

Appendix A

Park Land Definitions

Mini Park

May serve specific function for any and all ages, depending on need of the user area. Size range 1-5 acres with optimum size being 3 acres. Service area is sub-neighborhood as limited by geographical barriers serving ½ mile radius. Typical facilities include play area, landscaping and limited sports activities (such as multi-purpose courts) if space allows.

Neighborhood Park

Multiple use recreation asset basically for unsupervised neighborhood games with some organized programs to serve all ages in the surrounding neighborhood. Size range is +5-15 acres. Service area includes immediate neighborhood as limited by geographical barriers; within 5 to 15 minutes walking distance; 1 mile radius.

District Park

Supplements neighborhood parks in providing close-to-home recreation opportunities oriented towards family and all age groups. May serve as a neighborhood park when located in a residential area. Minimum size is over 15 acres, optimum size is 40 acres. Service area includes 10 minute driving time; 3 mile radius. Typical amenities and activities include recreation center, swimming pool, picnic areas, playground, field sports and court areas; may have provisions for night time use (i.e. tennis, basketball, softball, baseball, soccer, football); able to accommodate special facilities, such as an ice rink, trails, and support amenities.

Metropolitan Park

Oriented towards overall park and recreation opportunities, often encompassing significant natural area as well as active recreation areas. May serve as a district or neighborhood park when located in residential areas. Minimum size is 80 acres, optimum size is 175 acres. Service area includes 20 minute driving time; 5 mile radius. Typical facilities and activities include swimming pool, recreation complex, picnic areas, playground, ice rink, trails, field and court sports complexes with provisions for night time use, golf course, and natural areas.

Regional Park

Designed to provide the opportunity to experience an extensive area of natural environment, an opportunity not usually possible in local urban parks. Minimum size is 250 acres, no maximum size. Service area includes within one hour driving time; serving metropolitan area; 30 mile radius. Typical facilities and activities include campgrounds, play areas, picnic

areas, nature centers, trail systems, water features, winter sports facilities, botanical gardens, etc., in some cases, sports fields; roads may serve for scenic drive through park.

Linear Park

These lands are open space connections between two geographic points. Potential transportation corridors. Often these areas serve preservation and conservation uses. No minimum or maximum size. Service area dependent on adjacent lands. Lands may be greenways, parkways, landscaped boulevards, median green strips, multi-use trailways, and floodplains or drainage courses.

Special

Serves one predominant function. Site and facility specific. Service area dependent on special interest demand. Typical facilities and activities include golf courses, marinas, ice rink, stadium, polo fields, model airplane fields, sports complex, etc.

Historical or Archaeological Arts and Cultural

Preservation of a recognized or archaeological landmark, or to serve as a forum for art and/or cultural exhibits or festivals. Site specific. Service area is metropolitan region. Typical facilities and activities include homes, military installations, towns, mounds, mines, bluff sites, amphitheater, sculpture garden, music and drama center, museums, etc.

Facility Definitions

Aquatic Center (Outdoor)

Zero depth entry pool, zoned areas for age and skill groups with water play structures and water play spaces. Usually accompanied with a 25 yard or 50 meter competition pool.

Boat Dock

A facility located in or adjacent to water which is designed and constructed to provide for the mooring and/or storage of boats or watercraft.

Boat Launching Area

An area for boat or watercraft launching and removal. Area could include a launching ramp, maneuvering and rigging area and/or other launching facilities.

Boat Launching Ramp

A graded and surface-stabilized facility designed and constructed to allow for the launching and removal of boats or watercraft from the waterway by means of a trailer.

Baseball/Softball

Multi-purpose athletic field with protective fencing and players benches. Suitable for practice or league play, not intended to accommodate tournaments or spectator seating. Ideally suited for neighborhood park or school site.

Basketball

Multi-purpose hard surface court with striping and goals. Suitable for practice or informal play, not intended to accommodate tournaments or spectator seating. Ideally suited for neighborhood park or school site.

Community Recreation Center

Typically include the following: Banquet / Conference Rooms, Childcare, Classrooms, Dance Center, Fitness Center, Indoor Basketball, Indoor Sport Facility, Racquetball, Senior Citizen Center, Teen Center. May also include an indoor swimming pool, indoor ice skating rink and/or theater/fine arts depending on market feasibility. Primarily for social, recreational, or educational needs of the community or neighborhood.

Fitness Trail

An outdoor series of exercise equipment situated along a trail. The trail is generally located among trees in order to provide shade. Signage at the beginning of the trail and at each fitness station instructs users as to the proper technique for each exercise as well as other pertinent fitness information such as pulse rate, and warm-up / cool down routine, etc.

Football/Soccer

Multi-purpose athletic field with portable goals. Suitable for practice or league play, not intended to accommodate tournaments or spectator seating. Ideally suited for neighborhood park or school site.

Golf Course (9-18 Hole)

An outdoor course which comprises either 9 or 18 holes with a combination of par 3s, 4s, and 5s. Golf courses are usually classified as "regulation" or championship," "executive" or "intermediate," and par-3 courses.

Handball

A hard surface court with striping and concrete wall. Suitable for practice or informal play, not intended to accommodate tournaments or spectator seating. Courts are typically grouped to share a common wall.

Ice/Hockey Rink

An outdoor area with wooden sides that conform to court dimensions. Rink is flooded in winter for the formation of ice. Hockey is permitted unless informal skating times/policies are implemented.

In-Line Skate Rink

An outdoor court with wooden sides and textured surface that conforms to court dimensions. Rink is cleared of debris that interferes with in-line skates. Hockey is permitted unless informal skating times/policies are implemented.

Lakes/Ponds

A body of water at least 18" deep and .5 acre in size that retains water year round. Surface of water is algae-free. Activities such as fishing and boating are encouraged.

Multi-Use Court

A paved area striped for more than one recreational activity with overlapping configurations such that only one activity is permitted at a given time. A typical example would include basketball, volleyball and tennis. Typically 120' x 80' in size.

Multi-Use Trail/Greenway

Multipurpose trails located within greenways, parks and natural resource areas. Focus is on recreational value and harmony with natural environment. Can be single or multipurpose use, hard surfaced trails for pedestrians or bicyclists/in-line skaters, or nature trails for pedestrians. May be hard or soft surfaced.

Nature Trail

A trail located among an unmaintained landscape such as a forest, prairie, or wetland that has little to no impact on the surrounding area in order to preserve the character of the area.

Outdoor Amphitheater

An oval or circular area with rising tiers of seats arranged about an outdoor open space. Typically an amphitheater is built into the side of an abrupt slope and used to host theatrical events, concerts, etc. Seating capacity determined by local preference. Not intended for regional events.

Picnic Pavilion

A structure with a solid roof and open sides that protects users from inclement weather. Picnic tables are provided for the capacity of the shelter.

Playgrounds

Structured age appropriate playgrounds, high use intensity. Typically, a playground is defined as an area with play equipment and appropriate surfacing that corresponds to each particular piece of equipment. Playgrounds are designed appropriately for different age groups and sited to avoid conflicts between users.

Skateboard Park

A paved area with smooth contoured surfaces or flat hard stand areas with freestanding ramps designed to create challenges for a skateboarder.

Sports Complex (Outdoor)

Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community. Size is determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, with 40 to 80 acres being optimal. To accommodate 12 baseball fields, 12

athletic fields and community park support facilities a proposed site can approach 100 acres.

Swimming Pool (Indoor)

A climate controlled pool facility located inside a building that permits year-round swimming.

Tennis

A paved and striped court with center nets and perimeter fencing.

Volleyball

A hard or soft surface (sand) with poles and net.

Open Space

Public lands held in the public interest to provide for: passive and active outdoor recreational use; areas of public access, enjoyment, and interaction; and prominent geographical, geological, and culturally significant features. Such areas may contain, but are not limited to: common use greenspace areas, passive/natural areas, forest, floodplains, wetlands and scenic vistas.