Recreation and Open Space Supporting Data

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

1. Inventory and Analysis of Existing Conditions

An important part of university life is the availability of choices for leisure time activities. The individual should enjoy a well-rounded lifestyle with appropriate time allotted to active and passive recreation. The host community offers these opportunities, as does the university itself, both on the Main Campus and on satellite properties. Future needs to be met by the University must be defined and incorporated into the final master plan, both as active recreation facilities and open spaces between buildings.

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

Refer to **Table 8.1** for location and listing of City of Tallahassee parks and recreation facilities within city limits, convenient to the main campus. Regional facilities (national and state recreation areas) are listed in **Table 8.2**.

NAME	SIZE & TYPE	LOCATION	AMENITIES, PROGRAMS
A.J. Henry Park	74.6 acres	2701 AJ Henry Park Drive	picnic, playground, nature trails, lake, open grass area
Anita Favors Thompson Plaza at Lake Anita	8.3 acres	204 FAMU Way	drinking fountain
Betton Nature Center	6.0 acres	860 Post Road	trails
Bloxham Park	0.7 acres	Chain of Parks – 206 Park Avenue	benches, drinking fountain
Boulevard Park & Doug Burnette Park	1.7 acres	400 West Gaines Street	benches, open grass area, dog park, drinking fountain

TABLE 8.1 City of Tallahassee Parks and Recreation Facilities

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Brinkley Glen Park	9.25acres	410 Waverly Road benches, stream, shared-use		
Campbell Pond	25.8 acres	3703 Shoreline Drive	24-acre pond, playground, picnic areas	
Capital Park	19.8 acres	400 Tram Road	athletic fields, playground, picnic areas, Geocaches	
Carter Howell Strong Park	11.4 acres	623 West Georgia Street	fitness trails, lake	
Cascades Park	26.7 acres	1001 South Gadsden Street	trails, restrooms, playground, picnic area, water playground, amphitheater	
Chapman Pond	5.5 acres	816 Circle Drive	pond, benches	
Chittenden Park	1.5 acres	1470 Spruce Avenue	benches, open grass area	
Country Club Park	4.1 acres	1601 Golf Terrace Drive	ballfields, drinking fountain, geocaches	
Downtown Sand Volleyball Courts	0.3 acres	727 South Bronough Street	volleyball courts	
Dorothy B. Oven Park	7.5 acres	3205 Thomasville Road	Camellia Garden Park along with historic house, pond, trails, picnic, social events	
E. Peck Greene Park	0.6 acres	Chain of Parks – 213 Park Avenue	benches, drinking fountain	
Elinor Klapp-Phipps Park	670 acres	4000 North Meridian Road	athletic fields, lake, trails, picnic, clubhouse, meetings/classroom, geocaches	
Forestmeadows Park and Athletic Center	13.1 acres	4750 North Meridian Road	tennis, racquetball, hand ball, swimming, playground, picnic, trails, weight room, spa, meeting/classrooms, pro shop	
Kleman Plaza	2.5 acres	306 South Duval Street	benches, drinking fountain, geocaches	

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Lee Park and LeVerne Payne Community Center	8.3 acres	999 North Macomb and 405 4 th Street	athletic fields, basketball, cultural, crafts, after school programs, playground, tennis
Genevieve Randolph Park	0.6 acres	110 Park Ave. East benches	
Glendale Playground	0.4 acres	2059 East Forrest Drive	playground, picnic
Governor's Park	210 acres	700 North Blair Stone Road	trails, open grass area
Guyte P. McCord Park	19.4 acres	2121 Armisted Road	trails, pond, picnic, open grass area, geocache
Harriman Circle Park	8.0 acres	2501 Harriman Circle	benches, pond, open grass area, picnic, geocache
Hilaman Park Municipal Golf Course	122 acres	2737 Blair Stone Road	18-hole golf course, club house, pro shop, pond, handball, fitness center, racquet ball, pool, tennis courts, meeting/classrooms
Indian Head Acres Park	28.1 acres	1355 Indian Head Drive	trails
Jack L. McLean, Jr. Park	L. McLean, Jr. multi-purpose facility 700 Paul Russell Road center, gymnasium, playground, volleyb		athletic fields, trails, community center, gymnasium, picnic, playground, volleyball, swimming, tennis, geocache
Jake Gaither Center & Golf Course	118.9-acre multi- purpose community center & golf course	801 Bragg Dive	9-hole golf course, cultural crafts, meetings, athletic fields, pond, basketball, gymnasium, stream, picnic, playground, pro shop, tennis
James Messer Fields	53.4-acre park & athletic center	2803 Jackson Bluff Road	athletic fields, benches, picnic, geocache
John G. Riley Park	4.8 acres	1401 Indiana Street	trails, stream, picnic, drinking fountain
Koucky Park	2.7 acres	1505 Chocksacka Nene	playground, picnic, open grass area, stream

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Lafayette Heritage Trail Park	797.8 acres	49000 Heritage Park Boulevard	lake, boat ramp, trails, picnic, playground, open grass area	
Lake Elberta Park	29.4 acres	823 Lake Bradford Road	trails, picnic area	
Lake Ella Park	19.1 acres	645 Lake Ella Drive	walking/jogging trail, picnic facilities	
Lawrence-Gregory Center & Robinson Trueblood Pool	3.6-acre park & community center	1115 Dade Street	gymnasium, swimming, playground, meeting/classrooms	
Levy Park & Pool	8.6 acres	609 West Tharpe Street	pool, baseball, playground, picnic facilities, geocache	
Mabry Park	21.5 acres	1615 Mabry Street	stream, open grass area	
McCarty Park	0.7 acres	Chain of Parks – 129 West Park Avenue	benches, drinking fountain	
Myers Park &Wade Wehunt Pool	32.4 acres and aquatic center	1190 Meyers Parkplayground, trails, picnic, t courts, pool, stream, swimm athletic field, basketball, geocache		
Ninth & Terrace Park	1.9 acres	615 East 9 th Avenue	picnic, playground, basketball, trails, athletic field, geocache	
Old Fort Park	1.1 acres	909 Maple Drive	historic civil war earthen fort, benches, open grass area, geocache	
Optimist Park	4.3 acres	1806 Indian Head Drive playground, picnic, bash volleyball, open grass at athletic fields, geocache		
Palmer Munroe Teen Center & Park	6-acre park & multi-purpose community center	1900 Jackson Bluff Road	gymnasium, cultural, crafts, after- school programs, picnic, playground, basketball	
Pearlie Mae Butler Playground	0.5 acres	2714 Cypress Lake Street	playground, picnic, half-court basketball	

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Ponce de Leon Park	0.6 acres	Chain of Parks – 111 East Park Avenue	benches, drinking fountain	
Ruthenia Park	3.1 acres	5112 Ruthenia Road	basketball, open grass area, geocache	
San Luis Mission Park	69.1 acres	1313 San Luis Road	picnic, trails, boardwalk around Lake Esther, playground, off- leash dog park, geocache	
Springsax Park	35.4 acres	1000 Springsax Road	athletic fields, picnic, open grass area, drinking fountain, geocache	
Sue Herndon McCollum Community Center	20.8-acre park & community center	501 Ingleside Avenue	tennis, playground, trails, picnic, arts & crafts, gymnasium, stream, athletic field, open grass area, meeting/classroom	
Tom Brown Park	305-acre park & multi-purpose complex	 Sol Easterwood Drive picnic, playground, athle fields, disc golf course, to racquet ball, handball, tr open grass area, off-least park, geocache 		
Trousdell Gymnastics & Aquatic Centers	19.0 acres and community center	ter 326 John Knox Road swimming, gymnasium, p		
Walker/Ford Community Center & Pool	12.4-acres and multi-purpose community center	2301 Pasco Street gymnasium, meeting/d		
Waverly Pond	7.9 acres	1209 Waverly Road	pond, picnic, open grass area, benches, geocache	
Winthrop Park	13.3 acres	1623 Mitchell Avenue	athletic fields, tennis, handball, playground, picnic, racquetball, open grass area	

Source: City of Tallahassee Parks & Recreation Department, October 2018 https://www.talgov.com/Uploads/Public/Documents/parks/parks/parkmap.pdf

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There are 27 state parks within 100 miles of Tallahassee. There are 56 national recreation areas and 4 national forests in the state of Florida. **Table 8.2** represents a sampling of these resources.

NAME	SIZE & TYPE	LOCATION	AMENITIES, PROGRAMS
Apalachicola National Forest	573,521 acres	SR 65, Hosford; Southwest of Tallahassee	boating, camping, hiking, fishing, swimming picnic facilities, hunting
Falling Waters State Park	173 acres	1130 State Road Park, Chipley; West of Tallahassee	fishing, swimming, lake, nature trails, camping, picnic facilities, 73-foot waterfall, 100-foot sink
Alfred B. Maclay Gardens State Park	1,169 acres	3540 Thomasville Road; North of Tallahassee	playground, picnic facilities, garden tours, fishing, swimming, bicycling, canoeing, kayaking, nature trails
St. Mark's National Wildlife Refuge	70,496 acres	1255 Lighthouse Road, Crawfordville; South of Tallahassee	boating, bicycling, fishing, nature trails, tent camping; hiking, environmental education, hunting, crabbing
Three Rivers State Recreation Area	668 acres	7908 Three Rivers Park Road, Sneads; Northwest of Tallahassee	boating, canoeing, fishing, cabins, playground, nature trails, camping, picnic facilities, lake, bicycling, kayaking, hiking
Edward Ball Wakulla Springs State Park	6055 acres	465 Wakulla Park Drive; South of Tallahassee	boating, swimming fishing, picnic facilities, playground, hiking, equestrian trail, paddling

TABLE 8.2 National and State Recreation Areas and National Forests

Source: <u>https://floridadep.gov/parks/florida-outdoor-recreation-inventory;</u> https://www.fs.usda.gov/Internet/FSE_DOCUMENTS/fseprd607946.pdf (2018)

1.b. Existing University-Owned Recreation Site and Open Spaces

Florida State University has been assigned and manages three sites off campus in Tallahassee/Leon, which are specifically designated for recreation purposes. They are:

- Seminole Golf Course located at the "Farm" tract, this 18-hole golf course on approximately 113 acres is used as a practice field by the University's NCAA Division I golf team. It is also open to the general public at specified times for a nominal fee. Data is unavailable on frequency of usage by the general public.
- FSU Reservation located approximately five miles from the main campus, this 73-acre site contains nine buildings totaling 15,592 square feet, used principally for student recreation purposes. The site is on the shore of Lake Bradford, and a large rectangular dock defines a protected area for swimmers. Total for Reservation facility for 2014 at the Reservation was 67,091.
- The Cascade Lake Tract, although undeveloped, has the potential of becoming a location for passive recreation and fishing.

TABLE 8.3 Rez Lakefront Park & Retreat Center Hourly Attendance, 2018-19 Academic Year

	<u>Hourly</u>
<u>Area or Program</u>	Participations
Park and Waterfront Area	41,472
Retreat Center	28,480
FSU Challenge Course	8,466
Camp Flastacowo Summer Camp	31,640
Total Hourly Participation, 2018-19	110,058

Source: FSU Campus Recreation Department, August 2020

1.c. Level of Service Standards Established by Comprehensive Plan As seen in Table 8.4, the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan establishes the following minimum level of service acreage standards:

RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT	COUNTYWIDE PARKS	AREA PARKS	LOCAL PARKS
City	4	1	2
County	8	1	-
Federal/State	4	-	-
Total	16	2	2

TABLE 8.4 Minimum Park Acreage Per 1,000 Population

Source: Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan, August 2018 - https://www.talgov.com/place/pln-cp.aspx

City of Tallahassee parks will be based on urban service area population, located within city limits so as to equitably serve the urban service area population.

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

Not applicable to Florida State University.

2. Future Needs/Requirements

2.a. Analysis of the Projected Needs for Recreation and Open Space Facilities

Recreation and open spaces are an important part of campus life and spirit. It is these spaces that make the campus residential in character. It is important not to lose existing recreation/open spaces and to plan for such spaces in future development.

There are two methodologies that can be used in analyzing the projected needs for recreation/open space. **Table 8.5** projects space needs by ascertaining the existing open space today and calculates future needs by assuming requirements will increase proportionately. **Table 8.6** uses the Level of Service requirements as set forth in the Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan.

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		OPEN SPACE	RECREATION FIELDS/COURT	ATHLETIC FIELDS/COURTS	TOTAL
Existing Campus	Main	65.8	14.3 *	21.7	101.2
	Southwest	107	79.4**	237.3***	423.7
10 Year Growth	Main	2.25	NA	NA	2.25
	Southwest	NA	NA	NA	NA

TABLE 8.5 Open Space/Intramurals/Athletic Fields-Existing Main/Southwest Campuses Measured in Acres

Source: FSU Campus Planning, May 2021

*Includes Main Campus and Westside Courts

**Includes Rec SportsPlex

***Includes Golf Course

TABLE 8.6 Recreation/Open Space Areas Based on Comprehensive Plan L.O.S.

	POPULATION	TOTAL RECREATION/OPEN SPACE (2 ACRES/1000 POPULATION)*
Existing Campus	42,876**	85.8 acres
10 Year Growth	41,600***	83.2 acres

*Source: City of Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan, August 2018

Source: Main & Southwest Campuses, FSU Office of Institutional Research Website: <u>www.ir.fsu.edu</u>, 2019 Fact Sheet *Source: 2020 FSU Accountability Plan, Fall Headcount by Enrollment 2024 estimated projection total.

The Land Use Element section of this report analyzes the ratios between buildings and land. It has been determined that the Historic Zone of campus has the desired combination to create a comfortable environment. The use of these Ground Floor Ratios for future projects as depicted in **Table 4.11 and 4.12** will assure that land will be available for open space.

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

Existing municipal off-campus recreation/open space areas available for student, faculty, and staff use are spread throughout the city as documented in the Inventory and Analysis section. Refer to **Figure 8.1**. These facilities satisfy some needs for students living off-campus, but do not adequately serve the students living near or on-campus, or for students who commute and are on campus all day.

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

As discussed in the Urban Design and Land Use Element sections of this document the use of courtyards/quadrangles that are incorporated into future projects will contribute to the conservation and character of open space areas. On the existing Main Campus where open spaces should be preserved, new building projects should be located such that they do not destroy the open space character or disrupt natural pedestrian/bicycle linkages. **Figures 3.2, 6.3** and **8.2** located future building and open spaces that will preserve the desired open space character.

2.d. Planned Future Recreation and Open Space Facilities Adopted in Comprehensive Plan

The Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan does not identify specific future recreation and open space facilities, but it does give guidelines as to acquisition and development. Priority shall be given to the preservation of natural vegetation and land features, consistent with the functional purpose of the proposed park. An average of 50% of the natural features must remain undeveloped except for inclusion of passive features (i.e., hiking trails and picnicking facilities).

As seen in **Table 8.7**, accessibility to recreation areas by the population shall be determined according to the location criteria shown below:

PARK CATEGORY	SERVICE AREA
Countywide	16 acres for each 1,000 people within a 20-mile radius
Area	2 acres for each 1,000 people within a 3-mile radius
Local	2 acres for each 1,000 people within a 0.5-mile radius

TABLE 8.7 City/County Park Location Criteria

Source: Tallahassee-Leon County Comprehensive Plan, August 2018

"Build-out" population refers to the projected population within the service radius of the park once the area is developed. When new parks are being considered for acquisition, this policy shall be applied as one measure to determine appropriate park location.

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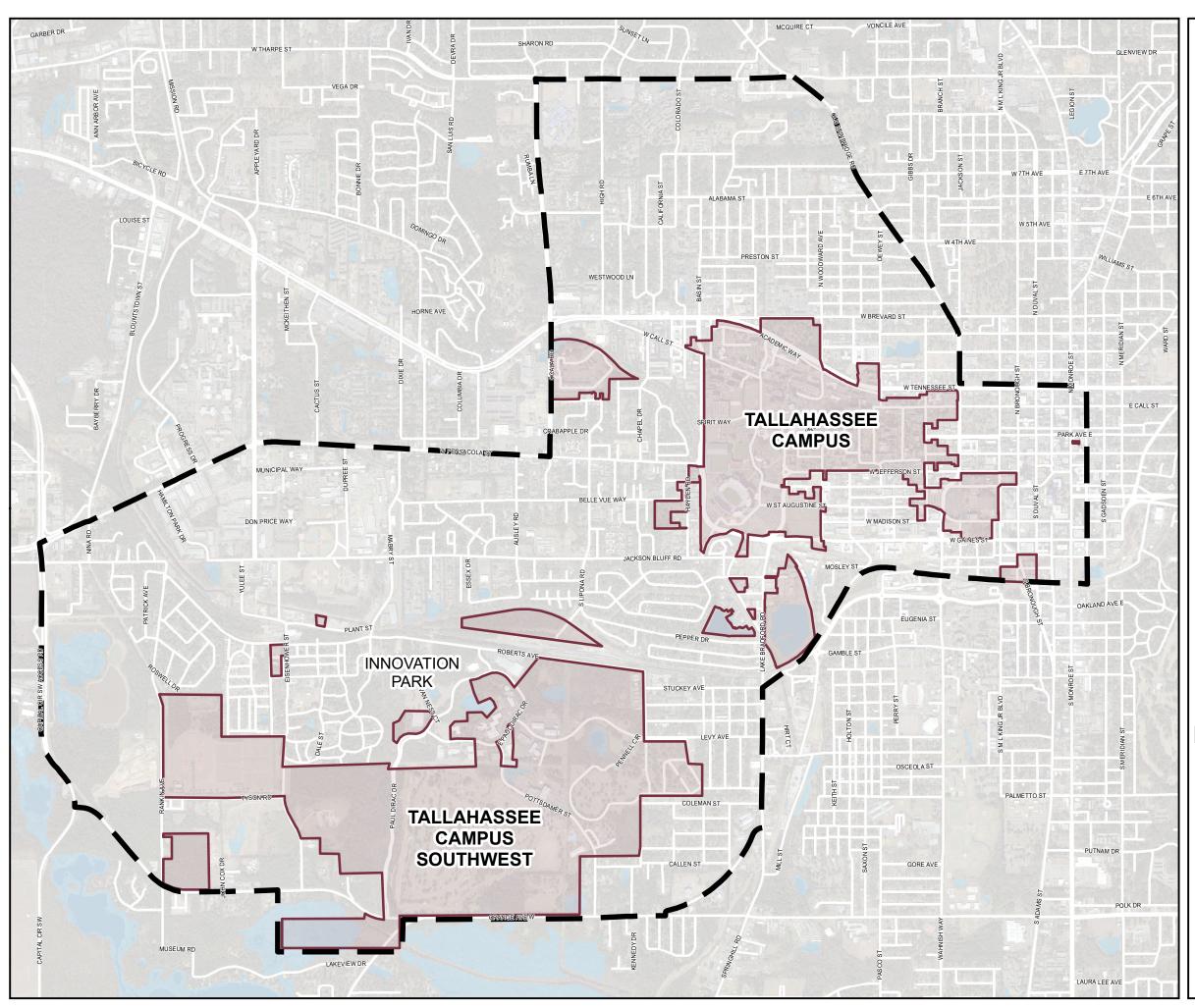


FIGURE 8.1 CONTEXT RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

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CONTEXT AREA

REFER TO THE ONLINE LINK PROVIDED BELOW FOR TALLAHASSEE'S PARKS:

https://tlcgis.leoncountyfl.gov/ ParkFinder/index.html

SOURCE: FSU FACILITIES PLANNING TLCGIS

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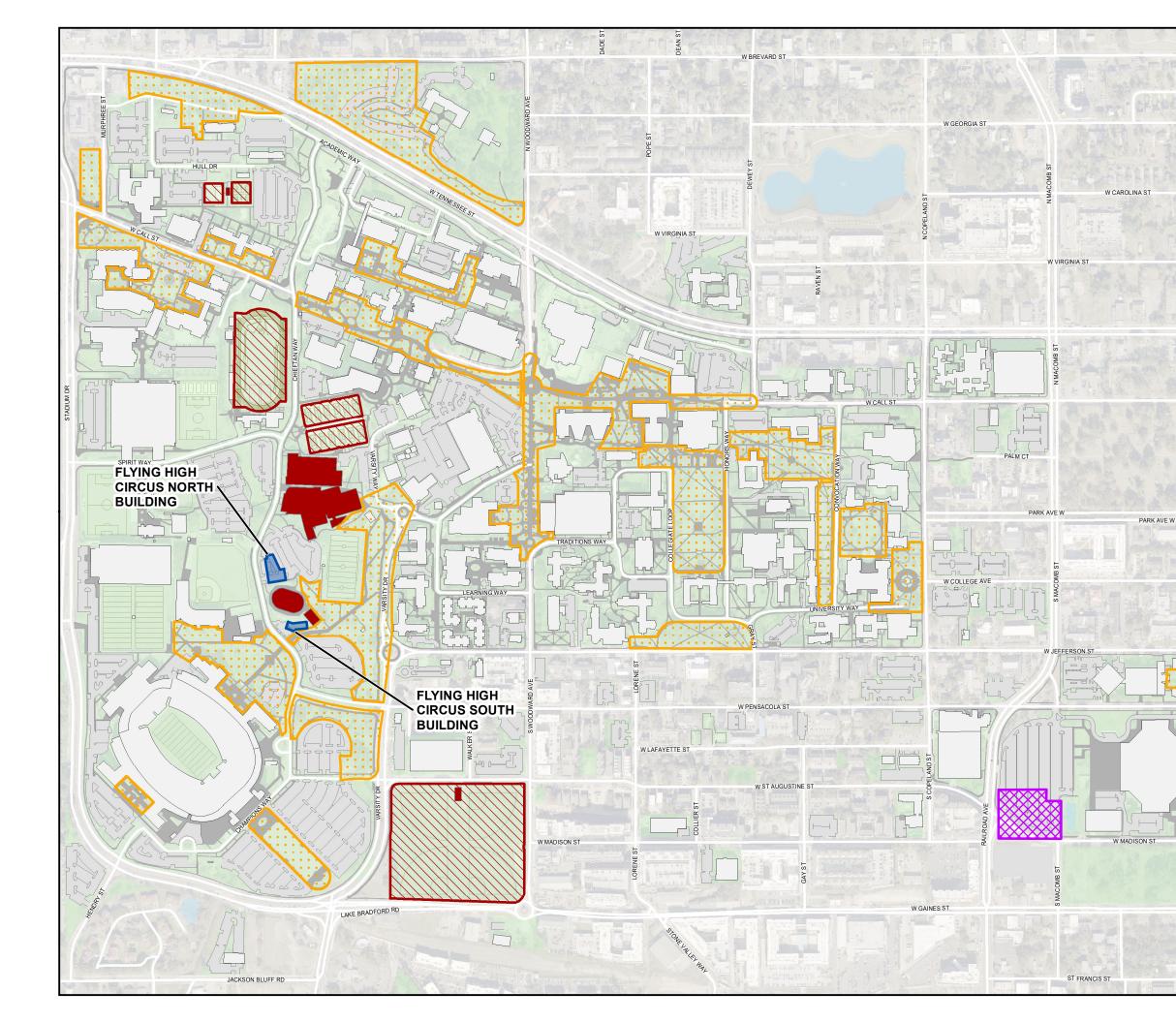


FIGURE 8.2 FUTURE **RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE** LOCATIONS





EXISTING RECREATION BUILDINGS



EXISTING RECREATION



EXISTING GENERAL OPEN SPACE



FUTURE RECREATION BUILDINGS



FUTURE RECREATION FUTURE REURE FIELDS (NONE)



FUTURE OPEN SPACE



SOURCE: **FSU FACILITIES PLANNING** TLCGIS

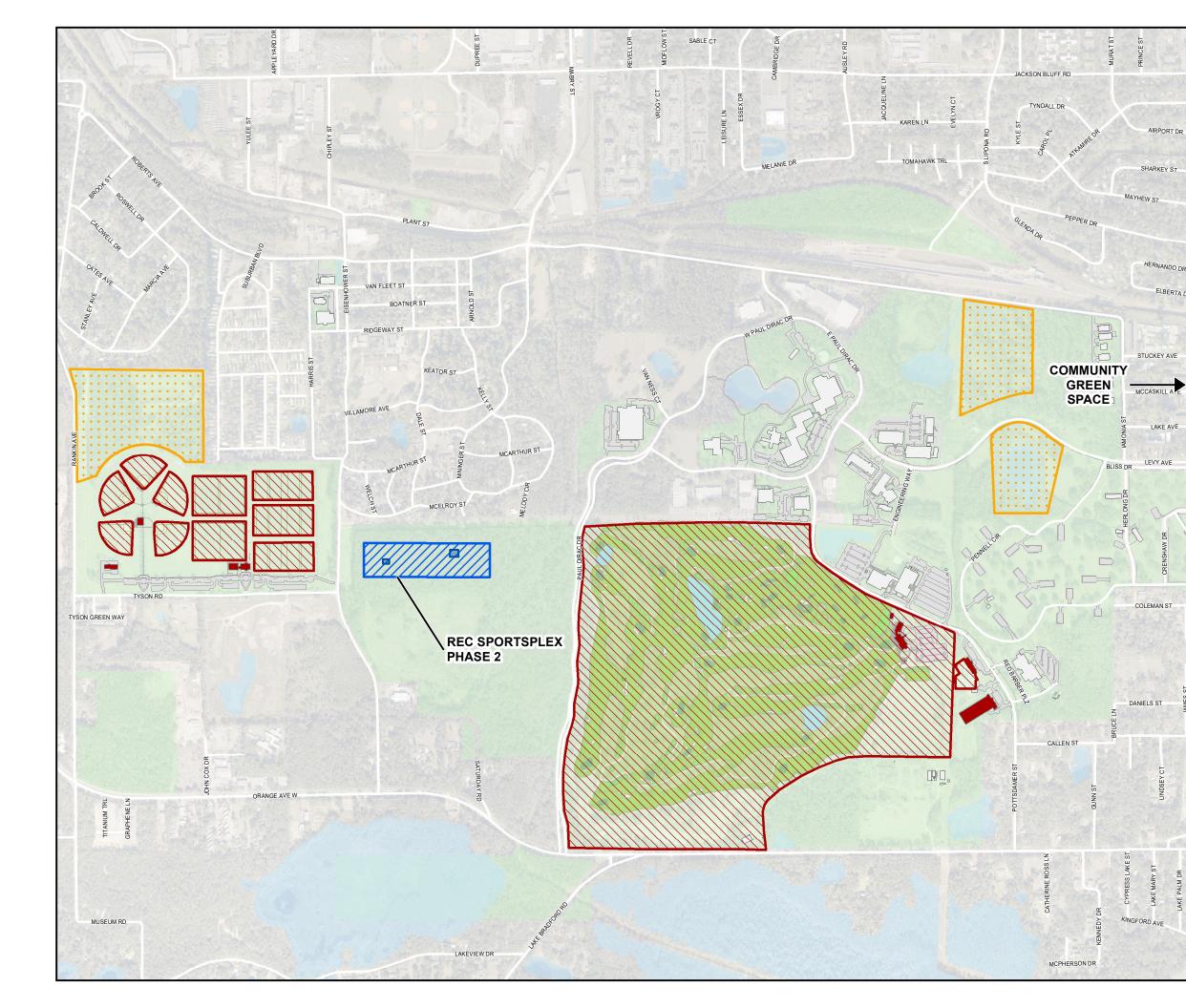
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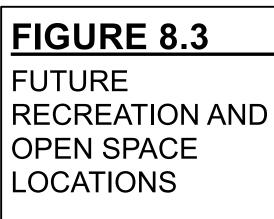
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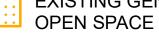


EXISTING RECREATION FIELDS













FUTURE RECREATION BUILDINGS

EXISTING GENERAL



FUTURE RECREATION FIELDS



SPACE (NONE) FUTURE OPEN

SOURCE: FSU FACILITIES PLANNING TLCGIS

FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY TALLAHASSEE CAMPUS SOUTHWEST



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1,000 1,500 Feet