PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

This policy applies to the provision of open space in all zones of the planning scheme.

Policy Basis

The location and provision of open space contributes to the liveability of an urban area. Wodonga is fortunate in having an abundance of both formal and passive recreational spaces that represent approximately 15% of the developed urban space. Open spaces are valuable assets for recreation, conservation, visual amenity and other purposes. Council will continue to require useable parcels of land from developers in order to provide for the future recreational and leisure needs of our community. The application of strategic goals and principles will assist in aiding provision of opportunities and facilities.

Objective

To provide a framework to undertake planning, provision, development and maintenance of an integrated open space system which meets the wide ranging needs of the community.

Policy

It is local policy that the following matters will be considered when planning open space:

- The protection and enhancement of natural and cultural features, both Aboriginal and European, areas of flora and fauna significance, waterways and floodplains.
- To provide active and passive recreation use by a cross-section of the community.
- That residential subdivision will make a 5% contribution to public open space.
- Providing where applicable both local and regional linear open space linkages, walking and cycling trails.
- To maximise opportunities for multi-use open space and the location of appropriate community and cultural facilities near open space.
- The aim of a balance between local, district and regional open space.
- The provision of open space for environmental purposes such as native vegetation retention and providing open space that is accessible to all the community.
- The provision of open space along waterways with development fronting not backing onto open space.
- The need to ensure design of open space is responsive to the characteristics and conditions of the site.
- The need to ensure that all areas reserved for open space is on unencumbered land.

Zones and overlays

- Apply the Public Park and Recreation Zone (PPRZ) to public open space reserves within existing or future urban areas;
- Apply the Public Conservation and Resource Zone (PCRZ) to larger parcels in public ownership that have an environmental focus and are located in urban fringe or rural locations.
Reference documents:

Wodonga Retained Environment Network (2006)