



2020 - 2030

# USF Master Plan Updates

Data Collection & Analysis

## Element 9: Recreation & Open Space

UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA

ST PETERSBURG CAMPUS

**TABLE OF CONTENTS:****Appendix B Data Collection and Analysis (DCA)****Element 9 Recreation and Open Space**



## Element 9:

# St Petersburg Recreation and Open Space

## Element 9 Recreation and Open Space

### (1) Purpose

This element aims to ensure adequate and accessible recreation facilities and open space to meet the University's future needs.

### (2) Data Requirements:

(A) An Inventory of all existing privately-owned, state-owned, or local government-owned recreational facilities and open spaces within the context area.

There are six neighborhood and community parks within a two-mile radius of the area east of Fifth Street, between Fifth Avenue South and Eighth Avenue South. Following is an inventory of public recreation facilities within the USF St Petersburg Campus context area, based on available information to date:

**Table II-8-a: Host Community Recreation Facilities**

Name	Location	Size	Type
1. Poynter Park	East of 3 <sup>rd</sup> St. South across from Poynter Institute	3.1 acres	Passive waterfront park along Bayboro Harbor
2. Lassing Park	East of Beach Drive	12.5 acres	Passive waterfront park along Tampa Bay
3. Bartlett Park/St. Petersburg Tennis Center	West of Fourth Street between Eighteenth and Twenty-Second Avenue	28 acres	Tennis courts Recreation Center
4. Roser Park	South of Bayfront Medical Center along Roser Park Drive	8 acres	Passive park along Booker Creek
5. Woodbrook Park	West of Bayfront Medical Center along Roser Park Drive	6 acres	Passive park along Booker Creek
6. Campbell Park	South of Fifth Avenue South between Tenth and Sixteenth Streets	33.3 acres	Recreation Center Pool

#### Activity-Based Parks

Name	Type	Acreage
Bartlett Park/St. Petersburg Tennis Center	Tennis Recreation Center	28 acres
Campbell Park	Recreation Center	33.3 acres
E. H. McLin Pool	Pool	
Al Lang Field	Soccer	N/A

## Resource-Based Parks

<u>Name</u>	<u>Type</u>	<u>Acreage</u>
Poynter Park	Passive – Bayboro bayfront	3.1
Lassing Park	Passive – Tampa bayfront	12.5
Roser Park	Passive – Booker Creek	8
Woodbrook Park	Passive – Booker Creek	6

**(B)** An inventory of all University-owned or managed recreational sites, open spaces, incidental recreation facilities, parks, lakes, forests, reservations, freshwater or saltwater beaches.

One outdoor recreational field (shared use with the Rowdies Soccer Club, which limits USF St Petersburg campus student usage)

- One Soccer/Flag Football Field (Intramural)
- Two Basketball Courts (Intramural)
- Two Volleyball Courts (Intramural)
- Student Living Center:
  - Fitness Center/Weight Training)
  - Locker/Shower Rooms
  - Aerobic Multipurpose Room
  - Professional Staff Offices
  - Student Government Offices
  - Harborside Activities Board
  - Multicultural Center

One Outdoor 5 Lane Swimming Pool

Haney Sailing Center/Waterfront Program: Watercraft Recreation Area

Safety Boats

- 1 15' Rescue Boat
- 1 20' Rescue Boat
- 1 8' Inflatable Dinghy

Sailing Dinghies

- 20 Competitive Flying Junior Dinghies
- 12 Recreational Flying Junior Dinghies
- 4 Laser Sailing Dinghies

Small Keelboats

- 1 16' Hunter Sailboat
- 2 17' Suncat Sailboat
- 2 24' J24 Sailboats

Large Keelboats

- 1 32' Pearson Sailboat Incentive
- 1 33' Tartan Sailboat Shatterspeed
- 1 34' Hunter Sailboat Boogins II
- 1 37' Oday Sailboat Wanderer

Kayaks

- 6 Single Person kayaks
- 4 Tandem kayaks
- 1 Kayak trailer

Canoes

- 8 17' Canoes
- 1 Canoe trailer

**(C)** A description of the level of service standard(s) established by the host community for each type of recreation facility described in the jurisdiction's comprehensive plan.

The city shall adopt and maintain the following Service Standard level: 9 acres of usable recreation and open space per 1,000 population. The Campus Development Agreement between the University and the City commits the University to the same level of service standards for off-campus public open space and recreation facilities, assuring that University development does not degrade park facility operating conditions.

**(D)** A description of any University-owned recreation facilities or open spaces that have been incorporated in the Recreational and Open Space Element of the host community's Comprehensive Plan

University recreation facilities are not incorporated into the St. Petersburg Comprehensive plan.

**(3) Analysis Requirements:**

**(A)** An analysis of the projected needs for recreation and open space must meet the projected university population (students, faculty, and staff) based on University standards and calculations or established level of service standards.

See Support Facilities-Plan Element 6, Analysis Requirement B for projected needs for athletic, intramural and casual use athletic facilities. The methodology used to establish the facilities program for the master plan draws on the listing of needs requirements identified by the University Intercollegiate Athletics, Campus Recreation, and Physical Education representatives and a comparison of those requirements to data collected on peer institutions. Actual levels of services and needs requirements vary considerably from institution to institution. They are influenced by factors such as the students' profile and the availability of land.

Factors identified by the University as having the most significant impact on increasing the level of recreation participation and the associated demand for recreation facilities are:

- Enrollment growth;
- Demand for informal recreation facilities (e.g., lap swim and fitness training done on an individual basis);
- On-campus Housing expansion; and
- The event generated demand.

With increased enrollment and the expansion of the residential community on campus, there is a need to provide new passive and informal recreation options. A 600 square foot outdoor recreation area and a patio offer some passive recreation space associated with the Residence Hall One. Additionally, two volleyball courts and a basketball court associated with the University Center further enhance the recreational opportunities that the campus offers.

**(B)** An assessment of the adequacy of existing recreational facilities and open spaces to meet the University's future needs (on-campus and off-campus), including a description of the extent to which off-campus facilities may meet some or all of the University's projected needs.

NIRSA (National Intramural and Recreational Sports Association) Standards for campus recreation facilities:

- about 11 sf per student for indoor facilities,
- another two sf to four sf per student for Indoor fitness facilities,
- one acre of field space (flag football, soccer, softball) per 1,000 students,
- about one tennis court per 1,000 students,
- One basketball court per 2,000 students, and
- One volleyball court per 3,000 students.

USF St Petersburg campus presently has about 12,000 sf of indoor facilities and 5,700 sf of indoor fitness facilities. At a measure of 13 to 15 sf per student, these numbers indicate facilities capable of supporting 1,200 to 1,400 students.

Current outdoor recreation facilities include the pool and watercraft recreation areas. A recreation field was improved in 2015 on Fifth Avenue South through a partnership with the Tampa Bay Rowdies. A general recreation field is available south of the Warehouse. Recreational basketball and volleyball courts have been added at Sixth Avenue South. Increased student enrollments and increased numbers of students living on-campus will place further demand on existing indoor and outdoor facilities beyond the University's capacity to maintain the same participation level.

The campus waterfront location is viewed by many as the campus's greatest asset. Opportunities for integrating the campus open space along the bay (peninsula, Poynter Park) and connecting the campus back into the city should be explored.

Open space improvements include Harborwalk along the Second Street South and Seventh Avenue South corridors and streetscape improvements on Sixth Avenue South.

The University will continue to augment and enhance its inventory of indoor and outdoor facilities and programs as enrollment increases.

**(C)** An assessment of opportunities for alternative future facility siting to conserve the supply and character of open space.

Overall, the key to preserving and establishing a coherent open space system comprised of quality spaces of diverse character is the judicious placement of future buildings and surface parking and the size of those buildings' footprint.

**(D)** An analysis of planned recreation and open space facilities as adopted by host community in their comprehensive plan or other best available data.

In the recent Master Plan Update, information contained in the Neighborhood Plans for Bartlett Park, Old Southeast, and Roser Park were cited with the following descriptions relative to future recreation and open space improvements in the context area:

**(E)** Bartlett Park

- Landscaping, picnic tables, lighting, crosswalks, and intersection improvements have been added.
- Two new lighted football/soccer fields have been added.

**(F)** Lassing Park

- Create contemplative nodes in the park.
- Create a visual screen at the north end of the park to block the north's view of buildings.
- Enhance the south end of the park by creating a gateway effect.

**(G)** Roser Park

- Create landscape entry signage.
- Construct terrace walls.
- Add landscaping.
- Construct sidewalks.
- Provide additional seating.

**(H)** Woodbrook Park

- Stabilize wall.
- Construct footbridge.
- Add landscaping.