

7.3 - Defense Against Encroachment Procedures

Standard: The agency shall have procedures for protecting park and recreation lands and facilities from encroachment. The procedures should include progressive steps to address escalated encroachment issues.

Suggested Evidence of Compliance: Provide the procedures regarding defense against encroachment.

Informational reference in the *Management of Park and Recreation Agencies*, (2010), 3rd Ed., Chapter 11 – Physical Resource Planning, pp. 208 and 224.

Agency Evidence of Compliance:

Given the urban environment of Oak Park, the Park District only operates developed facilities that are surrounded on all sides by existing streets, alleys, or residences. Because of this, encroachment usually takes the form of residents or park patrons attempting to use peripheral areas as parking places, or as buffer areas in which they attempt to plant flower or vegetable gardens. Regardless, the Park District takes all encroachment on park land seriously and follows the Policy on Encroachment and Easements¹ as well as the Procedure on Defense Against Encroachment² when a violation occurs.

Documentation:

1. [07.03.00_Policy-on-Encroachment-and-Easements.pdf](#)
2. [07.03.00_Procedure-for-Defense-Against-Encroachment.pdf](#)

Agency Self Assessment: MET