

Can we Design Out Crime?

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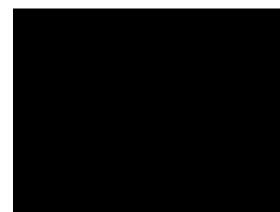
Objectives

Review key concepts related to perceptions and parks and open spaces

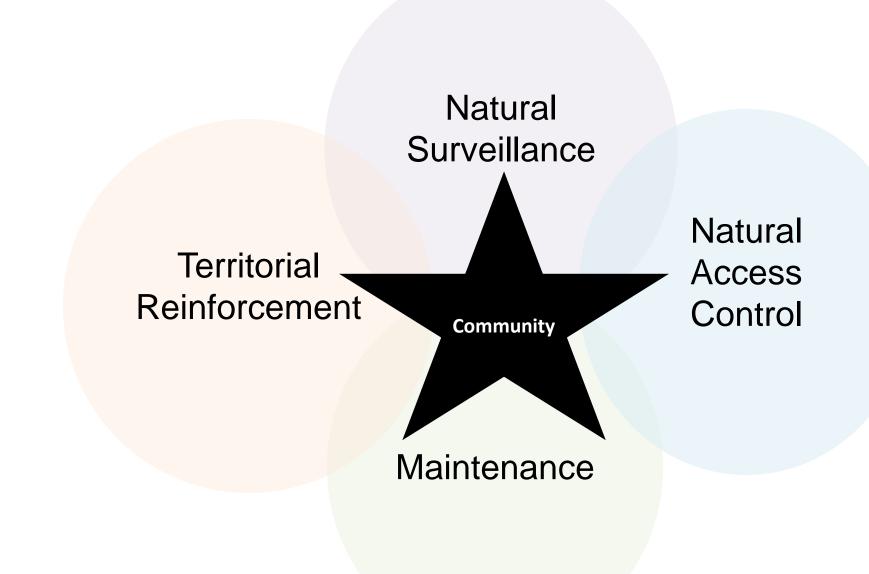
Discuss key components of community approaches to enhancing perceptions of safety

Brainstorm steps for applying these concepts in your community





CPTED





The goal of CPTED is to reduce opportunities for crime that may be inherent in the design of structures or in the design of parks, trails, and community open spaces.





Common Positive Park ACTIVITIES





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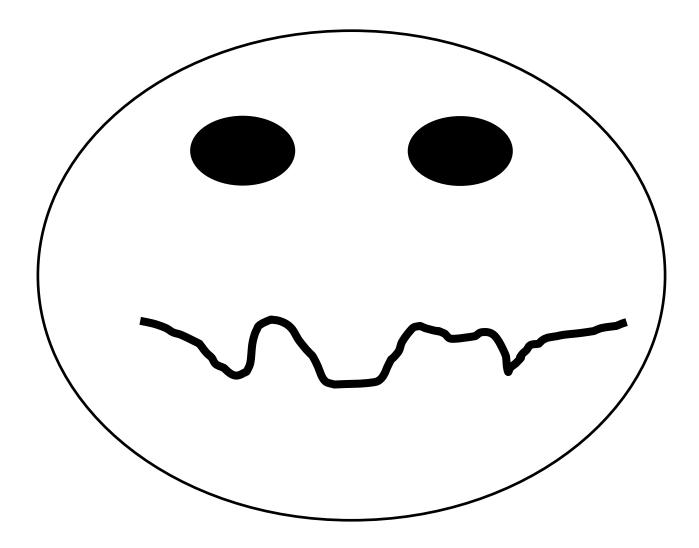
What are some positive activities that occur in your parks and open spaces?

Common Positive Park ACTIVITIES

- Walking / Jogging / Exercising
- Play
- Splash pad
- Sports / Games
- Family gatherings
- Birthday parties
- Events
- Relaxing
- Dog walking
- Picnics
- People Watching
- Social Interaction



Common "other" Park ACTIVITIES





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What are some negative activities that occur in your parks and open spaces?

CRIME IN PARKS / OPEN SPACES

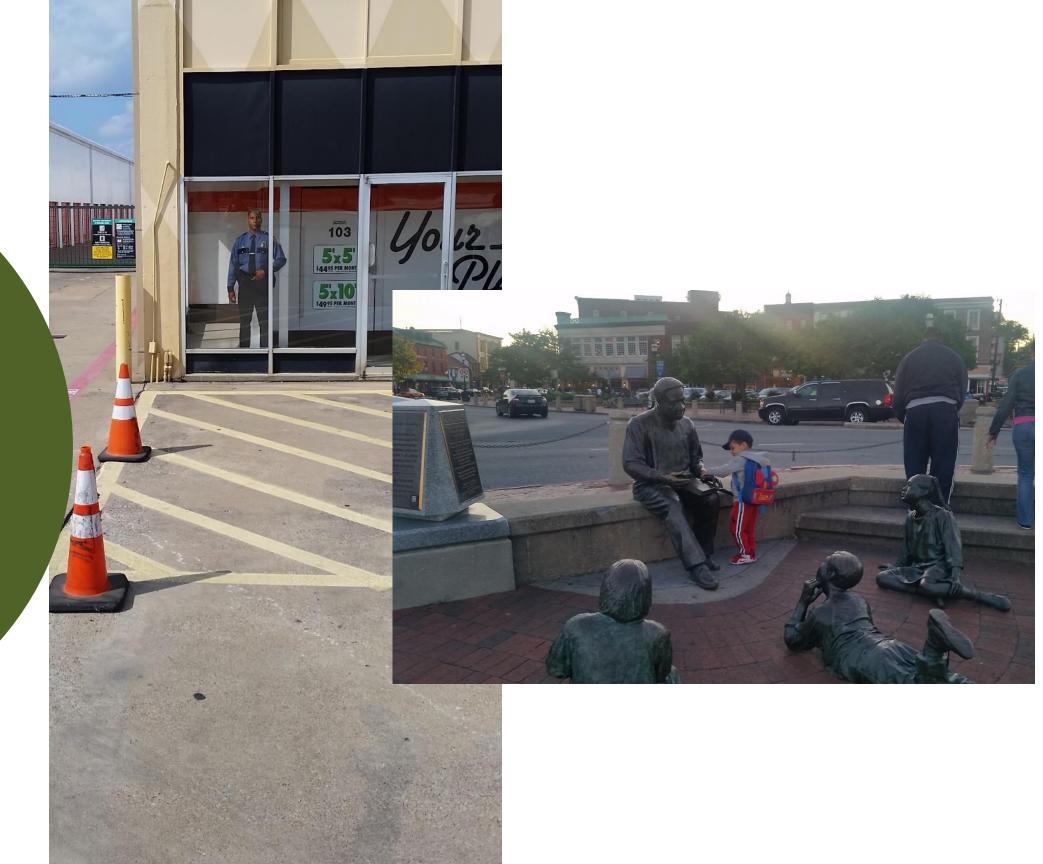
- Robbery
- Sexual Assault
- Illicit Sexual Activity
- Child predators
- Vehicle Break-in
- Vandalism / Graffiti
- Disturbances / Fights
- Underage drinking
- Gangs
- Drug Activity





Let's look at the way parks are designed, built, used, and, maintained and discuss how we make them less inherent for crime and illicit behavior.

Spaces feel safe to the user & like a risk to someone participating in illicit behavior.



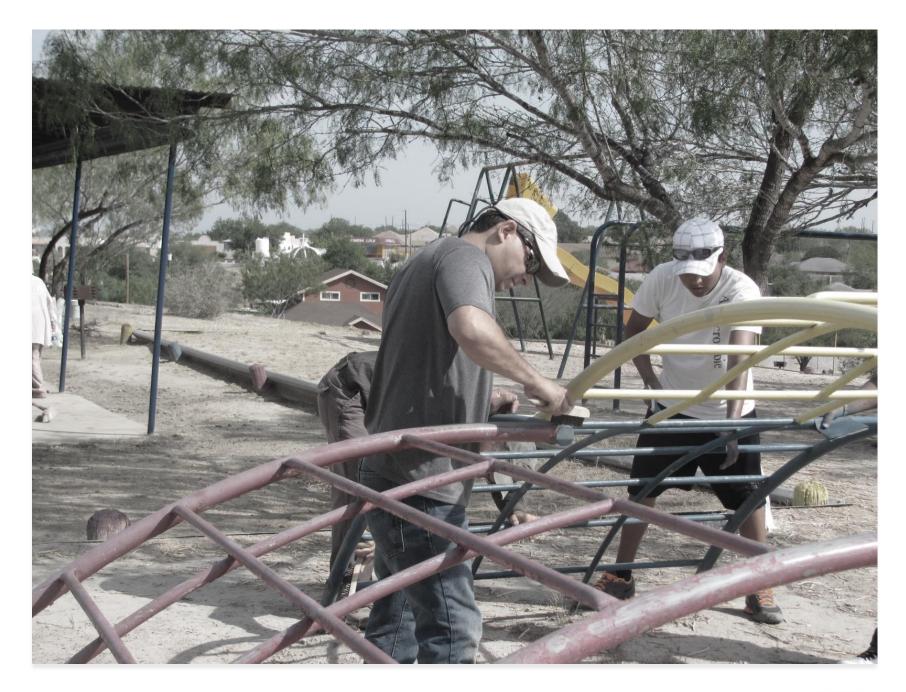
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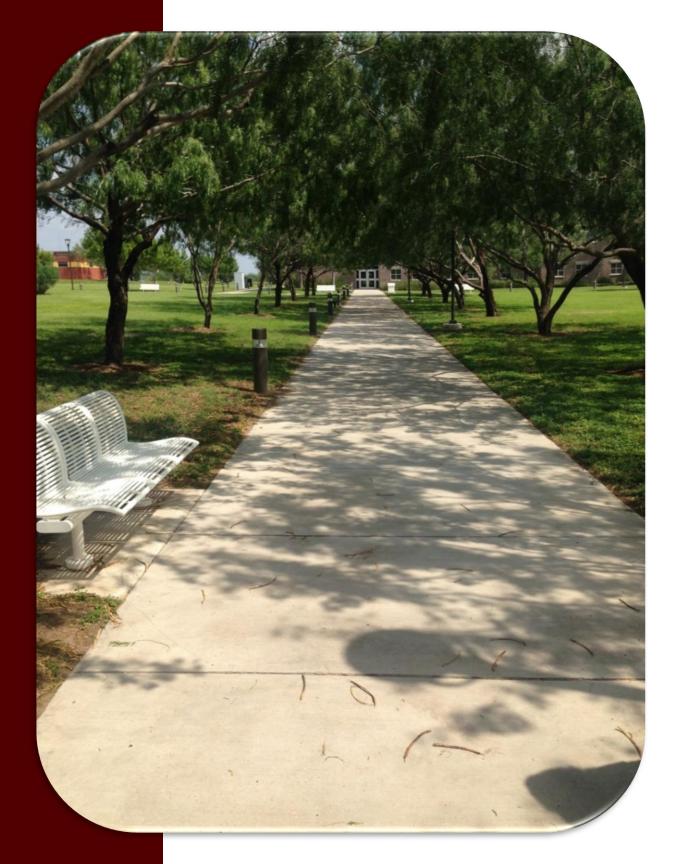
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Engaging









CPTED is based on a community approach to these key overlapping concepts:

Natural access control Natural surveillance Territorial renforcement Maintenance

Natural Surveillance

Increase visibility & increase observation of behaviors making it riskier for inappropriate activities to occur. And, making it easier for users to feel observed and safe.



Keeping local 'eyes' on your public spaces

"No where to hide!"



-based solutions



Natural Surveillance



Lighting and windows

Limit entrapment areas

Clear views , reduce obstructions

Reduce glare and shadows



Natural Access Control

Control movement. Design and maintain elements so that users can transverse though parks and open spaces with ease.



Evidence-based planning ... research-based solutions

Natural Access Control

Strong visibility at entrances

Clear access points and entrances to sites

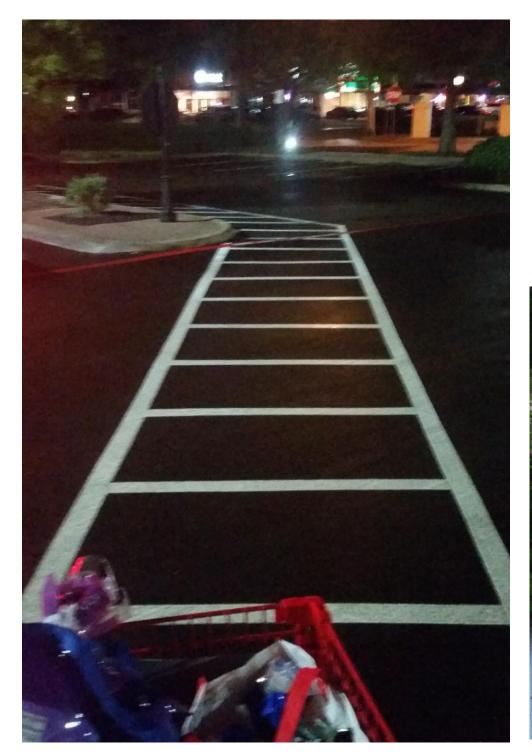
Gateways and celebrated entry areas

Strong wayfinding and clear paths





Territorial Reinforcement



An overarching concept in which there is a sense of ownership. All concepts overlap to help create a sense of territory and what is meaningful, valuable at the park and surrounding neighborhood.





Territorial Reinforcement



Fencing Pavement treatments Signage Landscaping

Maintenance

Well maintained places are usable places.

Overlaps with territorial reinforcement showing a sense of pride and a human presence.



Maintenance

Working lighting

Graffiti abatement

Well maintained

No trash or dumping









<u>Check In</u> How can you keep CPTED practices comunity centered?





LANDSCAPING

APPLIANCES (BENCHES, TRASH CANS)

LIGHTING

GATEWAYS/WAYFINDING

COLOR/ PUBLIC ART

BARRIERS (FENCES, BOLLARDS, EDGING, LANDSCAPING)

TRAFFIC CALMING

COMFORT STATIONS

GRAFFITI ABATEMENT

POLICIES/ GUIDELINES

SITE MAPS / PLAN

SIGNAGE/ RULES

NEIGHBORHOOD/ CONTEXT

ACTIVITY GENERATORS

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT/ PARTNERSHIPS

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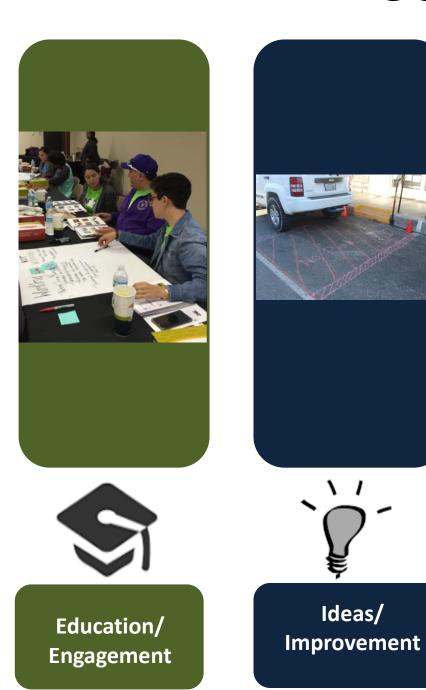
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What are some easy ways you could incorporate CPTED into your park operations?

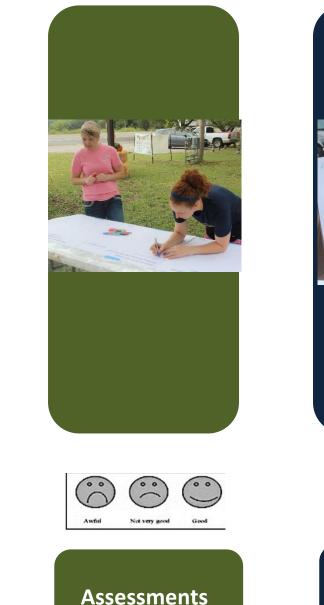
Concepts in Your Community

Communities Approaches



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Ideas/













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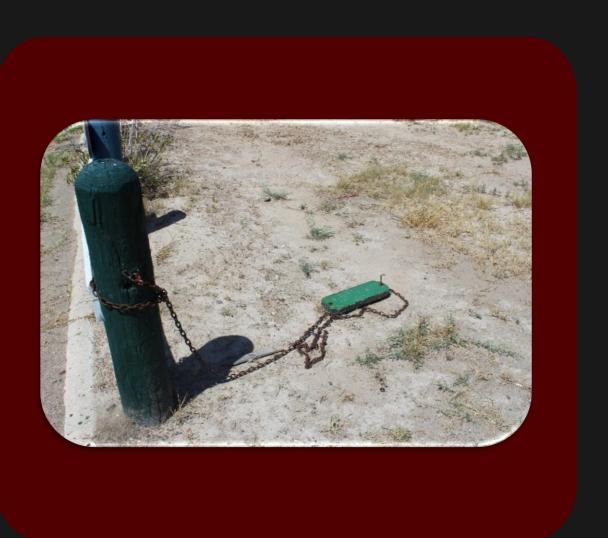










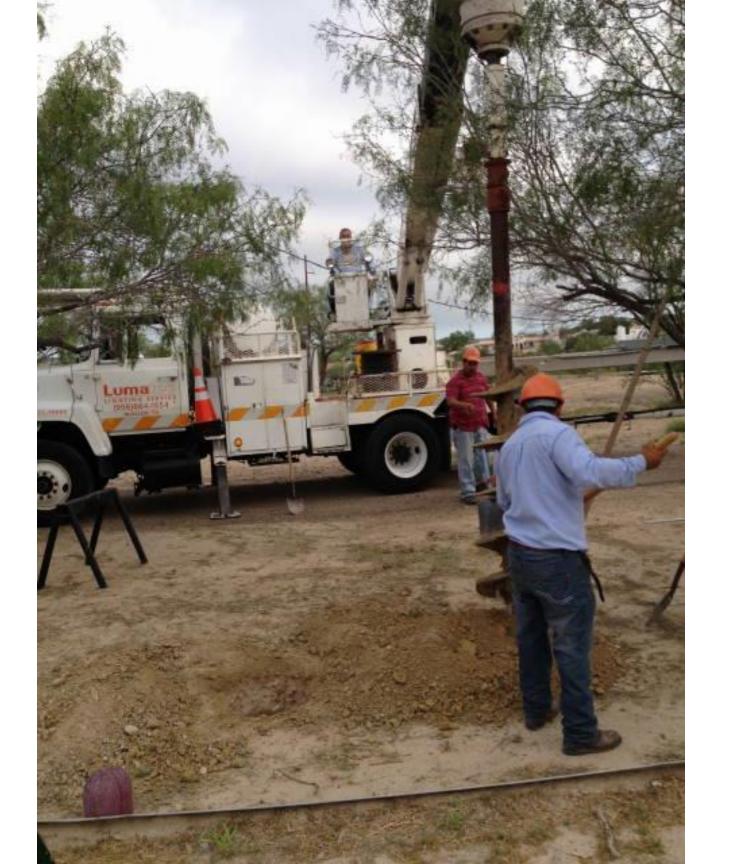


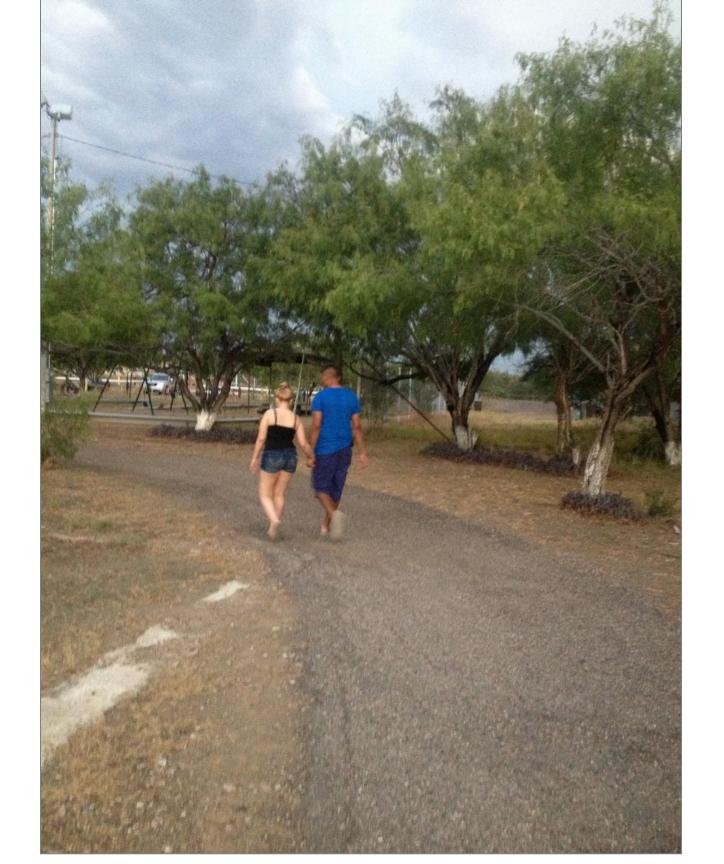


















Section Three: Applying these concepts in your community





Success in Communities

Community Involvement / Diverse Perspectives

How can you incorporate perception based approaches ?

Community Assets

Balance Education/ Assistance & Do it for Yourself

Start with small wins





Education/

Engagement







Policies Procedures



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