OUTDOOR LIVABILITY ASSESSMENT TOOL

A comprehensive checklist for scoring outdoor spaces on design, physical and mental wellness, safety and security, and management practices to support and increase use regardless of age or ability.

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Name of Park

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Number of Acres

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City or Town, State

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Date

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INTRODUCTION

Overview

Safe and Healthy Communities (SHC) developed the Outdoor Livability Assessment Tool (O-LAT) in an effort to create more accessible and age-friendly outdoor spaces. SHC is a non-profit organization dedicated to creating and ensuring safe, healthy, sustainable, and equitable communities for all. The tool was funded by the Next50 Initiative Foundation.

The purpose of this tool is to assess and score the health and safety of parks and other outdoor spaces to ensure that they are age-friendly and accessible to people of all ages and abilities.

Older adults (age 60+) and people with disabilities can significantly benefit in physical, mental, and social well-being by spending time outdoors. Yet, outdoor spaces like parks are often not designed to accommodate older adults and people with disabilities, discouraging them from reaping the health benefits of these spaces. This tool supports the creation and modification of outdoor spaces that meet the specific health, safety, and mobility needs of older adults and people with disabilities.

The O-LAT is designed to assess several dimensions of parks and outdoor spaces. Instructions on how to use the tool are provided in the following sections. While several factors mediate the use of outdoor space, such as proximity, the O-LAT does not evaluate external factors but instead emphasizes factors internal to parks and outdoor space for specificity and brevity.

Relevance

The demographics of the U.S. are shifting, necessitating the development of resources and amenities, such as outdoor space, to adequately accommodate the growing number of older adults. According to 2030 U.S. population projections, Americans age 65+ will outnumber children for the first time in history, accounting for 20% of the population.[1] With the physical and cognitive changes associated with aging, special considerations are necessary when designing outdoor space to entice and support older adult use. The physical and mental health benefits of spending time outdoors in green space are well-documented and include outcomes such as increased physical activity, reduced stress,[2] anxiety, and depression,[3] and lower mortality.[4] Yet, despite accounting for over 20% of the population, older adults only account for 4% of neighborhood park users.[5] Therefore, many older adults are disproportionately not reaping the benefits of outdoor spaces. Thus, designing outdoor spaces to meet the preferences and needs of older adults is crucial to promoting population health. Older adults who remain active and engaged are more likely to enjoy independence, experience enhanced physical and mental well-being, and have a greater quality of life.[6] Designing accessible and age-friendly parks is vital to ensuring inclusive environments for everyone so all people can enjoy the benefits of outdoor space throughout the duration of their lives.

[1] U.S. Census Bureau. (2017).
[2] Greenspace, physical activity and well-being in Australian capital cities: how does population size moderate the relationship? (2016).
[3] Exposure to neighborhood green space and mental health: evidence from the survey of the health of Wisconsin. (2014).
[4] Effects of greenspace morphology on mortality at the neighbourhood level: a cross-sectional ecological study. (2019).
[5] The First National Study of Neighborhood Parks: Implications for Physical Activity. (2016).
[6] Health Impact Project. (2015).

INDICATORS

Purpose

The O-LAT is composed of a series of indicators for evaluating the age-friendliness and accessibility of parks. The tool's indicators (including design features, policies, and programs) were developed from more than 20 academic and professional resources including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements, universal design guidelines, and published research articles related to healthy and safe park design for older adults. Not all ADA requirements are included in this tool because some standards were too detailed to be effectively incorporated without sacrificing ease-of-use. Furthermore, ADA requirements establish a minimum standard and are not necessarily the best practice for constructing accessible environments. Each indicator includes a hyperlink to the data source where greater detail is provided and many have the "Key Informant Interview" icon below.

Key Informant Interviews

Indicators developed based on feedback from interviews with older adults, people with disabilities, and park professionals.

GLOSSARY

ADA Standards

Standards that promote accessible environments for people with disabilities, outlining the physical requirements of a building (including ramps, accessible doors, signage for people who are blind or have low vision, etc.). In September 2010, the Department of Justice (DOJ) published updates to the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) that included parks and outdoor recreation spaces. ADA standards apply to commercial and public entities that have "places of public accommodation." For an entity to be ADA Compliant, they need to ensure that public spaces and "electronic and information technology" are accessible to people with disabilities, and often need to provide accommodations to do so.

Age-Friendly Environments

Age-friendly environments foster health and well-being and the participation of people as they age. They are accessible, equitable, inclusive, safe and secure, and supportive. They promote health and prevent or delay the onset of disease and functional decline. They provide people-centered services and support to enable recovery or to compensate for the loss of function so that people can continue to do the things that are important to them.

Health

A state of physical, mental, and social well-being and not merely the absence of disease and infirmity.

Universal Design

Design of products and environments are usable by all people, to the greatest extent possible, without the need for adaptation or specialized design.

INSTRUCTIONS

1

Select Park Size

This tool is segmented into seven sections, each of which has several subsections that focus on specific features or amenities. To determine which amenities are considered necessary to the park or outdoor space you are assessing, reference the "Park Categorization Chart" on the next page and self-select the park type based on rough estimates of the park's size and the number of people it is intended to serve. Larger parks are expected to provide more amenities than smaller parks.

2

Access Park Amenities

The scoring for each amenity is divided into three categories denoted by separate columns. The first category, **MINIMUM (**yet essential), is based on the standard that must be met at each park to be considered safe and accessible (many indicators are derived from ADA requirements that are essential but not considered best practice) for use by older adults and people with disabilities, so this category receives the highest number of points. The second category, **ADMIRABLE**, includes indicators that increase the health, safety, or utilization of parks by older adults and people with disabilities. The third category, **EXCEPTIONAL**, includes indicators that are considered best practices based on existing research and design guidelines. Score all amenities for the type of park you are assessing by checking each indicator. If an indicator is unknown or not applicable, still check the box to receive points. This is for scoring purposes. Do not check the box when an indicator is evidently not met.

Some indicators, such as sidewalk width, have several indicators to represent Minimum, Admirable, and Exceptional categorizations.

3

Score the Results

Total the final score of each amenity by summing the number of points awarded in each column. At the end of each section, sum the points received by the total number of points available to determine how the park performed in that section. At the end of the tool, all points will be totaled and divided to give an overall rating for the park based on the categories shown below.

At the end of the assessment, the total number of points possible for each section will be tallied. The following percentage ranges indicate the final scoring categories that parks can achieve, with higher percentages indicating better performance.

Seed	Sprout	Sapling	Blossom
0-39%	40-59%	60-79%	80-100%

The higher the final percentage, the more age-friendly and accessible a park is, with the highest achievable category being "Blossom." Percentages for each section can be used to identify areas for improvement to increase the overall score for a park.

To begin, either print out this document or complete the tool on a computer or tablet. The assessment differs based on the size or type of park or outdoor space.

SELECT PARK TYPE

Using the Chart

The chart below classifies the Minimum amenities (in green) that are considered to be essential to be age-friendly based on the park being assessed. For example, a regional park that is larger and serves thousands of visitors is expected to have more age-friendly amenities than a neighborhood park. **Determine your park's classification by its number of acres.**

OA = Older Adult
AL = Assisted Living
NBRHD = Neighborhood

	Max. Available Points	Regional Park (>100 acres)	City Park (16-100 acres)	NBRHD Park (5-15 acres)	Pocket Park (<5 acres)	OA Property	AL Facility
Drinking Fountain	17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trash Receptacles	14	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Additional Features	7	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Benches	19	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Picnic Tables	10	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Sidewalks	29	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Trees	15	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Plants	17	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Stairs & Inclines	12	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Signage	11	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Operations	12	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Maintenance	15	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Safety/Security	22	✓	✓	✓	✓		
Access	38	✓	✓	✓			
Wayfinding	10	✓	✓	✓			
Programming	15	✓	✓				
Restrooms	30	✓	✓				
Exercise Station	8	✓	✓				
Nature Trails	23	✓					
Garden (Bonus)	+14						
TOTAL POSSIBLE POINTS		**324**	**301**	**248**	**200**	**140**	**140**

01 | GENERAL

Drinking Fountains

Trash Receptacles

Additional Features

Access

Restrooms

Exercise Stations

Required Minimum Amenities Based on Park Type

	Max. Available Points	Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
Drinking Fountain	17						
Trash Receptacles	14						
Additional Features	7						
Access	38						
Restrooms	30						
Exercise Station	8						

Drinking Fountains	MINIMUM 3 pts	ADMIRABLE 2 pts	EXCEPTIONAL 1 pt
Presence of water fountains that function year-round	☑		
Located on firm, slip-resistant surfaces with drainage to perimeter so that water does not accumulate under fountain	☑		
If wall-mounted, fountain is 17-19 inches from front edge to wall; clear knee space is at least 27 inches high to be wheelchair accessible	☑		
Does not require excessive pushing, twisting, or gripping to use	☑		
Has a bottle-filler that only requires one hand to operate		☑	
Has a ground-level fountain for dogs 💬		☑	
Presence of universally designed fountains that provide spouts at varying heights and that allow wheelchair to be rolled underneath			☑

Trash Receptacles	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Presence of trash receptacles at park entrances	☑		
Receptacle lids do not require excessive pushing, pulling, or twisting to open	☑		
Are not overflowing	☑		
Provided throughout park along paths and in high activity areas		☑	
Receptacles specifically for recyclables in at least one location 💬			☑
Dog waste bags are provided			☑

Additional Features	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Presence of flat grassy open area for low-impact exercise	☑		
Grass is mowed to reduce tripping hazards	☑		
Park has designated quiet or low-activity areas		☑	
Presence of a water feature such as a pond, creek, or fountain			☑
Presence of art/sculptures		☑	

ACCESS

*Consider using satellite view (like Google Maps) to assess for larger parking lots

	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Nearby streets have signage with directions to park 💬	☐		
Presence of bike racks that do not require lifting	☐		
For every 25 spots there is at least one accessible spot	☐		
Accessible spots are no more than 200 feet from an entrance	☐		
Accessible spots are clearly marked with surface paint and signage	☐		
Van-accessible spaces are 11 feet wide with 5-foot access aisles	☐		
Loading/Drop-off area is curbless or has a single short curb	☐		
Direct and clear barrier-free route from parking lot to outdoor space and its amenities	☐		
Sidewalks connect park to the surrounding area for walkability 💬		☐	
Presence of a bus stop near park 💬		☐	
Lot is landscaped with shade trees to shelter cars, people, and pavement		☐	
Covered or shaded seating area near loading zone/drop-off area		☐	
Provides more than the minimum number of disability and van accessible parking spaces required per 25 spots		☐	
Parking lot has sufficient lighting 💬		☐	
All light sources are baffled so lighting is focused down on walking path			☐
Park is within 10 minute walk of a neighborhood 💬			☐

Restrooms

	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Open and usable year-round	☐		
If no permanent bathroom present or not open year-round, portable toilets are provided year-round	☐		
Large enough to accommodate wheelchairs and walkers	☐		
Bathroom door is not too heavy and is easy to open without excessive twisting or pulling	☐		
Doors have self-closing hinges	☐		
Doors have pull-style D-ring handles on both sides or can easily be pushed	☐		
Has non-slip flooring	☐		

	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Has at least one ADA accessible stall that is large enough to accommodate wheelchairs and walkers (Must have all elements below)			
Minimum width of stall is 60 inches			
Stall door is diagonal from toilet and provides clear space when opening to accommodate a wheelchair or walker			
Toilet is 2½ inches higher than standard toilet (17 to 19 inches)			
A grab bar is installed behind and 36 inches above toilet			
Another grab bar is mounted adjacent to toilet on sidewall			
Cleaned regularly (at least every week)		☐	
At least one stall is equipped with a changing table 💬		☐	
Stalls have easy-slide locks		☐	
Stalls have hooks to hang a cane or handbag		☐	
Has multiple ADA stalls			☐
Presence of a height-adjustable changing table that can accommodate the weight of an adult 💬			☐

Exercise Stations	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Presence of exercise stations		☐	
Exercise stations have soft surface in case of falls		☐	
Equipment is easily accessible from a path		☐	
Instructions with visuals accompany each piece of exercise equipment			☐
Has low-impact exercise machines			☐

Comments

GENERAL SCORE

1. Tally the Number of Checks for Each Category

Minimum	Admirable	Exceptional

2. Multiply Category Totals by Their Weighted Points

X3 Pts	X2 Pts	X1 Pt

3. Add Weighted Values Together (Save for Final Score at the End)

4. Divide by Total Available Points for Your Park Type

Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
146		73		38	

5. Multiply by 100

X100

6. Determine Your Ranking for this Section

Seed	Sprout	Sapling	Blossom
0-39%	40-59%	60-79%	80-100%

If you scored lower than expected on this section, work back through the indicators to see what aspects of this section your park needs to improve on to receive a higher score. Remember, indicators in the Minimum category are weighted the highest, so focusing on improving those that were missed will improve this section's score the most.

02 | SEATING

Benches

Picnic Tables

Required Minimum Amenities Based on Park Type

	Max. Available Points	Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
Benches	19						
Picnic Tables	10						

SEATING

Benches	MINIMUM 3 pts	ADMIRABLE 2 pts	EXCEPTIONAL 1 pt
Presence of benches or seating throughout	☐		
Presence of a clear ground space that is 36 by 48 inches and adjacent to one end of each bench for wheelchair users	☐		
Have backs and armrests to provide support while seated and facilitate getting up		☐	
Seat-back is at least 42 inches wide, a minimum of 2 inches above seat, and a maximum of 18 inches above seat		☐	
Armrests are at least 10 inches above seat		☐	
Placed every 300 feet along path		☐	
Made of wood, stone, or synthetic material as to not retain excessive heat (If made of wood, must have the following)		☐	
If made of wood, bench is painted or treated to reduce splinters		☐	
Seating is provided in sun and shade all times of day		☐	
Seating is available every 50-100 feet along main paths			☐

Picnic Tables	MINIMUM 3 pts	ADMIRABLE 2 pts	EXCEPTIONAL 1 pt
Has at least one wheelchair accessible seating space (Must include all elements below)	☐		
27 inches high, 30 inches wide, 19 inches deep, and toe clearance of at least 9 inches minimum height	☐		
Ground space is at least 30 inches by 48 inches	☐		
Constructed of concrete or cedar slats to be heat resistant and reduce splintering		☐	
Provides shade/covering options such as an umbrella, shade sails, or shade from trees		☐	
Table has multiple wheelchair accessible spaces for more than one person in a wheelchair to sit		☐	
Universally designed table that allows a wheelchair user to pick their seat at the middle or the ends of table			☐

Comments

SEATING SCORE

1. Tally the Number of Checks for Each Category

Minimum	Admirable	Exceptional

2. Multiply Category Totals by Their Weighted Points

X3 Pts	X2 Pts	X1 Pt

3. Add Weighted Values Together (Save for Final Score at the End)

4. Divide by Total Available Points for Your Park Type

Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
29					

5. Multiply by 100

X100

6. Determine Your Ranking for this Section

Seed	Sprout	Sapling	Blossom
0-39%	40-59%	60-79%	80-100%

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03 | GREENERY

Trees

Plants

Gardens

Required Minimum Amenities Based on Park Type

	Max. Available Points	Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
Trees	15						
Plants	17						
Garden (Bonus)	+14						

GREENERY

Trees

	MINIMUM	ADMIRABLE	EXCEPTIONAL
	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Trees are plentiful throughout	☐		
Trees that release seeds such as acorns and pine cones are located away from paths and heavily occupied areas (If seed-releasing, must have the following)	☐		
If seed-releasing, trees are located along paths, seeds are cleared regularly			
Tree roots do not pose tripping hazards along paths	☐		
Presence of canopy trees that provide shade and a sense of enclosure		☐	
Presence of seasonal blooming trees throughout park and along walkways		☐	
Trees are accompanied by bird attracting features such as feeders, houses, and fountains within sight of benches			☐
Several seasonal variants of trees such as deciduous and evergreen trees are present to provide greenery year-round			☐

Plants
*If plants are not in season, still check the indicator

	MINIMUM	ADMIRABLE	EXCEPTIONAL
	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Plants in high activity areas are non-toxic and non-injurious such as not having thorns	☐		
Presence of ground-cover plants such as grass and shrubs	☐		
Park is approximately 70% lush greenery to 30% hardscape	☐		
Presence of colorful flowers throughout park and along walkways		☐	
Diverse mix of plants that are layered by height		☐	
Presence of brightly-colored and fragrant plants throughout park		☐	
Presence of plants such as Butterfly Bush to attract wildlife like birds, bees, and butterflies			☐

Gardens (Bonus)
*All points will be added to the section total

	MINIMUM	ADMIRABLE	EXCEPTIONAL
	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Presence of a well-maintained community garden	☐		
Gardening area has seating both in sun and shade	☐		
Forward-facing wheelchair access to garden that is 48 by 45 inches wide	☐		

Signage near garden with rules and instructions	
Presence of raised garden beds that are 32 inches apart from one another for wheelchair access	
Raised garden beds are a minimum of 36 inches tall and at varying heights from ground, 3 to 4 feet wide	
Garden has an easy-to-access shed with gardening tools and materials	
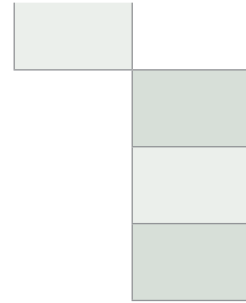
Comments

GREENERY SCORE

1. Tally the Number of Checks for Each Category

Minimum	Admirable	Exceptional

2. Multiply Category Totals by Their Weighted Points

X3 Pts	X2 Pts	X1 Pt

3. Add Weighted Values Together (_Save for Final Score at the End_)

4. Divide by Total Available Points for Your Park Type

Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
32					

5. Multiply by 100

X100

6. Determine Your Ranking for this Section

Seed	Sprout	Sapling	Blossom
0-39%	40-59%	60-79%	80-100%

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04 | PATHS

Sidewalks

Stairs & Inclines

Nature Trails

Required Minimum Amenities Based on Park Type

	Max. Available Points	Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
Sidewalks	29						
Stairs & Inclines	12						
Nature Trails	23						

*In this tool, "Path" refers to any surface, paved or unpaved, used for circulation, mobility, or recreation. The type of path being assessed is indicated by the headings for each amenity in this section.

PATHS

Sidewalks	MINIMUM 3 pts	ADMIRABLE 2 pts	EXCEPTIONAL 1 pt
Free of cracks and potholes	☐		
Free of excessive obstructions such as sticks, roots, or pebbles	☐		
Free of overhead obstructions such as tree branches with a minimum clearance of 6 feet 7 inches	☐		
Minimum of 3 feet wide	☐		
Surface is non-slip and non-glare	☐		
Surface is firm	☐		
Curves and is not simply linear		☐	
Is continuous and does not lead to dead-ends		☐	
Between 5-8 feet wide		☐	
Has brightly colored strips to signify change in surface type such as from a firm to soft surface		☐	
Presence of quarter-mile distance markers			☐
Between 9-10 feet wide			☐
Both firm and soft surface options such as concrete and rubber are offered			☐

Stairs & Inclines	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Stairs are only present where necessary	☐		
If stairs are necessary, steps are no more than 4 inches in height	☐		
Handrails are provided on both sides of any stairs, ramps, and inclines	☐		
Handrails are made or painted to be heat resistant		☐	
Both stairs and ramps are available as options for traversing an incline			☐

Nature Trails	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
At least one trail available that has a max grade of 5%			
Is hard-surfaced			
Free of excessive debris such as loose sticks or rocks			
Is maintained and free of erosion or divots			
Is a minimum of 36 inches wide			
When segments longer than 200 feet have less than 5 feet width, spaces for passing provided at least every 200 feet			
Trail is constructed of crushed rock or packed dirt rather than uncrushed gravel or round rocks			
Trail is 48 inches or wider			
At least one trail is specifically designed to be accessible			

Comments

PATHS SCORE

1. Tally the Number of Checks for Each Category

Minimum	Admirable	Exceptional

2. Multiply Category Totals by Their Weighted Points

X3 Pts	X2 Pts	X1 Pt

3. Add Weighted Values Together (<u>Save for Final Score at the End</u>)

4. Divide by Total Available Points for Your Park Type

Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
64	41				

5. Multiply by 100

X100

6. Determine Your Ranking for this Section

Seed	Sprout	Sapling	Blossom
0-39%	40-59%	60-79%	80-100%

If you scored lower than expected on this section, work back through the indicators to see what aspects of this section your park needs to improve on to receive a higher score. Remember, indicators in the Minimum category are weighted the highest, so focusing on improving those that were missed will improve this section's score the most.

05 | NAVIGATION

Wayfinding Signage

Required Minimum Amenities Based on Park Type

	Max. Available Points	Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
Signage	11						
Wayfinding	10						

NAVIGATION

Signage	MINIMUM 3 pts	ADMIRABLE 2 pts	EXCEPTIONAL 1 pt
All park signage is legible to older adults, regardless of being in shade or sunlight (Must include the following)	☐		
High contrast between characters and the background color such as black text on a white background	☐		
Minimum of 12-point font	☐		
Use of Arabic numerals (e.g., 3, 11, etc.) and sans-serif fonts such as Arial, Helvetica, or Calibri	☐		
Signage is consistent throughout the park		☐	
Signage provides graphics and visuals		☐	
Signage is distinct from its surrounding environment such as not having a green sign amidst greenery		☐	
Educational signs such as plant labels and those with historical information are provided throughout the park			☐
All signs have a braille offering or accompaniment (separate signs with braille at ground-level)			☐

Wayfinding	3 pts	2 pts	1 pt
Visible "Park Identification Sign" with the park name to mark entrances	☐		
A map of the park's layout is provided at the entrance		☐	
A map of the park's layout is available online for visitors to view or print prior to visiting the park		☐	
Signs pointing to important locations such as restrooms and benches are present wherever paths cross		☐	
Maps are provided at several locations throughout the park			☐

Comments

PATHS SCORE

1. Tally the Number of Checks for Each Category

Minimum	Admirable	Exceptional

2. Multiply Category Totals by Their Weighted Points

X3 Pts	X2 Pts	X1 Pt

3. Add Weighted Values Together (<u>Save for Final Score at the End</u>)

4. Divide by Total Available Points for Your Park Type

Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
24		11			1

5. Multiply by 100

X100

6. Determine Your Ranking for this Section

Seed	Sprout	Sapling	Blossom
0-39%	40-59%	60-79%	80-100%

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06 | ACTIVATION

Programming & Social Engagement

Required Minimum Amenities Based on Park Type

	Max. Available Points	Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
Programming	15						

Programming & Social Engagement

	MINIMUM 3 pts	ADMIRABLE 2 pts	EXCEPTIONAL 1 pt
Programs and activities are offered year-round to keep park activated	▢		
Programming offers low-impact recreation opportunities such as tai chi, yoga, or walking groups	▢		
Areas of park are reserved at specified times for older adult activities or use 🗩		▢	
Presence of bulletin board or kiosk at entrances of park to show monthly programming 🗩		▢	
All park promotional materials use large font and contrasting colors		▢	
Establishment of a "friends of park group" to aid in park upkeep and security		▢	
Presence of specialized recreation facilities for older adults such as pickle ball courts 🗩			▢

Comments

ACTIVATION SCORE

1. Tally the Number of Checks for Each Category

Minimum	Admirable	Exceptional

2. Multiply Category Totals by Their Weighted Points

X3 Pts	X2 Pts	X1 Pt

3. Add Weighted Values Together (<u>Save for Final Score at the End</u>)

4. Divide by Total Available Points for Your Park Type

Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
15		1			

5. Multiply by 100

X100

6. Determine Your Ranking for this Section

Seed	Sprout	Sapling	Blossom
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07 | MANAGEMENT

Operations
Maintenance
Safety

Required Minimum Amenities Based on Park Type

|	Max. Available Points	Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
Operations	12						
Maintenance	15						
Safety/Security	22						

Management

Operations

	MINIMUM 3 pts	ADMIRABLE 2 pts	EXCEPTIONAL 1 pt
Contact information for park management and maintenance is posted both at the park and online 💬	▢		
Management has a designated process for receiving feedback such as suggestion boxes or an online form 💬		▢	
Parks are assessed yearly to determine utilization 💬		▢	
Have a policy regarding dog leashing posted in park 💬		▢	
Have a policy regarding nuisance noise posted in park 💬		▢	
Park rules and policies are posted and enforced			▢

Maintenance

	MINIMUM 3 pts	ADMIRABLE 2 pts	EXCEPTIONAL 1 pt
Park does not have excessive litter or animal droppings	▢		
Park has maintenance staff that cleans park 3 or more days per week 💬	▢		
Minimal graffiti throughout park (concentrated in three or fewer locations) 💬	▢		
Park is virtually free of litter and animal droppings		▢	
Has a process for park users to make maintenance requests 💬		▢	
Maintenance requests are resolved within 48 hours 💬			▢
Policy of removing graffiti within 48 hours 💬			▢

Safety

	MINIMUM 3 pts	ADMIRABLE 2 pts	EXCEPTIONAL 1 pt
Park has open design and sightlines throughout	▢		
Park hours are posted at all entrances	▢		
Park is free of high walls (8-10 feet) or other obstructions that block visibility 💬		▢	
Shrubbery is well-maintained to prevent people from hiding in them		▢	
Presence of highly visible emergency call boxes throughout or at least in high-risk areas such as those with lots of shrubbery 💬		▢	
Park is activated and has people throughout 💬		▢	
Presence of security or police to patrol park 💬		▢	

Primary path has sufficient lighting to be navigated at night

Light posts have even luminaire spacing so that light distribution is uniform

Park staff are present in park for duration of park hours

Presence of security cameras
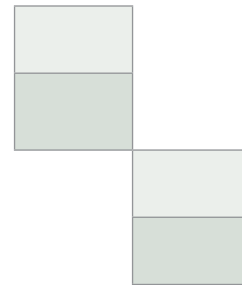
Comments

MANAGEMENT SCORE

1. Tally the Number of Checks for Each Category

Minimum	Admirable	Exceptional

2. Multiply Category Totals by Their Weighted Points

X3 Pts	X2 Pts	X1 Pt

3. Add Weighted Values Together (<u>Save for Final Score at the End</u>)

4. Divide by Total Available Points for Your Park Type

Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
49			1		

5. Multiply by 100

X100

6. Determine Your Ranking for this Section

Seed	Sprout	Sapling	Blossom
0-39%	40-59%	60-79%	80-100%

If you scored lower than expected on this section, work back through the indicators to see what aspects of this section your park needs to improve on to receive a higher score. Remember, indicators in the Minimum category are weighted the highest, so focusing on improving those that were missed will improve this section's score the most.

OVERALL SCORE

1. Sum the Points Earned from Each Section

General	Seating	Greenery	Paths	Navigation	Activation	Management

TOTAL

2. Divide by the Total Available Points for Your Park Type

	Regional Park	City Park	NBRHD Park	Pocket Park	OA Property	AL Facility
Total Potential Points	324	301	248	200	140	

3. Multiply by 100

X100

4. Determine the Park's Overall Ranking

Seed	Sprout	Sapling	Blossom
0-39%	40-59%	60-79%	80-100%

Congratulations! You have completed the O-LAT for your park. To improve your score, go back to the section where you were missing the most points and create an action plan to address shortcomings.

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next 50 INITIATIVE