

ACQUISITION

Overview

Recommendations for the acquisition of new parks are based upon analysis of existing park locations and their respective service area. Acquisition needs are considered for these five park categories:

Park Category	Service Radius
1. Neighborhood Parks	½ mile
2. Community Parks	3 miles
3. Regional Parks	5 miles
4. Special Purpose Parks	City-wide
5. Greenbelts/Greenways/Trails	City-wide

Chapter 2 (Park and Facility Inventory) includes maps showing the service radius by park category. Areas that are not adequately served by City parks are outside the circles and are easily seen on the maps. This chapter contains the same maps, with the proposed acquisition areas added. Other factors that the Department considered in determining future park acquisition include:

1. Areas served by private parks and facilities - such as the Highlands Park.
2. Areas served by other public agencies - such as the University of Missouri.
3. Areas that consist primarily of commercial or industrial property.

Acquisition recommendations are also guided by potential city growth. The maps indicate the current city limits along with potential residential areas just outside the boundary. Historically, developers have purchased property outside the city limits and voluntarily annexed the property so that they may take advantage of the various city utilities. Since property costs increase as areas are developed, acquiring land in anticipated growth areas prior to development can save taxpayer dollars. Hence, the proposed acquisition plans include areas outside the current city limits.