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Building Better Communities in Florida

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Community Redevelopment Agencies (CRAs) support communities with parks and recreation facilities that serve the needs of all residents.

Supporting Points:

- Do you remember your community center growing up? These centers serve the needs of families, active adults, young people, and after school programs, including: sports and fitness facilities, parks, meeting space and other community activities.
- With the help of CRAs, parks and recreation centers serve as alternatives to delinquency and unhealthy lifestyles for all ages.
- Redevelopment of parks and recreation helps to reduce crime and delinquency, which in turn supports a more liveable neighborhood.
- CRAs promote healthy living among residents of all ages. Parks and recreation centers support individual health at little or no costs to those who utilize these services.

CRA Spotlight:

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BIG Fact:

At a minimum, Florida CRAs spend an average of nearly \$200 million annually to redevelop blighted conditions throughout more than 141 communities statewide.



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