

Parks Series Introduction

“Parks are the lungs of the city” (Frederick Law Olmstead). Sustaining a healthy parks and recreation system makes our region a great place to live, work and play. Parks can be used for both active and passive recreation, community events, educational purposes and other activities. This series includes photos of several different types of parks. While viewing these photos you may choose to consider how the following keywords apply to each photo. Then, consider how these keywords may apply to similar, present and future parks within your community.

Park Definition:

Any public or private land available for recreational, educational, cultural, or aesthetic use. (*Mankato, Minnesota*)

Keywords:

access, active and passive recreation, aesthetic and environmental concern, bike lock areas, botanical garden parks, close proximity to residential areas, green infrastructure, green parks, green space, open space, place of refuge in heavily populated areas, playgrounds, public events, security, sport fields, sport parks, trails, water features, water parks