

The PRMP was developed in the following phases:

- **Analysis of Existing Conditions**, including the existing parks system, existing planning documents, demographics analysis and trends, and community-wide issues;
- **A Comprehensive Needs Assessment** – including interviews, workshops, surveys, public meetings, benchmarking, and a level-of-service analysis – to determine residents’ needs and priorities;
- **A Long-Range Vision** that responds to residents’ needs, and incorporates best practices in parks and recreation planning; and
- **A Phased Implementation Strategy** based on estimated costs, residents’ priorities, available and projected funding, and the role(s) of the County, municipalities, community developers, non-profit organizations, private recreation providers, and other partners.

Section 01 - Existing Conditions Analysis provides background on broad community issues in the county which the PRMP may help address, based on a review of existing planning documents, demographic trends, and input from stakeholders. **Section 02 - Needs & Priorities Assessment** presents an analysis of the existing St. Lucie County parks system; comparisons of current levels-of-service standards from other similar communities; and information gathered from the public outreach methods to yield an overall summary of parks and recreation needs and priorities. **Section 03 - Sports & Leisure Market Analysis** provides further insight into recreation needs for residents as well as the potential for Valdsosta-Lowndes to attract traveling sports teams for the benefit of the wider economy. **Section 04 - Long-Range Vision** proposes recommendations for improving and expanding the existing system in response to current trends, guiding principles, and residents’ priority needs. And **Section 5 - Implementation Strategy** outlines potential funding sources, code and policy revisions, and other strategies to implement the vision over time.

FIGURE 1.3 - Comprehensive, Value-Added Approach

