

PALM BEACH COUNTY



PARKS & RECREATION

National Gold Medal Award Winner

Jennifer Cirillo, Director

2024 Department Overview The Delray Alliance

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- ✓ Economic Development
- ✓ Housing & Homelessness
- ✓ Environmental Protection
- ✓ Infrastructure
- ✓ Public Safety
- ✓ Substance Use & Behavioral Disorders



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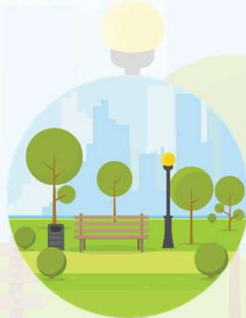
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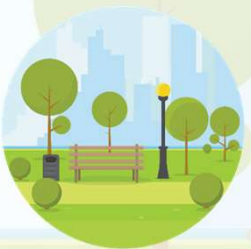
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Department FY2023 Highlights and Accomplishments:

- 1. Overall contribution to economic impact** through Sports Tourism \$10.2M, along with 14,512 room nights and 17 events.
- The Aquatics Division successfully **taught swim lessons** to 979 participants in partnership with the **Drowning Prevention Coalition and Red Cross**. Additionally, 46 students received their **free lifeguard certification** through an innovative pilot program funded by the **Children Services Council** of Palm Beach County.
- 3. Adapted to increased demand for our facilities through innovation and resourcefulness.** Added 38 pickleball courts in the last three years by mostly repurposing older rinks and courts. Harnessed partnerships and secured grants as evidenced by Soccer 5 concession and Orange Bowl field / neighborhood center.

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Department FY2024 Emerging Issues:

1. **Aging facilities and amenities**, along with increased public demand, **climate changes** and **emerging recreation and technology trends**, continue to require significant capital improvements and the identification of both **short-range and long-range infrastructure funding strategies**.
2. **Financial and human resources continue to be strained** by rising inflationary costs, process constraints and supply chain issues for goods and services and staff recruitment challenges for entry-level and skill specific positions. These issues are **impacting service delivery, the ability to achieve key performance metrics, and delaying construction projects**.
3. An **increased lack of civility, dispute escalation, and park ordinance violations** in our public spaces has **emphasized our collaborative working relationship with law enforcement**, the increased need to procure off-duty resources, further implementation of **crime prevention through environmental design and crowd safety measures**, and **additional training for staff** in safety related topics, mental health resources, and de-escalation techniques.

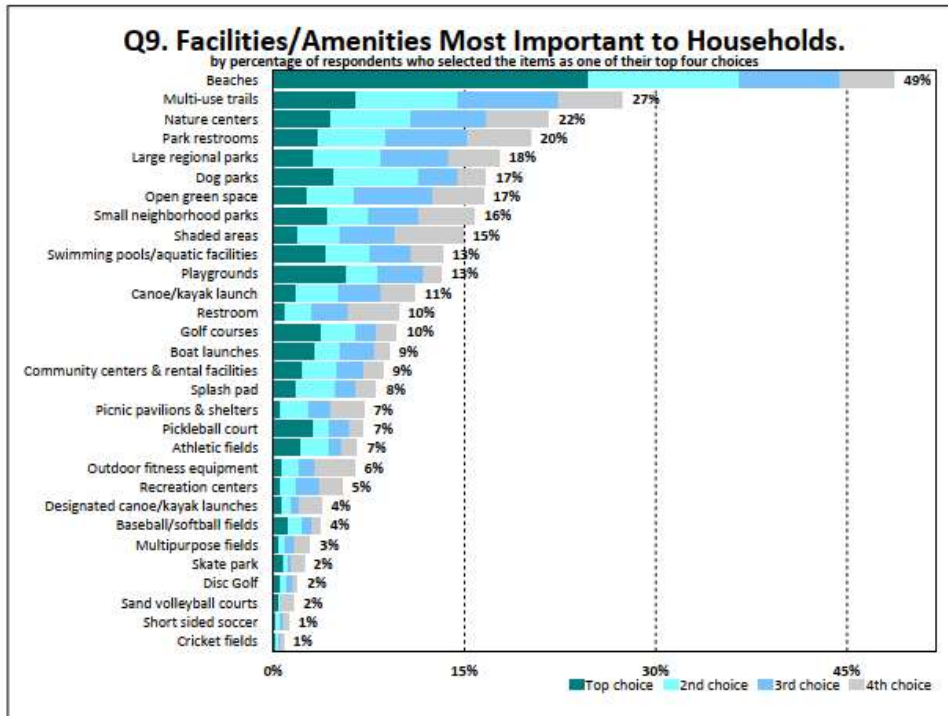
PBC Parks & Recreation Focus Areas for FY24

- **Sustain quality core service delivery**
- **Address Infrastructure** w/ short-range and long-range strategies
 - Implementation of CIP to address failing infrastructure with an emphasis on safety – park bridges, ocean pier, failing roofs and seawall
 - Complete/Initiate park construction in process
 - Phase 2 of Canyon District Park; Gramercy Park Neighborhood Center; Lake Lytal Aquatics Center replacement; Aquacrest Pool renovations, etc...
 - Complete/initiate park design and permitting to meet Level of Service and proximity goals (Cam D. Milani Beach Park; Windsor Park, Peanut Island Historic Area, etc...)
 - Continue to develop long-range infrastructure funding strategy
- **Safety and security** – Continue implementing **CPTED** strategies, staff training, and explore outdoor AED station feasibility
- Better respond to **heat impacts**
 - New **shade structures** – **playgrounds**, tree canopy, and **lighting for nighttime play**
- Provide for a **greater sense of belonging and community connection**
 - **Communication boards at all 103 playgrounds** (starting with 14, two in each of the seven commission districts) and Complete ADA Accessibility Audit for Department
- **CAPRA Accreditation** – best practices and meaningful measurements
- **Long range Dept. master plan** and comprehensive plan updates through 2045

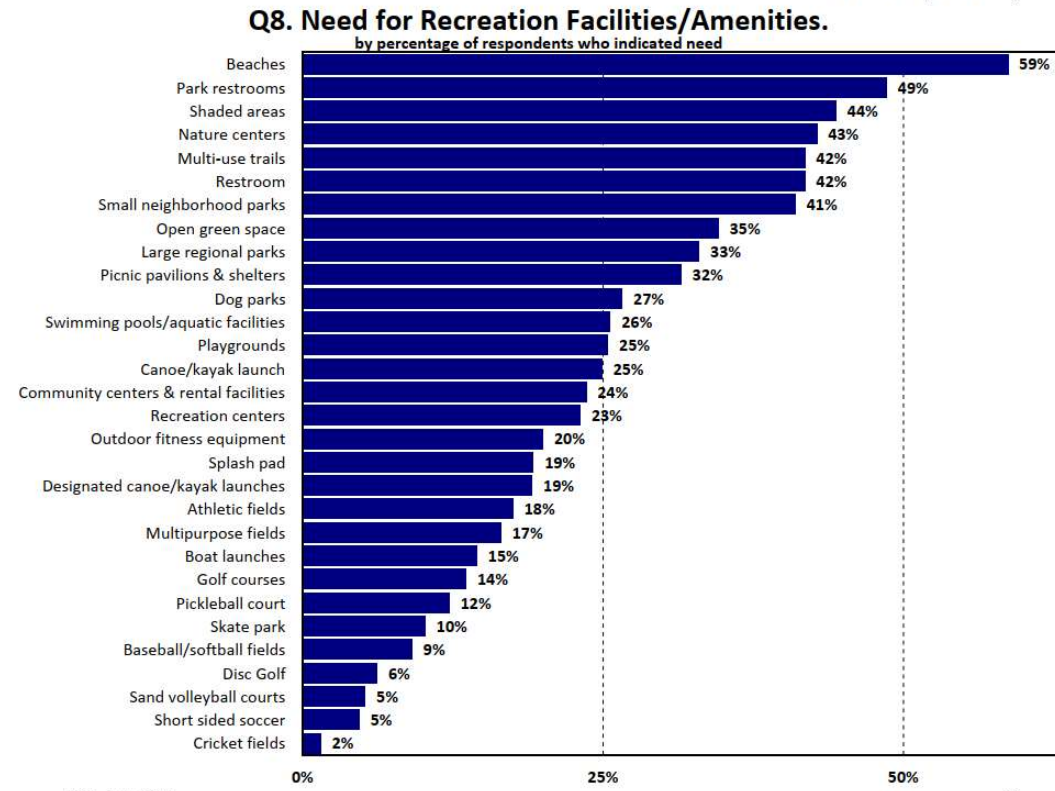
County-wide Parks Needs Assessment

1. Beaches (49%)
2. Multi-use trails (27%)
3. Nature centers (22%)
4. Park restrooms (20%)

The percentage of residents who selected each facility as one of their top four choices is shown in the chart below.



Palm Beach County, FL 2023 Survey



Delray/Boynton Area Project Updates

(plus some proximate project updates)

- Destination parks -

- Morikami Park

- Lake Biwa Pavilion Renovation (nearing completion)
- Lake Biwa septic to sewer conversion (design completed; awaiting bid later this spring)
- Parking lot lighting replacement (project advertised for bid)
- Garden bridges - renovation & replacement (reaching the end of their expected life; design being kicked off)
- Museum Master Plan elements:
 - Ryokan (Japanese Gardens inspired Inn) – partnership with operator/RFP summer
 - Amanohashidate (land peninsula/bridge)
 - Artisan Village / Bonsai expansion

- Green Cay Nature Center and Wetlands

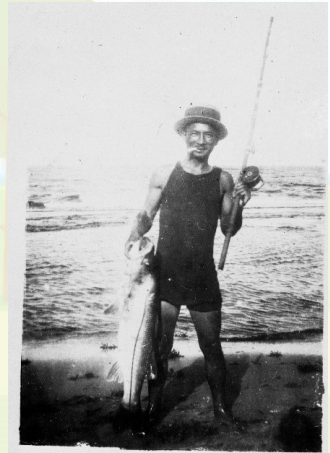
- Phase II Development (partnership with Water Utilities Department)
 - Phase II Ground Breaking March 7, 2024 @ 9:00am
 - Connecting to Phase I of Green Cay – nature trails, lakes and habitat, nature playground



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- Lake Ida Park
 - Partnership with public rowing club @ old Jaycee's building
- Canyon District Park
 - Phase I complete; Phase 2 under design – begin construction this year; baseball/softball; pavilion; playground, sand volleyball
 - Interlocal Agreement with School Board drafted; shared facilities with Middle School
- Cam D. Milani Beach Park
 - Site plan approved in 2009; design underway
 - Yamato rock connection to the Morikami Museum
- Windsor Park
 - Design underway (new pickleball and dog park)



Delray/Boca Project Updates

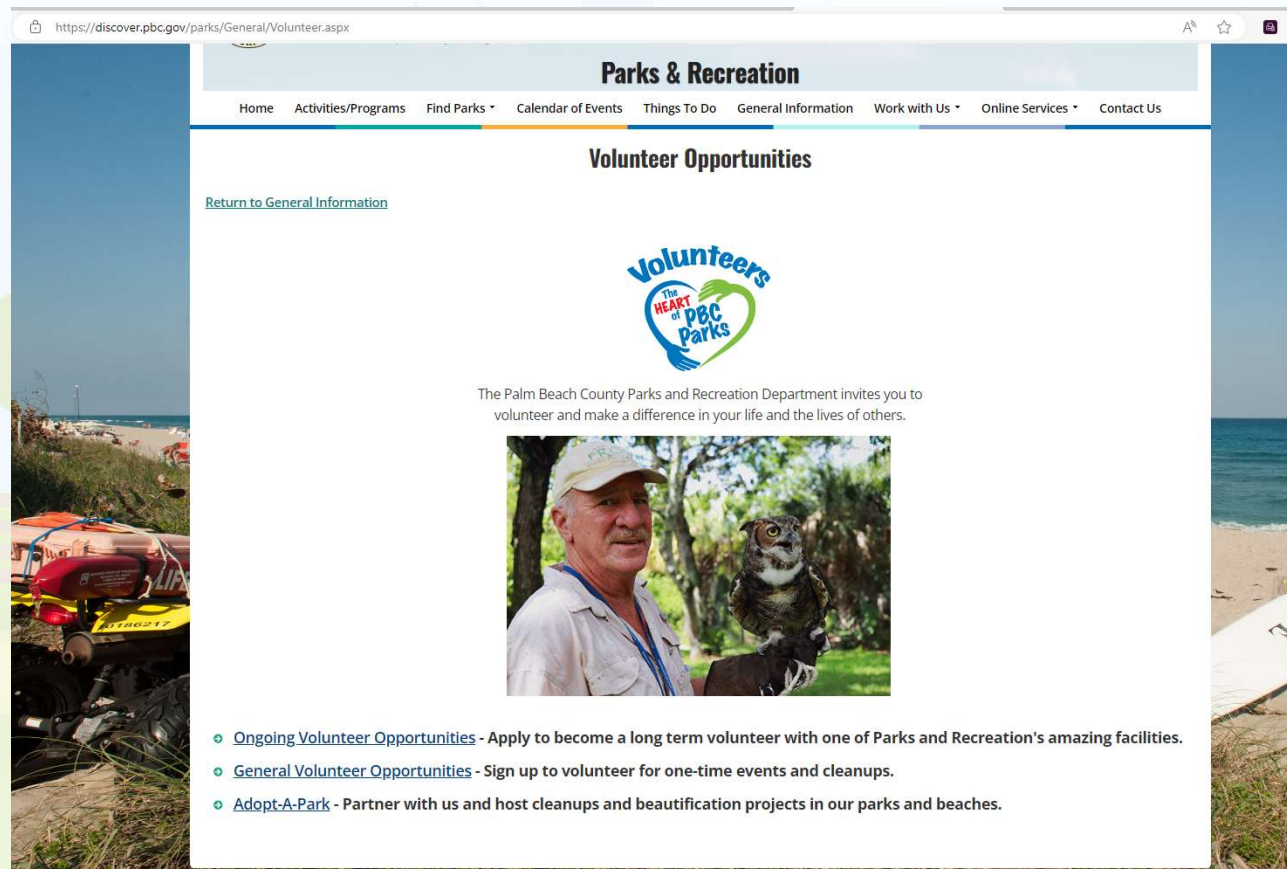
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- Burt Aaronson South County Regional Park
 - Boat ramp replacement (design nearing completion)
 - Pickleball court construction (complete)
 - Pickleball court lighting (electric design underway; complete later this year)
 - Baseball press box roof replacement and HVAC replacement (out for bid)
 - Bike/Pedestrian bridge connection to Arthur R. Marshall Loxahatchee Wildlife Refuge (seeking grants to fully fund)
 - Pavilion renovation (project out to bid soon)
 - Coconut Cove pool deck and shower renovations (awaiting BCC approval)
 - Coconut Cove Waterpark repairs (kick off meeting in next two months)
 - Sunset Cove HVAC backstage project (awaiting update from FDO on timeline)
 - Osprey Point Golf Learning Center Design Improvements and Construction (awaiting revised proposal from consultant)
 - West Boca Rotary Club project – working on Peace Pole installation near nature center
- Veterans Park
 - LED Lighting for Tennis and Basketball Courts – project recently complete
 - Evaluating tennis usage to consider pickleball conversion (currently no funding – FY25 request)
- Loggers Run Park
 - Clean up of former concession debris – complete; repair and repainting of cover in progress
 - Community survey indicated need for futsal/short sided soccer



A few action items to consider

- Volunteer Opportunities
 - pbcparcs.com Click on “Work With Us” drop down menu.



The screenshot shows a web browser window with the URL <https://discover.pbc.gov/parks/General/Volunteer.aspx>. The page title is "Parks & Recreation" and the main heading is "Volunteer Opportunities". A navigation menu includes Home, Activities/Programs, Find Parks, Calendar of Events, Things To Do, General Information, Work with Us, Online Services, and Contact Us. A link "Return to General Information" is visible. The "Volunteers" logo, featuring a heart shape with "The HEART of PBC Parks" inside, is centered. Below the logo, a text block reads: "The Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department invites you to volunteer and make a difference in your life and the lives of others." A photograph shows a man in a white shirt and cap holding a large owl. At the bottom, three bullet points list volunteer options: "Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities", "General Volunteer Opportunities", and "Adopt-A-Park".

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Volunteers
The HEART of PBC Parks

The Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department invites you to volunteer and make a difference in your life and the lives of others.

- [Ongoing Volunteer Opportunities](#) - Apply to become a long term volunteer with one of Parks and Recreation's amazing facilities.
- [General Volunteer Opportunities](#) - Sign up to volunteer for one-time events and cleanups.
- [Adopt-A-Park](#) - Partner with us and host cleanups and beautification projects in our parks and beaches.

Parks Foundation of Palm Beach County ^{501(c)3}

The Parks Foundation of Palm Beach County, Inc. Purpose: To improve the quality of life for all current and future residents of Palm Beach County, Florida, through the encouragement of their use of, and appreciation for and education about, parks, green spaces and recreational areas, and through seeking and accepting funds, bequests and other gifts to further the Corporation's exempt purpose, including without limitation, by providing charitable donations to Palm Beach County, Florida, which funds shall be used by Palm Beach County, Florida for Parks and Recreation purposes.

- **Funding projects:**

- Serve the public parks and recreation need
- Consistent with mission, vision and core services of PBC Parks and Recreation
- Our Department is budgeted minimally or not at all for the items and needs the support of partners.
- Attainable project goals for first two years:
 - ~\$50,000 first year
 - ~\$100,000 year two

For more information or to donate, contact Jenny Mahoney, Business Development Manager at (561) 966-6643 or Jmahoney@pbcgov.org

Palm Beach County Parks and Recreation Department Overview Video

- <https://youtu.be/wiTJHxVKDJU>

ACTIVITIES/PROGRAMS **GENERAL INFORMATION** **SUPPORT PARKS** **CONTACT US**

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- [Reserve a Group Pavilion](#)
- [Boat Trailer Parking Permit](#)
- [Book Golf Tee Time](#)
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- [Comprehensive Community Needs Assessment](#)

Latest News & Calendar Notices

PALM BEACH COUNTY PARKS & RECREATION **Public Meeting Notice - Canyon District Park (Phase Two)**

This meeting is being held to obtain input on a Land and Water Conservation Fund grant for the development of Canyon District Park Phase Two ...

January 2024 Program Guide for Dagerwing Nature Center

All programs are by reservation only, unless otherwise stated. Please register online at www.pbcparcs.com; under "Online Services" click on Register/Pay for Program, or visit the nature center to register and make payment ...

January 2024 Program Guide for Riverbend Park

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We make the quality of life for Palm Beach County residents and visitors better by providing diverse, safe and affordable recreation services, welcoming parks, and enriching social and cultural experiences. We achieve this by promoting wellness, fostering environmental stewardship, contributing economic value, and by improving our community every day for this and future generations.

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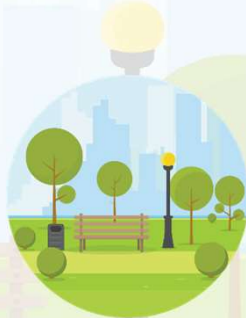
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