

SPACES

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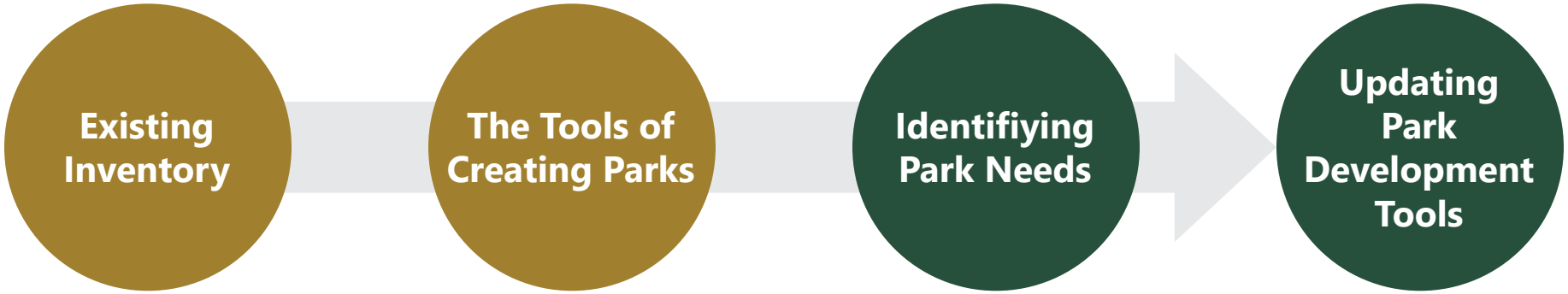
Places & Spaces - Parks Strategic Plan

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What is Included in Spaces?

Places & Spaces is the City of Kitchener's updated Parks Master Plan. **Spaces addresses quantity of parks in Kitchener**, with its' counterpart Places addressing quality of those parks.

Included in Spaces is a look at existing park inventory to establish what the City currently has, and build an understanding of how those parks are created. Building on that foundation we can establish where gaps in parks around the city are, and update the tools necessary to close those gaps with new park developments.





What Have We Found?

Findings of Spaces are based on the City's park supply standard is referred to as a **Park Provision**. It measures Local Parks as a factor of square meters of park space per person. This is used to compare the City's park supply to what is possible and to what is targeted.

Existing Inventory

The majority of Park Space is Natural Area at 52% of all green space (895 hectares).
There are 186 Local Parks, totaling 129 hectares at an average of 10 sq.m. per resident
20 of the 48 Residential Planning Communities are above average

10 sq.m. per person — **Existing Local Park Provision**

The Tools of Creating Parks

Park land can be donated, purchased directly or dedicated through development.
Dedication is limited by Provincial Policy, enacted through Kitchener's Park Dedication By-Law.
Nearly 100% of modern parks have been created through development dedication under the by-law

100 % — **Modern Parks Created through Development**

Identifiying Park Needs

The Park Provision limit of Provincial Policy is 8 sq.m. per person for Existing Communities, and 13 sq.m. per person for New Communities.
24 Communities are identified for park acquisition needs, 9 of which are considered Critical and High Priorities.

8-13 sq.m. per person — **Limit of Park Space through Development**

Updating Park Development Tools

The baseline target of 10 sq.m. per person will be used for New Community Development.
Exemption for Downtown Kitchener will be removed.
Park Dedication through Development will be maximized within the allowable limits of Provincial Policy

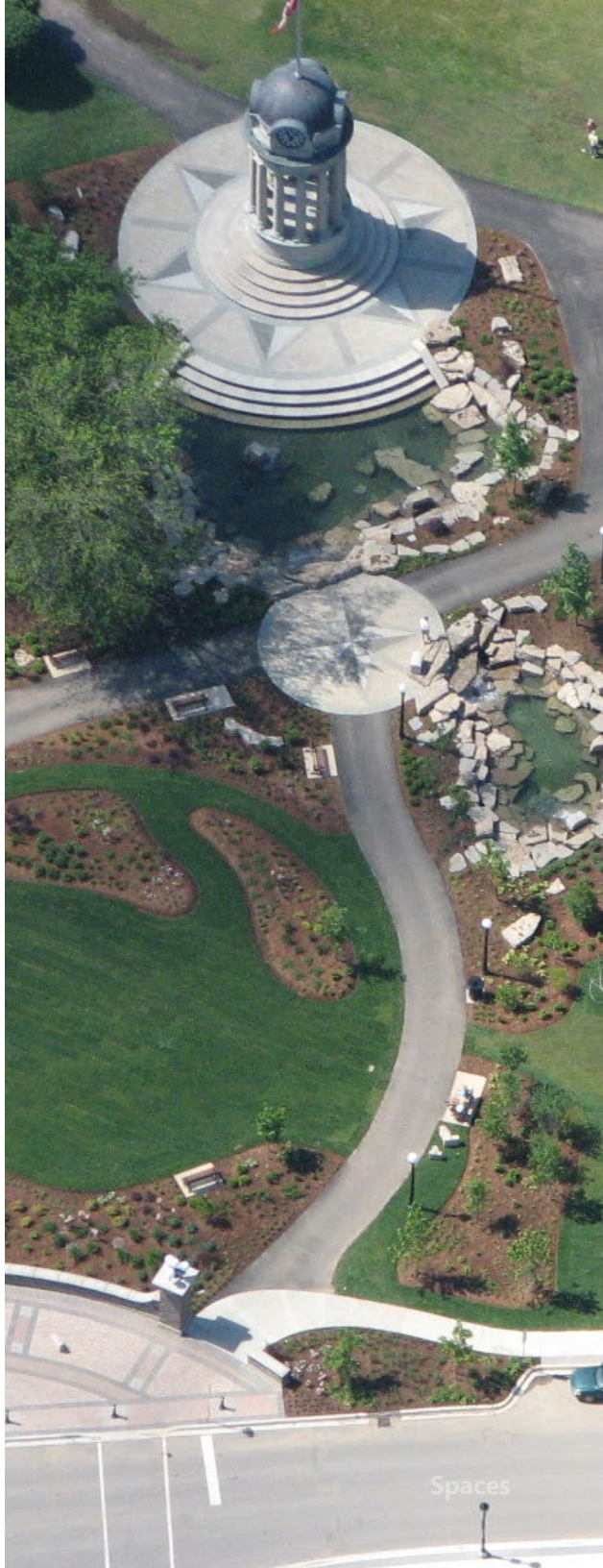
10 sq.m. per person — **Target Local Park Provision**

What Will Spaces Do?

Spaces aims to connect Kitchener's Local Park provision target to the tools it uses to create parks. The most important tool is the **Park Dedication By-Law** and **Council Policy** that guide its application. The City has relied almost exclusively on residential development to create its' park network. Backed and balanced by the findings of Spaces, the Park Dedication By-law will be updated to require all future developments to meet the target provisions.

Spaces will also guide the use of Park Dedication funding, specifically to **expand park spaces in the highest needs communities**. Property acquisition strategies will follow the approval of Spaces, focusing on the top nine communities of need (four identified as Critical, five as High). With the updated tools, community walkshed mapping, existing and target provisions established in Spaces, realistic and achievable strategies for park expansions can be developed.

Ultimately Spaces will ensure the future of Parks in Kitchener meets the provision requirements of the City's existing and future residents.



What Will Happen in My Community?

Spaces sets an overall local park target for the City, as well as specific community objectives based on expected growth. The approach to creating park space in each will include a mix of park land through development, direct acquisitions, or alternative green space opportunities where possible.

In total 24 communities are recommended for further acquisition strategies, detailing specific parkland acquisition methods, locations, costs, and timing. It is necessary to achieve Kitchener Council approval of Spaces, updated Park Dedication By-Law and Policy to provide the foundation of future land acquisitions.

Critical	High	Medium	Low
Downtown Kitchener (Core & Civic Centre)	**Alpine**	**Central Frederick**	**Brigadoon**
King East	**Bridgeport West**	**Centerville Chicopee**	**Country Hills East**
KW Hospital	**Doon South**	**Grand River North**	**Fairfield**
	Mill Courtland	**Rockway**	**Grand River South**
	Vanier	**Rosemount**	**Heritage Park**
		Victoria Park	**Hidden Valley**
		Westmount	**Laurentian West**
			Rosenberg

Denotes Major Transit Station Area (MTSA) or;

Partial Major Transit Station Area

What are the Park Targets & Objectives?

Overall Target
(sq.m. per person)

City Wide Target for Local Park Provision

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Community	Acquisition Priority	Current Local Park Provision (sq.m. per person)	Objective Local Park Provision (sq.m. per person)
Alpine	High	2.6	8.0
Auditorium	None	16.0	Maintain
Bridgeport East	None	25.4	Maintain
Bridgeport North	None	11.5	Maintain
Bridgeport West	High	0.6	**10.0**
Brigadoon	Low	4.0	**10.0**
Cedar Hill	None	34.1	Maintain
Central Frederick	Medium	5.8	8.0
Centerville Chicopee	Medium	9.1	**10.0**
Cherry Hill	None	15.3	Maintain
City Comm. Core	Critical	4.7	**4.0**
Civic Centre	Critical	0.2	**10.0**
Country Hills	None	10.3	Maintain
Country Hills East	Low	7.3	8.0
Country Hills West	None	16.0	Maintain
Doon South	High	4.1	**10.0**
Eastwood	None	24.9	Maintain
Fairfield	Low	5.6	**10.0**
Forest Heights	None	11.6	Maintain
Forest Hill	None	13.6	Maintain
Grand River North	Medium	2.7	**10.0**
Grand River South	Low	7.9	**10.0**
Heritage Park	Low	8.7	**10.0**
Hidden Valley	Low	2.6	**10.0**

Community Objectives
(sq.m. per person)

MTSA Parks Objective: **4**

Partial MTSA Parks Objective: **8**

Community	Acquisition Priority	Current Local Park Provision (sq.m. per person)	Objective Local Park Provision (sq.m. per person)
Highland West	None	10.8	Maintain
Huron South	None	7.4	Maintain
Idlewood	None	11.9	Maintain
King East	Critical	0.6	**4.0**
KW Hospital	Critical	1.5	**4.0**
Laurentian Hills	None	9.8	Maintain
Laurentian West	Low	5.8	**10.0**
Lower Doon	None	14.3	Maintain
Meinzinger Park	None	56.2	Maintain
Mill Courtland	High	6.4	**4.0**
Mt Hope Huron Park	None	9.6	Maintain
Northward	None	14.9	Maintain
Pioneer Park	None	26.2	Maintain
Pioneer Tower West	None	13.6	Maintain
Rockway	Medium	4.5	**10.0**
Rosemount	Medium	2.5	**10.0**
Rosenberg	Low	6.8	**10.0**
Southdale	None	14.0	Maintain
St. Marys	None	17.1	Maintain
Stanley Park	None	12.3	Maintain
Vanier	High	7.8	8.0
Victoria Hills	None	8.4	Maintain
Victoria Park	Medium	0.1	**10.0**
Westmount	Medium	5.3	**10.0**


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