

## Horst, Rachel

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**From:** CEER@brevardfl.gov  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 31, 2026 3:11 PM  
**To:** Horst, Rachel  
**Subject:** A new CEER Recommendation has been submitted as ID #2026053

### Recommendation # 2026053

Dear CEER Administrator,

Speak Up Brevard Recommendation ID #2026053 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>	2026053
<b>Recommendation Title</b>	Parks & Rec
<b>Areas Affected</b>	
<b>Department Affected</b>	Parks And Recreation Department
<b>Current problem</b>	Brevard is experiencing rapid growth and parks are crowded, i.e. Viera due to growth. This is a burden to fund new park facilities as Parks and Rec is underfunded. The funds raised by the ad-valorem tax is insufficient even for our existing parks hence why Brevard keeps giving away our parks. Fort Lauderdale has an impact fee for Parks as do other counties.
<b>Recommendation</b>	Brevard needs to add an impact fee for parks so that developers are paying their share for this added rapid growth.
<b>Attachments</b>	No Documents were attached.

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**TO:** James P. Liesenfelt, County Manager

**THRU:** Tad Calkins, Assistant County Manager, Development and Environmental Services Group

**FROM:** Billy Prasad, Director, Planning and Development Department

**SUBJECT:** Citizen Efficiency and Effectiveness Recommendation #2026053

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CEER #2026053 was received by the County from Sandra Sullivan of WAVESaction.

**Citizen Statement:**

“Brevard is experiencing rapid growth and parks are crowded, i.e. Viera due to growth. This is a burden to fund new park facilities as Parks and Rec is underfunded. The funds raised by the ad-valorem tax is insufficient even for our existing parks hence why Brevard keeps giving away our parks. Fort Lauderdale has an impact fee for Parks as do other counties.”

**Citizen Recommendation:**

“Brevard needs to add an impact fee for parks so that developers are paying their share for this added rapid growth.”

**Staff Analysis:**

This request is essentially a duplicate of a request submitted in 2024 under CEER #2024037, and the following staff analysis was provided:

“As the problem statement associated with this request mentions Viera, it should be noted that the infrastructure requirements associated with the need for parks as the DRI develops is addressed through Development Order. As of the 2022 status report, the developer had donated 161.7 acres for parks west of 1-95. An additional 208 acres may be donated under the Order as development benchmarks are met.

The County's Policy as it relates to the acceptable level of service for total developed acreage of County owned or managed parks is governed by Chapter 3, Policy 1.3 of the Comprehensive Plan. It states that there should be 3 acres per 1,000 people living in unincorporated Brevard County. The County currently exceeds this target.

Additionally, the imposition of an impact fee is governed by statutory requirements. See e.g. Fla. Stat. Sec. 163.31801. In order to impose an impact fee related to Parks, the County would



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need to demonstrate a need. Any impact fee imposed as a result of a study demonstrating a need would need to be "proportional and reasonably connected to, or has a rational nexus with, the expenditures of the funds collected and the benefits accruing to the new residential or nonresidential construction."

The Parks and Recreation Department continues to improve annually with increasing maintenance and capital expenditures, included in each year's budget since 2017 /2018, the County has invested \$90.8 million in over 150 Capital Improvement Projects across the County Park system, including playgrounds, field renovations, field lighting, pavilions and crossovers, docks, and boardwalk replacements."

**Staff Recommended Action:**

The Board of County Commissioners rejected this recommendation on April 9, 2024.