

Reston Town Center Sub-committee

Many cities around the country have adopted the measure that all residents will be within a 5-10 minute walk to a park. This doesn't work doesn't work in the TCN 43 acre site. Transit oriented development (TOD) is pedestrian centric and limited by .5 – 1 mile radius. The matrix below in combination with a clear description of the purpose of the parks is a good way to describe a range of parks and open spaces within Reston Town Center to Fairfax County Park Authority.

Proposed TOD matrix for Parks and Open Space in TOD

Type	Size	Characteristics
Transit Plaza	0.1-.5 acres	Small open space adjacent to the station; can be linear or with defined center, primarily hardscape amenities for riders, used to support station access and passive recreation
Plaza & Linear parks	0.1-1 acres	Small open space, usually close to buildings: primarily hardscape with landscaping; primarily passive recreation, could provide pedestrian connections to streets and streetscape with benches <i>ex. linear park connecting Fountain Drive to interior of TCN</i>
Small Parks	1-2 acres	Small open space, often separated from buildings by a roadway, primarily landscaped with some hardscape, primarily passive recreation <i>ex. Outdoor amphitheatre near proposed civic building and or botanic garden people to nature relationships</i>
Community-scaled Parks	1-5 acres	Medium-sized open space, usually separated from buildings by a roadway, mix of landscape and hardscape, mix of active and passive recreation <i>Ex. Proposed Reston Town Green people to people/nature relationships (same size as Bryant Park, NYC)</i>
Regional Open Space	Varies	Large open space as part of trail systems or network of parks, primarily landscaped, people to nature relationships <i>Ex. Reston Association lands</i>

Source: "Station Area Planning: How to make Great Transit-Oriented Places."
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