

56.05 PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

56.05-1 Shared usage objective

To encourage the efficient use of public open space to meet diverse community needs.

Standard C15

Public open space should be designed:

- To encourage its use for a variety of purposes.
- To encourage shared use with other community facilities.

56.05-2 Public open space provision objectives

To ensure that public open space of appropriate quality and quantity is provided to contribute towards meeting the recreational and social needs of the community in convenient locations.

To incorporate natural and cultural features in the design of public open space where appropriate.

Standard C16

The location and design of open space should be consistent with any public open space plan or policy set out in this scheme.

The provision of public open space should:

- Provide a balance between local, district and regional open space.
- Take advantage of and protect natural and cultural features.
- Incorporate land for regional linear open space where appropriate.
- Provide for district parks of 3 hectare minimum, combining passive and active use, within 2 kilometres of all dwellings.
- Provide for large local parks of 1 hectare minimum, for active and passive use, within 500 metres safe walking distance from all dwellings.
- Provide for small local parks within 150 metres to 300 metres safe walking distance of all dwellings.
- Take into account shared use of active open space.
- Take into account land used for drainage control or stream and floodway purposes, if generally available for recreational use.

56.05-3 Public open space design objectives

To ensure that public open space of appropriate quality and quantity is provided to contribute towards meeting the recreational and social needs of the community in convenient locations.

To incorporate natural and cultural features into areas of public open space, where appropriate.

To ensure that public open space is designed and located to provide a safe environment for users and abutting and adjacent residents.

Standard C17

The location and design of public open space should take into account the following matters:

- The consistency of the location and function of the public open space with any metropolitan, regional or local public open space plan or policy, bicycle or walking trail network or structure plan set out in this scheme.
- The needs of the community to be served, the population density and the profile of user groups, including those with limited mobility.
- The distance and accessibility of open space to users.
- The physical characteristics of the land.
- The requirements for protection of existing trees, habitats, rocks, streams and other features of natural or cultural value.
- Proposed landscaping.
- The proposed maintenance program including responsibilities, requirements and costs.
- The opportunities to link open space into public open space and movement networks and to community facilities.
- The opportunity to use public open space for recreational and drainage purposes by the retention or creation of water features and land forming.
- The need for some areas of open space to be available for exercising pets.

Land provided for public open space should be:

- Of a quality and character that relates to its potential functions.
- Located to ensure that every lot in the subdivision is within 500 metres walking distance of an area of existing or proposed public open space.
- Related to the street and lot layout in a manner that promotes personal safety and surveillance for users of the public open space and surrounding areas.

Public open space should be:

- In parcels of 4000 square metres or greater in area, or
- A linear connection between streets, or to existing or proposed public open space, or
- Combined with existing or proposed public open space on adjacent land, or
- A small local park serving a neighbourhood within 300 metres safe walking distance.