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In addition to the Regional Park and Regional Open Space, the Eastern Village will contain a range of parks and open space areas within convenient walking distance of all homes.

These areas will be the most accessible open space areas for the community, and will consist of linear parks, village parks, pocket or local parks and sports ovals. They will be owned and managed by Blacktown City Council.

## Facilities

It is envisaged that facilities may include: barbecues, shelters, picnic tables and seating, plazas, lakes, amphitheatres, boardwalks, decks, artwork, and grassed areas. In addition, facilities such as kick-about areas, basketball and netball courts, bocce courts, playgrounds, hike and bike trails, and dog off-leash areas will be considered. Playgrounds will cater for all age groups and will be evenly spread throughout the village.

## Character

The character of the park areas will be developed around existing features. For example, existing stands of trees could be incorporated into the planting design at key locations within parks and streetscapes.

Some parks and open space areas within the village heart will be more formal in design.

All open space design, particularly in regard to the location of hike and bike trails, will apply safety design principles.

A variety of recreation facilities will be provided in the Eastern Village



An example of a local park incorporating water sensitive urban design features

## Water

The parks and open space will incorporate water sensitive urban design principles. Elements of water sensitive urban design include swales, wetlands and water features. These principles assist in improving water quality and provide a high level of open space variety and interest.

An integral part of water sensitive urban design will be a number of artificial water features, which will provide visual, recreational and environmental benefits to the community. The water features will consist of both open water and wetland plants for water quality improvement and habitat value.

Consideration is being given to the potential re-use of water on major open spaces such as sports ovals.



An example of park amenities

## Street Trees

Street trees will be an important element of the streetscape and open space system in the Eastern Village. Street trees will be predominantly native species, consistent with the environmental values of the site.