

## Parks, Recreation, Open Space, and Trails Classification System

Classification	Description	Location	Size
<i>Pocket Park</i>	Used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs.	Less than 1/4 mile distance in residential setting.	Between 2500 sq. ft. and one acre in size.
<i>Neighborhood Park</i>	Basic unit of park system, serves as 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 other physical barriers.	1-5 acres
<i>School-Park</i>	Depending on circumstances, combining parks with school sites can fulfill the space requirements for other classes of parks, such as neighborhood, community, sports complex, and special use.	Determined by location of school district property.	Variable
<i>Community Park</i>	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.
<i>Large Urban Park</i>	Serve a broader purpose than community parks and are used when community and neighborhood parks are not adequate to serve the needs of the community. Focus is on meeting community-based recreational needs, as well as preserving unique landscapes and open spaces.	Determined by the quality and suitability of the site. Usually serves the entire community.	As needed to accommodate desired uses.
<i>Natural Resource Areas</i>	Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space, and visual aesthetics/buffering	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable
<i>Greenways</i>	Effectively tie park system components together to form a continuous park environment.	Resource availability and opportunity.	Variable
<i>Sports</i>	Consolidates heavily programmed athletic fields and associated facilities to larger and fewer sites strategically located throughout the community.	Strategically located community-wide facilities.	Variable
<i>Special Use</i>	Covers a broad range of parks and recreation facilities oriented toward single-purpose use.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable
<i>Private Park/Recreation Facility</i>	Parks and recreation facilities that are privately owned yet contribute to the public park and recreation system.	Variable-dependent on specific use.	Variable
<b>Description of Each Type</b>			
<i>Park trail</i>	Multipurpose trails located within greenways, parks and natural resource areas. Focus is on recreational value and harmony with natural environment.	<i>Type I</i> : Separate/single-purpose hard surface trails for pedestrians, skaters, or bicyclists; <i>Type II</i> : Multipurpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians, skaters, or bicyclists; <i>Type III</i> : Nature trails for pedestrians. May be hard- or soft-surfaced.	
<i>Connector trail</i>	Multipurpose trails that emphasize safe travel for pedestrians to and from parks and around the community. Focus is as much on transportation as it is on recreation.	<i>Type I</i> : Separate/single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians, skaters, or bicyclists located in independent right-of-ways (e.g., old railroad r.o.w.); <i>Type II</i> : Separate/single-purpose hard-surfaced trails for pedestrians, skaters, or bicyclists. Typically located within road right-of-ways.	
<i>On-Street Bikeways</i>	Paved segments of roadways that serve as a means to safely separate bicyclists from vehicular traffic.	<i>Bike Route</i> : Designated portions of the roadway for the preferential or exclusive use of bicyclists; <i>Bike Lane</i> : Shared portions of the roadway that provide separation between motor vehicles and bicyclists, such as paved shoulders.	
<i>All-Terrain Bike Trail</i>	Off-road trail for all-terrain (mountain) bikes.	Single-purpose loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.	
<i>Cross-Country Trails</i>	Trails developed for running, hiking, walking, and in the winter, traditional and skate-style cross-country skiing.	Loop trails usually located in larger parks and natural resource areas.	