

## Chapter 10. Parks & Open Space

### 10.1. Parks and Open Space Overview.

The parks and open space system within PPGN is designed as the social nucleus of the community and reinforces neighborhood structure and community identity by providing important activity centers and gathering spots that are connected by a comprehensive system of pedestrian linkages. A primary goal in developing the parks and open space system within PPGN is to provide every resident convenient, walkable access to a park, open space area or off-street trail or paseo. Every neighborhood will contain a park as a focal point with resident serving amenities and direct pedestrian linkages to the larger trail and open space system. The parks and open space network will contain both passive and active recreational facilities that contribute to a logical hierarchy of open spaces and provide a diversity of spatial experiences for PPGN residents. Importantly, homes within individual neighborhoods will be oriented towards parks and open space areas. This will expand the public realm such that parks and open spaces become a natural extension of private open space areas and integral to the social structure of each neighborhood.

The parks and open space system within PPGN contains seven main elements:

1. Community Recreation Park.
2. Community Activity Park.
3. Neighborhood Parks.
4. Focal Parks.
5. Pocket Parks.
6. Community Plazas.
7. Trail and Paseo Network.

(See **Figure 10.1**, Master Parks and Open Space Plan)





Figure 10.1, Master Parks and Open Space Plan

**10.2. Community Recreation Park.**

The Community Recreation Park is the centrally located community park will fulfill a role as the social heart of the community. The 7.5 acre Community Recreation Park is centrally located within DU2 and will be constructed in phases beginning with the first phase of development. The Community Recreation Park is strategically placed at the terminus of two community collector roads and will act as a visual anchor and strong community identifier. The Community Recreation Park will be accessible through several pedestrian linkages, residential streets, and linear park and paseo trails. The Community Recreation Park facilities are specifically for the use of PPGN

residents and will be maintained long term by the master homeowner's association. A signature element of the Community Recreation Park is the community recreation and event center building. This facility will include a community lounge and meeting room, homeowner's association office, fitness facility and multi-purpose events room. A swimming pool complex will be surrounded by shade structures and formal landscaping. The Community Recreation Park will also include areas for programmed recreational activities such as basketball and volleyball courts along with large open turf areas that can be used for community and sporting events. Group and party ramadas will be provided adjacent to the event and open lawn areas. The Community Recreation Park will include onsite parking adjacent to the buildings and parallel parking on the perimeter of the park. (See **Figures 10.2 & 10.3**, Community Recreation Park Concept)



*Figure 10.2, Community Recreation Park Concept*

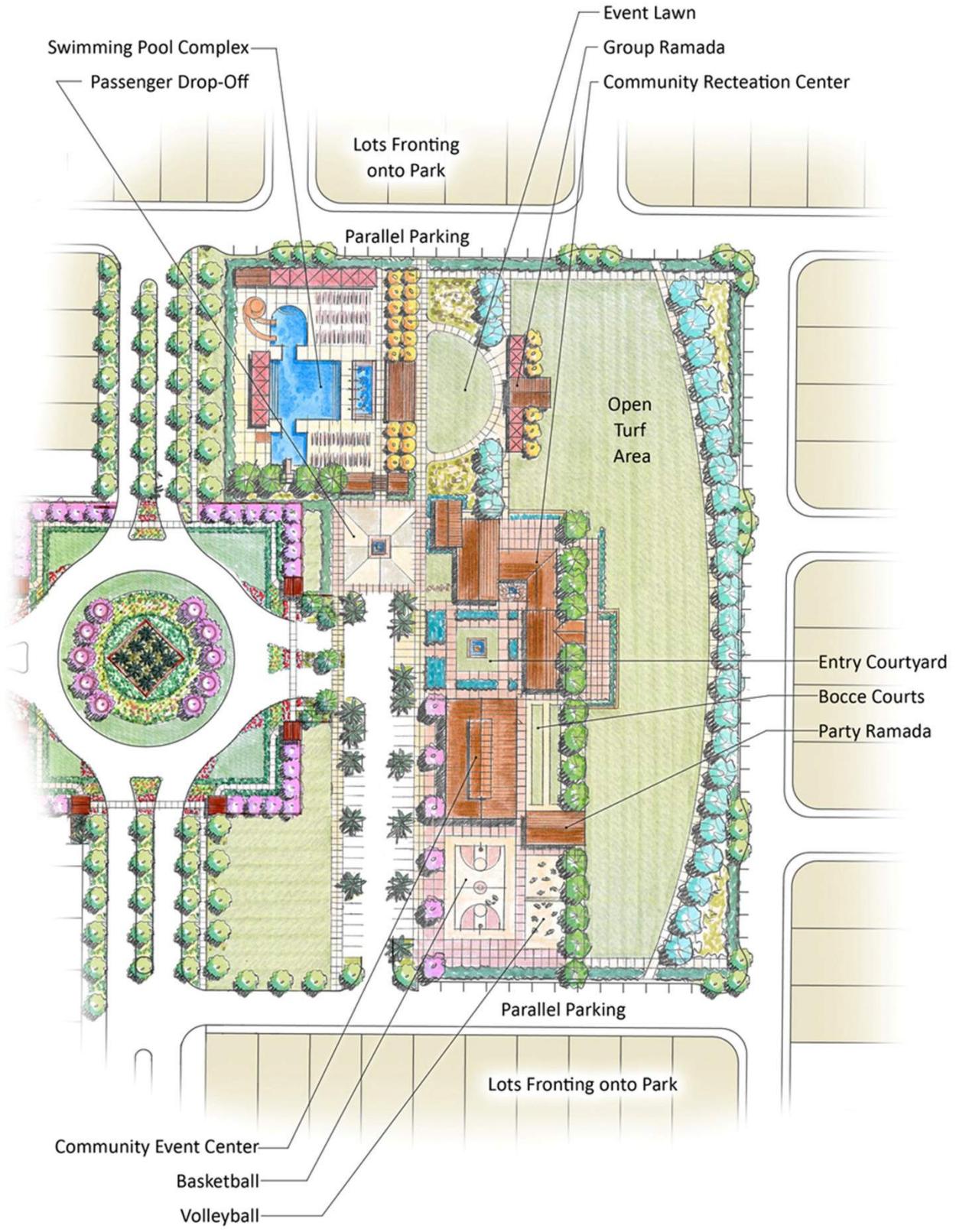


Figure 10.3, Community Recreation Park Concept

**10.3. Community Activity Park.**

The Community Activity Park is planned to be developed in coordination with a neighborhood school, the combination of which act as a unifying element for the community. The approximately 6.5 acre Community Activity Park is located adjacent to the proposed elementary school site in the southern portion of DU2. The Community Activity Park is placed on the view terminus of the main community collector from Crismon Road and will be accessible through pedestrian linkages, residential streets, and linear park and paseo trails. The Community Activity Park will include large athletic fields and sports courts as the main recreational elements that will be sufficiently sized to accommodate programmed sports activities. The athletic fields and sport courts are designed specifically for use by PPGN residents, and also may be used in conjunction with the elementary school park facilities. Ramadas and or shade structures will be provided as a compliment to the recreation areas. The Community Activity Park will include onsite parking adjacent to the elementary school and parallel parking on the perimeter of the park. (See Figure 10.4, Community Activity Park Concept)

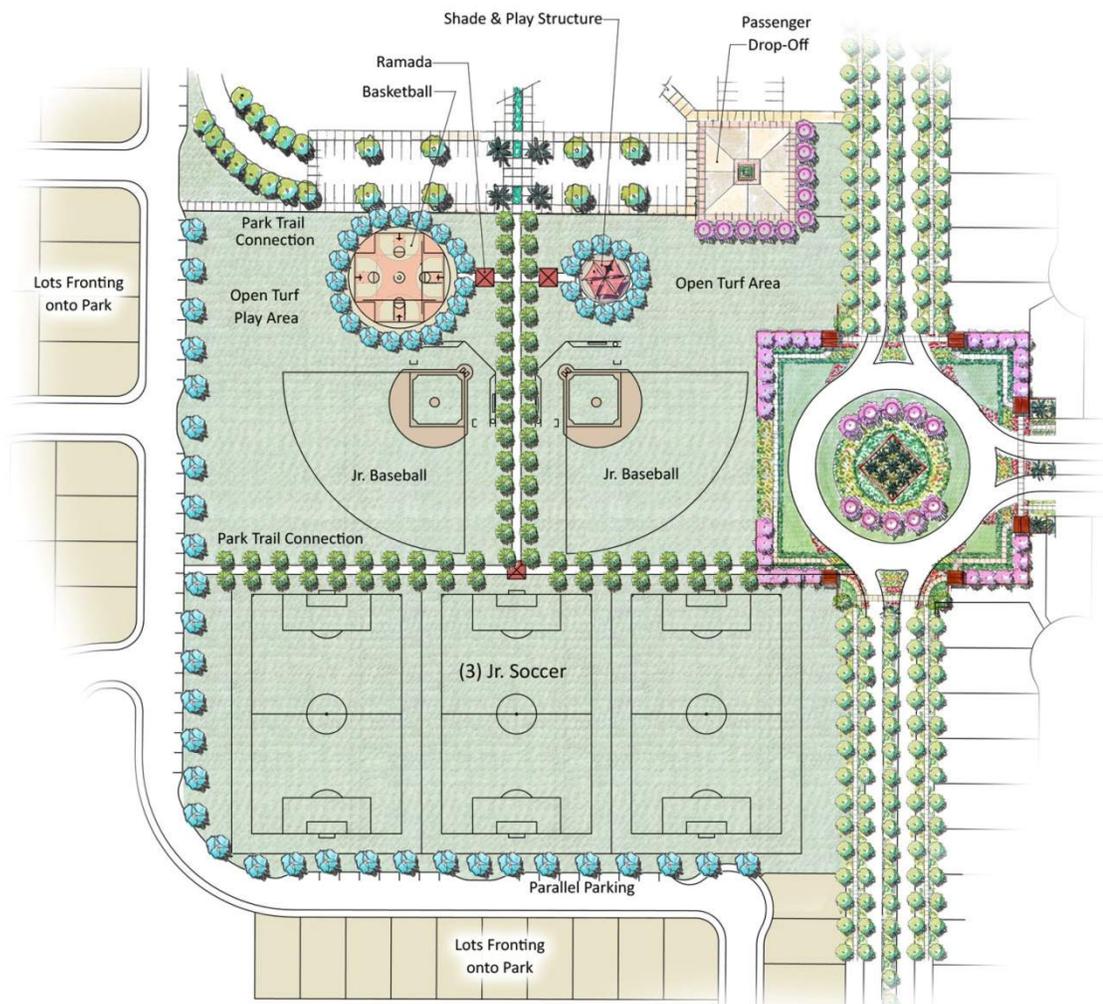


Figure 10.4, Community Activity Park Concept

#### 10.4. Neighborhood Parks.

Several one to four acre Neighborhood Parks are planned throughout the PPGN community and will act as a neighborhood gathering spot and social center. The Neighborhood Parks will generally be placed on the view terminus of the neighborhood entries and local streets and will act as a strong identification element for each neighborhood. The Neighborhood Parks will be directly accessible through pedestrian linkages, residential streets, and linear park and paseo trails. Importantly, residential homes will be designed and sited to front onto the Neighborhood Parks so that the parks become a natural extension of private open space areas and integral to the social structure of each neighborhood. All Neighborhood Parks will include passive open spaces, and may include other amenities such as ramadas, shade structures, playground areas, open turf play areas and sport courts. Larger Neighborhood Parks will include parallel parking on the street at the perimeter of the park. Smaller Neighborhood Parks that are located in close proximity to adjacent residential will not include dedicated parking areas. (See Figures 10.5 and 10.6, Neighborhood Park Concept)



Figure 10.5, Neighborhood Park Concept



Figure 10.6, Neighborhood Park Concept

**10.5. Focal Park.**

Two Focal Parks are located within the PPGN community on the view terminus of the community collector. The Focal Parks are generally passive open space areas that will serve an important role as signature community identification elements. The Focal Parks will be accessible through pedestrian linkages, community streets, and linear park and paseo trails. Focal Parks will have passive landscaped open spaces, and may include a street side trail. (See Figure 10.7, Focal Park Concept)

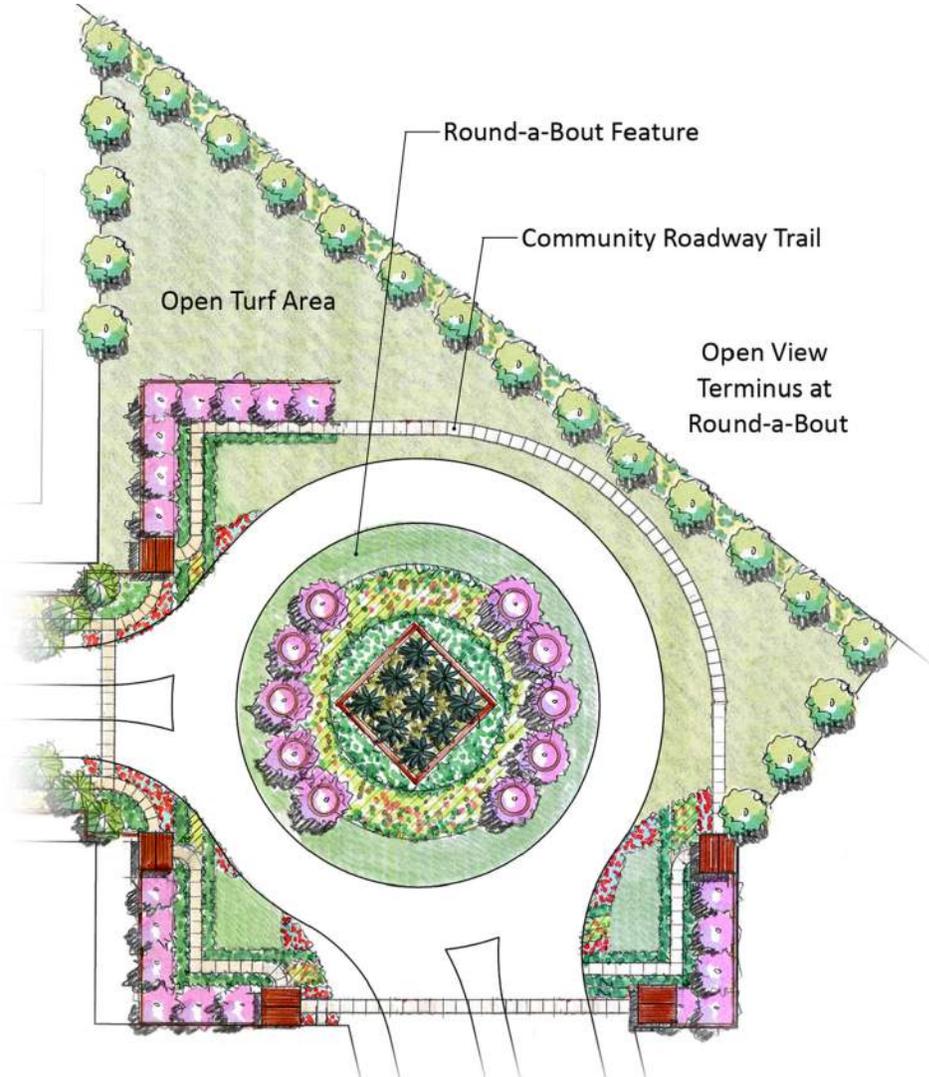


Figure 10.7, Focal Park Concept



## 10.6. Pocket Parks.

Several small Pocket Parks will be located throughout the PPGN community and will function as intimate neighborhood open space areas. Pocket Parks will be placed on the view terminus of secondary neighborhood entries or adjacent to linear parks and paseos. The Pocket Parks will be accessible through pedestrian linkages, residential streets, and linear park and paseo trails. All pocket parks will have passive open spaces, and may include open turf areas and desert planting. (See Figure 10.8, Pocket Park Concept)



Figure 10.8, Pocket Park Concept

## 10.7. Community Plazas.

Non-residential areas within PPGN will be designed to include appropriately scaled plazas and open space areas that will serve as both formal and informal community gathering spots. Community Plazas will be both active and passive and may include elements such as seating areas and shade, outdoor dining amenities, water elements and gardens, or simple hardscape. Community Plazas will be designed to contribute to an active streetscape. (See Figure 10.9, Community Plaza Concept)



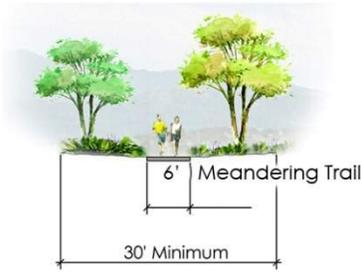
Figure 10.9, Community Plaza Concepts

## 10.8. Pedestrian Sidewalk, Trail and Paseo System.

A continuous system of landscaped on-street sidewalks, and off-street trails and paseos will provide interconnectivity throughout the community and will extend and enrich the community-wide parks and open space system. A comprehensive on-street sidewalk system is planned along all community streets. An extensive system of off-street pedestrian and bicycle trails and paseos will be directly connected to the on-street sidewalk system to ensure comprehensive and uninterrupted connectivity throughout the community. These pedestrian sidewalk, trail and paseo system is designed to promote walkability and provide an amenity for each neighborhood while forging strong links with surrounding neighborhoods. The PPGN community will contain five different types of sidewalks and trails. They include: Paseo Trails , the Freeway Paseo Trail, Park Trails, Internal Street Sidewalks, and Perimeter Road Sidewalks. (See Figure 10.10, Pedestrian Sidewalks, Trails and Paseos)

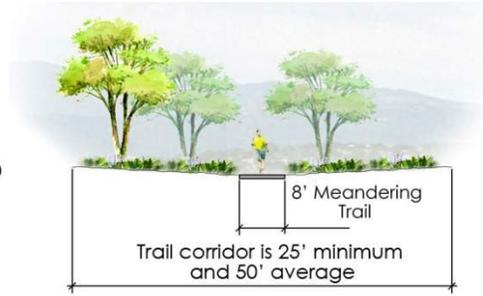


## Community Paseo Trail



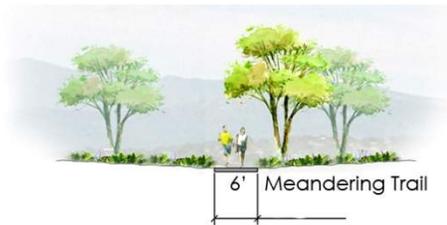
The Community Paseo Trail will serve as off street, non-vehicular connections through the community. This trail system serves to physically and visually tie the various neighborhoods and Development Units together while also providing regional open space connectivity. The internal paseo trail network will be designed to provide safe and convenient connections between open spaces and land uses.

## Freeway Paseo



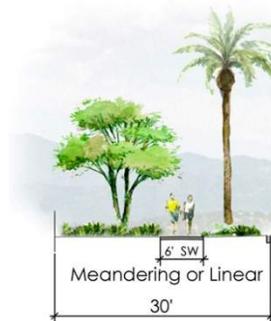
Freeway Paseo Trails will predominately serve as a passive open space buffer trail. This trail system serves to physically tie the freeway adjacent neighborhoods together while also providing regional open space connectivity. The Freeway Paseo trail network will be designed to provide safe and convenient connections between open spaces and land uses.

## Community Park Trails



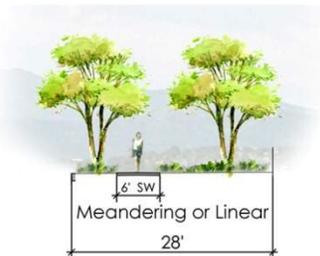
Meandering Community Park Trails work directly with all of the Community Park designs. This trail system serves to physically tie the park system to the adjacent neighborhoods and paseo trail connectivity. Park trails will be designed to provide safe and convenient connections between open spaces and land uses.

## Internal Road Trail



The Internal Roadway Trails connect all community neighborhoods and land uses along the Community Collector Roads. All Parks, paseos, and neighborhoods can be accessed by the linear pathways. The trails will be placed between formal landscape areas to provide shade in a safe pedestrian environment.

## Perimeter Road Trail



Perimeter Road Trails connect to nearby communities and meander along major arterial or collector roadways. This trail system may connect to neighborhoods and paseo trails adjacent to the major roadways.

Figure 10.10, Pedestrian Sidewalks, Trails and Paseos