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Park and Recreation Area Standards

What are the standards for park and recreational areas?

The Master Plan describes what municipalities and the Region want(s) for parks and recreational areas. What are the standards to determine need. The following are some basic standards for new development that have been used in municipalities and regions across America.

Type of Area	Acres Per 1000 Population	Size of Site		Radius of Area Served	
		Ideal	Minimum		
Playground	1.5	4 acres	2 acres	0.5 miles	
Neighborhood Parks	2.0	10	5	0.5	
Playfields	1.5	15	10	1.5	
Community Parks	3.5	100	40	2.0	
District Parks	2.0	200	100	3.0	
Regional Parks	15.0	500-	varies	10.0	1,000

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See standards in The Athletic Institute and American Association for Health, Physical Education, and Recreation Revised, 1966.

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