OSAC RECOMMENDED CRITERIA FOR OPEN SPACE BOND PARK IMPROVEMENT EXPENDITURES

Section 4 of Resolution R-2006-110 of the Town of Davie states four goals of the Open Space bond which are to:

- protect the quality of water bodies
- preserve and improve natural areas and wildlife habitat from development
- complete the recreational trail system
- preserve and improve passive recreational parks

Improvements should support and enhance activities in which people engage while using the open space system.

Section 5 of Resolution R-2006-110 of the Town of Davie further states the following criteria for selection of Park Improvements:

Existing Parks

- must be consistent with the approved master site plans
- consider the requirements of grant funding agencies

Bond-Acquired Sites

- must be consistent with the intended use of the park
- a minimum level of public access be provided as soon as possible

To further guide Town staff and Town elected officials in the determination of appropriate allocation of Open Space Bond funds for park enhancements, the following guidelines are proposed:

- Seek matching funds for proposed improvements.
- Assure community support for a proposed neighborhood park/improvement.
- Assure the project is consistent with best management practices with regard to developing park sites with water bodies and/or wildlife habitats.
- Assure that a project is a capital improvement and not maintenance or repair.
- Assure there are sufficient funds available to provide for public use of the site as intended.

Existing Parks

Capital Improvement projects that further the intent of the Bond by providing:

- No more than 10% of the bond funds allocated to each district should be utilized for active recreation facilities and/or creating new or additional impervious surfaces.

Bond-Acquired Sites

Capital Improvement projects that further the intent of the Bond by providing for:

- No more than 10% of bond allocated funds for each site should be encumbered for park improvements.
- No more than 10% of the site should be developed for active recreation facilities and/or covered by impervious surfaces.

When a proposed project or improvement is not applicable to all of the above, OSAC is requesting it be sent back to OSAC for re-evaluation.

A super majority vote of the Council is required for a bond funded improvement outside the passive use of an open space parcel when inconsistent with the above recommended criteria.