

VIII. PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE

Providing adequate parks, recreation and open space is of great importance to the quality of life in the Castle Rock area. The Castle Rock Public Works Department operates and maintains several city-owned facilities. The Castle Rock School District and Cal Ripkin baseball league also provide numerous recreational facilities to local residents. The city reviews new developments to ensure provisions are made for parks and recreation and continually seeks funding to improve and upgrade the park system.

The *City of Castle Rock's Park and Recreation Plan* completed in 2005 outlines a series of goals, policies, objectives and important background

information in an effort to guide recreational development in the Castle Rock area. The Park and Recreation Plan will serve as the Park, Recreation and Open Space Element of the Comprehensive Plan and is hereby adopted by reference. The park plan was designed to meet state requirements and was approved by the Interagency for Outdoor Recreation (IAC).

The City will continue to update its Park and Recreation Plan in accordance with state law to retain eligibility in a variety of funding programs and to facilitate longer-range park and recreation planning.

