

POL.A.03.03 - Park Master Plans Policy

All land controlled by the District shall serve an intended park and recreation purpose which provides public benefit. The type of use may vary from a highly developed parcel which provides for active, programmed recreation and park services to one which is undeveloped and utilized as a passive open space site. Prior to committing to the development of a previously undeveloped open space, or redeveloping a park which significantly modifies its previous use and purpose, the Board will review and approve a Park Master Plan. This plan will govern the park site's development and will protect and preserve desirable qualities of the resource base.

Each Park Master Plan shall consist of a concept drawing which shows the spatial arrangements of various components of the plan, such as playground areas, athletic fields, buildings, pathways, landscape, etc.

Prior to adopting a park Master Plan, staff will hold a public meeting, if applicable, to gather input from the community and surrounding neighborhood. Input gathered from these meetings, along with recommendations and standards included in community and Park District planning documents, will be used by staff to develop a preliminary draft with cost estimates and will be presented to the Board for final approval. The Board shall endeavor to keep the master plan current and shall undertake a thorough review of the master plan at least as often as every 10 years.