



Community Greenspace Scorecard

COMMUNITY _____

DATE _____

OVERALL RATING: _____

NOTES:

	Approx. Size of Site (acres)	Accessibility	Access to Natural Features	Public Space	Green Corridor	Site Safety	SCORE (out of 20)
City Parks list each separately							
School Playgrounds list each separately							
School Natural Areas list each separately							
Athletic Fields list each separately							
Cemeteries list each separately							
Community Gardens list each separately							
Walk/Bike Trails list each separately							
Other Greenspaces list each separately							
TOTAL ACRES						Combined Scores	
Population							
Total m2 per person							
Values Greenspace (out of 75)					Value of Greenspace	+ Combined Scores	
4046.86m2 per Acre						FINAL TOTAL	

INTERPRETING THE SCORECARD

Each community/site is extremely different from the next in regards to the amount and quality of greenspace available for families and children to explore outdoors. This scorecard was developed as an informal way to inventory the available greenspace within a small community or neighborhood and to gauge the quality of that greenspace.

The scorecard provides an audit of the various kinds of greenspace that exist in the community by placing a numerical value for each type of greenspace. Individual greenspace locations receive a score based on the characteristics and features at each site, labeled in this exercise as Greenspace Quality Indicators. A final score is then tallied and an overall rating of “*needs a lot of improvement*”, “*needs some improvement*” or “*awesome*” is awarded to the community or neighborhood. The rating scale incorporates the points from the greenspace audit and also uses the population of the community or neighborhood to compare with the World Health Organization (WHO) recommendation that every city should have a minimum of 9 m² of green space per person. (The Smart Cities Council suggests an optimal amount would sit between 10 and 15 m² per person. One of the greenest cities in the world is Curitiba in Brazil, with 52 m² per person. <http://smartcitiescouncil.com/article/dissecting-iso-37120-why-shady-planning-good-smart-cities>)

GREENSPACE QUALITY INDICATORS

Accessibility (up to 5 points)

Not separated from neighborhood by busy street or highway.

No fees to enter.

Walking or cycling path to park.

Signage clearly directs people to park.

Information at site is available in multiple languages.

Access to Natural Features (up to 5 points)

Site is natural (has trees and/or uncut vegetation, wildlife use the site), semi-natural or constructed.

Public Space (4 points)

Site Safety (up to 5 points)

Cross walks or other safety structures for pedestrians are in place.

Families use the site.

Crimes do not regularly take place at the site.

Law enforcement or site staff patrol the area regularly.

Green Corridor (up to 1 points)

Site has nature and connects to nearby nature spaces to form a corridor for exploration.

Values Greenspace (up to 75 points)

Does not meet the World Health Organization recommendation of 9m² per person

Meets the WHO recommendation

Exceeds the WHO recommendation (up to 15m² per person)

Greatly exceeds the WHO recommendation (over 15m² per person)