

4.14 PARKS AND RECREATION

4.14.1 METHODOLOGY

This section discusses parks and recreational facilities in the City of Arcadia, based on a review of reports and information available from the City's Recreation and Community Services Department, the adopted *Arcadia General Plan*, and the draft Parks, Recreation and Community Resources Element of the 2010 General Plan Update.

4.14.2 RELEVANT PROGRAMS AND REGULATIONS

Laws, regulations, and codes that address parks and recreational facilities and services in the City are discussed below.

State

Quimby Act

California allows a city or county to pass an ordinance that requires, as a condition of approval of a subdivision, either the dedication of land, the payment of a fee in lieu of dedication, or a combination of both for park or recreational purposes (*California Government Code* §66477). This legislation, commonly called the "Quimby Act", establishes a maximum parkland dedication standard of 3 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents for new subdivision development unless the amount of existing neighborhood and community parkland exceeds that limit.

Local

Municipal Code

Zoning Regulations

Article IX, Chapter 2 of the *Arcadia Municipal Code* contains the City's Zoning Regulations, which require multi-family developments to provide on-site private and public open space areas. Developments in the R-2, Medium Density Multiple Family Residential Zone, must provide at least 300 square feet (sf) of contiguous private open space for each ground floor dwelling unit (du) or 100 sf within a private balcony or deck for units without ground floor living areas. Developments with 10 du or more must set aside 28 percent of the total lot area as open space, with at least 2 percent of the total lot area in a common recreational/leisure area. No more than 10 percent of the required open space may be in balconies or decks and at least 50 percent of the required open space shall be landscaped and provided with a permanent irrigation system.

Developments in the R-3, Multiple-Family Zone must provide at least 200 sf of contiguous private open space for each ground floor unit; 230 sf if the open space is used as the main access to the unit; or 100 sf within a private balcony or deck for units without ground floor living areas. Developments with 10 du or more shall set aside 28 percent of the total lot area as open space, with at least 2 percent of the total lot area in a common recreational/leisure area. No more than 10 percent of the required open space may be in balconies or decks and at least 50 percent of the required open space shall be landscaped and provided with a permanent irrigation system.

Park Facilities Impact Fees

Ordinance 2237 was adopted by the City in January 2008 to establish the Park Facilities Impact Fee Program to collect development impact fees to fund the provision and/or expansion of parks and recreational facilities for new development. The Park Facilities Impact Fee Program is contained in Article II, Chapter 5, Part 3, Division I of the *Arcadia Municipal Code* and the City's Park and Recreational Facilities Tax is contained in Article II, Chapter 6, Part 9.5 of the *Arcadia Municipal Code*. These programs establish a fair share cost fee schedule based on the cost per capita to provide the existing facilities, translated into a fee per square foot of new development, according to average densities and dwelling unit sizes. The fee includes the cost to acquire the land and develop the recreational facilities, along with administration of the program.

Parks Rehabilitation Master Plan

In 2001, the City adopted the 15-year Parks Rehabilitation Master Plan, which identifies needed park and equipment improvements, such as the replacement of old playground equipment, lighting fixtures and irrigation systems, based on a playground safety audit and an analysis of park infrastructure. Many of the improvements have been completed to-date.

Youth Master Plan Update

The Youth Master Plan Update (adopted in 2002) identifies a prioritized list of recreational facilities and after-school programs that would serve the needs of Arcadia's youth. This update builds upon the Youth Master Plan that was developed in 1997, with which a number of proposals have been implemented and are ongoing. Existing programs include after-school classes, expanded dial-a-ride services, upgraded recreational facilities, various sports activities, after-school daycare services, recreational activities, intervention/tutorial programs, and club activities.

Based on surveys, interviews, and focused group discussions for the update, the primary need was identified for the high school youth. The top five proposals in the Youth Master Plan Update include Counseling Support, an Activity Center, Recreational Activities, Library Services, and Tutoring. Funding for these proposals would come from the City and the Arcadia Unified School District (AUSD).

Recreation and Community Services Strategic Plan

The City developed this Strategic Plan in 2006 as a vision for the Recreation and Community Services Department's priorities for the development of recreational facilities and programs. The document evaluates staffing, programs, and services in the Recreation and Community Services Department, City parks, and other recreational facilities in Arcadia. The Strategic Plan recommends a number of actions to meet community needs, including:

- Improvement of existing and development of new recreational facilities;
- Continued recreation programs and services;
- Support and cooperation with volunteers, non-profit organizations, service clubs, and local businesses in recreational program provision;
- Development and support of volunteer programs;
- Regular feedback from the community;

- Consideration of a community foundation to receive donations; and
- Well-trained and effective staff.

Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan was adopted in 2007 and identifies existing parks and recreational facilities, programs, and services provided by the City of Arcadia, the AUSD, the County of Los Angeles, and private entities. As part of the Master Plan development, discussions with the Recreation and Parks Commission, a community forum, and resident surveys identified the need for the upkeep of existing facilities and for new and additional facilities. The Master Plan reiterated the actions called for in the Recreation and Community Services Strategic Plan, as listed above. In addition, needed upgrades to existing facilities and construction of new facilities were also identified, which include a new gymnasium, athletic field lighting, restrooms, baseball field improvements, fencing, playground equipment, athletic field and game court surfacing, renovation/expansion of meeting and nature centers, Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements, and various infrastructure improvements.

4.14.3 EXISTING CONDITIONS

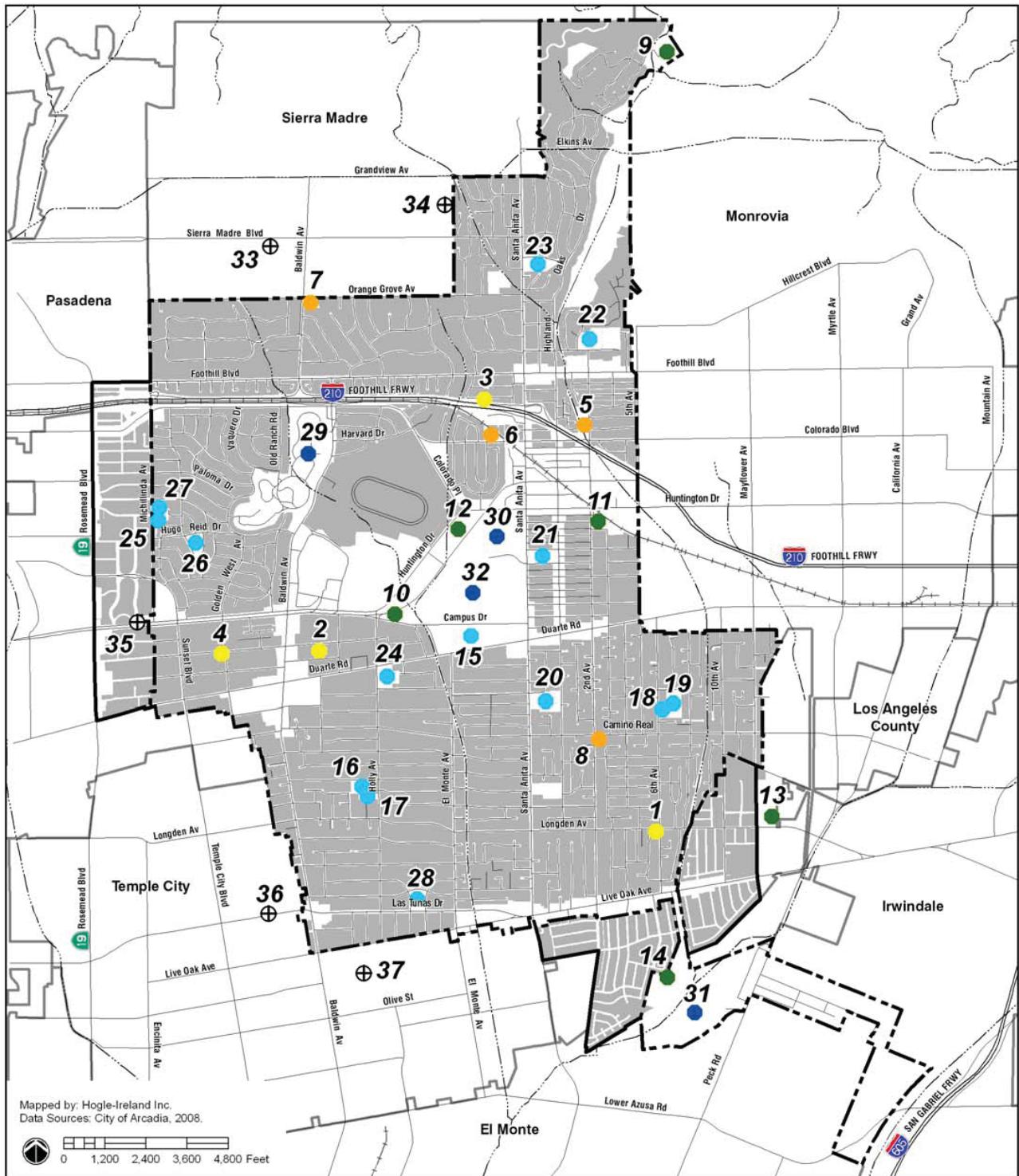
City Recreational Facilities

The City of Arcadia has approximately 785 acres of parkland, park facilities, and open space areas. These facilities include 13 City parks, 4 County parks, and several joint use facilities with the AUSD. Approximately 550 acres are located within parks and recreational facilities operated by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation. Another 25.5 acres are in a privately owned Par 3 golf course that is open to the public.

The City and the AUSD have a joint use and maintenance agreement for the use of City-owned recreational facilities by local schools and the use of school recreational facilities during after-school hours. Approximately 63 acres of ball fields, game courts, and other facilities within 11 schools are available for public use during after-school hours under the joint use agreement. Table 4.14-1 lists the parks and recreational facilities in the City and Exhibit 4.14-1 shows their locations.

TABLE 4.14-1
CITY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

| Map Key | Name/Location | Size (acres) | Facilities |
|---------------------------|--|--------------|--|
| Mini Parks | | | |
| 1 | Bicentennial Park: Sixth and Longden Avenues | 0.63 | Tennis courts, play area, picnic sites |
| 2 | Fairview Avenue Park: 542 Fairview Avenue | 0.91 | Picnic sites |
| 3 | Forest Avenue Park: 132 Forest Avenue | 0.26 | Picnic sites |
| 4 | Tripolis Friendship Park: Golden West and Fairview Avenues | 0.34 | Play area, picnic sites |
| Total Acres | | 2.14 | |
| Neighborhood Parks | | | |
| 5 | Eisenhower Park and Dog Park: Second Avenue and Colorado Boulevard | 5.39 | Baseball field, bleachers, batting cage, game courts and fields, picnic shelter, play area, dog park |

**City Parks**

- Mini Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Joint-Use Parks and Facilities
- County Parks and Facilities

Parks Outside City

- ⊕ 33 - Sierra Madre Park
- ⊕ 34 - Sierra Vista Park
- ⊕ 35 - Michillinda Park
- ⊕ 36 - Temple City Park
- ⊕ 37 - Live Oak Park

- General Plan Residential Land Uses
- City Boundary
- Sphere of Influence
- Freeway
- Railroad
- City Road
- Water Feature

Source: Hogle-Ireland, Inc. 2010

Parks and Recreational Facilities

Arcadia General Plan Update

**Exhibit 4.14-1**

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TABLE 4.14-1(Continued)
CITY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

| Map Key | Name/Location | Size (acres) | Facilities |
|------------------------|--|------------------|---|
| 6 | Newcastle Park: 143 Colorado Boulevard | 2.64 | Tennis courts, handball courts, sand volleyball courts, play area, picnic sites |
| 7 | Orange Grove Park: Orange Grove and Baldwin Avenues | 2.66 | Tennis courts, play area, picnic sites |
| 8 | Tierra Verde Park: Second and Camino Real Avenues | 1.55 | Tennis courts, play area, picnic sites |
| | Total Acres | 12.24 | |
| Community Parks | | | |
| 9 | Wilderness Park: 2240 Highland Oaks Drive | 120.0 | 8.7 acres developed with nature center, pond, trails, amphitheater, picnic sites, open field |
| Special Parks | | | |
| 10 | Arcadia Community Center/Senior Center: 365 Campus Drive | 4.98 | 18800 sf multi-purpose community center./senior center |
| 11 | Bonita Park and Skate Park: Second Avenue and Bonita Street | 3.38 | Baseball diamond, bleachers, batting cage, picnic sites, play area, skate park |
| 12 | Civic Center Athletic Field: 240 W. Huntington Drive | 2.24 | Open field for soccer, bleachers |
| 13 | Longden Park: 1179 Longden Avenue | 0.99 | Baseball diamond, batting cage, bleachers |
| 14 | Par-3 Golf Course: 620 East Live Oak Avenue | 25.5 | 18-hole par 3 golf course, driving range, putting green, pro shop |
| | Total Acres | 37.09 | |
| Map Key | Joint-Use Parks and Facilities | School Site Size | Recreational Facility Acreage |
| 15 | Arcadia High School: 180 Campus Drive | 40.93 | 20.47 acres of game courts and athletic fields, swimming pools, track, stadium |
| 16,17 | Baldwin Stocker Elementary School and Park: 422 West Lemon Avenue | 5.75 | 2.88 acres of basketball courts, baseball diamond, picnic table and open field |
| 18,19 | Camino Grove Elementary School: 1420 Sixth Avenue | 8.18 | 1.8 acres of city park and 4.09 acres by basketball courts, baseball diamond, tennis courts, picnic areas, play area |
| 20 | Dana Middle School: 1401 First Avenue | 10.92 | 5.46 acres of basketball courts and open field |
| 21 | First Avenue Middle School: 301 South First Avenue | 6.68 | 3.3 acres of basketball courts and open field |
| 22 | Foothills Middle School: 171 Sycamore Avenue | 13.43 | 6.72 acres of track, open field, baseball field and basketball courts |
| 23 | Highland Oaks Elementary: 10 Virginia Drive | 7.67 | 3.84 acres of picnic areas, basketball courts and open field |
| 24 | Holly Avenue Elementary School: 360 West Duarte Road | 7.95 | 3.98 acres of tennis courts, basketball courts, open field |
| 25,26 | Hugo Reid Elementary School: 1000 Hugo Reid Road | 4.83 | 4.35 acres of city park and 2.42 acres of tennis courts, open field, baseball diamond, play area, bleachers, batting cage |
| 27 | Hugo Reid Primary School: 1153 De Anza Place | 0.98 | 0.98 acres |

TABLE 4.14-1(Continued)
CITY PARKS AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES

| Map Key | Name/Location | Size (acres) | Facilities |
|------------------------------------|--|---------------------------|--|
| 28 | Longley Way Elementary School: 2601 Longley Way | 5.12 | 2.56 acres of baseball diamond, basketball courts and open field |
| Total Acres | | 112.44^a | 62.87 of recreational facilities |
| County Parks and Facilities | | | |
| 29 | Los Angeles County Arboretum and Botanical Garden: 301 North Baldwin Avenue | 119.40 | Gardens, ponds, waterfall, trails, historic structures, fountains, gift shop, library, classrooms, conference hall |
| 30 | Arcadia County Park: 405 South Santa Anita Avenue | 181.70 | baseball diamonds, bowling greens, play areas, community room, open field, swimming pool, tennis courts |
| 31 | Peck Road Water Conservation Park: 5401 North Peck Road | 119.97 | hiking trails, fishing lake |
| 32 | Santa Anita Golf Course: 405 South Santa Anita Avenue | 129.68 | 18-hole golf course |
| Total Acres | | 550.75 | |
| Total Acreage | | 785.09 | |

Notes: The Santa Anita Racetrack is not included because of the ongoing decline in use of the facility and anticipated reuse opportunities. A gymnasium is also under construction at Dana Middle School at this time (2010).

^a Only 62.87 acres of the school sites are developed with recreational facilities, as used in the calculation of total acreage of park facilities

Source: Arcadia 2007

Adjusting for access restrictions to private facilities, facility fee charges, and school facility availability, Arcadia residents enjoy open access to approximately 135 acres of park facilities within the City. Based on a 2009 population estimate of 56,547 persons, the City of Arcadia currently provides 2.38 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, which is slightly below the standard used in the development of the Park Facilities Impact Fee of 2.43 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, which was the parkland ratio to residents in 2006.

Park development, renovation, and maintenance are provided by the Arcadia Department of Public Works Services, while recreational programs and services (classes, leagues, camps, nature programs, excursions, and family events) are provided by the Department of Recreation and Community Services, the AUSD, commercial businesses, community groups, and youth sports groups.

Regional Recreational Facilities

The Angeles National Forest is located at the San Gabriel Mountains just north of the City. This National Forest has a natural environment, offering scenic views, with developed campgrounds, picnic areas, and opportunities for swimming, fishing, and skiing. Walking and hiking trails wind throughout the forest for use by hikers, equestrians, mountain bikers, and off-highway vehicle enthusiasts.

Over 36,000 acres within the Angeles National Forest are designated as the San Gabriel Wilderness Area. This natural preserve is located east of State Route (SR) 2 and north and northeast of Arcadia, and features rugged terrain with dense chaparral on the lower slopes and pine and fir trees on the higher slopes. Bear Creek Trail, Mount Waterman Trail, and Devil's Canyon Trail lead into the wilderness area from the San Gabriel Valley. Access to the

Angeles National Forest is available from the City through Santa Anita Avenue/Santa Anita Canyon Road.

4.14.4 THRESHOLDS OF SIGNIFICANCE

The following significance criteria are derived from Appendix G of the State CEQA Guidelines. A project would result in a significant adverse impact on parks and recreation if it would:

Threshold 4.14a: Increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated; and/or

Threshold 4.14b: Include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment;

In addition, as noted in Section 4.14, Public Services, the analysis of parks under the following threshold has been included in this section, as it more closely relates to Thresholds 4.14a and 4.14 b.

Threshold 4.13a: Result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered park facilities, need for new or physically altered park facilities, the construction of which would cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for parks.

4.14.5 GENERAL PLAN GOALS, POLICIES, AND IMPLEMENTATION ACTIONS

A number of goals and policies in the 2010 General Plan Update address the current availability and future provision of parks and recreational services in the City. Implementation of these goals and policies would lead to the development of parkland and recreational facilities to serve existing and future developments. The relevant goals and policies include:

Policy LU-1.9: *Establish incentives and development standards to encourage development of land uses that provide public amenities and/or desirable facilities or features, as well as private open space and recreation areas.*

Policy LU-4.3: *Require the provision of adequate private and common open space for residential units. Require sufficient on-site recreational facilities to meet the daily needs of residents, if possible, commensurate with the size of the development.*

Goal LU-9: *Preservation of the City's existing natural and recreation-oriented open space areas.*

Policy LU-9.1: *Ensure that new development does not infringe upon open space areas.*

Policy LU-9.2: *Maintain open spaces consistent with the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Element and the Resource Sustainability Element.*

Policy LU-9.3: *Consider creative open space uses such as native landscaping, community gardens, or creation of wildlife habitat along right-of-ways or other public spaces.*

Goal PR-1: *Providing superior parks, public spaces, and recreation facilities to meet the community's evolving needs.*

Policy PR-1.1: *Maintain a system of City parks and recreation facilities that provide a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities throughout the City.*

Policy PR-1.2: *Strive to provide a minimum of 2.43 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.*

Policy PR-1.3: *Provide parks and recreation facilities that are appropriate for the individual neighborhoods in which they are located, reflect the needs and interests of the population they serve, and meet the performance standards identified in the General Plan.*

Policy PR-1.4: *Require parkland dedications, provision of on-site usable public space, and/or payment of in-lieu fees for development projects involving new residential construction.*

Policy PR-1.5: *Maximize public space by requiring plazas and similar spaces in private developments that can serve multiple uses, including recreation and public gathering areas.*

Policy PR-1.6: *Prioritize acquisition of land for parks in neighborhoods that are underserved (Figure PR-2).*

Policy PR-1.7: *Locate new community facilities in neighborhoods and centers where they will serve populations of the greatest needs.*

Policy PR-1.8: *Explore opportunities to create joint-use community space at facilities owned by private organizations such as faith-based groups, service clubs, banks, and hospitals.*

Policy PR-1.9: *Continue to coordinate with the Arcadia Unified School District to supplement City park facilities through joint-use agreements.*

Policy PR-1.10: *Explore the conversion of marginal lands, such as street corridors, parkways, and public property between buildings, to serve as recreation and green spaces.*

Policy PR-1.11: *Work with neighboring communities and County agencies to establish joint-use of park and recreation facilities, and to preserve open space resources, including trails that may lie outside the City's jurisdiction but which are important to meet the demands of Arcadia residents.*

Policy PR-1.12: *Maintain and enhance pedestrian, bicycle, and transit linkages to provide better access to parks, recreation, and public spaces and meet the needs of Arcadia residents.*

Policy PR-1.13: *Improve existing park and recreation facilities pursuant to the Fifteen-Year Parks Rehabilitation Master Plan.*

Policy PR-1.14: Periodically adjust and update development fee programs to accumulate funds for the acquisition and improvement of parks and recreation facilities commensurate with identified need.

Policy PR-1.15: Incorporate flexible design characteristics into the renovation of existing and development of new parks and community facilities.

Policy PR-1.16: Perform regular maintenance of facilities to ensure proper working order of all recreation facilities and equipment.

Policy PR-1.17: Develop, obtain, and install recommended equipment and facilities as described in Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

Policy PR-1.18: Develop additional indoor facilities for senior citizens, youth, and overall community use.

Policy PR-1.19: Retrofit, when feasible, parks and recreation facilities to provide disability access.

Policy PR-1.20: Design and re-design parks to reflect the latest recreational features that are responsive to population trends and community needs.

Goal PR-2: Preserving open space resources to meet the City's recreation and conservation needs.

Policy PR-2.1: Coordinate with Los Angeles County to ensure the preservation and maintenance of the Peck Road Water Conservation Park as a multi-use facility, including recreation uses.

Policy PR-2.2: Coordinate with Los Angeles County to investigate the long-term possibility of multi-use functions for the Santa Anita sediment basins.

Policy PR-2.3: Maintain and enhance the trail system in Wilderness Park to provide connections to lands and open space resources in adjacent jurisdictions.

Policy PR-2.4: Maximize the retention of natural open spaces within any hillside development projects.

Policy PR-2.5: Maintain open space features that are critical components of the City's flood control system.

Goal PR-4: A network of City, school, and private community facilities that provides spaces for recreation, education, enrichment, and social service programs

Policy PR-4.1: Maintain the Arcadia Community Center in superior condition so that it can meet diverse community needs.

Policy PR-4.2: Look for opportunities to provide additional City-owned community facilities, such as performance space, a gymnasium, or multi-purpose building, which can provide additional space for emerging and evolving community needs. Examine how such facilities might be incorporated onto the grounds surrounding City Hall and the Police Station.

Policy PR-4.3: Strengthen joint-use agreements with the Arcadia Unified School District and Los Angeles County to expand the types of local facilities that can be available to the community.

Policy PR-4.4: Partner with non-profit and faith-based organizations for the use of their facilities and their use of City buildings.

Policy PR-4.5: Investigate opportunities for partnering with commercial entities for the development and use of private spaces for City-sponsored activities and events.

Policy PR-4.6: Provide greater access for community and cultural organizations to community centers and cultural facilities.

Policy PR-4.7: Prioritize the development of needed facilities, such as a multi-purpose facility, as described in Arcadia's Department of Recreation and Community Services 2006 Strategic Plan.

A number of implementation actions, as set forth in Chapter 10, Implementation Plan, of the 2010 General Plan Update, would reduce impacts related to parks and recreation. These actions include the following:

Implementation Action 7-1: Implement Master Plans

Implementation Action 7-2: Financing and Acquisition of Parks and Open Space

Implementation Action 7-3: Joint Use Facilities

Implementation Action 7-4: Design for Emerging Uses of Parks and Public Spaces

Implementation Action 7-5: Recreation Facility Development in Underserved Areas

Implementation Action 7-6: Recreation Programs

Implementation Action 7-7: Coordination with Local Sports Groups

4.14.6 STANDARD CONDITIONS

There are existing regulations that relate to the provision of parks and recreational facilities in the City. Compliance with these Standard Conditions (SCs) would meet the demand for parks and recreational facilities from future developments. These include the following:

SC 4.14-1: Future residential development shall comply with the City's Ordinance 2237, which requires new residential developments to pay applicable Park Facilities Impact Fees to fund the provision and/or expansion of parks and recreational facilities to serve new development.

SC 4.14-2: Future residential development shall comply with Article IX, Chapter 2 of the Arcadia Municipal Code, which requires multi-family residential developments to provide on-site private and common open space areas. The open space and recreational facility requirements depend on the zoning of the project site and the size of development.

4.14.7 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Future residential development pursuant to the proposed 2010 General Plan Update would generate a demand and a requirement for the development of additional parks and recreational

facilities. Non-residential development is not likely to create a direct demand for parks and recreational facilities.

Increased Use of Parks

Threshold 4.14a: Would the proposed 2010 General Plan Update increase the use of existing neighborhood and regional parks or other recreational facilities such that substantial physical deterioration of the facility would occur or be accelerated?

Future development of residential properties pursuant to the proposed General Plan Update could lead to an increase in the population within the Planning Area by approximately 9,256 persons. These residents are expected to create a demand for parks and recreational facilities and are likely to use both existing and planned parks and recreational facilities in the City, as well as parks in the surrounding area. These include City parks, school facilities, County parks and recreational facilities, private recreational facilities, and recreational areas at the Angeles National Forest. Non-residential development is not likely to create a direct demand for parks and recreational facilities.

The City's Parks and Recreation Master Plan will continue to be implemented (for the improvement of existing parks and recreational facilities, as well as the development of new facilities to meet City needs). Future residential development would also need to pay Park Facilities Impact Fees (SC 4.14-1) for the development of new or expanded park facilities in the City. The fees would allow the City to provide 2.43 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, and meet City standards. Future multi-family residential development would also need to provide on-site open space and recreational facilities, as required under the Arcadia Zoning Regulations (SC 4.14-2).

Improvement and expansion of existing parks and facilities would be made through implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, payment of Park Facilities Impact Fees by new residential development, and the provision of on-site open space and recreational facilities by multi-family residential developments. These improvements would reduce the use and accompanying deterioration that may occur on existing park facilities due to the increase in the City's resident population.

The Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Element in the General Plan Update shows the City's commitment to providing the facilities to meet resident demand for parks and recreation. In particular, Goal PR-1 in this Element states that the City will provide superior parks, public spaces, and recreation facilities to meet the community's evolving needs. This goal will be met by supporting policies that seek to provide a variety of active and passive recreational opportunities for residents. Implementation Actions related to parks and recreation, as previously listed, would provide new parks and improve recreational services in the City.

With implementation of SC 4.14-1 and SC 4.14-2, as well as compliance with applicable General Plan goals, policies, and implementation actions, impacts from increases in use of parks and recreational facilities by future residential development pursuant to the General Plan Update would be less than significant. No mitigation is required.

New Recreational Facilities

Threshold 4.14b: Would the proposed 2010 General Plan Update include recreational facilities or require the construction or expansion of recreational facilities which might have an adverse physical effect on the environment?

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan reiterated the actions called for in the Recreation and Community Services Strategic Plan, and includes a discussion of needed upgrades to existing facilities and construction of new facilities. The General Plan Update does not identify specific recreation projects; however, Policy PR-1.17 states that the City will develop, obtain, and install recommended equipment and facilities as described in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. All projects listed within the Master Plan would be (or have previously been) subject to environmental review pursuant to CEQA.

Adoption of the proposed 2010 General Plan Update would not lead to the immediate development of the planned parks, trails, and bikeways. Rather, these parks will be implemented as part of new residential developments, as required by the City's Municipal Code or as Park Facilities Impact Fees accrue.

Buildout under the proposed General Plan Update is estimated to lead to an additional 3,387 new dwelling units in the City and its SOI, which would be occupied by approximately 9,256 residents. Using the City's parkland standard of 2.43 acres per 1,000 residents (Policy PR-1.2), approximately 22.5 acres of new parkland would be needed by the 9,256 residents. SC 4.14-1 requires new residential developments to pay park impact fees to fund parkland development and expansion and SC 4.14-2 requires multi-family developments to provide on-site common open space and recreational areas/amenities. Compliance with these SCs would allow for the provision of parklands to meet City policy.

New parks that would be developed in conjunction with future residential developments would meet the demand for recreational facilities by future residents of the City, resulting in a shift in use from existing parks and potentially slower deterioration of existing parks and recreational facilities. New parks and recreational facilities would result in environmental impacts as discussed under the various sections of this EIR, including but not limited to short-term construction-related impacts (e.g., air quality, noise, and water quality) as well as long-term operational impacts (e.g., light/glare, noise, traffic). Individual park projects would be subject to separate CEQA review once specific development plans are identified.

The physical impacts associated with the construction of the on-site recreational facilities would be addressed in conjunction with the proposed development projects. However, since these facilities would be internal to the multi-family development, significant impacts associated the recreational facilities are not expected. These facilities would have the beneficial effect of reducing demand at off-site parks and recreational facilities.

Implementation Action 7-5, Recreation Facility Development in Underserved Areas, would lead to the development of new recreation facilities in underserved areas of the City. New parks or park expansions that would be constructed by the City are expected to occur within the developed areas of the City or on infill vacant lots. The development of new parks and recreational facilities would be a beneficial impact in the City by meeting existing demands.

With implementation of the SCs discussed in the applicable sections within Section 4.0 of this EIR, as well as the relevant General Plan Update goals and policies, as listed above, less than

significant impacts from the development of future parkland are anticipated, and no mitigation would be required.

Park Services

Threshold 4.13a: **Would the proposed 2010 General Plan Update result in substantial adverse physical impacts associated with the provision of new or physically altered park facilities, need for new or physically altered park facilities, the construction of which would cause significant environmental impacts, in order to maintain acceptable service ratios, response times, or other performance objectives for parks?**

The increase in housing development at buildout under the General Plan Update, estimated at 3,387 units and 9,256 residents, would create an increase in demand for parks and recreational facilities. Non-residential development is not likely to create a direct demand for parks and recreational facilities.

As indicated earlier, the improvement and expansion of existing parks and facilities, as anticipated with implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, payment of Park Facilities Impact Fees by new residential development (SC 4.14-1), and the provision of on-site open space and recreational facilities by multi-family residential development (SC 4.14-2) would reduce the use and accompanying deterioration that may occur on existing parks and recreational facilities. Park Facilities Impact Fees would allow for the expansion or development of parks and recreational facilities at the City's standard of 2.43 acres per 1,000 residents. On-site recreational facilities in multi-family residential developments would also be provided in accordance with the standards in the City's Zoning Regulations. Thus, future development would be served by parks and recreational facilities at set standards.

Goals and policies in the Land Use and Community Design Element and the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Element, as listed above, are intended to improve access to and the availability of parks and recreational facilities to existing and future developments in the City. Specifically, Policies LU-1.9, LU-4.3, and Goal LU-9 in the Land Use and Community Design Element voice the City's commitment to providing adequate open space and recreational areas. Goal PR-1 and supporting policies of the Parks, Recreation, and Community Resources Element express the City's desire to providing superior parks, public spaces, and recreation facilities to meet the community's evolving needs. Other supporting policies would prioritize the acquisition of land for new parks in neighborhoods that are underserved. Goal PR-2 and supporting policies seek to preserve open space resources to meet the City's recreation and conservation needs. Goal PR-4 and supporting policies calls for a network of City, school, and private community facilities that provide spaces for recreation, education, enrichment, and social service programs.

Development and provision of parks and recreational facilities as part of future residential development would meet the demand of the growing resident population, and would maintain acceptable service ratios and parkland standards established by the City. Implementation Action 7-5, Recreation Facility Development in Underserved Areas, would lead to the development of new recreation facilities in underserved areas to meet existing demand. The General Plan Update, as a policy document, has outlined the programs and methods for ensuring that park facilities are provided and improvements necessary to meet the long range demand are implemented. Therefore, from a policy level, there would be no impact. Site-specific improvement plans would be evaluated pursuant to CEQA at the time the development is proposed. Impacts would be less than significant, and no mitigation is required.

4.14.8 CUMULATIVE IMPACTS

Future residential development pursuant to the proposed General Plan Update and development projects in areas surrounding the City would contribute to the cumulative need for more recreational open space and park facilities within the City. The analysis of cumulative impacts to parks and recreation considers buildup of the City and growth and development in the San Gabriel Valley through year 2035.

Typically, parkland requirements are a function of expected demand and are typically related to the number of residential dwelling units created by projects. Pursuant to Section 66477 of the *California Government Code* (or Quimby Act), the City of Arcadia requires payment of a Park Facilities Impact Fee for the provision of parks and recreational facilities to new residential developments. Adjacent cities (e.g., Pasadena, Sierra Madre, Temple City, and El Monte) and the County of Los Angeles have also adopted Quimby Act ordinances that require the payment of fees or the dedication of parkland to meet the demand for parks and recreational facilities generated by each residential development.

Consistent with these regulations, developers of individual projects would pay park fees, dedicate open space lands for park and recreation development, and/or provide on-site recreational facilities to meet the demand for parks and recreational facilities generated by each development. Thus, residential developments in and around the City of Arcadia would provide parks and recreational facilities to meet their demands.

As previously discussed, the construction and operation of new parkland facilities within and adjacent to the City would result in short-term and long-term environmental impacts. Individual park projects would be subject to separate CEQA review once development plans are identified. With implementation of the SCs discussed in the applicable sections within Section 4.0 of this EIR, as well as the General Plan Update goals and policies, less than significant impacts from the development of future parkland are anticipated. Adjacent jurisdictions have similar requirements and policies. Since individual development projects would mitigate their incremental demand for parks and recreational facilities, no significant cumulative impacts would result from future development pursuant to the proposed General Plan Update.

The development of new parks and recreational facilities to meet the demand of future growth and development in the San Gabriel Valley would result in cumulative environmental impacts. Since the Valley is largely built out, these projects are not expected to represent a significant amount of new development and construction in the Valley. These projects would be subject to separate CEQA review once specific development plans are identified. Since new parks developed under the General Plan Update would have less than significant impacts, the Update's cumulative contribution to impacts related to parks and recreation is also considered less than significant.

4.14.9 MITIGATION MEASURES

No significant adverse impacts on parks and recreation have been identified with implementation of the goals, policies, and implementation actions in the General Plan Update and the standard conditions, and thus, no mitigation measures are required.

4.14.10 LEVEL OF SIGNIFICANCE AFTER MITIGATION

Increased Use of Parks

Less Than Significant Impact

New Recreational Facilities

Less Than Significant Impact

Park Services

Less Than Significant Impact

Cumulative Impacts

Less Than Significant Impact