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**Village of Indiantown  
Recreation and Open Space Element  
*Data, Inventory and Analysis***

*This analysis does not establish new regulatory requirements or conditions of approval.*

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## STATUTORY REQUIREMENTS

Florida Statutes requires a Recreation and Open Space Element indicating a comprehensive system of public and private sites for recreation, including, but not limited to, natural reservations, parks and playgrounds, parkways, public open spaces, waterways, and other recreational facilities.

## COMMUNITY WORKSHOPPING AND PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

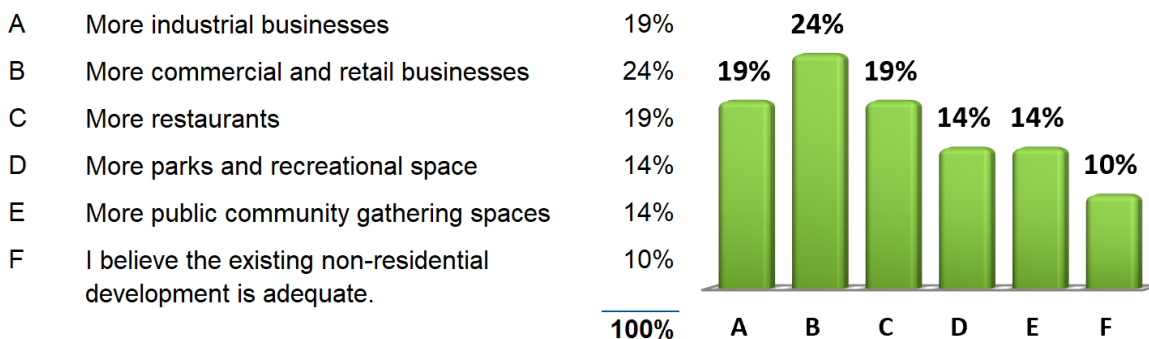
An important consideration during data collection for the Comprehensive Plan is public input. The Village hosted two public workshops to inform this Comprehensive Plan update. In recognition of the Village's diverse community, for many of whom Spanish is a first language, the Village facilitated one meeting in Spanish, held on October 30th, 2025, at Holy Cross Catholic Church; and one meeting in English (with certified interpreter available for any Spanish speaking attendees) on November 18th, 2025, at the Elisabeth Lahti Library.

The Workshops included live polling of survey questions with real-time results. For anyone unable to attend a workshop, the Village website included links to online surveys comprised of the same questions posed at the live meetings, in English and Spanish. To provide even more opportunities to engage residents, businesses, and stakeholders throughout the update, the Village posted meeting dates, draft documents, and project updates on the Village's website and social media platforms.

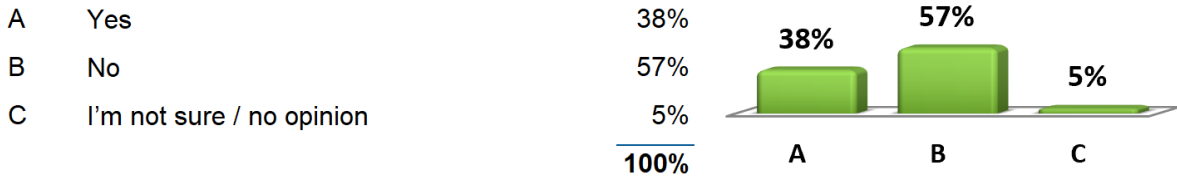
Community participation was notably low. Staff observed that participation levels may have been affected by broader community concerns and other external factors during the outreach period. As a result, workshop and survey results should be interpreted as informative but not statistically representative of the Village as a whole.

Across both workshops and online surveys, over 60% of respondents self-identified as Village residents, and 43% said they previously participated in the inaugural Comprehensive Plan workshops. As shown in the graphed results below, respondents generally ranked additional parks and community gathering spaces as lowest-priority needs, but the majority of respondents believed that the Village has inadequate parks and recreational programming. A slight plurality of respondents agreed that the Village should prioritize funding for the development of eco-tourism, however nearly as many respondents were unsure or had no opinion.

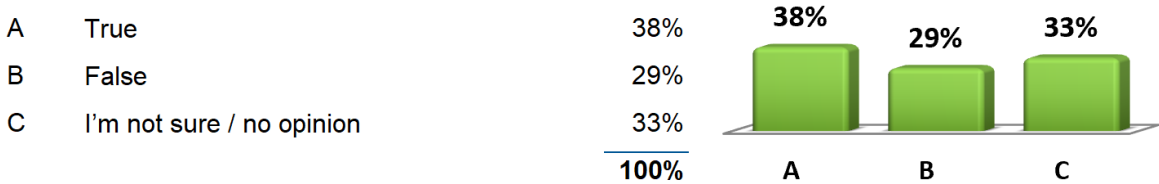
### 9) Thinking of non-residential development, Indiantown needs:



13) I believe the Village has adequate parks and recreational programming.



14) The Village Comprehensive Plan currently seeks to prioritize funding to develop eco-tourism. This should continue to be a priority.



**RECREATION SPACE AND PARK FACILITIES**

There are four (4) public park facilities within the Village, three of which are owned and managed by the Village. The fourth park, Timer Powers Park, is owned and managed by Martin County.

**TABLE ROS-1 INVENTORY OF PARKS AND RECREATION SPACE WITHIN THE VILLAGE**

Site	Owner	Area	Features
Big Mound Park	Village of Indiantown	21.5 acres	Basketball, football, soccer fields, concessions, playground, pavilion, little library, restrooms
Booker Park	Village of Indiantown	5.5 acres	Basketball, multi-purpose field, playground, pavilion, restrooms
Post Family Park	Village of Indiantown	7.2 acres	Basketball, racquetball, tennis, futsal, skate park, playground, walking trail, pavilion, little library, restrooms
Timer Powers Park	Martin County	42.8 acres	Equestrian arena, playground, boat ramp, fishing pier, open fields, pavilions, restrooms

Sources: Village of Indiantown, Martin County

Combined, there is a total of roughly **77 acres** of designated public park space within the Village, including active and passive recreation. As part of the approved Terra Lago development currently under development, roughly 14 acres of parks and 15 acres of multi-use trails and greenways will be built to serve the public. According to the current development agreement, these recreational facilities are anticipated to be dedicated to the Village, therefore they are anticipated to contribute to the recreation space needed to satisfy LOS standards. However, the timing of buildout of all of these facilities is currently speculative.

## LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS

The Village has adopted a concurrency Level of Service (LOS) standard of 5 acres of recreation space per 1,000 residents. This LOS standard is specified by Policy R1.1.2. The Village defines *recreation space* as “publicly owned space that is open to the public. It does not include lands such as private golf courses or marinas.” Additionally, the Village seeks an “optimal” non-concurrency LOS standard of 20 acres of resource management area per 1,000 residents. The Village defines *resource management areas* as “large, resource-based areas that serve two or more communities or counties and are recognized for their significant contribution to local outdoor recreation.”

Considering the Village’s base-level EDR population projections through 2040 and 2050 as discussed in the Future Land Use Element DIA, there is projected to be more than sufficient recreation space to satisfy the minimum projected Village growth through the short and long-range planning horizons, in addition to the planned infrastructure provided by Terra Lago. Additional surplus public recreation space may be developed as part of PUDs and subdivisions currently in the development review pipeline.

TABLE ROS-2 RECREATION SPACE LEVEL OF SERVICE ANALYSIS THROUGH 2040 AND 2050

	2025	2030	2035	2040	2045	2050
<b>Village of Indiantown Population</b>	6,704	6,975	7,180	7,337	7,459	7,562
<b>Recreation Space to Satisfy LOS Standard</b>	33.5 acres	34.9 acres	35.9 acres	36.7 acres	37.3 acres	37.8 acres
<b>Anticipated Recreation Space</b>	77 acres	90 acres	92 acres	106 acres	106 acres	106 acres

Sources: EDR, *Projections of Florida Population by County, 2030-2050, with Estimates for 2025*; BCLA calculations for Village population based on overall County growth rate

This analysis identifies that the Village may evaluate whether its current LOS framework remains appropriate to an “optimal” advisory non-concurrency standard, as with resource management areas. Additionally, the Village may consider clarifying a proximity range for its resource management area standard (i.e. within a certain number of miles of the Village) or strike the standard altogether as the Village does not own or manage any resource management areas. Finally, the Village may consider clarifying its definition for recreation space. There are arguably additional unanticipated areas that could fall within the definition as written: public rights of way and public municipal, county, or state facilities unrelated to recreation.

## WATERFRONT RECREATION

Via Policy R1.1.6, the Village seeks to pursue opportunities to make more waterfront land available for public recreational use. The Village itself currently does not own or maintain any waterfront public recreation land or facilities. However, Timer Powers Park, owned and managed by Martin County, includes roughly 1,700 linear feet of shoreline along the St. Lucie (C-44) Canal, including a fishing pier, fish cleaning station and boat ramp. The Indiantown Marina, although privately owned, does offer boating services and amenities to the public for a fee.

There are roughly 18,400 linear feet of large-parcel undeveloped shoreline along the north side of the St. Lucie Canal, of which roughly 2,600 feet are currently assigned PUD for future development. Depending on the types of development proposed for the waterfront areas, the Village may consider seeking public dedication or development of public-access amenities.

## SUMMARY

- There are four (4) public parks within the Village, totaling roughly 77 acres of recreation space. Three of these parks are owned and managed by the Village, and one park is owned and managed by Martin County. An additional 29 acres of recreation space is anticipated to be built and dedicated to the Village by the Terra Lago development over the next 15 years as part of current project phasing plans.
- It is anticipated that there will be sufficient public park acreage to satisfy recreation space LOS standards for the current Village population, as well as to accommodate the Village baseline EDR population projections through 2040 and 2050.
- The Village may evaluate modifying its recreation space LOS standard to be an advisory or optimal standard, rather than a concurrency standard. Additionally, the Village may evaluate clarifying its definition of recreation space for LOS purposes, as it may be interpreted to include unanticipated public spaces unrelated to recreation and may exclude privately-owned lands dedicated to public recreation uses.
- The Village maintains a non-concurrency advisory standard for resource management areas, although the Village does not own or manage any such areas. The Village may consider removing this standard altogether or include a reasonable proximity standard (i.e. within X miles of the Village) to be more meaningful.
- The Village seeks to expand public waterfront recreational opportunities. Timer Powers Park, owned and managed by Martin County, provides significant public waterfront access including a boat ramp, fishing pier and fish cleaning station. The Village may explore opportunities, where voluntarily proposed by applicants, to incorporate public-access amenities.