

City of  
**Gainesville**



# Wild Spaces & Public Places

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# Agenda



**Establishment of Priorities**



**Current WSPP Workplan**



**Proposed 2025-2027 WSPP Workplan**



# Our team



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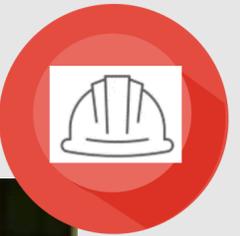
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Director



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Project Manager



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Coordinator



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# Establishment of Priorities

## **Step one:**

- Review of outstanding projects
  - o PRCA and WSPP staff review outstanding projects from the Vision 2020 Master Plan and previously approved WSPP Workplans
- Review of the updated needs assessment
  - o PRCA and WSPP review the needs assessment report to determine what needs have high priority according to the study.
- Review Commissioner requests
  - o PRCA and WSPP staff review Commissioner requests that have been made from the dais and guidance from the City Manager.
- Review Ballot Referendum Language and State Statute 212.055
- Review Advisory Board input
- Review Interlocal Agreement with Alachua County for joint projects that have County-wide impact
- Review Interlocal Agreement with Alachua County through the County's WSPP Municipal Grant Program

## **Step two:**

- Assemble a list of potential projects

## **Step three:**

- Using the following criteria prioritize the projects:
  - o Assessment of condition that requires remediation or upgrades.
  - o Identify where parks, facilities are lacking based on the needs assessment.
  - o Identify where and what amenities are lacking based on the needs assessment.
  - o Assess scope of the projects and staffs' capacity to determine what projects can be done concurrently, and schedule accordingly.

# Projects Currently in Construction



**Park and Field Lighting Overhaul**



**Dwight H. Hunter Pool Slide**



**Small Concrete Projects / ADA Improvements at Multiple Locations**



**A. Quinn Jones Museum & Cultural Center Lighting Upgrades**



**Abby Wambach Park Restroom Renovation**



**Alfred A. Ring Nature Park Boardwalk Improvements**



**Kiwanis Challenge Park Track Improvements**



**Duval Nature Park Improvements – New parking lot, trail and playground**



**Loblolly Woods Boardwalk Hurricane Repair**



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# **Current WSPP Workplan - 21** projects in planning, design, permitting or procurement

- ✿ **Hippodrome Elevator Repair**
- ✿ **Dwight H. Hunter Pool Geothermal Heater Replacement**
- ✿ **Boulware Springs Revitalization & Basin Maintenance Dredge**
- ✿ **Tom Petty Park Pickleball Courts & New Restroom Building**
- ✿ **Ironwood Golf Course Irrigation Controls Replacement**
- ✿ **Sweetwater Recreational Trail (Sweetwater Wetlands Park to Sweetwater Preserve) & (SE Williston Road to Depot Park)**
- ✿ **NE 31st Avenue Trail (NE 15th St to NE Waldo Rd)**
- ✿ **Greentree Dog Park and ADA Improvements**
- ✿ **SW 47th Avenue Trail (SW 34th St to SW 27th St) & Potential Neighborhood Park**
- ✿ **Dwight H. Hunter Pool Locker Room Refresh**
- ✿ **Fred Cone Park Track Resurfacing and Infield Repair**
- ✿ **Thelma A. Boltin Center Improvements - Phase 1 Improvements (Stabilization)**
- ✿ **Morningside Nature Center - Master Planning / New Nature Center**
- ✿ **Wilhelmina Johnson Center Improvements**
- ✿ **City Hall Plaza Refresh (Led by the City Manager's Office)**
- ✿ **Festival and Arts Park (Led by PRCA)**
- ✿ **District 3 Park (Regional/Community Scale) – Explore acquisition opportunities**
- ✿ **8th & Waldo Project (Led by the GCRA)**

# Proposed Projects to begin in 2025-2027

- 🌿 **Depot Park - Visitors Center**
- 🌿 **Thomas Center "A" Renovations** - Elevator renovation and building rehabilitation as outlined in the envelope study
- 🌿 **T.B. McPherson Recreation Center Renovation** - Wholesale Capital Improvements
- 🌿 **Albert "Ray" Massey Recreation Center Renovation** - Wholesale Capital Improvements
- 🌿 **City Pool Improvements** - Replace pool pumps and other upgrades as infrastructure reaches the end of its useful life.
- 🌿 **Bo Diddley Community Plaza** – Eastside hardscape and artificial turf
- 🌿 **Evergreen Cemetery** - Visitors Center
- 🌿 **Woodland Park Improvements** - New court lighting, hardscape, adult fitness equipment, etc.
- 🌿 **Cofrin Nature Park** – Nature Center
- 🌿 **Smokey Bear Park Improvements** - Master Planning

# Proposed Projects to begin in 2025-2027

**Multiuse Trails - Continue to make connections for greater bike and trail access throughout the City. Proposed multiuse trails include:**

- 🌿 SE 8th Avenue Trail (GTEC building to Waldo Road),**
- 🌿 SE 15th Street Trail (Boulevard Springs Park to SE 8th Avenue),**
- 🌿 Sweetwater Greenway (Sixth Street Trail to E University Ave),**
- 🌿 Explore the feasibility/community interest in a pump/skills course**

# City/County Partnership WSPP Projects



**\$3M County Partnership Funding – Dedicated to the City of Gainesville.**

## **Proposed projects:**

- Thelma A. Boltin Center, \$1,500,000
  - 8<sup>th</sup> and Waldo, \$1,000,000
- Sweetwater Wetlands Park Visitors Center, \$500,000



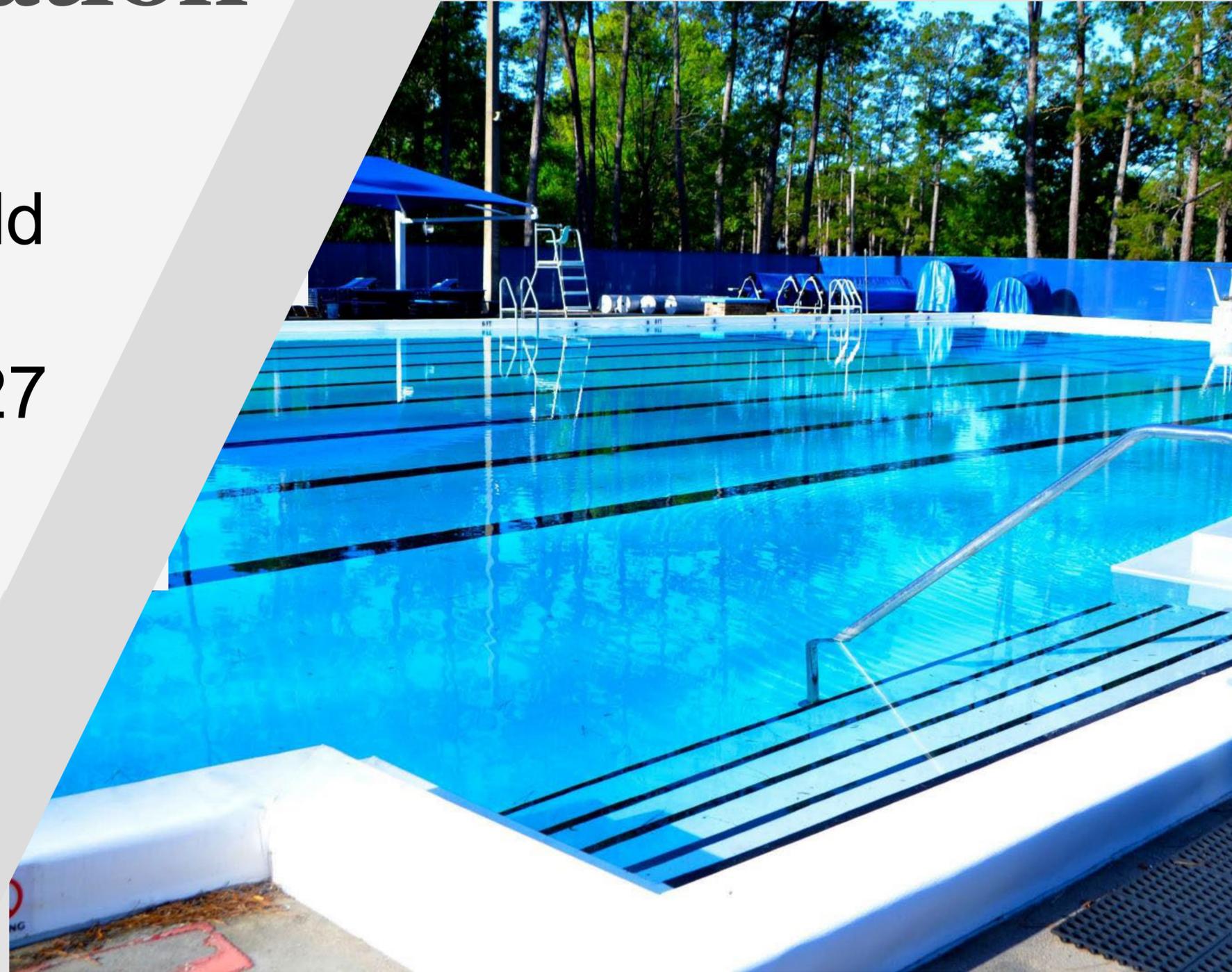
**\$3M County Partnership Funding – Divided between the 9 municipalities (\$333,333 for the City of Gainesville for this round of WSPP).**

## **Proposed Project:**

- NE 31st Avenue Trail (NE 15th Street to NE Waldo Road), \$333,333

# Staff Recommendation

The City Commission hear a presentation from staff on Wild Spaces & Public Places project priorities for 2025-2027 and provide feedback.



# Questions?

