



## LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

**LTC No: 26-100**

**TO:** Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission  
**FROM:** Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*  
**DATE:** April 8, 2026  
**SUBJECT:** **March 2026 Parks Bond Program Status (Update #13)**

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### **Parks Bond Implementation Plan:**

Over the last month, staff has continued refining the Parks Bond Implementation Plan, which outlines the sequencing of anticipated project construction starts over the upcoming fiscal years. Staff has also begun meeting with Commissioners to gather feedback on the plan. The Implementation Plan is scheduled to be presented to the Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board on April 22, 2026, followed by a presentation at the City Commission Conference Meeting on May 5, 2026.

### **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 March 2026.

- **Sunrise Middle School Phase II (District 1)** - A recommendation to award a contract for the construction of a new pavilion, artificial turf field, and associated drainage improvements is anticipated for the April 21, 2026, City Commission meeting. Following contract execution and issuance of the purchase order, a Notice to Proceed will be issued, at which time the Contractor will have 100 calendar days to complete the project.

Although Phase I is expected to be completed, at this time, City staff does not anticipate that Phase II will be completed prior to the School Board's desired completed date of August 9, 2026. City staff is coordinating with School Board staff on the details of the updated Phase II schedule.

- **Palm Aire Village Park Phase I (District 1)** - The existing playground and outdoor fitness area closed the week of Monday, April 6, 2026, and will reopen summer 2026. The scope of work includes demolishing the existing playground and installing a new

playground with poured-in-place rubber safety surfacing. Restroom renovations, which include new fixtures, tiles and partitions and new sports lighting for the basketball and sand volleyball courts will also be performed in this phase. Completion of all improvements is targeted for summer 2026.

- **Holiday Park Phase II (District 2)** - A notice to proceed has been issued to the contractor, marking the start of preconstruction for the playground renovations, baseball dugout shade improvements, wayfinding signage, new dog park, landscaping, and trail enhancements. Staff and the design team are working closely with the contractor to secure all required permits, finalize the construction schedule, staging area, and phasing plan, and coordinate a groundbreaking event ahead of construction, which is expected to begin in spring 2026.
- **Peter Feldman Park Phase I (District 2)** - The exact closure date will be announced shortly; however, the existing playground is expected to close in May 2026, or sooner, for demolition of the current equipment and installation of a new beach-themed playground, benches, and tables. Completion is targeted for summer 2026.
- **Victoria Park (District 2)** - Over the past month, staff collaborated with the Victoria Park Civic Association to finalize the design of a new nature-themed playground. The concept design was completed and approved by the Association during the week of March 30, 2026. Next steps include procurement, followed by permitting. The project remains on track for construction to begin in Fiscal Year 2027.
- **Warfield Park (District 2)** - Over the past two (2) weeks, the recently renovated playground and splash pad, which remain under construction, experienced two (2) separate incidents of theft and vandalism. The damage has been documented and reported to the Police Department. Enhanced site security measures have since been implemented, and staff are developing a plan to repair the damage and complete the remaining improvements.

Regarding the pending splash pad design comments referenced in the February 2026 update, the Department of Health has identified required modifications necessary to complete construction. These items were not included in the original design plans, resulting in an estimated project funding shortfall of approximately \$200,000. Staff are working with the Office of Management and Budget to identify available funding sources to address the gap.

- **Joseph C. Carter Park (District 3)** - A hybrid public meeting was held on March 30, 2026, as a follow-up to the meeting held in February 2026. The meeting offered a virtual option to help reach a broader audience and allow residents to receive real-time updates and provide feedback. An online survey on the prioritization of scope elements launched on March 16, 2026, and closed on April 6, 2026. In addition, an existing \$118,599 grant from the Florida Department of State, Division of Arts and Culture, is currently set to expire in June 2026. Staff have initiated a request for an

extension and will provide updates on the status and next steps as they become available. If the extension is denied, staff will pursue withdrawal from the grant.

- **Bass Park (District 3)** - The contractor has fully mobilized and completed site clearing, tree protection fencing, and erosion control measures, and is now establishing survey points for the new community center.

Following endorsement by the Parks, Recreation, and Beaches Advisory Board on February 25, 2026, staff prepared a recommendation to approve a resolution and related budget amendment to reallocate \$474,146.88 from the North Fork Elementary School project to Bass Park. The reallocated funds would support construction contingency and enhanced engineering inspection services for the Bass Park project, which is currently under construction and does not have budgeted funding for these needs. The resolution and budget amendment were approved at the April 7, 2026, City Commission Regular Meeting.

- **Osswald Park (District 3)** - The project is ready to be advertised for bid. However, based on the latest cost estimate prepared by the design consultant, AECOM, construction of the planned park improvements is projected to exceed the available budget by approximately \$1.2 million. The improvements include playground replacement; renovations to the restrooms and community center; upgraded signage and landscaping; parking lot and lighting enhancements; a new shade structure and safety surfacing at the outdoor fitness area; and new site furnishings. Staff are working with AECOM to refine the estimate and with the Office of Management and Budget to identify available funding to address the shortfall.
- **Mills Pond Park - Phase II (District 3)** - A notice to proceed for construction was issued to the contractor, effective March 30, 2026, for the new all-in-one concession, restroom and office building at the softball fields. The contractor is scheduled to mobilize and begin construction on April 20, 2026.
- **North Fork Riverfront Park (District 3)** - A grant application was submitted to the Florida Inland Navigation District's (FIND) Waterways Assistance Program (WAP) for \$85,000 to support the design and permitting of an expanded parking area, an ADA-accessible pathway, an ADA-accessible floating dock, and a kayak/canoe launch.
- **Esterre Davis Wright Park (District 4)** - The exact closure date will be announced soon; however, the existing playground and outdoor fitness area are expected to close in May 2026, or earlier, to allow for demolition of the existing equipment and installation of a new nature-themed playground and outdoor fitness area with poured-in-place rubber safety surfacing and a walking trail connection. Completion is targeted for summer 2026.
- **Harbordale Park (District 4)** - The exact closure date will be announced soon; however, the existing playground and outdoor fitness area are expected to close in May 2026, or earlier, to allow for demolition of the existing equipment and installation

of a new playground, new outdoor fitness equipment, and poured-in-place rubber safety surfacing. Completion is targeted for summer 2026.

**Upcoming Park Closures:**

- The existing playground at Palm Aire Village Park will be closed from the week of April 6, 2026, through spring 2026.
- Closure of the existing playground at Esterre Davis Wright Park will be announced within the next few weeks via signage posted at the park, the city website, and social media pages.
- Closure of the existing playground and outdoor fitness area at Harbordale Park will be announced within the next few weeks via signage posted at the park, the city website, and social media pages.
- Closure of the existing playground and outdoor fitness area at Peter Feldman Park will be announced within the next few weeks via signage posted at the park, the city website, and social media pages.
- Portions of Sunrise Middle School will remain closed through fall 2026 due to construction associated with Phases I and II.
- Portions of Bass Park will remain closed through spring 2028.
- A portion of Warfield Park will remain closed through summer 2026 pending completion of the new splash pad and repairs to the vandalized playground.

For questions or concerns, please contact Quentin Pough, Assistant City Manager, at 954-828-5143 or [qpough@fortlauderdale.gov](mailto:qpough@fortlauderdale.gov).

Attachment:

1. March 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

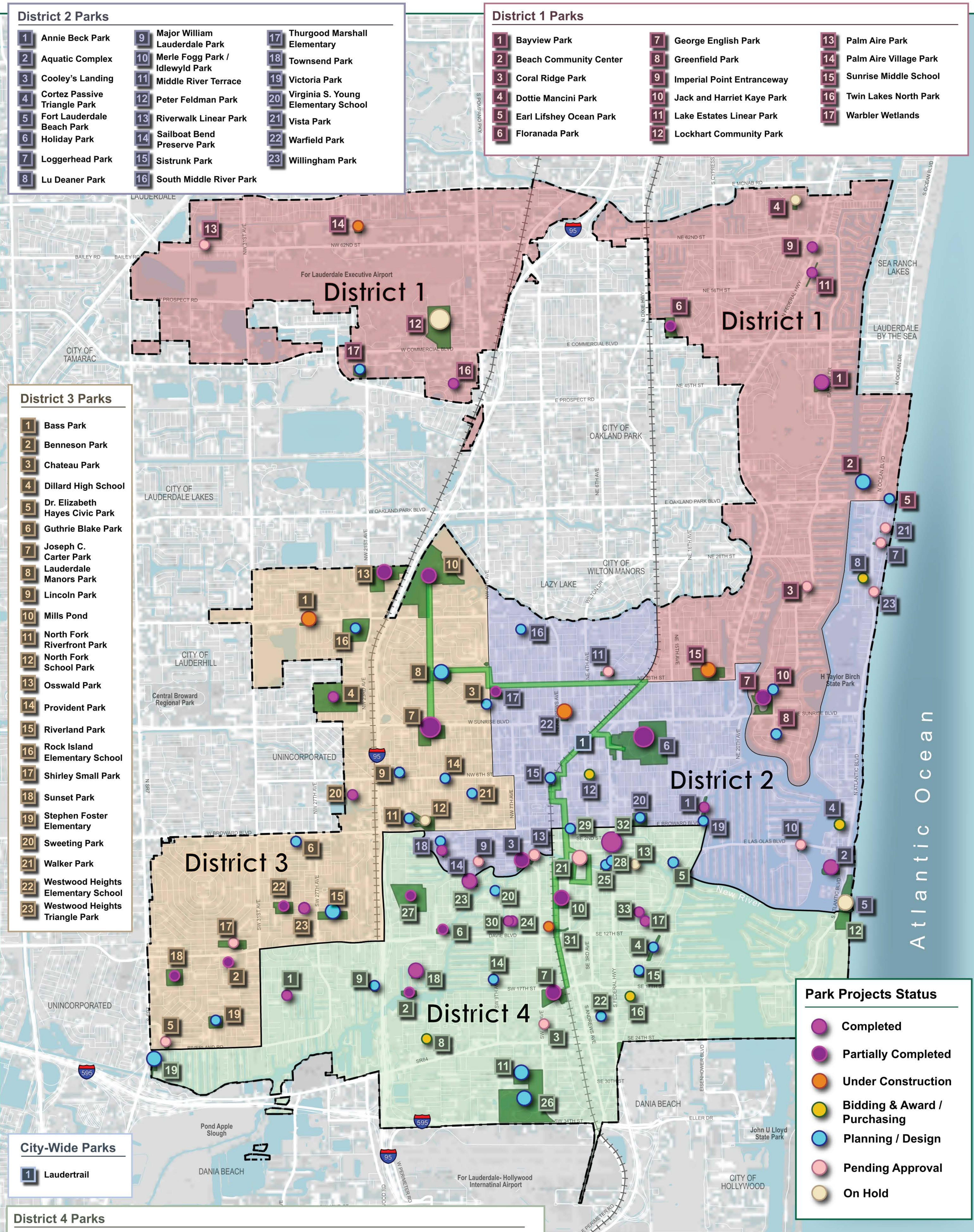
- 1 Bass Park
- 2 Benneson Park
- 3 Chateau Park
- 4 Dillard High School
- 5 Dr. Elizabeth Hayes Civic Park
- 6 Guthrie Blake Park
- 7 Joseph C. Carter Park
- 8 Lauderdale Manors Park
- 9 Lincoln Park
- 10 Mills Pond
- 11 North Fork Riverfront Park
- 12 North Fork School Park
- 13 Osswald Park
- 14 Provident 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

### City-Wide Parks

- 1 Ludertrail

### District 4 Parks

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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    |                           |

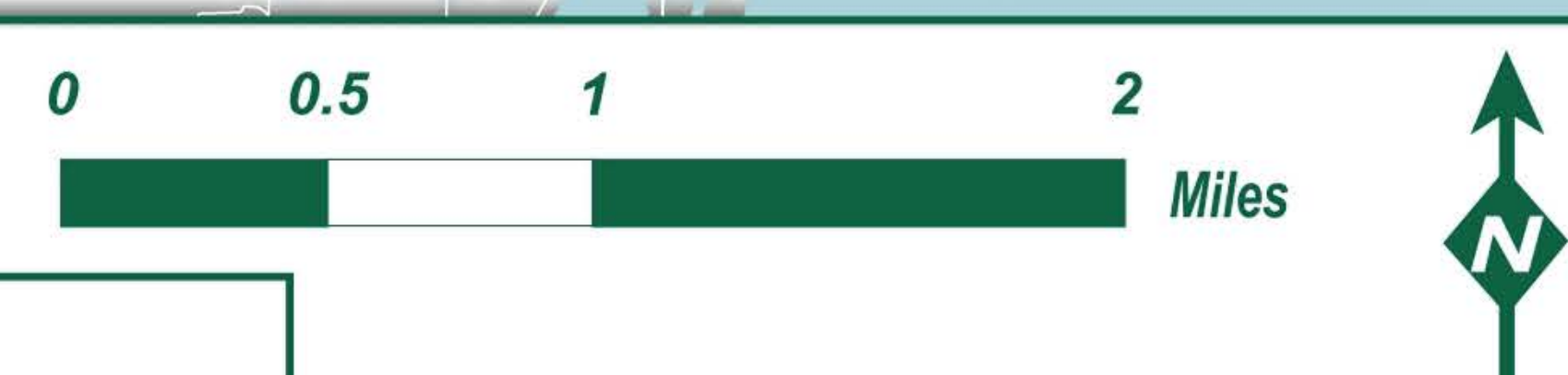


### Park Projects Status

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

### Project Size

- Signature Project
- Significant Improvements
- Small Projects



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