

# ADEQUATE RECREATIONAL FACILITIES UNDER CITY CODE CHAPTER 22.20

## *MOVING TO EQUITABLE*

October 2, 2020

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Via Google Meets

# AGENDA

1. Introductions
  2. Summary from last meeting
  3. Research Areas:
    - a. Refine “equitable” definition
    - b. Other jurisdictions best practices
    - c. National standards for parks
    - d. Priority list
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  5. Next steps
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# SUMMARY FROM LAST MEETING

## MOVING TO EQUITABLE

How do we define equitable?

Access for families with young children to parks and facilities e.g. playgrounds?

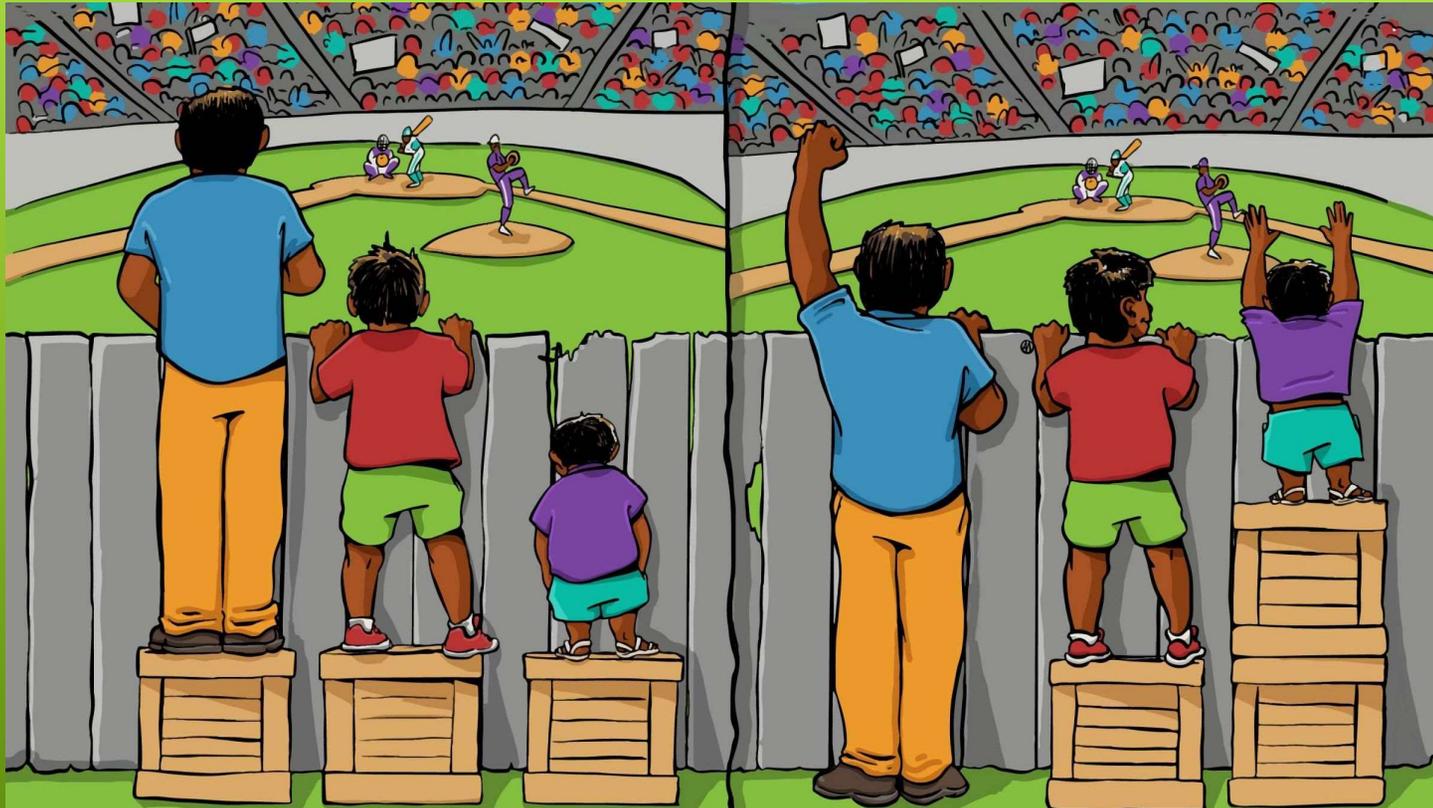
Access for “seniors/elderly”?

Access for the disabled?

**Goal:** To ensure that everyone in Annapolis has equal access to

- (1) healthy green land use through planning by and for the community;
- (2) climate justice;
- (3) physical education;
- (4) health equity and wellness

Sentiment from <https://www.cityprojectca.org/>



**EQUALITY**

**EQUITY**

## OTHER JURISDICTIONS

<http://www.waunakee.com/DocumentCenter/View/3815/11-Appendix-B-Classifications-and-Facility-Guidelinespdf>

Waunakee, Wisconsin

<https://www.codepublishing.com/WA/Stanwood/html/Stanwood17/Stanwood17147.html>

Stanwood, WA

[https://library.municode.com/il/aurora/codes/code of ordinances?nodeId=COOR\\_CH23IMDEFE](https://library.municode.com/il/aurora/codes/code%20of%20ordinances?nodeId=COOR_CH23IMDEFE)

Aurora, IL

# METRICS

## NRPA Park Metrics Replaces NRPA Areas and Facilities Standards

<https://www.nrpa.org/publications-research/ParkMetrics/>

The typical park and recreation agency offers one park for every 2,281 residents served, with 9.9 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. But park and recreation agencies are as diverse as the communities that they serve.

Annapolis offers one park for every 975 residents

### The Trust for Public Land

Annapolis, MD

73% of Annapolis residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park

3% of Annapolis's city land is used for parks and recreation

<https://parkserve.tpl.org/mapping/index.html?CityID=2401600>

# PRIORITY LIST

## POTENTIAL PROJECTS

1. Remediate the shore line around the hiking trail at Truxtun park (starts at water access and goes around the patch of land on Spa Creek) as the shoreline is deteriorating and the trails are subject to erosion
2. Completion of the Truxtun Park tennis courts (has been ongoing and botched as it is into its 3rd year)
3. Repair and improvement of Clay Street dock, and dock in Eastport on Hawkins Cove near public housing community in Eastport for fishing and water access
4. Care and maintenance of Weems-Whalen field next to Bates Middle
5. Extension of bike trails/walking trails in and across Annapolis to connect public housing communities with public transport, shopping and other areas of the Community
6. There should be a playground within a certain number of miles from every home in Annapolis-possibly a 15 minute walk
7. Increase the Fee-in-lieu to help offset the cost to maintain parks and trails. For instance, the amount of work to rid the invasive species damaging the trees in the Truxun Park walking paths is substantial. If staff is not going to do it, can we start a fund to pay a contractor or incentivize local groups?
8. Increase the Fee-in-lieu so that we maintain our water access points. We would like a floating dock at Wells Cove, where there is access to the water but you can't get in and out of a kayak because it is being blocked off by a private floating dock.
9. Increase the Fee-in-lieu to help the Annapolis Conservancy Board maintain the areas in Conservation Easements like Jones Cove forest off Chester Ave, which wraps around to Watergate Village entrance.
10. Hawkins Cove - establish water access.

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## POTENTIAL CODE CHANGES

1. Rather than collecting fee-in-lieu, I feel the developer should be required to develop new recreation space or improve existing property. We could create a priority project list and provide it to the developer. The first goal should be to create the recreation space onsite then move offsite if onsite is not feasible. It's going to be difficult for existing staff to create all this new recreation space, I suggest we make the developer complete it
2. Parks must be within ½ mile of development by pedestrians having access to sidewalk
3. Change the standard so that at least 70% of the APF compliance must be park/recreation space and 30% can be the increased fee-in-lieu.

# PRIORITY LIST

## INFORMATION WE NEED TO MOVE FORWARD

1. Written definitions of recreational space for our city
2. Plot what we have with a definition of what type of rec space it is.
3. Show with an overlay, communities served.
4. Produce a defensible "in lieu of payment" for various parts of the city
5. Determine our rec space ratio / break it down by communities
6. Determine our goals by community
7. Identify and list all the new greenspace and water access points the city would like to acquire in the new Comp. Plan so that as Program Open Space money becomes available we can apply for it as well as grants.
8. Increase Fee-in-lieu to have some relation to the facility that should be provided. \$250 per unit has no relationship to the real cost of adding new parks or even improving existing parks in a meaningful way. If we want to add a few new parks especially in undeserved areas, we need to determine the cost in Annapolis for land on which a park would be located? That should form the basis of the fee.

# NEXT STEPS

## 1. Revisit 2009 Comprehensive Plan policies

To respond to the primary challenges, the City embraces three main policies;

- ▶ Enhance existing parks and facilities, with the objective of supporting structured and informal recreation, protecting the natural environment, and encouraging human health and fitness.
- ▶ Complete the network of pedestrian and bicycle pathways.
- ▶ Expansion of the parks system should be undertaken selectively and strategically, with the objective of taking advantage of rare opportunities, providing parks and recreation services to underserved areas, allowing public access to the waterfront, and furthering environmental goals.

<https://www.annapolis.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1235/Chapter-6-Parks-PDF>

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## 4. Make sure that what we are doing is flexible and can adapt to changing needs in the community and the different needs among communities