

11.04 OPEN SPACE

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11.04-1 Open space planning

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Objective

To assist creation of a diverse and integrated network of public open space commensurate with the needs of the community.

Strategies

Plan for regional and local open space networks for both recreation and conservation of natural and cultural environments.

Ensure that open space networks:

- Are linked through the provision of walking and cycle trails and rights of way.
- Are integrated with open space from abutting subdivisions.
- Incorporate, where possible, links between major parks and activity areas, along waterways and natural drainage corridors, connecting places of natural and cultural interest, as well as maintaining public accessibility on public land immediately adjoining waterways and coasts.

Ensure that land is set aside and developed in residential areas for local recreational use and to create pedestrian and bicycle links to commercial and community facilities.

Ensure that land use and development adjoining regional open space networks, national parks and conservation reserves complements the open space in terms of visual and noise impacts, treatment of waste water to reduce turbidity or pollution and preservation of vegetation.

Improve the quality and distribution of open space and ensure long-term protection.

Protect large regional parks and significant conservation areas.

Ensure land identified as critical to the completion of open space links is transferred for open space purposes.

Protect the overall network of open space by ensuring that where there is a change in land use or in the nature of occupation resulting in a reduction of open space, the overall network of open space is protected by the addition of replacement parkland of equal or greater size and quality.

Ensure that urban open space provides for nature conservation, recreation and play, formal and informal sport, social interaction and peace and solitude. Community sports facilities should be accommodated in a way that is not detrimental to other park activities.

Ensure open space is designed to accommodate people of all abilities, ages and cultures.

Develop open space to maintain wildlife corridors and greenhouse sinks.

Provide new parkland in growth areas and in areas that have an undersupply of parkland.

Policy guidelines

Planning must consider as relevant:

- Any relevant *Growth Area Framework Plans* (Department of Sustainability and Environment, 2006).
- *Precinct Structure Planning Guidelines* (Growth Areas Authority, 2009).
- *Linking People and Spaces: A Strategy for Melbourne's Open Space Network* (Parks Victoria, 2002).

11.04-2 Open space management

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Objective

To provide for the long term management of public open space.

Strategies

Encourage management plans or explicit statements of management objectives for urban parks to be developed.

Ensure exclusive occupation of parkland by community organisations is restricted to activities consistent with management objectives of the park to maximise broad community access to open space.

Ensure the provision of buildings and infrastructure is consistent with the management objectives of the park.

Ensure public access is not prevented by developments along stream banks and foreshores.

Ensure public land immediately adjoining waterways and coastlines remains in public ownership.

Protect sites and features of high scientific, nature conservation, biodiversity, heritage, geological or landscape value.