CHAPTER 9

PARKS, RECREATION, AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT
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9.1 Introduction

The City of Garden Grove has included a Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Element to its General Plan because providing adequate parkland, recreation opportunities, and management and conservation of limited open space resources is a priority to the urbanized City. Garden Grove is committed to fostering and sustaining a strong and diverse community that embraces health and wellness, creates opportunities to develop character, provides safe places to gather, and promotes life long learning.

9.2 Authority for Element

California State Government Code Section 65560(b)(3) stipulates that the General Plan address

“...Open space for outdoor recreation, including but not limited to, areas of outstanding scenic, historical and cultural value; areas particularly suited for park and recreation purposes, including access to lakes shores, beaches, and rivers, and streams; and areas which serve as links between major recreation and open space reservations, including utility easements, banks of rivers and streams, trails, and scenic highway corridors...”

The City has expanded the Open Space Element to include the Parks and Recreation Element because these two issues are interconnected and vital to the health and well being of the community. There is a significant difference between the two; Open Space includes a much broader category of open areas within the City while parkland is limited to the 19 park sites described in this Element. Open Space includes the city parks, all school district properties, Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) rights-of-way, flood control facilities (retention basins, channels, etc.), utility easements and water well sites and reservoirs.

“Parks are one of the most effective methods to change the character and improve the image of a community.”

~Mark Francis
9.3 KEY THEMES AND VISION FOR GENERAL PLAN

PARKLAND

The City currently owns 14 park properties and uses 5 public schools as additional park facilities through joint-use agreements with the School District. This parkland totals 157.1 acres; refer to Exhibit PRK-1, Existing Parks. Parks within the City are categorized into three types that provide a range of passive and active recreation facilities. The three types of parks are community parks, neighborhood parks, and mini parks.

The National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) typically classify parks by their size (acreage), with larger parks serving a wider community by providing more amenities. The NRPA classifications are community parks (10 to 40 acres), neighborhood parks (1 to 10 acres), and mini parks (less than 1 acre).

Garden Grove optimizes the use of its available park space and provides amenities, activities and programs where they can best be located. For example, Eastgate Park, while only 4.5 acres, has a pool facility (Gary Hall pool) and basketball courts. It also hosts regional summer concerts and is the site for the Spring/Summer and Fall Aquatics Program. Such amenities and activities would typically be found in a park with more acreage.

Garden Grove chooses to classify parks based on amenities provided rather than the amount of land. Community parks are equipped with facilities that provide active and passive recreation opportunities for the entire community and range from 3 to 40 acres in size. Neighborhood parks provide more flexible and passive recreation amenities that serve the local neighborhood and range from 1 to 10 acres in size. A mini park provides a small oasis for relaxation and limited activities and is less than one acre.

The 1995 General Plan established a desired ratio for both open space and parkland as 5.0 acres per 1,000 persons. While the overall open space area met this goal, parkland did not and as of 2008, there is 0.91 acres per 1,000 persons. The 1995 ratio was not a realistic goal and looking toward the future, there is limited opportunity for the acquisition of large parcels for additional parks given the built-out nature of the City and the high cost of property in Orange County.

The City of Garden Grove is part of the larger fabric of Southern California, where cities are barely distinguishable from each other as they extend across the entire region. While Garden Grove has its own parkland that is calculated separately, it also is ideally located to take advantage of numerous regional recreation areas and facilities in other cities. The beaches of Southern California are renowned attractions that provide recreation within driving distance of the City, a fact acknowledged in the name of arterials such as Harbor Boulevard and Beach Boulevard. There is Mile Square Park in Fountain Valley, the Santa Ana River bike trail, and golf courses abutting Garden Grove in several cities. Other county recreational venues include Disneyland and California Adventure (Anaheim), Knott’s Berry Farm (Buena Park) and professional sports arenas. Improvements to the transit system would make these regional recreation opportunities more accessible.
Still, providing parks that are community places for recreation and relaxation within the City remains a high priority and will continue to be important with the anticipated population growth. Exhibit PRK-2, Parkland Service Area, identifies park service areas in the City and neighborhoods that are not currently located within reasonable distance from a park (one-half mile radius from a community or neighborhood park, one-forth mile from a mini park).

The General Plan 2030 establishes the goal of a desired ratio of 2.0 acres of parkland per 1,000 persons. The Community Services Department is actively pursuing innovative ways to increase both active and passive new parkland. There are opportunities for new parkland in the creation of smaller and more frequent neighborhood parks and pocket parks, community gathering areas such as urban plazas and gardens, and urban trails including the use of the OCTA right-of-way. These smaller parks, plazas and trails should link to each other and connect with existing parks. A network of links between park areas expands their impact and the opportunities for recreation.

Another opportunity to add recreational facilities is to enter into additional joint-use agreements with School Districts. The joint-use of school facilities allows the community the use of these existing recreational spaces and benefits the school district by sharing maintenance costs with the City. The City has identified several key school facilities in areas where recreation space is needed, illustrated on Exhibit PRK-3, Priority Future Joint-Use School/Park Locations.

PARK FACILITIES AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

Parks provide places for people to connect and interact in a shared environment and recreation amenities foster a healthy and active community. The recreation amenities available at each park are summarized in Table 9-1, Recreation Facilities. In addition to the facilities in the Table 9-1, the City also has use through an annually renewed agreement of an additional swimming pool facility at Pacifica High School. Primary recreation facilities include a new gymnasium recently built near Atlantis Play Center in Garden Grove Park and the Community Meeting Center and Senior Center in Civic Center Park. Over the last decade, the City has optimized park space to provide a variety of amenities, activities, and programs while still providing space for passive recreation.

The City of Garden Grove takes pride in its services and understands that well designed and maintained facilities, along with high quality programs, encourage use that fosters an active and healthy community. Recreational programs offered by the Community Services Department play an important role in creating a healthy community through diverse and innovative recreational programming. The Community Services Department provides space to:

- Foster human development, focusing on children, youth, and seniors
- Increase cultural unity
- Promote healthy and wellness
- Provide recreational experiences
- Strengthen community image and sense of place
- Support economic development
- Strengthen safety and security

The programs and activities offered by the Community Services Department provide essential community benefits, including:

- Healthier residents
- Sense of well-being in the community
- Safer neighborhoods
- A higher quality of life
- Opportunities for children, youth, and seniors
- Partnership opportunities with community organizations
- Cultural expression and unity

The challenge for the future will be to continue to meet the facility needs of a growing and diverse population and continue to provide quality programs and activities with increasing demands on facility space.

### Table 9-1
Recreation Facilities

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1 - Acreage does not include Library Facility.
2 - A portion of this land is in joint use with the County Flood Control District.
OPEN SPACE

Open space within the City consists of parks, school district properties, Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) right-of-way, flood control facilities (retention basins, channels etc.), utility easements, and water well sites and reservoirs; refer to Table 9-2, Open Space. Public schools consist of the largest proportion of open space in the City. Exhibit PRK-4, Existing School Sites, identifies the locations and size of public schools in Garden Grove.

Table 9-2
Open Space

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¹ Includes 13.0 acres of water retention facility at Twin Lakes Park in joint-use with the County Flood Control District.
² Includes public schools not currently under joint-use agreement.
³ Does not include water retention facility at Twin Lakes Park.

Open space in Garden Grove is preserved for public health and safety, flood control, preservation of natural resources, and outdoor recreation. Historically, open space was dedicated to agricultural production; however, farming operations have almost entirely ceased but are an important part of Garden Grove’s heritage. Open space is valued by the community and is an asset that will continue to experience increased pressure as the City grows.

Similar to parkland, the 1995 General Plan included a desired open space ratio of 5.0 acres per 1,000 persons. As of 2008, the City has approximately 5.66 acres of open space per 1,000 persons, therefore meeting the desired ratio. According to anticipated population projections, in 2030, the City would have approximately 4.98 acres of open space per 1,000 persons. A realistic goal for the City will be to maintain the ratio of 5.0 acres per 1,000 persons and therefore the ratio will not be modified in this Element. Acquiring large amounts of additional open space is unrealistic due to the built out nature of the City and high cost of property in Orange County; however, the addition of smaller areas, preservation, and enhancements to existing open space amenities will works towards creating a healthy and beautiful community.
TRAILS

Recreational or multi-use trails support healthy activities in an urban area. Trails can be located in an existing park or within public rights-of-way and can connect neighborhoods to parks and commercial or employment areas. Currently, there are no dedicated recreational trail facilities in Garden Grove. One possibility is for the City to partner with private developers to incorporate trails into development projects on sites where such facilities would be feasible. Through such a partnership, the private landscape setback and the public right-of-way could be combined into a wider area to accommodate a trail along with ample landscaping, greater separation from the roadway and space for amenities along the route.

Existing sidewalks provided at City Parks

The following provide separation from the roadway and space for fitness along public right-of-way.

Utility easements/right-of-ways are an excellent opportunity for development of linear parks and multi use trails.
BIKEWAYS

A well-developed bikeway network provides connections and access not offered by the existing roadway, reduces congestion and promotes health and wellness in a community. Currently, Garden Grove has limited bicycle facilities and amenities (refer to Exhibit CIR-7, in the Circulation Element). The Community Services Department will work with Public Works to develop future bikeways, promote bikeway connections, and encourage multi-use trails where appropriate.

CULTURAL ARTS, EVENTS AND DIVERSITY

Garden Grove is proud to support a variety of cultural opportunities offered each year for both local and regional residents. Through these options, residents have a chance to become more involved in the community and enjoy all the diversity it has to offer. From live theater productions and fun filled summer concerts, to unique cultural festivals and special themed events, there is something for everyone in Garden Grove.

Both of the City’s live theaters are located at the Village Green Park. The Gem Theater is a 172-seat venue featuring plays, comedies, musicals, youth theater, and special events. The Festival Amphitheater is a 550-seat outdoor facility that hosts a wide variety of performance-based activities. The Garden Grove Historical Society’s Stanley Ranch Museum is a two-acre site containing some of Garden Grove’s oldest homes and businesses buildings. The Historical Society also promotes education and activities around the heritage of Garden Grove at this site.

Since 1998, the Garden Grove Community Foundation sponsors annual events featuring educational programs, the Summer Concert Series, and the Food for Thought Luncheon. These quality events are funded through private donations raised each year. Other annual civic events include the Garden Grove Pride and the Mayor’s Prayer Breakfast.
Garden Grove also hosts four cultural festivals all organized by non-profit organizations. Each features vendors, foods, rides, and a variety of different cultural programs and activities. The Tet Festival is held at Garden Grove Park to celebrate the lunar new year. The Strawberry Festival and Parade is one of the largest community-sponsored events in the region. The Arab-American Festival is held at the Village Green Park each September. The Korean Festival has been a celebration of Korean history, traditions, and culture in Garden Grove for over 25 years.

The community recognizes the importance of cultural arts and has a goal to integrate ethnic groups in community-wide events. As seen in the four cultural festivals, there are opportunities to intermix the experiences of cultural arts with the diverse foods, products, unique history, and friendship between the wide variety of ethnic groups that reside in Garden Grove. Such actions create a positive impact on the community, increase business activity, and foster improved communication and understanding among all residents. Similar opportunities can be found in recreational activities, events, public art, gardens, and facility.

9.4 GOALS, POLICIES, AND IMPLEMENTATION PROGRAMS

This Element is organized into goals, policies, and implementation programs. A description of each is provided in Chapter 1, Introduction. It is important to note that the implementation programs are specific actions to carry out all of the preceding goals and policies.

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<td>PRK-1</td>
<td>The City seeks to achieve a ratio of 2.0 acres of Parkland (which includes city-owned parks and joint-use school facilities) to every 1,000 persons to meet the needs of existing and future residents and employees.</td>
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Policy PRK-1.1 Explore the land acquisition feasibility of vacant land, empty housing lots, or abandoned properties for neighborhood park, mini or pocket parks, or tot lot purposes, in order to provide all existing neighborhoods with accessible parkland.

Policy PRK-1.2 Acquire additional lands for parks, as feasible.

Policy PRK-1.3 Allow for a variety of active and passive space for recreation and leisure use.

Policy PRK-1.4 Encourage the provision of parks and recreation space in new development and redevelopment projects.

Policy PRK-1.5 Encourage the development of linear parks along easements or rights-of-way, including but not limited to utility easements and the Orange County (OCTA) right-of-way.
Policy PRK-1.6  Encourage the development of additional Mini Parks to provide urban open space at a very small scale. Functions of Mini Parks shall vary as appropriate within each location and immediate neighborhood.

Policy PRK-1.7  Encourage the cooperation and coordination between City departments and public agencies, to provide recreation and leisure space through new development and as redevelopment occurs within Garden Grove.

Policy PRK-1.8  Continue to work with school districts or other agencies to maintain and, wherever feasible, expand the joint use facilities within the City.

Policy PRK-1.9  Continue to work with Orange County Flood Control District (OCFCD) and Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) to lease and use right-of-way for passive recreation and trails.

PRK-IMP-1A  Develop a priority list to identify where additional parks and types of facilities are needed and seek community participation.

PRK-IMP-1B  Create a land feasibility plan to understand what land is available in the City for the creation of new parkland.

PRK-IMP-1C  When and where possible, consider the potential for additional parks or recreation facilities on public or private sites that can support a recreational activity such as vacant large buildings, undeveloped industrial properties, and/or existing underutilized parcels.

PRK-IMP-1D  Pursue available resources to fund facilities and parkland acquisition and development including Federal, State and local funding grants, or donations.

PRK-IMP-1E  Encourage coordination between the Community Services Department and the Community Development, Public Works, and Economic Development Departments to understand parkland and bikeway priorities, and secure available funding for new bikeways, parkland, and leisure spaces.

PRK-IMP-1F  Identify and focus funding resources on obtaining joint-use agreements with schools located in park deficient areas of the City.

PRK-IMP-1G  Coordinate with OCTA regarding the lease of land that will not preclude potential future development of rail.

PRK-IMP-1H  Coordinate with public agencies and utilities to acquire use of right-of-ways for restricted use by the public.

PARK FACILITIES AND RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

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<th>Goal PRK-2</th>
<th>Community members desire a wide range of recreational amenities and programs that are reflective of the diverse needs of the community and that will accommodate future growth.</th>
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Policy PRK-2.1  Continue to prepare a Strategic Plan every five years to identify and prioritize community needs in regard to facilities and programs and available funding sources.
Policy PRK-2.2 Consider the needs of the disabled when providing recreation programs and
designing park improvements including access points, path surfaces, play
equipment and other facility improvements.

Policy PRK-2.3 Use the City’s recreation facilities and programs to increase cross-cultural
experiences and promote learning.

Policy PRK-2.4 Continue to administer and, wherever feasible, expand upon the programs
designed to meet the recreational, social, physical, and economic needs of
target populations such as senior citizens, young adults, and children.

Policy PRK-2.5 Research and secure public and private funding for recreation facilities in the
City.

PRK-IMP-2A Maintain compliance with the requirements identified in the Americans with
Disabilities Act (ADA).

PRK-IMP-2B Provide recreation programs that cater to all ages and ethnicities in Garden
Grove.

MAINTAIN PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES

| Goal PRK-3 | Well-maintained and improved recreational parkland and facilities, both
indoor and outdoor, provide the community with increased facility usage, along
with encouraging healthy lifestyles and a sense of community pride in
citywide facilities. |
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Policy PRK-3.1 Inventory existing parks and recreation facilities to determine rehabilitation
needs through a periodic monitoring program, and establish the priority list for
facility maintenance and/or rehabilitation.

Policy PRK-3.2 Encourage volunteerism and create a greater sense of stewardship for parks
within each neighborhood and community through active public involvement
programs.

PRK-IMP-3A Use fiscally responsible rehabilitation and maintenance strategies to maintain
and improve parks and facilities in need.

PRK-IMP-3B Continue to utilize, and explore additional financing mechanisms for the
operation and maintenance of existing facilities.

PRK-IMP-3C Promote volunteer opportunities through various City media, including the
City’s website, cable channel and City publications.

Related Goals and Policies: Refer to the Safety Element for goals and policies related to safety
at public facilities, including parks.
OPEN SPACE

Goal PRK-4  The City seeks to achieve a ratio of 5.0 acres of Open Space\(^1\) to every 1,000 persons to meet the needs of existing and future residents and employees.

Policy PRK-4.1  Preserve and enhance open space resources in Garden Grove.

Policy PRK-4.2  Continue to expand open space resources in Garden Grove.

Policy PRK-4.3  Promote visually appealing landscaped corridors, which contribute to a sense of spaciousness throughout the community.

Policy PRK-4.4  Encourage green spaces planted with a diverse plant palette in order to promote natural variety, ecosystem services, and enhance the well-being of community residents.

Policy PRK-4.5  Foster community participation and public participation programs regarding open space resources.

PRK-IMP-4A  Pursue available resources to fund open space acquisition including Federal, State and local funding grants, or donations.

PRK-IMP-4B  Encourage public volunteer programs that contribute to the preservation and maintenance of open space areas (such as Eagle Scouts).

PRK-IMP-4C  Partner with schools and colleges to foster an understanding and appreciation of open space among all age levels.

PRK-IMP-4D  Coordinate with OCTA to negotiate a lease of right-of-way lands and pursue available funding resource to create linear park through portions of the City.

Related Goals and Policies:  Refer to the Community Design Element for goals and policies related to streetscapes and landscaped corridors.

Goal PRK-5  Public plazas or green spaces provide additional open space opportunities for existing and future residents and employees.

Policy PRK-5.1  Continue to require that adequate, usable, and permanent private open space is provided in residential developments.

Policy PRK-5.2  Encourage new and existing commercial, office, and industrial development to provide outdoor green spaces that may be used by employees.

Policy PRK-5.3  Encourage new development and redevelopment projects to incorporate gardens and green spaces with various cultural influences throughout the community to bridge cultures and provide education opportunities.

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**PEDESTRIAN TRAILS**

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Policy PRK-6.1  Encourage pedestrian-oriented trails and amenities within and linkage to parks, new development and redevelopment projects, and commercial centers.

Policy PRK-6.2  Encourage the planning and development for on- and off-street pedestrian trails throughout the community by the Community Services Department.

Policy PRK-6.3  Explore public and private funding sources to provide additional pedestrian facilities within the City.

PRK-IMP-6A  Work with adjacent property owners to create an interconnected trail that extends along the public right-of-way. A path will benefit business by increasing exposure and access, and benefit the community through encouraging fitness, improved access, and a connected community.

PRK-IMP-6B  Coordinate with OCTA to provide trails within the right-of-way.

PRK-IMP-6C  Design pedestrian trails/paths with multiple access points to maximize accessibility and minimize concentrating access.

PRK-IMP-6D  Seek to create links between trails or new urban trails along the public right-of-way. Coordinate with City departments to create a method for modifying existing corridors to incorporate pedestrian trails along roadways.

PRK-IMP-6E  Create design standards for trail development that includes distance markers (1/4, 1/2, and 1 mile), standardized signage, identifiable logo, street furniture, drinking fountain, and identifiable plant palette.

**BIKEWAYS**

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<th>Goal PRK-7</th>
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Policy PRK-7.1  Continue to implement an updated Master Plan of Bikeways and its amendments.

Policy PRK-7.2  Coordinate with the Traffic Engineer/ Public Works Department to link bikeways to create a larger connected network.

Policy PRK-7.3  Continue to work with OCTA to lease or purchase the right-of-way and create a bike trail through this area.
Policy PRK-7.4  Encourage existing major traffic generators, and new major traffic generators to incorporate innovative solution for safe bicycle crossings, and include bicycle facilities, such as bicycle racks and showers, into the development.

Policy PRK-7.5  Continue to pursue and monitor funding sources for bikeway facilities.

Policy PRK-7.6  Sponsor bicycle safety and education programs.

PRK-IMP-7A  Encourage the Public Works Department to consider bikeways in their prioritization of re-paving, and street sweeping.

PRK-IMP-7B  Provide incentives to developers who incorporate bikeways into developments.

PRK-IMP-7C  Update the existing Master Plan of Bikeways to comply with Caltrans standards in order to qualify for funding of new bikeway facilities.

PRK-IMP-7E  Promote the Public Works program for the Safe Routes to schools to qualify for funding.

PRK-IMP-7F  Maintain awareness of Orange County Transit Authority (OCTA) grant opportunities.

PRK-IMP-7G  Encourage bicycle safety awareness classes at community centers or parks where facilities are currently located.

PRK-IMP-7H  Encourage the placement of signage that educates and informs automobiles and bicyclists that use the facility.

CULTURAL ARTS, EVENTS, AND DIVERSITY

Goal PRK-8  Diversity and culture is celebrated and maximized through the City’s arts, cultural arts, and history.

Policy PRK-8.1  Use the Parks, Recreation, and Arts committees, to aid and assist in the coordination and communication of cultural arts programs in the City.

Policy PRK-8.2  Examine the potential to re-establish the Courtyard Center.

Policy PRK-8.3  Promote local and regional participation in the City’s cultural and social activities (i.e., musical and theatrical productions, art exhibitions, etc.).

PRK-IMP-8A  Continue to provide the opportunity for cultural groups to conduct events in the community (i.e. the Strawberry, Arab-American, Korean, and Tet Festivals).

PRK-IMP-8B  Increase the availability of public information (in multiple languages) and advertising regarding these cultural and social activities on the City’s website and in City publications.

PRK-IMP-8C  Encourage and promote the use of the Gem Theater and the Festival Amphitheater.
Related Goals and Policies: Refer to the Community Design Element for goals and policies related to public art.

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<th>The City values and seeks to strengthen cultural unity through community art, activities, events, and other recreational experiences.</th>
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<td>Provide ways for citizens and visitors to express, enjoy, and experience cultural diversity and community heritage through activities and visual arts.</td>
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<td>Promote and enhance the existing farmer’s market held on Main Street.</td>
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<td>Coordinate with the Garden Grove Unified School District or other school districts to provide programs that promote cultural activities and learning.</td>
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<td>Continue to support the annual Festivals (Strawberry, Arab-American, Korean, and Tet), which celebrate the heritage and diversity of the community.</td>
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<td>Continue to support the Sister City relationship with Anyang, Korea and Garden Grove.</td>
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<td>Continue to support the efforts of Garden Grove’s civic and social service organizations.</td>
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<td>Continue to increase the ethnic diversity of citizens participating in local government.</td>
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<td>Recognize the individuals, organizations and agencies that have made a contribution to community life in Garden Grove.</td>
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<td>Promote the opportunities to participate in civic activities and social organizations on the City’s website, cable channel, and in City publications.</td>
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EXHIBIT PRK-1

Existing Parks and Facilities


LEGEND

City Park
City Boundary
Parks
1. Eastgate Park
2. Woodgrove Park
3. Edgar Park
4. Magnolia Park
5. Mesa School/Park
6. Outwood Park
7. Faulkner Park
8. Village Green
9. West Haven Park
10. Twin Lakes Park
11. Woodbury Park
12. Garden Grove Park
13. Chapman Sports Park
14. Split of 70
15. Jardin de los Niños
16. Fowler Park
17. Lake View Park
18. Civic Center Park

Facilities
19. Community Meeting Center
20. M. Luke Lake Senior Center
21. Garden Grove Sports & Rec Center
22. Civic Center
23. Atlanta Bay Center
