



BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

**Parks and Recreation Department**

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**Inter-Office Memo**

**TO:** Jim Liesenfelt, Interim County Manager  
Brevard County Board of County Commissioners

**FROM:** Ian Golden, Director  
Parks and Recreation Department

**SUBJ:** Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2025008

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CEER #2025008, titled "Swings", was received by the County from Ashley M Jones Lorenzana.

**Citizen Statement:**

"I would like to see if we could have special swings put in at the park as I am a mom to 5 which 3 have special needs. I would love for them to be able to safely go on the swings even though they are aged out of the scoop baby swings they still need a bucket style seat at the parks to protect there balance as a regular swing can't do that. I would love to be able to see this at many of your public parks as all types of kids should have the right to enjoy to swinging. Thank you"

**Citizen Recommendation:**

"I believe the benefit would be inclusive for all special need children. They can't hold onto a regular swings and swing and they can no longer fit into a bucket seats made for babies. It would warm my heart to be able to take all 5 of my kids to a public park and be able to utilize the swings. Thank you"

**Staff Analysis:**

The Parks and Recreation Department (PRD) is committed to ensuring that all residents have access to facilities and programs. PRD is actively working to enhance our services, facilities, and equipment to support persons with disabilities. To that end, at nine park locations, PRD has twelve accessible beach access points (Bonsteel, Canova Beach, Cherie Down, Howard E. Futch Memorial, Juan Ponce de Leon, Lori Wilson, Spessard Holland (North and South), and Val M. Steele Parks).

PRD's Persons with Disabilities Program (PWD) offers a variety of social activities for individuals with intellectual and physical disabilities in the North, Central, and South of the County (<https://brevardfl.gov/ParksAndRecreation/PersonsWithDisabilitiesPrograms>). These activities offer opportunities to socialize, develop new friendships, learn life skills, and volunteer in the community. In addition, through a partnership with Special Olympics, there are training and competitions available.

There are multiple playgrounds that offer ground-level “accessible routes” (the term used by the US Access Board), which are either paved or pour in place, and span from a paved walkway/parking lot to the play structure or individual play components. Playgrounds with accessible routes include Fay Lake Wilderness Park (Port St. John), Fox Lake Park (Titusville), Howard E. Futch Park (Melbourne), Marina Park (Titusville), Nancy Higgs Park (Melbourne Beach), Sand Point Park (Titusville), Sandrift Community Center (Titusville), Space Coast Community Sports Complex (Sharpes), Stuart Park (Titusville), and Rotary Park at Suntree (Rockledge).

There are also County sites that offer accessible equipment, such as Sand Point Park, which has a wheelchair accessible glider (swing), swings, and interactive play structures. The PRD is also, as part of their Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) and as funding permits, adding accessibility points and equipment to playground replacement projects. Space Coast Communities Sports Complex’s playground was replaced, re-opened on April 18, 2025, and includes a new glider swing. Currently, South Area Park Operations is constructing a storage area at Howard E. Futch Memorial Park at Paradise Beach (Melbourne) to house a beach wheelchair to increase accessibility.

**Staff Recommended Action:**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept CEER #2025008 with revisions and direct the Parks and Recreation Department to continue adding accessibility (accessible routes and equipment) to playground replacements and upgrades as funding permits.

Cc: Frank Abbate, County Manager

## Horst, Rachel

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**From:** CEER@brevardfl.gov  
**Sent:** Monday, January 6, 2025 12:40 PM  
**To:** Horst, Rachel  
**Subject:** A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026008

### Recommendation # 2026008

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026008 has been submitted. Please login to the CEER Application to start the recommendation evaluation workflow.

#### Contact Information:

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#### Recommendation Information:

<b>Recommendation ID</b>	2026008
<b>Recommendation Title</b>	Swings
<b>Areas Affected</b>	Public parks
<b>Department Affected</b>	PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT
<b>Current problem</b>	I would like to see if we could have special swings put in at the park as I am a mom to 5 which 3 have special needs. I would love for them to be able to safely go on the swings even though they are aged out of the scoop baby swings they still need a bucket style seat at the parks to protect there balance as a regular swing can't do that. I would love to be able to see this at many of your public parks as all types of kids should have the right to enjoy to swinging. Thank you
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<b>Attachments</b>	No Documents were attached.

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