



## Purpose

The Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR) department maintains and protects the inherent value of natural, cultural, and recreational resources through access, education, and stewardship that enhances the quality of life for our community and future generations. In addition to maintaining county parks, preserves, and other county land through land management and trades work, the department also monitors beach and water safety and provides visitor services to citizens. PCR also provides horticulture and sustainability education to the public through its County University of Florida Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) Extension office.



For additional information, please visit  
<http://www.pinellascounty.org/park/default.htm>



## Education and Outreach

The Education and Outreach Budget Program provides support for education and research in the areas of natural resources and urban sustainability through access to programs, partnerships, and educational facilities.

This year, the University of Florida's Institute of Food and Agricultural Sciences (UF/IFAS) has partnered with Pinellas County to develop policies and procedures for a community gardens program. Pinellas County's Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR) Department will provide the garden host sites and general oversight.



## Land Management

The Land Management Budget Program supports the protection of parks, preserves, environmental land, and other natural resources. It also helps maintain the landscapes of countywide properties.

In FY20, favorable weather allowed PCR to manage 49% more environmental lands acres than the year before.

Click the image to learn more about Pinellas County preserves and environmental lands.



Number of Environmental Lands Acres Actively Managed

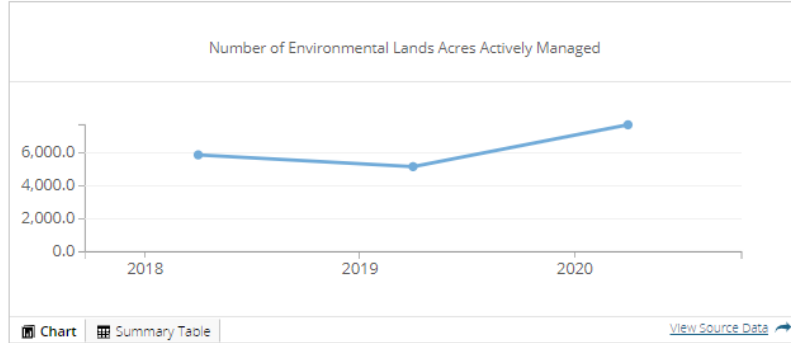
**7,653.0**

Acres Managed

10/1/19 - 9/30/20

**Measuring**

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Develop a Nuisance Wildlife Management Policy

**90**

Percent Complete

4/1/21 - 4/30/21

**On Track**

Target 90 May 2021

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## Visitor Services



The Visitor Services Budget Program provides for safe and maintained parks, preserves, and management areas for visitors.

Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR) oversees over 21,000 acres of park, preserve, and environmental lands. Pinellas County has an estimated 21.7 acres of park and preserve land for every 1,000 Pinellas County residents. Click the image to find a park near you!

Managed Park and Preserve Acres per 1,000 Pinellas County Residents

**21.5**

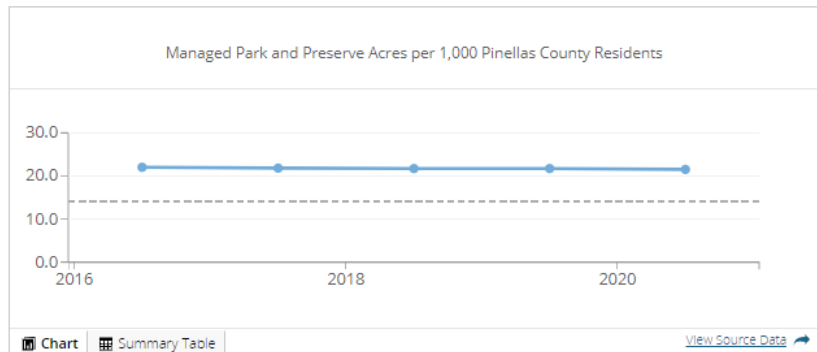
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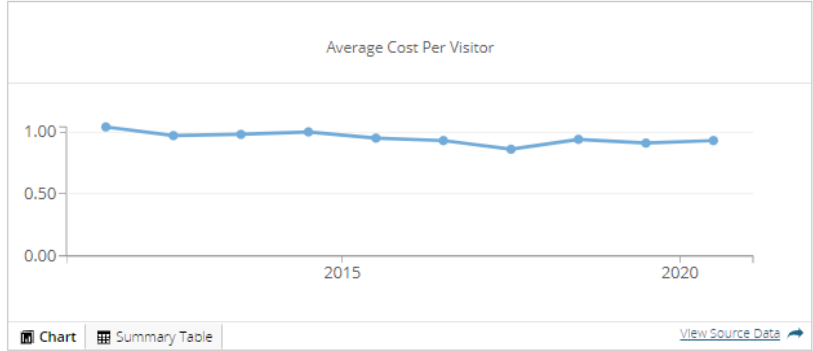
1/1/20 - 12/31/20

**On Track**

Target 14.0

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### Recreation and Sports

Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR) is expected to complete the Unincorporated Youth Recreation Master plan later this year. The plan will include a conceptual plan for the integration of Seminole youth sports programs into a single representative organization. PCR will present the Unincorporated Youth Recreation Master Plan to the Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners.



### Volunteer Services

The Volunteer Services Budget Program supports the management of the Volunteer Services Program for Parks and Conservation Resources (PCR).

Pinellas County relies on volunteers to help support ongoing efforts in the County. PCR offers great opportunities for residents to give back to their community, engage with nature, and support our parks. PCR volunteer services was impacted by COVID-19 in FY20, but there are signs of a recovery in FY21. To learn about becoming a PCR volunteer, click the image on the right.



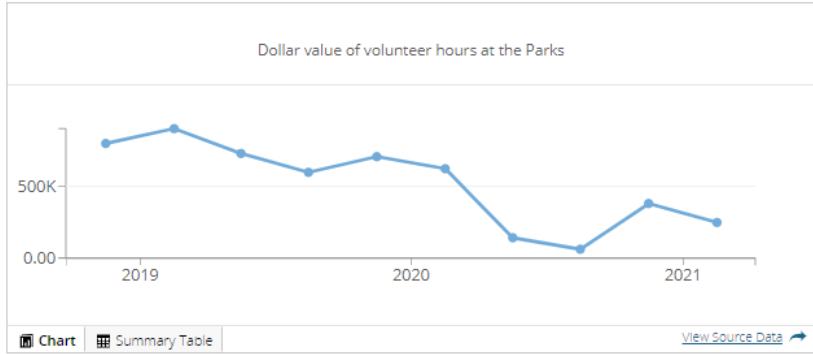
In FY20, PCR volunteers donated an estimated labor cost of \$1.5M in service to Pinellas County parks.

Dollar value of volunteer hours at the Parks

**250K**  
Dollars  
1/1/21 - 3/31/21

**Measuring**

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Create Integrated Vegetation Management Program

Ended  
**100**  
Percent Complete

4/1/21 - 4/30/21

**Initiative Completed**

Target 100 April 2021

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Evaluate Belle Harbor Marina License Extension and Capital Requests

Ended  
**100**  
Percent Complete

10/1/20 - 10/31/20

**Initiative Completed**

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Explore Ecotourism Expansion Opportunities

Ended  
**100**  
Percent Complete

3/1/21 - 3/31/21

**Initiative Completed**

Target 100 March 2021

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