

5. Parks

Public parks within the Eastvale Specific Plan shall conform to the following general design guidelines.

- a. Parks shall include at least five acres of developable land (i.e., relatively flat land that is not subject to unusual environmental or engineering constraints), except for miniparks (see item f, below).
- b. Parks shall be sited so that the majority of the population served can reach the park without crossing major barriers such as arterial highways, railroad tracks, flood control channels or other physical obstructions.
- c. It is desirable to locate parks adjacent to elementary schools, when possible, in order to maximize opportunities for joint use.
- d. Park design and features shall focus on recreational needs and amenities required to serve the specific plan. Large sports fields and other high-intensity athletic activities should not be located in neighborhood parks. These uses are more appropriately sited in larger community parks where they can be incorporated without displacing other types of activities and with substantial setbacks from adjacent residential areas.
- e. Appropriate features for neighborhood parks could include picnic areas, tot lot and play equipment, passive open space (turf and shade trees), jogging trails or par courses, unlighted ball fields, children's ball courts, and similar uses. Parking, bicycle racks, seating, and trash receptacles should be provided in every park. Parking may be omitted in miniparks with the approval of the responsible agency. Provision of restroom facilities should be determined case-by-case in consultation with the responsible agency, weighing the convenience for park users and opportunity for equipment storage for maintenance personnel against the maintenance expense and potential for increased crime and vandalism.
- f. Some park amenities may be provided in miniparks in lieu of traditional neighborhood parks. Miniparks are typically one to three acres in size and feature only a few recreational amenities, such as barbecues and picnic facilities, jogging trails and par course equipment, sand lot with play equipment, or simple passive recreation. Miniparks allow open space and recreational amenities to be distributed closer to more residents. On the other hand, they are limited in use and cannot offer the broader appeal possible in a larger park. Smaller parks are also more expensive to maintain. Development of miniparks is subject to approval by the agency responsible for operation and maintenance.
- g. Light standards in the parks shall be low-profile and fixtures shall be shielded so that rays are confined to the park property.

D. PLAN ADMINISTRATION

Although the Eastvale Specific Plan will be implemented through a variety of approval steps (zoning, site plans, parcel and tentative tract maps, etc.), the primary implementation tool is the specific plan itself which establishes the character of development through the definition of plan features, development standards and design concepts.