

Citizen's Capital Budget Advisory Committee

Park and Recreation

Proposed Capital Standards

Approach

The CCBAC met with Charlotte Mecklenburg Park and Recreation ("Park and Rec"), obtained a summary of its current capital approach and examined the existing standards utilized by other municipalities. We then developed high-level capital standards for the agency, shared our proposed standards with Park and Rec and incorporated its feedback.

Considerations

The CCBAC understands that Park and Rec's long-range plan i) guides its capital requests and ii) incorporates input from the County, as well as feedback and priorities from the community.

Standards

Population Ratio

- Parks to Population Ratio to include nature areas, preserves and greenway areas (excludes undeveloped open spaces) – approximately 20 acres per 1,000 people
 - Population Based: 2.8 acres
 - Resource Based/Open Space: 16.0 acres
 - Athletic Areas/Mini Parks: 1.6 acres

Neighborhood Parks

- Neighborhood Park per 3,500 – 5,000 residents within ½ mile radius
- Size: 10 acres, reduced to 5 acres if located next to a school site where joint use is anticipated
- Typical facilities picnic areas, tot lot, multi-purpose courts, open turf areas

Community Parks

- Community Park per 18,000 – 25,000 residents within 1 ½ mile radius
- Size = 20 acres, reduced to 13 acres if located next to a school site where joint use is anticipated
- Typical facilities: much the same as neighborhood parks, with lighted multipurpose sports field and recreation center building

Swimming Pools

- Swimming pool per 50,000 residents within 1 ½ to 2 mile radius

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