

8. PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

8.1 Neighborhood Park

The City of Canby will purchase and develop a neighborhood park in the western area of the site (Figure 8-1). The area identified for the community park already features a park-like setting with rolling hills, dense forest canopy, and a two-acre spring-fed pond.

Neighborhood parks are considered the basic unit of a park system and serve as the recreational and social focus of a neighborhood. Typically, they are developed for passive and active recreation, and accommodate a large variety of user types. The neighborhood park uses may include:

- sports
- play areas
- people watching
- picnicking
- trails

The neighborhood park will feature many of the existing landscape features that are present in the site area. The spring-fed pond, stream(s), forested areas, and topographic variation will be enhanced during development of this park. Additionally, pedestrian amenities will be developed including walkways, waste receptacles, benches, and decorative lighting.

According to National Recreation and Parks Association, 5 acres is the minimum size for neighborhood parks. Neighborhood parks should be centrally located in a service area of one-quarter to one-half mile. The Concept Plan area is not currently within the service area of any existing neighborhood parks. The plan calls for development of a twenty acre neighborhood park.

Photograph 8-1. Neighborhood Park



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8.4 Pedestrian Walkways

Pedestrian walkways will be developed to provide convenient and enjoyable access to neighborhood parks and commercial amenities. Pedestrian walkways serve the dual purpose of providing pedestrian mobility and recreation. National surveys have shown that walking is one of America's most popular forms of recreation. Developers will provide for a pedestrian connection at least every 400 feet (see Section 7.3). Developers are also encouraged to connect longer cul-de-sacs using pedestrian walkways when possible.

Photograph 8-5. Cul-de-Sac with Pedestrian Connection



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Photograph 8-3. Mini-Park



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8.3 Common Greens

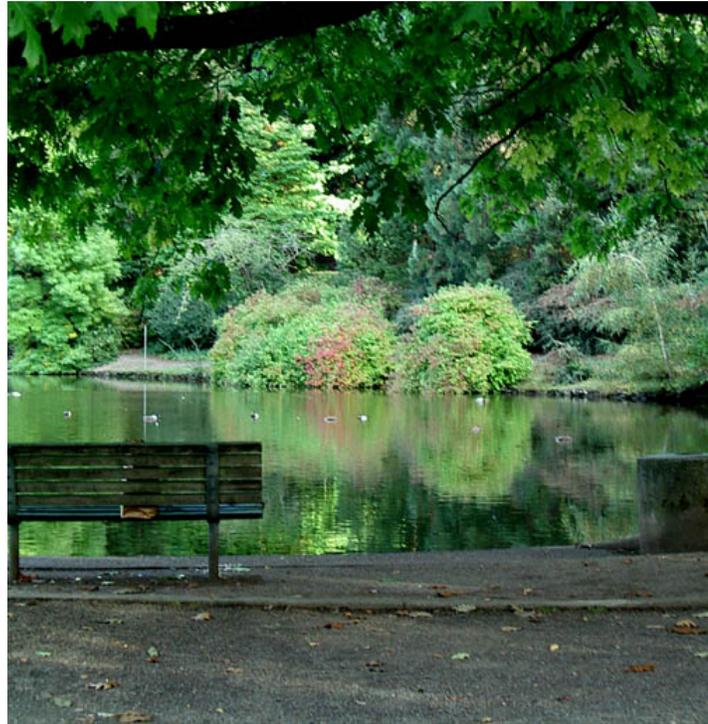
Developers are encouraged to use a bonus housing density incentive to create common greens in subdivisions (see Section 6.5). Common greens are lightly-landscaped open space areas in the heart of residential neighborhoods. Typically, houses or other structures surround common greens and have their front entrances facing the green. Common greens can provide an important function by providing or extending front lawns in higher density areas. They also create public recreation space in close proximity to housing. Common greens usually have a positive effect on the neighborhood's aesthetic quality and property values.

Photograph 8-4. Common Green



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Photograph 8-2. Neighborhood Park



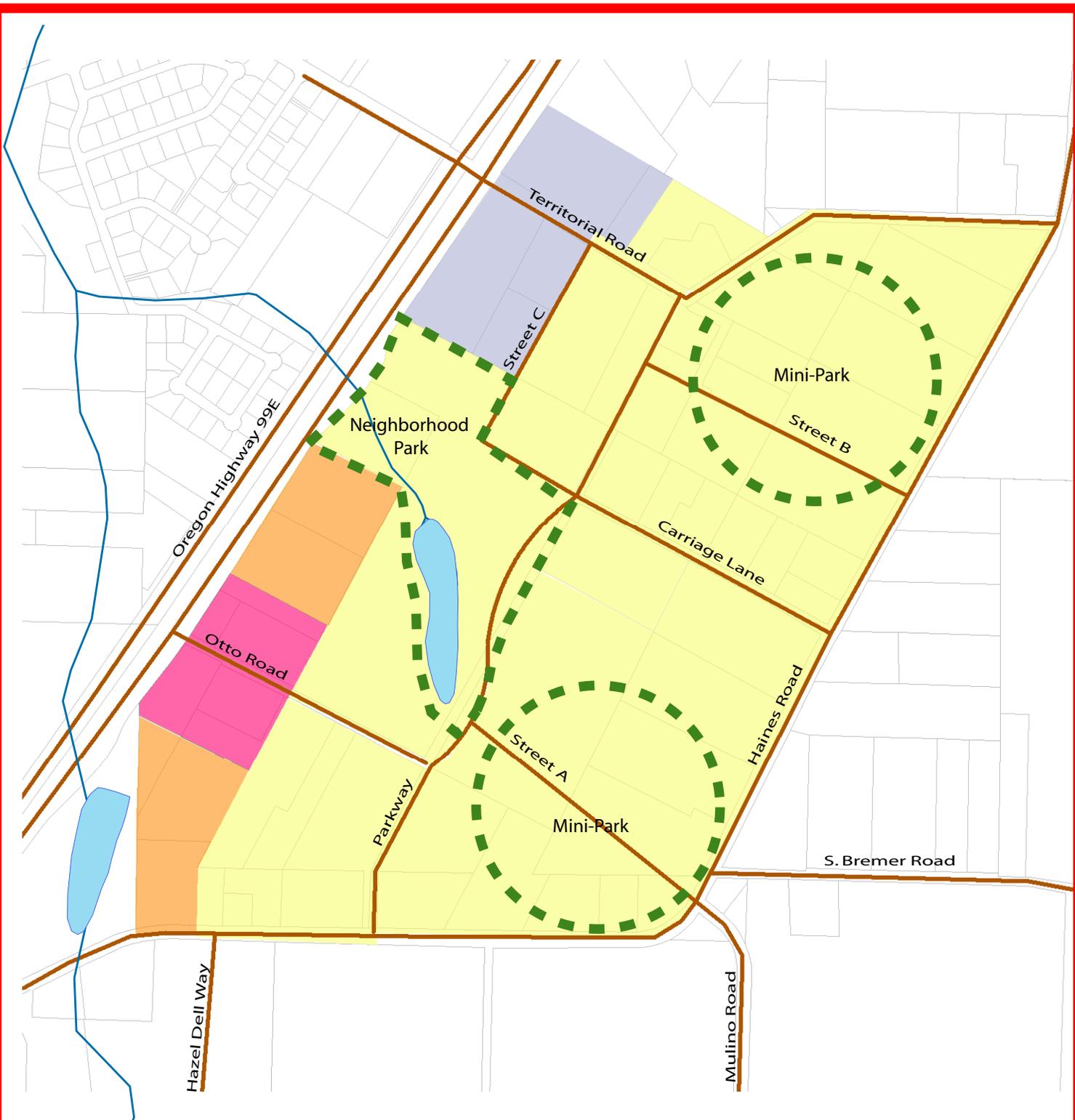
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8.2 Mini-Parks

The City of Canby will work with developers of larger parcels within the NE Canby Study to identify and develop opportunity sites for mini-parks. Figure 8-1 identifies generalized locations where mini-parks should be located. The mini-park is the smallest park classification, which is used to address limited, isolated, or unique recreational needs. This includes:

- Landscaped public use areas in industrial/commercial areas
- Scenic overlooks
- Play areas adjacent to downtown shopping districts

Mini-parks are generally between 2,500 square feet and 1 acre in size. However, any park area less than 5 acres could technically be considered a mini-park. The service area for a mini-park is roughly one-quarter of a mile radius.




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 LOCATIONS


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FIGURE 8-1: PARK LOCATIONS

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