FGCU Master Plan
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For consideration of ABM
Significant improvements to Transportation element

• encourages multi-modal transit
• decouples the parking permit fees from a transportation fee.
• coordinate with Lee County Transit with expanded routes (Objective 1103.1)

• *Universal Pass Program* for the University community.
A fourth access point is planned along Alico Road, via private development north of campus; providing a direct connection from the main campus core to Alico Road (which is currently being planned by Lee County for widening to a four-lane divided facility with sidewalks and multi-use trails over the next five years). This northern access facility should be considered as temporary by the University, as the traffic expected to use this roadway will include the residential and commercial uses from the proposed Center Place development, future East Lake District, as well as other FGCU students, faculty and staff.

The University should continue to work with Lee County and private developers to advance the construction of the northern segment of County Road (CR) 951. CR 951 would provide a permanent northern access point for the University via Alico Road, and would provide additional connectivity options for the proposed East Lake District. The Emergent Technologies Institute (ETI) could significantly benefit from the northern segment of CR 951 and the Alico Road improvements by the direct connection from the campus core to the ETI, as well as the potential for additional transit (via FGCU and/or LeeTran) and multimodal alternatives for bicyclists and pedestrians.
8.0 RECREATION, ATHLETICS AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT

8.1 Introduction

The Master Plan for Florida Gulf Coast University has been prepared with the intent of preserving as much of the existing high quality natural environment of the site as possible. The areas to be retained and restored as natural open space are identified specifically in the Conservation Element of this Master Plan. These conservation lands have significant value as a living laboratory and passive recreational asset to the university. The boardwalks and trail system allows a signature experience for students, faculty, and visitors. The Plan also accommodates lands for development of on-campus recreation and athletic facilities that are required by the State University System. The development of the on-campus recreation and athletic facilities should be coordinated with the growth of the University’s enrollment.
Figure 8.1 Future athletics, recreation and open space on campus main campus. Note white area adjacent to Miromar where stormwater lakes and wetlands filling is being planned.