

Table 3: Parkland Definitions

2. NEEDS ASSESSMENT

PARK CATEGORY	DEFINITION	BENEFITS	SIZE/SCOPE	SERVICE AREA	ACRES PER 1,000 POPULATION	INCLUDES
Urban Plaza • Public plazas/ town squares, historical markers (Elizabeth Daniels)	High-use public area within high-density urban developments and along transit corridors • Public plazas/ town squares are publicly owned and used spaces that act as civic and neighborhood activity focal	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides for the day to day rest/leisure needs of nearby residents and employees, as well as shoppers, transit. users, and recreators • Provides space for community events • Communicates community character 	½ acre to 3+ acres	Service area – variable	N/A	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multi purpose paved areas • Children's play areas • Public art/Fountains • Landscaping • Seating • Small cafes, retail or dining areas • Multipurpose performance space • Civic structures and kiosks • Signage, lighting, news racks, banners, etc. • Vendor areas
Pocket Park (Dow Alexander, Glenn Jones)	Local park located within biking and walking distance of users, co-located with elementary school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides convenient access to active recreation opportunities for nearby residents of all ages • Contributes to neighborhood identity 	¼ to 2 acres	Serves neighborhoods within ½ mile	0.25 to 0.50 acres/1000 population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's play area • Picnic area with seating • Flat area for entire site • Paths • Lighting • Open space • On-street parking
Neighborhood Park (Minnie, Morgan Ranch)	Local park located within biking and walking distance of users, co-located with elementary school	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides convenient access to active recreation opportunities for nearby residents of all ages • Contributes to neighborhood identity 	2 to 12 acres	Serves neighborhoods within ½ mile	1 to 2 acres/1000 population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's play areas • Sports facilities including paved courts and sports fields with or without lighting • Picnic areas, seating • Access to Elementary School restrooms or portable restrooms • Paths • Flat areas (1/2 of site minimum) public street access/face (minimum of two sides) • Lighting (poles or bollards) • Electrical outlets • Open space • Parking • Public Art • Community Gardens
Community Park (Mulcahy, Memorial)	Larger park that provides active and passive recreational opportunities for all city residents Accommodates large group activities and organized sports play	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides a variety of active and passive recreation opportunities for all age groups • Provides environmental education opportunities • Serves recreation needs of families • Provides opportunities for community social activities • Provides for sports facilities 	13-50 acres	Service area radius of 2 miles	2-3 acres/1000 population (5 acres/1000 in combination with neighborhood park)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's play areas • Sports facilities including tennis and basketball courts, multiple sports fields, skate parks • On and off street parking • Permanent restrooms • Public art/Fountains • Single and group picnic areas • Paths • Lighting (poles or bollards) • Seating • Natural areas • Open space • Water features • Swimming pools • Interpretative facilities • Multi-Purpose centers • Large expansive flat areas (7 to 10 acres) • Public street access/face (minimum of two sides)
Regional Park (Condon, Empire Mine)	Larger park that provides active and passive recreational opportunities for all city and regional residents Accommodate large group activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide a variety of accessible recreational opportunities for all age groups • Provides environmental educational opportunities • Serves recreational needs of families • Provides opportunities for community social activities 	50 or more acres	Serves entire region	5 to 10 acres/1000 population	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children's play areas • Off-street parking • Public art/ fountains • Paths • Natural areas • Community Centers/Amphitheaters • Swimming pools • Water features • Public street access/face (minimum of two sides) • Competitive sports facilities • Permanent restrooms • Single & group picnic areas • Lighting • Botanical gardens • Festival Space • Interpretive facilities • Multipurpose centers • Expansive flat areas (15 acres minimum)
Trails	A 4-6 ft. wide, soft-surfaced trail separated from motor vehicle traffic by an open space or barrier. Its route may be aligned with or independent of a street right-of-way.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provides opportunities for trail-related recreation • Provides environmental education opportunities • Maximizes environmental compatibility with sensitive resource areas 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adjacent to designated natural resource areas • Within open space parts of community parks 	Variable	Sufficient to protect resources and to accommodate activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Seating • Signage • Vehicle control barriers • Landscaping • Trailhead amenities such as bike racks and trash receptacles (picnic areas, small scale parking, and restrooms are provided in parks along the path)
Multi-Use Bike/Pedestrian Path	An 8-10 ft. wide, hard-surfaced multi-use path separated from motor vehicle traffic by an open space or barrier. Its route may be aligned with or independent of the street right-of-way. It will often be found in the greenways. This is a Class I bikeway.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduces auto-dependency • Provides opportunities for trail-related recreation • Provides environmental education opportunities • Provides a full accessible outdoor experience for people with disabilities • Maximizes bike user and pedestrian safety 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within every greenway • Along selected collectors and within selected neighborhoods • Along parkway streets 	Variable	Sufficient to protect resources and to accommodate activities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pedestrian crosswalks • Curb ramps • Seating • Lighting • Signage/Traffic signals • Vehicle control barriers • Landscaping • Staging areas with amenities such as bike racks and trash receptacles (picnic areas, small scale parking and restrooms are provided in parks along the path)