



APPENDIX H

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# **CLASSIFICATIONS & STANDARDS**

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## PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

The Department manages four types of parks:

1. Regional Parks
2. Community Parks
3. Neighborhood Parks
4. Mini-Parks

Park Type	Service Area	Definition/Function	Typical Features	Examples
<b>Regional Park</b>	City-wide	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Destination parks with a variety of amenities</li> <li>• Large-scale features</li> <li>• Large amounts of flexible passive open space</li> <li>• Picnic facilities, playgrounds, fields, restrooms</li> <li>• Provide visual and physical relief</li> <li>• Can include special features</li> <li>• Host large-scale events and performances</li> <li>• Conserve native plant communities and wildlife habitat</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Water bodies</li> <li>• Picnic areas</li> <li>• Playgrounds</li> <li>• Multi-field complexes</li> <li>• Restrooms</li> <li>• Special features with regional draw</li> <li>• Space for large scale events</li> <li>• Walking Trails</li> </ul>	Belmar Park, Bear Creek Lake Park, Addenbrooke Park, Ray Ross Park
<b>Community Park</b>	1.5 miles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accessible to two or more adjacent neighborhoods</li> <li>• Typically provide flexible spaces for passive use and group gathering</li> <li>• May also serve as the local neighborhood park for nearby residents</li> <li>• Easy access to arterial streets</li> <li>• Accessible from regional trails</li> <li>• Provide space for facilities too large for neighborhood parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Picnic areas</li> <li>• Passive use</li> <li>• Athletic facilities</li> <li>• Recreation centers</li> <li>• Special features</li> <li>• Drinking fountains</li> <li>• Restroom</li> <li>• Dog parks</li> <li>• Playgrounds</li> <li>• Water features</li> <li>• Regional and local trails</li> <li>• Off-street parking</li> </ul>	Carmody Park; Kendrick Lake Park, Walker Branch, Morse Park
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>	Half mile walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Smaller parks that are close to residents</li> <li>• Within walking or biking distance of neighborhoods</li> <li>• Fulfill active recreation needs</li> <li>• Playgrounds, informal play fields, multipurpose courts and passive open space</li> <li>• Common area for neighbors of all ages to gather, socialize, and play</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Playgrounds</li> <li>• Play fields</li> <li>• Multi-purpose courts</li> <li>• Passive open space</li> <li>• Picnic areas</li> <li>• Dog parks (context dependent)</li> </ul>	Jefferson Green Park; Foothills Park, Union Square, Wright Park, James Harrison, Lasley Park, Kendrick Lake Park
<b>Mini-Park</b>	Quarter to half mile walk	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Small green space</li> <li>• Primarily neighborhood social areas</li> <li>• Primarily passive with a limited number of small scale active use (playgrounds)</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Seating</li> <li>• Landscaping</li> </ul>	McNabb Park; Triangle Park; Lakwood Cultural Center Park

## OPEN SPACE CLASSIFICATIONS

The Department manages two types of open space:

1. Natural Open Space
2. Greenbelt

Open Space Type	Function	Typical Features	Examples
<b>Natural Open Space</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserve land for future recreational uses</li> <li>• Provide open space, native landscapes, other ecological features</li> <li>• Passive recreation</li> <li>• May have trails, benches, and picnic tables</li> <li>• Managed for natural resource protection</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Wildlife habitats</li> <li>• Scenic recreational experiences</li> <li>• Geological features</li> <li>• Trails</li> <li>• Native landscapes</li> <li>• Water bodies</li> </ul>	Ravine Open Space; Hutchinson Park; William F. Hayden Park (Green Mountain)
<b>Greenbelt</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Preserved and managed to sustain natural values, historical land uses and recreation activities</li> <li>• Designated and protected as open space</li> <li>• Emphasis on resource protection</li> <li>• May serve as natural resource and wildlife corridors</li> <li>• Off-street connector to public facilities and parks</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Some public access provided</li> <li>• Roads, parking, trails, environmental education, picnic sites and visitor support facilities</li> <li>• Waterways</li> <li>• Trail corridors</li> <li>• Natural resource &amp; wildlife corridors</li> <li>• Picnic areas</li> </ul>	Peak View Park; Bear Creek Greenbelt Trail

## TRAIL CLASSIFICATIONS

The Department manages three types of trails:

1. Regional
2. Local
3. Natural Surface

Trail Type	Function & Typical Character	Examples
<b>Regional</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Accommodate the greatest number of users</li> <li>• Major spines in the trail network</li> <li>• Connections to adjacent communities and destinations</li> <li>• Paved to provide a stable and durable surface</li> <li>• Paved with 4ft. parallel crusher fines if possible</li> </ul>	Bear Creek Trail; C-470 Centennial Bikeway, D10 West Corridor Trail
<b>Local</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Connect neighborhoods to Regional Trails and other destinations</li> <li>• 6-10ft. Paved with 3ft. parallel crusher fines if warranted</li> <li>• Paved pedestrian and bicyclist paths within Parks and Open Spaces</li> <li>• Form the site circulation system</li> <li>• Widths and surface materials vary depending on volume of users and requirements for access by maintenance equipment</li> <li>• Provide maintenance access to parks or amenities</li> </ul>	Addenbrooke Park, O'Kane Park, Sanderson Gulch Trail
<b>Natural Surface</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Natural soil surface, although may be crusher fines</li> <li>• Typically accommodate multiple uses: hiking, mountain biking, equestrian</li> <li>• May be single-use directional trails for hiking OR mountain biking only to prevent user conflicts</li> <li>• 3-6ft. natural surface or crusher fines</li> </ul>	Summit Loop Trail on Green Mountain; Belmar Park Trails; Peak View Loop

## FACILITIES CLASSIFICATIONS

The Department manages five types of facilities:

1. Recreation Center
2. Community Center
3. Special Use Facility
4. Heritage, Culture, Arts Facilities
5. Aquatic Facilities

Facility	Function	Service Area	Typical Features	Examples
<b>Recreation Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve residents primarily from the surrounding cluster of neighborhoods</li> <li>• May attract users from all over the city for speciality recreation experiences</li> <li>• Ample opportunities for self-guided or programmed fitness and wellness</li> <li>• Indoor and outdoor activities</li> <li>• Small or large athletic events</li> <li>• Unique recreational experiences not found in other recreation centers</li> <li>• Co-located with parks to promote indoor/outdoor recreational opportunities</li> <li>• Accessible by sidewalks, low-stress bicycle network, transit, and major streets</li> <li>• On site parking</li> </ul>	Varies	gymnasium, weight or cardio room, indoor track, multi-purpose activity rooms, pools	Carmody Recreation Center Green Mountain Recreation Center Lakewood Link Recreation Center Charles Whitlock Recreation Center
<b>Community Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Serve residents of all ages from all over the city</li> <li>• Places to gather, explore fitness and wellness, learn and teach, participate in indoor and outdoor activities</li> <li>• Small or large meetings or events</li> <li>• Unique recreational experiences not found in other recreation centers</li> <li>• Accessible by sidewalks, low-stress bicycle network, transit, and major streets</li> <li>• On site parking</li> </ul>	Varies	Community meeting/class rooms, arts and craft studios, multi-purpose activity rooms	Clements Center
<b>Special Use Facility</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unique indoor/outdoor spaces</li> <li>• Located within or adjacent to parks or as standalone facilities</li> </ul>	Regional	Unique to each facility	Fox Hollow Golf Clubhouse; BCLP Visitor's Center
<b>Heritage, Culture, Arts Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Cultural performances and programs</li> <li>• Display art</li> <li>• Interpret history</li> <li>• Preserve historic structures</li> <li>• Facilitate interactive experiences</li> <li>• Unique indoor/outdoor experiences</li> </ul>	Regional	Unique to each facility	Lakewood Cultural Center, Heritage Lakewood Belmar Park, Washington Heights Arts Center
<b>Aquatic Facilities</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Vary in size</li> <li>• Serve residents primarily from the surrounding cluster of neighborhoods</li> <li>• May attract users from all over the city for aquatic and water-based recreation experiences</li> <li>• Ample opportunities for self-guided or programmed aquatic fitness</li> <li>• Co-located with parks or recreation centers to promote multiple recreational opportunities</li> </ul>	Varies	pools, splashpads/spraygrounds	Surfside Spraypark; Glennon Heights Pool