



LETTER TO THE COMMISSION

LTC No: 26-138

TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the Fort Lauderdale City Commission
FROM: Rickelle Williams, City Manager *RW*
DATE: May 12, 2026
SUBJECT: **April 2026 Parks Bond Program Status (Update #14)**

Parks Bond Program Prioritization Plan:

The Parks, Recreation and Beaches Advisory Board reviewed the proposed Parks Bond Program Prioritization Plan (Plan) on April 22, 2026, and expressed support for the overall approach. The presentation at the City Commission Conference Meeting was originally scheduled for May 5, 2026, but has been deferred to May 19, 2026.

The proposed Plan provides a structured and transparent approach for advancing the remaining Parks Bond projects. Project timing is based on objective delivery criteria, including design and permitting status, available funding, grant deadlines, project dependencies, and balanced investment across the City consistent with Commission direction.

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 April 2026.

- **Sunrise Middle School Phase II (District 1)** - On April 21, 2026, the City Commission approved the award of the construction contract for the new pavilion, artificial turf field, and associated drainage improvements. Contract execution is in progress, and staff anticipates issuing the Notice to Proceed in June 2026 to begin construction.
- **Palm Aire Village Park Phase I (District 1)** - Construction began on April 6, 2026. During playground demolition, a concrete slab was discovered beneath the safety surfacing and must be removed before footers can be poured for the new equipment. This condition may impact the construction schedule; however, the improvements currently remain on track for completion in summer 2026.

- **Holiday Park Phase II (District 2)** - City staff hosted a preconstruction meeting with the design team and contractor for the playground renovations, baseball dugout shade improvements, wayfinding signage, a new dog park, landscaping, and trail enhancements. Following the meeting, the contractor is working to secure the required building permits with construction anticipated to begin by May 18, 2026. A groundbreaking ceremony is scheduled for May 29, 2026, at 2:00 p.m.
- **Peter Feldman Park Phase I (District 2)** – Replacement of the playground is scheduled to begin the week of May 18, 2026. Construction will take approximately six (6) weeks, with final completion and reopening of the new playground by the end of summer 2026, weather permitting.
- **Victoria Park (District 2)** - A design has been selected and is currently being advanced toward procurement. Additional information is needed from the playground manufacturer to finalize the requisition for the solicitation. Construction is targeted to begin in late summer or fall 2026.
- **Joseph C. Carter Park (District 3)** – Following the public meeting held in March 2026, staff is finalizing negotiations for the Architectural and Engineering (A/E) services for the redesign. Staff also worked with the State of Florida Division of Cultural Affairs to secure a grant extension through December 1, 2026.
- **Bass Park (District 3)** - The contractor has completed preparations for the building pad and began work on the structural footings. Next steps involve completing the foundation and underground utility installations. The project remains on schedule with completion estimated by summer 2027.
- **Mills Pond Park - Phase II (District 3)** - On April 20, 2026, the contractor, Sky Living Co., began construction on the new all-in-one concession, restrooms, and office building at the softball fields. The work scheduled over the first month consists of installation of construction fencing, tree protection, demolition, establishing survey points and rough grading of the job site.
- **Esterre Davis Wright Park (District 4)** - Replacement of the playground, installation of the new outdoor fitness station, and construction of the walking trail extension are scheduled to begin the week of May 11, 2026. Construction is expected to take approximately six (6) weeks, with final completion and reopening of the new playground and outdoor fitness area anticipated by summer 2026.
- **Harbordale Park (District 4)** – Replacement of the playground and outdoor fitness area is scheduled to begin the week of May 25, 2026. Construction will take approximately six (6) weeks, with final completion and reopening of the new playground and outdoor fitness area by the end of summer 2026.

- **Harbordale Elementary School Park (District 4)** – The design for the playground replacement has been finalized with all stakeholders, including the Parent Teacher Association and Harbordale School Association, which includes parents, teachers, and staff. The playground design was submitted for review by the School Board of Broward County’s Playground Standards Committee on May 4, 2026. Staff is awaiting approval and any additional feedback before initiating procurement of the playground equipment.

Upcoming Park Closures:

- The existing playground at Esterre Davis Wright Park will be closed through summer 2026.
- The Holiday Park playground will be closed through fall 2027.
- The existing playground and outdoor fitness area at Harbordale Park will be closed from May 26, 2026, through summer 2026.
- The existing playground at Peter Feldman Park will be closed from May 18, 2026, through summer 2026.
- The existing playground at Palm Aire Village Park will remain closed through summer 2026.
- 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 for 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.

Attachment:

1. April 2026 Map of Improvements

c: Shari L. McCartney, City Attorney
David R. Soloman, City Clerk
Patrick Reilly, City Auditor
City Manager’s Office
Department Directors

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

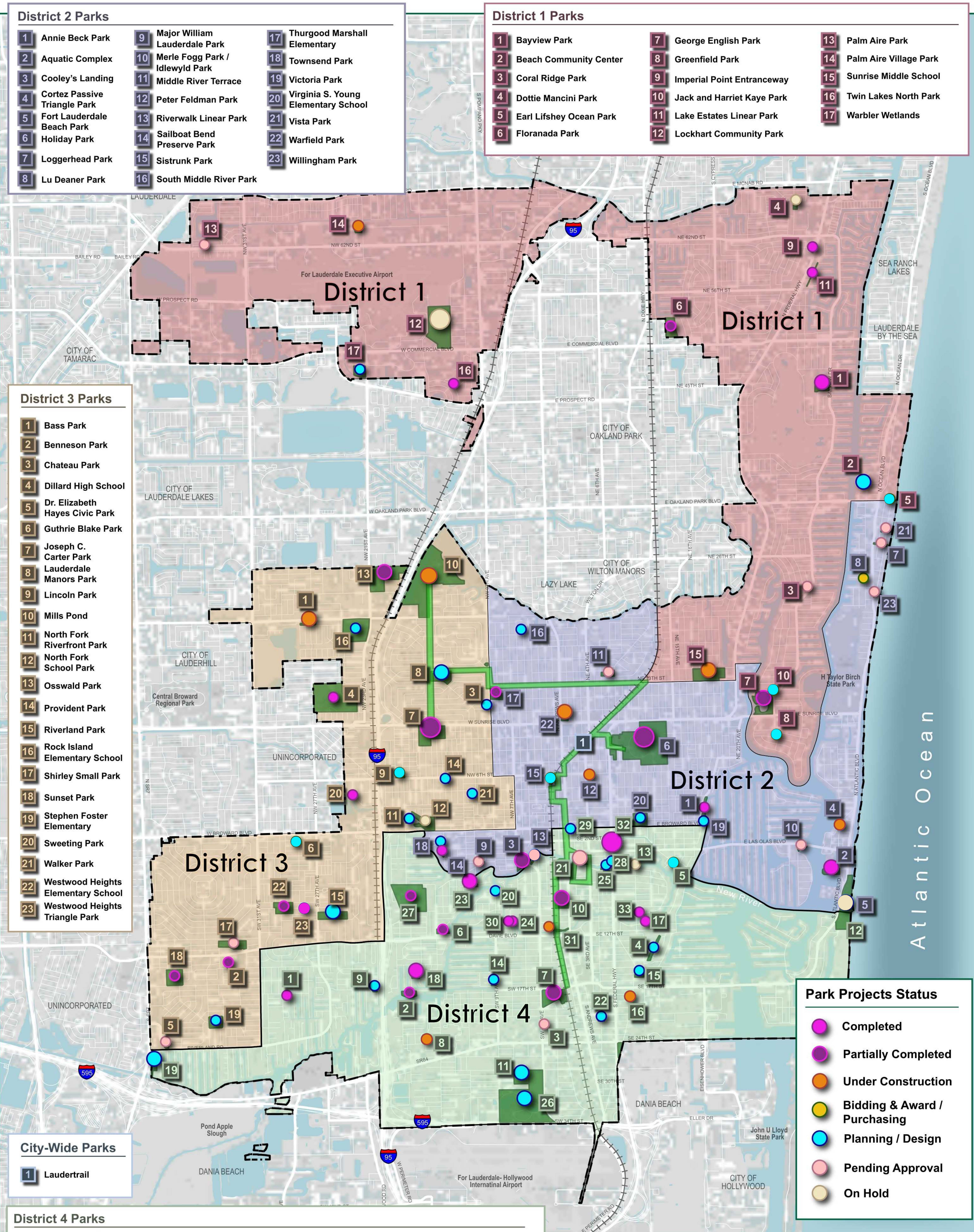
- 1 Bass Park
- 2 Benneson Park
- 3 Chateau Park
- 4 Dillard High School
- 5 Dr. Elizabeth Hayes Civic Park
- 6 Guthrie Blake Park
- 7 Joseph C. Carter Park
- 8 Lauderdale Manors Park
- 9 Lincoln Park
- 10 Mills Pond
- 11 North Fork Riverfront Park
- 12 North Fork School Park
- 13 Osswald Park
- 14 Provident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