



Open Space Presentation

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Open Space Provisions

The Open Space Network should:

- Interconnect to the regional park and greenway system;
- Provide a range of active and passive recreational opportunities for residents to engage in, at a local and regional level;
- Allow for adaptive management and flexibility to ensure it evolves with community's needs over time;
- Make open space easily accessible to encourage walking to them, instead of driving;
- Preserve the integrity of existing parks and provide visual extensions where possible while ensuring pedestrian and bike trails connect to the parks.
- Restablize and improve the resource protection areas (RPA's) to increase stream ecological potential;



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The Open Space Network should:

- Enhance the city's urban tree canopy;
- Respect the open space heritage of the area;
- Increase awareness and appreciation of nature;
- Provide opportunities for public art and historical interpretive elements;
- Integrate the stormwater pond as a neighborhood amenity; and
- Provide a minimum of:
 - (1) 1/2-acre fenced dog park,
 - (1) community garden in greenway,
 - (1) tot lot within each residential neighborhood,
 - (2) pedestrian bridges in greenway,
 - (1) athletic field.



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Open Space Types		Public Open Space	Private with Public Access
Greenways		•	
Greens			•
Squares			•
Plazas			•
Pocket Parks			•
Major Mid-Block Passage			•
Community Garden*		•	
Dog Park*		•	

- Beaugard Corridor Plan Boundary
- Playground*
- Existing Major Adjacent Open Space
- * City-Owned Land
- Optional location BRAC-133 funded open space

Note:
Building footprints shown for illustrative purposes

* A playground will be located in each of the 6 residential neighborhoods. Current location marker is for illustrative purposes only. Specific size, design and location to be defined in the DSUP

The Optional .85 acre open spaces final design and programming will occur as part of the rezoning(s) and development review process

Open Space Types Plan



Characteristics:

- Natural preserve, often linear corridors;
- Highly accessible and visible;
- Extensive street frontage;
- May contain large park;
- Features:
 - Jogging, hiking & biking paths & trails
 - Waterbodies
 - Woodlands
 - Unstructured seating & picnic areas
- No minimum or maximum size requirements.

Uses

Active:

- Unstructured Play Fields
- Nature Trails
- Jogging
- Bicycling
- Child Play Areas
- Rock Climbing
- Bird Watching
- Community Gardens

Passive:

- Picnic Areas (Grills, Fire Pits etc.)
- Seating/Rest Areas (Covered or Uncovered)
- Restrooms
- Parking



Characteristics:

- Centralized, medium-sized local park available for unstructured recreation;
- Spatially defined by landscaping and sometimes building facades;
- Landscaping consists of grassy areas and trees, naturalistically disposed;
- Features:
 - Open ground & plantings in natural forms
 - Recreational facilities
- Typical size ranges from 0.25 to 2 acres.

Uses

Active:

- Structured Playfields
- Unstructured Playfields (Frisbee, Baseball, Kite Flying, etc.)
- Child Play Areas
- Entertainment Areas
- Festivals
- Bicycling along edges

Passive:

- Picnic Areas (Grills, Fire Pits etc.)
- Seating/Rest Areas (Covered/Uncovered)
- Parking around edges



Characteristics:

- Prominently sited and may contain civic building;
- Landscape consists of pavement, lawn and trees, formally disposed;
- Open space seldom larger than one block and available for unstructured recreation and civic purposes;
- Spatially defined by streets and/or building frontages with a street on at least one side
- Features:
 - Paving
 - Low walls
 - Landscape elements, formally planted
- Typical size ranges from 0.15 to 2 acres.

Uses:

Active:

- Unstructured Play Fields
- Child Play Areas
- Entertainment Areas
- Festivals
- Farmers Market

Passive:

- Picnic Areas (no grills or fire pits)
- Food & retail kiosk
- Restrooms
- Seating/Rest Areas (Covered/Uncovered)
- Outdoor Dining



Characteristics:

- Major civic open space;
- Open space available for civic purposes and commercial or recreational programmed activities;
- Spatially defined by building and/or street frontages;
- Landscape consists primarily of pavement and trees and requires little maintenance;
- Typically anchored by a landmark focal point;
- Typically located at the intersection of important thoroughfares;
- Features:
 - Paving
 - Strategically placed trees in grates
- Typical size ranges from 0.10 to 2 acres.

Uses:

Active:

- Unstructured Play Fields
- Interactive water play area
- Civic and cultural uses ie: craft market
- Entertainment Areas
- Festivals
- Farmers Market

Passive:

- Picnic Areas (no grills or fire pits)
- Food & retail kiosk
- Seating/Rest Areas (Uncovered)
- Outdoor Dining



Characteristics:

- A small open space designed and equipped for children
- Play areas
- Pocket parks should be interspersed throughout residential neighborhoods and may be placed within the block

Uses:

Active:

- Unstructured Play Fields
- Child play areas

Passive:

- Picnic Areas
- Seating/Rest Areas (Covered/Uncovered)



Characteristics:

- Linear open space dedicated to pedestrian use
- Mid-block connection between streets and/or public space
- Minimum width shall be 30 feet

Uses

Active:

- Child's play area
- Unstructured play areas ie: bocce courts

Passive:

- Picnic Areas
- Seating/Rest Areas (Covered/Uncovered)
- Rain gardens



Characteristics:

- Grouping of garden plots
- Typically for residents of apartments and other dwelling types without private gardens
- Minimum area shall be 1,500 s.f.



Uses

Active:

- Community garden

Passive:

- Picnic Areas (no grills or fire pits)
- Seating/Rest Areas (Covered/Uncovered)
- Interactive rain garden



Characteristics:

- A small open area designed as a play area for dogs
- Typically fenced with water access
- Minimum area must be 0.5 acre as per city guidelines

Uses

Active:

- Fenced Dog Park

Passive

- Picnic Areas
- Seating/Rest Areas (Covered/Uncovered)

A photograph of a public square. In the foreground, a man in a blue shirt and a woman in a pink top are walking on a brick-paved path. To their left is a large fountain with water spraying upwards. In the background, there are several American flags on poles, lush green trees, and brick buildings under a clear blue sky. The overall atmosphere is bright and lively.

“The measure of any great civilization is in its cities and the measure of a city’s greatness is to be found in the quality of its public spaces, its parks and squares.”

John Ruskin

Questions & Discussion