

Table 9-1
1.1 Urban Area Classifications and Standards:

TYPE OF PARK	APPROX SIZE IN ACRES	ACRES PER 1,000 POP	SERVICE AREA	LOCATION	POPULATION SERVED	TYPICAL FACILITIES	ACCESS
Mini-Park	Up to 2		Up to ¼ mile	Within neighborhoods	Up to 2,500	Benches, landscaping, children's play area	Walking, Bicycle
Neighborhood Park	2 to 20	2.5	¼ to ½ mile	Adjacent to elementary schools when feasible	Up to 5,000	Benches, play apparatus area, picnic area, landscaping, play fields, paved courts, free play area, limited parking	Walking, Bicycle, Automobile
Community Park	15 to 100	2.5	½ to 3 miles	Designed to serve a group of neighborhoods. Should be along bike routes; where possible, adjacent to Jr. or Sr. High School	Up to 25,000	Benches, picnic area, play apparatus area, picnic shelter, athletic fields, tennis courts, swimming pool, paved courts, landscaping, substantial paved parking, lighted	Bicycle, Automobile, Transit
Metropolitan Park	50 +	5.0	Within ¼ hr. driving time	Most desirable within large urban area but may be located on periphery	Up to 50,000	Benches, landscaping, nature and hiking trails, play apparatus area, amphitheater, boating or swimming areas, picnic grounds, camping, open field play areas, riding trails, paved parking	Bicycle, Automobile, Transit

Table 9-1 (Continued)
1.2 Nonurban Area Classifications and Standards:

TYPE OF PARK	APPROX SIZE IN ACRES	ACRES PER 1,000 POP	SERVICE AREA	LOCATION	POPULATION SERVED	TYPICAL FACILITIES	ACCESS
Rural District	5 to 100	2.5	Within ½ hr. driving time	In association with a natural feature or scenic area	Up to 25,000	Picnic area, open field areas, hiking and riding trails, play apparatus, beach, boat ramp, parking	Automobile, Walking
Regional Park	250 +	10.0	Within 1 hr. driving time	Where possible, areas associated with significant natural features such as a river	More than 100,000	Beaches, water resources, natural areas, camping, picnic grounds, boat ramps, nature and hiking trails, riding trails, open field play areas, parking	Automobile, Walking
Wilderness Area	N/A	N/A	N/A	Large and remote enough to provide isolation from man made development. Natural qualities and forces are dominant.	N/A	No facilities except possibly natural trails. Undisturbed, roadless natural state	Walking Only

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1.3 The Following Classifications and Standards Will be Used Throughout the County:

TYPE OF PARK	APPROX SIZE IN ACRES	ACRES PER 1,000 POP	SERVICE AREA	LOCATION	POPULATION SERVED	TYPICAL FACILITIES	ACCESS
Natural or Historical Preserve	N/A	N/A	N/A	An area of outstanding scenic and/or natural character, or historic value. Preservation and enhancement of the resource is the primary objective. Buffered from adjacent environments (particularly urban)	N/A	Limited to those needed for safety, health and education (e.g. trails, protective barriers, sanitary facilities, interpretive center, parking)	Automobile, Walking
Linear Park and Trail	N/A	N/A	N/A	Linear strip of land comprising natural or man-made resources such as a stream, river, ridgeline, service road, utility or transit right-of-way. Connects parks and other points of interest. Sufficient width to protect from adjacent infringements and maintain environmental integrity of the corridor	N/A	Walking, hiking, bicycling, and horseback riding trails (consolidated where possible), boating, trailhead facilities (sanitary and rest facilities, limited parking)	Walking, Bicycle, Horse, Transit, Automobile
Special Purpose Facilities	This category includes facilities such as boat ramps, marinas, ski areas, golf courses, swimming pools, recreational vehicle trails, etc. No site or facility standards are applicable (see parks, Open Space, Historic Sites Background Report – Table 9 for approximate user standards)						