

Open Space Standards

X.X Open Space Standards

X.1A Purpose

The purpose of this Section is to provide a catalog of pre-approved Public Open Space types that are appropriate to use within walkable urban environments.

X.1B Applicability

1. This section describes the guidelines for development of Public Open Spaces in the Form-Based Code Area.
2. The Standards shall apply to all proposed development within Form-Based Code zones, and shall be considered in combination with the standards for the applicable zone.
3. Additional Public Open Spaces can be integrated into this section as they are approved by the City.

X.1C Design Objective

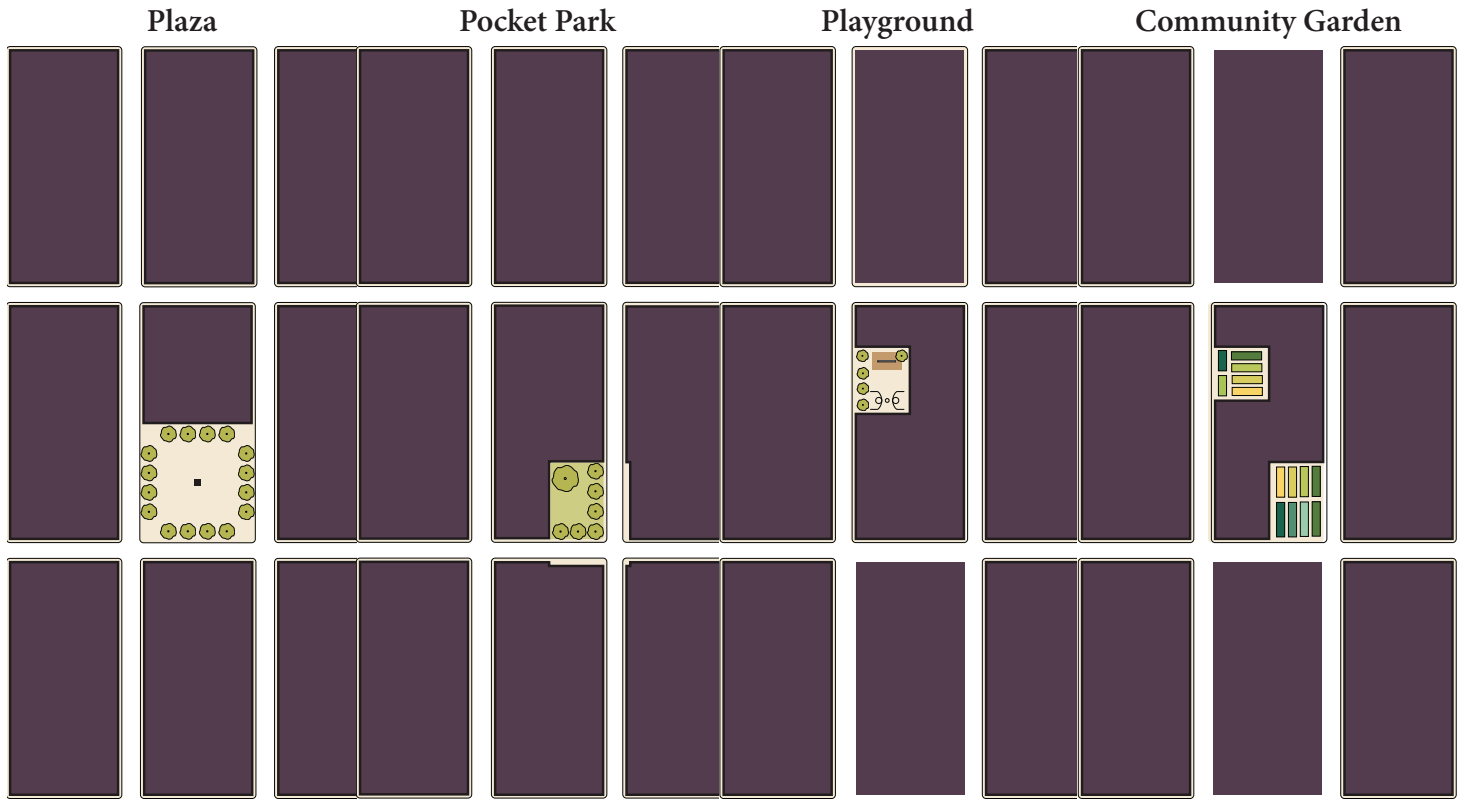
Open Spaces play an important role in place-making. Their standards must be considered alongside building form, building types, frontage types, and thoroughfares in creating urban environments.

X.1D Open Space Required

Each application that involves at least 4 acres shall be required to provide a minimum of five percent of the project area as open space. The required open space shall be designed in compliance with the applicable requirements from Table X.X

Table X.X Open Space Types

Open Space Type	Greenway				Green			Square	
Illustration									
Example of Intended Physical Character									
Description	A linear open space that can meet a variety of purposes, from recreation to environmental restoration.				An open space available for unstructured and limited amounts of structured recreation.			An open space available for civic purposes, unstructured and limited amounts of structured recreation.	
Size (min.)	Variable				1 acre to 15 acres			½ acre to 5 acres	
Frontage (min.)	Fronting lots encouraged to provide access and pleasant frontage.				2 streets			2 streets	
Typical Facilities	Passive and active recreation, accessory structure, drinking fountains, signs, benches, exercise equipment, benches, and paths				Passive and active recreation (unstructured or structured), accessory structure, drinking fountains, community facility < 5,000 gsf, and paths			Passive and active recreation (unstructured or structured), accessory structure, drinking fountains, community facility < 5,000 gsf, and paths	



An open space available for civic purposes and commercial activities. Building front-ages should define these spaces. Plazas are typically hardscaped.

½ acre to 2 ½ acres

2 streets

Passive recreation, accessory structure, drinking fountains, and paths



An open space available for informal activities in close proximity to neighborhood residences.

4,000 s.f. to ½ acre

1 street

Passive recreation, accessory structure, drinking fountains, and paths



An open space designed for the recreation of children and interspersed within residential areas. Playgrounds may be included within other open spaces.

There is no minimum or maximum size.

1 street

Accessory structures, drinking fountain, and paths



An open space designed as a grouping of plots for nearby residents for small-scale cultivation. Community Gardens may be included within other open spaces.

There is no minimum or maximum size.

1 street

Accessory structures, drinking fountain, and paths