

SARASOTA COUNTY PARKS, PRESERVES, AND RECREATION SYSTEM STRATEGIC PLAN, 2015

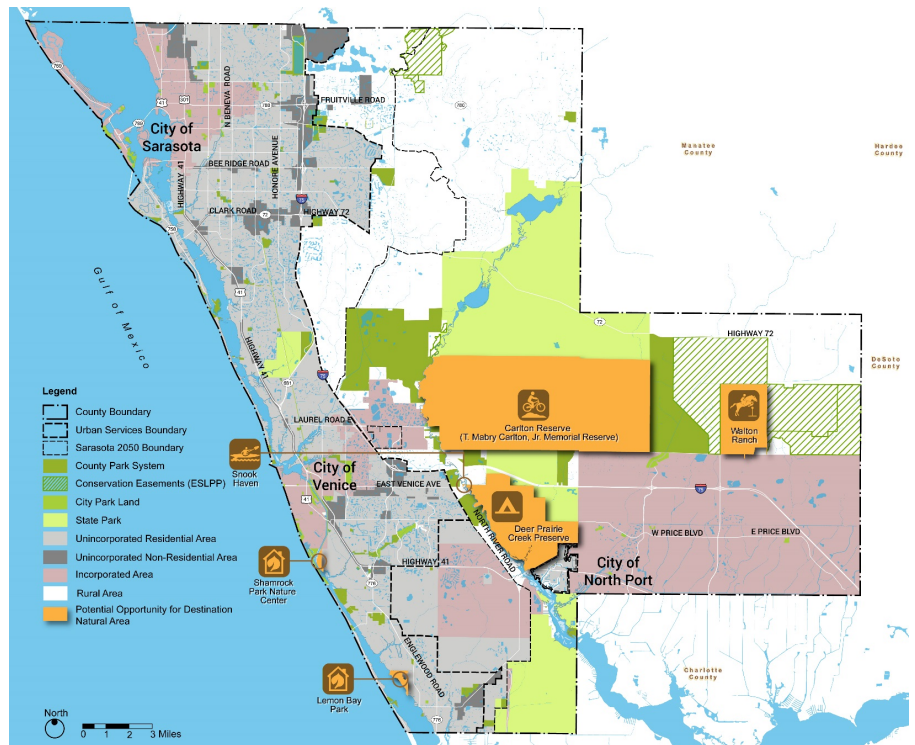
Barth Associates Role: Lead Consultant, Principal-in-Charge, Parks and Recreation Planners

Project Budget: \$300,000

Project Completion Date: 2016

Barth Associates led the development of the Sarasota County Parks, Preserves, and Recreation Strategic Plan (PPRSMP) as a sub consultant to the Toole Design Group. The purpose of the PPRSMP was to create a clear set of goals, policies and objectives that provide County leaders and the Parks, Recreation and Natural Resources Department (PRNR) with direction for the development, redevelopment and enhancement of the County's parks, trails, natural areas, and civic spaces for the next 20 years. Other contributors included Perez Planning + Design, Ballard*King and Associates, ETC Institute / Leisure Vision, and Exum Associates.

During the planning process, it was determined that the traditional suburban classification system for parks and open spaces (e.g. neighborhood, community, and regional parks) has become obsolete and does not reflect the needs of urbanizing communities such as Sarasota County. Dr. Barth developed a new, three-tiered classification system for each of Sarasota's subsystems.



“Carlos and David worked tirelessly with internal staff, external stakeholders, organizations and the public...to develop implementation strategies within a “do-able” Parks, Preserves, and Recreation Strategic Master Plan that provides focus and guidance over the course of many years into the future. [They] achieved all the project objectives and through their dedication, responsiveness, patience and professionalism exceeded our expectations.”

Carolyn Brown, Director

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