





The draft Parks Master Plan envisions an interconnected Citywide park system with opportunities for everyone to get outside and play while fostering social interactions, culture, activities and exercise, as well as providing urban respite, enjoyable transportation options and an increased tree canopy cover.



Ensuring equity in the City's parks system is a key component of this plan, with access-based goals that focus on investments with the greatest park standard and service gaps. The plan also focuses on ensuring access to all of the City's great recreational resources. This equity-driven framework will prioritize capital investments to identified communities of concern.

PLAY EVERYWHERE : Key Improvements

| PROGRAM FEATURES | COMMUNITY FEEDBACK | PLAY EVERYWHERE DRAFT PROGRAM 2020 |
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| PRIORITIZED PARK INVESTMENTS WHERE NEEDED MOST | Prioritize in investments where needed most | Prioritize parks investments in Communities of Concern, areas with fewer parks, and areas with most growth |
| PRIORITIZED LAND ACQUISITION FOR NEW PARKS | Prioritize land acquisition in the City's parks system | Increased recreational value score for park size Policies added to prioritize park land acquisition |
| PROMOTE MENTAL, PHYSICAL AND SOCIAL HEALTH BENEFITS | Recognize mental health benefits of parks and nature | Increased values for public accessible open space areas and restored habitat |
| MONITORING, ADAPTABILITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY | Continual monitoring to ensure success | Alternative compliance to allow for innovation Establish monitoring program |
| TREES AND SHADE | Urban tree canopy coverage should be prioritized | Increased value for shade trees and carbon sequestration |
| NEW RECREATIONAL VALUE-BASED STANDARD | More clarity needed | Intent to provide more park opportunities clarified Increased value standard recognizes higher values for park size and access |
| INDIGENOUS PEOPLE | Address complete history of Indigenous people | Text and policies added to address important history |
| EXPANDED PARK TYPOLOGIES | Expand park typologies | Allows for new park typologies throughout implementation New Urban Watershed Park typology added |
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