

PARKS, SCHOOLS AND OPEN SPACE

Intent and Principles

Residents will choose to live in high-density urban environments like Panther Island if they have convenient access to a range of usable and appealing public spaces. The Panther Island Plan envisions a network of public spaces that includes pocket parks, community parks, schools, and civic gathering places. This section is intended to provide guidance to the development of those various spaces, based on the following principles:

- Connect public spaces to establish an integrated network of parks, plazas, and waterfronts.
- Support the development of pocket parks throughout neighborhoods.
- Design schools and other community facilities so that they are functional throughout the day and
- provide additional spaces for recreation and gatherings.
- Incorporate elements that engage all age groups, including young children and the elderly.

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Standards

- Park Dedication Policy – The City’s park dedication policy applies to residential units constructed in Panther Island. Park dedication fees may be used to construct canals as envisioned in the Panther Island Plan, among other public spaces.
- Plazas – Plazas are urban public spaces that are more formal than parks and have a higher degree of hard surfaces and pedestrian traffic.
- Impervious surface area: Maximum 40 percent.
- Parks – Parks are open spaces that have less hard surface and pedestrian traffic than plazas. Parks typically include both active and passive recreation areas.
- Impervious surface area: Maximum 20 percent.
- Minimum tree canopy coverage 50 percent.

