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## St. Andrews Parish Parks & Playground Commission

### **Policy Manual**

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From time to time, lands or other property may be acquired by the Commission for park or recreation purposes through purchase, acceptance of gifts or bequests, or the right of eminent domain (condemnation). Opportunities may also arise in which lands or properties may be leased or used jointly with others according to cooperative agreements.

Whenever enabling legislation gives SAPPPC the authority to acquire property or land, the Commission's decision as to whether to acquire or lease a piece of land or a property, or to form a cooperative agreement to use land jointly with others, will be based on the current and projected needs of the community the Commission serves. Because land and property costs can rise rapidly as areas are developed, the Commission must be able to act quickly to acquire such property, and shall by majority vote at any Commission meeting at which a quorum is present (whether regularly scheduled or called by the Chairman) determine whether to acquire such property.

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