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Goal 1: Provide parks, open space, and recreational opportunities that attempt to meet the needs of the residents and visitors of the Town.

Objective 1:
Continue to protect, preserve and maintain the existing public access to recreation sites including the Atlantic Ocean and the Indian River.

Policy 1.1: Continue to develop and enhance the existing oceanfront and riverfront parks and access points.

Policy 1.2: By January 2010, conduct a park and recreation facilities inventory and survey to verify any recreational needs. Work to address existing park needs and work with Brevard County to help address any regional deficiencies that might exist.

Policy 1.3: The Town, as part of its five-year capital improvements program, shall continue to identify needed improvements and timeframes for correction of any existing recreational deficiencies.

Objective 2: Continue to improve and coordinate efforts with Brevard County, Melbourne Beach, and the private sector to provide recreational opportunities.

Policy 2.1: Continue to work with Brevard County to ensure that the joint-use agreement with the School Board for use of the Hoover Junior High School site is kept intact.

Policy 2.2: Continue to review existing ordinances and monitor development trends to see if a recreational impact fee needs to be established to offset the cost of providing recreational facilities for residents.

Objective 3:
Continue to ensure that parks and recreation facilities are adequately and efficiently provided by both public agencies and private enterprise.

Policy 3.1: Continue to uphold the adopted level of service standard of 4 acres of recreation and open space per 1,000 persons and require that this be met before a development order is issued.

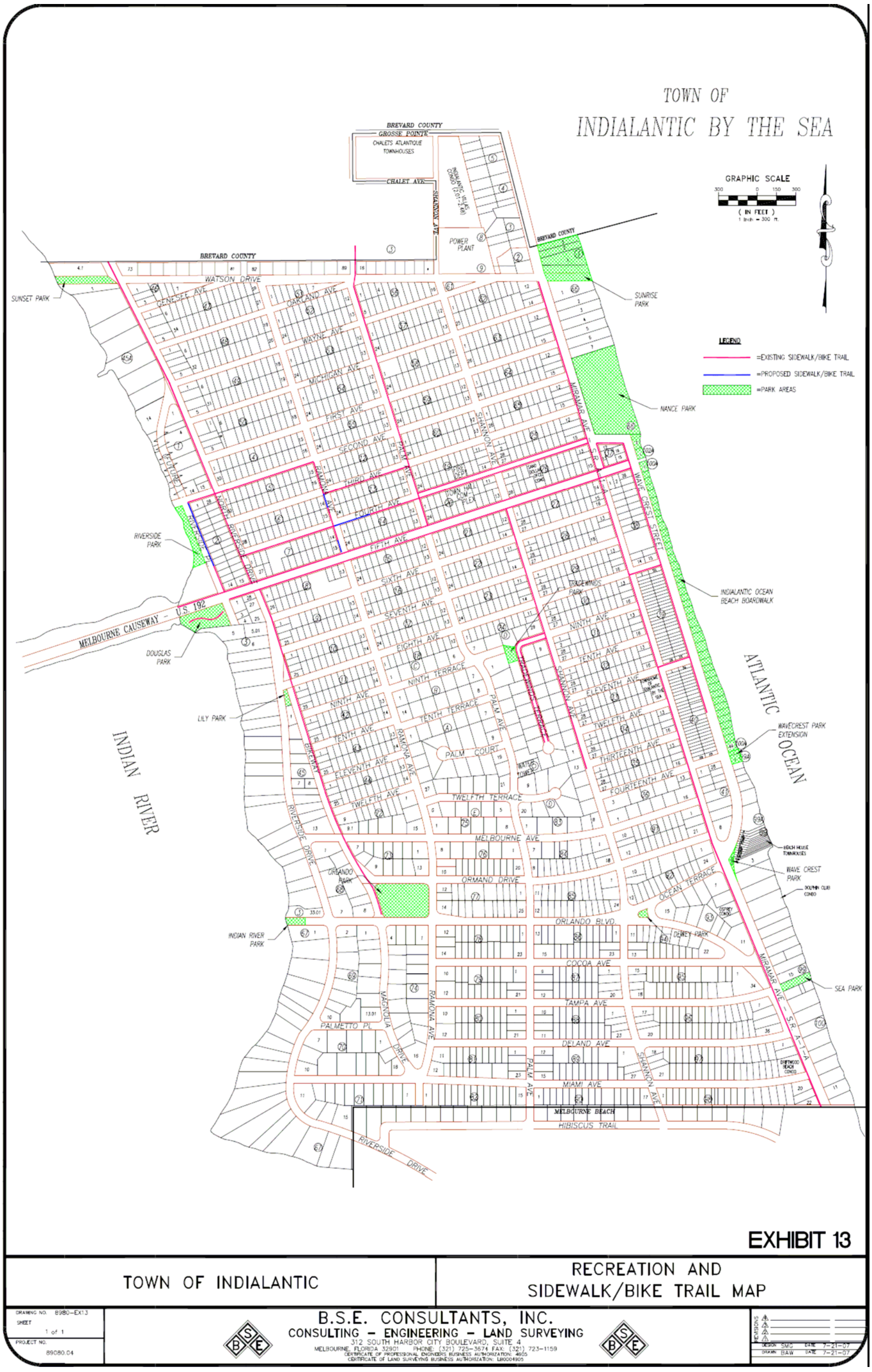
Policy 3.2: The Town will continue to apply the specific open space standards and definitions in its land development regulations.

Objective 4:
Continue to work with Brevard County and the State to provide new recreational facilities and enhance existing facilities.

Policy 4.1: Continue to work with Brevard County in determining the provision of facilities at Hoover Junior High School, Indialantic Elementary School, and the oceanfront parks.

Policy 4.2: Continue to work with and support the FDOT in utilizing the Melbourne Causeway facilities to their fullest extent, and work to designate and acquire other open space and natural reservations.

Objective 5:
Continue to enhance the aesthetic quality of publicly owned lands such as rights-of-way and parks.

Policy 5.1: Continue to work with and encourage private clubs, organizations and citizen groups to landscape and beautify designated areas within the Town.

Recreation and Sidewalk/Bike trail Map (existing)