

Appendix C
Recreation and Resource Inventories
Heart of the Lakes Area Recreation Plan

NRPA PARK STANDARDS

TYPE OF AREA	USE	SERVICE AREA	SIZE	ACRES/ 1,000	SITE FEATURES
Mini-Park	Specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population or specific group such as tots or senior citizens.	Less than 1/4 mile radius	1 acre or less	.25 to .50	Within neighborhoods and in proximity to apartment complexes, townhouses or housing for the elderly.
Neighborhood Park or Playground	Area for intense recreation activities, such as field games, court games, crafts, playground apparatus area, skating, picnicking, wading pools, etc.	¼ to ½ mile radius to serve a population up to 5,000 - a neighborhood.	15 acres	1 to 2	Suited for intense development. Easily accessible to neighborhood populations geographically centered with safe walking and bike access. May be developed as a school park facility
Community Park	Area of diverse environmental quality. May include areas suited for intense recreational facilities, such as athletic complexes, large swimming pools. May be an area of natural quality for outdoor recreation, such as walking, viewing, sitting, AND PICNICKING. May be any combination of the above, depending upon site suitability and community need.	More than one neighborhood 1 to 2 mile radius	15+ Acres	5 to 8	May include natural features, such as water bodies, and areas suited for intense development. Easily accessible to neighborhood served.

Source: Roger A. Lancaster, Ed; 1983. Recreation, Park and Open space Standards and Guidelines, Alexandria, Virginia: National Recreation and Park Association, p. 56-57.









