

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

PARK AND OPEN SPACE BENEFITS

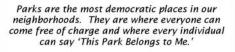
Providing parks and open spaces contribute in a variety of ways to the strength of a community:



Community Benefits

- . Families that recreate together report greater stability and satisfaction, the foundation of a stronger society
- Recreation provides people of differing cultures with a sense of community and an opportunity for those differing ethnic backgrounds to interact
- . Communities with ample natural areas and open space are considered good places for children and offer high quality of life to all residents
- . Community recreation reduces alienation, loneliness, and anti-social behaviors
- . Recreation provides opportunities for community involvement, and shared management and ownership of resources
- . Integrated and accessible recreation services are critical to the quality of life of people with a disability and disadvantaged individuals
- Recreation opportunities, facilities and the quality of the local environment are the foundations of community pride





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Studies that identify the components of quality of life always focus on recreational opportunities, proximity to open space and quality of recreational activities.

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