

**PALM BEACH COUNTY
BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS**

WORKSHOP SUMMARY

Meeting Date: April 25, 2023

Department: Parks & Recreation

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Title: Proposed Donation of Bicycle Pump Track to Okeeheelee Park

Summary: Palm Beach Pump Track, LLC, a local non-profit, has submitted a proposal to fund, design, construct, and donate a bicycle pump track as a recreational asset to Okeeheelee Park. The estimated value of the donated recreation amenity is \$350,000. The pump track would be free for public use and open daily sunrise to sunset, when not occasionally permitted for a recreation special event.

A pump track uses the rider's body movement up and down to propel them around the asphalt loop or track without continually pedaling or kicking off the ground, much like someone on a playground swing could pump their legs in and out to gain momentum and keep themselves going without being continually pushed on the swing.

As proposed, once constructed to public recreation standards, this amenity would then be turned over to the County for operation serving a public recreation purpose. The addition of a free pump track would break down financial, social and geographic barriers to try freestyle bicycling and skate sports. There is no other bicycle pump track located in Palm Beach County. The donated park amenity would also on occasion serve as a sports tourism venue for freestyle pump track bicycling events in collaboration with the Palm Beach County Sports Commission.

The proposed 10,000 sq. ft. bicycle pump track design includes two loops for appropriate skill levels. The proposed location within Okeeheelee Park is well-suited for this improvement as the park hosts a variety of recreation activities including what are considered as both traditional and non-traditional sports such as bicycle motor-cross, water-skiing, wake-boarding, and disc golf. Parking and restroom facilities are existing at the proposed site within the park.

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Attachments:

1. Pump Track Proposal
2. Conceptual Site Location Map

Recommended by: 
Department Director

4/24/23
Date

Approved by: 
Assistant County Administrator

4/24/2023
Date

II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

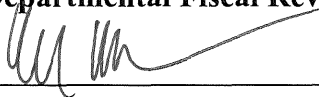
Fiscal Years	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027
Capital Expenditures					
Operating Costs					
External Revenues					
Program Income(County)					
In-Kind Match(County)					
NET FISCAL IMPACT	0	0	0	0	0
#ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (CUMULATIVE)					

Is Item Included in Current Budget? Yes No
 Does this item include the use of federal funds? Yes No

Budget Account No:
 Fund Dept Unit

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

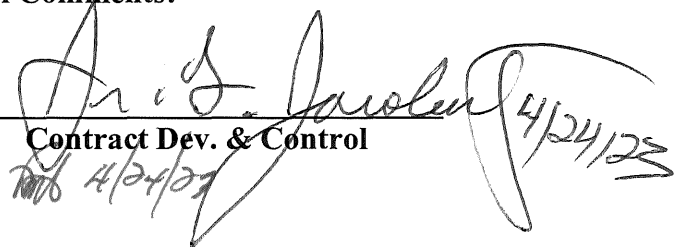
C. Departmental Fiscal Review:



III. REVIEW COMMENTS:

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Dev. and Control Comments:


 MG 4/24 OFMB GA 4/24


 Contract Dev. & Control 4/24/23

B. Legal Sufficiency



 Assistant County Attorney

C. Other Department Review

 Department Director

(THIS SUMMARY IS NOT TO BE USED AS A BASIS FOR PAYMENT.)

Short-term maintenance of restroom, grass, and litter pick-up is already in place and would continue. Long-term maintenance of asphalt resurfacing (approximately every five years) will need to be addressed by the non-profit in the terms of an agreement. We would ask the non-profit to commit to addressing funding of asphalt resurfacing for at least the next ten years.

Florida State Statute 316.0085 provides for recreational immunity encouraging local governments to provide freestyle bicycle and skateboarding amenities for public recreation. Park signage erected at facilities under this provision, reference the State Statute, County Code Chapter 21 (Park Ordinance), communicate to the public the inherent risk in play, and provide helmet requirements.

If the Board conceptually agrees to this park amenity donation, we would then draft an agreement with the non-profit in compliance with policies outlining the donation deliverables and requirements to come back for Board consideration. This would also further engage the Facilities Development and Operations, Risk Management and Planning, Zoning and Building Departments as required for park facility capital construction and donation agreements.

Background and Policy Issues:

Palm Beach Pump Track, LLC is a local non-profit with a goal to bring permanent and free cycling parks to our community and to promote cycling education, sports and skills to athletes of all ages and abilities. The non-profit proposes to engage Velosolutions, an experienced bicycle and skateboard pump track design and build firm.

Okeehoelee Park is a 1,702 acre regional park located west of West Palm Beach. In 1979, when the County broke ground on development of this park, it was flat barren shell rock pits. The portion of the park located north of Forest Hill Blvd. features baseball, softball, and multi-purpose sports fields, water-ski lakes, multi-modal pedestrian trails, Okeehoelee Nature Center and nature trails, stocked fishing lakes, Okeehoelee Golf Course, picnic facilities, playgrounds, fitness trail, tennis and pickleball courts, a dog park, a disc golf course, a bot and bicycle rental concession, Okeehoelee BMX facility (non-profit operated), and Shark Wake Park cable wakeboarding (concessionaire operated).

The closest public pump track for bicycles and skateboards is in Haulover Park in Miami. This presents both geographic and financial barriers to access. It is also not 10,000 sq. ft. as required to host many pump track sports tourism events.

BICYCLE PUMP TRACK PROPOSAL

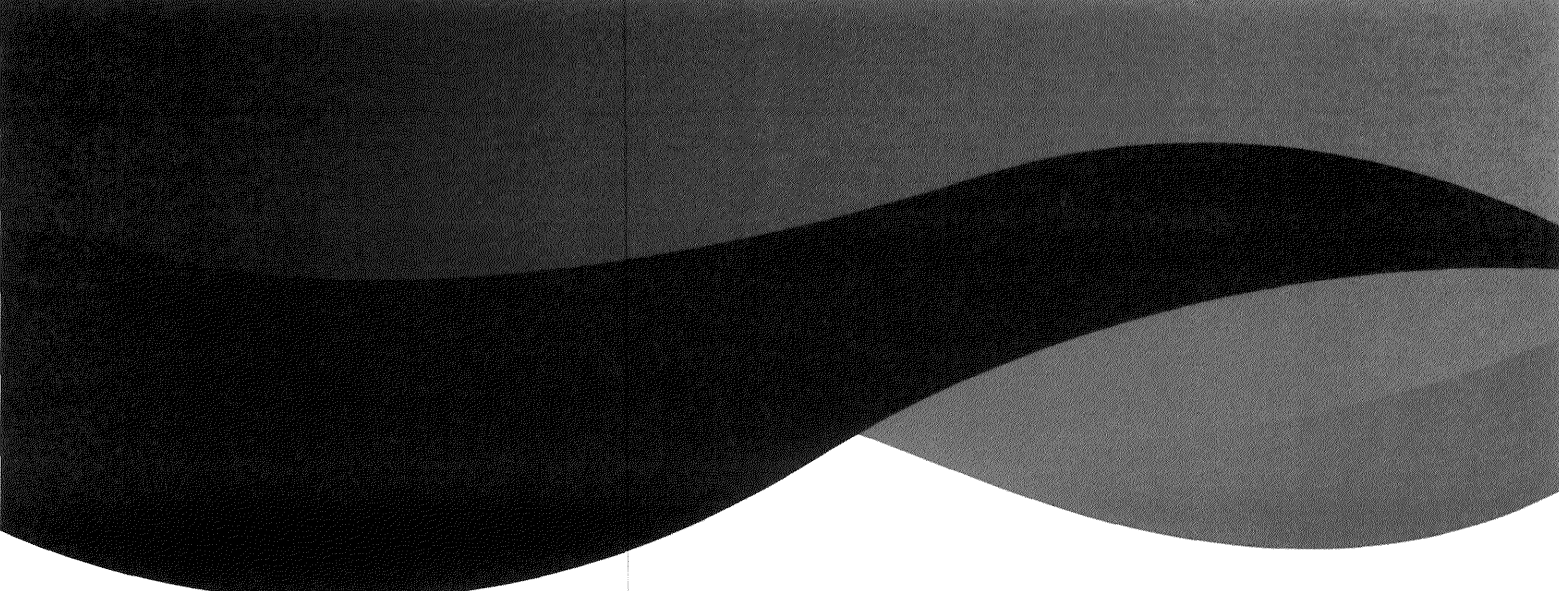
Presented to
Palm Beach County Commissioners
District 1 - Maria G. Marino
District 2 - Gregg K. Weiss
District 3 - Michael A. Barnett
District 4 - Marci Woodward
District 5 - Maria Sachs
District 6 - Sara Baxter
District 7 - Mack Bernard

“Palm Beach Pump Track, LLC” is a 501.c.3 non-profit, based in Palm Beach County, whose main goal is to bring permanent and cycling parks to our community and to promote cycling education, sports and skills to athletes of all ages and skill levels.

We would like to seek approval from The Palm Beach County Commission to permit Palm Beach Pump Track, in partnership with Palm Beach Parks & Recreation to donate the design and building of a permanent asphalt bicycle park facility that is open to the public in Okeeheelee Park. This installation will be **“free to use”** for general public recreational use when there is not a permitted event taking place. Our intentions would then be to partner with Palm Beach Parks & Recreation and Palm Beach Sports Commission to promote annual sporting events that would attract athletes from all over the Nation as well as serve as a grassroots training facility for developing cycling talent and safe bicycling spaces for all ages and all proficiencies in our community.

There is currently a location that has the potential for consideration in Okeeheelee Park that could contain this facility build. It is in the northernmost part and has it's own restroom facility with sewer access and parking spots. Approximate buildable space would be over 10,000 sq ft. We would also have room to install a designated balance bike track which would facilitate the children or adults learning how to ride without pedals separate from the faster moving bicycles of the larger installation.





What is a PUMPTRACK? An immovable asphalt installation that is a professionally designed in a random infinity loop for with rolling terrain and banked turns that is open to the public to ride at will.

Potential to our community? This is a centrally located playground for all wheeled activities, where many people already visit with bicycles. The bicycle pump track will be open with FREE access that appeals to all cyclists (pedal and balance bike) of all skill levels (beginner to professional), bikes of ANY type, as well as, skateboards, scooters and roller skate/blade. Potential to also serve as a training asset to Okeeheelee BMX, also located in Okeeheelee park and is a top ranked facility in the Nation, which hosts some of the world's fastest athletes as well as the smallest athletes.

Potential to our visitors to PBC? PBC does NOT currently have a bicycle pump track. Every person, of all ages are seeking out pump tracks to ride on and learn to ride and develop skills. When people visit PBC they look up bike parks and ask Okeeheelee BMX for access. **Okeeheelee BMX does NOT have free public accessibility.** Visitors naturally prefer free access. When all cycling enthusiasts travel they google search pump tracks as a destination to safely ride and train all day in a concentrated space.

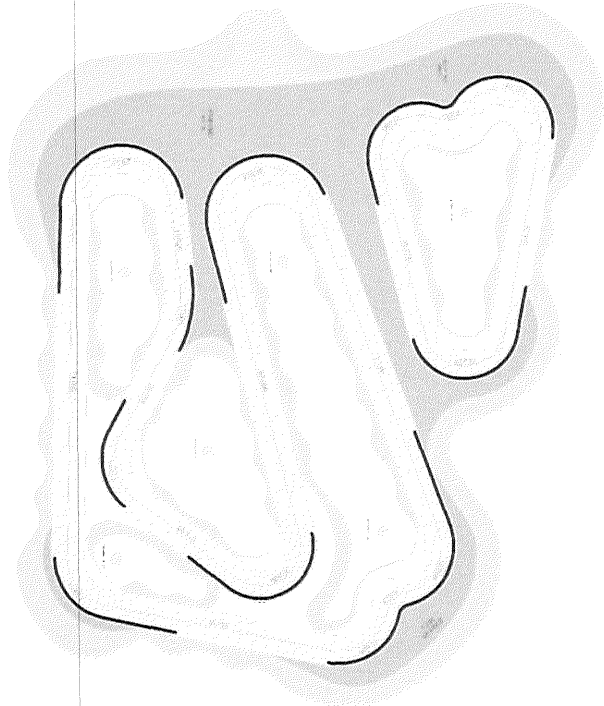
Potential for global attraction? 10,000 sq.ft is regulation size for Redbull Pumptrack World Championships and the USA Pump Track Championships. Also, with Florida offering 365 days of potential outside recreation many vacationing for the winter are seeking safe places to ride their bicycle away from cars which usually brings them to Palm Beach Parks, however there is a bicycle limitation to our lime rock trails and a safety concern when sharing roadways with cars or even sidewalk with pedestrians.

How much it would cost to build? Donated Asset Price approx \$350,000, which is the average cost of a bicycle pump track this size, which also includes an additional beginner track so that slower people on balance bikes could also enjoy this installation. Other costs include, but not limited to, any prior construction engineering including soil relocation or leveling to facilitate proper drainage and prevent flooding. The initial sod and fill is already being donated by a local company and potentially DOT.

What is ideal location? Ideally within walking distance to parking lot (~20 spaces) and a public restroom. Set in an area with green space around it for spectating, picnicking or pit space for competition.

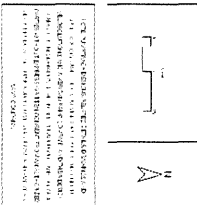
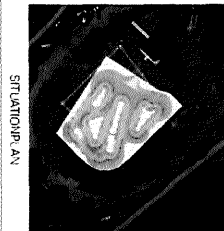
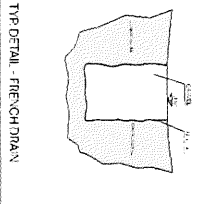
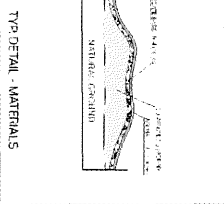
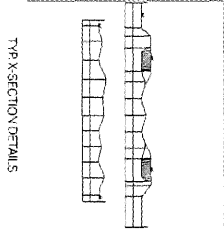
Why now? Post pandemic bicycle popularity is at an all time high. There are hundreds of people already asking for this this type of facility every month through phone email and social media to Okeeheelee BMX and other local cycling forums. Currently there is a large number of trespassers at the local USA BMX facility, which is not free and open to the public. Okeeheelee Park is the Nations best Park, but lacks a pump track.

How much does it cost to maintain? Weekly cost to mow and trim around the facility. Blow off sand and grass clippings. Asphalt paint and stripe every 5 years approximately\$10,000 if using Velosolutions, otherwise Parks could fit it in their asphalt projects.



- Legend:**
- TIE LINE
 - - - - - SLOPE
 - - - - - PUMP TRACK
 - - - - - JUMP TRACK
 - - - - - CORRECTING
 - - - - - SAFETY LINE
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Sport/Location:	15,833 sq ft
Total Area:	7,927 sq ft
Asphalt Surface:	9,488 sq ft
Green Area:	470 ft
Pump Track Length:	145 ft
Jump Track Length:	388 ft
Safety Line Length (Total):	6
Number of Damage Holes:	6



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Palm Beach - Asphalt Pumptrack

SITE ADDRESS	PROJECT ID#	DATE	Track Designer	Track Drawer	Checker
1215 S.W. 15th Ave Palm Beach, FL 33475	02-182	11-13-2022	Claudio Colucci	Wesley Gaudin	Paul Bouch Cody R.





SUBJECT SITE

Forest Hill Blvd

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Okeeheelee Park Pump Track Location Map

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Palm Beach County GIS Coordination Map Date: 7/6/2023

