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- A community park should include the facilities that are also typically found at neighborhood parks.
- Preserve unique landscapes and open space

Service Area

- Up to four-mile radius.

Size

- 10 acres minimum; 20 acres or larger desirable

Level of Service Standard

- 2 acres per 1000 residents

Site Characteristics

Configuration

- Contiguous usable (non-linear) shape, with level terrain to accommodate active recreation.

Access/Location

- Locate on an arterial or collector street.
- Provide at least two major street frontages.
- Provide connection to pedestrian and bicycle routes.
- Locate to minimize conflicts with residential areas.
- May be located adjacent to school fields to maximize open space area within the neighborhood
- Locate centrally within the area served

Character

- Has desirable visual and natural attributes for passive recreation, such as waterway frontage or significant vegetation.
- Contains sufficient amount of level terrain for active sports.

Surveillance

- Park areas should be visible from adjacent streets, parking areas, and/or the internal park pathway system.

Basic Requirements

General

- Provide diverse recreational opportunities not available in other park categories.

Outdoor Sports

- Regulation facilities for organized league practice and play for softball, baseball, and/or soccer.
- Sports facilities are intended to be available to the community for unstructured play, in addition to serving the organized leagues.
- Bleachers, restrooms, and concession stands at league sports facilities.
- Tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts, handball courts, and practice wall.
- Lighting for outdoor sports facilities.

Passive Recreation

- Jogging path, minimum two miles long.
- Open turf area for casual games, minimum two acres.

Special Facility

- Community parks should include at least one special facility such as a pool, community center, gymnasium, or amphitheater.

Children's Play Areas

- Tot lot(s) for ages 2-5, minimum one.
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- Opportunity for larger, more creative play experiences.
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Family Picnic Areas

- Shaded and wind-protected area.
- Individual tables for 6-8 people each.
- Barbeque facilities.
- Locate adjacent to open turf or play areas.

Group Picnic Areas

- Shaded and wind-protected area.
- Picnic tables, serving tables, and barbecue facilities for 200 persons minimum.
- Restroom facilities nearby.
- Children's Play area nearby.
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Restrooms	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Permanent restroom building(s), minimum one per each 10 acres.
Lighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide lighting at athletic fields and courts, parking lots, and pathways. • Design to prevent glare and spillover into adjacent residential areas.
Telephone	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide public pay phones accessible at all times. • Locate throughout park at reasonable intervals for safety.
Drinking Fountains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Located as necessary to serve the various use areas, accessible to the disabled.
Bicycle Parking	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lockable parking at suitable locations throughout park.
Pathway System	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide multi-use paved paths, minimum ten-foot wide. • Internal park pathway system to accommodate multiple use activities, such as running, walking, in line skating, bicycling, and also to facilitate service and emergency access and police surveillance. • Internal park pathway system should connect to external, city-wide trail system.

Optional Elements

- Exercise course, 12 or 24 stations.
- Specialized sports facilities such as bocce ball courts or putting green.
- Food concessions building.
- Community garden area.
- Carosel
- Horseshoes
- Shuffleboard
- Ornamental gardens
- Nature study area
- Outdoor theater
- Ornamental gardens
- Other facilities of interest to the local community

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK STANDARDS

Definition

- Medium sized park that provides basic recreational activities for an individual neighborhood.
- Typical neighborhood park facilities may be included as a portion of a larger community park where practical.
- Facility mix within the neighborhood park, should serve the local demographic, and be determined by the facility types in adjacent neighborhood or community parks. There are no required elements, per se, for a neighborhood park, but facilities that

address the broadest cross-section of the family, from young to old, will serve a larger segment of the population.

Service Area

- 1/4-mile radius to serve a single neighborhood, or populations up to 5000.

Size

- One to ten acres. Four acres is a desirable size.

Level of Service Standard

- 3 acres per 1000 residents

Site Characteristics

Configuration

- Contiguous, usable (non-linear) shape, with level terrain to accommodate casual (non-organized) recreation and sports activities.

Access/Location

- Provide two major street frontages if possible.
- Provide connection to pedestrian and bicycle routes.
- Locate centrally within neighborhood.
- May be located adjacent to school fields to maximize open space area within the neighborhood

Character

- May contain natural features for passive recreation, such as a water body or significant vegetation.
- Should contain large trees for shade and windbreak.
- Design should create a unique character that creates and reinforces the neighborhood character. Community input should be obtained whenever possible during the design of the park.
- Site selected for development should exhibit innate aesthetic qualities. "Left over" parcels not suitable for construction of houses are generally undesirable for park development.
- Should contain large trees for shade and windbreak.

Basic Requirements

Passive Recreation

- Open turf area for non-organized sports, minimum one acre, two acres or more desirable.
- Pathway system for walking/jogging, minimum ten-foot wide to accommodate service and emergency access and police surveillance.

Children's Play Areas

- Tot lot for ages 2-5.
- Play lot for ages 6-12.
- Should include climbing structures, other apparatus and sand play.
- All children's play areas must be accessible to the disabled (ADA) and conform to CPSC guidelines.

- Play areas should be age-separated to minimize conflicts between younger and older children.
- Family Picnic Areas
 - Shaded and wind-protected area.
 - Minimum three tables for 6-8 people each.
- Drinking Fountain
 - Minimum one, accessible to the disabled.
- Bicycle Parking
 - Lockable parking, minimum one location.
- Lighting
 - Pathway and tennis court lighting only.
- Telephone
 - Provide public phone.
- Restrooms
 - Permanent restroom building preferred for each neighborhood park that is 2 acres in size or larger.

Optional Elements

- Tennis courts, basketball courts, volleyball courts, handball courts, and/or practice wall.
- Barbeque facilities at family picnic tables.
- Off-street parking for 10 to 30 cars.
- Restroom building at neighborhood parks smaller than 2 acres in size.
- Exercise course or cluster.
- Practice baseball diamond - not lighted.
- Shuffleboard courts
- Horseshoes
- Activity room for limited indoor recreation activities

VILLAGE GREEN STANDARDS

Definition

- Small parks that address passive recreational needs and neighborhood character.
- Village Greens can serve as the centerpiece of a neighborhood, provide a passive recreational benefit, and help to establish neighborhood identity. Village Greens typically have a strong relationship to the character of the street and neighborhood, and are meant, in part, to provide and support a strong architectural neighborhood character. They are not intended for the more active facilities found in traditional neighborhood parks. Like all well sited neighborhood parks, Village Greens are tied to the street and pedestrian circulation system. They are often sited at key intersections or points of arrival into a neighborhood. Village Greens often have a formal design character tied to the character of the adjacent streets.

Service Area

- 1/4-mile radius.

Size

- less than 1 acres.

Level of Service Standard

- Village Green acreage is counted in the Neighborhood Park category standard of 3 acres per 1000 residents.

Site Characteristics

- Level areas accessible to the disabled.
- Located within neighborhoods and in close proximity to high density residential or housing for the elderly.

Basic Requirements

- Benches in shaded area.
- Trash receptacle, minimum one.
- Safety lighting.
- Civic Monuments or Sculpture
- Water Features

Optional Elements

- Drinking fountain.
- Small turf area.
- Picnic table(s) to accommodate 6-8 people.
- Play area for children age 6-12.
- Restroom
- Gazebo
- Group gathering space

SPECIAL FACILITY STANDARDS**Definition**

- A built facility such as a community center, senior center, teen center, gymnasium, aquatic center, or other cultural or athletic facility that services a specific need for a portion of the City's population.

Service Area

- The entire City.

Size

- Varies.

Location

- May be included within a community park or may be at a separate location.

**Facility Types
(may be combined)**

- Community center, with auditorium, meeting rooms, classroom space, offices, indoor recreation space, crafts room, and/or exercise space
- Indoor gymnasium
- Aquatics complex