

RESOLUTION NO. 2004-906

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF DEC 7 2004

RESOLUTION AMENDING SECTIONS SIX AND SEVEN OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO GENERAL PLAN (M01-065).

WHEREAS, the City Council directed updating of the City Parks and Recreation Master Plan;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is part of the City General Plan;

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is found be consistent with the City General Plan and Community Plans, as amended;

WHEREAS, the City Planning Commission conducted a public hearing on October 28, 2004 and the City Council conducted a public hearing on November 9, 2004 and December 7, 2004 concerning the above Plan Amendment, and based on documentary and oral evidence submitted at the public hearing;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Sacramento:

Sections Six and Seven of the City of Sacramento's General Plan shall be amended to read as follows:

General Plan Section 6

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Table 1: Existing and Planned Open Space Acreage

Community Plan Area	All Existing Open Space				Proposed/Additional Open Space				Planned (Year 2010) Open Space			
	Park, Recreation (1)	Water	Agriculture	Total	Park, Recreation (2)	Water	Agriculture	Total	Park, Recreation	Water	Agriculture	Total
Airport-Meadowview	395	0	1,662	2,057	0	0	0	0	395	0	0	395
Arden-Arcade	1,228	58	72	1,358	0	0	0	0	1,226	58	0	1,284
Central City	376	33	143	552	0	0	0	0	376	33	0	409
East Broadway	300	0	1,002	1,302	9	0	0	9	309	0	0	309
East Sacramento	428	52	165	645	0	0	0	0	428	52	0	480
Land Park	358	95	95	548	56	0	0	56	414	95	0	509
North Natomas	518	0	8,777	9,295	659	426	121	1,206	1,177	426	121	1,724
North Sacramento	876	0	3,575	4,451	120	0	0	120	996	0	0	996
Pocket	282	58	1,212	1,552	20	0	0	20	302	58	0	360
South Natomas	524	0	2,012	2,536	424	0	0	424	948	0	0	948
South Sacramento	406	0	3,345	3,750	3	0	0	3	408	0	0	408
Total Gross Acres	5,993	296	22,060	28,044	1,391	426	121	1,838	6,979	722	121	7,822

Sources: 1985 City Land Use Inventory
 1992 Draft Railyards Plan Amendments
 1994 North Natomas Community Plan
 2004 Parks and Recreation Master Plan (intended time horizon: 2010)

Note: Data for North and South Natomas include some County area.
 (1) Includes all City owned/controlled park land (neighborhood, community, regional, parkways, open space), City golf courses, 40% of all public school sites, County and state lands in City limits.
 (2) Additional planned parks to meet future demand per City Community Plans/General Plan Land Use maps to help meet future demand.



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PRESERVATION OF NATURAL RESOURCES

Goal A

Implement the Master Plan for Parks and Recreation

The Parks and Recreation Department has developed a comprehensive plan to guide the acquisition, development, and maintenance of parks, open spaces, and parkways. The Service Level Goals in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan are desired goals and non-minimum requirements. The Master Plan is part of the General Plan and is updated from time to time.

Policy 1

Continue programs for the planting and maintenance of trees, grass, floral displays, and other public landscapes both in the parks and on other City land such as street medians, public buildings, and grounds.

The City has an extensive street tree program. Efforts to maintain and enhance this program should be encouraged.

Policy 2

Continue to implement the Heritage Tree program.

The City's Heritage Tree program assures that heritage trees appearing on any new development proposals will be retained according to the City Ordinance affecting such trees. It is important that this program continue.

Policy 3

Continue to assist the efforts of the County and the Sacramento Tree Foundation in identifying, acquiring, and creating appropriate locations for urban forests and greenbelt.

Such appropriate locations may include, if development of the buffer lands surrounding the SRCSD waste water treatment plant prove infeasible, open space lands subject to

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flood hazards, lands delineating urban and rural uses, and sites containing significant native plant communities.

Policy 4

Establish a system of open space, buffers and view sheds that act as neighborhood gateways, and as visual and physical community separators and greenbelts to define the limits of urban growth.

Open space areas in the parks and recreation system are developed and managed to enhance or protect their scenic, historic, environmental, cultural and passive recreation value. Many such areas are intended to be part of an interconnected regional system of open space within and between urban growth areas.

General Plan Section 7, pages 27-30

PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES

The provision of parks, open spaces and recreation services is an important part of the City's physical and service structure. Community residents' involvement in identifying needed park and recreation services is considered a very important part of the planning process.

The Department of Parks and Recreation is the major provider of leisure and enrichment activities for Sacramento residents, with areas of service including park and tree maintenance, recreation and human services, park planning, design and development, marketing and special events, and administrative services. Most of these services are General Fund supported with the exception of funding through user fees, grants, assessments, and development fees.

The City Parks and Recreation Department operates and maintains approximately 3,124 acres of developed and undeveloped parks and recreation facilities at 200 separate sites. These types of parks and recreation facilities include neighborhood parks, community parks, regional parks, parkways, and open spaces including some public school sites. The Sacramento Parks and Recreation System has grown to approximately 3,700 acres including City, School, County, and State land. Approximately 12,000 street and park trees have been added since 1990. The City's Land Use Map shows non-city parks over five acres in size, including State, County, and California State University and major multiple family developments.

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Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan sets forth the goals and policies that are to guide planning and management of the City of Sacramento Parks and Recreation System. The Master Plan has been developed to inventory existing park and recreational resources, estimate the need for additional parks and recreation facilities, and identify the actions to be taken to fulfill the Plan's vision. The Master Plan is considered a part of the General Plan.

Park Standards/Service Level Goals

Parks standards or **Service Level Goals** are utilized as a guiding tool to determine appropriate acreage and evaluate the adequacy of service to **Community Planning Areas**, neighborhoods and the City as a whole. The park **Service Level Goals** are considered to be goals and not minimum standards. Their application should allow for flexibility as areas change or the needs of residents change, and be related to economic feasibility and the nature of the community or neighborhood. The Master Plan calls for a **total** ratio of approximately **thirteen** park acres per thousand population including all categories of parks. Allocation of park acreage is based on **Service Level Goals** established in the **Parks and Recreation Master Plan**. The categories of City Parks and Service Level Goals are as follows:

Neighborhood Serving Acres: The **Service Level Goal** for these types of parks is **2.9** acres per thousand residents of the City.

Urban Plaza/Pocket Park: A specialized neighborhood park or facility to be used primarily by persons living, working, or visiting nearby. Likely more appropriate for areas of denser urban and mixed use development. Amenities may include: smaller scale features such as community gardens, children's play areas, sitting areas, tables, fountains, and art walkways and landscaping. The size is generally less than 5 acres.

Neighborhood Park: Intended to be used primarily by the people who live nearby, or within reasonable walking or driving distance of the park. Some neighborhood parks are situated adjacent to a school and improvements are usually oriented toward the needs of children. Park amenities may include a tot lot, an adventure area, multipled sport fields or sport courts, and/or a group picnic area, and parking located on street. The size is generally from five to ten acres.

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Community Serving Acres: The Service Level Goal for these types of parks is 2.5 acres per thousand residents of the City.

Community Park: A park or facility developed primarily to meet the requirements of a large portion of the City. In addition to neighborhood park amenities, a community park may include: a large group picnic area with shade structure, a community garden, a neighborhood/community Skate Park, restroom, on-site parking, bicycle trail, a nature area, a dog park, lighted sport fields or sports courts. Specialized facilities may include: a community center, a water play area and/or a swimming pool. Some of the smaller community parks may be dedicated to one use, and some elements of the park may be leased to community groups. The size is generally from ten to 60 acres.

The City relies on formal partnerships with school districts for public access to public school sites after school hours to meet general public and school recreation needs. These school sites are usually classified as either neighborhood or community serving acres, depending on their size. The partnerships can include development of parks on land owned by a school district and designated by formal agreement for joint development, operation and/or maintenance. These joint use agreements make it possible to maximize use of community facilities and more efficiently provide parks and recreation facilities.

Citywide/Regionally Serving Acres: The Service Level Goal for these types of parks is 8.0 acres per thousand residents of the City.

Regional Park: Contains a wide range of improvements usually not found in local community or neighborhood facilities. These parks serve the entire City and beyond, and the size varies. In addition to neighborhood and community park type improvements, a regional facility may include regional destination attractions such as a golf course, a marina, amusement areas, a zoo or nature areas. Some elements in the park may be under lease to community groups.

Parkway: A linear park or interconnected system of parks used primarily as corridors for pedestrians and bicyclists, linking residential areas to schools, parks and trails systems. They are typically linear and narrow and may be situated along a waterway, abandoned railway or other common corridor.

Open Space: Open space areas in the Parks and Recreation System are natural resources primarily to enhance environmental amenities. They are developed and managed to enhance or protect their scenic, historic, environmental, cultural and passive recreation value. Many such areas are

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intended to be part of an interconnected regional system of open space within and between urban growth areas

The City formally recognizes the contribution of County and State park lands in meeting citywide/regionally serving acreage requirements, including the following: American River Parkway, Capitol Park, Governor's Mansion, Stanford Mansion, Sutter's Fort and Witter Ranch.

Projected Need

As Sacramento's population continues to grow and the socio-economic base becomes more diverse in recreational needs, there will be greater demand on existing services and facilities. New types of recreational needs will need to be addressed, and new residential areas, as well as infill development in existing areas, will require new park facilities. Presently, the City's General Fund accounts for part of the revenue for acquisition and improvements in parks and recreation facilities. Primarily through the Quimby Act (Parkland Dedication Ordinance), AB1600 (Park Development Impact Fee Ordinance) and capital grants, the City obtains land dedications and pays for parkland acquisition and/or development.

GOALS AND POLICIES FOR PARKS AND RECREATION SERVICES

Goal A

Provide adequate parks and recreational services in all parts of the City, adapted to the needs and desires of each neighborhood and community. Attempt to achieve the **Acreage Service Level Goals** established in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Policy 1

Encourage private development of recreational facilities that complement and supplement the public recreational system.

Policy 2

Give high priority to acquiring land and improving parks, open space and recreation uses in redevelopment, **Community/Specific Plan and Infill target areas** where these uses are deficient.

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Policy 3

Encourage joint development of parks with compatible uses such as new schools, libraries and detention basins.

Policy 4

Apply Smart Growth and environmental sustainability principles to park and recreation facility planning, location, design and management.

Policy 5

Design parks to enhance and preserve natural site characteristics and environmental values.

Policy 6

Review all necessary infrastructure improvements for their potential park and open space usage.

Policy 7

Locate community and regional parks and linear recreational areas on or adjacent to major thoroughfares.

Policy 8

Periodically review and update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Policy 9

Continue the practice of partnering with school districts and the community to provide neighborhood or community serving outdoor recreation facilities on and adjacent to public schools.

Policy 10

Develop and implement programs to help ensure the safety of residents utilizing parks and recreational facilities.

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Policy 11

Ensure adequate public access to the American and Sacramento Rivers in developing areas.

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