The Panama City Beach Conservation Park integrates two fundamental principles which remain a continuing focus for local government and community. The desire to protect and balance our natural resources while providing outdoor recreational opportunities is the driving force in establishing the Panama City Beach Conservation Park. The 2,900 acres of the Wetland Ecosystem is being protected by the management and utilization of the City’s reclaimed water to rehydrate wetlands. The natural water balance in these wetlands was altered many years ago as tree “farming” became predominant in the area. The Conservation Park’s forestry management practices will also lead to ecosystem restoration and habitat improvement as certain species are removed and native species are reintroduced to the park.

As part of the park creation effort, a pumping station was constructed at the Wastewater Treatment Facility which sends approximately 1,800,000 gallons of highly treated water per day through a 3-foot diameter, 5 mile long, reclaimed water transmission main to the park. The reclaimed water transmission main divides into four smaller pipes inside the 4,800 square foot building. Each pipe is color coded to coincide with a designated drainage area in the park to receive water on a rotating basis. The four distribution pipes send water to 14 different discharge structures strategically placed around the park to help rehydrate the wetlands.

In the park, complexes adjacent to the water management building there is a public reception area which has a cypress wood framed porch. This porch functions as a shelter for park guests and also houses restroom facilities. In addition to the functionality of the park, there are many trails on site from which you can observe native wildlife meeting free. Be sure to bring your binoculars and cameras for bird and wildlife watching as they are drawn to the rehydrated wetlands areas.