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Using This Chapter

This chapter presents six case studies based on on-site design applications at Army installations. Planning the Community Framework and designing one or more Community Activity Centers as part of each post's community system are presented for each case. The illustrative designs represent a broad range of types, sizes and service purposes of Community Activity Centers. For each installation, the community service needs and program are discussed, the masterplan considered and a post-wide Community Framework plan is developed. For selected, prototypical Community Activity Centers in the plan, detailed programs and design solutions are presented and analyzed.

The illustrative plans and designs in this chapter are to be used by Morale Support Activities staff, Facility Engineers, other involved service agencies, user groups, District Engineers, and architects contracted for CAC design, as examples of the application of the guidance in this Design Guide. The plans and designs are based on modified existing facilities programs and sites, but the considerations and solutions represent realistic applications of the procedures, principles and considerations for determining project requirements, developing a community service and facilities system, locating facilities, and developing Community Activity Center programs and design solutions.

These illustrative designs are not intended to be used as definitive designs and plans, but rather as a guide in solving the needs of specific local situations and programs. Local programs, service patterns, activities included in each center, existing facilities, and site conditions make it impossible for any plan or design for a Community Activity Center to be definitive and applicable in multiple situations. Each illustrative example has been designed for a specific local program, site and topography, and is not intended to be used or site-adapted for other locations. Each installation should develop its own plans and designs responding to local programs and needs, which may vary considerably from these examples.

The final section of this chapter presents designs for Community Activity Centers for remote sites and small populations. These include prototypical building programs and suggested designs for three sizes of Community Activity Centers for sites with populations of 250 and under.