

Trees and Greenspace

Points: 10

27.) Government Greenspace Benchmarks

Meet at least one of the following benchmarks for greenspace (1) have 20 acres per 1,000 residents, (2) percent parkland of total land is 8%, (3) all residents live within ½ mile walking distance to a park.

DESCRIPTION OF MEASURE

The local government has achieved at least one of the benchmarks defined below:

- **Option #1.** The local government has at least 20 acres of greenspace (as defined in Measure #29) for every 1,000 residents. The total number of residents is based on the most current ARC population estimate. The total number of greenspace is based on the most current information available in ARC's Regional Inventory of Parks and Greenspace.
- **Option #2.** The local government has at least 8% of its total land protected for greenspace (as defined in Measure #29). The total number of greenspace is based on the most current information available in ARC's Regional Inventory of Parks and Greenspace.
- **Option #3.** The local government has designated greenspace within at least a ½ mile distance of each resident.

The greenspace must be federally, state, or locally owned and permanently protected.

DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED FOR CREDIT

For Option #1

- ✓ ARC staff calculation of acres of greenspace per 1,000 residents using the most current ARC population estimates for the jurisdiction and the acreage of greenspace in ARC's Regional Inventory of Parks and Greenspace

According to the ARC Regional Inventory of Parks and Greenspace, Douglas County currently has 4195 acres of greenspace protected in the county and according to ARC's 2008 Population and housing Report, our population is 127,800. These numbers yield 32.82 acres of greenspace per 1000 residents.