

CITY OF BAKERSFIELD PARK CLASSIFICATION STUDY

ZONE: CENTRAL			
Priority:	High	Medium	Low
Park Plaza			
Neighborhood Park			
Community Park			
Greenway			

ZONE: NORTHEAST			
Priority:	High	Medium	Low
Park Plaza			
Neighborhood Park			
Community Park			
Regional Park			
Special Use Parks			
Open Space Area			
Greenway			



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The City of Bakersfield Department of Recreation and Parks System Wide Parks Plan is an effort to establish a park system that meets the needs of city residents not only at the present time but well into the future. This Plan should be helpful to anyone concerned with the present and future park system of the City of Bakersfield.

➤ **OBSERVATIONS**

To better understand the issues facing the City of Bakersfield Recreation and Park efforts, a multitude of studies were conducted. A park classification system was developed and recommendations made based on the careful analysis and combined influences of:

- The population of the city, its past growth patterns, current distribution and future projections.
- The currently provided park resources, their size, location and amenities.

➤ **RECOMMENDATIONS**

It is recommended that the City of Bakersfield Department of Recreation and Parks:

- Use the Park Classification System (enclosed) that identifies eight (8) park types with associated acre ranges, population radius, distance radius, and general characteristics. This park classification is unique to Bakersfield and is designed to meet both current and future needs of the citizens.
- Use the park planning zone approach to the planning of future parks by dividing the city into five (5) planning zones: central, northeast, northwest, southwest and southeast.
- Interface the park classification system with the park planning zones to create a system wide park plan. At this point in time, the following appear to be the appropriate park planning zone priorities: