



To the Mayor and Members of the City Council

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SUBJECT: PROPOSED FUTURE LAND USE CHANGE FOR CASINO BEACH

In 2011, the City Council adopted the Lake Worth Vision Plan, which included recommendations for future land uses around the lake. The plan recommendations are based on four principles:

1. Protect and enhance Lake Worth's water quality, natural beauty, and recreational character.
2. Develop Model Sustainable Communities in the Lake Worth area that create desirable places to live and work while enhancing livability of existing communities.
3. Create Lake Worth Regional Park, a linear park that encompasses the lake and provides high-quality recreational amenities and cultural hubs.
4. Connect communities, resources, and amenities with parkways, greenways, and trails.

Lake Worth is a drinking water supply lake for Fort Worth, and Casino Beach is the historic center of recreational activity at Lake Worth. The Park and Recreation Department manages Casino Beach Park, and the Water Department manages the non-park property shown in red below. The Lake Worth Vision Plan calls for the non-park area to be redeveloped as a mixed-use, recreation-oriented environment, with restaurants, retail, water-oriented recreation, and perhaps higher-density housing or lodging facilities. The City has considered several development proposals but they did not proceed for financial reasons.

Staff recommends retaining the property to focus on environmentally-sensitive recreational opportunities that support principles 1 and 3 above. Retaining the property will help mitigate potential water quality issues and maintain trail connectivity around Lake Worth. Staff will explore the opportunity to partner with private operators to establish recreation facilities. The proposed 2022 Comprehensive Plan includes the recommendation to change the future land use from General Commercial to Public Park, Recreation, Open Space, as depicted below.

**Current Future Land Use:
General Commercial**



**Proposed Future Land Use:
Public Park, Recreation, Open Space**



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