
**CITY OF ARCADIA
RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE ELEMENT**

GOAL: ENSURE THE PROVISION OF SUFFICIENT PARKS, RECREATION FACILITIES AND OPEN SPACE TO MEET THE LEISURE AND AESTHETIC NEEDS AND DESIRES OF CURRENT AND FUTURE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF ARCADIA.

Objective 1: On an ongoing basis, Arcadia shall maintain public access to municipally owned public recreation sites.

Policy 1.1: Municipally owned public recreation sites will be maintained and improved where necessary to ensure public access. This shall be accomplished through the continuation of municipal funding for the maintenance and improvement of recreation sites and facilities.

Policy 1.2: Bicycle and pedestrian access will be provided and maintained to municipally owned public recreation sites as is reasonable and appropriate.

Policy 1.3: Sufficient parking places and bicycle racks shall be provided at municipally owned public recreation sites. Sufficiency shall be determined by estimating demand, incorporating common standards, and other evidence such as citizen/user comments.

Policy 1.4: Future municipally owned public recreation sites shall be designed to accommodate access by the elderly and handicapped as is reasonable with respect to site-specific constraints.

Objective 2: Public and private resources shall be coordinated to meet the recreation demands of the residents of Arcadia.

Policy 2.1: Arcadia will require future development to contribute to the recreational facility and site inventory of the City. This may be through facility building, land donation, fees, or other methods. The land development regulations will be reviewed and amended as necessary to ensure the implementation of this objective.

Policy 2.2: Arcadia shall coordinate with local, state or federal entities to identify possible funding sources for improving, maintaining or expanding the City's recreational facility and site inventory.

Policy 2.3: Arcadia shall work with private and public entities to maintain and improve the recreational facility and site inventory. Activities may include requests for land or

facility donations, requirements for the provision of recreation facilities or sites for new developments, or coordination with public agencies for the provision of land or other resources to provide recreational opportunities.

Objective 3: *Arcadia shall ensure that parks and recreation facilities are adequately and efficiently provided throughout the planning period.*

Policy 3.1: Arcadia establishes a Recreation Level of Service Standard of 4 acres of recreation land per 1,000 residents upon adoption of this Comprehensive Plan. This level of service may be met by municipally or other publicly owned public recreation land, or privately owned recreation land available for use by the general public and/or residents of an identifiable development, subdivision or neighborhood.

Policy 3.2: The land development regulations will be reviewed, revised or amended as necessary to meet all obligations of this Recreation Element. Specific provisions shall be included to ensure that public or private entities provide adequate recreation land concurrent with the impacts of new development.

Policy 3.3: Lands designated as recreation shall be protected from incompatible land uses. Land development regulations shall be amended, as necessary and enforced to ensure this provision. This policy shall be consistent with the Future Land Use Element and other relevant policies of this Comprehensive Plan.

Objective 4: *Arcadia shall ensure the provision of adequate open space. Lands designated as open space or natural conservation areas will be protected from incompatible land uses.*

Policy 4.1: Arcadia shall continue to implement land development regulations which: include specific open space definitions and standards; address protection of open space and natural vegetation; address landscaping and signage requirements; and address the provision of open space and permit the use of open space for buffering. Open Space standards shall address the amount of open space required for various land uses, and shall address the provision of open space through public acquisition, legislative designation, or private dedication or establishment.

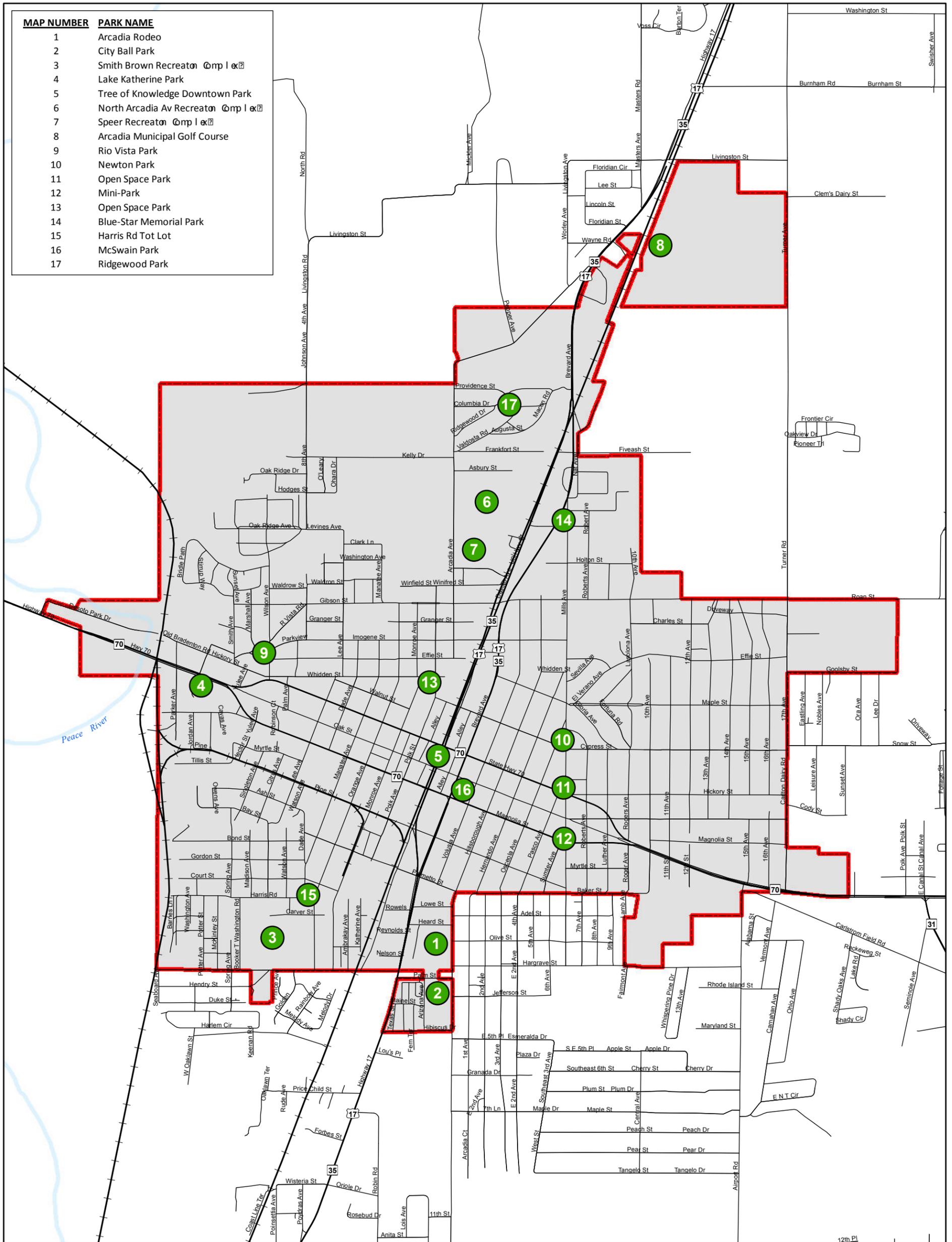
Policy 4.2: Arcadia shall adopt incentives to encourage the provision of open space within future developed areas, or the City may require private developments to provide a fair and adequate share of open space through the use of fees, land donations or other methods.

Policy 4.3: The City will coordinate with the County to plan for future trails connecting Arcadia to other parts of the county.

Policy 4.4: The City may work to identify and establish incentives, guidelines, and potential funding for the development of community gardens.

ROS MAP 1 - CITY OF ARCADIA - PARK AND RECREATION FACILITIES

MAP NUMBER	PARK NAME
1	Arcadia Rodeo
2	City Ball Park
3	Smith Brown Recreation Comp I & II
4	Lake Katherine Park
5	Tree of Knowledge Downtown Park
6	North Arcadia Av Recreation Comp I & II
7	Speer Recreation Comp I & II
8	Arcadia Municipal Golf Course
9	Rio Vista Park
10	Newton Park
11	Open Space Park
12	Mini-Park
13	Open Space Park
14	Blue-Star Memorial Park
15	Harris Rd Tot Lot
16	McSwain Park
17	Ridgewood Park



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The information on this map should be considered conceptual and subject to change. This map is not a survey.

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