

PEOPLE, PLACES AND PATHWAYS

GOAL:

TO CREATE LINKAGES IN THE CITY WHICH CONNECT OR GATHER RESIDENTS AND BUSINESS OWNERS OF DIFFERENT NEIGHBORHOODS AND DEVELOPMENTS INTO A SINGLE COMMUNITY AND WHICH PROVIDE A SENSE OF COMMUNITY.

Objective 1:

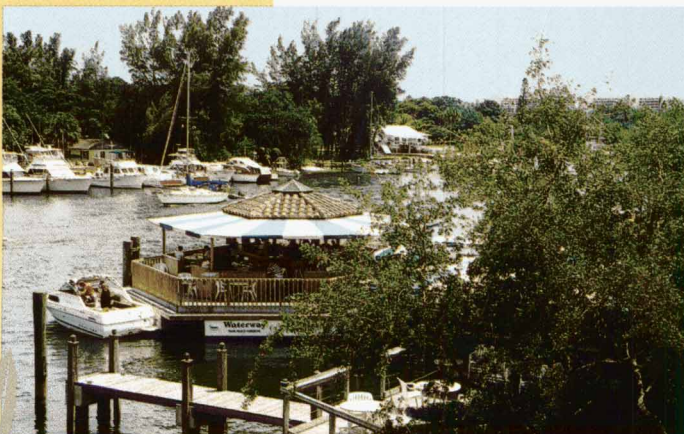
To Create Gathering (People) Places in the City.

The Vision Connection:

The vision of “people places” encompasses the urban-suburban concept of areas within the City where people - residents, business owners, neighbors, or groups - may gather in an environment that through design encourages interaction and a sense of community. The purposes of the “people places” can be varied and, to varying degrees, emphasize the social, recreational or environmental aspects of gathering places.

Strategies:

- Create an Urban Gathering Place that is outwardly focused, pedestrian friendly, and contains some or all of the following characteristics: shade trees and flowers; plazas and fountains; music and public art.
- Create an Active Sports Center Gathering Place which offers a variety of recreational amenities as well as linkages to passive areas and bike paths and offers the option of City-sponsored sports events.
- Create an Eco-Sensitive Gathering Place with some or all of the following characteristics: natural environment; water activities such as fishing, canoeing and trails; nature center atmosphere/interpretive activities.



Objective 2:

To Create Pathway Linkages throughout the City.

The Vision Connection:

The idea of pathway linkages throughout the City is designed to enhance the sense of community by providing a community synergy so often lacking in modern neighborhood or development planning.

Strategies:

- Promote connection of neighborhoods, shopping, schools and parks through a sidewalk/pathway system.
- Require the installation and expansion of the Parkway System in the City’s developing areas.
- Identify sidewalk/pathway needs in existing neighborhoods and plan/budget improvements.



The City’s meandering pathways offer the people and places linkages.

Objective 3:

To Create A Sense of Identity that Establishes Palm Beach Gardens as a Community.

The Vision Connection:

Establishing a sense of identity often and easily translates to elements related to appearance. Beyond specific landscape requirements, attention to “signs of identity” through gateway signs, City functions, and neighborhood functions also contributes to a sense of community. Visual elements may also include unified street signs, lighting elements, street name signs, urban fixtures, specific types of planting materials or building colors and materials.

Strategies:

- Install entry features along major arterial roadways including signage, art and landscaping that identify Palm Beach Gardens as a city and community.
- Promote the Parkway System as a unique characteristic identified within the City of Palm Beach Gardens.
- Foster diversity in different neighborhoods and peoples as a single Community through City facilities and events, such as parks, schools, employment centers, cultural centers and festivals.

