

Following are the individual steps through which the typical state park management plan moves from initiation to final approval. Division of Recreation and Park Staff work as multidisciplinary teams to develop the plans. In the process, they draw from a multitude of outside resources such as the other state land management agencies, the Florida Natural Areas Inventory staff, and staff of the Department of State, Division of Historic Resources and local experts in natural or cultural resources, urban planning and recreation.

Extensive efforts to receive public input are made for each management plan. These include well-advertised public workshops. In the case of new properties or when large additions or major new developments are being planned for existing parks, two workshops will be held, one at the beginning of the process and again following internal review of the first draft of the plan. For updates of plans for established parks, a single workshop will be held at the draft review stage. In most cases, a local advisory group is also appointed and meets with Division staff to provide comments and suggestions on the draft management plan that was discussed at the public workshop.

This process has served the Division very well, providing both up-to-date expert advice and thorough local citizen review of the planned resource management activities, public uses and proposed facilities developments for units of the Florida State Parks system.

#### **DIVISION OF RECREATION AND PARKS MANAGEMENT PLANNING PROCESS**

- **INVENTORY NATURAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES**
- **DRAFT RESOURCE MANAGEMENT COMPONENT**
- **PRELIMINARY PUBLIC WORKSHOP (OPTIONAL)**
- **DIVISION STAFF PARK PLANNING MEETING**
- **DRAFT PARK GOALS AND OBJECTIVES**
- **DRAFT CONCEPTUAL LAND USE PLAN**
- **DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION REVIEW**
- **SECOND PUBLIC WORKSHOP**
- **ADVISORY GROUP REVIEW**
- **ACQUISITION AND RESTORATION COUNCIL REVIEW**
- **APPROVAL BY DIVISION OF STATE LANDS OR BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE INTERNAL IMPROVEMENT TRUST FUND (GOVERNOR AND CABINET)**