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## **Glatting Jackson and Miami-Dade unveil plan for parks and open space**

(Orlando, FL) – A master plan unveiled in March will help Miami-Dade County create a system of parks and open spaces, an effort that would make the county an even more engaging and livable community.

The county's Parks and Open Space Master Plan is a 50-year, unifying vision for a livable, sustainable Miami-Dade County. The plan was prepared by Glatting Jackson, a community-planning firm that focuses on designing sustainable communities.

"We helped the county develop a plan that will make Miami-Dade a great place with a great public realm, the kind of place where people will want to live, work, study and play," said David Barth, a planner and principal at Glatting.

The plan was formally released March 14 at the 2008 Great Park Summit, organized by the Miami-Dade County Park and Recreation Department.

The plan calls for a system of interconnected trails, greenways, waterways, cultural areas, natural spaces and parks that can be accessed by all residents and visitors.

The guiding principles of the plan are:

- **Equity:** every resident, regardless of income, age, race, ability or geographic location, should be able to enjoy the same quality of public facilities and services.
- **Access:** every resident should be able to safely and comfortably walk, bicycle, drive or ride transit from their home to work, school, parks, shopping and community facilities.
- **Beauty:** every public space, including streets, parks, plazas and civic buildings, should be aesthetically pleasing and complement the natural and cultural landscape.
- **Multiple Benefits:** every public action should generate multiple benefits to leverage funding.
- **Seamlessness:** every element of the county, including neighborhoods, parks, natural areas, civic centers and commercial areas, should be connected without regard to jurisdiction.
- **Sustainability:** every action and improvement of the park system, including facilities and operations, should contribute to the county's economic, social and environmental prosperity.