



2014 Comprehensive Master Plan

Park District of Oak Park

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Level of Service Analysis

Level of service standards (Figure 3.33) are guidelines that define service areas based on population and are used to support investment decisions related to parks, facilities and amenities. Level of service standards can and will change over time as the program lifecycles change and demographics of a community change.

PROS evaluated park facility levels of service using a combination of resources. These resources included: recreation activity participation rates reported by the Sports & Fitness Industry Association (SFIA) as it applies to activities that occur in the United States and around the Park District area, community and stakeholder input, findings from the survey and general observations. This information allowed standards to be customized to the Park District.

PARKS: 2013 Inventory - Developed Facilities							
Park Type		Park District of Oak Park Inventory	Schools	Total Inventory	Current Service Level based upon population		
Total Park Acres	acres per	79.55	11.64	91.19	1.75	acres per	1,000
OUTDOOR AMENITIES:							
Picnic Shelters/Areas	site per	8.00	-	8.00	1.00	site per	6,510
Rectangular Fields	field per	10.93	5.78	16.71	1.00	field per	3,117
Diamond Fields	field per	8.34	11.65	19.99	1.00	field per	2,605
Basketball Courts (half courts) 2	court per	7.00	-	7.00	1.00	court per	7,440
Tennis Courts (Lit & Unlit)	court per	23.00	1.50	24.50	1.00	court per	2,126
Playgrounds	site per	16.00	9.00	25.00	1.00	site per	2,083
Off Leash Dog Parks	site per	2.00	-	2.00	1.00	site per	26,040
Skateboard Areas	site per	1.00	-	1.00	1.00	site per	52,080
On Street Bikeways/Bike Lanes (Miles)	miles per	4.50	-	4.50	0.04	miles per	1,000
Walking & Biking Trails (Miles)	miles per	6.09	-	6.09	0.12	miles per	1,000
Spraypads	site per	4.00	-	4.00	1.00	site per	13,020
Outdoor Pools	site per	2.00	-	2.00	1.00	site per	26,040
Recreation/Gymnasium (Square Feet)	SF per	42,056.37	10,358.80	52,415.17	1.01	SF per	person
2013 Estimated Population		52,080					
2018 Estimated Population		52,497					

Notes:

Because they are generally open to the public or available for use by the Park District and its affiliates, District 97 fields and playgrounds are included in this count

Because public access to some of these facilities is limited, they are only included when specifically available to the Park District unless otherwise noted. Each count is based on average annual availability

Recreation/Gymnasium square footage numbers include indoor active and passive spaces

Figure 3.33 - Level of Service

These standards should be viewed as a guide to be coupled with other analysis such as equity mapping, as well as conventional wisdom and judgment related to the particular situation and needs of the community. By applying these facility standards to Oak Park residents, gaps and surpluses in park and facility/amenity types are revealed.

Overall, this analysis reveals that the Park District does have some areas of deficit in levels of service as compared with recommended standards and the growing population. Some of the deficits, such as overall parkland and number of outdoor pools, are unlikely to change dramatically. Other items, such as basketball courts and spray pads, can be incorporated into future plans. Additionally, other items, such as tennis courts, are overserved in the community and could be reduced in the future.

			2013 Facility Standards		2018 Facility Standards		
Recommended Service Levels; Revised for Local Service Area			Meet Standard/ Need Exists	Additional Facilities/ Amenities Needed	Meet Standard/ Need Exists	Additional Facilities/ Amenities Needed	
3.00	acres per	1,000	Need Exists	65Acre(s)	Need Exists	66Acre(s)	
1.00	site per	7,000	Meets Standard	- Sites(s)	Meets Standard	- Sites(s)	
1.00	field per	5,000	Meets Standard	-Field(s)	Meets Standard	-Field(s)	
1.00	field per	5,000	Meets Standard	-Field(s)	Meets Standard	-Field(s)	
1.00	court per	4,000	Need Exists	6Court(s)	Need Exists	6Court(s)	
1.00	court per	3,000	Meets Standard	-Court(s)	Meets Standard	-Court(s)	
1.00	site per	2,500	Meets Standard	-Site(s)	Meets Standard	-Site(s)	
1.00	site per	40,000	Meets Standard	-Site(s)	Meets Standard	-Site(s)	
1.00	site per	55,000	Meets Standard	-Site(s)	Meets Standard	-Site(s)	
0.04	miles per	1,000	Meets Standard	-Mile(s)	Meets Standard	-Mile(s)	
0.25	miles per	1,000	Need Exists	7Mile(s)	Need Exists	7Mile(s)	
1.00	site per	10,000	Need Exists	1Site(s)	Need Exists	1Site(s)	
1.00	site per	20,000	Need Exists	1Site(s)	Need Exists	1Site(s)	
2.00	SF per	person	Need Exists	51,745 Square Feet	Need Exists	52,579	Square Feet