

A stylized illustration of a green archway, resembling a climbing structure, with yellow and blue rungs. It is positioned behind the main title text.

PLAYGROUND DESIGN

REGULATIONS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES

St. Mary's County Recreation and Parks



GUIDING PRINCIPLES



ADA STANDARDS

- Accessible ADA playgrounds offer areas designed for specific age groups and include appropriate surfacing, ramps and transfer stations. Meet standards for total pieces and types of equipment.

INCLUSION

- Playgrounds offer space for calm activities, ranges in challenge levels, areas for social interaction, activities geared towards the senses, shade and perimeter securement.

SAFETY

- Playgrounds are replaced per the recommended 20-year replacement cycle based on manufacturer guidelines.
- Designs meet all Consumer Product Safety Commission regulations.

COMMUNITY INPUT

- Public accessible surveys are distributed and focus groups created to aid in the design of playgrounds throughout the county.

EDUCATION AND TRAINING

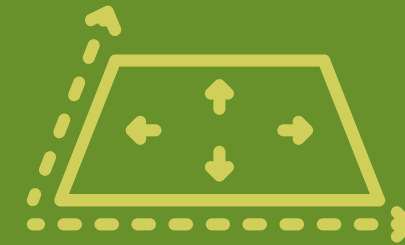


- Several park professionals are Certified Playground Safety Inspectors which certifies understanding of all safety regulations and authorizes them to inspect playgrounds. Inspections are completed once a month at every County playground.
- The Project Manager is a certified ADA Coordinator and Inclusive Play Designer. She has hosted and attends numerous trainings locally, Statewide and Nationally on the topic of accessible and inclusive playgrounds.



PLAYGROUND COST

- The average cost of a playground in St. Mary's County is \$350,000. Specialized, or premier, playgrounds such as Wieck or Lancaster Park Playground, can total approximately \$750,000.
- One-third of the total cost for playground construction is for specialized unitary safety surfacing. This surface material meets all ADA and safety requirements requiring no weekly maintenance. Surfaces such as mulch require ongoing, regular maintenance.
- Equipment is installed by highly trained and certified playground professionals.



SURFACING



**REMOVAL OLD
EQUIPMENT**



EQUIPMENT



INSTALLATION



FENCING



**SHADE AND
SEATING**

LOCATIONS

Baggett Park
Cardinal Gibbons Park
Carver Heights Park
Cecil Park
Chaptico Park
Chancellor's Run Regional Park
Dorsey Park
Elms Beach Waterfront Park
Fifth District Park
Lancaster Park
Lexington Manor Passive Park:
Meidzenski Park
Nicolet Park
St. Andrews Estates Park
St. Clement's Shores Park
Seventh District Park
Snow Hill Waterfront Park
Town Creek Park
Wicomico Shores Public Landing



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