



Interior furnishings and furnishings in Craig Community Center and South Lowndes Recreation Complex that should be replaced and updated



OPPORTUNITIES

- While most parks contain attractive and well-maintained interior finishes, furnishings, and equipment, some are aging and in need of replacement. Specific examples are Craig Street Community Center, South Lowndes Recreation Complex, and Wood Valley Community Center. Over time, the VLPRA should replace and update the furnishings, interiors, and equipment of these buildings.
- Most park buildings contain systems that are not energy efficient. VLPRA should gradually replace and upgrade buildings' systems with energy efficient elements and sustainable materials.

Site Evaluation Summary

Based on BA's and a VLPRA staff member's review and evaluation of the park system, it appears that the Valdosta-Lowndes Parks System includes many parks with exemplary qualities. For example, Freedom Park provides top-notch ADA access, a feeling of safety, and a range of uses, activities, and opportunities for sociability for people of all ages and abilities. The Riley-Ledford Park building is exemplary architecturally and contains a high degree of interior cleanliness and overall quality of maintenance, management, and stewardship.

Most of the system's parks, however, are in need of improvements. These improvements include:

- General updating, repair, and replacement of aging and damaged landscaping, hardscaping, amenities, and facilities;
- Increased frequency of maintenance in park exteriors;
- Shaded sidewalks and transit connections to the surrounding community;
- Signage and wayfinding system that comprehensively informs, directs, and educates users about the park system and celebrates the park system's and community's unique character and attributes;
- Accessible ADA routes;
- Sustainable lighting and energy efficient systems;
- Additional seating options, upgraded existing seating amenities, and enhanced areas surrounding the seating areas;