



## Public Facilities and Services

The following draft Public Facilities and Services policies address the provision of parks and recreational facilities, schools, and community facilities and utilities in Diamond Bar. The policies seek to ensure that adequate public facilities and services are provided to existing and future Diamond Bar residents. Each policy is accompanied by a parenthetical reference indicating its source; some policies are based on current General Plan (referred to below as current GP) and Parks and Recreation Master Plan policies, while others are introduced based on information originating from the Diamond Bar General Plan Update Existing Conditions Report and Alternatives Evaluation and best practices.

## Parks and Recreation

Parks and open spaces are a vital part of a livable, sustainable Diamond Bar. They also serve as important gathering places in the community. While Diamond Bar boasts many well-liked parks, the current provision of park acreage falls short of the General Plan's proposed park standard of five acres of park area per 1,000 residents. The General Plan addresses this shortage by proposing the provision of new park area in planned mixed-use development areas, as well as the use of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to identify specific opportunity sites and locations for the introduction of neighborhood parks, and mini neighborhood parks or pocket parks in existing neighborhoods.

Addresses shortage of park space through mixed-use. However, the park acreage required in mixed-use is not specified.

## EXISTING PARKLAND SUPPLY

Would this ratio change with additional residents from proposed housing developments?

There are currently 150 developed acres of City-owned parkland in Diamond Bar, and 2.84 acres of planned parkland, for a total of 2.70 City park acres per 1,000 residents (based on a 2016 population of 56,456). Considering an additional 168 acres of other park and recreation facilities (including private parks and sports facilities, but not including the Golf Course) increases the ratio to 5.67 park acres per 1,000 residents.

It should be noted that the Quimby Act's parkland criteria excludes the vast open space owned by the City and enjoyed by its residents, which are accessible via the city's continually-expanding trail network. The combined acreage of the undeveloped Sycamore Canyon open space area, and the areas within the viewsheds of the Diamond Bar Center and Pantera Park that the City acquired through negotiations with developers, constitute about 450 acres of City-owned open space that will be preserved in perpetuity.