

Table 2-1 Madras Parks and Open Space Types

| Classification | Description | Locational Criteria | Service Standard | Size Criteria | Site Criteria | Amenities | Madras Equivalent |
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| Mini Park (or pocket-park) | For Limited, isolated or unique recreational needs such as play areas, landscaped plazas and scenic overlooks | Services residents and users within a 1/4 mile | 2.5 ac/1000 residents | 2500sf to 1 acre (although anything less than 5 acres counts). | Easy access, links to trails, well-drained soils and usually level. | Play structures, benches. Parking not required. | Cowden Park, Oak Park, Kenwood |
| Landscape | Scenic gateways or tree buffers | None. Visible industrial areas should be buffered from public highways. Major gateways to city should have landscaped feature. | no standard | no standard | Access not essential. Native planting preferred, low-maintenance landscape. | Public art, welcome signs. | North & South Y, Totem Park, Hwy 26 Tree Buffer |
| Neighborhood Park | The basic unit of park systems, recreational focus of neighborhoods | Centrally located, for residents within a 1/4-mile to 1/2-mile radius, with no major roads interrupting | 2.5 ac/1000 residents | 2-3 acres minimum, 7-10 acres optimum. | Ease of access, central location, links to trails and greenways. Inherent aesthetic beauty. Well-drained soil and level topography. If within a floodplain, structures should be above 100-year level. Balance between active and passive uses. | Play structures, benches, informal open space, tennis, volleyball, horseshoes, trails. Some off-street parking spaces. Lighting for safety only. | Bean Park, Sahalee Park |
| School Park | Allows the community to access more park space by sharing resources of two public agencies. | Locations determined primarily by School District based on policy for distributions. New sites should be coordinated with park system | | Optimum size depends on school size. | Similar to Neighborhood and Community Parks | Standard play fields (soccer, baseball). Changing facilities/restrooms | Westside Elementary, Madras HS, |
| Community Park | Larger parks to serve several neighborhoods, and preserve unique landscapes and open spaces. Offer recreational opportunities not possible or acceptable at the neighborhood level. | Serves two+ neighborhoods. Service area is 1/2-mile--3 mile radius, but quality of natural resources plays factor in site selection. | 2.5 ac/1000 residents | Demographics and demand should be primary determinants. Optimal size is 20-50 acres, but size should be based on land area available to meet needs. | Should be serviced by major roads and trails. Locations should be coordinated with schools, as they provide a similar level of service. Emphasize site's natural character. Good soils, drainage, varying topography and vegetation. | Should be determined through community input, selecting from an extensive menu of active and passive amenities. Parking and lighting for facilities needed. | Juniper Hills County Park |
| Natural Resource Areas | Lands set aside for preservation of significant natural resources, remnant landscapes, open space and visual amenities (wetlands, steep slopes, waterways) | Availability of natural resources is main criteria | no standard | Availability of natural resources is main criteria. Practical acreage is determined by quality of resource and cost. These resources can be important connectors for recreation and habitat. | Resource quality is prime consideration. Sites with unique natural resources or remnant native landscapes should be highest priority. | Some passive recreation (wildlife viewing, walking) | Willow Creek Greenway and Canyon |
| Greenways | Greenways serve to tie park components together, allow for safe pedestrian movement between parks in a community and protect natural resources | Land availability. Natural greenways follow above natural resources; human-made greenways are built-into development, or use old rail or utility ROW | no standard | Corridor width should range from 25'-50' minimum, although 200' is optimal | Resource availability in conjunction with local trail system. Natural corridors most desirable, but human-made also acceptable. | Amenities related to recreational travel; bike paths, benches, signage | Willow Creek Greenways |
| Sports Complex | Heavily-programmed athletic fields consolidated at one place | Should be viewed as strategically located for maximum community benefit | | Should include an extra 25% in reserve acreage for future growth | Topography and soils are very important. Some elevation change is desirable for drainage, but site should be generally flat. Well-drained soils, and trees or natural vegetation along edges for character and buffering | Athletic fields, indoor facilities like pools, off-street parking | Future Swimming Pool |
| Private Park | Private parks are generally within a residential area, for use of residents and maintained by an HOA. Built facilities are usually for-profit | Determined by a developer or for-profit enterprise | Depends on intended use. No established site size standards | Depends on intended use. No established site size standards | Depends on intended use. No established site size standards | Amenities meet standards of those provided in public facilities. | Future Strawberry Heights park |