

FRASER COAST REGIONAL COUNCIL OPEN SPACE STRATEGY

OPEN SPACE ASSESSMENT COMPONENTS AND CONSIDERATIONS:



LAND CHARACTER

- Size and shape
- Flood immunity
- Cultural and environmental values
- Other site features - visibility, topography, creeks etc

IMPROVEMENTS

- Range of activity options
- Park furniture, assets and public amenities
- Sporting assets and buildings
- Signage, landscaping and pathways

DEMAND AND NEEDS BASED

- Forecast population growth
- Demographic profiles
- Greenfield residential development
- Existing open space provision
- Geographic dispersal / accessibility

EXPERIENCES

- Play, exercise and diversity of recreation options
- Socialisation
- Access to nature
- Cultural and community events

DESIRED STANDARD OF SERVICE (DSS)

- Quantity standards e.g. prescribed hectare per 1,000 residents
- Accessibility e.g. 400-800m to 95% of urban residents
- Land characteristics
- Improvement and embellishment

WHAT IS OPEN SPACE?

Open space and parks refers to land that has been reserved for the purpose of formal and informal sport and recreation, civic functions and amenity, preservation of natural environments and provision of green space.

Open spaces are fundamental to people being able to participate in recreation, sporting and social activities. They also create desirable neighbourhoods that lead to healthy and attractive places to live

OPEN SPACE IN THE FRASER COAST

The Strategy will assess all open space land within the Region under Council ownership or control, with the exception of conservation and environmental lands. Private or commercial land and facilities have been considered, however Council owned and managed land is analysed in detail for the purpose of the Strategy:

Open space within the Fraser Coast Region includes:

- Parks for recreation
- Dog off-leash areas
- Sporting fields and outdoor courts
- Skate and BMX facilities
- Botanic Gardens
- Linear parks
- Foreshore areas
- Town commons and civic spaces

Whilst the Strategy does not include conservation areas, national parks and beaches, it does acknowledge their important and increasing role in providing experiences to the community and visitors.

WHAT WILL THE STRATEGY DELIVER?

The Open Space Strategy will be a key strategic document that aims to translate the community's value and vision for open space (parks, recreation and sporting facilities, linear corridors) into a guiding document that will lead Council's planning, management, future works program, and resourcing for open space to meet growth expectations.

WHAT WILL THE STRATEGY NOT DELIVER?

This Strategy is a high-level, strategic document that has a Region-wide focus. The Strategy will not address individual open spaces or facilities such as your local playground.

METHODOLOGY

The strategy is a community document that will be developed based on your input. The strategy will be developed based on what we know about the Region's open spaces, understanding local community preferences for different open space types and functions, and Council's and the community's capacity to deliver the required infrastructure and service to meet community needs and future demand. The supply and demand assessment will form part of Council and the community's decision-making on the planning and provision of open space in the Region.

Three components have been considered as key inputs to the development of the Strategy:

- Open Space planning framework - State, Regional and Local planning environment and frameworks
- Community needs analysis - current and future trends and demand
- Open space assessment - analysis of supply, demand and gaps