

5.7 Parks and Recreation

Level of Service Standard

The City has adopted an acreage standard and a facilities standard for recreation and open space. These standards are as follows:

Table A5-3. Level of Service Standards for Recreation Sites

Park Facility	Location	1,000 Population	Population Served	Desirable Park Area (Ac)	Facilities
Neighborhood Park	Neighborhood areas, adjacent to elementary school when feasible	2.5 acres	>up to 5,000	Minimum of 2.5 acres	Plan apparatus areas, recreation building, sports fields, paved multi-purpose courts, senior citizens area, picnic area, open or free play area, and landscaping.
Community Park	Serves residents of a group of neighborhoods, adjacent to Jr. or Sr. High School when feasible	2.5 acres	up to 25,000	Minimum of 10 acres	All the facilities found in a neighborhood park plus facilities to service the entire family. Pools, softball/baseball fields, tennis courts, play areas, picnic area, passive and active recreation areas, multi-purpose courts,

					and recreation building.
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Table A5-4. Recreation Standards for Facilities

FACILITIES	STANDARD
Tennis Courts	1 Court per 7,500 pop.
Racquetball/Handball Courts	1 Court per 10,000 pop.
Basketball Courts	1 Court per 5,000 pop.
Softball/Baseball Diamond	1 Diamond per 4,500 pop.
Swimming Pool	1 Pool per 45,000 pop.
Golf Course	1 18-hole per 50,000 pop.
Boat Ramps	1 Ramp per 9,500 pop.
Football/Soccer Fields	1 Field per 11,000 pop.
Bocce Courts	1 Court per 9,500 pop.

Analysis

The City of Key West's 2010 permanent residential population is 24,649. In order to meet the acreage Level of Service Standard, 123.24 acres of parks need to be provided. The City of Key West presently has approximately 282 acres in parks and 158 acres at the municipal golf course, totaling 440 acres of recreational lands. The City is therefore meeting its acreage Level of Service Standard for recreation and open space.

In order to meet the facilities standard, three football/soccer fields, one 18-hole golf course, four tennis courts, three racquetball courts, five basketball courts, six softball/baseball fields, one pool, two boat ramps, and three bocce courts should be provided. The City is meeting or exceeding these standards, with the exception of two soccer/football fields, three racquetball courts, and one boat ramp. Some City residents do have access to non-city owned but publicly accessible facilities, including fields at school facilities.