

Appendix D

Definitions



Classification	General Description	Location Criteria	Size Criteria
Neighborhood	Basic unit of park system and serves as the recreational and social focus of the neighborhood. Focus is on informal active and passive recreation	1/4 to 1/2 mile distance and uninterrupted by non-residential roads and barriers	5 acres is considered minimum size. 5-10 acres is optimal
Community	Serves broader purpose than neighborhood park. Focus is on meeting community-based recreation needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves two or more neighborhoods and 1/2 to 3 mile distance	As needed to accommodate desired uses. Usually between 30-50 acres
Sports Complex	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community	Strategically located community-wide facilities	Determined by projected demand. Usually a minimum of 25 acres, 40-80 acres is optimal
Natural Resource Areas	Land set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering	Resource availability and opportunity	Variable
Greenway	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment	Resource availability and opportunity	Variable