

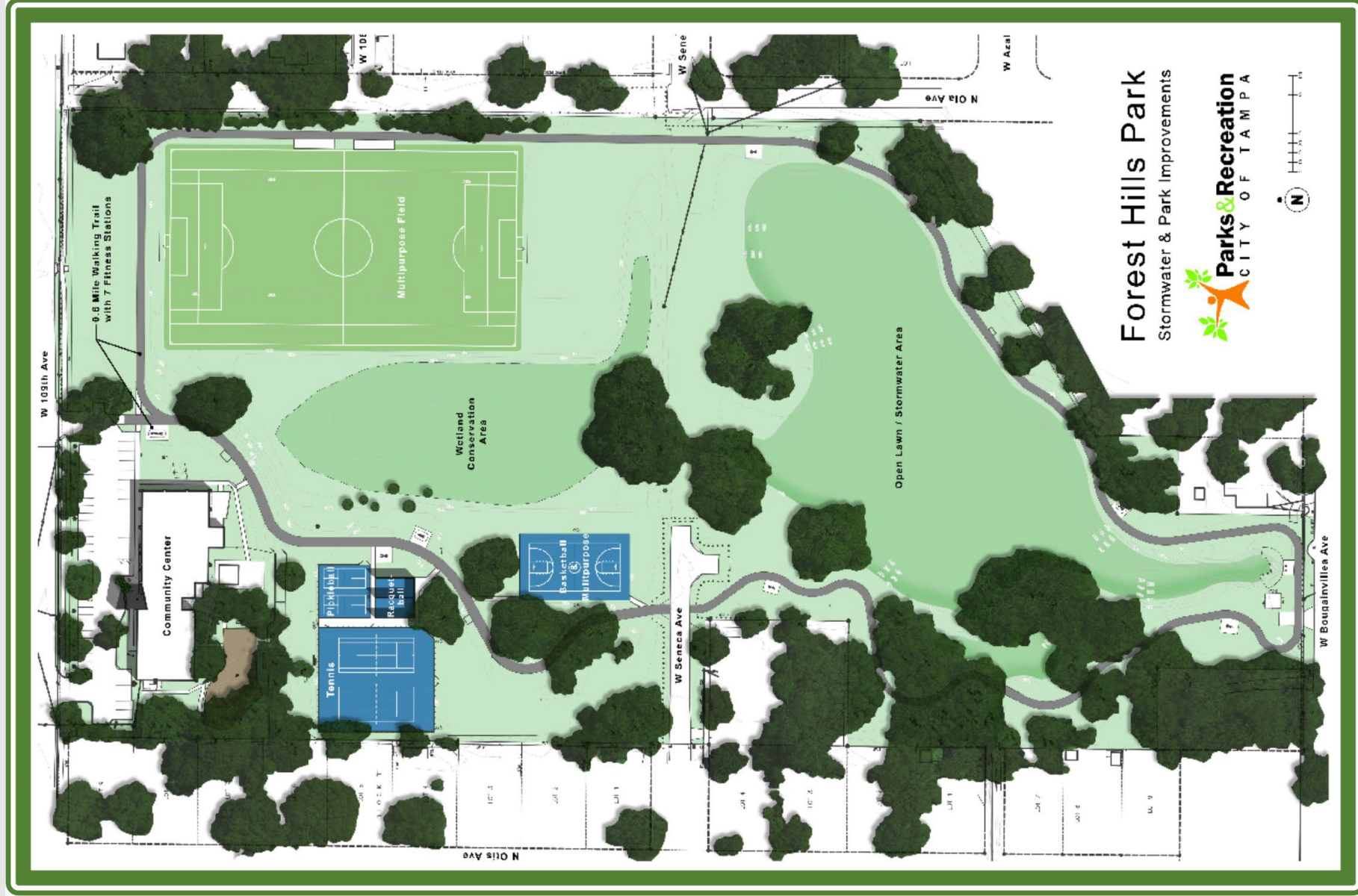
Shirley Risler Honorary Fitness Trail

File No. CM22-78283

Motion: (Viera-Maniscalco) Staff to report on the requests to name a section of Forest Hills Park improvements, at the discretion of the Administration, after Shirley Risler, who worked at the park for many years and recently retired from the City of Tampa. Original motion was September 15, 2022.

Shirley Risler retired from the City after forty-two years of service. Her commitment and legacy to Forest Hills remains to this day. She was instrumental in the design of the gymnasium. She, along with one other co-worker, began the first after school program for Forest Hills Community Center in 1987. Ms. Risler was a mainstay in many of the programs at Forest Hills including running clubs, cheerleading, arts and crafts, sports, etc. Ms. Risler achieved fitness certifications, which she used to teach a variety of fitness classes for patrons of all ages and abilities. Her classes created a whole new level of health awareness within the Forest Hills community.

Ms. Risler taught Spanish to the children participating in the original CAMP. She created the neighborhood culture exchange, in which families in the surrounding Forest Hills community gathered annually to share dishes and stories of many traditions. She helped to develop future leaders, many of them excelling in the department and the City of Tampa.



Parks & Recreation Department recommends the new fitness trail at Forest Hills Park be named in honor of Shirley Risler. Forest Hills Park is currently undergoing improvements including the creation of the fitness trail. An honorary sign will be installed at the trail head.