21.209 Recreation and Open Space Element.

This element ensures the provision of adequate and accessible recreation facilities and open space to meet the future needs of the university.

(1) RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE DATA AND ANALYSIS REQUIREMENTS. This element shall be based on the following data and analysis requirements, pursuant to Subparagraph 21.202(2).

(a) Inventory and assess existing university-owned or managed recreational sites (including open spaces, incidental recreation facilities, parks, lakes, forests, reservations, freshwater and saltwater beaches) against the projected needs for recreation and open space facilities required to meet the needs of the projected university population (students, faculty and staff) based on university standards and calculations or established level of service standards.

(b) Inventory and assess existing privately-owned, state owned, or local government-owned recreational facilities and open spaces within the planning study area against the projected needs for recreation and open space facilities required to meet the needs of the projected university population (students, faculty and staff) based on university standards and calculations or established level of service standards.

(c) Inventory and assess planned future recreation and open space facilities, both on-campus and off-campus within the planning study area, against projected needs of both the university and the host and/or affected local governments. This analysis should consider levels of service standards established by both the university and the host and/or affected local governments for each type of recreation facility. The university assessment must consider opportunities for alternative future facility siting in order to conserve the supply and character of campus open space.

(2) REQUIREMENTS FOR RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE GOALS, OBJECTIVES AND POLICIES.

(a) The element shall contain one or more goals for recreation and open space facilities.

(b) The element shall contain one or more objectives for each goal which:
   1. Coordinate public and private resources to meet the projected university generated demand for recreational facilities and open space; and
   2. Ensure that parks, recreational facilities and open space are adequately and efficiently provided.

(c) The element shall contain one or more policy statements which:
   1. Establish priorities for development of future recreation and open space facilities;
2. Establish the timing or phasing requirements for development of future athletic, recreation and open space facilities;
3. Select sites for infrastructure and buildings designed to maximize the retention of campus open space;
4. Coordinate provision of recreation and open space facilities on-campus with those provided off-campus by the host and/or affected local governments;
5. Correct or improve existing deficiencies due to university generated demand on parks and recreation facilities; and
6. Designate or acquire open space and natural reservations.
7. Promotes bike, pedestrian and mass transit connectivity between the university community and recreational facilities.

(d) The Recreation and Open Space Element shall be described at a minimum in the Recreation and Open Space Element Map and explanatory text. This map and companion text and tabular data shall define the location, size and function of proposed future recreation and open space facilities on the campus. The map and text shall be accompanied by explanatory tabular information as required.