

5. Goulds Park

Goulds Park is located in south Miami-Dade County, east of US1 on SW 216th Street. Arthur & Polly Mays Conservatory of the Arts and Pine Villa Elementary School are west of the park, across SW 115th Avenue. The surrounding area is a combination of single family homes, multi-family affordable housing developments, commercial properties and public schools. The park offers recreational amenities including a community center, fitness zone, running track, tot-lot, ball fields, tennis and basketball courts, swimming pool and parking. A fitness zone will be constructed on site in the near future. The addition of water fountains placed strategically within the park in close proximity to the track and recreation center would provide an amenity for pedestrians and seniors using the park for recreational pursuits.

The park is accessible to pedestrians along three sides, including the north, south and western boundaries. The eastern perimeter of the park is directly bordered by homes and a church and has no pedestrian access points.

Goulds Park has a north-south internal road, SW 114th Avenue, which bisects the park and is accessible to vehicular traffic. This internal street, SW 114th Avenue, does not have a sidewalk. It is recommended that PROS construct a sidewalk or walking path along the roadway for pedestrian use in reaching the tot lot, recreation center and ball fields accessible from SW 114th Avenue. Additionally, two (2) mid-block crossings are recommended to be installed across SW 114th Avenue to provide safe crossings for pedestrians going from facilities on one side of the park to the other.

The northern boundary of the park, bordered by SW 216th Street, has an existing sidewalk. It is recommended that street trees be added to the right of way on the south side of the street to shade pedestrians. A crosswalk is recommended at SW 216th Street and SW 114th Avenue to facilitate pedestrians crossing from the multifamily residential development and other residences north of the park.



SW 216th Street and SW 114th Avenue

The west side of the park is bordered by SW 115th Avenue.

A sidewalk is located on the west side of the street, as a part of the public school facility. There is no sidewalk along the east side of the street; however there are multiple pedestrian access points to Goulds Park along this perimeter. In addition, there are existing mature palms which serve as shade trees and provide beautiful landscaping. It is recommended that a sidewalk be installed on the east side of SW 115th Street to provide pedestrian access to Goulds Park.

The park is accessible via public transit. A bus stop is located directly at the park entrance on SW 216th Street at the north side of the park. On the south side of the park there are 2 bus stops on either side of SW 220th Street. It is recommended that a crosswalk be installed to provide a safe crossing for residents in the neighborhood on the south side of the park, as well as Transit users wishing to reach the park via bus.

Goulds Park is accessible by two major greenway trails, South Dade Trail and Black Creek Trail. Both are part of the South Dade Greenway Network. The South Dade Trail and associated Busway provide north/south connectivity. Black Creek trail provides east/west connectivity.

It is recommended that a bike lane, signage and street trees be added to SW 216th Street to provide connectivity to both greenway trails.



SW 115th Avenue



Black Creek Trail

Neighborhood Conditions

- SW 216th Street has sidewalks and lighting on both sides
- SW 216th Street & SW 112th Avenue is a major intersection and is improved with a crosswalk and visual cues (countdown)
- South Dade Trail is accessible west of the park on SW 216th & 220th Streets
- Black Creek Trail is constructed and has bicycle access to SW 112th Avenue
- There is no sidewalk along the west side of the park on SW 115th Avenue, between the park and Pine Villa Elementary School
 - There are mature palm trees along the entire side of the park
 - There are 3-4 existing pedestrian access points along this side of the park
- Internal roadway within Goulds Park, SW 114th Avenue, does not have a sidewalk; major facilities such as the recreation center, ball fields and tot lot are accessed via this roadway

Recommendations

Internal Action Items

- Establish a connection to South Dade Trail and Black Creek Trail be established on SW 216th Street
- Add wayfinding and greenway trail signage & street trees to SW 112th Avenue to enhance the existing greenway connection spur
- Construct sidewalk for pedestrian access to park along SW 115th Ave on the west side of the park
- Install a sidewalk or walking path, pedestrian warning signs for drivers along the internal roadway, SW 114th Avenue, as vehicular traffic does use the road

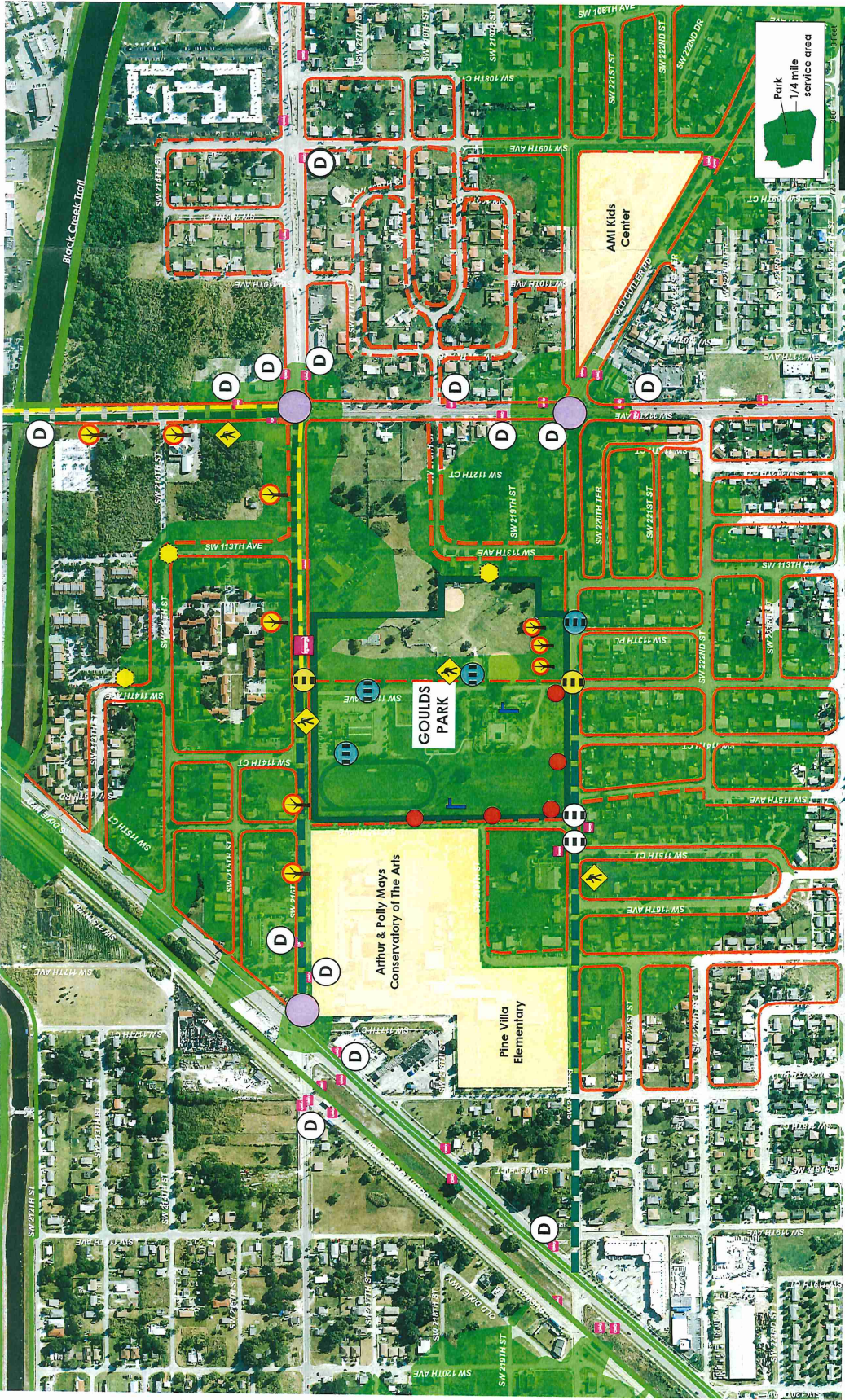
- Install two (2) mid-block crossings on SW 114th Avenue for park users to cross safely from one side of the park to the other
- Install two (2) water fountains within the park near the track and the recreation center
- Construct interior walking path with shade trees
- Install shaded seating areas along walking path
- Evaluate feasibility of separating pedestrian use and other uses along selected interior park pathways
- Ensure that all park pavements within parks are ADA compliant to include a non-slip surface, are wide enough for wheelchairs and have dropped curbs to road level
- Create cycle paths within parks that are separate from other pavements and pedestrian walkways
- Ensure that outdoor safety is promoted by good signage, street and pathways lighting, police patrols and community education
- Plan parks for pedestrian circulation and efficiency by locating services together where and when possible
- Ensure buildings are well signed outside and inside, with sufficient seating and toilets, accessible elevators, ramps, railings and stairs, and non-slip floors
- Ensure public indoor and outdoor toilets are sufficient in number, clean, well maintained and accessible

Partnership Action Items

- Street trees are recommended to be installed in the SW 114th Avenue right of way west of the main park entrance
- A crosswalk is recommended across SW 216th Street at SW 114th Avenue for pedestrian access from the housing area on north side of park
- Audio crossing aids and a pedestrian crossing island could be added to the intersection of SW 216th Street & SW 112th Avenue to facilitate safe crossings
- It is recommended that a connection to South Dade Trail and Black Creek Trail be established on SW 216th Street
 - A bike lane, walking path and wayfinding signage are recommended for SW 216th Street
- Crosswalk is recommended at SW 220th Street & SW 115th Court for residents and pedestrians living south of the park, as well as those reaching the park thru public transit (bus stops) located at that intersection

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LEGEND:

- PARK BOUNDARY
- EXISTING SIDEWALK
- EXISTING BIKE LANE
- EXISTING GREENWAY
- EXISTING PEDESTRIAN ACCESS
- POTENTIAL GREENWAY CONNECTION
- SAFE ROUTE TO PARKS
- PROPOSED SIDEWALK
- PROPOSED BIKE LANE
- PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN ACCESS TO PARK
- PROPOSED BUS STOP
- EXISTING BUS STOP
- PROPOSED LIGHTING
- PROPOSED BENCH
- PROPOSED WATER FOUNTAIN
- WAYFINDING
 - DIRECTIONAL SIGN
 - PROPOSED PEDESTRIAN SIGN
 - SHADE TREES
- INTERSECTION/CROSSWALK IMPROVEMENTS
 - EXISTING MID BLOCK CROSSING
 - PROPOSED MID BLOCK CROSSING
 - PROPOSED CROSSWALK

