

CHAPTER IX

ACQUISITION PROGRAMS

Three-Year Program

In qualifying the open space sites in the three-year program, the determining factor is the availability of funding. With a determined yearly allocation from the County's Open Space Tax, the Board of Recreation Commissioners has and will have to continue to develop a financial program that utilizes the Open Space tax as its basis. Once this financial information is charted, the Board needs to develop a three-year financial program utilizing other funding sources that has the flexibility in order to accomplish the goals of this plan. Below is a list of various financial methods available to the County. It should be noted that, as new financial methods become available, the Board should take full advantage of these methods.

- Partnership with other agencies.
- Long term payment plan.
- Using the Open Space tax to finance a bond.
- Seek financial funding from other agencies and/or grants.

Five-Year Acquisition Program

As with the three-year program, when the five-year program is developed, sites should be scheduled with the highest priority for acquisition. As eligible sites in the areas become available, the Board of Recreation Commissioners should pursue their acquisition using any one or a combination of the methods described in Section VII of this plan. This will allow the greatest flexibility in acquisition while still attaining the long-range goal of establishing a coordinated public open space

system.

The Board of Recreation Commissioners should use the following additional criteria in preparing the five-year acquisition program:

- Anticipated use of property. Is the use needed in this area of the county?
- Parking availability. Is land available at the site?
- Linkages with other facilities.
- Amount of improvements needed to make site accessible.
- Number of daily visitors to use the site once developed.
- Amount of maintenance each site will require when developed for its use.
- Opportunity for multiple use.
- Potential for Active/Passive Recreation.
- Impact on adjacent land use.
- Compatibility with existing open space or plans of other agencies.
- Special circumstances making one site more or less valuable.
- Multiple funding sources are involved.