

# Appendix K: Park Classification Guide



## APPENDIX K: PARK CLASSIFICATION GUIDE

The park classification guide is a tool for identifying the desired purpose and function of a park. These guidelines provide recommendations for park design, development and operations based on park classification.

The park classification guide overview (following page) provides a summary of the scope and organization of this tool. Existing parks and new sites are classified by the scale and character to optimize future design and management. Three types of design guidelines are provided.

- *General guidelines* are system-wide recommendations that should be applied to all sites and situations;
- *Scale guidelines* identify the optimal size and scale of a park. Sites should fit within one of the three types of park scale; and
- *Character guidelines* identify the desired design and features of a park. Sites should fit within one of the three types of park character.

Appendix D describes the recommended scale and character of each park in the inventory.

# PARK CLASSIFICATION GUIDE OVERVIEW

## GENERAL GUIDELINES (system-wide)



## SCALE AND CHARACTER GUIDELINES (site specific)

### DEVELOPED

### HYBRID

### NATURAL

### LOCAL



Provides an urban or formalized setting for intensive use and is intended for nearby neighbors.



Combines natural areas and developed park features and is intended for nearby neighbors.



Combines protection and/or enhancement of ecological systems, and to experience nature, and is intended for nearby neighbors.

### CITY-WIDE



Provides an urban or formalized setting for intensive use, intended for the entire city and beyond.



Combines natural areas and developed park features and is intended for the entire city and beyond.



Combines protection and/or enhancement of ecological systems, and to experience nature, and is intended for entire city and beyond.

### SPECIAL USE



Provides an urban or formalized setting for intensive use, intended for the entire city and beyond, and offers a single or specialized purpose.



Combines natural areas and developed park features, intended for the entire city and beyond, and offers a single or specialized purpose.



Combines protection and/or enhancement of ecological systems, and to experience nature, intended for the entire city and beyond, and offers a single or specialized purpose.

## GENERAL GUIDELINES

General guidelines for all parks include direction for park design, amenities, accessibility, safety, maintenance and sustainability.

### **Design**

Engage community members of all ages in meaningful participation in the park planning and design process. Respond to local conditions, including topography and site context; support desired uses and activities, and define the park and create a unique identity.

### **Amenities**

Locate park amenities in context-sensitive locations adjacent to streets and other uses in order to improve visibility into and through the site, promote use and enhance user safety.

### **Accessibility**

Connect parks with a circulation system of trails, streets and bikeways. Design parks using universal access principles to facilitate use by people of all ages and abilities.

### **Safety**

Design parks to enhance the safety of both park users and the surrounding neighborhood.

### **Maintenance**

Account for maintenance requirements in the design of parks and the selection of amenities. Incorporate labor-saving design elements and innovative technologies into park design.

### **Sustainability**

Balance the needs of nature and humans by designing and planning activity areas to minimize environmental impacts and preserve and enhance natural resources. Incorporate natural areas into new parks, including developed character parks, to provide green space and promote environmental awareness. Enhance or preserve the urban tree canopy in parks.

## SCALE GUIDELINES

### **Local Scale**

If the park is intended primarily for the use and enjoyment of nearby neighbors within a short walk or bike ride, it has a *local* scale. Local scale parks are small (less than 10 acre) sites that provide basic amenities such as a playground, picnic area, pathway, access to nature or interpretive signage and displays.

### **City-wide**

If the park is intended primarily for the use and enjoyment of the entire city and beyond, it has a *city-wide* scale. City-wide scale parks are larger (10-acre and greater) sites that provide a range of amenities, with accommodations such as restrooms, off-street parking, and convenient access for pedestrians, bicyclists and transit users.

### **Special Use**

If the park is intended primarily for the use and enjoyment of the entire city and beyond, AND is intended to offer a single or specialized purpose, it has a *special use* scale. Special use parks vary in size and amenities, but because they have the potential to draw a large amount of users, these parks may need to provide similar accommodations as city-wide scale parks.

## CHARACTER GUIDELINES

### **Developed Character**

If the site provides an urban or formalized type of park setting designed for intensive use, the park has a *developed* character. Developed parks have landscapes that are extensively altered or re-designed to support public use. Developed parks can support greater use than other park types, and should provide adequate infrastructure to support this use. In Lake Oswego the community preference is that even the most developed parks should have natural features and be sensitive to natural systems.

### **Hybrid Character**

If the site combines natural areas and developed park features, the park has *hybrid* character. Hybrid parks have a combination of developed and natural character that can be integrated together, or separated side-by-side.

### **Natural Character**

If the site combines protection of habitat and open space, enhancement of ecological systems, and provides opportunities to experience nature, the park has *natural* character. Natural parks have landscapes that are mostly undeveloped. Amenities are limited to supportive features such as trails, paths, signage and nature play areas, and allow for efforts to restore, enhance or protect habitat.

## **USING THE PARK CLASSIFICATION GUIDE**

The classification guide is intended to direct the design of parks in a context-specific manner that enhances connections between people and their environment. As projects advance and questions arise, the classification guide also serves as a tool to frame discussions about the role of a particular site within the system.

For each scale and character, the guide provides a general intent statement that will need to be supported by more detailed design elements. The Parks and Recreation Department will need to identify the policies and best practices that will be the reference points for further guideline development. The City should be very clear in identifying the difference between requirements (such as those outlined in the Park and Natural Area Zoning ordinance) and best practices or ideals that should be targeted.

Three examples of resources that should be considered, but are not limited to:

- Access Board's ADA Accessibility Guidelines (ADAAG)
- Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CEPTED) principles; and
- Lake Oswego Sustainability Framework.

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Park Inventory																							
Park Sites	Site Size (Acres)	Scale	Recommended Character	Play Area	Age 2-5	Age 5-12	Installed	Diamond Fields	With lights	Rectangular Fields	With lights	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Gymnasium	Trails	Public Art	Picnic Shelters	Performance/Event Space	Water Access	Restroom	Portable Restroom	Notes and Unique Facilities	Property Restriction
Developed Character																							
Millennium Plaza Park	2.43	City-Wide	Developed													5	1	1		1		Plaza, large pergola/shelter, fountain	
Sundeleaf Plaza	0.49	City-Wide	Developed																			Plaza, views of Oswego Lake	
Westlake Park	12.09	City-Wide	Developed	1	X	X	2010		3		1	1	2							1		Athletic field complex	
Greentree Park	0.38	Local	Developed	1	X		1999					1											
Hideaway Park	0.22	Local	Developed	1	X	X	2004																
Pinecone Park	0.53	Local	Developed	1		X	2004																
Rossman Park	0.55	Local	Developed	1	X		2006					0.5				X	1					1	
Westridge Park	2.01	Local	Developed	1	X	X	1996																
Indoor Tennis Center	1.75	Special Purpose	Developed																			28,288 square foot facility; 4 indoor tennis courts	
Kincaid Curlicue Corridor	3.78	Special Purpose	Developed																			Asphalt walking path	
Lake Oswego Public Golf Course	38.91	Special Purpose	Developed																			pro shop and 4,650 square foot clubhouse and maintenance shop	
Skate Park	0.78	Special Purpose	Developed																		1	Modular skate features	



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<b>Hybrid Characters</b>																											
East Waluga Park	23.97	City-Wide	Side By Side	1	X	X	1994		2									1	1			1					
West Waluga Park	23.79	City-Wide	Side By Side	1	X	X	2010											1	1							Wetlands	
Aspen Park (Palisades Reservoir)	3.96	Local	Side By Side	1	X		2003																			Located on top of a water reservoir	
Freepons Park	8.27	Local	Side By Side	1	X		1996																				
Glenmorrie Park	2.81	Local	Side By Side	1		X	2004																				
McNary Park	2.32	Local	Side By Side	1	X		2000																			Located on top of a water reservoir	
Southwood II	0.88	Local	Side By Side																								
Foothills Park	8.56	City-Wide	Integrated															1	1	1	1	1				Riverfront access and viewing, boat dock	
George Rogers Park	23.90	City-Wide	Integrated	1	X	X	1995		2		1		2					X		2	1	1	2			Riverfront access, swimming beach, historic iron furnace, concession building	
Iron Mountain Park	50.99	City-Wide	Integrated																								
Pilkington Park	5.25	City-Wide	Integrated																							Picnicking	
Roehr Park	14.43	City-Wide	Integrated	1		X	2007																			boat dock	
Tryon Cove Park	6.86	City-Wide	Integrated																							Natural area and limited development	
Woodmont Park	6.70	City-Wide	Integrated																							Natural area and limited recreational development	
Southwood Park	4.10	Local	Integrated																							Undeveloped	
Adult Community Center	2.79	Special Purpose	Integrated																							12,974 square foot facility	
Charlie S. Brown Water Sports Center	0.81	Special Purpose	Integrated																							the Willamette River, boat access, not designed for swimming	
Iron Workers Cottage - Historic	0.11	Special Purpose	Integrated																							Historic home	
Lake Oswego Swim Park	0.20	Special Purpose	Integrated																							surrounded by a pier, small lifeguard office	
<b>Luscher Area Properties</b>		<b>City-Wide</b>	<b>Integrated</b>																								
Brock Property	26.15	City-Wide	Integrated																								Undeveloped
Crowell Property	12.49	City-Wide	Integrated																								Undeveloped
Farr Property	6.91	City-Wide	Integrated																								Undeveloped
Firlane Farm	22.03	City-Wide	Integrated																								Undeveloped
Hazelia Field at Luscher Farm	12.47	City-Wide	Side By Side	1	X	X	2007		1		1																fencing for baseball/softball play, 2 dog parks, maintenance building
Luscher Farm	42.11	City-Wide	Integrated																								Farm complex, community gardens, urban farming, special purpose facilities
Rassekh Property	9.58	City-Wide	Side By Side																								A portion of this property is a designated historic site
Stevens Meadow	20.12	City-Wide	Natural																								picnicking, perimeter landscaping, safety lighting.

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<b>Natural Character</b>																							
Bryant Woods Park	28.51	City-Wide	Natural												X						1	Entry Kiosk	
Canal Acres	27.08	City-Wide	Natural												X								
Cooks Butte Park	42.81	City-Wide	Natural												X								
River Run I and II Park	11.92	City-Wide	Natural												X				1			Limited access to Tualatin River	
Springbrook Park	50.49	City-Wide	Natural												X								No development per City Charter
Sunnyslope Open Space	14.81	City-Wide	Natural																				Open space only
Cornell Natural Area	3.29	Local	Natural																				Open space only
Glenmorrie Greenway	3.99	Local	Natural																				
Hallinan Natural Area	3.72	Local	Natural																				Open space only
Kelly Creek Park	3.67	Local	Natural												X								Open space only
Kerr Natural Area	10.00	Local	Natural																				Open space only
Lake Garden Park	0.62	Local	Natural																			Pond	Open space only
Lamont Springs Natural Area	3.50	Local	Natural												X								Open space only
Pennington Park	2.43	Local	Natural																				Open space only
South Shore Natural Area	8.95	Local	Natural																				Open space only
Campbell Native Garden	0.61	Special Purpose	Natural												X								
Ellen R. Bergis Nature Reserve	0.25	Special Purpose	Natural																				
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		Natural Area Condition							Park and Facilities Condition		
Site Size (Acres)	Scale	Sensitive Area Present	Upland Forest	Riparian Forest	Oaks	Ash	Wetland	Condition	Issues/Observations	Observed Condition Ranking	Comments
<b>City-Wide Parks<sup>1</sup></b>											
Brock Property	26.15	City-Wide	X					Poor	Invasives, need to mow to control weed spread	Poor	Equestrian barn in poor shape, no other facilities
Bryant Woods Park	28.51	City-Wide	X	X	X		X	Good	English Hawthorne	Good	New kiosk, additional comments in natural area assessment
Canal Acres	27.08	City-Wide	X	X	X		X	Good	Isolated patches of invasives	N/A	
Cooks Butte Park	42.81	City-Wide	X	X		X		Fair	Fire risk, trail erosion (rennovation project completed in 2010 after site visit)	N/A	
Crowell Property	12.49	City-Wide						Poor	Invasives, need to mow to control weed spread	N/A	Undeveloped
East Waluga Park	23.97	City-Wide	X			X	X	Poor	Invasives, particularly ivy	Fair	Shelter roof in poor condition, aging play equipment and concession building
Farr Property	6.91	City-Wide		X				Poor	Invasives, especially blackberry	N/A	Undeveloped, limited access; existing home
Firlane Farm	22.03	City-Wide						Poor	Invasives, need to mow to control weed spread	N/A	Undeveloped, existing home and outbuildings
Foothills Park	8.56	City-Wide	X		X			Fair	Ivy	Good	New construction 2006, in very good shape
George Rogers Park	23.90	City-Wide	X		X	X		Poor	Heavy invasives, including ivy and knotweed	Fair	Shelters, play area, and maintenance building in need of upgrade
Hazelia Field at Luscher Farm	12.47	City-Wide	X					Good	Restored wetland established	Good	High quality, highly developed facilities; new construction 2007
Iron Mountain Park	50.99	City-Wide	X	X		X		Fair	Invasives	N/A	Trails in need of repair
Luscher Farm	42.11	City-Wide	X				X	Good	Mostly developed for agricultural and historic interpretation uses	Fair	Limited, unorganized parking and access
Millennium Plaza Park	2.43	City-Wide						N/A		Good	Very high quality materials, very functional space
Pilkington Park	5.25	City-Wide		X				N/A		Good	Minimally developed, limited access points
Rassekh Property	9.58	City-Wide	X		X		X	Fair		N/A	Undeveloped
River Run I and II Park	11.92	City-Wide	X		X		X	Poor	Heavy invasives	N/A	
Roehr Park	14.43	City-Wide	X		X			Fair	Aging cottonwoods	Good	No observed issues; bathrooms and boat dock in good shape
Springbrook Park	50.49	City-Wide	X	X	X			Poor	Erosion, Invasives	N/A	
Stevens Meadow	20.12	City-Wide		X	X			Poor	Mowed field	N/A	
Sundeleaf Plaza	0.49	City-Wide						N/A		N/A	Under construction
Sunnyslope Open Space	14.81	City-Wide		X				Poor	Holly & ivy	N/A	
Tryon Cove Park	6.86	City-Wide	X		X			Poor		N/A	
West Waluga Park	23.79	City-Wide	X	X	X	X	X	Fair	Wet prairie maintenance	Good	Shelter and play area recently renovated
Westlake Park	12.09	City-Wide						N/A		Good	New covered play area; bathrooms and picnic shelter are in good condition
Woodmont Park	6.70	City-Wide	X		X		X	Poor	Hawthorne & blackberry	N/A	Undeveloped
<b>City-Wide Parks Total</b>	<b>506.96</b>		<b>17</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>8</b>			
<b>Local Parks<sup>2</sup></b>											
Aspen Park (Palisades Reservoir)	3.96	Local	X	X				Poor	Heavy invasives	N/A	
Cornell Natural Area	3.29	Local	X	X				Poor	Ivy, poor access	N/A	
Freepons Park	8.27	Local	X	X		X	X	Poor	Invasives	Good	
Glenmorrie Greenway	3.99	Local	X		X			Poor	Heavy ivy	N/A	
Glenmorrie Park	2.81	Local	X	X		X		Poor	Heavy ivy	Good	New construction 2007
Greentree Park	0.38	Local						N/A		Good	
Hallinan Natural Area	3.72	Local	X	X	X	X	X	Fair	Crowding, ivy	N/A	
Hideaway Park	0.22	Local						N/A		Good	New construction 2005
Kelly Creek Park	3.67	Local	X		X			Good	Maintenance	N/A	
Kerr Natural Area	10.00	Local			X			Poor	Headwater of a creek, heavy invasives, potential hazard tree	N/A	
Lake Garden Park	0.62	Local						Good	No access, pond located with a cul-du-sac	N/A	
Lamont Springs Natural Area	3.50	Local	X	X	X			Good	Root rot	N/A	
McNary Park	2.32	Local	X	X				Good	Dense growth around perimeter of park	Good	
Pennington Park	2.43	Local	X		X		X	Good	good creek gravels	N/A	
Pinecone Park	0.53	Local						N/A		Good	New construction 2005
Rossmann Park	0.55	Local						N/A		Good	
South Shore Natural Area	8.95	Local	X	X		X		Fair	Oak crowding	N/A	
Southwood II	0.88	Local						N/A	Open field over a reservoir	N/A	Undeveloped; turf in fair condition
Southwood Park	4.10	Local	X	X	X			Poor	Blackberry	Good	Minimal facilities
Westridge Park	2.01	Local						Poor	Extensive ivy	Good	
<b>Local Total</b>	<b>66.19</b>		<b>12</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>0</b>			

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Site Size (Acres)	Scale	Sensitive Area Present	Upland Forest	Riparian Forest	Oaks	Ash	Wetland	Condition	Issues/Observations	Observed Condition Ranking	Comments
<b>Special Purpose<sup>3</sup></b>											
Adult Community Center	2.79	Special Purpose	X					N/A		Good	Building will be assessed independently
Campbell Native Garden	0.61	Special Purpose	X	X	X			Fair	Ivy	Good	Minimal facilities
Charlie S. Brown Water Sports Center	0.81	Special Purpose						N/A		N/A	Building will be assessed independently
Ellen R. Bergis Nature Reserve	0.25	Special Purpose	X	X				Poor	Essentially inaccessible, extensive ivy	N/A	
Indoor Tennis Center	1.75	Special Purpose						N/A		Good	Building will be assessed independently
Iron Workers Cottage - Historic	0.11	Special Purpose						N/A		Good	Building will be assessed independently
Kincaid Curlicue Corridor	3.78	Special Purpose						N/A		Good	
Lake Oswego Public Golf Course	38.91	Special Purpose	X					N/A		Good	
Lake Oswego Swim Park	0.20	Special Purpose						N/A		Fair	Minor replacement of equipment needed (water cannon), minimal supporting facilities (for example: portable restrooms)
Skate Park	0.78	Special Purpose						N/A		Fair	Modular ramps are not a preferred amenity, constrained site
<b>Special Purpose Total</b>	<b>49.99</b>		<b>4</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>			
<b>Designated Park Land Total</b>	<b>623.15</b>		<b>33</b>								
<b>Other Public Open Space<sup>4</sup></b>											
Bayberry Wetlands (19)	0.04	Other public open space	X					Poor	Small and isolated	N/A	
Baycreek 3&4 Tract A Open Space (1)	1.26	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Potential connection to Southwood Park	N/A	
Baycreek 3&4 Tract A Open Space (2)	0.04	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Potential connection to Southwood Park	N/A	
Boca Ratan Open Space (17)	0.26	Other public open space	X					Poor	Small, nearly connected (through abandoned pump station to Tryon Creek State Park)	N/A	
Boones Brook tract A Open Space (8)	2.08	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Poor access, potential for connectivity	N/A	
Boones Ferry Open Space (35)	0.59	Other public open space		X				Poor		N/A	
Bullock Street Open Space (23)	0.19	Other public open space	X	X				Poor		N/A	
Commons West Tract A Open Space (14)	0.10	Other public open space	X					Poor	Small and isolated	N/A	
Daimondhead (16)	1.07	Other public open space	X					Poor	Connected to privately owned pond/marsh	N/A	
Deerfield Court Open Space (4)	0.46	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Potential connection to Southwood Park	N/A	
East Country Club Open Space (15)	0.76	Other public open space	X					Poor	Small and isolated	N/A	
Former Sunningdale Reservoir (20)	0.20	Other public open space						Poor		N/A	
Greentree Open Space (31)	1.39	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Adjacent to private open space, extensive ivy	N/A	
Heather Estates Open Space (32)	0.58	Other public open space	X					Poor	Adjacent to canal	N/A	
Kerr Open Space (12)	1.06	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Poor access, potential for connectivity	N/A	
Kruse Creek Tract A Open Space (3)	1.11	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Potential connection to Southwood Park	N/A	
Kruse Creek Tract B Open Space (5)	1.78	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Associated with creek	N/A	
Laurel Street Open Space	0.57	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Potential for connectivity along creek	N/A	
Laurel Street Open Space (25)	0.16	Other public open space	X	X				Poor	Small and isolated	N/A	
Lost Dog Creek Open Space (29)	0.05	Other public open space	X					Poor	Potential for connection to Greentree Open Space	N/A	
Lost Dog Creek Open Space (30)	0.07	Other public open space	X					Poor	Potential for connection to Greentree Open Space	N/A	
Maple Street Open Space	0.42	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Potential for connectivity along creek	N/A	
Maple to Lakefront Path (28)	0.11	Other public open space						Poor	No particular habitat value, extensive ivy	N/A	
McVey Open Space/ Pump Station (27)	0.10	Other public open space						Poor	Small and isolated	N/A	
Meadowcreek Tract A&B Open Space (6)	0.67	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Associated with creek	N/A	
Oak Street Open Space	0.24	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Potential for connectivity along creek	N/A	
Sara Hill Open Space (33)	0.18	Other public open space						Poor	Small, isolated	N/A	
Sherbrook Place at Boones Ferry Rd. (11)	0.05	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Poor access, potential for connectivity	N/A	
Springbrook Creek Open Space #2 (10)	0.25	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Poor access, potential for connectivity	N/A	
Springbrook Creek Open Space (9)	1.29	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Poor access, potential for connectivity	N/A	

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Natural Area Condition										Park and Facilities Condition	
Site Size (Acres)	Scale	Sensitive Area Present	Upland Forest	Riparian Forest	Oaks	Ash	Wetland	Condition	Issues/Observations	Observed Condition Ranking	Comments
Tryon Creek Open Space (21)	0.11	Other public open space	X					Poor	Connected to Tryon Creek State Park, steep	N/A	
Tualatin Open Space Detention Pond (34)	0.46	Other public open space	X					Poor	No access (surrounded by private property)	N/A	
Unknown (24)	0.15	Other public open space	X					Poor	Small and isolated	N/A	
Upper Drive Open Space (36)	0.66	Other public open space		X				Poor		N/A	
West Country Club Open Space (13)	0.94	Other public open space						Poor	Small and isolated	N/A	
Westbrooke Tract B Open Space (7)	2.59	Other public open space	X		X			Poor	Connected to Oak Creek Elementary	N/A	
<b>Other Public Open Space Total</b>	<b>22.05</b>		<b>29</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>			

Field Conditions/Capabilities/Utilizations												
Site Name	Field Number/Designation	Designed Use	Owner	Multiuise	Lights	Infield	Outfield	Surface	Quality	Number of Quality Fields	Rehabilitated since 2001	Notes
<b>Diamond Fields</b>												
East Waluga Park	1	LL	Parks	No	Yes	60	200	Grass	Good	1		
East Waluga Park	2	JrBB	Parks	No	Yes	90	330	Grass	Good	1		
George Rogers Park	1	LL/SB	Parks	No	Yes	65/7	270	Grass	Good	1		
George Rogers Park	2	LL	Parks	No	Yes	60	170	Grass	Good	1		
Hazelia Field at Luscher	1	LL	Parks	Yes	Yes	60	180	Synthetic	Good	1		
Westlake Park	1	LL	Parks	No	Yes	60	200	Grass	Good	1	x	
Westlake Park	2	LL	Parks	Yes	Yes	90	330	Grass	Good	1	x	
Westlake Park	3	LL/SB	Parks	Yes	Yes	65	300	Grass	Good	1	x	
Bryant ES	1	LL	LOSD	Yes	No	65	300	Grass	Good	1		
Bryant ES	2	LL	LOSD	Yes	No	60	200	Grass	Good	1		
Forest Hills ES	1	LL	LOSD	Yes	No	60	170	Grass	Poor	0	x	
Hallinan ES	1	T-Ball	LOSD	Yes	No	60	200	Grass	Poor	0	x	
Lake Grove ES	1	LL	LOSD	Yes	No	60	200	Grass	Good	1	x	
Lake Oswego HS	1	BB	LOSD	No	Yes	90	300	Synthetic	Good	1		Unavailable: School Use
Lake Oswego HS	2	SB	LOSD	N/A	Yes	60	200	Synthetic	Good	1		Unavailable: School Use
Lake Oswego JH	1	LL/SB	LOSD	Yes	Yes	65	300	Grass	Good	1		
Lakeridge HS	1	BB	LOSD	No	Yes	90	300	Grass	Good	1		Unavailable: School Use
Lakeridge HS	2	BB/JrBB/SB	LOSD	No	No	90	300	Grass	Good	1		Unavailable: School Use
Uplands ES	1	LL	LOSD	No	No	60	150	Grass	Good	1	x	
Waluga JH	1	LL/JrBB	LOSD	Yes	Yes	90	300	Grass	Good	1	x	
Waluga JH	2	LL/SB	LOSD	Yes	Yes	60	200	Grass	Good	1	x	
Waluga JH	3	LL/SB	LOSD	Yes	Yes	60	200	Grass	Good	1	x	
Westridge ES	1	T-Ball	LOSD	Yes	No	60	200	Grass	Average	1		

Field Conditions/Capabilities/Utilizations												
Site Name	Field Number/Designation	Designed Use	Owner	Multiuise	Lights	Infield	Outfield	Surface	Quality	Number of Quality Fields	Rehabilitated since 2001	Notes
Rectangular Fields												
George Rogers Park	1	Soc	Parks	Yes	Yes	150	225	Grass	Good	1		
Hazelia Field at Luscher	1	Soc/Lx	Parks	Yes	Yes	210	330	Synthetic	Good	1		
Pilkington Park	1	Soc	Parks	No	No	150	225	Grass	Good	1		Practice Only
Westlake Park	1	Soc/Lx	Parks	Yes	Yes	210	330	Grass	Good	1	x	
Bryant ES	1	Soc	LOSD	Yes	No	210	330	Grass	Good	1		
Forest Hills ES	1	Soc	LOSD	Yes	No	150	225	Grass	Good	1	x	
Hallinan ES	1	Soc	LOSD	Yes	No	150	225	Grass	Good	1	x	
Lake Grove ES	1	Soc	LOSD	Yes	No	150	225	Grass	Good	1	x	
Lake Oswego HS	1	FB/Soc	LOSD	No	Yes	210	330	Synthetic	Good	1		Limited Use
Lake Oswego JH	1	Soc	LOSD	Yes	Yes	210	330	Grass	Good	1	x	
Lakeridge HS	1	FB/Soc	LOSD	No	Yes	210	330	Synthetic	Good	1		
Lakeridge HS	2	Soc/Lx	LOSD	No	Yes	210	330	Synthetic	Good	1		
Oak Creek	1	Soc	LOSD	No	No	150	225	Grass	Poor	1		
Palisades	1	Soc/Lx	LOSD	No	No	210	330	Grass	Good	1	x	
River Grove ES #1	1	Soc/Lx	LOSD	No	No	210	330	Grass	Good	1	x	
River Grove ES #2	1	Soc/Lx	LOSD	No	No	150	225	Grass	Average	1	x	Practice Only
Uplands ES	1	Soc/Lx	LOSD	No	No	90	120	Grass	Average	1	x	
Waluga JH	1	Soc	LOSD	Yes	Yes	210	330	Grass	Good	1	x	
Waluga JH	2	Soc	LOSD	Yes	No	210	330	Grass	Good	1	x	
Westridge ES	1	Soc	LOSD	No	No	210	330	Grass	Good	1	x	



# Appendix E: Park Maintenance Tiers



## **APPENDIX E: PARK MAINTENANCE TIERS**

Lake Oswego's different park settings require different levels of maintenance. While developed parks require routine maintenance of sports fields, courts and related facilities, natural areas in parks require a different scale and type of maintenance all together. The application of different maintenance levels should reflect the amount of maintenance needed at each site, rather than the amount of funding available.

Because each park and natural area is different, the City should evaluate maintenance needs for various parks and park types, customizing the level of maintenance based on recommended maintenance levels. Heavily-used sites and sites with the most valuable built or environmental resources should be maintained at a higher level whenever feasible.

### **DEVELOPED PARK CHARACTER**

There are three levels of maintenance for the City's developed parks and developed areas within hybrid parks: basic, standard and enhanced.

#### **Basic**

The basic level of maintenance for Lake Oswego's developed parks and portions of developed park areas includes routine monitoring and inspection of recreation facilities. It also involves trash pick-up, mowing, repair of facilities for safety (playground inspections, damages to benches and other park amenities), and irrigation management. The sites do not have floral displays that require intense maintenance nor intensively planted botanical areas. In addition, irrigation is reduced in the summer at these sites first as required to achieve water conservation. As a result of the reduction in watering, lawns may become more stressed at these sites. This level of maintenance is generally provided at developed or hybrid local parks that are not highly used, such as Greentree and Pine Cone Parks. At this level, the City provides sufficient maintenance for health and safety, but not for asset protection. Under this level, because the level of maintenance is not sufficient to keep up with problems as they arise, capital maintenance needs are accelerated.

#### **Standard**

These sites are typically city-wide parks which are larger and more heavily used than sites receiving basic maintenance. These sites often include heavily used facilities such as group picnic facilities, sport fields, etc. These site receive the types of maintenance provided at "basic" maintenance sites on a more frequent basis, including trash

pick-up, mowing, repair of facilities for safety (playground inspections, damages to benches and other park amenities), and irrigation management. These sites also require more intensive repairs, such as backstop repair, infield repair, fencing upgrades, building repairs, etc.). Some limited floral areas may be provided. Other botanical displays are kept at a minimum. Irrigation at these sites also is reduced during water conservation periods in some park areas, but not throughout the entire site. Irrigation is not reduced for ball fields, picnicking areas, and turf play areas. Parks in this category include: Hazelia Field at Luscher Farm, East Waluga Park, West Waluga Park, Westlake Park, etc.

### **Enhanced**

These are sites that are highly visible and heavily used. There are only a few parks in this category: Millennium Plaza Park, Foothills Park, and George Rogers Park. These sites are maintained at the highest level and receive priority during the growing season for weeding, botanical plantings, and watering. These sites receive the types of maintenance provided at “basic” and “standard” maintenance sites on a more frequent basis. During periods of drought, floral and botanical areas in these parks continue to be watered at lower levels to maintain health. Turf areas also are watered to accommodate public events and heavy use. Picnicking and field areas are watered per the “standard” level. Because these parks require higher maintenance levels, each park is staffed with a maintenance person who attends to maintenance throughout the day.

## **NATURAL PARK CHARACTER**

Much of the City’s park land is dedicated natural areas. Currently, the City has 2.5 FTE devoted to these parks. This allows the City to perform limited maintenance, such as trash pick-up, hazard tree removal, encampment removal, and some invasive species removal. Staff also coordinates with Friends groups who perform volunteer maintenance. This maintenance level has been primarily due to the intensity of use and lack of developed features. However, a higher level of maintenance in natural areas is critical to sustain or restore these sites. As such the three levels of maintenance for the City’s natural areas are presented based on stewardship and restoration.

### **Limited (To Be Phased Out)**

At the limited level, smaller natural areas or sites in poor condition generally receive less maintenance. Sites at the limited maintenance level either have a low level of invasive species present, or may include sites which the City defers needed maintenance into the future. Limited maintenance provides routine monitoring and periodic litter removal. Yet this level of maintenance is not sufficient enough for long

term stewardship and conditions may worsen without additional attention. Kruse Creek Open Space is the type of park that receives limited maintenance.

### **Stabilize**

The basic level of natural area maintenance applies to parks that are classified to be in fair or good condition, or sites that the City has prioritized for improvement. Maintenance at this level involves periodic invasive species removal, erosion control and wildfire reduction projects. This level promotes stewardship to ensure that site conditions do not deteriorate over time. Rated in fair condition, Cooks Butte Park serves as an example of the type of park that requires a basic level of maintenance.

### **Restore**

Restoration of natural areas is at the most advanced end of the natural area maintenance spectrum. Several of Lake Oswego's natural areas can be prioritized as sites that require restoration. This is an advanced stage of maintenance that focuses more on site management. This level of maintenance requires a clearly guided management plan or "action plan" to address the range of potential projects and maintenance needs related to restoration. Canal Acres is an example of the type of site that may require restoration.

Table E-1 provides an overview of these different types of maintenance. The table shows levels of maintenance for developed character and natural character parks. Hybrid character parks may require a combination approach to address their developed and natural characters. The table also provides examples of park types that would receive the related level of maintenance.

Table E-1: Lake Oswego Park and Recreation Maintenance Levels

Maintenance Level	Maintenance Needs		Park Example
	Routine	Periodic	
<b>Developed Character</b>			
Basic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitoring and inspection</li> <li>▪ Litter removal</li> <li>▪ Irrigation and water conservation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Park amenity repair and replacement</li> </ul>	Greentree Pine Cone
Standard	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ As above on a more frequent basis</li> <li>▪ Some water conservation</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ More amenity repair</li> </ul>	East Walluga West Walluga
Enhanced	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Highest level with on-site personnel</li> <li>▪ Floral and botanical plantings</li> <li>▪ Irrigation maintained during conservation periods</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Replacement of major facilities</li> </ul>	Millenium George Rogers Foothills
<b>Natural Character</b>			
Limited	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitoring</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Litter removal</li> <li>▪ Hazard tree removal</li> </ul>	Kruse Creek Open Space
Stabilize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Monitoring</li> <li>▪ Litter removal</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invasive species control</li> <li>▪ Wildfire risk reduction projects</li> <li>▪ Erosion control</li> </ul>	Cooks Butte Park
Restore	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invasive species removal</li> <li>▪ Stabilize ecosystem</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>▪ Invasive species control</li> <li>▪ Tree thinning</li> <li>▪ Habitat enhancement</li> <li>▪ Native tree plantings</li> <li>▪ Wildfire risk reduction projects</li> <li>▪ Erosion control</li> </ul>	Canal Acres