

Webb County Recreational Plan Park Standards

Function	Size	Service Area	Level I	Level II	Level III
<p>Community Parks</p> <p>Community parks should reflect the demographic and cultural characteristics of communities. Located in the center or near the center of a community or in conjunction with an elementary school or a greenbelt. Access from collector streets or greenbelts with emphasis on access by foot or bicycle.</p>	2 to 10 acres	3 to 5 mile radius	Design process for development. Open playfields, picnicking, trails, signage, support facilities (trash receptacles, drinking fountains, benches, etc.) Playscape or picnic shelter.	Playground, playfield equipment (backstop, goals, etc.), basketball or tennis courts, trails, landscaping, irrigation.	Special interest facilities, designated natural areas, additional landscaping, other final touches to realize full potential of site.
<p>County Parks</p> <p>County parks with both indoor and outdoor facilities, drawing users from surrounding communities. Natural resource based with space for special recreational pursuits. Access from minor arterial roadways, public transit, bikeways and greenbelts.</p>	10 to 100 acres	County-wide radius	Same as Community Parks with addition of restrooms, basketball or tennis courts, park interpretive signs for natural areas, trail amenities.	Same as Community Parks with addition of community athletic fields, tennis courts, recreation center.	Same as Community Parks.
<p>Greenbelts</p> <p>Linear parks, often following creeks and water bodies, based on natural resource preservation. Emphasis on walking, jogging, bicycling and providing linkages to communities and parks. Level of development can range from minimal to extensive.</p>	Varies	Varies	Design process for master development plan. Trail, parking, interpretive signage, some support facilities (trash receptacles, etc.)	Addition of beaches, picnic facilities, drinking fountains, bank stabilization.	Formalization of area with additional signage, erosion control, landscaping.

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<p>Regional Parks</p> <p>Large parks drawing users from all over the county and possibly surrounding counties. Focus on natural resource values and diversity of recreational opportunities. Often includes water-based recreation, environmental education. Access from major arterial roadways, public transit, bikeways and greenbelts.</p>	100+ acres	Region-wide	Design process for master development plan. Infrastructure such as internal roads, utilities, restrooms, and access to major natural features.	Development of lake area (where possible), playground, basketball or tennis courts, trails, landscaping, support facilities (trash receptacles, etc), picnic facilities, pool, athletic fields, tennis courts, recreation center. May include park security offices and maintenance facility.	Same as County Parks.
<p>Special Parks</p> <p>Special places or facilities which focus on locally unique or significant natural, historic, or cultural resources. May serve particular user groups. Examples include plazas, athletic complexes, golf courses, natural preserves, bird-watching facilities and scenic viewpoints.</p>	Varies	Varies but often County-wide	Design process for master development plan. Development varies considerably depending upon size and purpose of park or facility. For major projects like golf courses, Level I could be master development plan only. For a project such as a nature preserve, most development could occur at this level.	Varies	Final touches to realize full potential of site or facility.