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Almost  
29,000 users  
per month  
visit the  
City's  
Web site for  
information  
about  
upcoming  
activities,  
programs  
and events.

Users can find valuable information on how to access City services, an interactive calendar of events, a unique mapping system that allows users to easily locate City facilities and online versions of many popular publications - including the *Horizons* recreation catalog and *Sunrise Magazine*.

Additionally, many forms and applications that were previously available only at City facilities can now be downloaded online.

The site also features a searchable database of available City jobs, and enables users to find out the status of building permits and other development-related applications such as site plans, sign waivers, special exceptions and variances.

Web Report  
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## What's New

# THREE NEW PASSIVE PARKS TO BE DEVELOPED IN SUNRISE

Land purchased through Green Space & Open Space Land Preservation program.

Sunrise is getting greener as the City moves forward with plans to transform three vacant parcels of land into passive parks. These sites - representing nearly 24 acres of green space - will be created thanks to the hard work of Sunrise officials and a voter-approved Broward County measure aimed at preventing the loss of valuable open space.

Site locations and specifications for the three sites - located on Oakland Park Boulevard, NW 44th Street and Nob Hill Road - are shown in the chart on this page.

The City is finalizing a contract with the engineering firm of Craven Thompson & Associates to oversee the development of the Oakland Park Boulevard and 44th Street sites. Preliminary planning is underway for the Nob Hill Road site.

In 2000, an overwhelming 74% of Broward County voters approved a referendum issuing bonds to expand and improve neighborhood parks and natural lands countywide. Under the Open Space Grant program - part of the 2000 referendum - funds were set aside to acquire open spaces throughout Broward. Municipalities identified properties that they felt should be preserved and competed for Open Space Grants. As a result of the competitive evaluations, the Broward County Land Preservation Advisory Board ranked two of Sunrise's proposed projects among the

top three selected, and recommended Sunrise receive a total of nearly \$4.5 million in funding for three of its requests.

"The acquisition and conservation of vacant land can significantly contribute toward scenic, recreational and natural resource goals," said **Sunrise Mayor Steven Feren**, who served as one of the 13 founding members of the Land Preservation Advisory Board. "Developing these sites as parkland provides a tangible benefit to the community and the environment."

Since making the funding recommendations, the Broward County Land Preservation Advisory Board negotiated the purchase of the three parcels in Sunrise - all currently vacant. While Land Preservation Grant dollars were used to purchase the sites, the City of Sunrise is responsible

### PASSIVE PARK SITES LAND ACQUISITION

Location	Size	Funding
North side of Oakland Park Blvd., west of Pine Island Road	7.57 acres	100% County
South side of NW 44 Street, west of Pine Island Road	11.16 acres	100% County
East side of Nob Hill Road, south of NW 55 Street	4.69 acres	100% County

for funding construction to develop the properties into passive parks, as well as for handling ongoing maintenance.

With a significant percent of its acreage covered by a high quality live oak hammock, the preservation of the **Oakland Park Boulevard site** is considered to be environmentally significant. Once the live oak hammock is restored and invasive vegetation removed, it should provide a large area of needed habitat and an abundant food source for native wildlife. The balance of the property will be developed into a passive park with water play area, picnic shelters, 9-hole disc golf course and walking/jogging trails.

The **NW 44th Street** site will feature an observation platform along the western canal of the property.

Sunrise has been committed to acquiring and protecting open space for the enjoyment of future generations. One such example of this commitment is the development of the award-winning, 20-acre Sawgrass Sanctuary. Opened in January 2003, *Sawgrass Sanctuary* was recognized by *American City & County* magazine as a project that exemplified the best that local government has to offer its residents. Prior to the development of Sawgrass Sanctuary, the site contained a 6.8-acre rock pit and 13.2 acres overgrown with non-native, nuisance vegetation.