



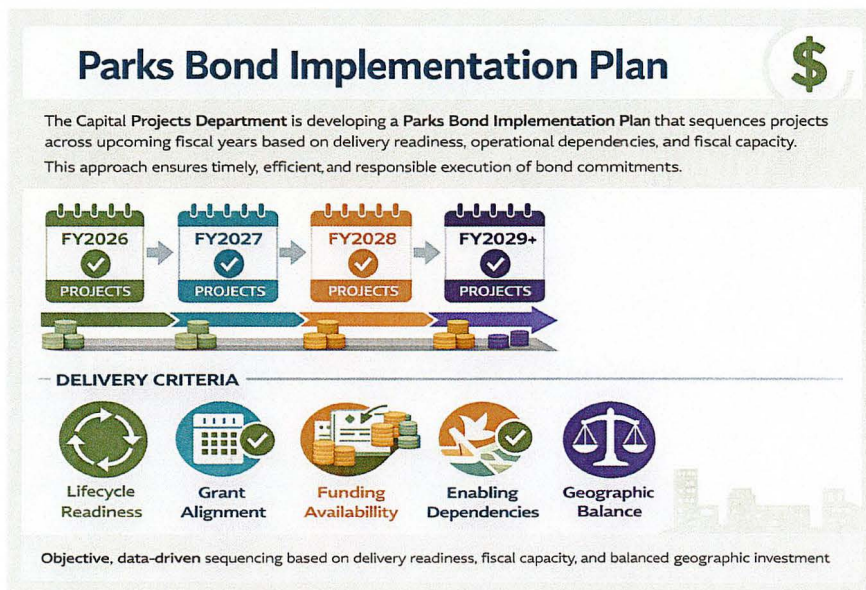
LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-055

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager RW
DATE: March 4, 2026
SUBJECT: February 2026 Parks Bond Program Status (Update #12) REVISED

Parks Bond Implementation Plan:

The Capital Projects Department is developing a Parks Bond Implementation Plan that sequences projects across upcoming fiscal years based on anticipated delivery readiness. Placement of construction-ready projects within each fiscal year is determined using objective delivery criteria, including lifecycle phase and permitting status; confirmed funding availability and multi-year cash flow capacity; resolution of enabling dependencies (such as facility relocation, land acquisition, or utility relocation); alignment with grant deadlines and other external funding requirements; and balanced geographic investment consistent with Commission direction.



Within the next sixty (60) days, City staff anticipates presenting the proposed Implementation Plan to elected officials and the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board to solicit input prior to finalization.

Project Updates:

In early 2025, City staff committed to providing the City Commission with regular updates on the status of the Parks Bond Program. Below are select project highlights for February 2026.

- **Sunrise Middle School Phase II (District 1)** – The City received competitive bids within the approved budget for construction of the new pavilion, installation of artificial turf fields, and completion of drainage improvements. Staff are currently evaluating the proposals for responsiveness and responsibility and anticipates presenting a recommendation to the City Commission for contract award by April 2026.
- **Lockhart Park (District 1)** - At the February 17, 2026 City Commission meeting, staff advised that an updated conceptual site plan is scheduled to be presented at a City Commission Conference meeting in March 2026.
- **Earl Lifshey Park (District 1)** – Staff are advancing accessibility improvements, installation of new bike racks, and lighting upgrades through an existing piggyback contract to expedite delivery by Fall 2026.
- **Victoria Park (District 2)** - Revised playground designs reflecting all feedback received from the Victoria Park Civic Association in mid-January 2026 are nearing completion. Staff have coordinated closely with the Association to resolve comments on the original concept and anticipate final design confirmation within the next thirty (30) days. Upon approval, the project will immediately advance to equipment procurement and permitting.
- **Holiday Park Phase II (District 2)** - The construction contract has been fully executed for the playground renovations, baseball dugout shade improvements, wayfinding signage, new dog park, landscaping, and trail enhancements. A purchase order and notice to proceed will be issued in early March 2026, with a groundbreaking ceremony anticipated in spring 2026.
- **Warfield Park (District 2)** - The Department of Health (DOH) has approved the new splash pad, marking an important milestone toward project completion. During the final inspection, DOH required several additional modifications to meet updated compliance standards. These required modifications are currently estimated at \$140,000, subject to confirmation through review by AECOM and City staff. This amount represents a current funding gap for the project.

Staff have identified two (2) District 2 projects that are trending under budget and may provide available capacity to address the shortfall, pending final cost validation and appropriate approvals. Upon confirmation of scope and funding reallocation, construction will promptly resume to advance the splash pad toward completion.

- **Joseph C. Carter Park (District 3)** – City staff hosted a community outreach meeting on Thursday, February 5, 2026. A second community outreach meeting will be scheduled, where community members will have another opportunity to share feedback and learn more about the project.
- **Bass Park (District 3)** - The groundbreaking ceremony for the new community center, pool restrooms, water playground, and outdoor fitness area was held on February 19, 2026. The project is projected to finish in Spring 2028. Staff plans to recommend funding from another District 3 project for contingency and construction inspection services, as no funding for these items was included in the original construction award approved on March 4, 2025.
- **Osswald Park (District 3)** - Final design plans are complete for the comprehensive park improvements, including playground replacement; renovations to the restrooms and community center; upgraded signage and landscaping; parking lot and lighting enhancements; installation of a new shade structure and safety surfacing at the outdoor fitness area; and new site furnishings. The project is now transitioning into procurement, with the construction solicitation anticipated to be issued within the next sixty (60) days.
- **North Fork Elementary (District 3)** - North Fork Elementary School, which was allocated \$785,000 in Parks Bond funding, is scheduled to permanently close at the end of the current school year. Following completion of planning activities, a remaining balance of \$774,147 is available for reallocation.

Of the remaining \$774,147 balance, staff recommend reallocating \$474,147 to Bass Park to fund contingency and construction inspection services, for which no dedicated funding currently exists, and returning \$300,000 to District 4 to support the Lauderdale Isles Landings project and address an identified funding gap. The Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board endorsed the proposed reallocation on February 25, 2026. Staff anticipates presenting a Public Hearing item to the City Commission for consideration in April 2026.

- **Mills Pond Park - Phase II (District 3)** – The demolition permit has been approved, and issuance of the master permit is pending. A kick-off meeting with the contractor and design team is scheduled for the first week of March 2026 to confirm the project schedule and establish a target groundbreaking date.
- **Croissant Park (District 4)** - On February 24, 2026, City staff provided a project update at a Croissant Park Civic Association meeting prior to advancing the project improvements (playground replacement, community center renovations, walking trail, lighting, landscaping, and site furnishings) into permitting and bidding. Community members expressed interest in a proposed continuous (full-loop) interior park pathway. City staff is evaluating the associated cost and schedule impacts. Staff is

also reviewing flood mitigation measures specific to the proposed playground area and will report back with findings.

- **Flamingo Park (District 4)** - Following the virtual public meeting on January 23, 2026, an online survey was distributed to solicit additional community input. Twenty (20) residents responded, ranking the improvements identified in the 2016 Parks Master Plan according to priority and providing supplemental written feedback. Staff has reviewed the results and will incorporate the community's priorities into the next phase of planning and design, with follow-up outreach to occur as concepts are refined.
- **Gore Betz Park (District 4)** - A virtual public meeting was held on February 20, 2026, to gather community input on the proposed park improvements, followed by an on-site meeting with residents on February 23, 2026, to receive additional feedback. An online survey further expanded community participation. Staff will incorporate the feedback received and proceed with finalizing the design scope and initiating the design contract to advance the project into the next phase.
- **Harbordale Elementary School (District 4)** - A revised playground concept has been developed to reflect stakeholder input. City staff is currently completing its review of the updated design and is awaiting a pricing proposal to confirm consistency with the approved budget and applicable piggyback contract terms. Following completion of the internal review and confirmation of stakeholder concurrence, staff will finalize the design and proceed with procurement.
- **Lauderdale Isles Landing (District 4)** - Design of the new community center and parking improvements at Lauderdale Isles Landing is approximately sixty percent (60%) complete; however, the project currently has an estimated \$1.1 million funding shortfall. The closure of North Fork Elementary School makes \$300,000 in District 4 land funds available to help reduce that gap. The Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board endorsed the proposed reallocation on February 25, 2026. Staff anticipates presenting a Public Hearing item to the City Commission for consideration in April 2026.

Upcoming Park Closures:

- Portions of Bass Park will remain closed through Spring 2028. While parking will be reduced for the duration of construction. All currently scheduled classes and programming will not be impacted.
- A portion of Warfield Park will remain closed through Spring 2026 pending completion of the new splash pad.
- Portions of the Sunrise Middle School project site will remain closed through Summer 2026 due to construction associated with Phases I and II.

For questions or concerns, please contact Quentin Pough, Assistant City Manager, at 954-828-5143 or qpough@fortlauderdale.gov.

Attachment:

1. February 2026 Map of Improvements

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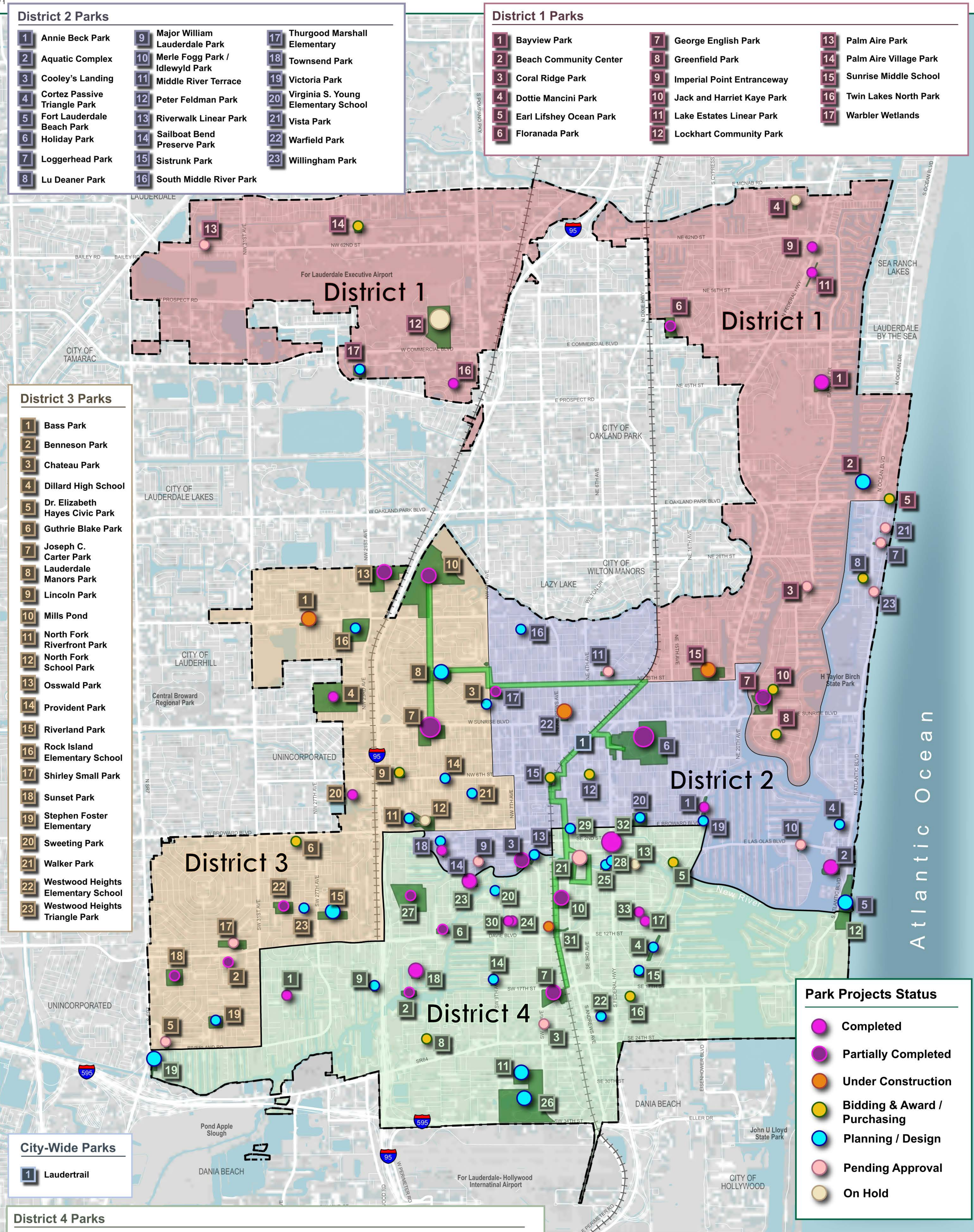
- ### District 2 Parks
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| 1 Annie Beck Park | 9 Major William Lauderdale Park | 17 Thurgood Marshall Elementary |
| 2 Aquatic Complex | 10 Merle Fogg Park / Idlewyld Park | 18 Townsend Park |
| 3 Cooley's Landing | 11 Middle River Terrace | 19 Victoria Park |
| 4 Cortez Passive Triangle Park | 12 Peter Feldman Park | 20 Virginia S. Young Elementary School |
| 5 Fort Lauderdale Beach Park | 13 Riverwalk Linear Park | 21 Vista Park |
| 6 Holiday Park | 14 Sailboat Bend Preserve Park | 22 Warfield Park |
| 7 Loggerhead Park | 15 Sistrunk Park | 23 Willingham Park |
| 8 Lu Deaner Park | 16 South Middle River Park | |

- ### District 1 Parks
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| 1 Bayview Park | 7 George English Park | 13 Palm Aire Park |
| 2 Beach Community Center | 8 Greenfield Park | 14 Palm Aire Village Park |
| 3 Coral Ridge Park | 9 Imperial Point Entranceway | 15 Sunrise Middle School |
| 4 Dottie Mancini Park | 10 Jack and Harriet Kaye Park | 16 Twin Lakes North Park |
| 5 Earl Lifshy Ocean Park | 11 Lake Estates Linear Park | 17 Warbler Wetlands |
| 6 Floranada Park | 12 Lockhart Community Park | |

- ### District 3 Parks
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| 1 Bass Park |
| 2 Benneson Park |
| 3 Chateau Park |
| 4 Dillard High School |
| 5 Dr. Elizabeth Hayes Civic Park |
| 6 Guthrie Blake Park |
| 7 Joseph C. Carter Park |
| 8 Lauderdale Manors Park |
| 9 Lincoln Park |
| 10 Mills Pond |
| 11 North Fork Riverfront Park |
| 12 North Fork School Park |
| 13 Osswald Park |
| 14 Provident Park |
| 15 Riverland Park |
| 16 Rock Island Elementary School |
| 17 Shirley Small Park |
| 18 Sunset Park |
| 19 Stephen Foster Elementary |
| 20 Sweeting Park |
| 21 Walker Park |
| 22 Westwood Heights Elementary School |
| 23 Westwood Heights Triangle Park |

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| 1 Ann Herman Park | 10 Florence C. Hardy Park | 19 Lauderdale Isles Landing | 28 Stranahan Landing Park |
| 2 Bill Keith Preserve | 11 Floyd Hull Stadium | 20 Lewis Landing Park | 29 Stranahan Park |
| 3 Bryant Peney Park | 12 Fort Lauderdale Beach Park | 21 Marshall Point Park | 30 Tarpon Cove Park |
| 4 Cliff Lake Park | 13 Francis L. Abreau Place | 22 Poinciana Park | 31 Tarpon River Park |
| 5 Colee Hammock Park | 14 Gore Betz Park | 23 Riverside Park | 32 Tunnel Top Park |
| 6 Coontie Hatchee Park | 15 Harbordale Elementary School | 24 Sara Horn Greenway | 33 Virginia S. Young Park |
| 7 Croissant Park | 16 Harbordale Park | 25 Smoker Park | |
| 8 Esterre Davis Wright Park | 17 Hector Park | 26 Snyder Park | |
| 9 Flamingo Park | 18 Hortt Park | 27 Stranahan High School | |



Park Projects Status

- Completed
- Partially Completed
- Under Construction
- Bidding & Award / Purchasing
- Planning / Design
- Pending Approval
- On Hold

Project Size

- Signature Project
- Significant Improvements
- Small Projects

