

Required and Optional Facilities, Amenities, and Services

When new development occurs and there is to be a park incorporated within the new development, this table will serve as a guide for the City as to what should be put in the park based on the type of park that is being built. These required and optional choices are displayed in the following table and are divided into three categories, including:

Park and Recreation Facilities, such as play structures and basketball courts

Park and Recreation Amenities, such as security lighting and drinking fountains

Park and Recreation Services, such as reservation requirements and maintenance

Required and optional facilities, amenities, and services are to serve as a guide for the City of Lexington. It is the responsibility of the City to determine which facilities, amenities, and services are or are not feasible in existing and proposed parks. The required facilities are recommended for existing parks, but due to physical limitations and space constraints they may not be added. In proposed parks, future demand for certain facilities, amenities, and services and the recreational preferences of users may change over time. Therefore, these guidelines may change or be revised to respond to the future demand of Lexington residents. Each park will be looked at individually to determine the physical capacity of providing basic requirements and to determine needs and wants of residents served by that park. Each park is different and these differences will be considered when determining which facilities will be included in each park. The City shall strive to provide the basic requirements in all of its parks and careful consideration shall be given to each proposed park and trail through the City's approval of such facility.

Even though the list of facilities, amenities, and services is extensive, it is likely other items not listed will be requested to be included in the park and recreation system. Each new facility and service requested shall be analyzed according to public demand, site/location criteria, operating implications, and other relevant criteria.

Possible Facilities	Mini-Park	Neighborhood Park	Community Park	Large Urban/Regional Park	School-Park	Special Use Facility	Sports Complex	Trail / Greenway
Park and Recreation Facilities								
Play Equipment/Structures	O	R	R	O	R	O	O	O
Open Play Area	R	R	R	R	R	O	O	O
Soccer Fields	-	O	O	O	O	O	O	-
Softball Fields	-	O	O	O	O	O	O	-
Baseball Fields	-	O	O	O	O	O	O	-
Paved Multi-use Areas	O	R	R	O	R	O	O	-
Tennis Courts	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	-
Basketball Courts	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	-
Volleyball Courts	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	-
Multi-Purpose Trails	O	R	R	R	R	O	O	O
Picnic Facilities (shelters)	R	R	R	R	O	O	O	O
Special/Unique Features	O	R	R	R	O	O	O	O
Natural Areas	O	O	O	R	O	O	O	O
Trees/Shaded Areas	R	R	R	R	R	O	R	R
Special Use Facilities	-	O	O	O	O	R	O	O
Swimming Pool		O	O	O	O	O	O	-
Aquatic Center	-	-	O	O	O	O	O	-
Wading Pool	O	O	O	O	O	O	-	-
Ice Skating Park	-	O	O	O	O	O	-	-
Amphitheater/Outdoor Gathering Area	-	O	O	O	O	O	-	O
Arboretum/Botanical Gardens	-	O	O	O	-	O	O	O
Fine Arts Facility/Public Art Displays	-	-	O	O	-	O	-	O
Community Center or Indoor Rec.	-	O	O	O	O	O	O	-
Camping Facilities (RV facilities)	-	-	-	O	-	O	-	-
Dog Park	-	-	O	O	-	O	-	O
Horseshoes	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	-
Disc/Frisbee Golf	-	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Roller Hockey	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	-
Football/Rugby Field	-	-	O	O	O	O	O	-
Outdoor or Exercise Circuit	-	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Skating Facility (indoor/skateboard)	-	O	O	O	-	O	O	O
High-Risk Area	-	-	O	O	-	O	O	-
Golf Course	-	-	O	O	-	O	O	O
Youth Sports Complex	-	O	O	O	-	O	O	-
Competitive Sports Facility	-	-	O	O	-	O	O	-
Park and Recreation Amentities								
Security Lighting	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	O/R*
Activity Lighting	O	O	R	O	O	O	R	-
Public Telephone	O	O	R	R	R	R	R	O
Off Street Parking	O	R	R	R	R	R	R	O/R*
Bike Racks	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	O/R*
Restrooms	O	R	R	R	R	O	R	O/R*
Drinking Fountains	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	O/R*
Benches	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Picnic Tables	O	R	R	R	O	O	R	O
Signage	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Information Kiosks	-	-	O	O	-	O	O	O
ADA Accessibility	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Park and Recreation Services								
Security**	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Emergency Telephone Service	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Reservations for Facility Use (shelters, group picnics, sportsleagues, for-profit use)	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	-
Activities/Facilities for Groups, Companies, Teams	-	O	R	R	O	O	R	O
Special Events (programs, concerts, fairs)	O	O	O	O	O	O	O	O
Facilities and Grounds Maintenance	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
<p>R : Required Facility/Service O : Optional Facility/Service (Dashes): Not Appropriate * : Optional for Greenway, Required for Trail ** : May include, but not listed to, police patrols, private security, neighborhood watches, park design, to eliminate hidden places, structure design and lighting, and /or location markers on trail.</p> <p>Note: This does not preclude the addition of the other unlisted facilities and services as optional.</p>								

Table 54: Required and Optional Facilities and Services.