

Parks Master Plan

Citizen Advisory Board

October 15, 2025



Comp Plan and Ordinance Requirements

► Comprehensive Plan Open Space Element

Strategy OS 1.1.3-Public Parks

- The City shall manage its public parks based on the Venice Parks System Master Plan as may be updated. The Parks System Master Plan shall be consistent with the Functional Open Space LOS Standard and provide additional information including:
 1. Identification and maintenance of existing facilities
 2. Development of new facilities
 3. Criteria for the prioritization of funding for the acquisition, development and enhancement of public parks, with an emphasis on existing parks to facilitate projects to maintain adopted LOS standards for the Capital Improvement Schedule (CIS).

► City Ordinance:

Sec. 46-3. Master Plan for development of parks system.

The city council shall adopt and keep current a master plan to serve as a guide for development of the parks system, taking into consideration the recommendations of the planning commission and the citizen advisory board regarding the content of the master plan and specific proposals for development.

Past

- ▶ Background and History
 - Parks Master Plan Project 2015
 - Consultant Hired (Toole Design Group)
 - Administrated by Public Works
 - Master Plan Presented to City Council (10/25/16)
 - Remanded to Planning Commission
 - Never Adopted



Present

- ▶ Executed Interlocal Agreement (1992, 2011, 2025)
 - Effective October 1, 2026
 - 10 Years + Two 5 Year Extensions
 - County/City Responsibility
 - Level of Service
 - Amenities and Facilities
 - Scheduling
 - Maintenance
 - Replacement
 - Insurance
 - Revenue



Responsibility (October 1, 2026)

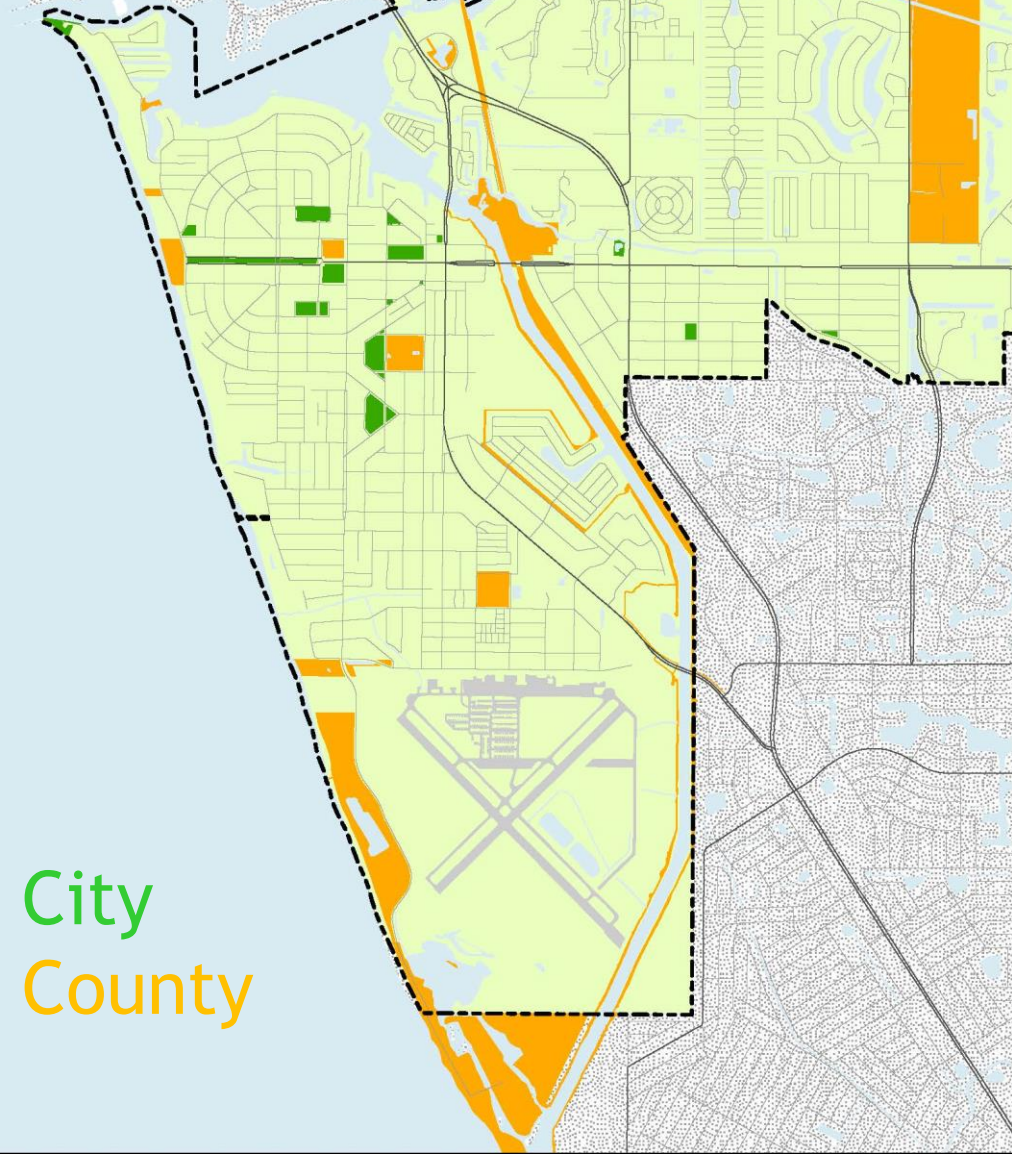
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- ▶ Brohard Park
 - Service Club Park
 - North Brohard Park
 - Maxine Barritt Park
 - Brohard Paw Park
 - South Brohard Park
- ▶ Marina Park and Boat Ramp
- ▶ Pinebrook Park (as an extension of Wellfield Park)
- ▶ Venice Beach

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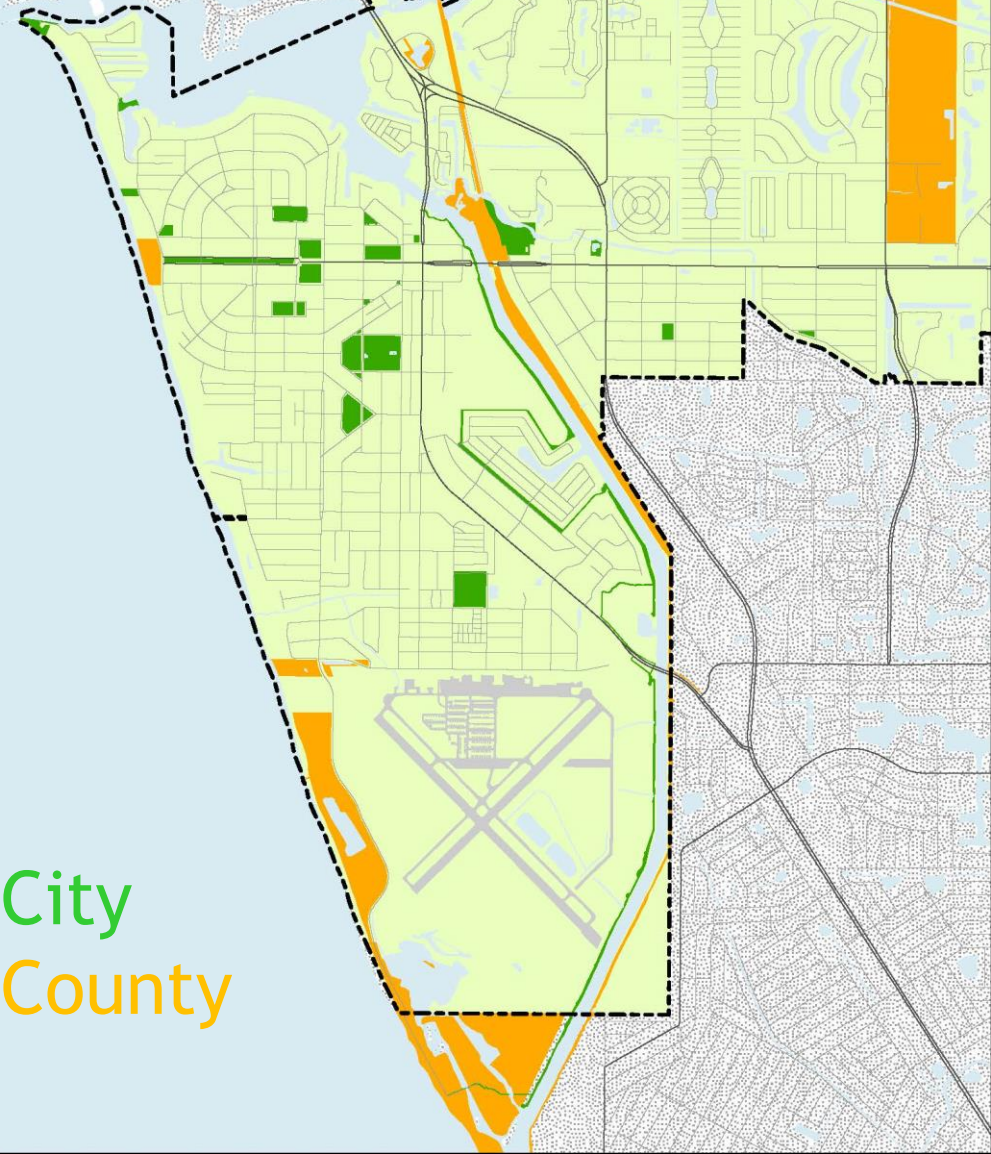
- ▶ Chauncey Howard Park
- ▶ Chuck Reiter Park (October 1, 2029)
- ▶ Hecksher Park
- ▶ Higel Marine Park
- ▶ Legacy Park
- ▶ Venetian Waterway Park (west side)
- ▶ Venice Community Center
- ▶ Venice Myakka River Park
- ▶ All Previous City Maintained Parks

Current



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October 1, 2026



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Wellfield Park



Venice Community Center



Future

- ▶ Parks Master Plan 2026 Process
 - Planning and Zoning Department
 - Public Works
 - Request for Proposals
 - Consultant Interviews and Selection
 - Contract and Scope
 - CC, PC and CAB Guidance
 - Extensive Public Outreach
 - CAB Coordination and Recommendation
 - PC Review and Recommendation
 - City Council Consideration



Consultant Tasks

- ▶ Kick-Off Meeting
- ▶ Facility Inventory
- ▶ Evaluate Current Trends in Park Planning
- ▶ Demographic Profile of the City
- ▶ **Community Outreach**
- ▶ Stakeholder Interviews
- ▶ Needs Assessment
- ▶ Recommendations
- ▶ Action Plan with Cost Estimates
- ▶ Funding Sources

General Thoughts

Much better time and place

Functioning Comprehensive Plan

More certainty

Just us

Northeast Park under construction

Questions

