

City of Dixon

Parks Master Plan Update 2014

Reference data



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General Plan Policies

17. The City shall provide parks and recreational facilities of varying sizes and functions to the citizens of Dixon. The City shall continue to provide a range of recreational programs serving the diverse age and interest groups in the community.
18. The City shall provide for high-quality neighborhood and community parks to meet the recreational, open space, leisure and play needs and desire of existing and future residents.
19. The City shall ensure that parks and recreational facilities are distributed conveniently throughout the City, in order to facilitate pedestrian access for children, elderly residents and handicapped residents.
20. The City shall ensure an equitable distribution of parks and recreational facilities throughout the City.
21. The City shall ensure that at full development, each neighborhood area has local recreational facilities to provide a range of residential densities generally proportional to the overall city-wide distribution.
22. The City shall provide for community facilities (i.e. activity centers, arts/cultural facilities, etc.).
23. The City shall maintain a ratio of at least 5 acres of parkland for each 1,000 Dixon residents, at least 1.2 acres of neighborhood parkland and at least 3.8 acres of community parkland. (Res. 00-052)
24. The City shall require proponents of new development projects to contribute to the acquisition and development of adequate parks and recreational facilities within the community, either through the dedication of park land and through the payment of fees in lieu of such dedications. When project proponents are also required to dedicate land for educational facilities, the fact that some dedicated land may eventually be utilized on a dual basis as community recreational facilities and as school grounds should in no way reduce the total amount of land which must be dedicated exclusively for park or recreational use or reduce the site area requirements for a school site.
25. Prepare a Parks Master Plan to guide park planning and expenditures for parkland acquisition and development. The Park Master Plan shall assess park and facility needs, and set facility level of service standards. The Park Master Plan shall be updated approximately every five years depending on the rate of residential development. (Res. 00-052)

General Plan Implementation

- F. Require developers of new residential subdivisions to dedicate land and pay fees for the development of parkland or pay a comprehensive fee in lieu of dedication for the acquisition and development of recreational facilities required to serve the new population.
- G. Review the present ordinances relating to park dedication development fees and update them, if necessary, to reflect the current costs of facility expansion to satisfy required standards.
- H. Encourage and continue certain appropriate joint use and/or joint-power approaches to providing facilities with the Dixon Unified School District.
- I. Consider the use of Landscaping and Lighting Maintenance Districts (LLMDs) as a means of funding park maintenance.

Dixon Parks Master Plan Summary (partial excerpt)

The Dixon Parks Master Plan identifies the existing and proposed parks needed to meet Dixon's parks and recreation needs. The City's General Plan states the City shall maintain five acres of parkland for each 1,000 persons in population. Parks are categorized in two categories: Community parks (20 acres or more) and neighborhood parks (3 acres up to 20 acres).

Neighborhood parks provide informal outdoor recreation opportunities for all ages within easy walking distance of homes. The service area is a one-half mile radius around the park.

Community parks will typically include some neighborhood park amenities as well as contain large-scale facilities designed to serve the entire community. These large-scale features include fields for organized sports such as soccer and little league, swimming pools, and community centers.

Dixon's existing parks are:

- Community Parks (2): Hall Park, Northwest Park;
- Neighborhood Parks (3): Patwin Park, Conejo Park, Veterans Park;
- Women's Improvement Club Park, a small park in downtown Dixon;
- Passive-use park space at the end of the pedestrian/bicycle trail on North Lincoln Street.

Planned parks as part of future development include a 20-acre community park and 5-acre neighborhood park in the Southwest Development Area (between Pitt School Road and I-80 on the south side of West A Street).

Existing Park Acreage Data:

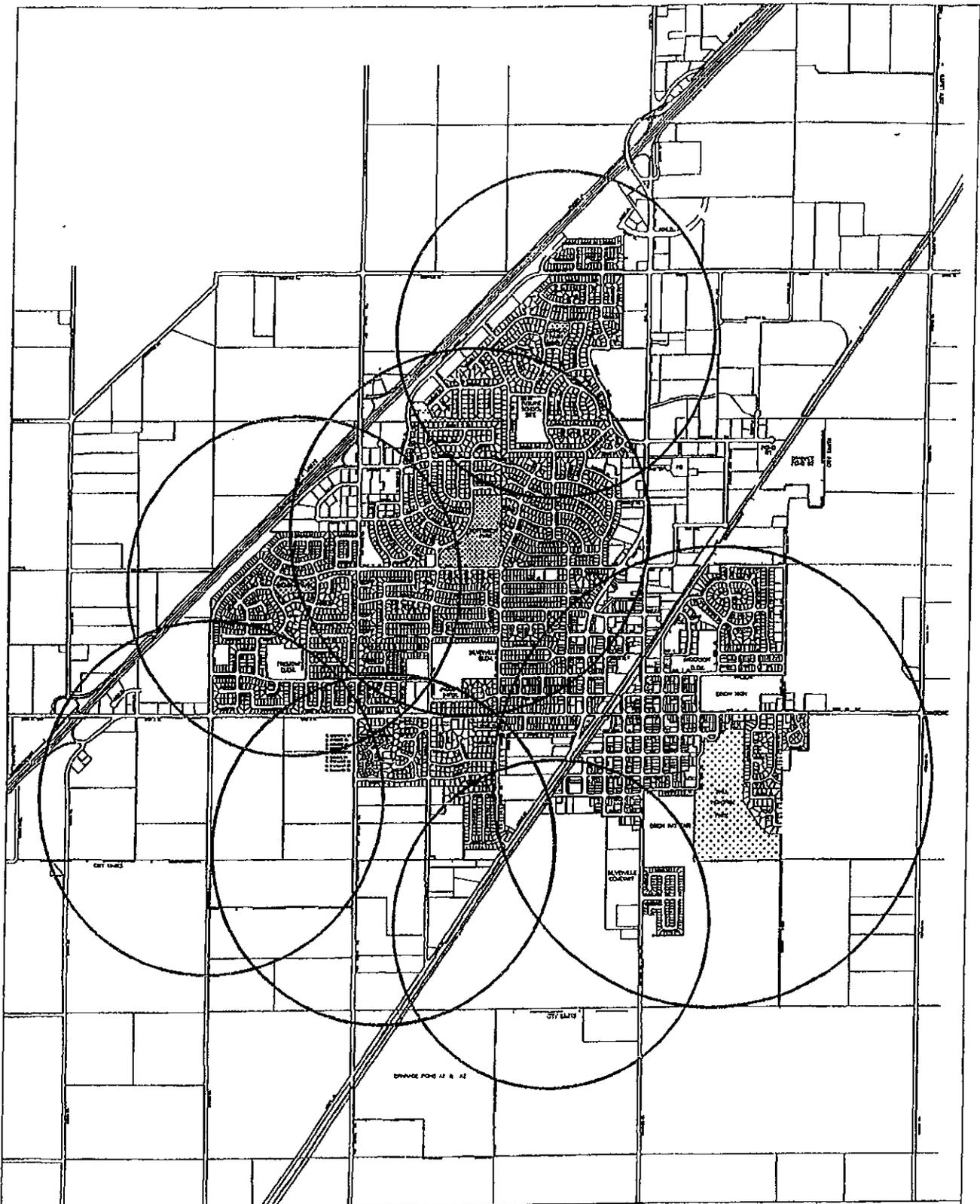
A preliminary review of park acreages based on the existing Parks Master Plan and the latest population projections shows the City needs additional parkland to meet the General Plan Policies. Specifically, the additional acreage needed is as follows:

Neighborhood Parks (≥ 3 acres)	1.3 acres
Community Parks (≥ 20 acres)	3.63 acres
Total park acreage	3.16 acres

Note, because the total park acreage includes Women’s Improvement Club Park and the turf area on the pedestrian/bicycle “Linear Path” between North Lincoln Street and SR 113, but these areas do not qualify as either a neighborhood or community park, the acreages do not add correctly among the park categories.

There are many options for addressing the acreage shortage including:

- Amending the General Plan Policy to change “shall” to “should” with regards to the park acreage ratio,
- Identifying new park sites and updating the City’s development impact fee schedule to fund the new sites,
- Revising the acreage split for neighborhood versus community parks,
- Revising the definition of neighborhood park and community park parkland (currently does not include the pedestrian/bicycle Linear Path or small “mini-parks”).



PARKS SERVICE AREAS

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