


**Date:** July 26, 2022

**To:** Honorable Chairman Jose “Pepe” Diaz  
and Members, Board of County Commissioners

**From:** Daniella Levine Cava  
Mayor 

**Subject:** Report on Feasibility of Constructing Pickleball Courts at County-owned Parks,  
Directive 213123

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## **Executive Summary**

On February 1, 2022, the Board of County Commissioners (Board) approved Resolution No. R-135-22, from the prime sponsor Danielle Cohen Higgins and Co-Sponsor Sally A. Heyman, directing the County Mayor or County Mayor’s designee to prepare a report within 90 days to examine the feasibility of constructing pickleball courts at County-owned and operated parks. The report shall include at a minimum the number of pickleball courts currently in County parks, the demand for pickleball courts, and the potential fiscal impact of constructing pickleball courts. The Miami-Dade Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department (PROS) has prepared this report in response to the resolution.

In 2020 pickleball grew to 4.2 million players in the U.S., a significant growth rate of 21.3% from the previous year per the Sports and Fitness Industry Associations Topline Participation Report released in February 2021. As a result, PROS is moving forward with adding blended lines to fourteen (14) existing tennis courts, which in turn will create twenty-eight (28) courts for public use. Additionally, PROS is commencing with four (4) standalone courts at Highland Oaks Park. Our present inventory has increased with the completion of two (2) pickleball courts at Tropical Park and four (4) courts at Haulover Park.

## **PROS Pickleball Court Inventory**

At present, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department has five (5) pickleball courts with blended lines (painted lines on a tennis court); one (1) court at Arcola Lakes Park (CD2), two (2) courts at Miller Drive Park (CD10), and two (2) courts at Kendale Lakes Park (CD10). In addition, the Department also has four (4) dedicated pickleball courts at Tropical Park (CD10) and four (4) courts at Haulover Park (CD4).

## **PROS Proposed Capital Improvements**

The following are proposed capital improvements:

### **Blended Lines**

It is proposed that the Department add blended lines to fourteen (14) existing tennis courts which will create twenty-eight (28) new pickleball courts (see Attachment A).

- Estimated cost to add blended lines to fourteen (14) tennis courts would be \$33,600.

Dedicated Pickleball Courts

It is proposed that the Department convert two (2) existing tennis courts into eight (8) dedicated pickleball courts (see Attachment A).

- Estimated cost to convert two (2) tennis courts into eight (8) dedicated pickleball courts would be \$30,000

New Development (unfunded)

It is proposed that the Department construct four (4) new pickleball courts at four (4) parks for a total of sixteen (16) new dedicated pickleball courts (see Attachment A). The estimate to construct four (4) new pickleball courts is \$200,000. The PROS Department will work with the OMB to identify funding for the construction of the proposed courts.

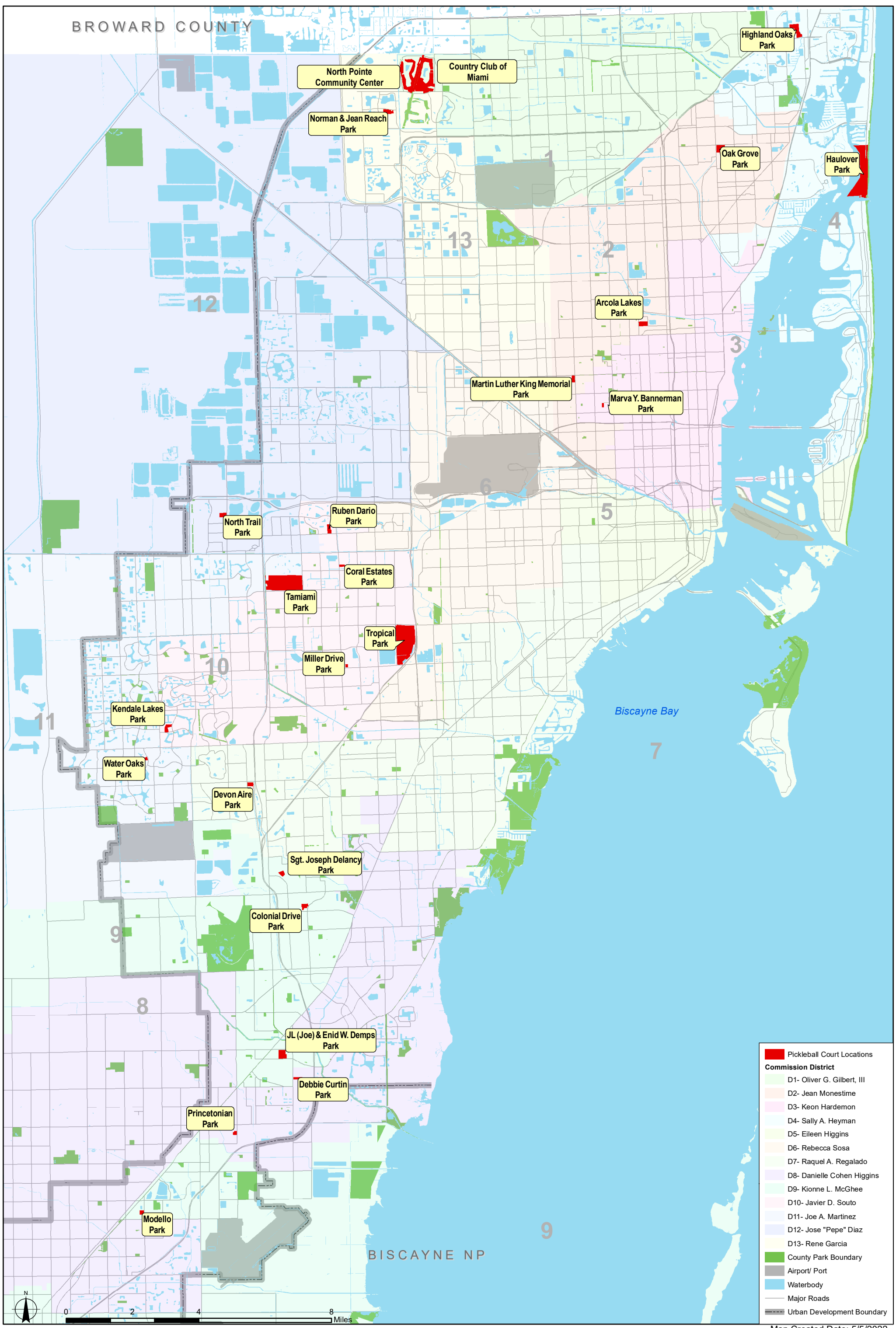
- The estimated cost to develop sixteen (16) new dedicated pickleball courts is \$800,000 which includes the following:
  - Concrete curb base/asphalt courts
  - Color application
  - Lining courts
  - Posts/nets
  - 4ft. court fence divider
  - Walkways
  - Perimeter fence with two access gates

See Attachments:

- Attachment A: Program Details
- Attachment B: Site Map

This memorandum will be placed on the next available Board meeting agenda, without committee review, in accordance with Ordinance No. 14-65. If additional information is needed, please contact Maria I. Nardi, Director, Miami-Dade County Parks, Recreation and Open Spaces Department at 305-755-7903.

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**Pickleball Court Locations**

**Commission District**

- D1- Oliver G. Gilbert, III
- D2- Jean Monestime
- D3- Keon Hardemon
- D4- Sally A. Heyman
- D5- Eileen Higgins
- D6- Rebecca Sosa
- D7- Raquel A. Regalado
- D8- Danielle Cohen Higgins
- D9- Kionne L. McGhee
- D10- Javier D. Souto
- D11- Joe A. Martinez
- D12- Jose "Pepe" Diaz
- D13- Rene Garcia

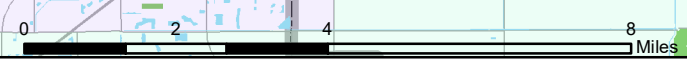
**County Park Boundary**

**Airport/ Port**

**Waterbody**

**Major Roads**

**Urban Development Boundary**



## SUMMARY

Number of tennis courts throughout the Department		
	Under contracted	56
	Open to the public with no fee	65
	Rental through PROS	22
Number of current Pickleball courts		
	Multi-use courts	5
	Dedicated courts	8
Number of proposed Pickleball courts		
	Multi-use courts	28
	Dedicated courts	34
Grand Total (Current + Proposed)		
	Multi-use courts	33
	Dedicated courts	40
Total		<hr/> 73

