

Parks, Open Spaces and Trails

Parks have the galvanizing power to transform neighborhoods and resurrect communities, and if done right, can be the catalyst for building not only great community destinations, but also for initiating a renaissance of the larger district around it. The Community Solutions Group at GAI Consultants understands that parks and trails function as active community places in their own right, but they are at their best when they become part of the social fabric of larger civic districts.

Planning, design, and real estate consulting in one collaborative effort mean solutions that exceed client expectations.

GAI's park, open space, and trail designs are successful because our planners and landscape architects create open space concepts that respect existing community programming and engage end users to create great community destinations.

Today, parks are as diverse as the communities they serve, ranging from small, walk-to neighborhood parks to large regional facilities intended to serve hundreds on any given day. They are based on activities—some providing play courts, ball fields, and swimming pools, and some with opportunities to generate income. Just as often, they may be resource based, intended to bring people closer to the natural environment and educate them on the site and their surroundings.

The planners and landscape architects in GAI's Community Solutions Group design open spaces that connect one place to another, within neighborhoods and across cities, by foot or bicycle. We have been responsible for the success of many parks, open spaces, and trails, large and small, to the benefit of communities across the country.

Our professionals begin the planning process through a collaborative and inclusionary planning



Service Profile



and design process that identifies community needs, outlines budgets and operation/maintenance capabilities, and addresses the overall project goal.

The planners, landscape architects, and economic consultants of the Community Solutions Group know that park, open space, and trail projects can be more complex than is often understood. Whether active or passive, good design requires the broad range of planning and design expertise that clients expect and receive from our professionals.

The Community Solutions Group aligns with the engineering and environmental professionals at GAI to lead clients through the myriad of requirements that the diversity of park and open space projects require. We are the premier team for creating extraordinary spaces where communities live, work, and play.

Parks, Open Spaces and Trails Services

- Landscape Architecture
- Planning
- Civil Engineering
- Environmental Consulting
- Economic and Real Estate Consulting
- Cultural Resource Management
- Survey
- Geotechnical Engineering
- Mechanical and Electrical Engineering
- Structural Engineering

GAI Services Summary

- Airport Planning and Design
- Bridge and Structure Inspection and Design
- Coal Combustion Residuals Management
- Construction Inspection and Management
- Cultural Resources Management
- Economic Analyses and Strategies
- Electric Transmission Design and Siting
- Environmental Engineering
- Environmental Studies, Species Studies, Permitting
- Gas Pipeline Surveying and Mapping
- Geographic Information Systems (GIS)
- Geotechnical Engineering and Geology
- Impoundment and Landfill Permitting and Design
- Land Development Engineering
- Landscape Architecture and Design
- Master Planning and Urban Design
- Mechanical, Electrical, Structural Engineering
- Natural Gas FERC Certification and Permitting
- Nuclear Energy Engineering Support
- Right of Way and Appraisal Support
- Land Surveying and Mapping
- Transportation Planning and Design
- Utility Management Consulting
- Water, Stormwater, Wastewater Management