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Parks may be classified in a specific hierarchy in terms of size, area served, and factors of location. This hierarchy, which ranges from mini parks to regional parks, must be understood in order to design a park program appropriate to community needs, existing and future, in the City of Upland.

Parks range in size from the Mini Park/Tot Lot of one to two city lots to the Regional Park at a minimum of 200 acres. While the Mini Park functions well in high-density neighborhoods where typical private yards do not exist, its service area is small (600 ft.) and its limited size fosters single-purpose orientation. Many of the functions of this type of park can be met in larger neighborhood level parks.

By comparison, the Regional Park is a large unspoiled preserve removed from the urban area which offers a myriad of opportunities for both passive and active experiences to serve an area of a 40-mile radius and, therefore, must cater to the needs of a broad and diverse population from a variety of localities.

Of greater significance to a particular city -- especially one of low to medium population density pattern, like Upland -- are those parks which, by virtue of size and situation, focus on the needs of identifiable neighborhoods and social communities. These include medium size Neighborhood and Community Parks.

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

This park facility is designed to serve generally the same residential area served by an elementary school. It should provide facilities such as play lots for preschool children, play areas for school-age children, paved area for court games, fields for organized sports, family picnic areas, and other special facilities. Some passive areas are also desirable.

The following standards should apply to the location and development of Neighborhood Parks:

- Population served..... neighborhood of up to 5,000 people
- Service radius..... 1/2 mile
- Park size..... 5 acres
- Location adjacent to an elementary school

COMMUNITY PARKS

This facility is designed to provide a wide range of recreation opportunities for a population comprised of several neighborhood units. Because of the larger community served, many specialized activities can be supported that are not feasible at the Neighborhood Park level.

The following standards should apply to the location and development of Community Parks:

- Population served..... 20,000 residents
- Service radius..... 1.5 to 2 miles
- Park size..... plus 20 acres
- Location central in service area

PASSIVE VS. ACTIVE PARKS

Parks are commonly oriented towards passive or active means of enjoyment. Passive parks are those with a basic open space (e.g., turf and trees) orientation. Active parks are those which are to be used principally for activities such as baseball and which provide the appropriate facilities such as a baseball diamond. Both orientations are desirable in either individual or dual purpose parks.

UPLAND'S PARK NEEDS

Standards for determining recreation acreage needs have been developed by the National Recreation and Parks Association (N.R.P.A.). The N.R.P.A. recommends 10 acres of urban or local parks per 1,000 population. Application of the N.R.P.A. standard of 10 park acres

Table 9-2
City of Upland: Park Location by Quadrant

PARKS IN N.W. QUADRANT				PARKS IN N.E. QUADRANT					
Status	San Antonio	Magnolia	Greenbelt	Sycamore	Pioneer	22nd W. of Mountain	Euclid Pkwy.	20th & San Antonio	Total
Acres Developed	18.4	6.0	6.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	30.4
Acres Acquired	1.0	17.0	5.0	7.0	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	35.2
Acres to be Acquired						5.0			5.0
Total	19.4	23.0	11.0	12.0	10.2	10.2	5.2	5.2	74.6

PARKS IN S.W. QUADRANT				PARKS IN S.E. QUADRANT			
Status	Baldy View	Citrus	Cabrillo	Fern Reserv.	Arrow E. of Mountain	Euclid Pkwy.	Total
Acres Developed	5.0	6.0	15.5	0.9	0.9	6.5	33.9
Acres Acquired		1.0	5.0				6.0
Acres to be Acquired					8.0		8.0
Total	5.0	7.0	20.5	0.9	8.0	6.5	47.9

PARKS IN N.E. QUADRANT				PARKS IN S.E. QUADRANT			
Status	Sierra Vista	13th Street Reservoir	Refuse Site	22nd East of Euclid	Euclid Pkwy.	Total	
Acres Developed	6.8	2.1	8.0	16.9			
Acres Acquired		32.0	5.0	37.0			
Acres to be Acquired							
Total	6.8	2.1	13.0	53.9			

PARKS IN S.E. QUADRANT				PARKS IN S.E. QUADRANT			
Status	Memorial	Olive Dale	8th Street Reservoir	Euclid Pkwy.	Total		
Acres Developed	32.2	6.4	5.0	6.5	50.1		
Acres Acquired	8.0				8.0		
Acres to be Acquired							
Total	40.2	6.4	5.0	6.5	58.1		

Table 9-3
Estimated Population Distribution by Quadrant

Quadrant	1968 Estimate of Ultimate Population	% of Total	Current Population	Projected Population	
TOTAL	69,800	100%	47,000	64,000	67,000
NW	11,860	17	7,990	10,880	11,390
NE	25,620	37	17,390	23,680	24,790
SE	19,130	27	12,690	17,280	18,090
SW	13,190	19	8,930	12,160	12,730

Table 9-4
Estimated Current & Future Park Needs by Quadrant --
N.R.P.A. Standards (10 acres per 1,000 pop.)

Quadrant	Current Needs Ac. Pop 47,000	Exist. & Plan. Acreage	Exist. & Plan. as % of Needs	Current De- vel. Ac.	Devel. Ac. as % of Needs	Future Needs	
						(Pop. 64,000)	(Pop. 67,000)
NW	80.0	74.6	93.2%	34.4	43.0%	110.0	110.0
NE	170.0	53.9	32.0	16.9	10.0	240.0	250.0
SE	130.0	58.1	45.0	50.1	39.0	170.0	180.0
SW	90.0	47.9	53.0	33.9	38.0	120.0	130.0
	<u>470.0</u>	<u>234.5</u>	<u>50.0%</u>	<u>135.3</u>	<u>29.0%</u>	<u>640.0</u>	<u>670.0</u>

per 1,000 population to the 1982 population of 50,000 produces a current needs estimate of 500 park acres. Population projections indicate growth to 64,000-67,000 by 1995, implying a future need for a total of 640 to 670 acres of park-recreation land.

Meeting acreage requirements does not equate meeting population needs. Park type and associated facilities must be suitable for the needs of the residents of its service area. Moreover, geographic distribution must be related appropriately to current and expected population patterns. Thus additional needs are apparent.

- Parks should be sized and spaced in a manner commensurate with existing and projected population distribution patterns and community/neighborhood age structure.
- Neighborhood parks should be developed in association with existing and projected educational facilities.
- Community parks should be situated in areas convenient to various populations from within the City as well as from the City's sphere of influence.

PARK INVENTORY

Park Acreage and Status

At present, the City has either in existence or planned 227.4 acres of local park land (plus a regional park site). In addition, the City leases 7.1 acres in two parks from the City of Ontario for a total of 234.5 park acres. Of the total park acreage, 134.3 acres (57%) are developed; 86.2 acres (37%) remain undeveloped, and 13.0 acres (6%) are earmarked for acquisition.

Park Type and Status

According to size standards and City classifications, there are 13 neighborhood parks. Of these, eight are developed, three are undeveloped, and one is yet to be acquired.

According to size standards and City classifications, there are seven community parks. Of these, four are developed, one is undeveloped, one is to be acquired, and one is the Euclid Parkway.

The City has designated 10 parks as "passive," one park as active and nine parks as active/passive.

Park Distribution

Existing or planned neighborhood parks are internally located at points central to neighborhoods in association with educational facilities. These parks are functionally oriented towards a youthful user population.

Existing or planned larger community parks are more peripherally located at points accessible to potential user populations from both the City of Upland and other communities within the City's sphere of influence. These parks are functionally oriented to meet the needs of a variety of age groups.

The City of Upland General Plan designates northwest (NW), northeast (NE), southeast (SE), and southwest (SW) quadrants as formed by the intersection of Euclid Avenue and Foothill Boulevard. These geographic divisions, which have been used to analyze population growth and distribution, are useful in the assessment of park distribution in relation to population concentration.

Table 9-2 shows park acreage and status by NW, NE, SE, and SW quadrants. The 29 acres of Euclid Avenue Parkway is divided proportionately by quadrant; eight acres in NW and NE, and 6.5 acres in SW and SE.

Park Inventory vs. Needs

In the 1968 General Plan, estimates were made regarding the expected spatial distribution by quadrant of Upland's ultimate population. Table 9-3 and 9-4 apply these expected proportionate allocations to the current population as well as to revised projections as a means of evaluating existing spatial patterns and future needs in park acreage according to N.R.P.A. standards.