



CRITERIA FOR ACCEPTING LAND FOR PARKS

Ordinance 166.04.B.3.I: The physical characteristics of the designated land are suitable for park purposes. (Revisions adopted by Parks and Recreation Advisory Board on March 6, 2017)

- The proposed park land is consistent with the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the current service area.
- Storm water facilities, wetlands, and land designated as FEMA floodway are not acceptable for park land intended to be actively programmed.
- Proposed park land within a floodplain must be reviewed and approved on a case by case basis.
- Drainage from adjacent streets, creeks, rivers, ponds, etc. is not acceptable on park land.
- Park land shall have street frontage along a residential street unless otherwise approved.
- Park land is in an area that allows for future expansion as adjacent development occurs.
- Park land dedication cannot be credited as Tree Preservation Land.
- Location and condition of site must be free of debris, largely free of invasive species, erosion problems, safety hazards or areas that will require an inordinate amount of maintenance.
- Park land shall not be less than 2 acres unless it is a pocket park or located in an area that could be expanded in the future immediately adjacent to existing park land.
- Proposed park land to be deeded in phases may be prioritized according to the needs of the park system.
- Serve a large number of underserved households with limited recreational opportunity.
- Proposed park land is of sufficient scale and character so as to be readily developed for a variety of recreation opportunities.
- Proposed park land has available street parking and/or is accessible by transit. Priority will be given to sites that may not require significant or large investments in street improvements or off-street parking.
- Proposed park land is easily accessible from well-traveled transportation corridors.
- Include or offer potential linkages to other parks, trails, natural areas, greenways, waterways, wildlife corridors, cultural features, landscapes or corridors.
- Proposed park land is in an area that is not served by schools, other institutional or private recreational areas.
- Proposed park land is strategically positioned to offer a unique recreational opportunity or significant resource.