

Table 10
Open Space Definitions

	Classification	Definition	Service Area
1	Flagship Parks	These serve a wide variety of recreational needs for both residents city-wide and tourists.	City-wide
2	Regional Parks, Historic Sites and Museums	Parks whose natural, recreational and/or educational amenities serve as a magnet facility to multiple neighborhoods. Regional parks offer a combination of indoor and outdoor facilities as well as active and passive recreation. Specialties such as fantastic views, or rare programs and facilities such as learning centers, photography darkrooms, skateboard areas, and swimming pools, will enlarge a relatively small park's service area to this category. (>35 acres)	Multiple neighborhoods
3	Undeveloped Open Space	Undeveloped parks, generally with an emphasis on more natural landscapes as opposed to more horticultural landscaping. Recreational amenities often include paths, trails, and activities that link user and environment, but generally not sports fields. Often, these parks are considered Significant Natural Resource Areas and include beaches, wetlands, steep slopes, stream banks and rare plant and/or wildlife species or communities.	Varies
4	Civic Squares and Plazas	Areas which primarily function as civic gathering spaces, open-air markets, or are visited for their historical significance. Often, these sites are hard surfaced and lack recreational programming and facilities.	City-wide
5	Neighborhood Parks	These are the basic units of a park system. Most include a playground. Many serve a variety of purposes programmed and unprogrammed; greenscape, recreation center, or playground. Therefore, they are further broken down into sub-categories based on the predominant recreational offering.	Neighborhood
5a	Rec Center or Clubhouse Grounds/Athletic Fields and Sports Courts	Predominant use is for team or organized sports of all ages. Often, most of the site will be devoted to sports courts or athletic fields and there is generally a clubhouse or recreational center on site.	Neighborhood
5b	Greenscapes	A landscaped park, often with a large un-programmed lawn, primarily for passive recreation.	Neighborhood
5c	Mini Park	These are the smallest parks in size, designed to serve the immediate surrounding neighborhood. Generally, their size limits their ability to serve multiple recreational functions.	1/4 mile
6	Lakes	Parks whose main feature are lakes.	City-wide
7	Future parks	Park land which is designated for future site improvements such as fields and facilities.	Variable

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8	Greenbelts	Landscaped strips along roadways, such as medians or forested walkways, that serve as linkages between parks or buffers between traffic and pedestrians or residential areas.	City-wide
9	Stairways	Staircases landscaped to serve as open spaces	Neighborhood
10	Specialty Parks	Parks whose facilities are designed to serve a specific sport or activity. Includes community gardens, museums, boat ramps, fishing piers, athletic stadiums and senior centers.	
11	Golf Courses		City-wide but limited users
12	Breathing Room	Parks and open spaces that provide environmental benefits and perhaps some recreational value, but that are not necessarily accessible, maintained, or programmed.	City-wide
13	Usable Park	Open space that is accessible, relatively flat, and within a 10-minute walk	Neighborhood
14	Unknown		
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