
8 RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE

Most recreational activity in the County is centred on its lake shores and river corridors. Many of these lakes have significant recreation potential, and are important provincial or regional recreational resources.

Policies are required to protect the municipality's recreational and open space resources and to ensure continued co-operation between the County and its urban communities in providing recreational opportunities.

The recreation and open space needs of residents are as diverse as the geography and human settlement pattern of the County. Recognizing and accommodating these diverse needs within the scope of available resources requires cooperative planning and management practices.

Goal

To plan and manage recreation facilities and public open spaces for the advantage of all County residents.

Objectives

- Continue to support urban communities in the provision of recreational services and opportunities that enhance the quality of life of County residents.
- Encourage community involvement in the development and operation of open space areas.
- Provide a variety of recreational and open space opportunities while protecting the natural environment.

Policies

Open Space Master Plan	8.1	A Strategic Open Space Master Plan that considers the needs of all County residents shall be developed and implemented.
Parks Guidelines	8.2	Guidelines for the location, types of uses and activities and required improvements to parks contained within new country residential subdivisions shall be considered by the Strategic Open Space Master Plan.
Trail Systems	8.3	Appropriate locations for trail systems, a trail sharing protocol and trail ownership and management strategies shall be considered by the Strategic Open Space Master Plan
Low Impact Parks	8.4	The County will support low impact low maintenance parks and open space in country residential subdivisions
Recreation Agreements	8.5	Existing recreation agreements with urban neighbours are supported and may be renewed.