

ACQUISITION

Needs Analysis - Neighborhood Parks



As Columbia continues to grow, one of the goals of the Parks and Recreation Department is to provide a neighborhood park within one-half mile of all residential areas of the city. Areas of new development on the perimeter of the town are the most deficient. To provide a neighborhood park for the residential areas not currently served, the Department recommends pursuing the acquisition of eighteen neighborhood park sites.

All but five of the funded neighborhood parks identified in the *1994 Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan* have been purchased. These five are included in the proposed eighteen acquisition sites. Three of these five are in the southwest part of the city, one in the southeast, and one in the north-central part of town. These are noted by an asterisk in the following list of recommended neighborhood park acquisitions.

The Neighborhood Park Plan shows areas that are not currently served by neighborhood parks, yet no acquisitions are recommended. These areas are either served by a community, regional, or private park, or they are largely zoned for commercial or industrial use.

