

# City of Gainesville

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**WILD SPACES & PUBLIC PLACES UPDATE TO THE GENERAL POLICY COMMITTEE**  
FEBRUARY 9, 2023

# Agenda



Project Updates



Wild Spaces & Public Places – Round 3!

# Projects completed since May<sup>2023-109A</sup>

-  Clarence R. Kelly Community Center - Pond Fencing, Basketball Court Lighting
-  Oakview Park - Fire Damage Restoration Work
-  Northside Park - Court Lighting Improvements
-  San Felasco Park - Pétanque Court Improvements
-  Sweetwater Wetlands Park - Electric Vehicles, Storage and Charging
-  Hogtown Creek Headwaters Nature Center – Exhibits
-  Tom Petty Park – Tennis Court Reconstruction and Pathway Improvements
-  Morningside Nature Center Improvements – New Roofs, Water Fountain and Electrical Upgrade

WSPP Fall 2022 Project Update - <https://conta.cc/3WoEhcv>

# Projects Currently in Construction <sup>2023-109A</sup>

 H. Spurgeon Cherry Aquatics Center Renovation

 Albert “Ray” Massey Park Playground

 Unity Park Restroom



# H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool Aquatics Center Renovation

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DESIGN GROUP







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# Albert “Ray” Massey Park Playground

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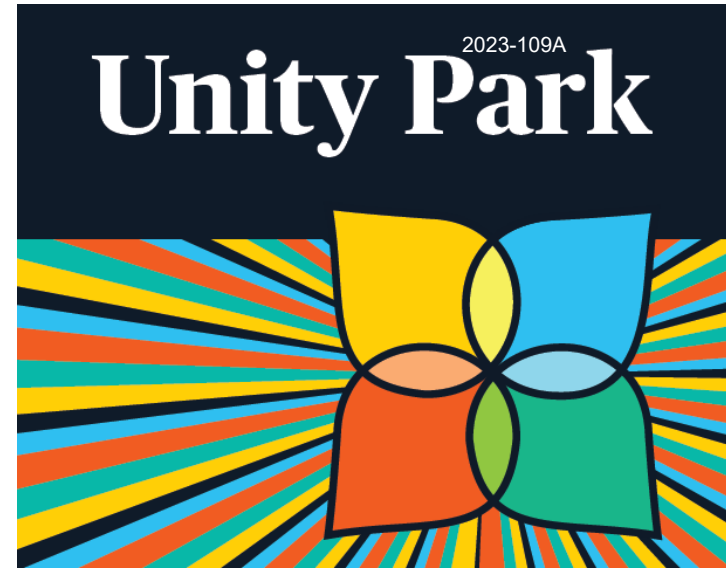
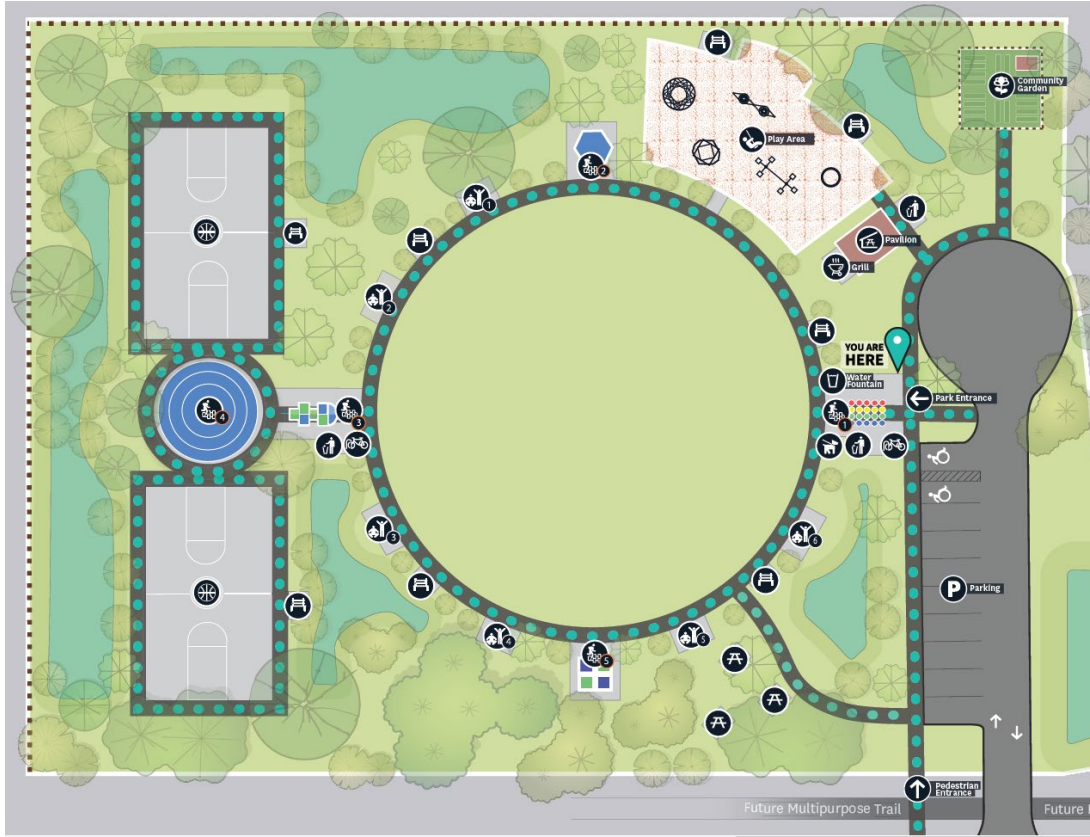


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# The addition of a restroom at



**FLUSH  
RESTROOM**



**CORTEZ**







# 18 Funded projects currently in planning, design, permitting or procurement

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Forest Park Improvements



A.N.N.E. Park Improvements



Possum Creek Skate Park – Lighting



Hippodrome Theatre Improvements – Cinema and ADA Improvements



Dwight H. Hunter Pool – Pool Slide Replacement



Tom Petty Park – Softball Field Improvements



Lincoln Yard Trail



Bo Diddley Plaza – Deck



Park and Field Lighting Overhaul

# Funded projects currently in planning, design, permitting or procurement – Continued



Duval Park – Parking Lot, Trail, Adult Fitness Equipment and Playground



NE 31st Avenue Trail (NE 15th Street to NE Waldo Road)



Sweetwater Recreational Trail (SE Williston Road to Depot Park)



H. Spurgeon Cherry Pool – Pool Slide Repair/Refurbishment



Thelma A. Boltin Center Improvements



Boulware Springs Historic Water Works & Park Improvements



Festival and Arts Park











Sweetwater Recreational Trail (Sweetwater Wetlands Park to Sweetwater Preserve)



Alfred A. Ring Park Improvements

# PRCA Master Plan Update

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-  July 1, 2022 – PRCA hires Barth Associates, LLC to create a PRCA community needs and priorities assessment
-  Summer, 2022 – One-on-one interviews, focus group meetings, meetings with individual City Commissioners
-  October, 2022 – Round 1 of community needs and priorities assessment meetings take place
-  Fall, 2022 – Community-wide statistically valid survey (by district) sent out
-  Fall/Spring 22/23 – Online survey
-  January, 2023 – Round 2 of community needs and priorities assessment meetings take place
-  Spring, 2023 – Finalize PRCA community needs and priorities assessment / Update PRCA's Master Plan and Wild Spaces & Public Places project priorities
-  Summer, 2023 – Discussion with the General Policy Committee on future Wild Spaces & Public Places project priorities

# Wild Spaces & Public Places – 2023 through 2032!



Passed with 52% Approval!



\$3M County Partnership Funding – Dedicated to the City of Gainesville. Proposed projects:

- Thelma A. Boltin Center, \$1,500,000
- Citizens Field, \$1,000,000
- Sweetwater Wetlands Park, \$500,000

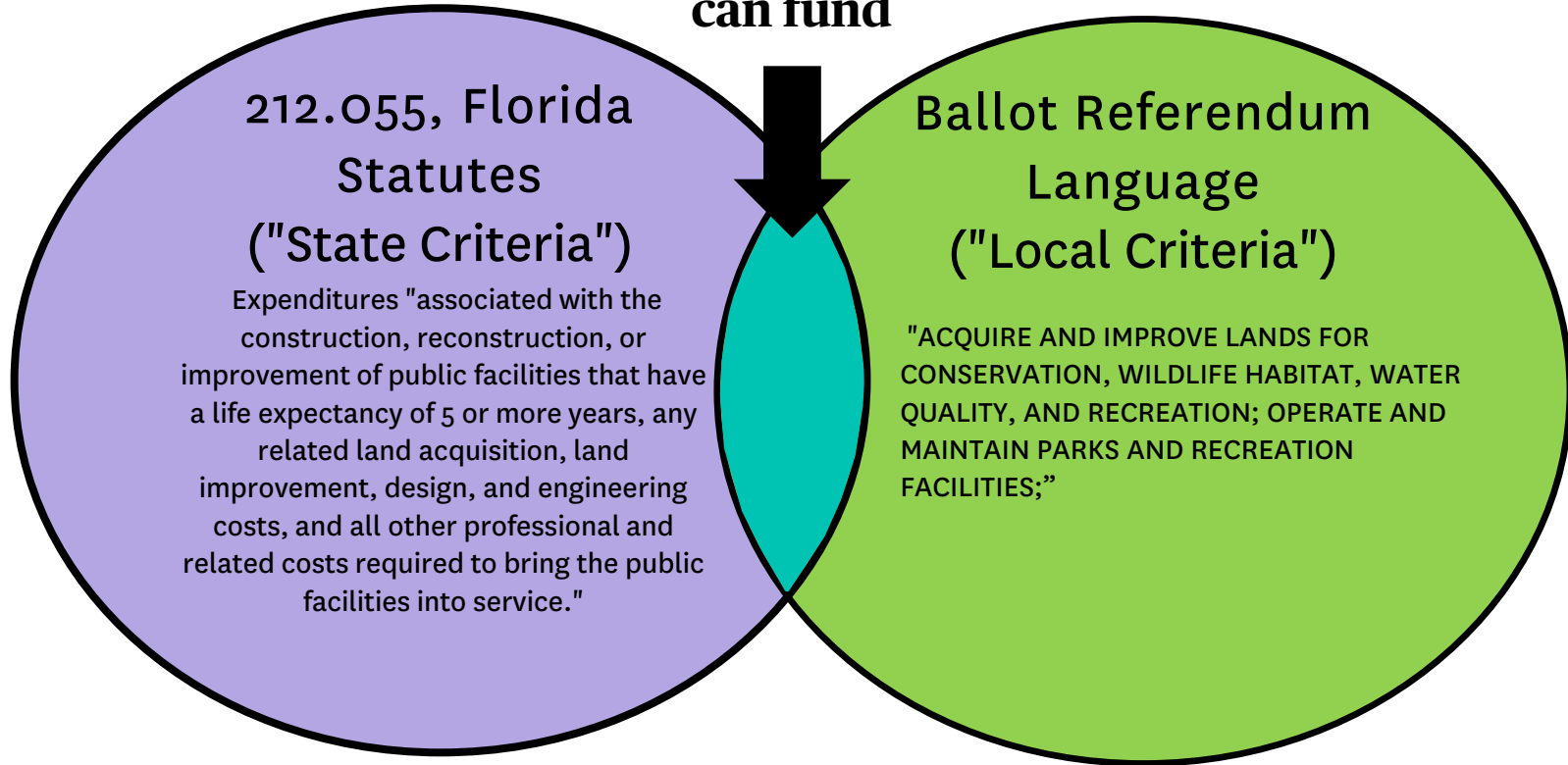


\$3M County Partnership Funding – Divided between the 9 municipalities (\$660,000 allocated during last round of WSPP). Proposed Projects:

- NE 31st Avenue Trail (NE 15th Street to NE Waldo Road), \$330,000
- SE 15th Street Trail (Boulware Springs Park to SE 8th Avenue), \$330,000

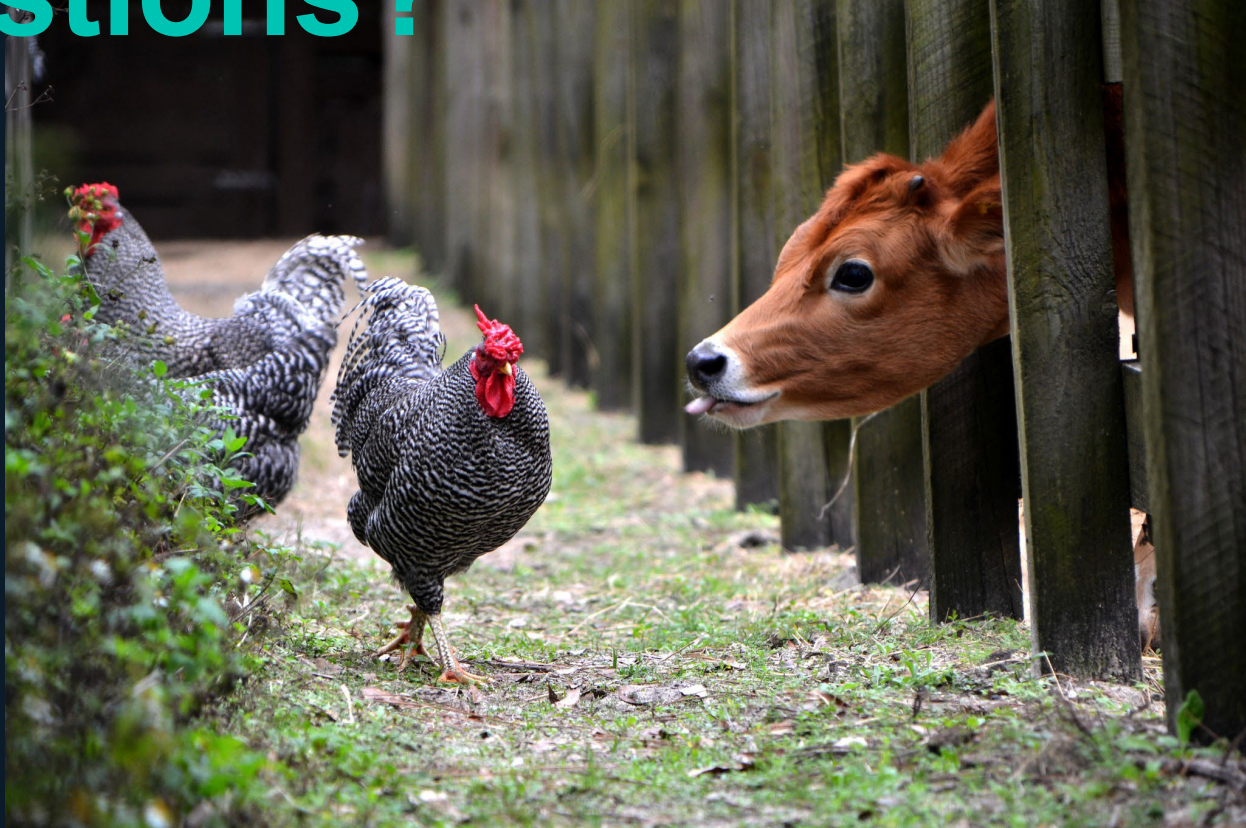
# Projects the WSPP Sales Tax can fund

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# Questions?



# Project Implementation Framework

