

Open Space

Background

As a rural community Providence historically has been a community with large areas of open space. Recent development has demonstrated that open space can disappear very quickly. Managed development must account for the communities open space needs through flexible and wise planning.

Principles

- Characterize the community by retaining the feel of open space.
- Provide open space to characterize Providence as a livable community.
- Ensure planning flexibility and quality control in consideration of open space..
- Continue the community's rural character.
- Create civic open spaces and safe, pedestrian-friendly streets.
- Develop schools, city center, parks, as centers of open space.
- Encourage preservation and management of open spaces.

Master Plan Directive

Ensure that new development contributes its share of open space to Providence's future by flexible planning concepts and adherence to the stated principles.

Current concerns include:

- 1) **Existing open space**
Must be groomed and maintained. Areas in disrepair should be encouraged to improve or cited.
- 2) **Preservation of open space**
Must be considered in tandem with developers needs.

Future Needs:

- 1) **Preservation**
Development concepts such as 'Bayhome', 'Coving', 'Subservient Easements', which preserve open space must be encouraged.
- 2) **Grooming**
Development of "Tree City" designation should be encouraged.