Level of Development Standards

2000 Comprehensive Plan

"Neighborhood and community parks also are classified by different levels of development, which identify and illustrate the intensity and extent of development on each park site.

Neighborhood Parks – Level of Development

Level 1 provides rough grading, fencing, fire hazard mowing, master planning, and brush/trash removal; it is intended to reduce liability and unsightliness.

Level 2 provides fine grading, seeding, playground equipment, back stop panel, and signage; it is intended to offer a basic level of park improvements and usability.

Level 3 provides landscaping, asphalt walking trails, and irrigation; it is intended to provide a full level of service for a range of intensive uses.

Community Parks – Level of Development

Level 1 provides rough grading, fencing, fire hazard mowing, and brush/trash removal; it is intended to reduce liability and unsightliness.

Level 2 provides fine grading, seeding, limited parking facilities, playground equipment, restroom, and signage; it is intended to offer a basic level of park improvements and usability.

Level 3 provides sports / tennis courts, asphalt trails, picnic shelters, landscaping, interpretive areas, and irrigation; it is intended to provide a full level of service for a range of intensive uses.

The application of the neighborhood and community park standards within the urban area is different between the incorporated and unincorporated areas. Within the unincorporated area, priority is given to acquiring, reserving, and making available sites for future neighborhood and community park development. Development priority is given to improving park sites to a "greenspaces" standard (Level 1), followed by developing community parks to a "Level 2" standard. It is planned that the unincorporated urban area will incorporate, be annexed, or form a special district before neighborhood and community parks are fully developed. In the incorporated area, neighborhood and community parks are acquired and developed to "Level 2.""

Proposed – 2006 Comprehensive Plan

Neighborhood and community parks also are classified by different levels of development, which identify and illustrate the intensity and extent of development on each park site.

Neighborhood Parks – Level of Development

Level 1 is intended to secure the site, reduce liability and unsightliness, preserve existing natural resources, and permit pedestrian access to the site. Improvements are dependent on initial site inventory and generally include fencing, fire hazard mowing only, rule signage, hazard removal, rough grading, and noxious/invasive plant removal. (Master planning)

Level 2 is intended to protect and enhance a site's natural features and provide a range of recreational opportunities as determined in the Master Plan. Recreational opportunities and amenities may include walking paths, natural areas, park identification and interpretative signage, gathering spaces, seating, and play options.

Level 3 is intended to provide a greater level of natural area enhancement and recreational amenities, and may be possible if additional purchase and maintenance funds are available. Improvements may include additional landscaping, play equipment, signage, paths, lighting, irrigation, and structures not provided during Level 2 development.

Community Parks – Level of Development

Level 1 is intended to secure the site, reduce liability and unsightliness, preserve existing natural resources, and permit pedestrian access to the site. Improvements are dependent on initial site inventory and may include fencing, fire hazard mowing, rough grading, and invasive plant removal. (Master planning)

Level 2 is intended to protect and enhance a site's natural features and provide a range of recreational opportunities as determined in the Master Plan. Recreational opportunities and amenities may include parking, restrooms, walking paths, natural areas, park identification and interpretative signage, gathering spaces, seating, and play options.

Level 3 is intended to provide a greater level of natural area enhancement and recreational amenities. Improvements may include sports/ tennis courts and play options able to accommodate larger groups, picnic shelters, and additional landscaping, walking paths, and signage.

The application of the neighborhood and community park standards within the urban area is different between the incorporated and unincorporated areas. In the incorporated area, neighborhood and community parks are acquired and developed to "Level 2." Within the unincorporated area, priority is given to acquiring, reserving, and making available sites for future neighborhood and community park development. Development priority is given to improving all park sites to a "Level 1" standard, followed by developing community parks to a "Level 2" standard. "Level 2" development of neighborhood parks occurs only after maintenance funds are secured.

Acquisition & Development Standards

2000 Comprehensive Plan

Urban Park Acquisition

Urban Park Acquisition Standard:	6 acres/1,000 population
Neighborhood/Community:	5 acres/1,000 population
Urban Open Space:	1 acre/1,000 population

Recommended Distribution:

Neighborhood: ½ mile radius of each park site allowing safe & reasonable access
Generally 3 to 5 acres in size

Community: 3 miles radius of park site
Generally 20 to 100 acres in size

Urban Park Development

Neighborhood/Community: 4.25 acres/1,000 population (City)
All "Core" parks (Uninc. Area)

Regional Park Acquisition

Standard: 10 acres/1,000 population
Goal: 20 acres/1,000 population
Distribution: No distribution guideline
Generally 200 to 325 acres in size.

Regional Park Development

Standard: 18% of regional parkland

Trails

Goal: Creation of an interconnected system of 240 miles of trail within Clark County, including trails along major waterways and transportation routes, as identified in the *Clark County Trail & Bikeway Systems Plan*.

Greenways & Open Space

Goal: Conservation of approximately 2,400 acres of habitat, open space, and resource lands identified in the *Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan.*

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Urban Park Acquisition

Urban Park Acquisition Standard:	6 acres/1,000 population
Neighborhood/Community:	5 acres/1,000 population
Urban Open Space:	1 acre/1,000 population

Selection Guidelines:

Distribution

Neighborhood: ½ mile radius of each park site allowing safe & reasonable access

Community: 3 miles radius of park site

Size

Neighborhood: *Generally 1 to 5 acres in size*

Community: Generally 20 to 100 acres in size

To allow greater flexibility in park size

Site Characteristics:

Sites that will be able to provide for a mix of natural spaces, traditional park amenities, and active recreation opportunities are preferred.

Urban Park Development

Neighborhood/Community: 4.25 acres/1,000 population (City)
All "Core" parks (Uninc. Area)

Regional Park, Greenways, & Open Space Acquisition

	Existing	Add O.S.	Combine
Regional Parks:	10 acres/1,000	10 acres	15 acres
Greenways & Open Space:	--	5 acres	

To allow greater flexibility in acquisition and encourage progress towards trail & open space goals

Additional Guidelines:

1) Acquisition should occur along major waterways, urban growth buffers, and in areas with unique site qualities with the goal of creating a connected, cohesive system that spans the entire County.

2) Acquisition should complement the *Clark County Trail & Bikeways System Plan* and the *Conservation Areas Acquisition Plan*.

Regional Park Development

	Existing	Add O.S.	Combine
Regional Parks:	18%	18%	16%
Greenways & Open Space:	--	15%	

To allow more flexibility in development of recreational opportunities within the regional system

** If an open space standard is included, standards will need to be revised as the goals of the Conservation Areas Plan are achieved.*