



21. Open Grass Area Lawn - Urban

Definition	An open, level grass area to accommodate relaxation, play or sport activity within a high density residential or mixed-use community within an urban area.
Size	Urban: 2,000 square feet minimum.
Possible Activities	Small group outdoor activities, such as volleyball, soccer practice, badminton, frisbee, exercise groups, picnics or small group gatherings.
Location	Integrated into residential development.
Design Criteria	<p>Setbacks: 30 feet from building, 30 feet from curb.</p> <p>Lawn area is defined and contained by architecture and landscaping.</p> <p>Consider compatibility with immediately surrounding uses when placing lawn.</p> <p>Setbacks may be reduced in multifamily housing and townhouse communities, provided that other measures, such as landscaping and fencing, can be used effectively to screen or to achieve compatibility with the open lawn area.</p> <p>Design of the space should be open and inviting at the sidewalks, easily seen; low-height design elements should be convey openness with generous entry paths.</p>

Supply Values

Lawn Areas	Tots	Children	Teens	Young Adults	Adults	Seniors
Urban	2	3	5	7	8	3



Urban lawn area, Yards Park, Washington, DC



Urban Open Grass Area Examples

*Right and below:
Urban lawn area,
Canal Park, Washington, DC,*



*Left and above: Urban lawn area,
Funenpark residential complex, Amsterdam, Netherlands*