Manager Ron Snowberger; City Attorney Becky Vose; City Clerk Jennifer Battista;  
Attending: Deputy City Clerk Lisa Morris; Finance Director Autumn Sullivan; Public Works Director Paul Booth; Community Development Director David Hainley; Parks & Recreation Director David Howard; Fire Chief Brad Sufficool; Special Projects Coordinator/PIO Charlene Kuhn; IT Administrator Brenda Nelson; IT Support Zachary Ewing; HR/Risk Management Director Kyle Martin

A. **CALL TO ORDER**

B. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

The invocation was given by Pastor Andrew Chamberlin, Jericho Roads Ministries

C. **APPROVAL/MODIFICATIONS OF THE AGENDA**

(Limited to City Council and City Manager)

The agenda was approved by consensus.

D. **CITIZENS INPUT [Limited to 3 minutes per speaker about agenda items or any other matter]**

**Homeless in Hernando**

Michele Perfetto commended Council for addressing this issue.

E. **RESPONSE BY CITY MANAGER AND STAFF/COUNCIL**

None necessary.

F. **WORKSHOP MEETING AGENDA ITEMS**

1. Homeless In Hernando  
Presentation by:  
Barbara Wheeler, Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition  
Angie B. Walasek, United Way of Hernando County

City Manager Snowberger updated those present regarding recent meetings held to discuss the growing situation that needs to be addressed. He felt that so many agencies have an important role, he has invited them to speak at this workshop.

Barbara Wheeler, Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition, and Angie B. Walasek, United Way of Hernando County, went over a PowerPoint presentation. Both stressed that partnerships are vital in developing a plan to move forward.

The presenters advised that Mid-Florida Homeless Coalition's and Housing and Urban Development (HUD) statistics that show that trauma, end of a relationship and financial loss are currently leading factors of causes of homelessness. Ms. Wheeler went over the monthly homeless count which is required by HUD in order to receive any funding and she also touched on HUD's definition of the student homeless population.

It was pointed out that numbers since 2023 are already peaking high. The trauma of those who are facing homelessness for the first time can lead to mental illness compounding the challenge.

Ms. Wheeler went over statistics on homelessness for elderly. One big reason for that is interest rates going up mean mortgages are going up and some can no longer can afford their homes.

Ms. Walasek touched on the numbers of calls coming into the 2.1.1. call center and a breakdown of what needs are being voiced. She added housing needs are very much at the top of the "needs" list.

Ms. Walasek defined ALICE which is Asset Limited, income constrained, employed. She summarized that statistics show that 49% of Hernando County's population is struggling and are one emergency away from falling into crisis.

Ms. Wheeler detailed the housing challenge in Brooksville, Hernando County and the State, especially as it relates to HUD assistance. HUD has a set fair market rent per month and will not allow Mid-Florida to work with landlords who are charging above that HUD fair market rent amount. She also mentioned the Florida Housing Finance Corporation's role in providing funding for non-profits to build affordable housing.

The goal of Mid-Florida is moving homeless to housing and the ultimate long term goal is to keep them from going into the system again. She commended the many partners they have helping with that goal such as the Dawn Center, United Way, Life Center and St. Vincent de Paul. St. Vincent is out of St. Petersburg but are willing to help with 37% of their funds going to Hernando County and being focused on veterans. She touched on a requirement of Mid-Florida that anyone entering into housing will have case management.

Ms. Walasek commented on United Way's view that every time someone is helped, it is a step towards homeless prevention.

The presenters pointed out that in order to "take action", the following have to be recognized 1) Identify 2) Assess 3) Refer/Assist 4) Advocate.

Ms. Walasek described the initiative called "Stand Down", which is normally held outdoors, and would include a health services for homeless individuals, bringing necessities and resources to them, providing meals, providing some physical needs, offering job placement services, offering substance abuse counseling, etc. She felt a lot of the partners would be willing to come together to help in such an event.

It was Mayor Bell's understanding that often times housing is not wanted, even on a temporary basis. He wondered how to approach changing that mindset and stressing the importance of getting off the street. Ms. Wheeler advised that is an issue they deal with all the time, and it is all about getting to know the individuals. They have a team whose purpose is to work with difficult situations to get them into housing. Sometimes it takes backing off and waiting until the day that they are ready for that assistance and to be ready when that happens.

Mayor Bell discussed the possibility of holding an event similar to "Stand Down" and invite this population to talk about their needs. Ms. Wheeler advised of the importance in having it at an accessible location.

Ms. Wheeler advised Council that Mid-Florida is speaking to the Hernando County Board of County Commissioners about the lack of affordable housing. She discussed SHIP dollars that Hernando County will be (or have?) received which may be used towards housing.

Council Member Tanner discussed a part of the Powerpoint that mentioned landlords not renewing leases as one reason for homelessness and she wondered what the overall reason they would have for not renewing leases. Ms. Wheeler responded that it is usually because they have someone else lined up who can afford to pay more.

Council Member Tanner wondered if any housing data was provided by the Hernando County Realtors Association. Ms. Wheeler responded by stated that a lot of the partners provide data, and that a member of the Realtors Association does work for them.

Council Member Thieryung was supportive of long term solutions but was concerned about what can be done now, especially as it relates to making sure City parks are safe for citizens. Mayor Bell felt the "Stand Down" effort would be a good first and immediate step and that they should partner with agencies and State and County governments. It was his opinion that they can work with the City Manager to get everyone together to plan something in the next few months.

Ms. Wheeler advised that Maureen Soliman, People Helping People, has offered to start holding monthly meetings and to steer the group. Ms. Wheeler requested that someone from City Council be a part of the Mid-Florida governing board. By consensus, it was agreed that Council Member Tanner would be the Council liaison.

City Manager Snowberger advised that the City has established a Community Services Team to work on issues such as this. He reported on the success of a recent job fair held at JBCC in an effort to put people into the work force. Parks is also involved in the People Helping People Weekend Blessing Program.

The following persons came forward to offer their support and who expressed interest in involvement:

Maureen Soliman, People Helping People

Tina Kinney, Nami

Barbara Venditto, Dawn Center

Jared Tanner, Mid Florida Homeless Coalition Board of Directors

Lt. Joshua Davis, Salvation Army - he offered caution is using "Stand Down Homeless" as the title of the proposed event being discussed

Bryan Wall, Jericho Road Ministries

Jay Rayner, Nami

Andrew Chamberlin, Jericho Roads

Michele Purfetto, "Together we Can"

Tresa Watson, Hernando County Community Coalition

2. Parks Master Plan Update
  1. Project Overview
  2. Project Update
  2. Councils' Preferences for the City's Parks system
  4. Next Steps

Presentation by: Binoy Panicker, AICP, and Amanda Arnold, Principal Planner, Ayres Associates, Inc.

Mr. Panicker went over this first project update which is to provide a project overview and to get Council's preferences for the City park system. The project officially began in early April. Since that time, Ayres has been producing maps and collecting information. He explained that purpose of the Master Plan is to identify things that can be implemented quickly but to also set a road map for the next 20 years, Another part of it will be to look at what partnerships need to be fostered. He stated that part of studying the parks is taking inventory of existing assets.

Ms. Arnold advised that their team is looking at details too such as ADA issues, trees that need trimming and stumps that need addressed. She stated that these will all be entered into an "inventory sheet", which is a great baseline in looking at what is there and what is needed to fit the character of the Park.

There is a Parks Master Plan page on the City website that includes a flyer and a survey for the community to participate in. The mapping being done also includes Chinsegut Hill and Hernando Park (currently owned by County), both of which the City has expressed interest in being involved at some level. Mr. Paniker touched on Kennedy Park, which is a County Park, but may be something that the City could consider operating since it serves alot of city residents.

Mr. Paniker noted that the Park currently exists in a piece meal type of approach and the goal is to provide a program that is complimentary to the City as a whole. He went over the stakeholders meetings already held. Some of the stakeholders attending included the Hernando Youth League, the School Board, Brooksville Main Street, other sport groups like disc golf, those who use trails and other agencies. It was discussed on how can to make it more of a public-private partnership and have things like community gardens, or passive parks focused on physically challenged needs. This information, and information from the survey, will be analyzed and a report will come back to Council.

At this time, Mr. Paniker and Ms. Arnold asked for Council discussion on what's working, what's needed overall and any specific park improvements or visions that can be shared.

Items brought up by Council Members Tanner and Thieryung and Mayor Bell:

- Stadium issue needs to be fixed immediately
- public-private partnerships are vital as that has been the way most structures/facilities in the Parks have been built (i.e. playground and stadium)
- HYL and other sports leagues are part of the City's identity
- The master plan needs to assure plans for adequate facilities to meet needs.
- interest in what new sports are on the horizon.
- interest in developing facilities that be used for multi sports as a way to be fiscally responsible
- Sports tourism is a good economic driver.
- Holding tournaments can benefit kids, adults and the City
- encouraged Ayers to listen to a past Council meeting in which the stadium was discussed to see the level of passion the community has in the stadium and in the use of the softball fields
- Safety in the parks is paramount. Discussed vandalism of bathroom facilities
- Tournaments and travel ball are important, but preference should be given to local leagues in use of facilities
- The quarry is a gem and unlike any other.
- Dog walking is allowed now on leashes and should continue at some level
- a community pool is needed on this side of the County
- South Brooksville area is in need of park space and Kennedy Park was mentioned.
- Desire to highlight Hernando High School baseball players and other sports players who have had success stories.
- If the community gets involved again in stadium building or repairing, solid numbers are needed
- would like a part of this Master Plan study to include identifying other properties that could be used for sports.
- Potential new sports facilities to support sports tourism should be at other properties and not so much existing facilities.
- The desire for HYL to make revenue from sale of concessions, which area needs to be improved and maybe can be done with community partnerships
- Possible need for a Youth Center for safe spaces - possibly at Kennedy Park
- The YMCA has an upcoming meeting set with the County Administrator regarding Kennedy Park.
- YMCA can be focal point of communities.
- Trail town designation should be marketed. Discussion ensued on the need for amenities along the trail that will come through the park. This will draw people to the Park.

- Any YMCA location needs to be critically looked at for parking, traffic, access, etc.

Mr. Paniker advised that at the stakeholders meetings, the softball leagues believe the future is travel ball. A pool was discussed at the meetings, as well as the stadium, expanding basketball sports, and the splash pad. Mayor Bell stated that the RFP for the stadium is out and hopefully construction will begin in summer or early fall.

Mr. Paniker invited all to attend a community meeting in early June, the date of which has not been determined.

Parks and Recreation Director Howard advised that he has a meeting with the Community Development Director to look at some of the new developments to see if they have any space to partner and utilize towards park program.

**G. CITIZEN INPUT [limited To 3 Minutes Per Speaker]**

**Homeless in Hernando**

Lee Johnson was appreciative of all the ideas for the parks. She agreed sports tourism is a big deal and and felt blessed to have the trail coming through the City. She supported capitalizing on the trail with amenities. She advised that pickle ball is the fastest growing sport in the world. It is a business and tournaments are driving revenue into towns. She agreed that the Quarry is a gem, adding however that she felt there was a parking problem there with the enrichment center parking.

Mrs. Johnson advised that she has personally purchased a 2.5 acre parcel and is waiting for the County to approve tiny houses. She felt if they do, individuals can start to provide affordable housing.

**H. RESPONSE BY CITY MANAGER, STAFF OR COUNCIL**

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Mayor Bell advised that there is a landowner who would consider selling property, near the Quarry, for parking if the City is willing to look at that.

**I. ITEMS BY CITY ATTORNEY**

None

**J. ITEMS BY CITY MANAGER**

**Chinsegut Hill**

City Manager Snowberger advised this should come before Council on June 5th.

**Hernando Park**

The County is currently surveying the property to split the Library away from Park. The County is requesting that the Tourism office remain there. Brooksville Main Street will need to have an agreement with the City to lease the office.

**Family Movie Night in Park this Thursday**

Council Member Thieryung would speak

K. **ITEMS BY COUNCIL**  
**COUNCIL MEMBER TANNER**  
**Quarry**

She wanted to make sure that whatever plans are thought about for the Quarry that the Parks remain dog friendly at some level.

**COUNCIL MEMBER THIERYUNG**

He thanked all for coming and wanting to make a difference

**VICE MAYOR BAILEY**

He apologized for being late.

L. **Adjournment**

There being no further business to bring before Council, the meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

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Jennifer Battista, CMC, City Clerk

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
Blake Bell, Mayor

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

## Brooksville Parks and Recreation Master Plan

### City Council Meeting Notes

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May 22, 2023

#### Attendees:

Blake Bell, Mayor; David Bailey, Vice Mayor; Christa Tanner, Council Member; Casey Thieryung, Council Member; David Snowberger, City Manager.

David Howard, City of Brooksville; Bino Panicker, Ayres; Amanda Arnold, Ayres

Audience members

#### Vison Related

1. Any recommendations need to respect past contributions from the citizens. In the past the City took down a playground built by volunteers, and it left people disengaged. The stadium was also built with donations, and that needs to be respected.
2. HYL (Hernando Youth Leagues) is part of the community's identity.
3. Be sensitive to passing trends. The community wants to embrace the future, but they don't want to invest in "fad" sports.
4. Explore the potential for multiple sports to use one facility.
5. The quarry is a unique resource.

#### Active Recreation and Organized Sports

1. Sport tourism is a big opportunity.
2. Hernando High School has a high number of students who go on to play semi and pro sports. This is something the City likes to celebrate.
3. Should plan for pickle ball. Pickleball tournaments could be an economic opportunity.
4. Need to explore the relationship between sports tourism and travel ball.
5. Youth sports are the top priority and should take precedence over travel leagues.
6. The City values the small town feel.

#### Passive Recreation

1. Trails are an important resource.

#### Collaboration and Process

1. Bike groups represent a potential user group and source for business.
2. The City is talking to developers more about dedicating land for parks.
3. There's a RFP out now for repairs to the stadium.
4. Currently coordinating with the YMCA on potential opportunities.
5. The YMCA currently has some programming in the Enrichment Center.
6. Public/Private partnerships are needed.
7. Explore letting youth sports sell food to make money.

#### Other Considerations

1. Quarry Park– adjacent property owner may be willing to sell land.
2. Safety or the perception of safety is an issue at the quarry, particularly at night.
3. Bathrooms have been vandalized.



4. Dogs are allowed in Quarry Park, if that changes, other accommodations for dogs will need to be made.
5. Parking is an issue at the Enrichment Center.
6. Inverness Trail is a good example of the link between trails and local businesses.
7. There is no community pool.



# Appendix 2: City Council Presentation

## City of Brooksville Parks and Recreation Master Plan

City Council Workshop - May 22, 2023



### Purpose of the Plan

Establish a **strategic plan** for the City's recreation and parks system that will guide decision-making related to parks over the **next 20 years** with a focus on **short term wins** and a robust **long-term strategy**.



CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP 1 - May 22, 2023



### Agenda

- Project Overview**
  - Project Objectives
  - Purpose of the Plan
  - Goals for tonight's discussion
- Project Update**
  - Existing City Parks Inventory
  - GIS Mapping
  - Stakeholder Meetings
  - Online Survey
  - Project Website
- Council's preferences for the City's parks system**
  - What's working?
  - What's needed overall?
  - Any specific improvements needed?
  - Overall vision for parks and recreation
- Next Steps**

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP 1 - May 22, 2023



### Goals for tonight's discussion

- Provide an update on project progress since the start of the project
- Update on public engagement and feedback received
- Receive Council Member's thoughts related to Parks and Recreation in the City
- Outline next steps for the project

CITY COUNCIL WORKSHOP 1 - May 22, 2023



### Project Objectives

Through this Parks and Recreation Master Plan, the City seeks to provide:

- Equitable access to quality parks, activities, services, and experiences** that inspire residents and visitors and create long-life relationships.
- Foster stewardship of Brooksville's **natural and cultural legacy** by offering and promoting enjoyable, healthy, and educational recreational opportunities.
- Maintain a network of parks and recreation areas that will **accommodate current and future population demands** by providing sufficient recreation and open space opportunities and allowing for strong support from all residents and visitors.

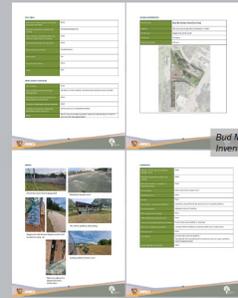


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### Existing City Parks Inventory

- CITY PARKS**
- Bud Mc Kethan Park (5.01 Acres)
  - Jerome Brown Community Center (15.6 Acres)
  - Quarry Park Golf Course (19.73 Acres)
  - Russell Street Park (14.00 Acres)
  - Tom Varn Park (55.93 Acres)
- PUBLIC SPACES**
- Chinsegut Park (385.00 Acres)
  - Courthouse Plaza (0.47 Acres)
  - The Brooksville Common (0.24 Acres)
- COUNTY PARKS**
- Hernando Park (3.28 Acres)
  - Kennedy Park (23.91 Acres)

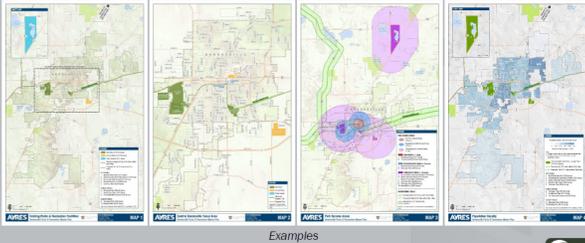


Bud Mc Kethan Park Inventory Example

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### GIS Mapping – Citywide



Examples

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### Parks and Recreation Master Plan Website

<https://www.cityofbrooksville.us/386/Parks-and-Recreation-Master-Plan>



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### GIS Mapping - Parks



Examples

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### Round-robin Discussion

- What's working?
- What's needed overall?
- Are there any specific park locations or facilities that need improvements?
- What is the overall vision for the City's Parks and Recreation System?

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### Stakeholder Meetings

- Focused meetings were held on May 09, 10, and 12, 2023 with several parks and recreation providers as well as key partners to understand the opportunities and challenges related to the park system within the City.
- Key takeaways include:
  - Need for better organized sports facilities and programs
  - Desire to focus on passive recreation incorporating arts, sensory recreation for challenged users, health and well-being (including mental) for all ages



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### Next Steps



### Online Survey

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ParkRecMP>

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### Round-robin Discussion

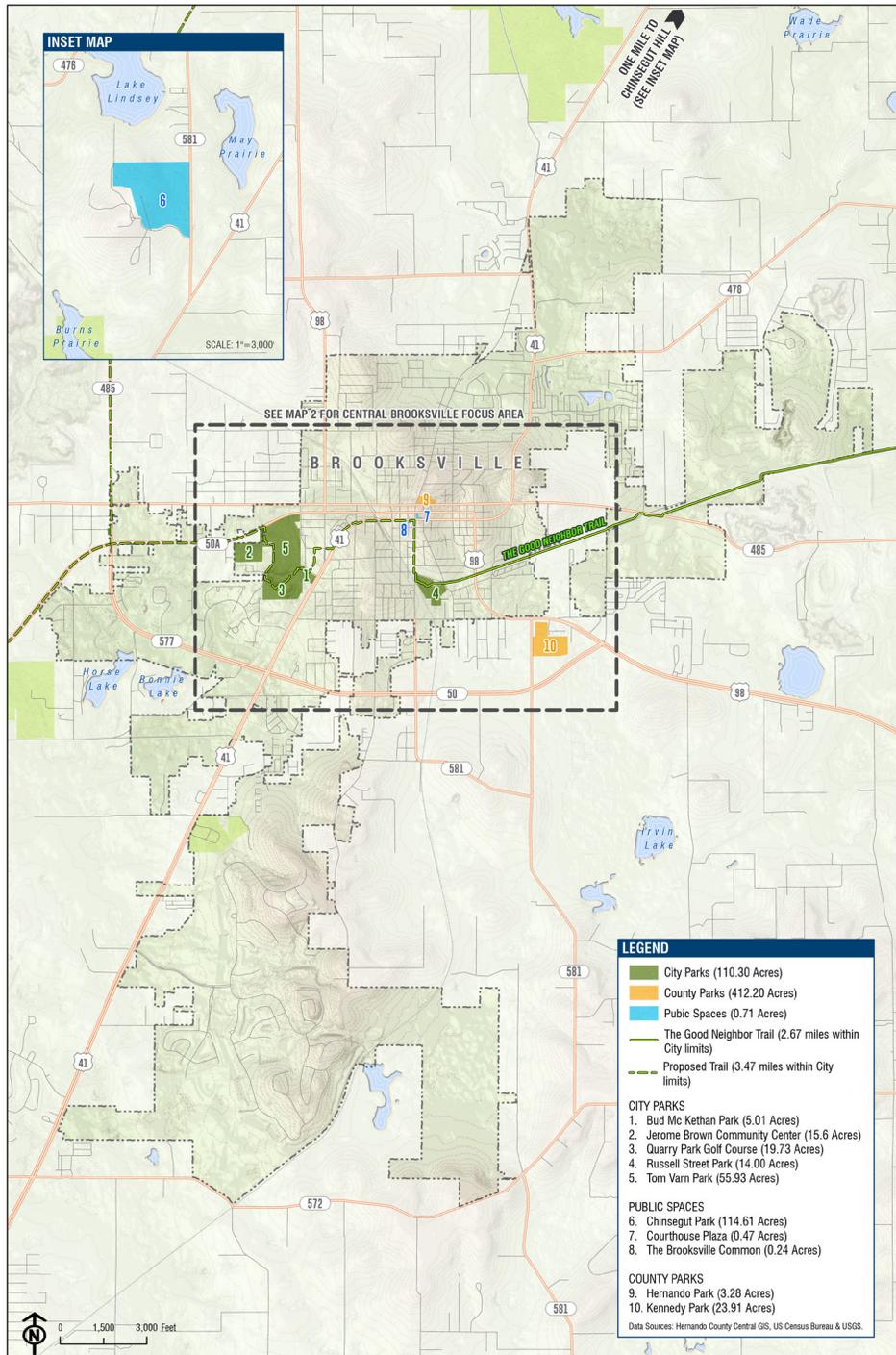
- 1<sup>st</sup> Public Workshop - week of Jun 05
- Phase 1: Data and Assessment draft report - 2<sup>nd</sup> week of June
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Council Update/Workshop – Aug 2023
- Phase 2: Planning and Design Ideation – Jun to Sep 2023

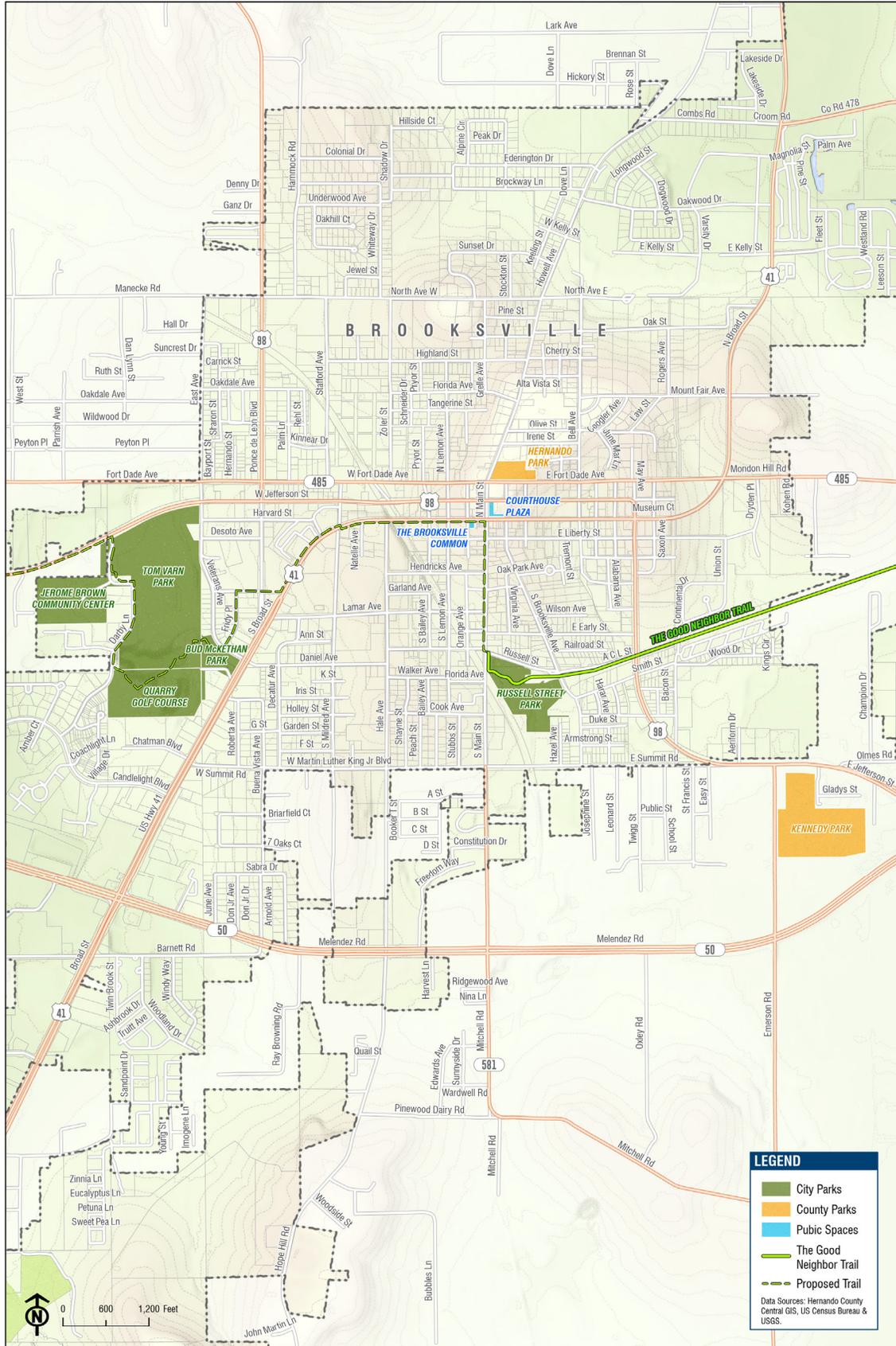


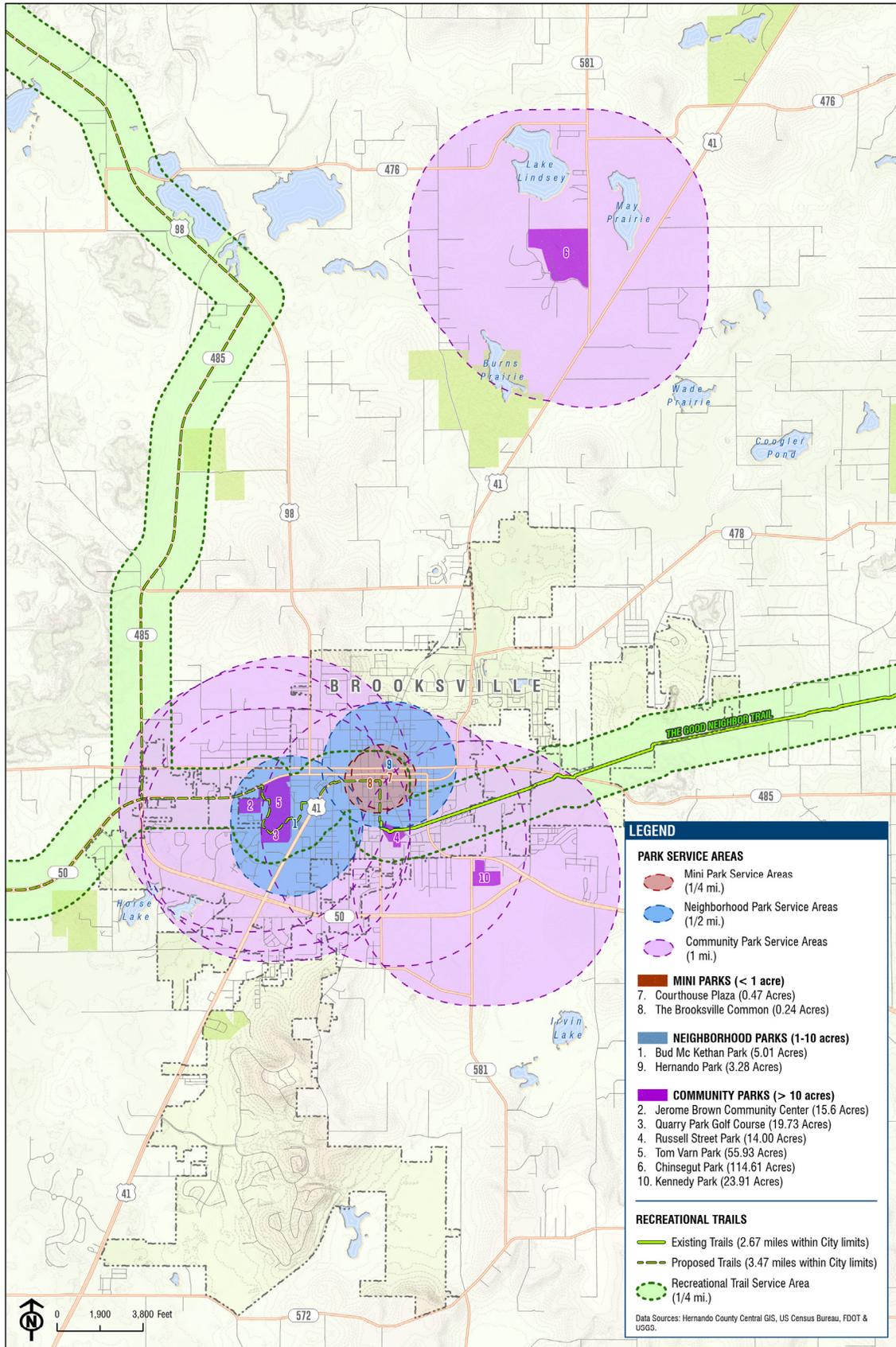
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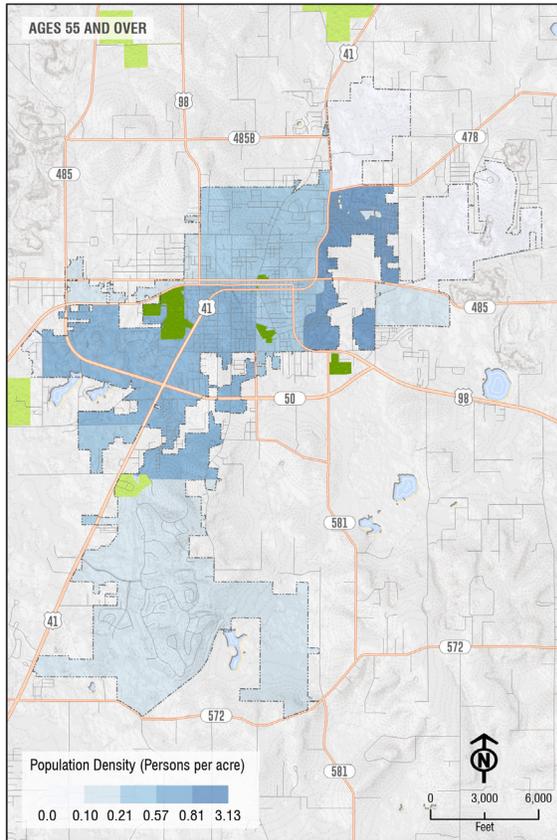
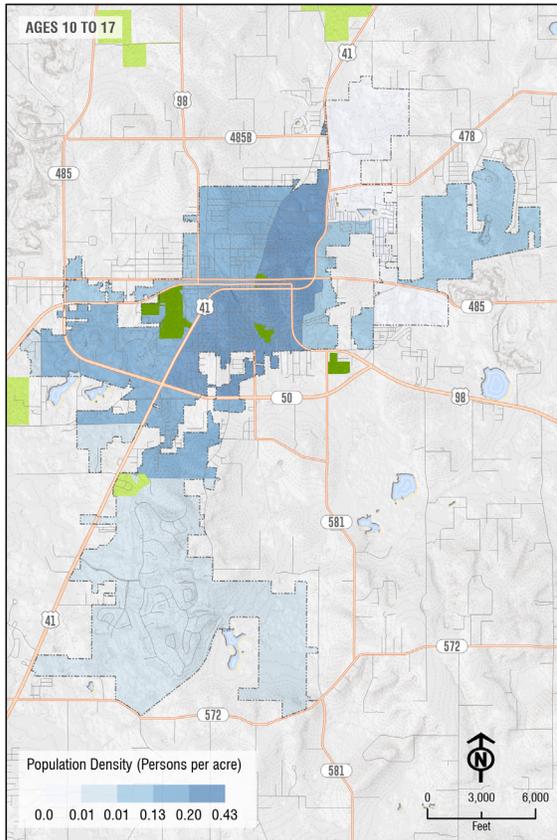
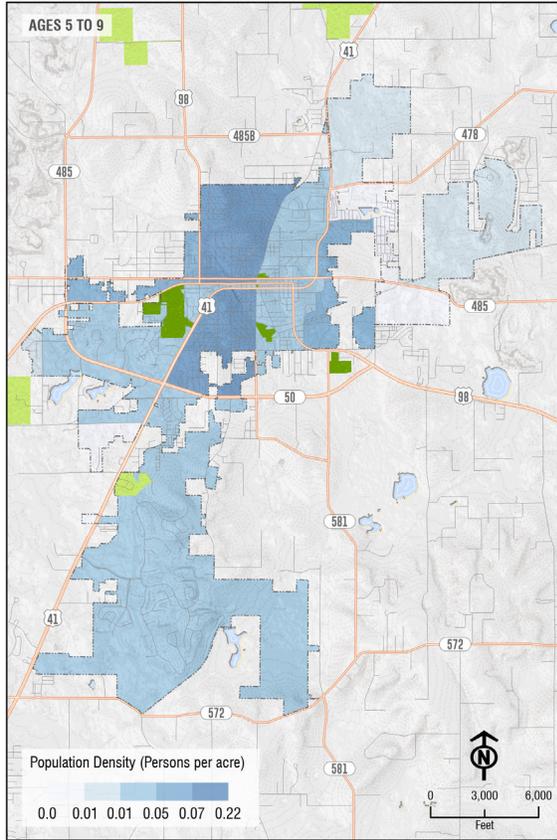
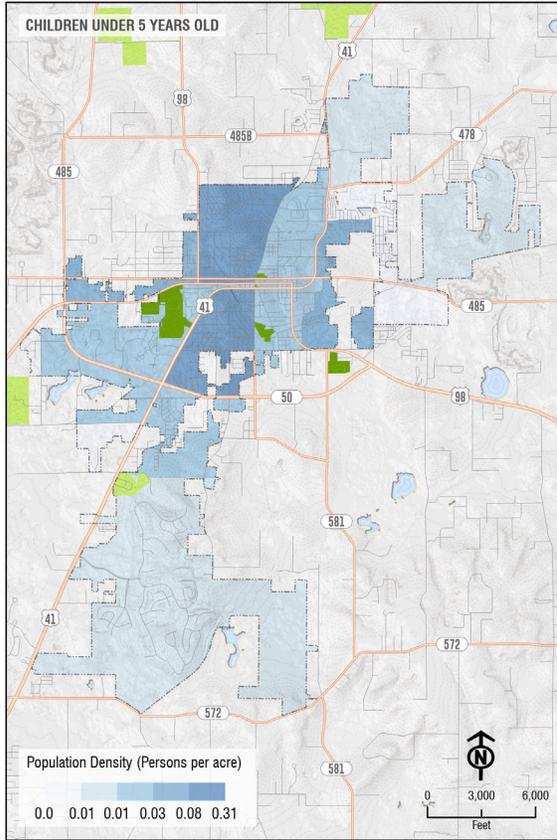


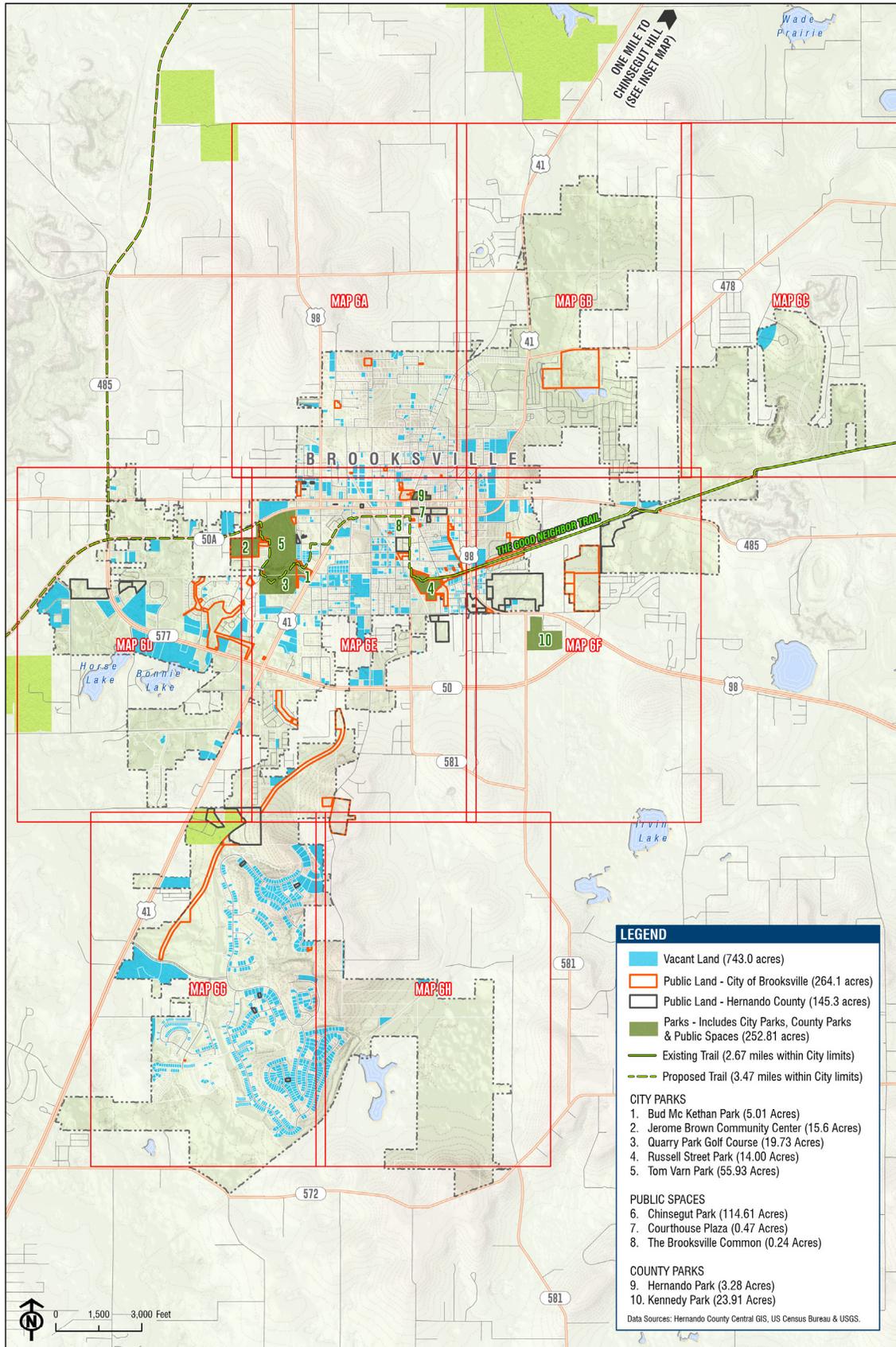
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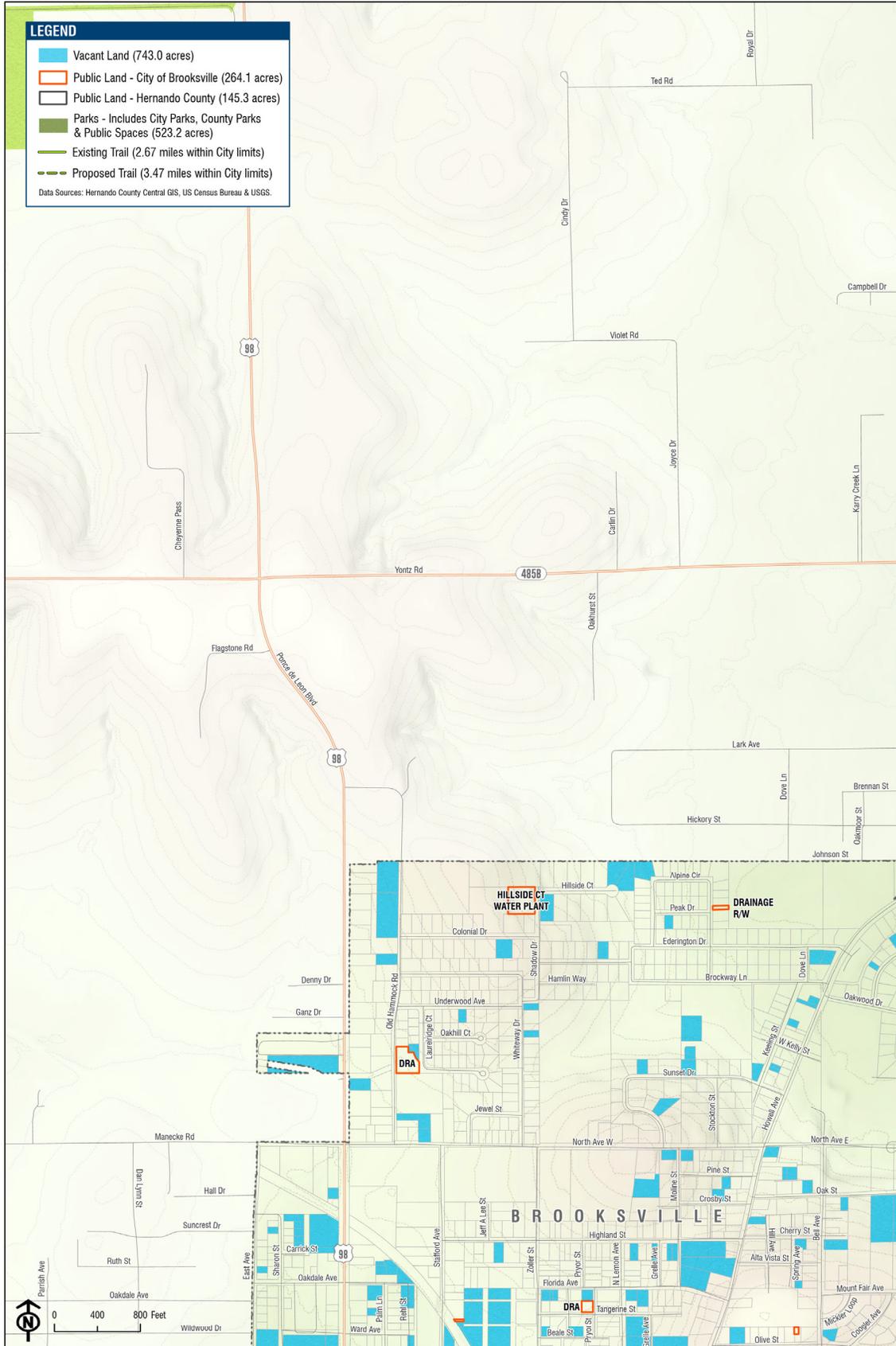


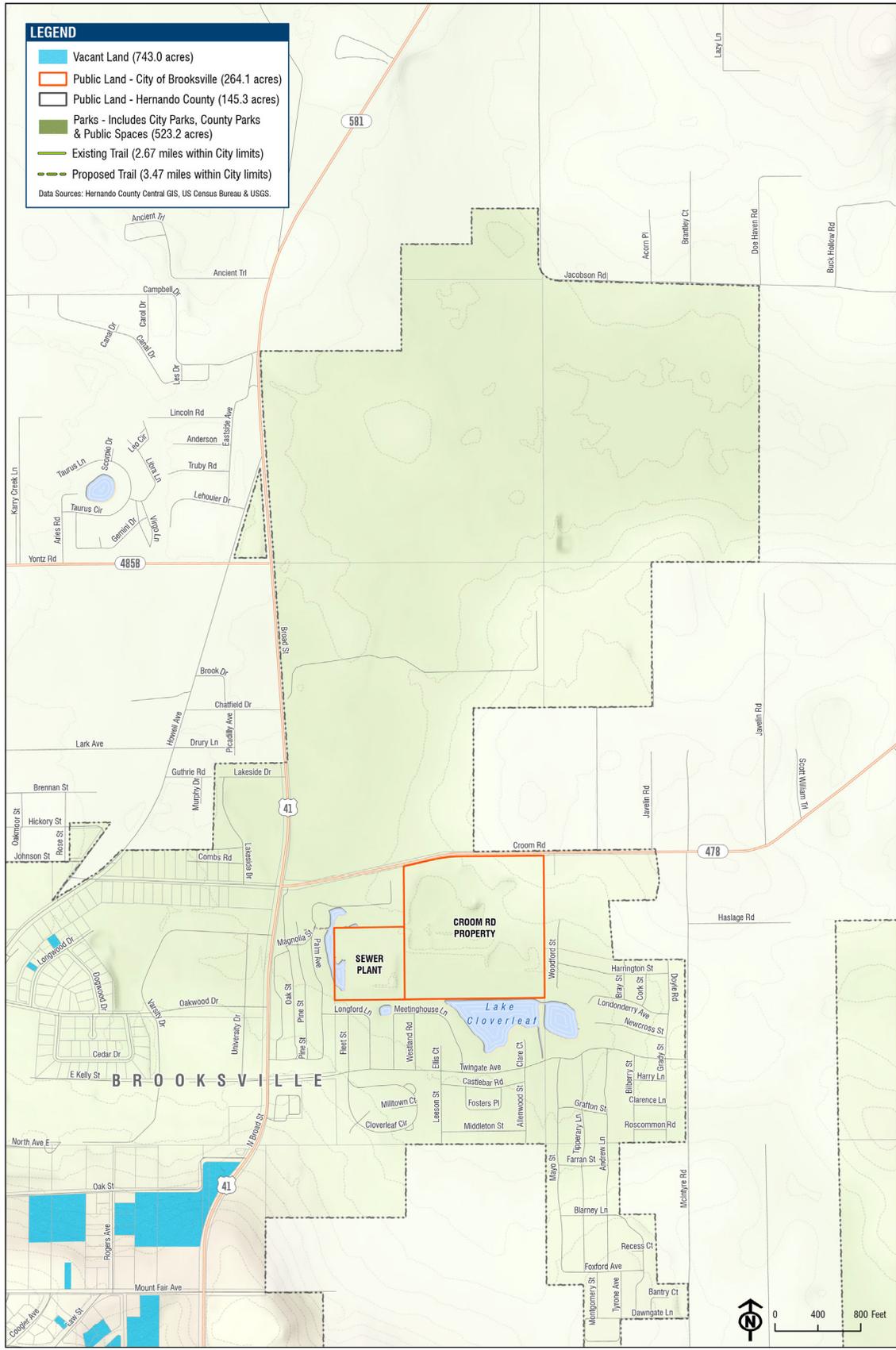




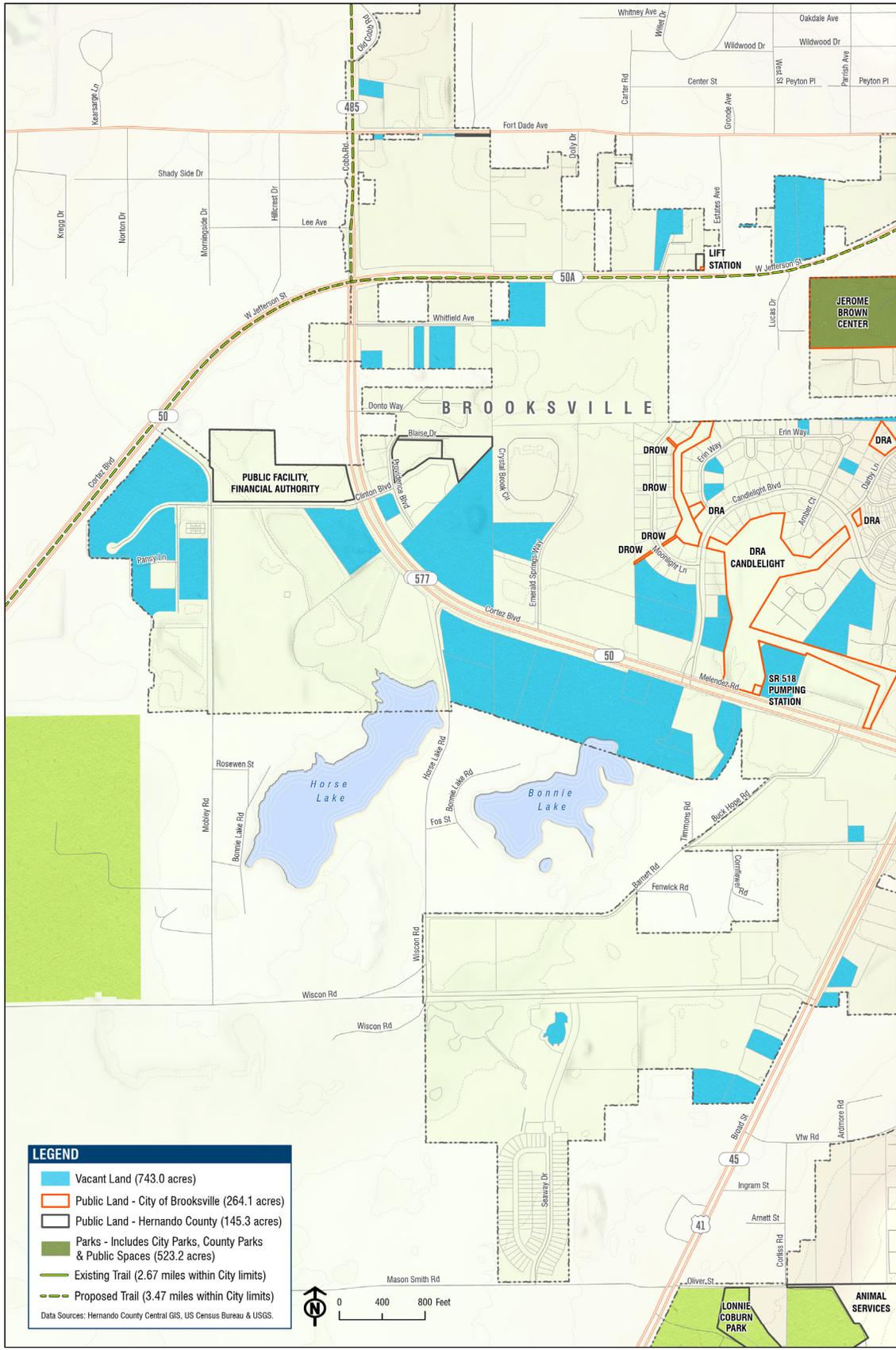


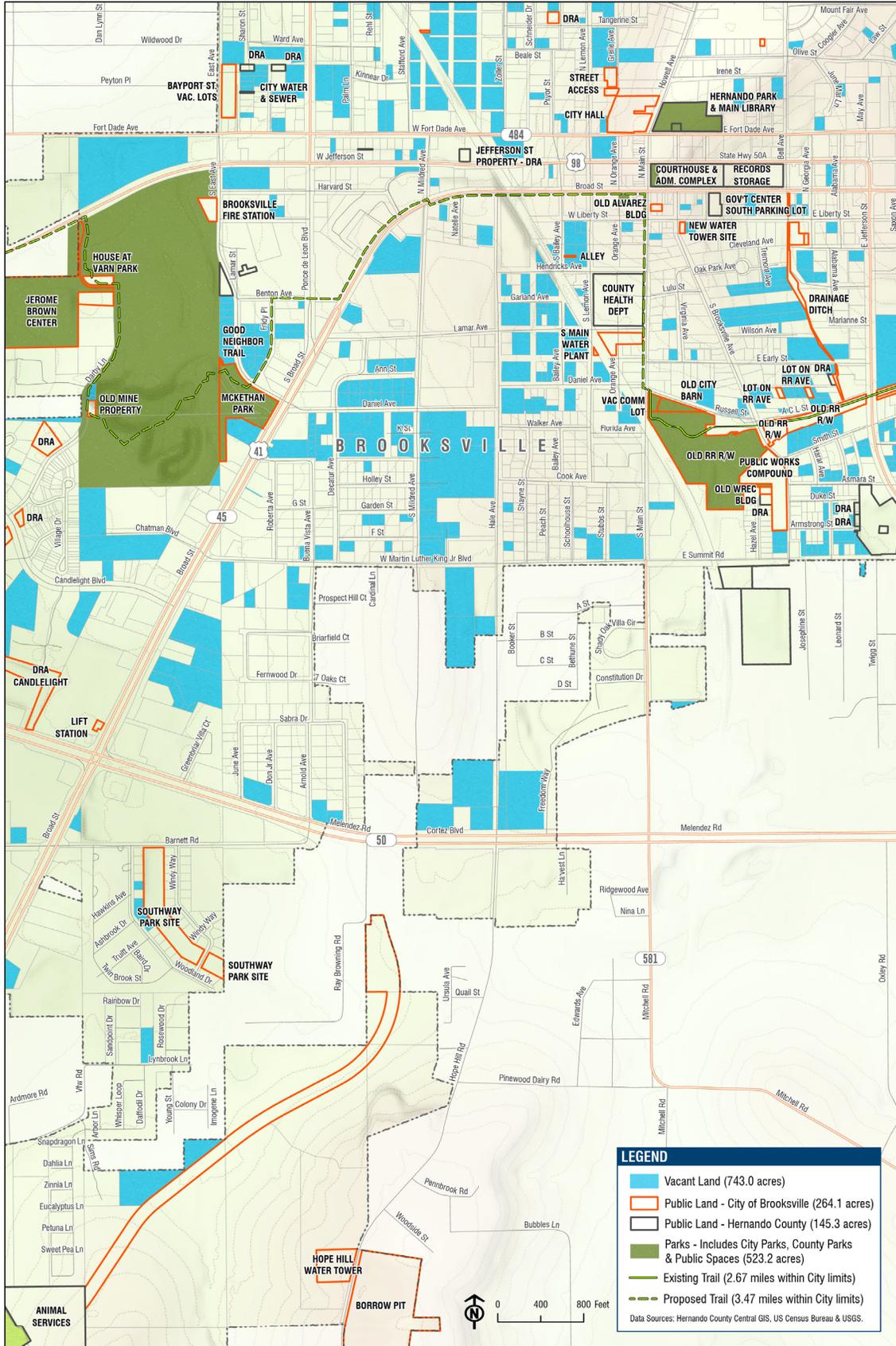


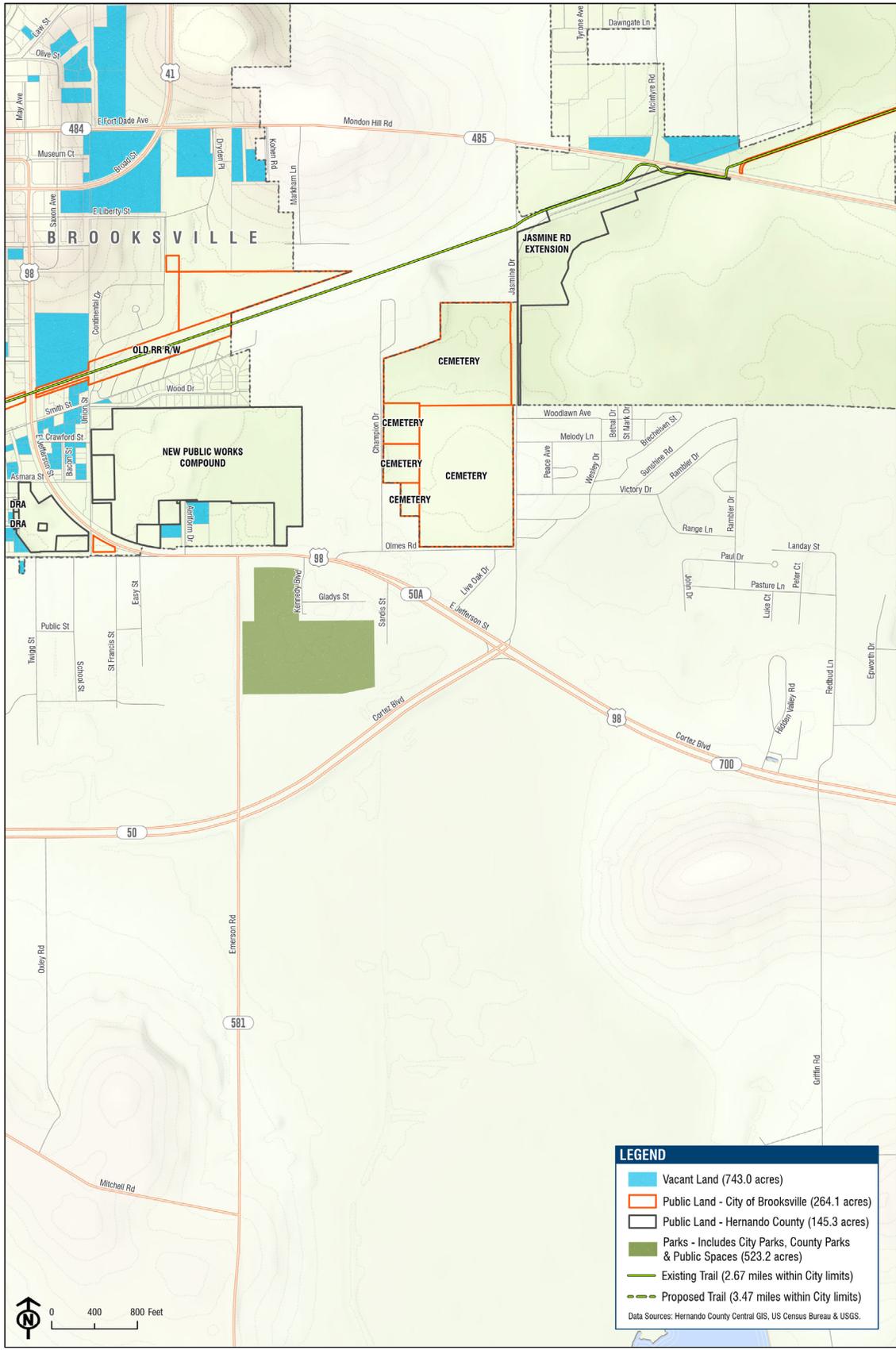


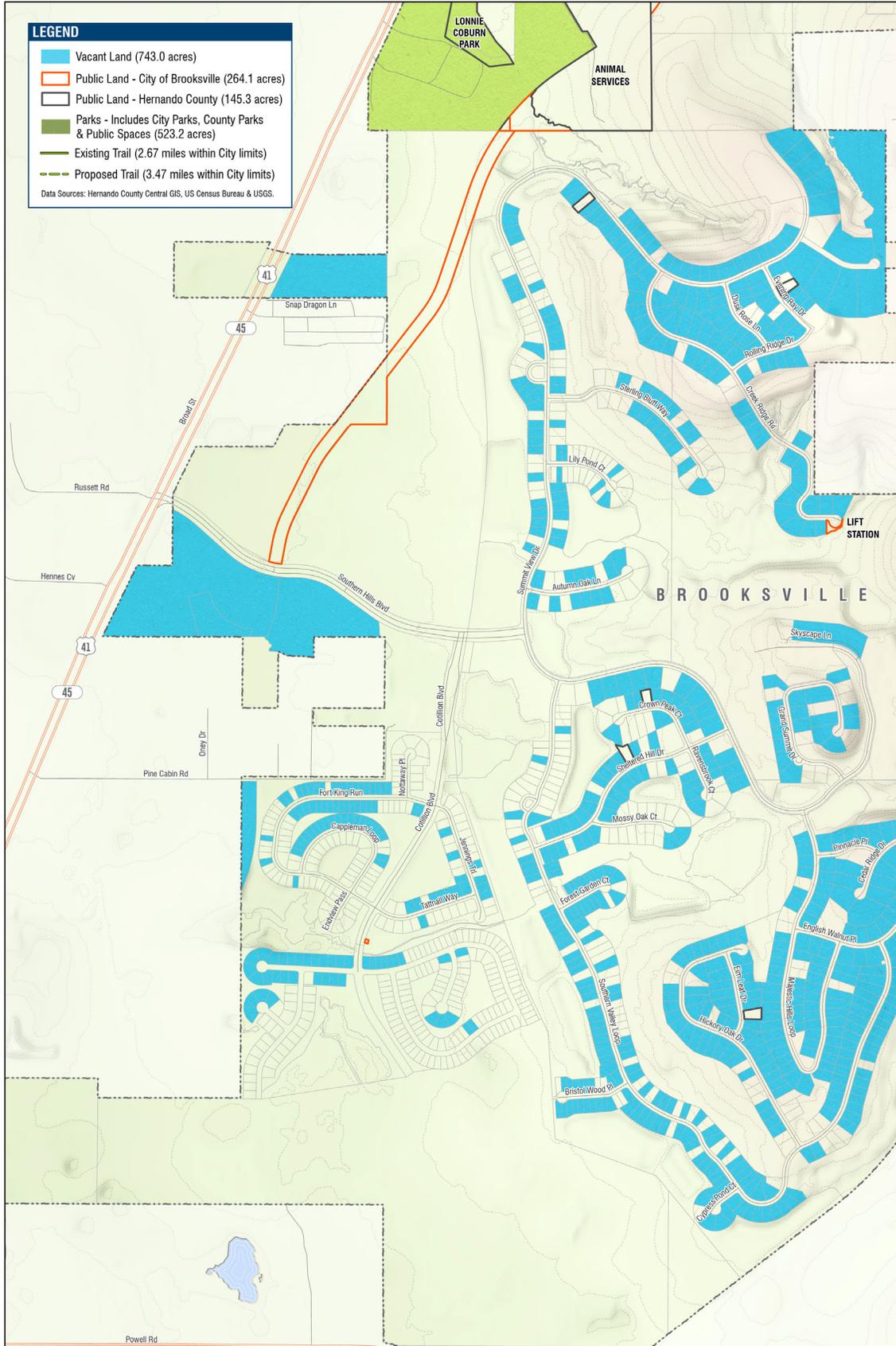


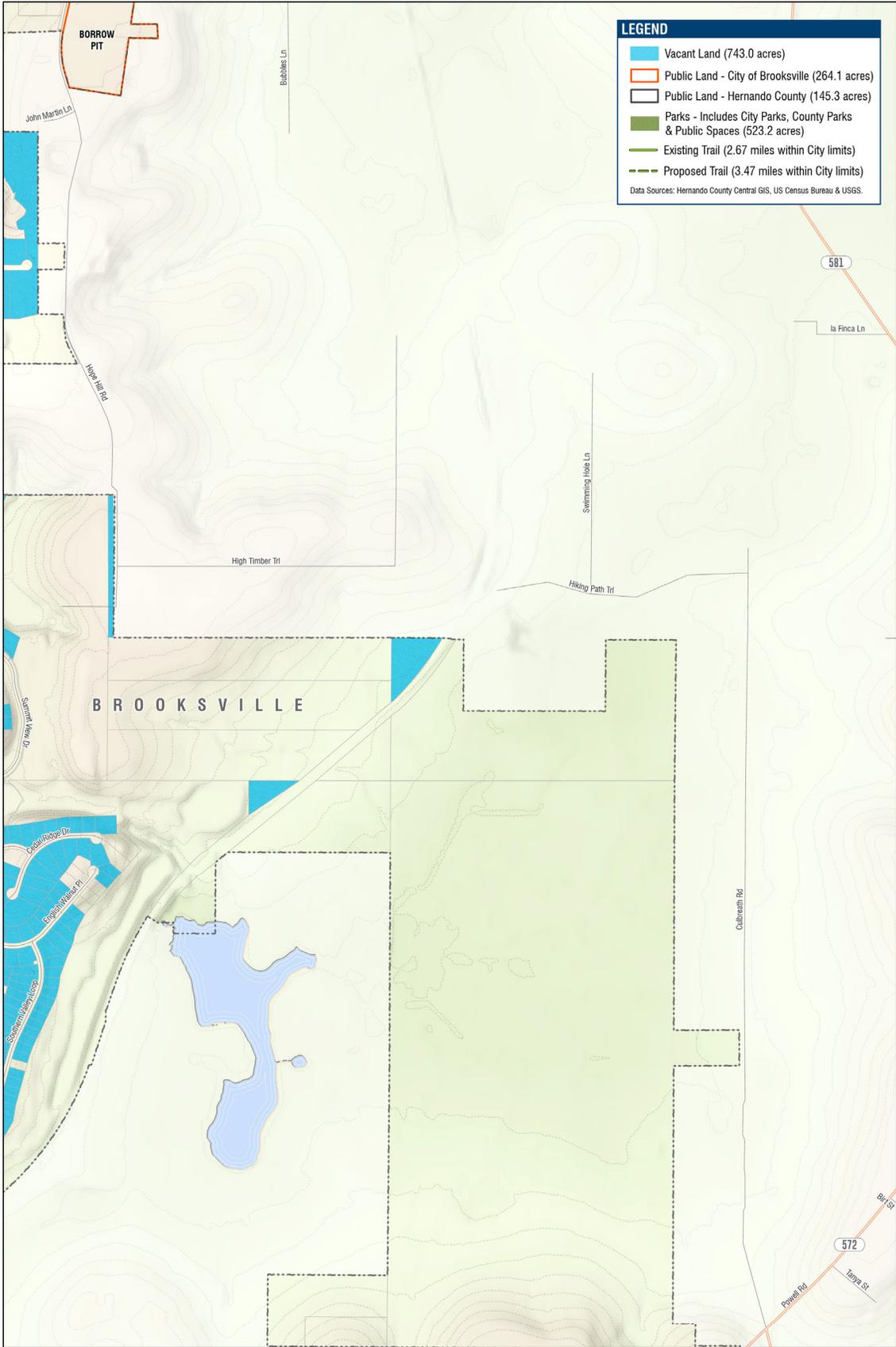


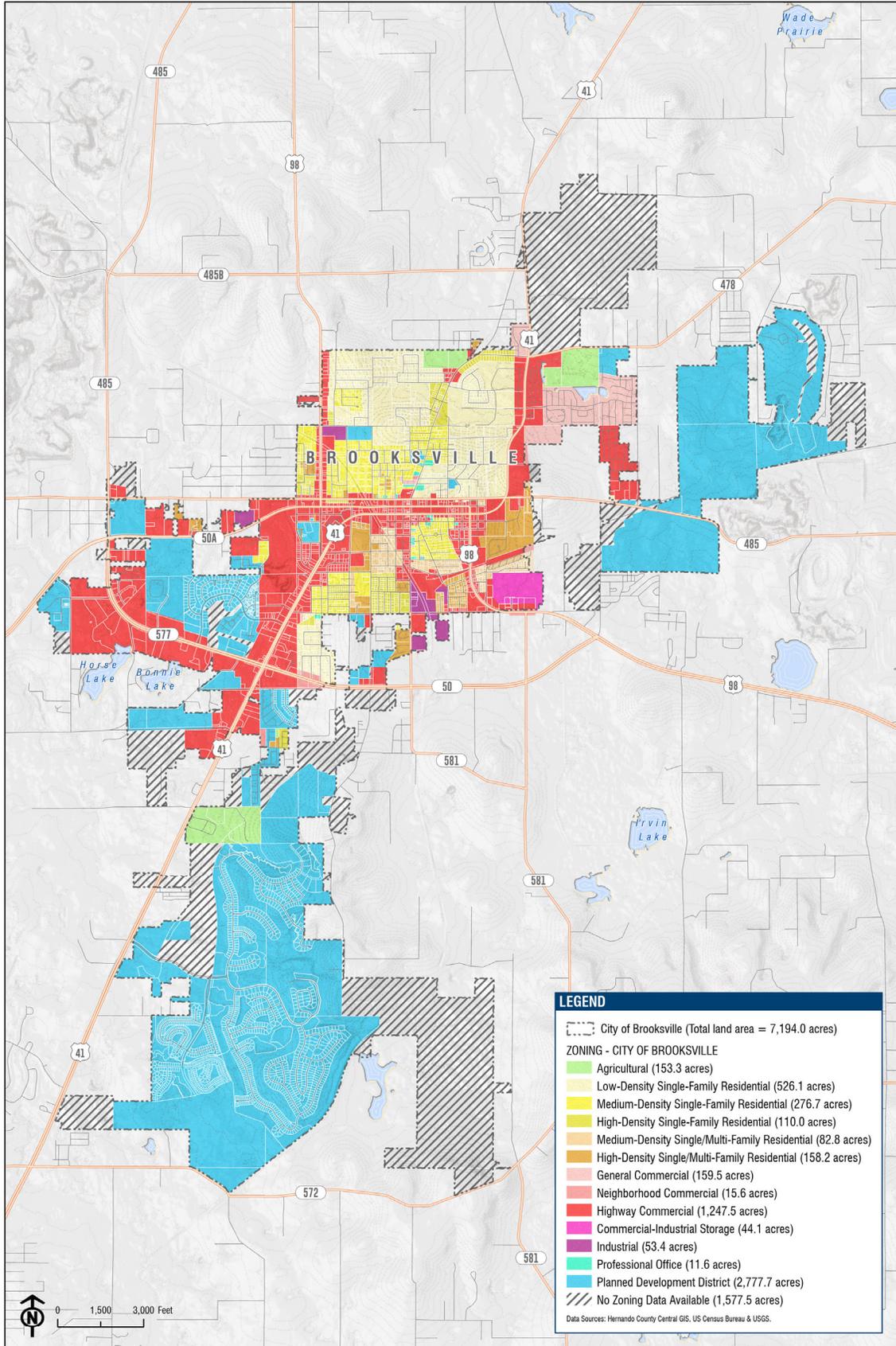


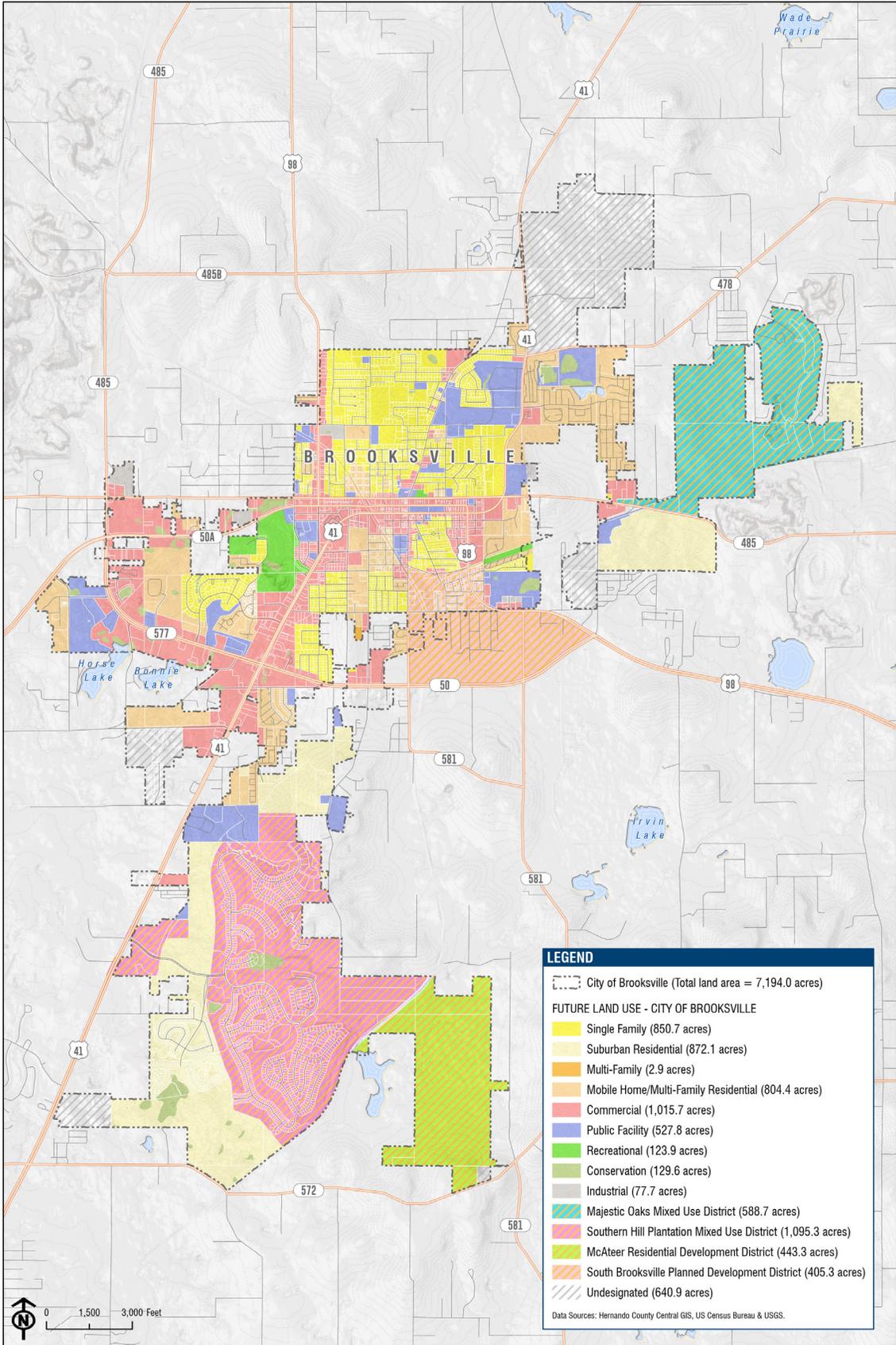


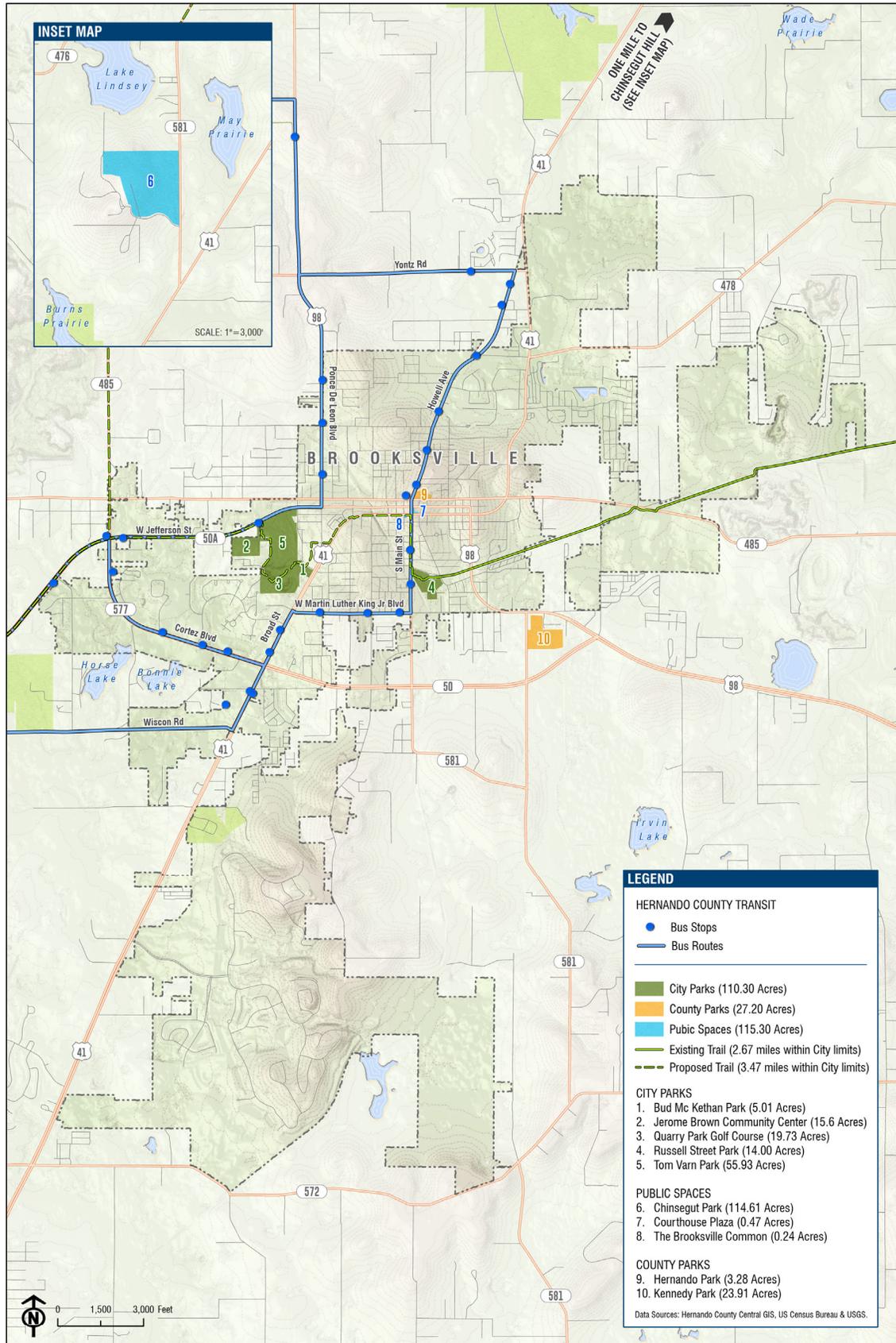


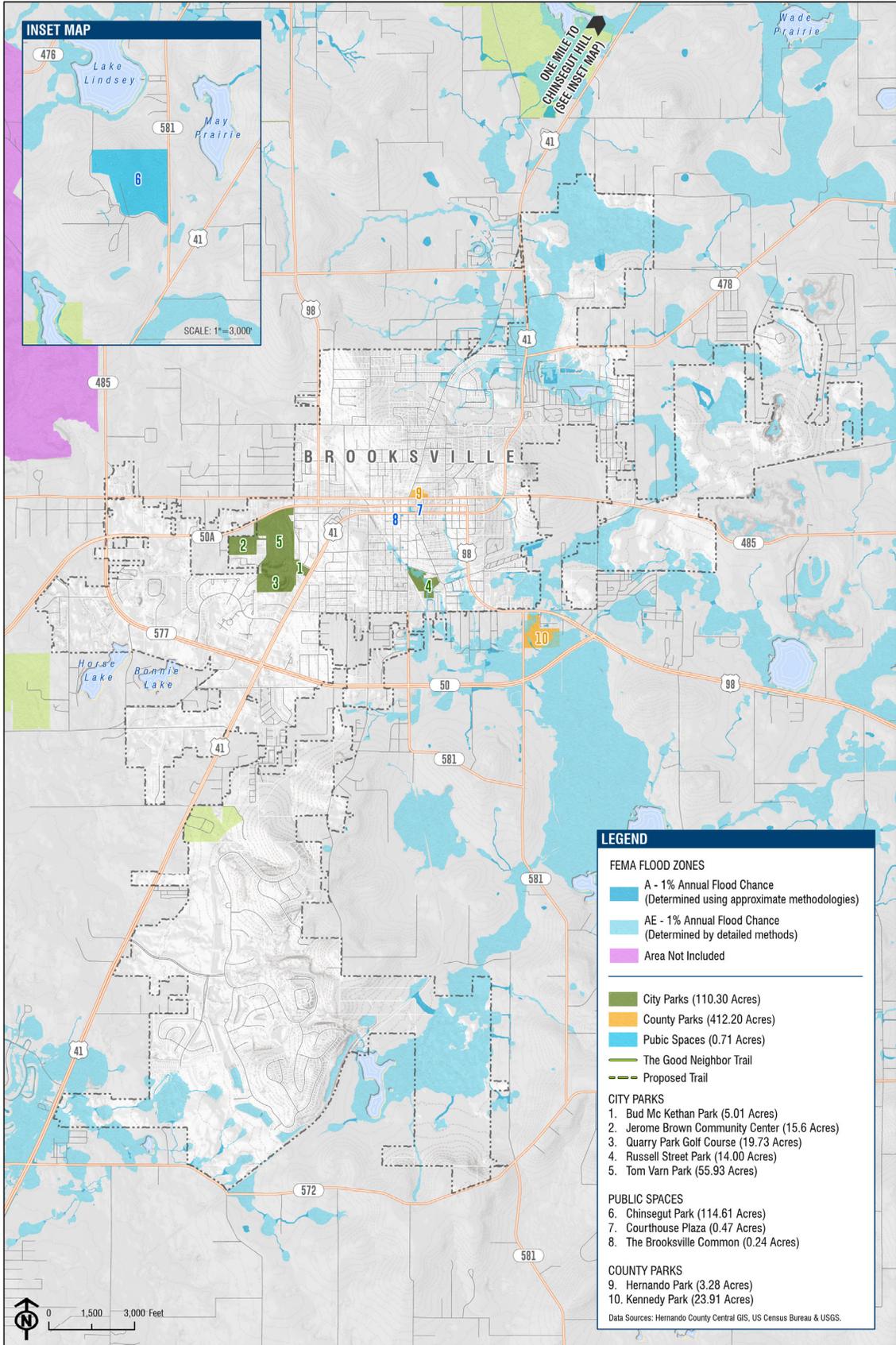


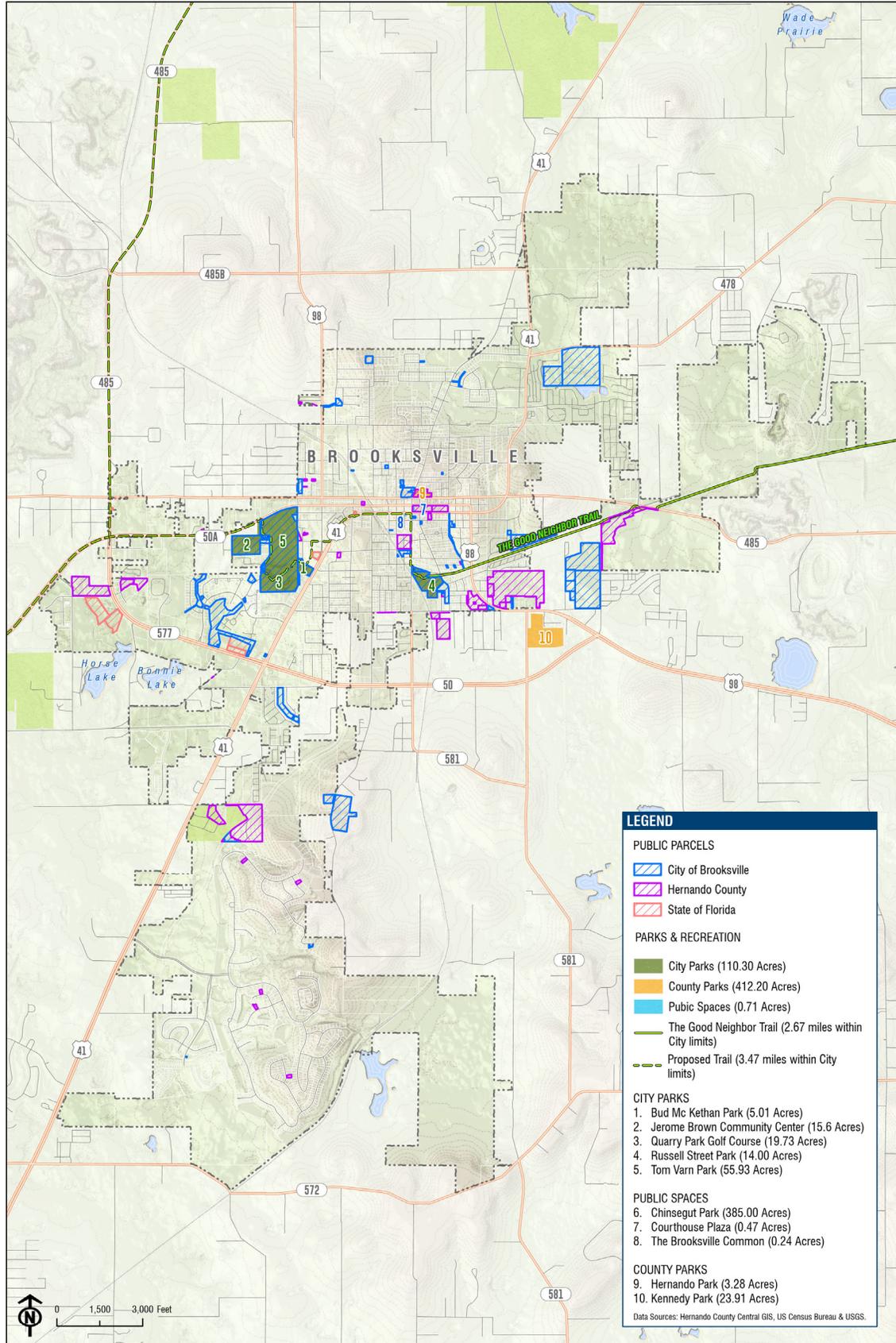


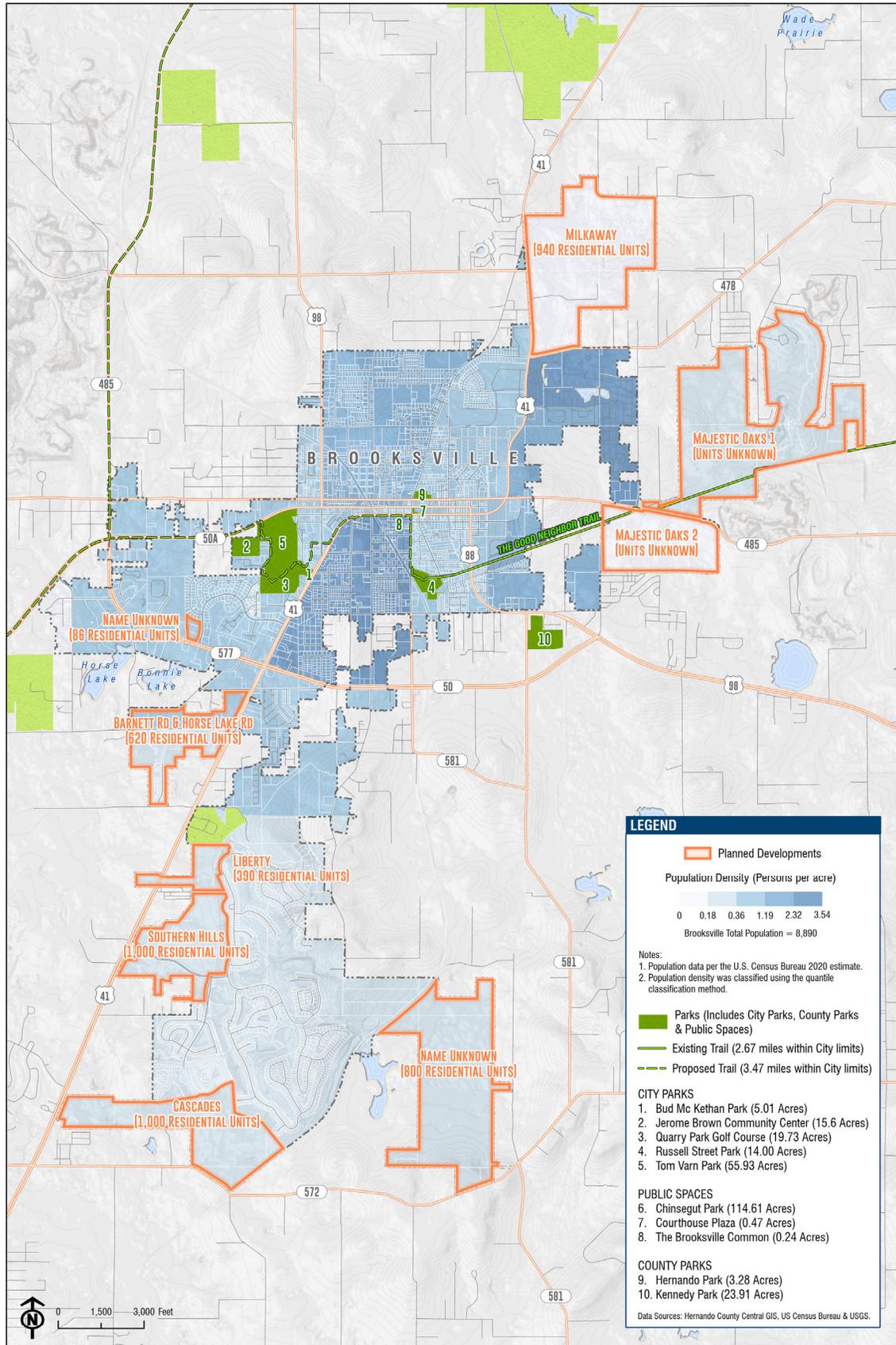








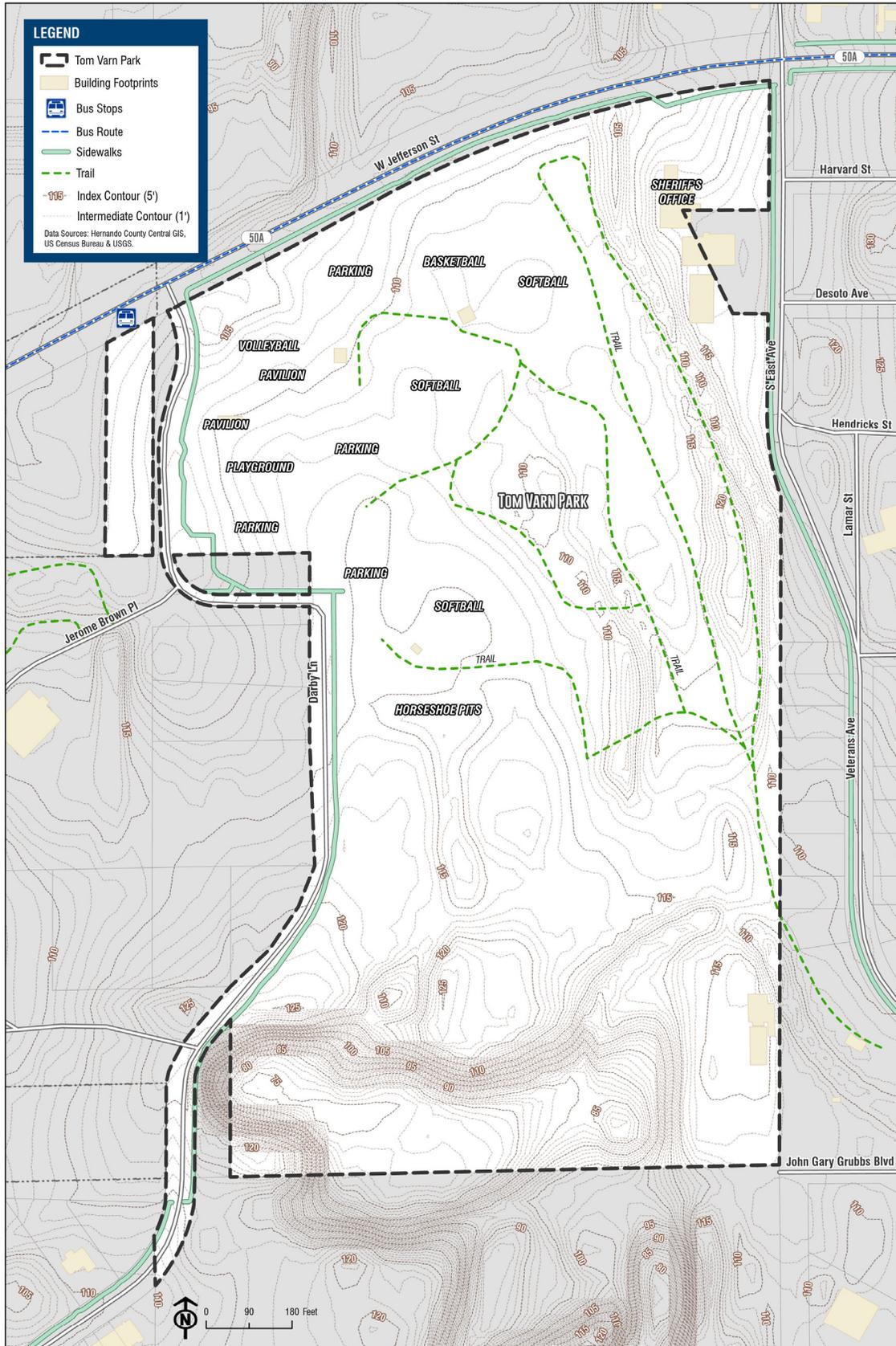




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Bike rack adjacent to playground.



Placard in front of playground



Exercise amenities bordering the tree line.



ADA compliant water fountain behind Tom Varn Stadium.



Placard in front of playground.



Tom Varn Stadium.



Concrete picnic bench and table.



**CONDITIONS**

Signage - park ID sign and regulatory signage posted	Good, adequate amount of signage.
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Good
Bike rack provisions - provided on hardscape surface	Good, 1 bike rack.
Turf condition	Good
Dead/dying trees	None
Stumps	None
Park shelters number and conditions	2 pavilions in good condition.
Seating availability	Adequate amount of seating provided and in good condition.
ADA compliant picnic tables	None
ADA compliant drinking fountains	1 ADA accessible water fountain, it does not work.
Trash and recycling receptacles provisions	Partial: Trash cans provided and are in good condition.
Restroom numbers and condition	1 set of male and female restrooms in main pavilion, ok condition.
Drainage issues	Standing water in the parking lot behind Tom Varn Stadium.
Trip hazards	None
Facility lighting and condition	Good



**PLAY AREAS**

ADA access to play equipment and ADA equipment provided	Partial: ADA access, no ADA equipment provided.
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Striping is poor.
Play surfacing – Acceptable depth and material. Safety mats or surfacing	Safety mats leading up to the playground, actual playground is mulched.
No exposed footings play equipment	None
Play equipment condition	Good
Pinch points	None
Fall zone obstructions	None
Other	N/A

**SPORT COURTS AND FIELDS**

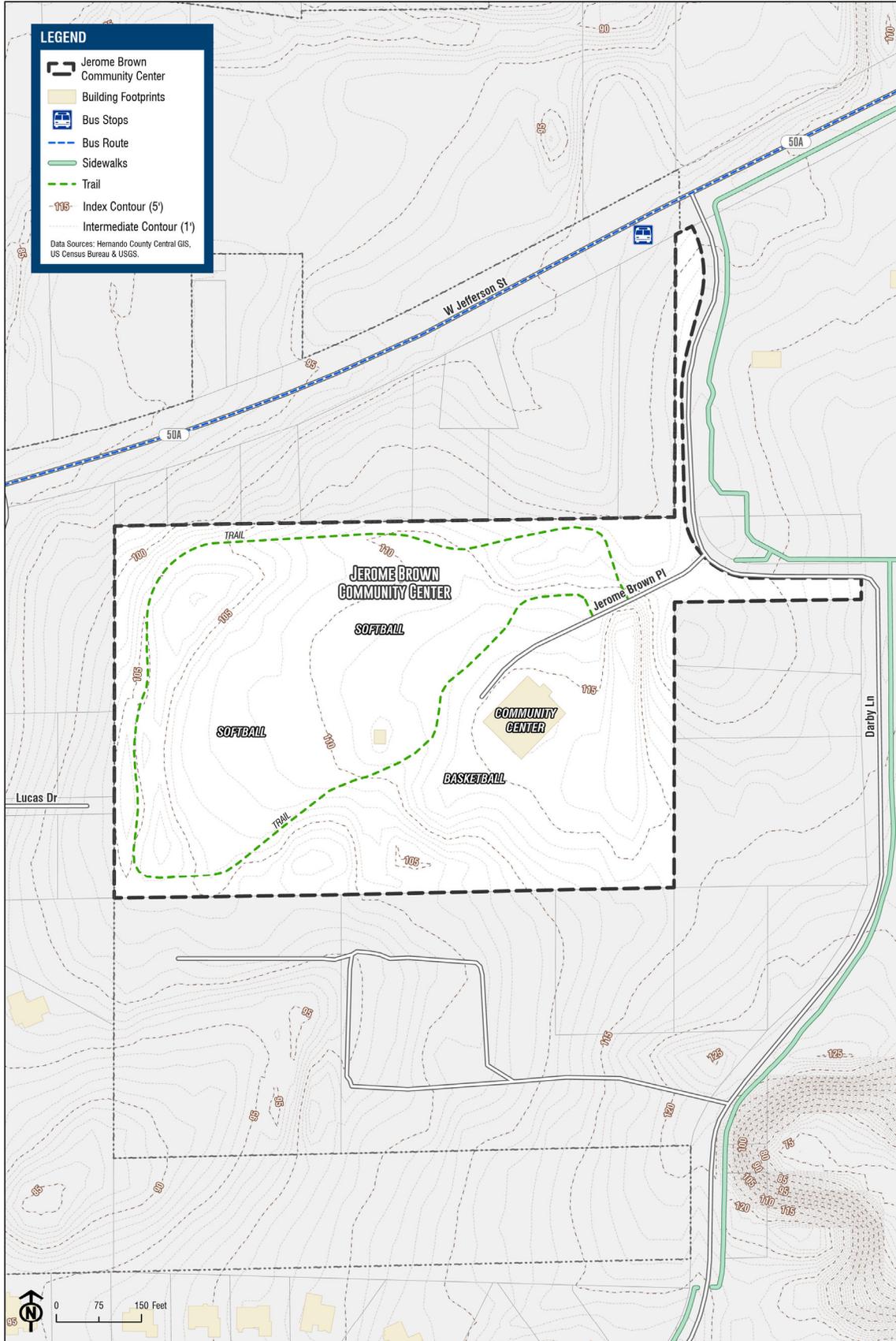
Turf condition	Good, Basketball court surfaced
Fence conditions (curled fencing or heaving posts)	The fence around Tom Varn Stadium is damaged, it seems to not be in use. It is blocked off with an orange safety fence.
Pavement/sports surface condition on basketball and tennis courts	Other than some small minor cracks and standing water the turf is in good condition.
Condition of bleachers and team benches	Field 2 has a damaged corner of the bleacher.
Condition of equipment (basketball backboards, tennis nets, etc.)	The basketball court is in great condition however needs new netting.
Other	N/A

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Facility Name	<b>Jerome Brown Community Center (City Park)</b>
Address	301 Darby Ln, Brooksville, FL 34601
Primary use	Baseball fields, basketballs court
Facility size	15.6 acres
Times of operation	







IMAGES



Sponsorship signage and crack in the dugouts wall.



One of 3 baseball fields.



Jerome Brown Community Center at park's entrance.



Bathroom and water fountain near 2<sup>nd</sup> baseball field.



Accessible trashcan next to one of the baseball fields.



Hopscotch game on perimeter of basketball court.



Inaccessible water fountain—doesn't work.



Basketball court behind the community center.



**CONDITIONS**

Signage - park ID sign and regulatory signage posted	Good, adequate amount of signage.
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Good
Bike rack provisions - provided on hardscape surface	No
Turf condition	Good
Dead/dying trees	None
Stumps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 1 stump near ballpark</li> <li>• 1 small stump around basketball court</li> </ul>
Park shelters number and conditions	None
Seating availability	Some seating
ADA compliant picnic tables	None
ADA compliant drinking fountains	None
Trash and recycling receptacles provisions	Partial: small trash bin located in dugouts
Restroom numbers and condition	1 set of male and female restrooms by the dugouts, ok condition
Drainage issues	Standing water in the basketball court.
Trip hazards	None
Facility lighting and condition	Good



**PLAY AREAS**

ADA access to play equipment and ADA equipment provided	Partial
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Good
Play surfacing – Acceptable depth and material. Safety mats or surfacing	N/A
No exposed footings play equipment	N/A
Play equipment condition	N/A
Pinch points	N/A
Fall zone obstructions	N/A
Other	N/A

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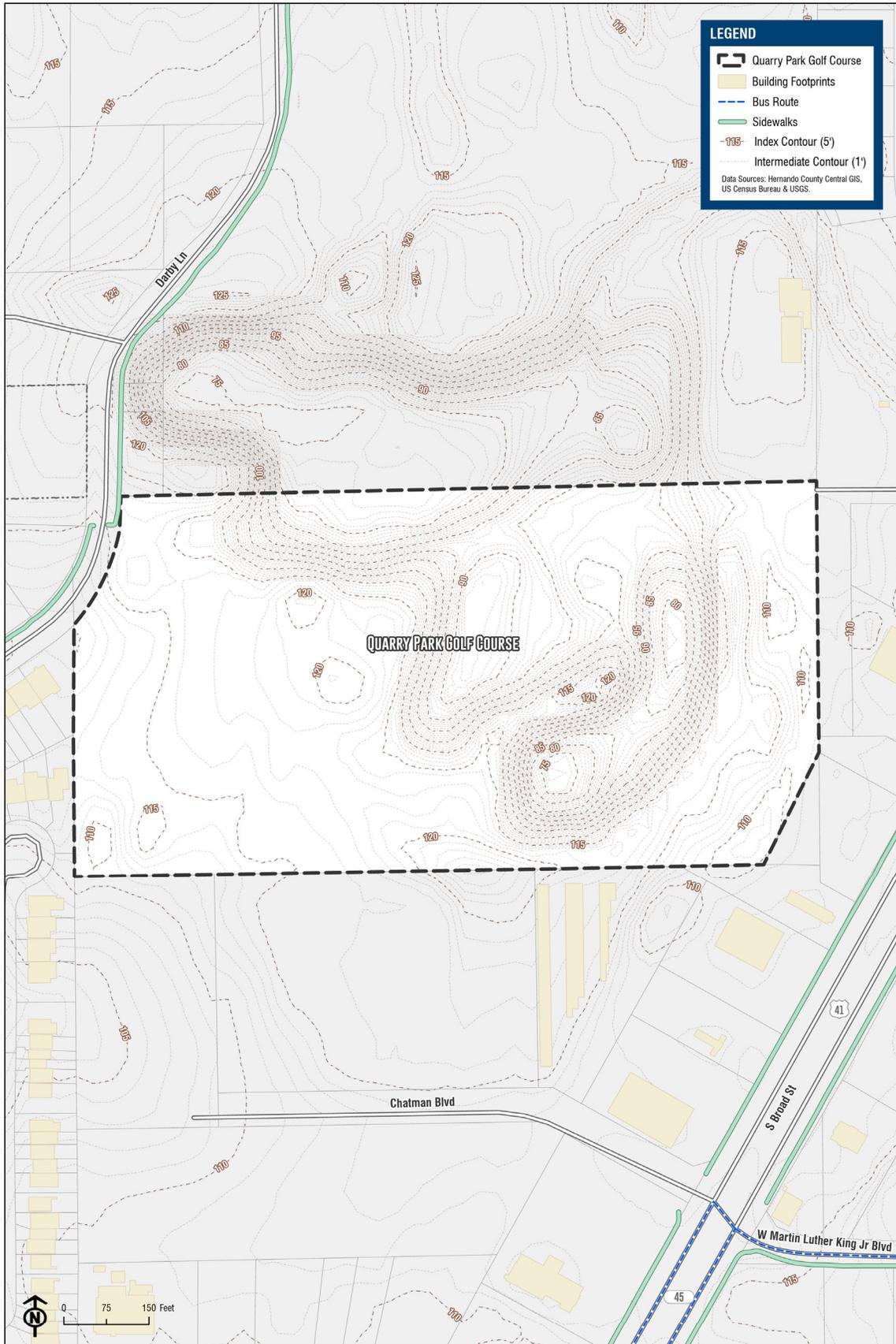
Turf condition	Basketball court asphalt not surfaced
Fence conditions (curled fencing or heaving posts)	Fencing is in ok condition no major issues.
Pavement/sports surface condition on basketball and tennis courts	Other than some small minor cracks and standing water the turf is in good condition.
Condition of bleachers and team benches	Partially: small cap sticking out and missing caps Bleachers for field 2 is not secured and is missing caps.
Condition of equipment (basketball backboards, tennis nets, etc.)	The basketball court is in great condition however needs new netting. Field 1 & 2 dugout has structural cracks.
Other	N/A

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Facility Name	<b>Quarry Disc Golf Course (City Park)</b>
Address	800 John Gary Grubbs Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34601
Primary use	Disc golf
Facility size	19.73 acres
Times of operation	6 am-5 pm







IMAGES



Disc gulf basket.



Entrance to disc course.



Signage for the Quarry Disc Golf Course.



Dog clean up station on course.



Cracked and uneven sidewalk.



Broken wooden railing on disc gulf course.



Tee marker.



**CONDITIONS**

Signage - park ID sign and regulatory signage posted	Good
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	The sidewalks are deteriorating and change in elevation they are not ADA accessible.
Bike rack provisions - provided on hardscape surface	None
Turf condition	Good
Dead/dying trees	None
Stumps	None
Park shelters number and conditions	None
Seating availability	None
ADA compliant picnic tables	None
ADA compliant drinking fountains	None
Trash and recycling receptacles provisions	Partial: trash cans available no recycling.
Restroom numbers and condition	1 unisex bathroom facility is currently closed due to construction.
Drainage issues	None
Trip hazards	The sidewalks are uneven and cracked.
Facility lighting and condition	Good



**PLAY AREAS**

ADA access to play equipment and ADA equipment provided	None
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Parking lot paving is fair.
Play surfacing – Acceptable depth and material. Safety mats or surfacing	N/A
No exposed footings play equipment	N/A
Play equipment condition	N/A
Pinch points	N/A
Fall zone obstructions	N/A
Other	N/A

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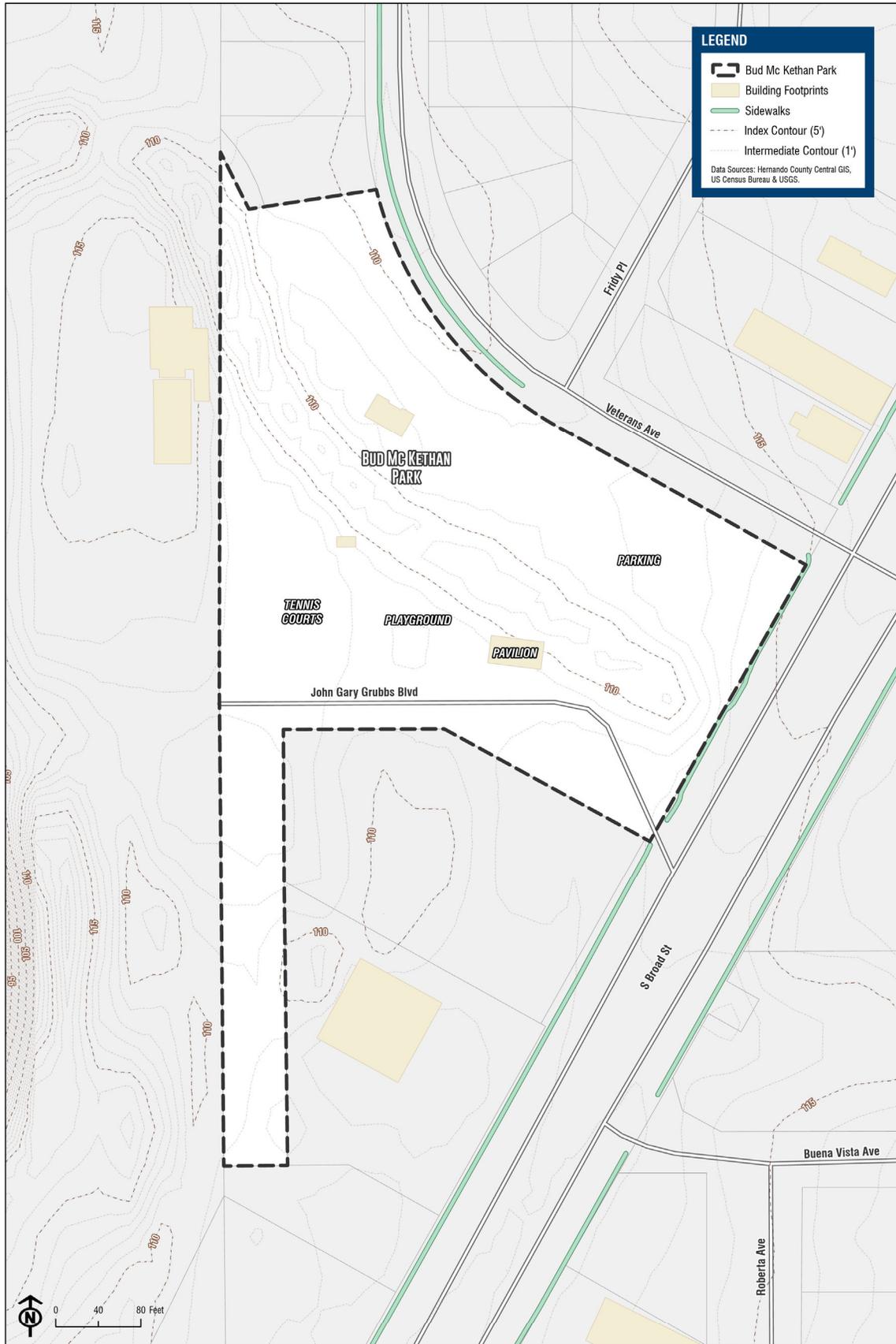
Turf condition	Good
Fence conditions (curled fencing or heaving posts)	Wooden fence broken and is a safety hazard.
Pavement/sports surface condition on basketball and tennis courts	Broken and uneven.
Condition of bleachers and team benches	N/A
Condition of equipment (basketball backboards, tennis nets, etc.)	N/A
Other	N/A

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Facility Name	<b>Bud Mc Kethan Park (City Park)</b>
Address	800 John Gary Grubbs Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34601
Primary use	Playground, tennis courts
Facility size	5.01 acres
Times of operation	24 hours







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One tennis court next to playground.



Abandoned unused court.



Playground with broken dangerous parts and two-person swing set.



One of two pavilions with seating.



Seating outside of tennis court.



Bathroom adjacent to playground-under construction.



**CONDITIONS**

Signage - park ID sign and regulatory signage posted	Good
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Good
Bike rack provisions - provided on hardscape surface	None
Turf condition	Good, some minor cracks in turf.
Dead/dying trees	None
Stumps	None
Park shelters number and conditions	2 pavilions, the pavilion by the tennis court is in partial condition.
Seating availability	Adequate amount of seating.
ADA compliant picnic tables	None
ADA compliant drinking fountains	None
Trash and recycling receptacles provisions	Partial: trash cans available no recycling.
Restroom numbers and condition	1 unisex bathroom facility is currently closed due to construction.
Drainage issues	None
Trip hazards	Concrete slab under the pavilion. The sidewalk from the parking lot to the tennis court is in poor condition (severe tripping hazard).
Facility lighting and condition	Good



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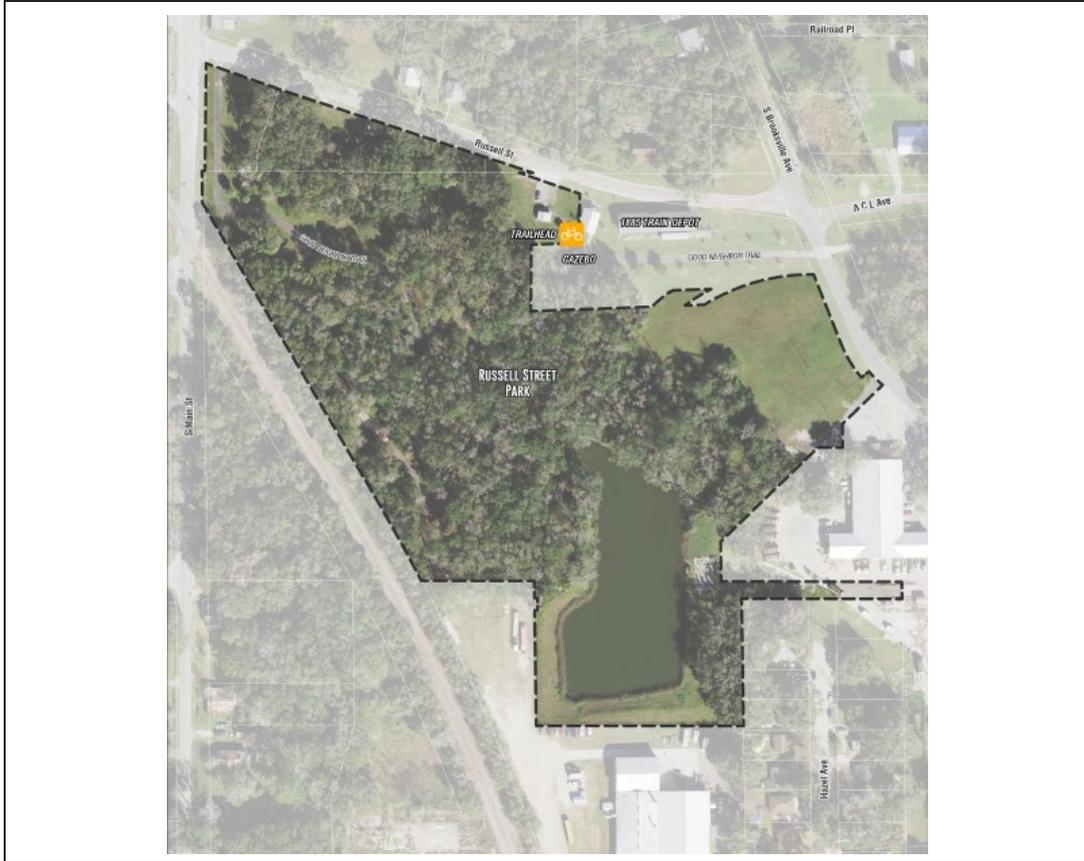
ADA access to play equipment and ADA equipment provided	None
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Parking lot paving is fair.
Play surfacing – Acceptable depth and material. Safety mats or surfacing	Good
No exposed footings play equipment	None
Play equipment condition	Partially Broken
Pinch points	Yes
Fall zone obstructions	None
Other	N/A

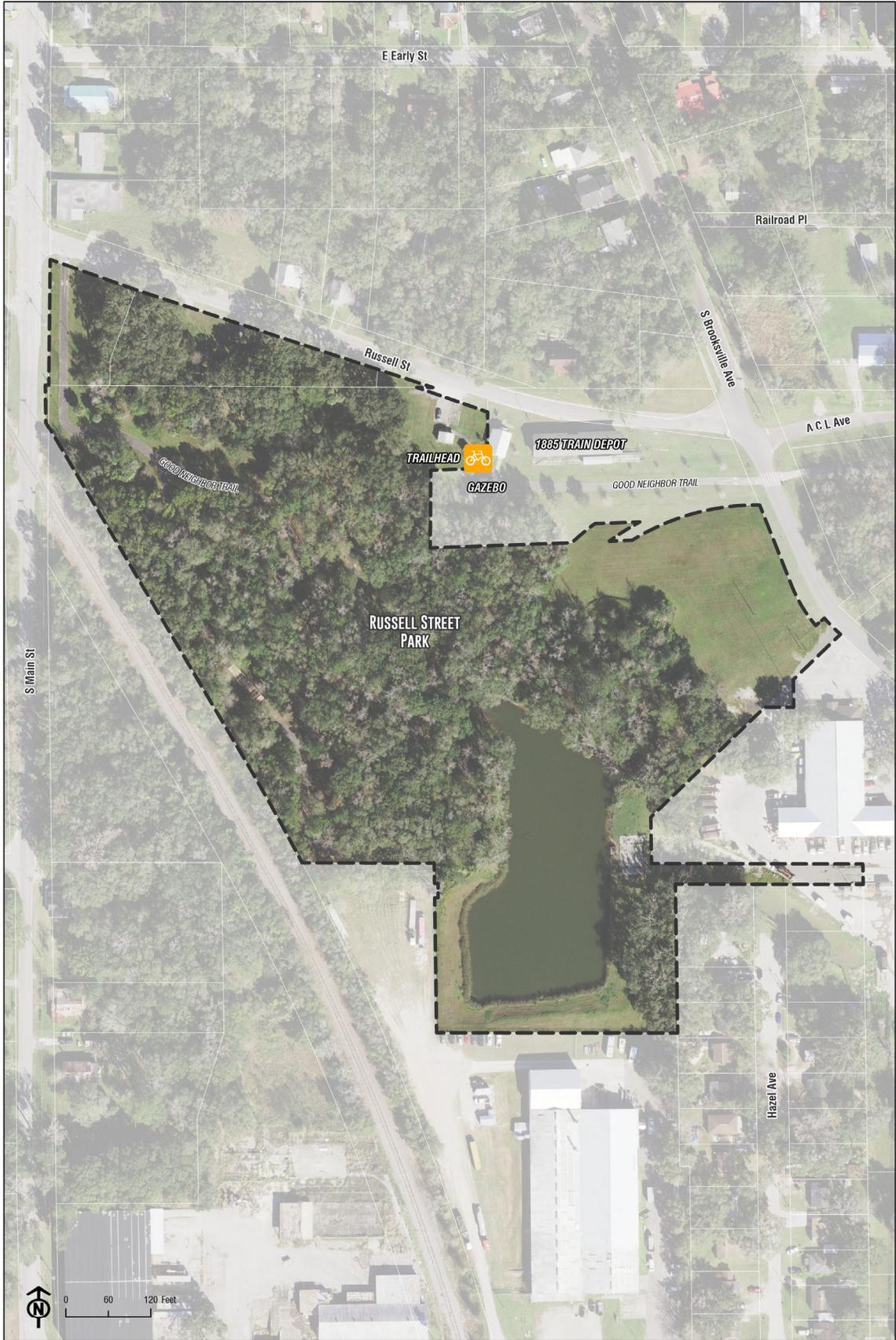
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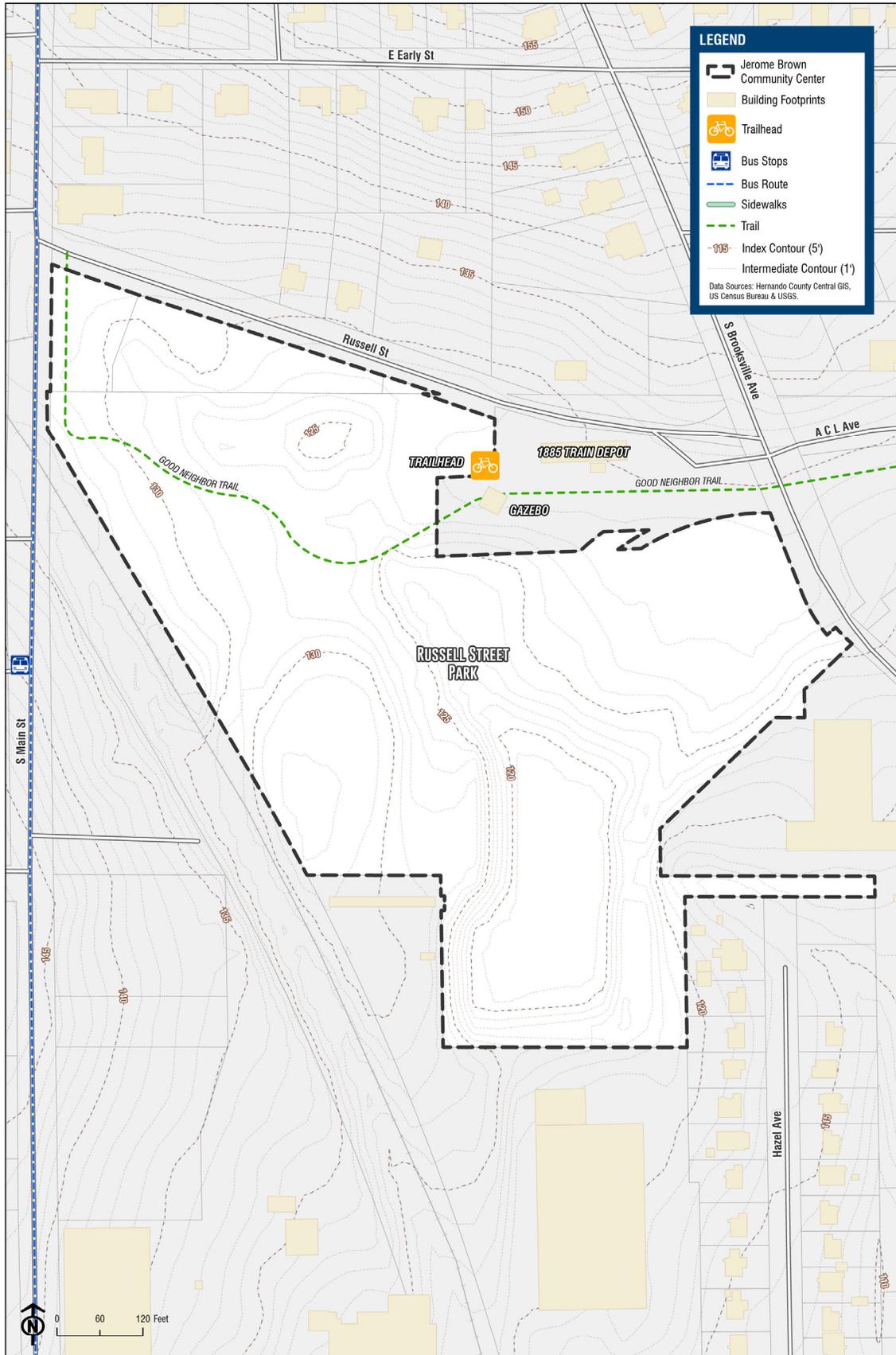
Turf condition	Good
Fence conditions (curled fencing or heaving posts)	The fence is in fair condition, the fence near the tennis court is broken.
Pavement/sports surface condition on basketball and tennis courts	Good
Condition of bleachers and team benches	Good
Condition of equipment (basketball backboards, tennis nets, etc.)	Tennis courts are in operable condition.
Other	The 2 <sup>nd</sup> court is not ADA compliant, looks to be abandoned, the surface is very poor and has exposed poles.

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Facility Name	<b>Russel St. Park (City Park)</b>
Address	28 Russell St, Brooksville, FL 34601
Primary use	Rest Area
Facility size	14.00 acres
Times of operation	7 am- 7 pm







IMAGES



Bigger pavilion located at the park.



A little library.



Tree stump located near ditch.



Unpaved parking .



One of the trashcans at the park.



Ditch located between trail and park.



One of the pavilions located at the park.



**CONDITIONS**

Signage - park ID sign and regulatory signage posted	Good
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Parking is unpaved and in poor condition.
Bike rack provisions - provided on hardscape surface	None
Turf condition	Good
Dead/dying trees	The tree towards the drainage ditch looks to be infested with termites.
Stumps	There are 2 stumps.
Park shelters number and conditions	There are 7 park shelters that look to be in good condition.
Seating availability	Adequate seating available.
ADA compliant picnic tables	None
ADA compliant drinking fountains	None
Trash and recycling receptacles provisions	Partial: there is 1 trash can.
Restroom numbers and condition	There is 1 bathroom facility with both male and female, bathrooms in ok condition.
Drainage issues	None, there is a drainage ditch abutting the park and the pedestrian trail.
Trip hazards	Around each shelter there is a slight drop off.
Facility lighting and condition	None



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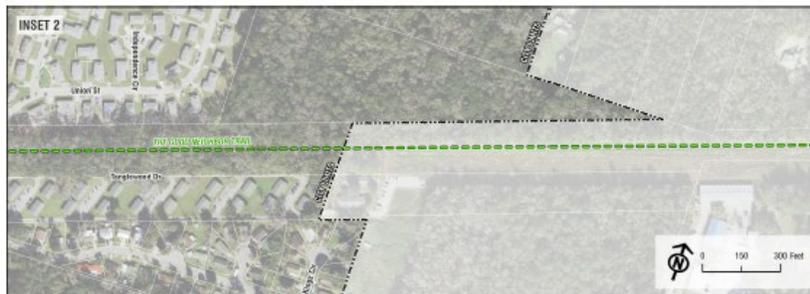
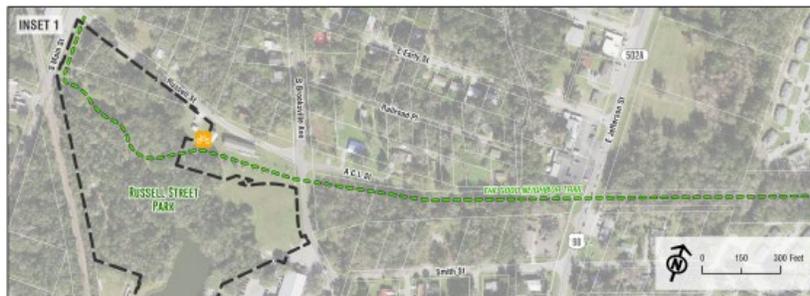
ADA access to play equipment and ADA equipment provided	N/A
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	N/A
Play surfacing – Acceptable depth and material. Safety mats or surfacing	N/A
No exposed footings play equipment	N/A
Play equipment condition	N/A
Pinch points	N/A
Fall zone obstructions	N/A
Other	N/A

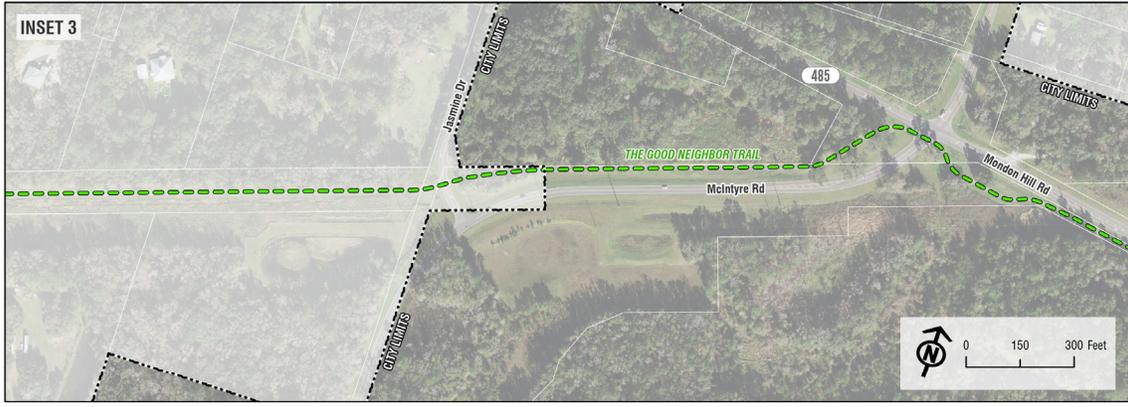
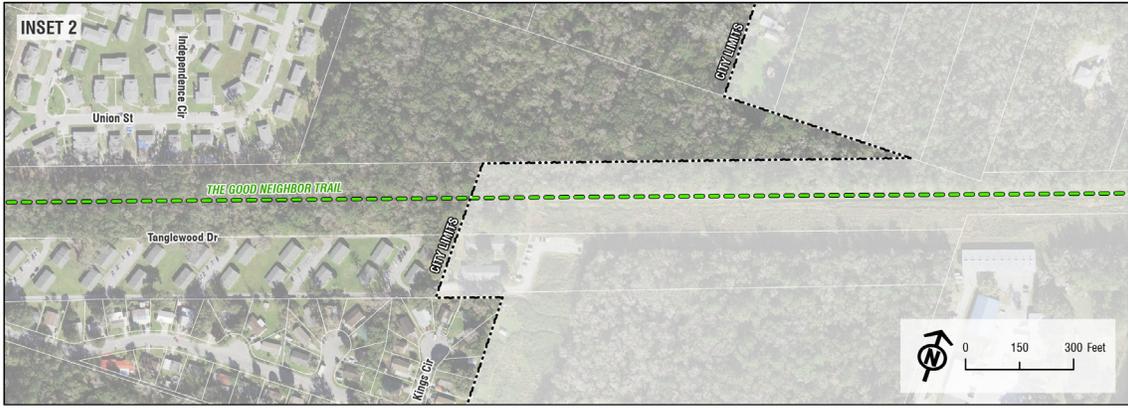
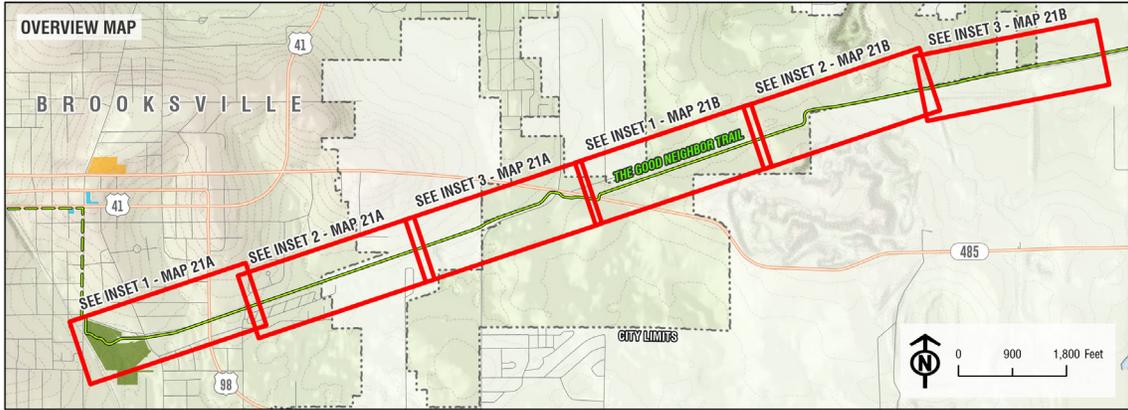
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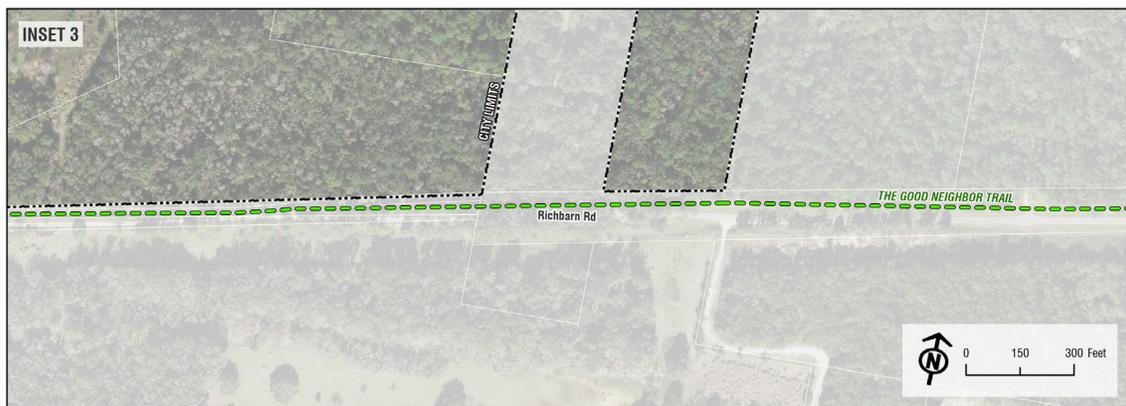
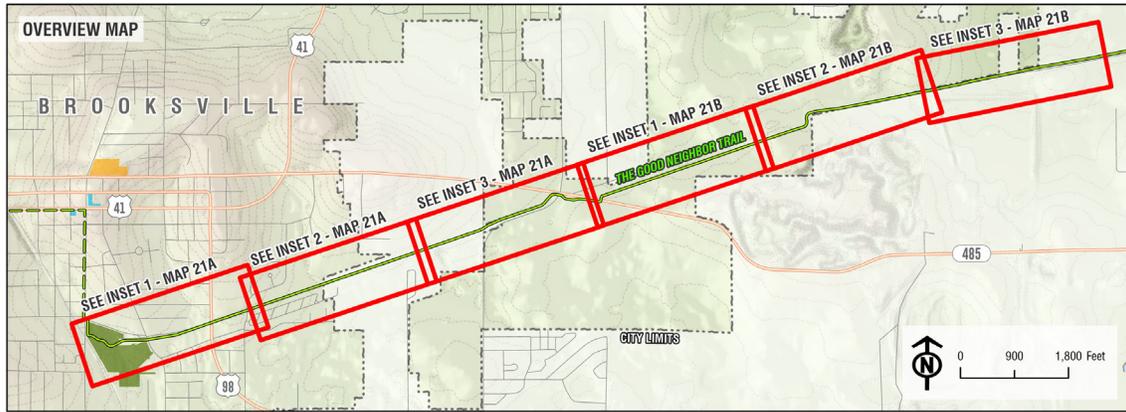
Turf condition	N/A
Fence conditions (curled fencing or heaving posts)	N/A
Pavement/sports surface condition on basketball and tennis courts	N/A
Condition of bleachers and team benches	N/A
Condition of equipment (basketball backboards, tennis nets, etc.)	N/A
Other	N/A

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Facility Name	<b>The Good Neighbor Trail (Part of the State Sun Trail network)</b>
Address	70 Russell St, Brooksville, FL 34601
Primary use	Pedestrian and bike path
Facility size	
Times of operation	







IMAGES



Signage for the Good Neighbor Trail.



Community advertisement board located near the trail.



The good neighbor trail.



Pavilion located at the trail.



Bathroom and trash provided for the park and trail.



Lighting located on the trail.



Bike rack for the park located near the trail.



Beginning of the good neighbor trail.



**CONDITIONS**

Signage - park ID sign and regulatory signage posted	Good
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Parking is unpaved and in poor condition.
Bike rack provisions - provided on hardscape surface	Yes
Turf condition	Other than minor cracks turf condition is good.
Dead/dying trees	None
Stumps	None
Park shelters number and conditions	There is 1 pavilion, which has had recent improvements.
Seating availability	Yes
ADA compliant picnic tables	No
ADA compliant drinking fountains	Yes
Trash and recycling receptacles provisions	Partial: there are trash cans along the trail.
Restroom numbers and condition	1 bathroom facility with both female and male options and ADA accessible.
Drainage issues	None
Trip hazards	None
Facility lighting and condition	There is lighting along the trail.



**PLAY AREAS**

ADA access to play equipment and ADA equipment provided	N/A
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	N/A
Play surfacing – Acceptable depth and material. Safety mats or surfacing	N/A
No exposed footings play equipment	N/A
Play equipment condition	N/A
Pinch points	N/A
Fall zone obstructions	N/A
Other	N/A

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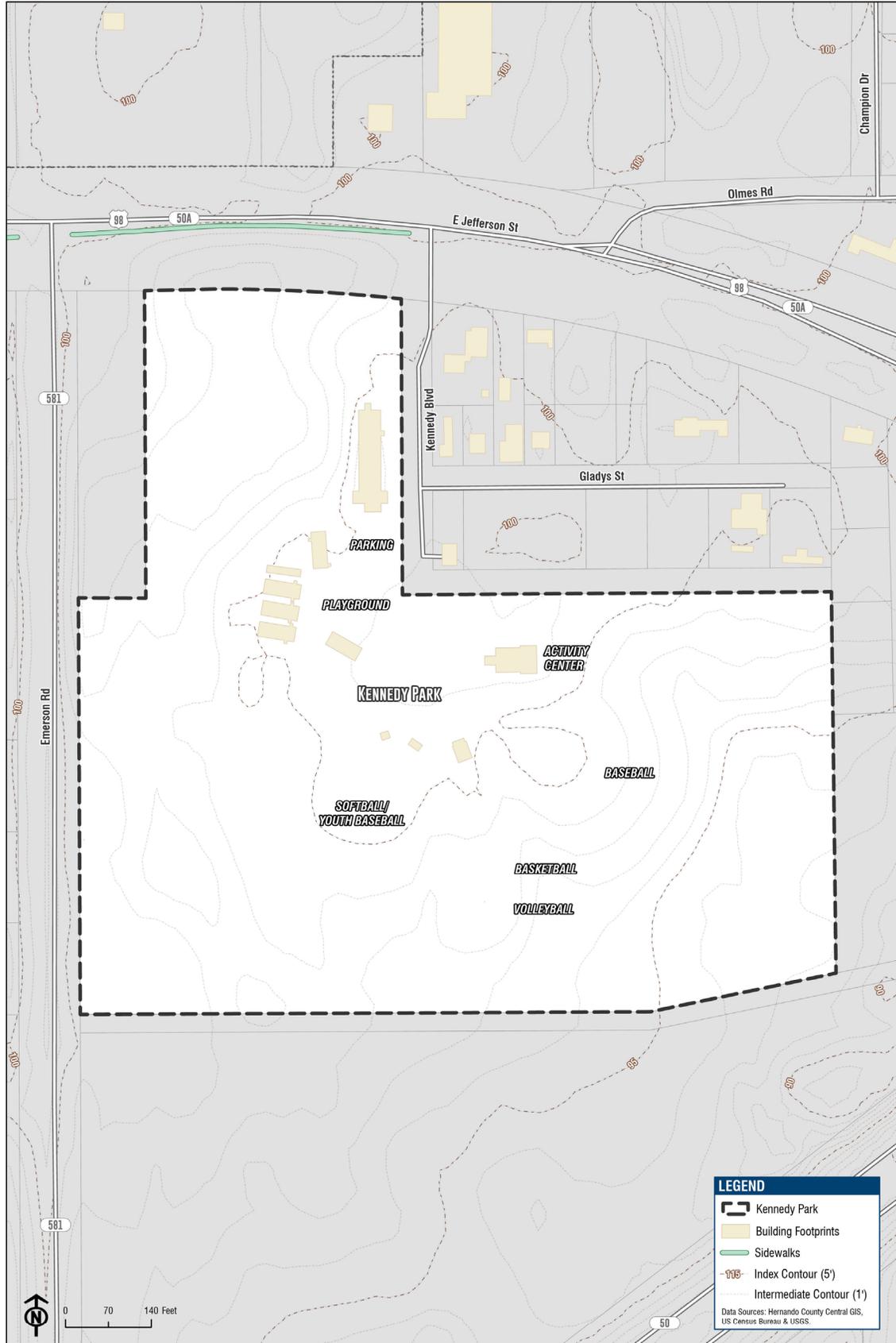
Turf condition	N/A
Fence conditions (curled fencing or heaving posts)	N/A
Pavement/sports surface condition on basketball and tennis courts	N/A
Condition of bleachers and team benches	N/A
Condition of equipment (basketball backboards, tennis nets, etc.)	N/A
Other	N/A

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Facility Name	<b>Kennedy Park (County Park)</b>
Address	899 Kennedy Blvd, Brooksville, FL 34601
Primary use	Playground, recreational sports field baseball, basketball
Facility size	23.91 ACRES
Times of operation	7 AM- 10 AM







IMAGES



One of the pavilions at the park.



Recreational center located at the park entrance.



Community advertisement board.



Colorful illustrations on the sidewalk.



Some of the signage located at the park.



Bathrooms located near the baseball field.



One of the baseball fields at the park.



Big kid playground set.



**CONDITIONS**

Signage - park ID sign and regulatory signage posted	Good
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Good
Bike rack provisions - provided on hardscape surface	None
Turf condition	Good
Dead/dying trees	None
Stumps	There is one stump in between the basketball and baseball court.
Park shelters number and conditions	There are 4 pavilions in good condition.
Seating availability	There is adequate seating.
ADA compliant picnic tables	No
ADA compliant drinking fountains	No, existing water fountain does not work.
Trash and recycling receptacles provisions	Partial: there are trash cans, no recycling.
Restroom numbers and condition	1 bathroom facility with male and female options, not ADA accessible.
Drainage issues	None
Trip hazards	The sidewalk has cracks.
Facility lighting and condition	Good



**PLAY AREAS**

ADA access to play equipment and ADA equipment provided	Partial: there is a ramp that leads to the playground, the paving is mulched. Swing set has handicap option.
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Fair
Play surfacing – Acceptable depth and material. Safety mats or surfacing	No safety mats, mulched instead.
No exposed footings play equipment	None
Play equipment condition	1 swing seat is deteriorating, and rubber protectants around cables are broken.
Pinch points	None
Fall zone obstructions	Bottom of slide has a drop-off
Other	Swing set has handicap option but is missing/broken.

**SPORT COURTS AND FIELDS**

Turf condition	Good
Fence conditions (curled fencing or heaving posts)	Good
Pavement/sports surface condition on basketball and tennis courts	Minor cracks
Condition of bleachers and team benches	Bottom seat slightly bent, corner post causing possible cutting hazard.
Condition of equipment (basketball backboards, tennis nets, etc.)	Good
Other	N/A

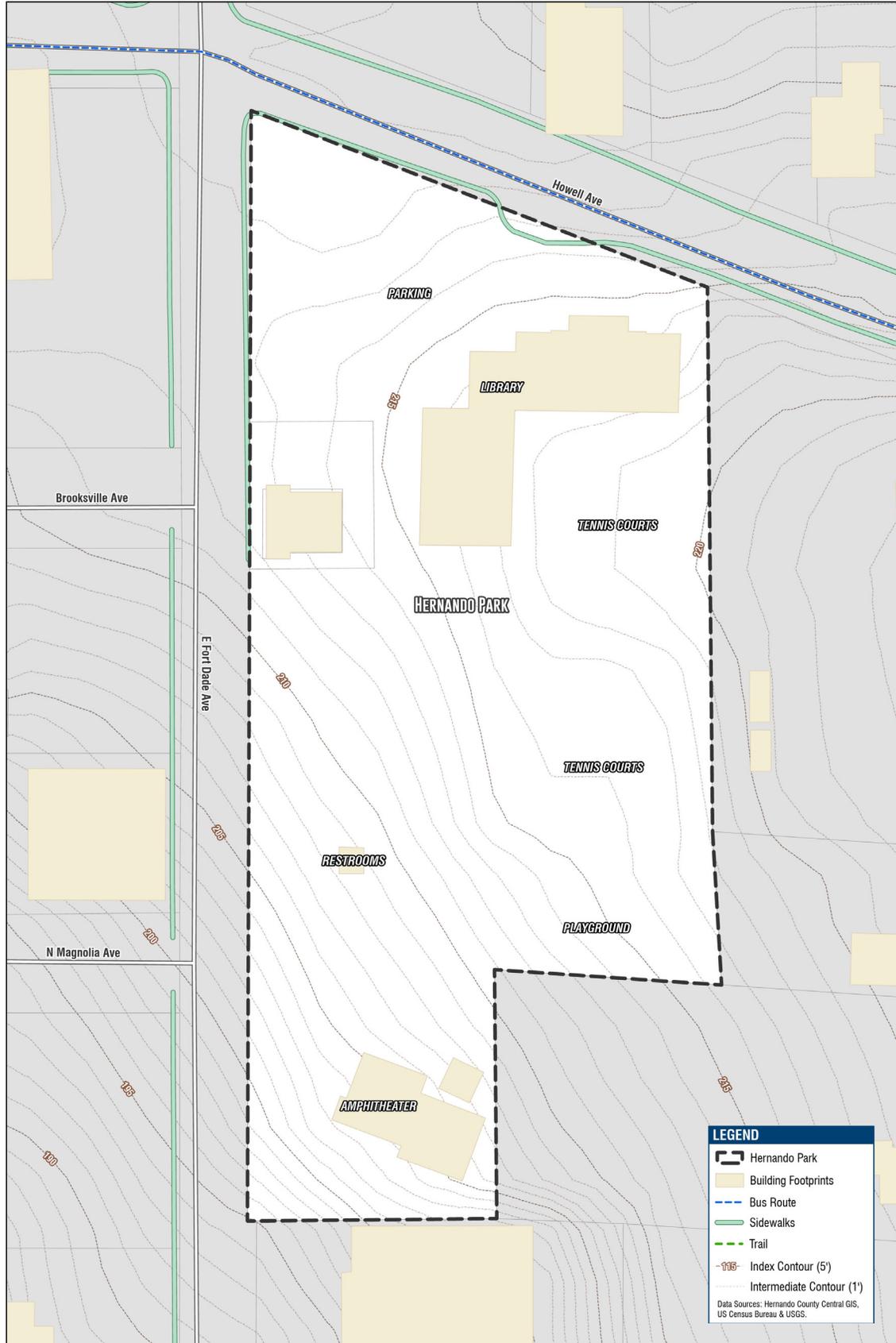


**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Facility Name	<b>Hernando Park (County Park)</b>
Address	205 E Fort Dade Ave, Brooksville, FL 34601
Primary use	Playground, tennis court, amphitheater
Facility size	3.28 acres
Times of operation	7 am- 8 am







IMAGES



Playset.



Amphitheater adjacent to the park.



Signage located throughout the park.



Little library located next to playset.



tennis court located next to the playground.



Bathrooms located at the front of the park.



Hopscotch game at the entrance of the tennis court.



Bench at the playground with sponsor shown.



**CONDITIONS**

Signage - park ID sign and regulatory signage posted	Good
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Good
Bike rack provisions - provided on hardscape surface	None
Turf condition	The turf condition is fair.
Dead/dying trees	None
Stumps	None
Park shelters number and conditions	None
Seating availability	Adequate amount of seating.
ADA compliant picnic tables	None
ADA compliant drinking fountains	None
Trash and recycling receptacles provisions	Partial: some trash cans provided; small trash receptacles used in tennis courts.
Restroom numbers and condition	1 bathroom facility with male and female options and is ADA accessible.
Drainage issues	None
Trip hazards	None
Facility lighting and condition	Good



**PLAY AREAS**

ADA access to play equipment and ADA equipment provided	Yes, 2 ramps available.
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	N/A- unsure as to where parking is located.
Play surfacing – Acceptable depth and material. Safety mats or surfacing	Good
No exposed footings play equipment	None
Play equipment condition	Good
Pinch points	None
Fall zone obstructions	None
Other	N/A

**SPORT COURTS AND FIELDS**

Turf condition	N/A
Fence conditions (curled fencing or heaving posts)	In fair condition.
Pavement/sports surface condition on basketball and tennis courts	Is in good condition with the exception of some severe cracking near the fence posts.
Condition of bleachers and team benches	None
Condition of equipment (basketball backboards, tennis nets, etc.)	Good
Other	N/A

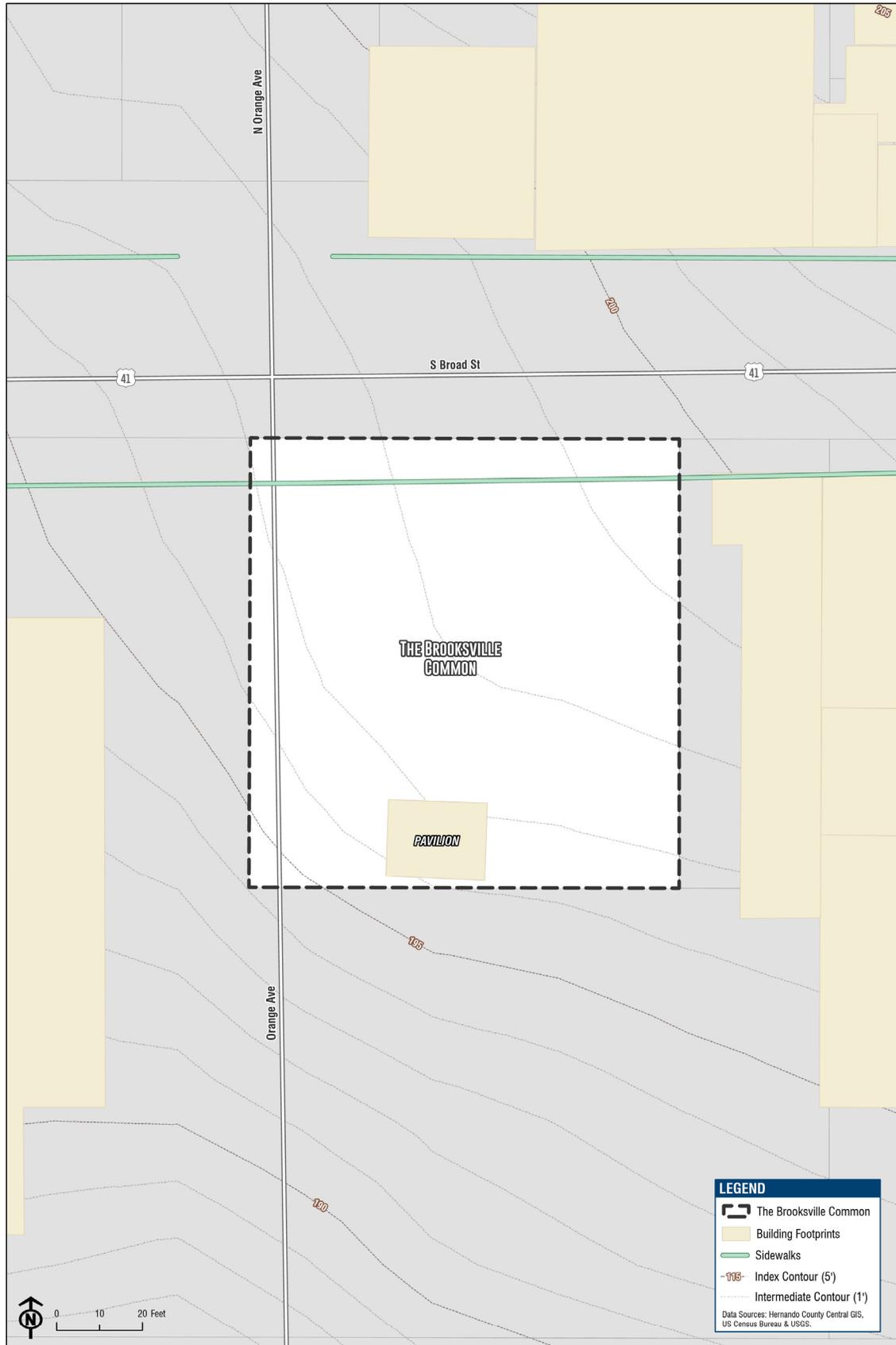


**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Facility Name	<b>The Brooksville Common (Public Space)</b>
Address	15 S Broad St, Brooksville, FL 34601
Primary use	Memorial
Facility size	0.24 Acres
Times of operation	24 hours







IMAGES



Little library and picnic bench with shading.



Memorial bench located at front of entrance.



Pavilion with fans and lighting.



Community prayer corner at the back of memorial.



Mural adjacent of memorial depicting significant battle.



One trashcan at back of memorial.



Metal sculpture at front of memorial.



**CONDITIONS**

Signage - park ID sign and regulatory signage posted	Good
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Good
Bike rack provisions - provided on hardscape surface	None
Turf condition	N/A
Dead/dying trees	None
Stumps	None
Park shelters number and conditions	1 located
Seating availability	Good
ADA compliant picnic tables	None
ADA compliant drinking fountains	None
Trash and recycling receptacles provisions	only 1 located
Restroom numbers and condition	None
Drainage issues	None
Trip hazards	None
Facility lighting and condition	Adequate amount of lighting.



**PLAY AREAS**

ADA access to play equipment and ADA equipment provided	N/A
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Good
Play surfacing – Acceptable depth and material. Safety mats or surfacing	N/A
No exposed footings play equipment	N/A
Play equipment condition	N/A
Pinch points	N/A
Fall zone obstructions	N/A
Other	N/A

**SPORT COURTS AND FIELDS**

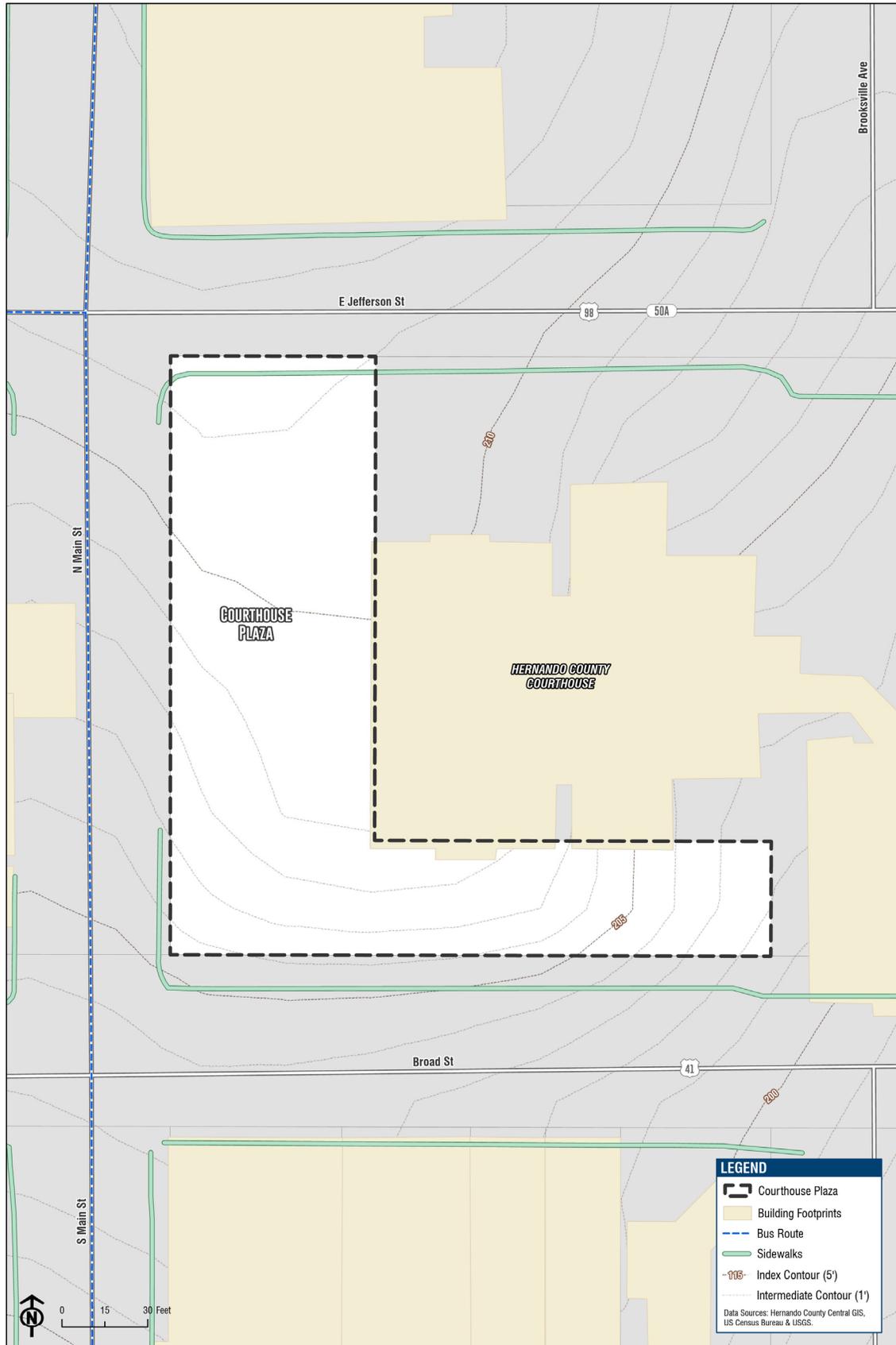
Turf condition	N/A
Fence conditions (curled fencing or heaving posts)	Fencing well maintained.
Pavement/sports surface condition on basketball and tennis courts	N/A
Condition of bleachers and team benches	N/A
Condition of equipment (basketball backboards, tennis nets, etc.)	N/A
Other	N/A

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Facility Name	<b>Historic Hernando Courthouse Plaza (Public Space)</b>
Address	20 N Main St, Brooksville, FL 34601
Primary use	County Government Building
Facility size	0.47 Acres
Times of operation	8am- 5pm







IMAGES



Courthouse with war memorial in front.



Historical marker signage.



Historic landmark.



Many picnic benches in front of courthouse steps.



Lighting located at perimeter of courthouse.



One type of trashcan combined with ashtray.



Trashcan combined with recycling.



**CONDITIONS**

Signage - park ID sign and regulatory signage posted	Good
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Good
Bike rack provisions - provided on hardscape surface	None
Turf condition	Good condition well maintained. <b>(HHC)</b>
Dead/dying trees	None
Stumps	None
Park shelters number and conditions	1 located at the Brooksville Common memorial.
Seating availability	Good
ADA compliant picnic tables	None
ADA compliant drinking fountains	None
Trash and recycling receptacles provisions	Trash cans available
Restroom numbers and condition	None
Drainage issues	None
Trip hazards	None
Facility lighting and condition	Adequate amount of lighting.



**PLAY AREAS**

ADA access to play equipment and ADA equipment provided	N/A
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	On street parking
Play surfacing – Acceptable depth and material. Safety mats or surfacing	N/A
No exposed footings play equipment	N/A
Play equipment condition	N/A
Pinch points	N/A
Fall zone obstructions	N/A
Other	N/A

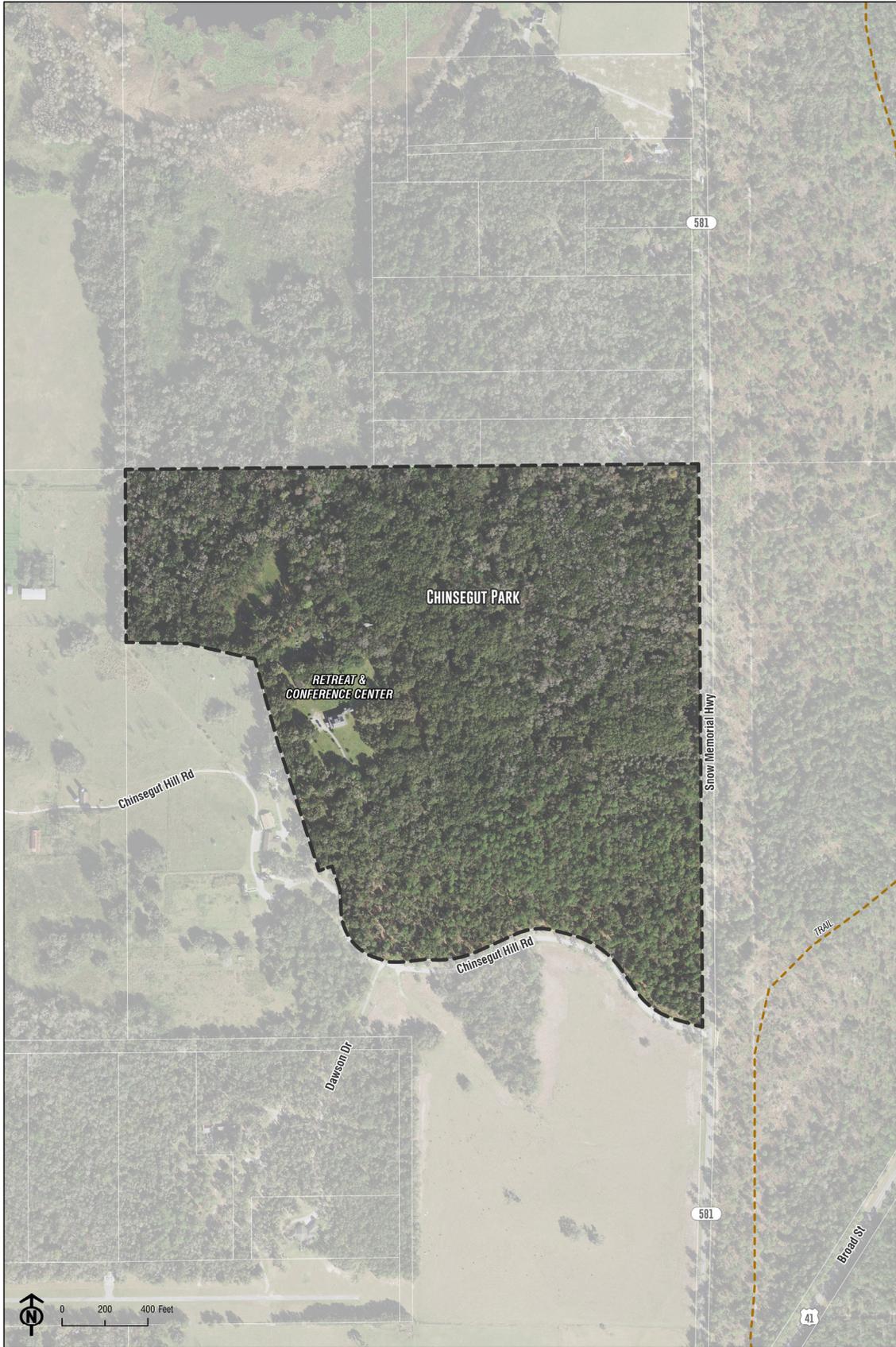
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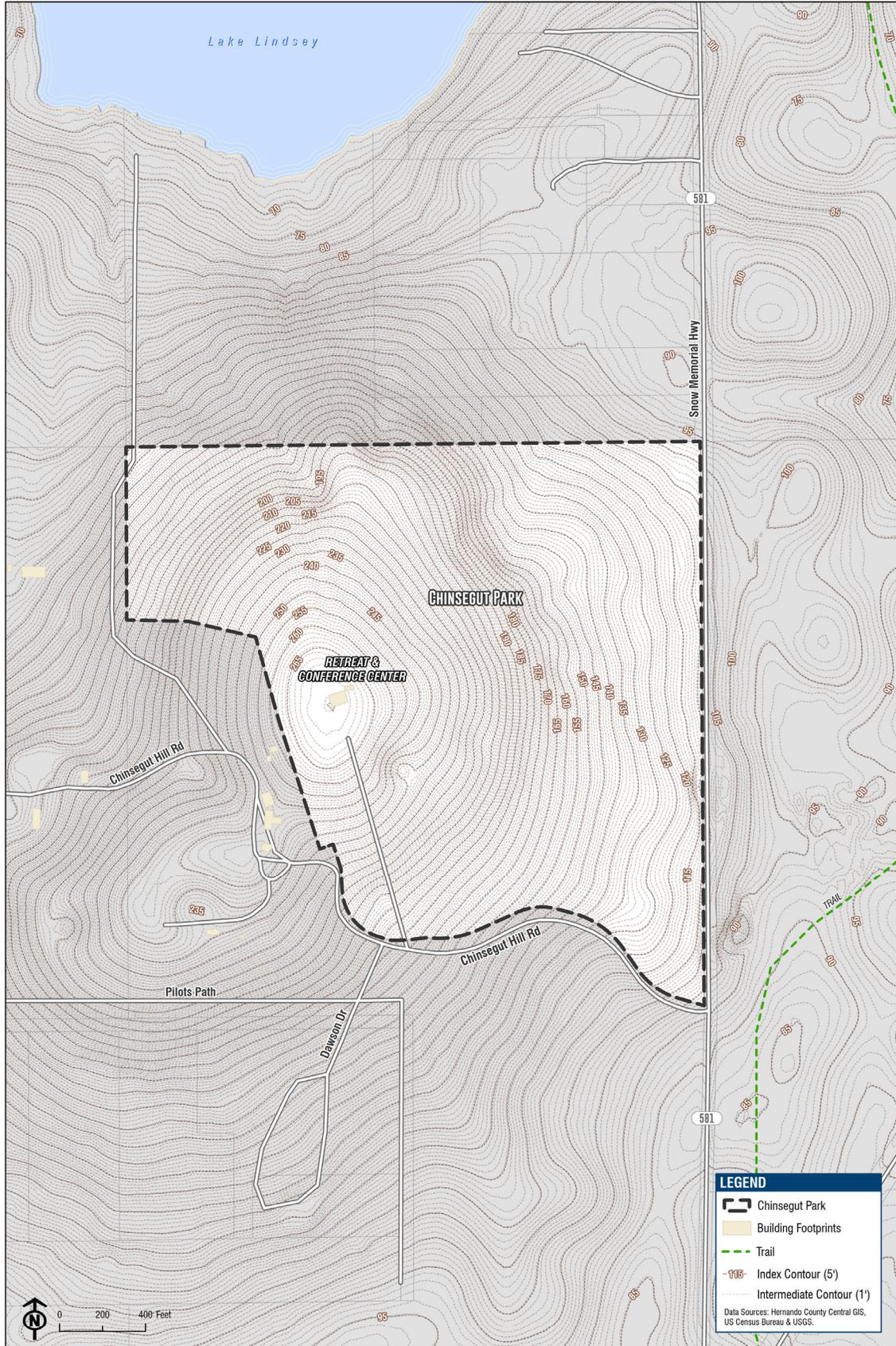
Turf condition	N/A
Fence conditions (curled fencing or heaving posts)	N/A
Pavement/sports surface condition on basketball and tennis courts	N/A
Condition of bleachers and team benches	N/A
Condition of equipment (basketball backboards, tennis nets, etc.)	N/A
Other	N/A

**GENERAL INFORMATION**

Facility Name	<b>Chinsegut Hill (County Facility operated by City)</b>
Address	22495 Chinsegut Hill Rd, Brooksville, FL 34601
Primary use	Retreat
Facility size	385 Acres
Times of operation	8am- 5pm







IMAGES



Chinsegut Hill house.



Entrance gate to get to Chinsegut Hill.



Signage with historical information at entrance.



More informational signage at entrance.



Informational signage about touring property next to the house.



**CONDITIONS**

Signage - park ID sign and regulatory signage posted	Good
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	Ok gravel as ground cover not paved
Bike rack provisions - provided on hardscape surface	None
Turf condition	Good
Dead/dying trees	None
Stumps	None
Park shelters number and conditions	N/A
Seating availability	Fair, some seating on patio
ADA compliant picnic tables	No
ADA compliant drinking fountains	NO
Trash and recycling receptacles provisions	No
Restroom numbers and condition	No
Drainage issues	N/A
Trip hazards	None
Facility lighting and condition	N/A



**PLAY AREAS**

ADA access to play equipment and ADA equipment provided	N/A
Parking lot pavement condition and striping	On site parking
Play surfacing – Acceptable depth and material. Safety mats or surfacing	N/A
No exposed footings play equipment	N/A
Play equipment condition	N/A
Pinch points	N/A
Fall zone obstructions	N/A
Other	N/A

**SPORT COURTS AND FIELDS**

Turf condition	N/A
Fence conditions (curled fencing or heaving posts)	N/A
Pavement/sports surface condition on basketball and tennis courts	N/A
Condition of bleachers and team benches	N/A
Condition of equipment (basketball backboards, tennis nets, etc.)	N/A
Other	N/A



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