

39. Neighborhood Green

Definition An open space for public use that provides informal recreation in primarily residential areas.

Size One acre minimum size; typically larger..

Possible Activities Passive recreation, contemplative and social uses, small group gatherings,

limited active recreation areas.

Location Integrated with primarily residential development.

Design Criteria Surrounded by local streets and medium to low density development.

Visibility and access from adjacent sidewalks, streets and buildings.

Include trees for shading, plantings, lawn areas, shaded sitting and pathways.

Active recreation areas might include play equipment or multi-use courts.

May include community gardens.

The form and shape of the space is critical to its role as a social and neighborhood center; the space must allow for a variety of activities and uses: gathering, programmed events.

A neighborhood park may also be commemorative in character, a place for rest and reflection, with a particular historical or social theme. The park should be visually accessible from a number of vantage points and public streets.

Supply Values

	Tots	Children	Teens	Young Adults	Adults	Seniors
Neighborhood Green	5	7	6	8	8	6



Alexandria African American Heritage Park, Alexandria, VA Sculptures by Jerome Meadows