

## 1-23-25

### CDAC Park Projects Update

#### Completed

- **Santa Fe Lake Park** - New (playground adjacent) restrooms with accessible route from parking & amenities and demolished old (lakeside) restrooms & associated septic.
- **Cuscowilla** - Installation of paved parking and ramp with handrails for accessibility to serve the Nature Center.
- With assistance from Growth Management & ITS we've created an [online GIS map containing ALL of the public access parks & conservation lands](#) (municipal, county, state & non-profit) in Alachua County and their respective amenities. This as well as the Parks Master Plan can be found on the Parks & Open Space portion of the County website ([www.alachuacounty.us](http://www.alachuacounty.us)).
- **Veterans Memorial Park** - New inclusive playground, Gold Star Families Memorial, a secondary asphalt entry drive & parking lot, accessible sidewalks, and associated stormwater and utility infrastructure. Improvements also include installation of additional site lighting, landscaping, and temporary irrigation using reclaimed water.

#### In progress

- **Cuscowilla** - *Installation of solar site lighting for the main parking lot serving the Lodge and Park's Office.*
- **MK Rawlings Park/Kate Barnes Ramp** - *Replacement of the existing boarding dock, addition of a courtesy dock on the south side of the channel, paved accessible parking, and accessible sidewalks.*
- **Santa Fe Lake Park** - *Replacement of existing boarding dock for greater accessibility.*
- **Poe Springs** - *Two projects underway here, the first being replacing the existing spring-side restrooms and the second being improvements to the boat launch that include replacement of the boarding dock, and accessible kayak launch, paved accessible parking, and accessible sidewalks.*
  - Restrooms - Construction documents have been completed and we are about to put the project out for bids.
  - Boat Launch - We're working to finish up the construction documents. Bidding & construction phases will follow.
- **Copeland & Montechoa Parks** - *New playgrounds, additional parking, pavilion(s), better accessibility, landscaping, site lighting, and additional amenities as appropriate.*

Surveys have been completed, and we're currently working on schematic designs. Once the A&E and permitting processes are complete, bidding & construction phases will follow.
- **Jonesville Park** - *Construction of a new soccer stadium, additional parking, better accessibility, and new pickleball courts.*

Survey has been completed as well as design of the building containing press box, bleachers, locker/restrooms for officials, and storage. We're currently working on schematic design for the site. Once the A&E and permitting processes are complete, bidding & construction phases will occur.
- **West End Park** - *Fast-track demolition, clean up, and improvements in preparation for the upcoming World Masters Athletics (WMAi25) event. Includes a 2K cross country course, an internationally certified area for javelin, discus, and hammer throw, additional parking, and associated utility infrastructure.*

The County closed on this property on 6/14, and with the assistance of Parks & Public Works staff cleaning & demolition operations began immediately thereafter. All of the existing buildings have been demolished and associated septic tanks have been decommissioned. The event field (old driving range) has been re-graded, throwing facilities have been built (i.e., discus, javelin & hammer throw), irrigation and well/pump restoration are nearly complete, and new electrical services have been built wellside & up front. The event field was hydroseeded yesterday & this morning.

The WMA Council's technical visit in early December went well. Next, we'll be installing additional utilities infrastructure and repaving the existing walks & parking lot adjacent to Newberry Road.

- **Lake Alto Park** - *Renovation of the existing parking lot, including greater accessibility as well as excavation of asphalt and limestone to make way for tree islands and subsequent seal coating & re-striping.*

Costs for this project were split between Parks & EPD (tree mitigation fund). Everything has been completed, and staff have installed wood bollards to protect the islands. Some trees were planted this past Saturday's Arbor Day celebration with the rest scheduled for planting in the following weeks.

- **Pinesville Park (St. Peter)** - *Development of a new pocket park on 2.2 acres just north of Archer.* Survey has been completed, and we're currently working on schematic designs. We anticipate the whole A&E process will take 6-8 months, after which bidding & construction phases will occur.