

Parks and Recreation Division

**Public Boat Ramp Ordinance
Public Hearing**

May 5, 2020



Presentation Outline

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- **Background**
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Purpose

- Present final changes to the public boat ramp operational guidelines requested by the Board at the March 10, 2020 public hearing
- Request approval of an ordinance affecting use of public boat ramps and associated recreational areas and facilities
- This hearing is for decision only



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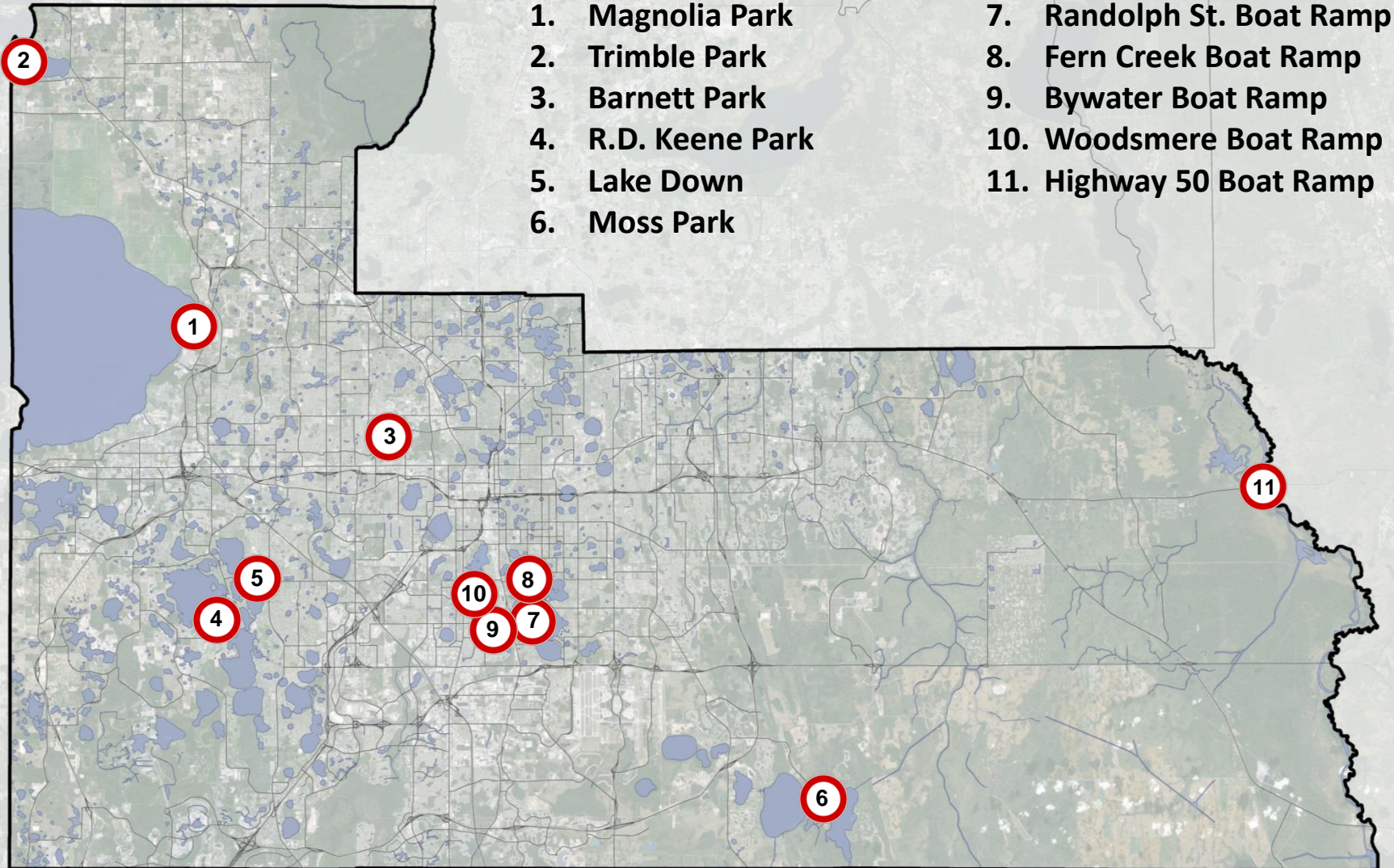


Background

- **Concerns with commercial use of boat ramps throughout the County**
- **Existing Parks rules and regulations are not enforceable due to lack of ordinance**
- **Similar business operations may include fishing guide services, boat and jet ski rentals, etc.**
- **Adjacent Counties (Brevard & Osceola) regulate business operations through ordinances and vendor agreements**



Boat Ramp Locations





Background

▪ Multiple BCC Work Sessions

- 2017-2019 Worksessions focused on issues and receiving input from stakeholders
- March 10, 2020 ordinance and guidelines were presented to the Board at public hearing
 - Board directed staff to make revisions
 - Continued to March 24, 2020 meeting for decision only
- March 24, 2020 Board voted to continue hearing to May 5, 2020 due to COVID-19

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- Ordinance refers to Operational Guidelines to regulate commercial activity permitted at each public boat ramp





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Proposed Ordinance Changes

▪ **March 10, 2020 Board Meeting**

– **Ordinance and guidelines were presented to the Board at public hearing**

- **Received public comment cards from 22 citizens**
- **Board was in agreement with ordinance and operational guidelines with a few revisions**
- **March 24, 2020 Board voted to continue to May 5, 2020**
- **Revisions incorporated into guidelines**



Proposed Ordinance Changes

- **Revisions from March 10, 2020 Board Meeting**
 - Permit fee reduced from \$3,000 to \$2,500 for a brick-and-mortar business address in Orange County
 - No more than ten (10) permits shall be issued at the Highway 50 Boat Ramp
 - Unpermitted businesses are prohibited from operating out of County boat ramps and may not subcontract with a permitted boat tour operator
 - Commercial Fisherman are required to follow same guidelines as for Fishing Guides



Proposed Ordinance Changes

- **Revisions from March 10, 2020 Board Meeting**
 - Effective date is June 5, 2020



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Requested Action

- **Approve the Public Boat Ramp Ordinance and Parks and Recreation Division Operational Guidelines. All Districts.**