



*Media Literacy
in Action:
The Community
Planning
Project*

Episode 2
Parks and
Recreation

What is a community?

People living in the same geographic place.



What makes a livable community?

People have many needs and wants in the community in which they live. They want to feel safe and enjoy the place where they live.

People want to live in neighborhoods where they know their neighbors. They want to shop where they can buy the things they need and want.

People want public services that meet their everyday needs, like water and electricity, and fire and police departments that can send responders when there is an emergency.

Transportation is important in communities, whether it means sidewalks or forms of transportation that make it easy to get from place to place.



Schools and other learning centers are important too. Libraries, museums, and historical sites also provide places for learning.

Parks and recreation areas encourage people to enjoy the outdoors and exercise.

Art is important too, as are public spaces where people can gather for special events, which creates a sense of belonging and pride in the community.

Why are parks important in communities?

In a livable community, people want and have different kinds of businesses and public services. Some businesses are stores where people buy things that they need and want. Restaurants and banks are businesses.

There are public services too. These services are provided by the government and include hospitals, schools, post offices, and police and fire stations. When we pay taxes, that money goes to support our community services.

People want to live in communities where they can enjoy parks and other recreation opportunities. People are healthier in communities where there are places for people to walk, bike, and exercise.

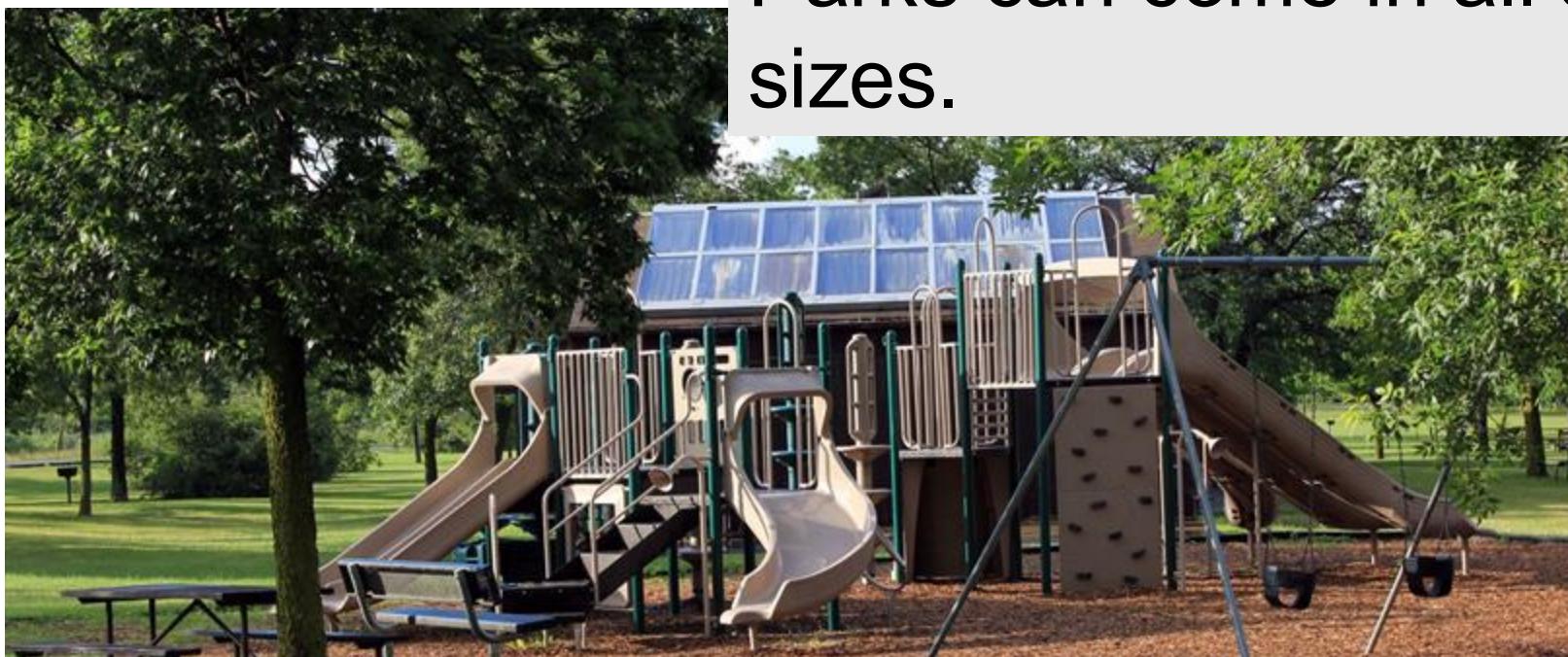
What kinds of parks and other recreation places do you think you should have in your community?





Parks can come in all shapes and sizes.

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Let's Play Ball!





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Different geographic regions provide different kinds of places to play.



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People like to visit gardens, hike trails, and enjoy nature.

Where should the parks and other recreation areas be located?



Choices & Decisions

How will we organize our community to provide parks and recreation for everyone?

