

7.4 - Disposal of Lands Procedures

Standard: The agency shall have established procedures regarding the disposal of park and recreation lands to ensure that public recreational benefits are not diminished through the sale or transfer of parkland.

Suggested Evidence of Compliance: Provide the procedures for disposal of park and recreation land.

Informational reference in the *Management of Park and Recreation Agencies*, (2010), 3rd Ed., Chapter 11 – Physical Resource Planning, pp. 208, 210-213; Chapter 12 – Physical Resource Management, p. 250; Chapter 13 – Management Operations, pp. 286 and 290.

Agency Evidence of Compliance:

The Park District's authority to sell, lease, or exchange land comes from Section 7 of Article 10 of the Illinois Park Code (70 ILCS 1205)¹ which authorizes the Park District Board (in summary):

- To sell, lease, or give real estate to other government entities for public use,
- To exchange a property to a non-governmental entity for other real property of equal or greater value with the same or greater suitability for park purposes without additional cost to the Park District,
- To lease a property the Board deems is not required for park and recreational purposes to any individual or entity,
- To sell a property no longer needed or useful for park purposes by adopting a resolution by four-fifths vote and then have the sale approved by a majority of voters at a regular election.

Park District Sale of Real Estate and Excess Property Policy² grants authority to and sets guidelines for the Board regarding the sale of real estate, directing them to follow the current Illinois laws. The Procedures for Land Disposal³ further outline the requirements set out by current Illinois laws.

Documentation:

1. link to [Article 10 of Illinois Park Code](#)
2. [07.04.00_Sale-of-Real-Estate--Excess-Property-Policy.pdf](#)
3. [07.04.00_Procedures-for-Land-Disposal.pdf](#)

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