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INTRODUCTION

A great parks system makes a great city. The City of San Diego Parks Master Plan is a practical and inspirational framework for meeting our changing recreational needs and interests. Transforming the City's parks and recreation resources into a sustainable, flexible, and innovative system requires continued financial investment and commitment from San Diegans and their City leaders now and in the years ahead. The Parks Master Plan identifies policies, actions, and partnerships for planning parks, recreation facilities, and programs that reflect the vision of a world-class Citywide network of recreational experiences to engage, inspire, and connect all San Diegans.

The City last prepared a systemwide master plan for parks and recreation in 1956, when San Diego was much smaller and new development occurred on open land. Over the next six decades, San Diego tripled in population size, becoming more diverse and urban. Shifts in lifestyles, demographics, technology, and patterns of community development have fundamentally reshaped recreation. These changes have transformed the way the City prepares for the future of housing, jobs, transportation, and the environment, and the way it plans for meeting recreational needs. The 2008 General Plan identified the need for a new Parks Master Plan. The Parks Master Plan aligns parks planning with the City of San Diego's vision to achieve the shared Citywide goals of sustainability and resilience, equity, livability, and connectivity.



Sunset Cliffs Natural Park

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Guiding Principles

The Parks Master Plan strives to provide opportunities for everyone to recreate citywide within a park system that is relevant, accessible, iconic, diverse, biologically sustainable, and equitable while ensuring the City meets its obligations under the guiding documents and plans listed below.

Relevant parks and recreational programs should meet the changing needs and priorities of residents, both now and in the future. The system should offer safe, convenient access to a park space or recreation program for every resident. Parks should be iconic, reflecting the unique qualities of their settings and enhancing the image of the City and its diverse communities. The system should be sustainable. Parks and Open Space should reinforce San Diego's globally recognized biodiversity. Park developments, improvements, programs, and management strategies should contribute to community economic development, social well-being, and a healthy environment.

Equity is also a central value of the City's parks system. Park planning and investments should address long-standing inequities in the City's parks system suffered by people that live in communities of concern and other marginalized populations allowing everyone to fairly share the same benefits from parks and attain full and equal access to recreational opportunities regardless of one's background, identity, ability, and location.

Guiding Documents and Plans

The Parks Master Plan is not a stand-alone document, but rather an effort to integrate park planning with many other Citywide visions. The Parks Master Plan must work in concert with both Citywide and community-based efforts to achieve shared goals. The Parks Master Plan does not supersede any of the guiding plans or documents, but rather is intended to complement them.

Guiding plans highlight sustainability and resilience through stronger, more adaptable resources; fair access to social and economic opportunities for all residents; liveability and quality of life in neighborhoods; and connections between housing, jobs, amenities, and public spaces. The Parks Master Plan is intended to be complementary to achieve the goals and vision set forth in the following guiding plans:

- ▶ City of San Diego General Plan
- ▶ Climate Action Plan
- ▶ Multiple Species Conservation Subarea Plan
- ▶ Vernal Pool Habitat Conservation Plan
- ▶ Urban Forestry Management Plan
- ▶ Council Policies
- ▶ Other park planning documents such as General Development Plans, Park Master Plans, and park precise plans.

Where Are We Going?

The City's park and recreation needs have evolved, influenced by changes in population and development patterns. Communities vary in the quality and availability of park spaces due to patterns of historical growth and funding levels. Prior development patterns have also left parts of the City with fewer connections to parks and natural areas. More dense infill growth increases demand for parks in built-out areas with limited open, undeveloped land and high land values, but with opportunities for urban parks and public spaces. Funding and staffing levels have steadily declined over the past two decades resulting in disinvestment across all park typologies. These constraints make it difficult to provide consistent levels of maintenance, operations, and programming across the City.

Residents' recreational and social needs continue to change too. People who live in communities of concern, and older dense neighborhoods, and communities which are seeing population growth rely on the physical, social, and economic benefits of public parks and programming but often have less access to recreational opportunities.

Demographic and lifestyle trends shift interests toward individual, spontaneous recreation with an emphasis on wellness and socializing. While these changes create ongoing challenges for our parks system, they also pave the way for innovative, adaptive responses and opportunities.

Our Needs + Priorities

To inform a vision and supporting policies for the system that we want, community feedback was gathered through a mix of activities. Residents shared ideas through a workshop, a statistically valid survey, and online questionnaires.

This feedback resulted in an understanding of community needs, while highlighting opportunities for system improvement and

Community input revealed common priorities for residents with an emphasis on investing in:



Acquisition of land for new parks;



Improvements and maintenance of existing parks and facilities;



Neighborhood parks;



Open space and trails;



Off-leash dog parks;



Aquatic facilities;



Fitness and wellness programs;



Senior programs;



Nature/outdoor programs; and



Efforts to make parks more active and safer.

prioritizing future actions. See the Needs and Priorities report for additional details on public input.

Parks for All of Us

The Parks Master Plan vision is to bring the many benefits of great parks and recreational opportunities to all City residents and visitors. Great parks feature quality recreation amenities and programs for diverse interests, ages, and abilities. They are comfortable, active, safe spaces for social connections. Meaningful parks celebrate the history, culture, and identity of surrounding communities. They also protect and promote the health of sensitive natural resources and habitats.

In a great system, parks join with lively public spaces, active streets, and cultural amenities trails, and conserved natural lands to make up a connected and accessible network of recreational experiences for everyone. Each park type provides different opportunities and obligations, and the Parks Master Plan will ensure effective planning and management for their primary values, benefits and opportunities. For example, regional resource and open space parks will continue to be managed to conserve biological diversity, protect watersheds, and provide ecological services – including to help moderate climate change effects - with other uses limited to those compatible with their primary purposes.

A New Park Standard

A critical first step in transforming our parks system is to understand how we are meeting the City's recreational needs and preparing for growth and change. In the past, the City has used a standard of 2.8 acres per 1,000 residents for community parks, parks, miniparks, and joint use facilities.

As the City continues to grow through infill development, limited open land and rising acquisition costs make it increasingly difficult to meet this acreage-based standard. Reliance on development impact fees to meet the acreage-based standard limits resources to

invest in existing parks and expand recreational opportunities in neighborhoods with fewer parks.

The new park standard applies to how population-based parks are planned, acquired, created and managed; it does not apply to planning, acquiring and managing resource-based parklands.

A practical and meaningful standard should measure the wide variety of recreational experiences within a large, diverse city and support quality parks for everyone. The Parks Master Plan transitions the City from a land-based standard to a recreational value-based standard. The Recreational Value-Based Park Standard (Value Standard) standard establishes a point value to represent recreational opportunities within population-based parks.

Recreational value emphasizes the activities and experiences that residents can enjoy, rather than solely the physical size of the parkland in a given area. The Value Standard is intended to be applied to population-based parks and portions of regional parks which serve local populations. The Value Standard is not intended to be applied to portions of regional parks which serve the region, including trails, shorelines, and open space parks. Regional assets are intended to be evaluated during future community plan updates; the score assigned to these resources during the update process is not intended to represent their total inherent Citywide value, but instead recognizes that these assets provide additional recreational value to local residents.

The Value Standard allows local residents to determine the appropriate mix of park upgrades which increase recreational value and the acquisition of new parkland. The adaptability of the Value Standard makes it possible for residents to have both upgrades to existing parks and the construction of new parks.

The Value Standard is based on four communities that met the previous acreage standard of 2.8 acres per 1,000 residents in

2020. These communities were scored on their recreational amenities, yielding a recreation value of 100 points per 1,000 people that is now applied Citywide.

The points reflect the ability of parks to meet the needs of diverse users; promote physical activity; create a safe, active environment; and connect to the Citywide transportation and recreation network. A recreational value of 100 points per 1,000 people represents a range of recreation experiences comparable to the opportunities available to residents in communities that previously achieved the acreage-based standard. See pages 58-61 and Appendix D for a description of recreational value scoring.

Park Acquisition: A 10-year Goal



As an outgrowth of the City's new vision for *Parks For All*, an ambitious new goal for acquiring population-based parkland has been set. The goal is for the City to acquire 100 acres for population-based parks in the first ten years following the Parks Master Plan's adoption. This goal will help us to provide parks and places for recreation where the needs are the greatest. This goal only applies to community population-based park typologies and is in addition to any joint-use park agreements. See Appendix C for a list of the population-based park typologies.

Prioritization Framework

Complex, long-standing factors, such as patterns of development and investment, often result in an uneven distribution of recreational amenities across a city. Prioritization guides future capital investments to improve recreational

experiences in areas with shortfalls, bringing more communities in line with desired standards for parks and recreation services. Prioritization assessments can draw from multiple perspectives to identify areas with more recreation needs.

The PMP has identified a five-pronged approach to prioritizing investments:

- Access - length of time a person must travel to get to a park or facility,
- Equity - socio-economic characteristics of people living in an area as identified in the Sustainability Department's Climate Equity Index (CEI),
- Park Demand - Total parks provided in a community compared to the citywide average,
- Growth - Current and future population density.
- Social - Community factors such as safety, maintenance, programming, and facility deficiencies

Communities and parks that score the highest on selected metrics would then rise in priority to receive funding that expands facilities and programming that delivers recreation to everyone. A prioritized approach to future investments is a critical tool in promoting a balanced and equitable network of recreational experiences for everyone.

Implementation Framework

Achieving the vision of Parks for All will take time, committed resources, and a significant increase in Park and Recreation Department funding and staffing levels. Transforming the parks system that we have today into the system that we want requires innovative delivery strategies, sustainable funding approaches, and a continued focus on creating great places across the City.

The implementation framework for the Parks Master Plan consists of goals and policies in 13 categories (see Chapter 4, pages 89 -125). Together, this mix of programs, tools, and partnerships outlines a sustainable strategy to expand and upgrade our parks into the envisioned world-class parks system for all.



Photo Courtesy of Kompan Playgrounds

Maruta Gardner Playground

13 POLICY AREAS FOR A NEW PARKS SYSTEM

Parks + Programming - Opportunities for everyone to play, explore, learn, and interact.

Equity - Addressing long-standing inequities experienced by people in communities of concern and other marginalized populations allowing everyone to fairly share the same benefits from parks and attain full and equal access to recreational opportunities regardless of one's background, identity, ability, and location.

Access - Access within a 10-minute walk and roll, 20-minute bike ride, and 30-minute transit ride for everyone to a park or recreational experience that can be enjoyed for at least 40 minutes.

Activation - Safe and inviting public spaces that support positive experiences for everyone and that further the equity and access goal.

Co-Benefits - Multi-purpose park spaces that improve overall quality of life.

Community Building - Parks that are the focal points of our communities.

Mobility as Recreation - A Citywide network of safe, active recreational links that connects people with parks and public spaces.

Arts + Culture - Parks that express the unique identities of our communities and connect people to arts and cultural experiences.

Conservation, Sustainability, and Resilience
A parks system that preserves and enhances our natural environment, grounded in science-based stewardship, landscape, while making our City more active, biodiverse, and resilient.

Partnerships - A collaborative network of partners and resources that improves and expands recreational opportunities throughout the City.

Operations + Maintenance - An efficient, durable, and well-maintained parks system that provides consistent, long-term quality to everyone.

Regional Parks - Well-maintained and accessible regional parks that protect and showcase unique scenic, natural, historical or cultural resources, while offering everyday recreation throughout the City.

Funding - Sustainable, equitable, and dedicated funding sources to invest in the City's parks system.



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Piazza della Famiglia



City of San Diego Coastline



1.0 OUR CITY + OUR PARKS

1.1 Guiding Principles

1.2 A Livable City

1.3 A Connected City

1.4 A City with Recreation for All

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Our City + Our Parks

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The Parks Master Plan identifies policies, actions, and partnerships for planning parks, recreation facilities, and programs that reflect the vision of a world-class Citywide network of recreational experiences to engage, inspire, and connect everyone.

The Parks Master Plan identifies policies, actions, and partnerships to create a world-class Citywide network of recreational experiences for all.



Fanuel Street Park, Mission Bay

1.1 Guiding Principles

To create a world-class interconnected Citywide parks system that provides opportunities for everyone to play, all park planning efforts should consider the following guiding principles.



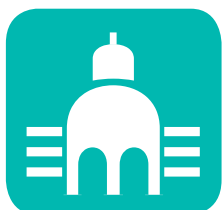
RELEVANT

Parks and recreational programs should meet the changing needs and wants of residents.



ACCESSIBLE

Every resident should be able to get to a park space or recreation program safely, conveniently, and actively.



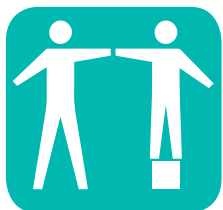
ICONIC

Parks should reflect the unique qualities of their settings and enhance the image of the City and its diverse communities.



SUSTAINABLE

Park improvements, programs, and management strategies should contribute to community economic development, social well-being, and a healthy environment.



EQUITABLE

Park planning and investments should address long-standing inequities experienced by people in communities of concern and other marginalized populations allowing everyone to fairly share the same benefits from parks and attain full and equal access to recreational opportunities regardless of one's background, identity, ability, and location.

1.2 A Livable City

A great parks system makes a great city. The City last prepared a systemwide master plan for parks and recreation in 1956, when the City was much smaller and new development occurred on open land. Over the following six decades, the City has tripled in population size, becoming more diverse and urban – trends that will continue into the foreseeable future. Shifts in lifestyles, demographics, technology, and development patterns have fundamentally reshaped recreation. More broadly, these changes have transformed the way the City prepares for the future of housing, jobs, transportation, and the environment, and the way it plans for meeting recreational needs.

Related and relevant Citywide planning efforts promote sustainability and climate resiliency through protected natural resources; fair access to social and economic opportunities; safe, affordable neighborhoods; and better mobility choices to connect housing, jobs, commercial uses, amenities, and social spaces. Parks planning is at the center of ongoing initiatives to make the City healthier, and more prosperous, inclusive, and livable.

Parks offer more than just places for people to play or relax. The City's iconic coastline and parks draw visitors from around the country and world, contributing to our economy, civic pride, and identity. Parks also connect the fabric of our communities and the City as a whole. Parks preserve habitat and biodiversity, provide essential ecological services, and help us adapt to climate change. The energy and history of our public spaces enriches everyday living, inviting us to interact, learn, explore, express, and move. The Parks Master Plan recognizes and encourages this diversity of recreational experiences and defines a path for enhancing parks and recreation resources in our growing, changing City.

The Parks Master Plan aligns parks planning with the vision of the City of San Diego as a whole, working with Citywide and community-based plans and conservation documents to achieve shared goals. It also serves as a policy framework to guide and complement future parks and community planning efforts.

1.3 A Connected City

Planning for parks and recreation must recognize the remarkable beauty and history of the City and region. With its landscape of canyons, river valleys, mesas, watersheds, and coastline, San Diego is one of the most physically striking cities in the country and part of the most biologically diverse county. These topographical and natural features offer varied outdoor recreation and environmental stewardship for residents and visitors alike – beachgoing, hiking, walking, bicycling, volunteering, and taking in our stunning views.

What is a watershed?

A watershed is an area of land from which all water drains, running downhill, to a shared destination that is bound by topographic features, such as ridge tops and canyons. Watershed protection and restoration provide opportunities for sensitive habitat preservation, wildlife linkages, and resource protection as well as opportunities for compatible recreational uses, connections between communities, unique trails, and educational elements.

City of San Diego Parks, 1956 and 2020

- 1956 Parks System
- 2020 Parks System



0 2.5 5 Miles
2020

Figure 1:
City of San Diego Parks
System, 1956 and 2020

Parks in San Diego have grown from a handful of iconic spaces to a modern system serving 1.4 million residents in 52 diverse communities across 370 square miles.

The parks system of today is six times the size it was when the City of San Diego undertook its first system-wide master plan in 1956. The system of the 1950s consisted of 5,720 acres of land in 23 recreation areas. Today, as the second largest urban system in the United States, the City of San Diego operates and maintains over 400 parks on more than 42,000 acres of land.

Natural lands stewardship and sustainability focuses on conserving native species, their habitat, and functioning ecosystems in perpetuity and consistent with local, state, and federal environmental laws using science-based management that promotes educational opportunities, and facilitates appropriate uses of lands by the public, while preserving the conservation value of native species and their habitats for the public benefit and for future generations.

Planners of earlier generations viewed San Diego's good fortune as the rare chance for a true natural space network tying together parks, canyons, beaches, boulevards, plazas, and scenic overlooks. Environmental planning similarly saw the creation of an integrated system of conserved lands as critical to protecting sensitive biological resources and ecological functions.

The 2008 General Plan continued to embrace natural space as a guiding planning principle of its City of Villages strategy, envisioning parks

and natural areas as the primary starting points for defining our distinctive communities.

Differing eras of growth and approaches to development throughout the City's history, however, have presented challenges in realizing a cohesive whole out of the City's many beautiful individual spaces. The Parks Master Plan returns to the long-envisioned idea of bringing people closer to nature, nature closer to people, and inviting public spaces back into our communities.

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Not only the Bay, but every type of scenery, beach, and promontory, mesa, and canyon unite in never-ending variety to form a city that is strikingly individual in character and of great beauty.

John Nolen

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Mission Beach Park

City of San Diego Landform

Open Space

Canyons



0 2.5 5 Miles
2020

Figure 2:
Framework for an
Integrated Parks System

San Diego's spectacular landscape forms the natural framework for a parks system. The topography of mesas, canyons, coast, and foothills connects parks and open spaces. This idea of an integrated park system reflects historic concepts for interconnected open space, the vision of the 2008 General Plan, and current initiatives to promote an environmentally and economically sustainable future for the region.

As the City implements its vision for achieving planned residential densities and supportive land uses in areas with access to high quality transit, there is an opportunity to plan and design natural spaces, parks, and recreational experiences that integrate with our historic and modern built environments, creating the foundation of a healthy, inclusive, and vibrant city.

1.4 A City with Recreation for All

Equity acknowledges long-standing inequities in the City's parks system experienced by people in communities of concern and other marginalized populations and promotes equal access to enjoy the many physical and social benefits of public parks and recreation services close to home and throughout the City. Gathering spaces invite us to interact with one another and participate in the life of our communities. Parks and recreation programs keep us healthy and active through all stages

of life. Natural spaces make communities more adaptable and offer cool, quiet areas of respite in the midst of urban areas. Wetlands and estuaries and natural vegetation in our parks and open spaces play a key role in minimizing the effects of climate change, while providing opportunities that connect people with nature and have positive mental health benefits. Parks and programs reflect and interpret our local cultures. Activated, attractive spaces make our neighborhoods feel safer, sparking pride and promoting economic investment.

Promoting equity through easier and better access to parks, programs, and recreation is key to the success of the City's parks system. Everyone across the City should be within a safe, convenient, and enjoyable walk of a park, open space, trail, or recreational opportunity, with additional opportunities to access a wide variety of recreational resources throughout the City with easy walking, biking, or transit access.



Southcrest Trail Park

Equity, however, means more than just having parks nearby. It also means that residents should have well-maintained, comfortable, and active public spaces wherever they live. There should be an equitable distribution of park development and maintenance funding. And it means having access to the types of recreational resources to which everyone else in the City has access – opportunities for everyone to play outside.

Areas of the City differ in the size, number, and quality of parks and recreational facilities due to systemic factors, such as the era in which neighborhoods were built, market and development trends, or the lack of developable land for new parks. Establishing adequate resource levels, including funding and staffing, to deliver safe, clean, and welcoming parks along with meaningful programming options for communities across the City is essential to creating an equitable park system.



Black Mountain Regional Park



Presidio Park



2.0 WHAT WE HAVE

2.1 A Proud Tradition

2.2 Programs for All Interests

2.3 Equity and Access

2.4 How Did We Get Here?

2.5 Where Are We Going?

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What We Have

2.0 What We Have

The City of San Diego is fortunate to call a large, diverse parks and recreation system, serving millions of residents and visitors each year, its own. This reality provides an exciting opportunity to invigorate existing parks; create innovative, flexible, and dynamic new spaces and activities; and create connections between varied recreational experiences across the City. The Parks Master Plan draws from an understanding of existing challenges, opportunities, and recreation needs and priorities to chart the transition from the parks and recreation system that exists today to the system envisioned for the future.

2.1 A Proud Tradition

San Diego's development as a City has long been rooted in its natural landscape and open spaces. The Kumeyaay people were the first inhabitants of San Diego, with ties to the region spanning some 12,000 years. This date is evidenced in the archaeological record which supports the presence of the Kumeyaay people in San Diego County since time immemorial and corresponds to the Kumeyaay creation stories which state that the Kumeyaay people have always resided in San Diego County. The Kumeyaay subsisted on a hunting and foraging economy, relying on San Diego's diverse ecology throughout the year – marine resources in our coastal bays and beaches, hunting small game in river valleys, and gathering acorns and pine nuts along coastal ridges, or in local mountains and foothills. These places are the parks and open spaces we know today. They have a shared history with the Kumeyaay, a resilient people that continue to persevere, thrive and prosper today on land they have managed for generations. Their continued contributions to the cultural history of San Diego can be

seen today in the rich natural landscapes and traditional Kumeyaay place names associated with areas in our regional open spaces and urban parks. Kumeyaay tribal representatives work collaboratively to protect important sites, provide input during the design and or public review of future projects and educate the public to ensure that they remain a vibrant and active part of the San Diego community.

Spanish settlements at the Mission San Diego de Alcalá and then Old Town, formed around Spanish style public spaces. City developers of the late 19th century-built plazas and parks to enhance the value of their land.

The City Beautiful Movement in the Victorian era gave rise to efforts to set aside land and preserve several of the recreational and cultural cornerstones of our region, including City (Balboa) Park, Torrey Pines, Cabrillo Point, and the beach parks. As the City grew, civic leaders such as George Marston, sought the insight of leading planners and designers on ways to beautify the young city. Samuel Parsons prepared a comprehensive plan for a 1,400-acre great park. At the turn of the 20th century, planning for City Park, later named Balboa Park and a National Historical Landmark in 1967, and the Panama–California Exposition of 1915 heightened awareness of how the unique physical features of a park could (and would) draw visitors from around the world. John Nolen called for connecting public plazas and civic buildings, streets and boulevards, small open spaces, and the Great Bay Front within a true network of parks.

The City expanded in the post-World War II years, developing Mission Bay Park, community parks, sports fields, and recreation centers as new residents arrived. These community-oriented spaces and recreational facilities form the backbone of today's parks system.



Great landscaped parks could still afford people opportunities to recognize their affinity with nature, but even within these great city parks and in smaller parks, people could release their energies in play. Samuel Parsons, the Olmsted Brothers, John Nolen and others began to design parks for active people that offered field houses and outdoor recreational facilities along with quieter natural beauties.



*Richard W. Amero,
from John Nolen and Balboa Park*

By the second half of the century, however, a wider and more diverse set of voices expanded ideas about what parks and recreation should be. More than 60 years after the original Nolen plan, Kevin Lynch and Donald Appleyard offered their own perspective on city-making in San Diego. Their 1974 plan cautioned against decades of uncoordinated growth, urging protection of sensitive resources. Advocacy groups carried forward similar themes of growth management, natural space preservation, and sustainability into the decades that followed, highlighting the close relationship between parks, recreation, individual well-being, conservation, and healthy communities. Community groups and recreation councils played a role in setting local recreation and open space priorities. In the 1970's, an awareness of environmental and cultural issues brought a heightened awareness to San Diego's unique natural resources, and parks were established such as Tecolote

Canyon Natural Park. Although the Kumeyaay occupation of the canyon dates back over 2,500 years, the origin of the park's name, 'tecolote' is unknown, but was likely derived from the Spanish translation of the Nahuatl word 'tecolil' and the Kumeyaay word "yu'uu" or "u'uu" meaning owl. The environmental movement brought further interest to open space protection, leading to habitat conservation and stronger open space management.

In the 2000s, a grassroots movement to preserve San Diego's 'canyonlands' led to the formation of canyon "Friends" groups throughout the City and renewed interest in environmental stewardship.

Today, many public agencies, community-based stakeholders, non-profits, private organizations, and individuals help to inform park and open space planning, acquisition, and management in our City. This rich tradition of cooperation and visionary thinking in San Diego will continue as collaboration brings new energy, creativity, and resources to parks in the 21st century.



South Casa Beach

OUR CIVIC TRADITION

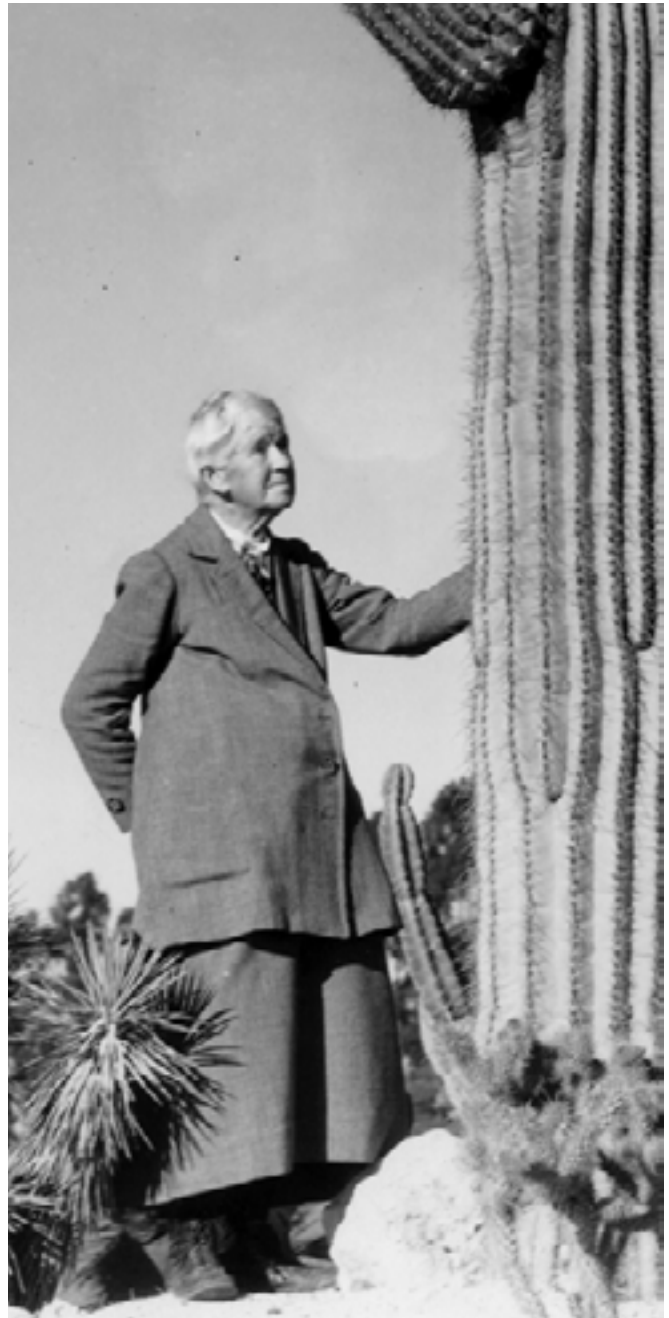
San Diego's inspiring landscapes stirred civic leaders and innovative thinkers from the earliest days of the City's development. Their forward-looking plans laid the groundwork for the iconic and historic spaces that we now enjoy, while their vision of a beautiful, interconnected City of natural areas and public spaces continues to inspire park planning today.

Samuel Parsons

Samuel Parsons Jr. was a prominent landscape architect who was one of 11 founding members of the American Society of Landscape Architects. After planning parks throughout the United States, he brought his renowned practice to San Diego. Parsons developed a plan for the 1,400-acre green space that the City's Board of Trustees set aside in 1868 for a "City Park." He said of the site that "There is nothing else like it among the parks of the world." Innovative for its embrace of the local setting, Parson's 1903 plan for Balboa Park celebrated the natural landscape of San Diego.

Kate Sessions

Kate Sessions, called the "Mother of Balboa Park," for her tree planting in the park, became a central figure in California and national horticultural circles with her landscaping designs, plant introductions, and educational efforts. She leased a portion of land on what was then City Park, transforming the space with trees and plantings. Ms. Sessions is known for 30 years of writing in "California Garden," a newsletter of the San Diego Floral Association, where her use of plants has contributed to Balboa Park's reputation as among the most beloved parks in the world today.



Kate Sessions "Mother of Balboa Park"

John Nolen

The landscape architect and city planner John Nolen saw a close link between San Diego's natural beauty and its emerging urban form. With a donation of \$10,000 from philanthropist George Marston, Nolen prepared the City's first master plan. Steeped in the City Beautiful movement, the 1908 plan called for connecting public plazas and civic buildings, streets and boulevards, small open spaces, and the Great Bay Front as part of a true network of parks. His 1926 plan further emphasized improvement of the waterfront, creating the framework for the development of Morley Field, Shelter and Harbor Islands, the County Administration building, Harbor Drive, and the airport.

George Marston

As City Council member, mayoral candidate, philanthropist, and activist, George Marston was a tireless advocate for thoughtful civic planning in San Diego. He raised funds to finance the Parsons and Nolen Plans. Marston also developed and donated Presidio Park to the City and was instrumental in the dedication of Anza-Borrego State Park. While his vision at the time created debate around a "smokestacks vs. geraniums" approach to the City's development, his views now reinforce an understanding that the preservation of nature and economic growth work hand-in-hand to create a healthy, vibrant city.



George Marston, Serra Museum Dedication at Presidio Park

Kevin Lynch and Donald Appleyard

Funded by donations from George Marston's daughter and grandson, academics Kevin Lynch and Donald Appleyard took a fresh look at San Diego's landscape. Their 1974 study noted the beauty, but also the fragility of the City's setting, harkening back to Nolen. They warned that continued sprawl, reliance on automobiles, and environmental decline would jeopardize quality of life within the region. Lynch and Appleyard outlined an ambitious list of strategies to protect the City's rare resources. While some of their proposals remain visionary, the City has partnered with local agencies to build the San Diego Trolley system, manage growth, and preserve habitat.

Richard Louv

In his influential 2005 book, *Last Child in the Woods*, child advocacy expert Richard Louv highlighted the link between the lack of nature in the lives of children and trends related to inactivity, obesity, and attention disorders. His groundbreaking work drives home the inner psychological needs that children have for nature. Part of a broader back-to-nature movement, Louv urged reconnection to nature as a way to support healthier childhood development and promote the physical and emotional well-being of both children and adults. Friends of the canyon groups and nature play are positive outgrowths of this philosophy.

Table 1: National Historic Landmarks within Parks

Name of National Historic Landmark (NHL)	Date Designated
San Diego Presidio	10/9/1960
Old Mission Dam	5/21/1963
Balboa Park	12/22/1977
Mission Beach Roller Coaster	2/27/1987
Chicano Park	12/23/2016

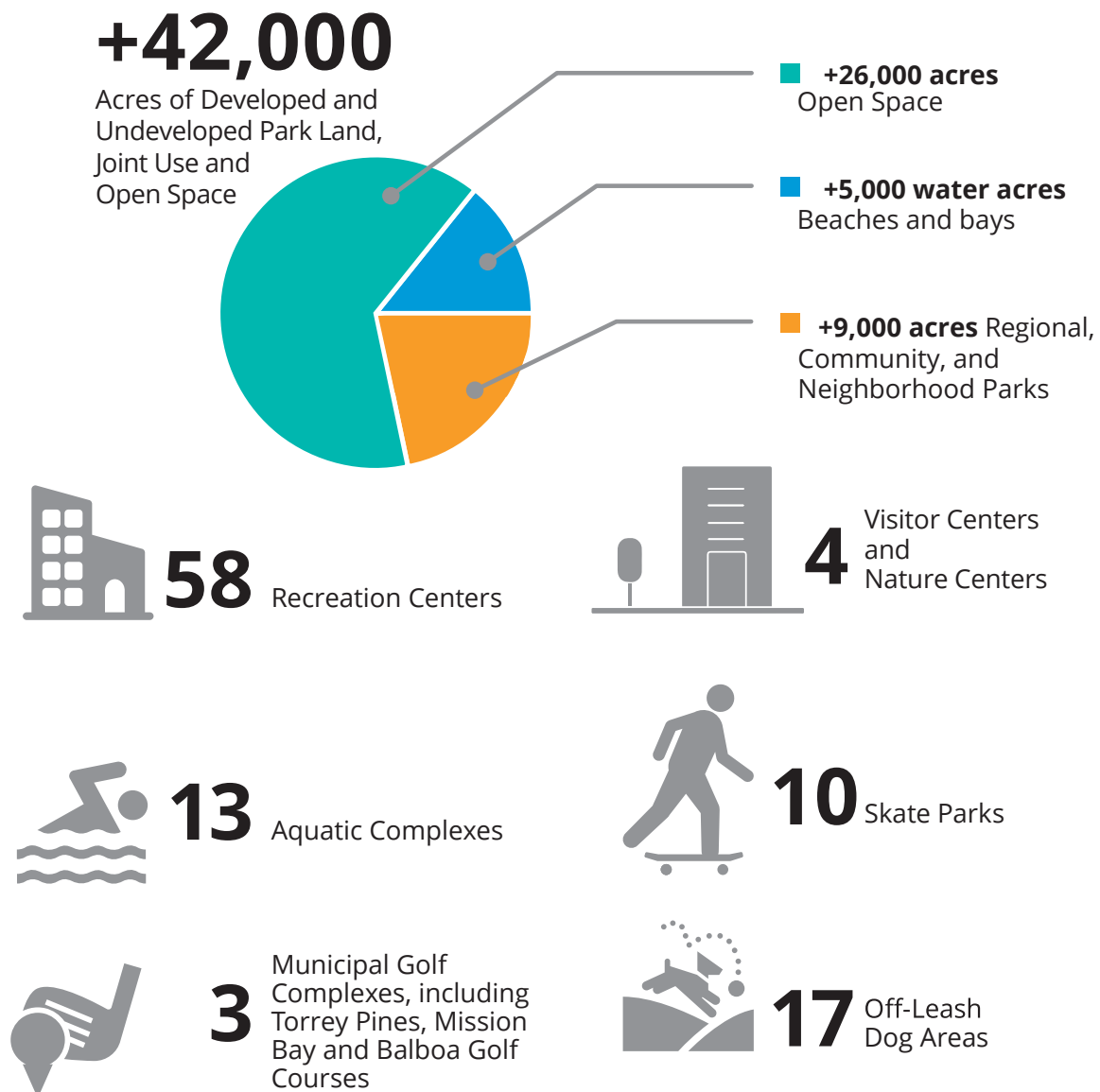
National Historic Landmarks (NHLs) are nationally significant historic places designated by the Secretary of the Interior because they possess exceptional value or quality in illustrating or interpreting the heritage of the United States.

Table 2: Resources within Parks Listed on the National Register of Historic Places

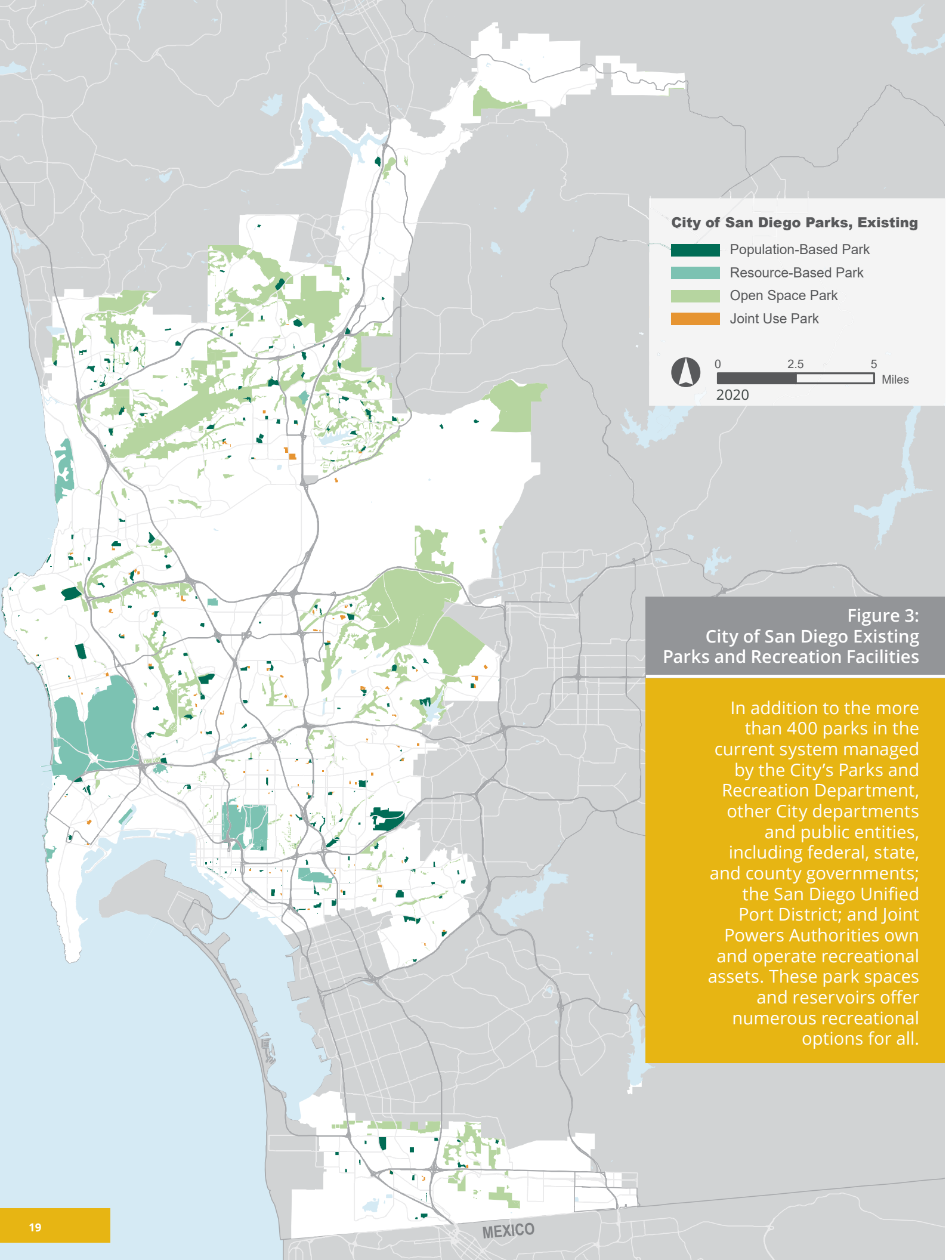
Name of National Register Resource	Date Designated
Old Mission Dam	10/15/1966
San Diego Presidio	10/15/1966
Ford Building	4/26/1973
California Quadrangle	5/17/1974
El Prado Complex	12/12/1976
Balboa Park	12/22/1977
Mission Beach Roller Coaster	12/27/1978
Torrey Pines Gliderport	7/12/1993
San Diego Veterans' War Memorial Building--Balboa Park	9/28/2000
Mohnike Adobe	7/17/2002
Chicano Park	1/23/2013
University Heights Water Storage and Pumping Station Historic District	6/25/2013

THE PARKS SYSTEM TODAY

The City's parks system consists of over 42,000 acres of assets, including parks, trails, and conserved open spaces, managed by the Parks and Recreation Department in 2019. When combined, these assets make San Diego the second largest urban parks system in the United States by land area. The system also offers a wide array of programs and events at recreation centers, aquatic complexes, teen centers, ranger stations, and visitor centers.



As the second largest urban parks system in the United States, the City currently operates and maintains over 400 parks; 3 National Historic Landmarks; more than 200 miles of trails; and over 42,000 acres of parks, and open space areas.



City of San Diego Parks, Existing

- Population-Based Park
- Resource-Based Park
- Open Space Park
- Joint Use Park



0 2.5 5 Miles
2020

Figure 3:
City of San Diego Existing
Parks and Recreation Facilities

In addition to the more than 400 parks in the current system managed by the City's Parks and Recreation Department, other City departments and public entities, including federal, state, and county governments; the San Diego Unified Port District; and Joint Powers Authorities own and operate recreational assets. These park spaces and reservoirs offer numerous recreational options for all.

City of San Diego Trails, Existing

- Existing Trails
- Existing Parks



0 2.5 5 Miles
2020

Figure 4:
City of San Diego
Existing Trails

The parks system features more than 200 miles of trails through San Diego's beautiful landscape of river valleys, canyons, mesas, and coastline. Trails offer compatible opportunities to enjoy scenic views and learn about the region's diverse natural resources, while creating active links between recreational spaces.

PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITY TYPOLOGIES

The City's parks system consists of varied park spaces and recreation facilities, as shown in Table 3. The park designations identified are intended as a guide to the types of parks that make up the Citywide parks system, but are not intended to suggest that any particular planning effort be limited to these particular park types, or that any particular effort must include each and every park type. Detailed guidelines for all park and facility types are contained in Appendix C and Table 1 which highlights a sample range of varying park and facility types. These guidelines offer basic tools for establishing minimum development standards and promoting equity in the delivery of recreation. Guidelines should be flexible enough to meet changing recreational priorities and accommodate creative opportunities to expand recreation throughout the parks system while balancing stewardship of historic and cultural park spaces. See pages 23 through 34 for examples of park and recreation facility types.

Planned Parks

Planned parks are based on adopted Community Plans and ongoing park planning initiatives. The City is actively expanding its parks system - focusing on acquiring land for new parks and improving existing parks, especially in areas of the City with the greatest park needs. Additionally, under the Play All Day program launched in 2016, the City is working with its long-time partner, the San Diego Unified School District, to develop over 45 new joint use parks in the next 5 to 10 years.

Table 3: Parks and Recreation Facility Typologies

Park/Facility Type	Purpose
Open Space*	Canyons, mesas, and other natural landforms that protect habitat
Developed Regional Parks	Site of distinctive scenic, natural, historical or cultural features with developed amenities for recreation
Resource-Based Regional Parks*	Areas of habitat and resource protection, with compatible recreation
River Parks*	Areas of habitat and resource protection, with compatible recreation
Resource-Based Shoreline Parks and Beaches*	Areas of habitat and resource protection, with compatible recreation
Major Parks	Parks with specialized recreational facilities that serve larger populations
Community Parks	Parks that serve a community and may include recreation centers, aquatic complexes, multi-purpose fields
Neighborhood Parks	Parks that serve smaller populations and may include recreation centers, aquatic complexes, multi-purpose fields
Mini Parks	Small, highly accessible parks near residential areas with features, such as picnic areas, play areas, and multi-purpose turf areas

Table 3: Parks and Recreation Facility Typologies

Pocket Park or Plaza	Small, highly accessible parks near residential areas with features, such as picnic areas, play areas, and multi- purpose turf areas
Trailhead Pocket Parks*	Small parks near trailheads with directional, regulatory, and educational signage, seating, native planting, and other passive recreational features.
Recreation Center	Facilities that serve at least 25,000 people and may include gyms, indoor courts, multi-purpose rooms, and community-serving facilities
Aquatics Complexes	Pools and support facilities that serve a population of at least 50,000
Activity Facilities	Facilities that serves multiple communities and may include a Sports Complex, a senior and teen center, and other facilities
Joint Use Facility	Recreation areas or sports facilities available for public use through long-term joint-use agreement with partners
Trails/Connections	Linkages that connect people with open space and active public spaces
Privately owned Park Site	Recreation space available for public use through agreements, public use easements, and other legal instruments
Non-Traditional Park Sites	Atypical park sites such as rooftops, interior space of non-park buildings, and portions of other publicly-owned property
Urban Watershed Parks	Areas of habitat fragmented by development but bound by topographic features resulting in natural drainage processes, linkages, and compatible recreation uses.
Linear Parks	Passive or active recreation uses in urban areas, arranged parallel to the public right-of-way or a geographical feature; can be continuous or a sequence of recreational spaces, linked by a pedestrian and/or multi-use path.

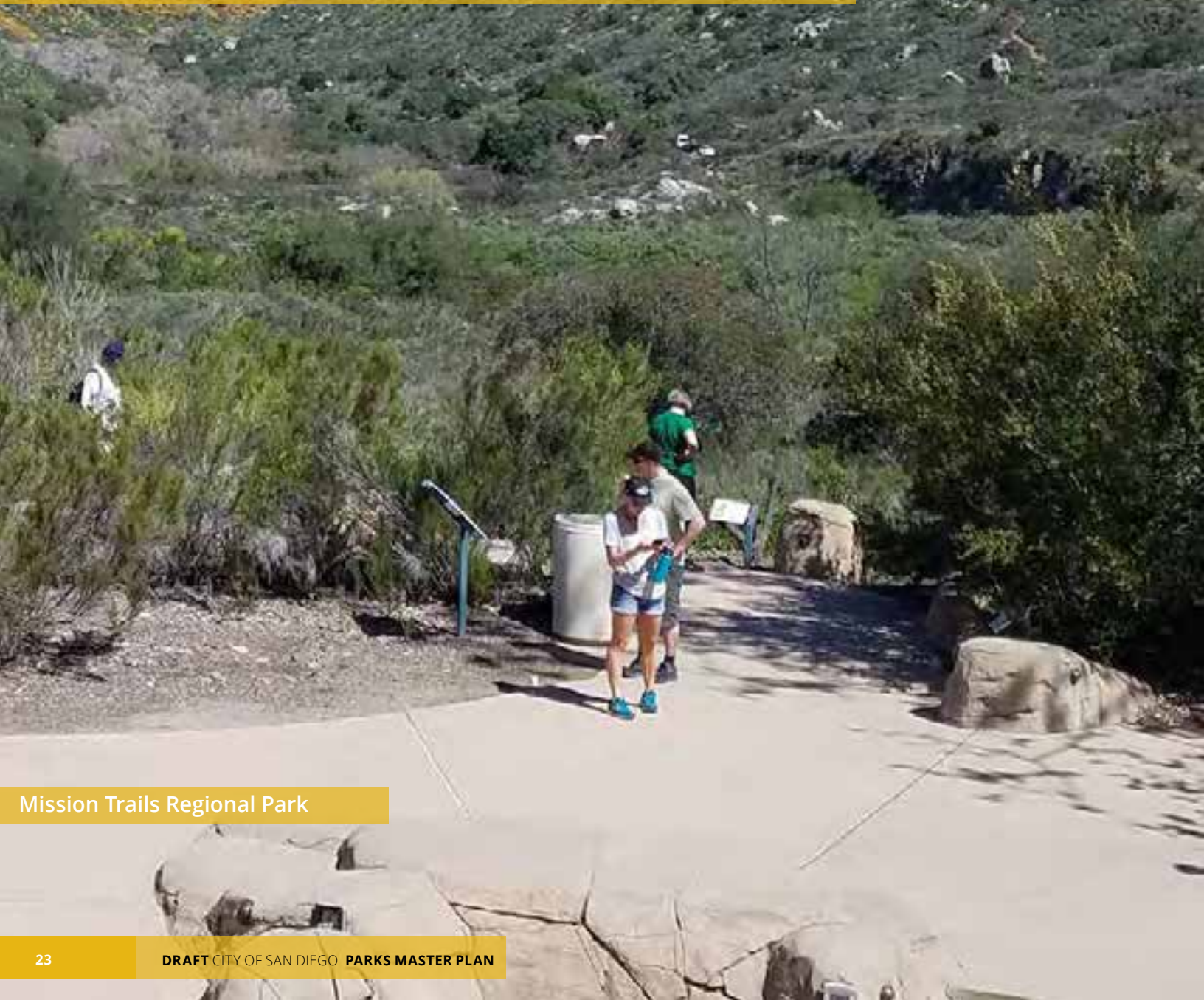
*Note: Proposed trails and recreation on lands conserved pursuant to the Multiple Species Conservation Plan (MSCP) will meet the MSCP conditions for compatibility through appropriate biological analyses.



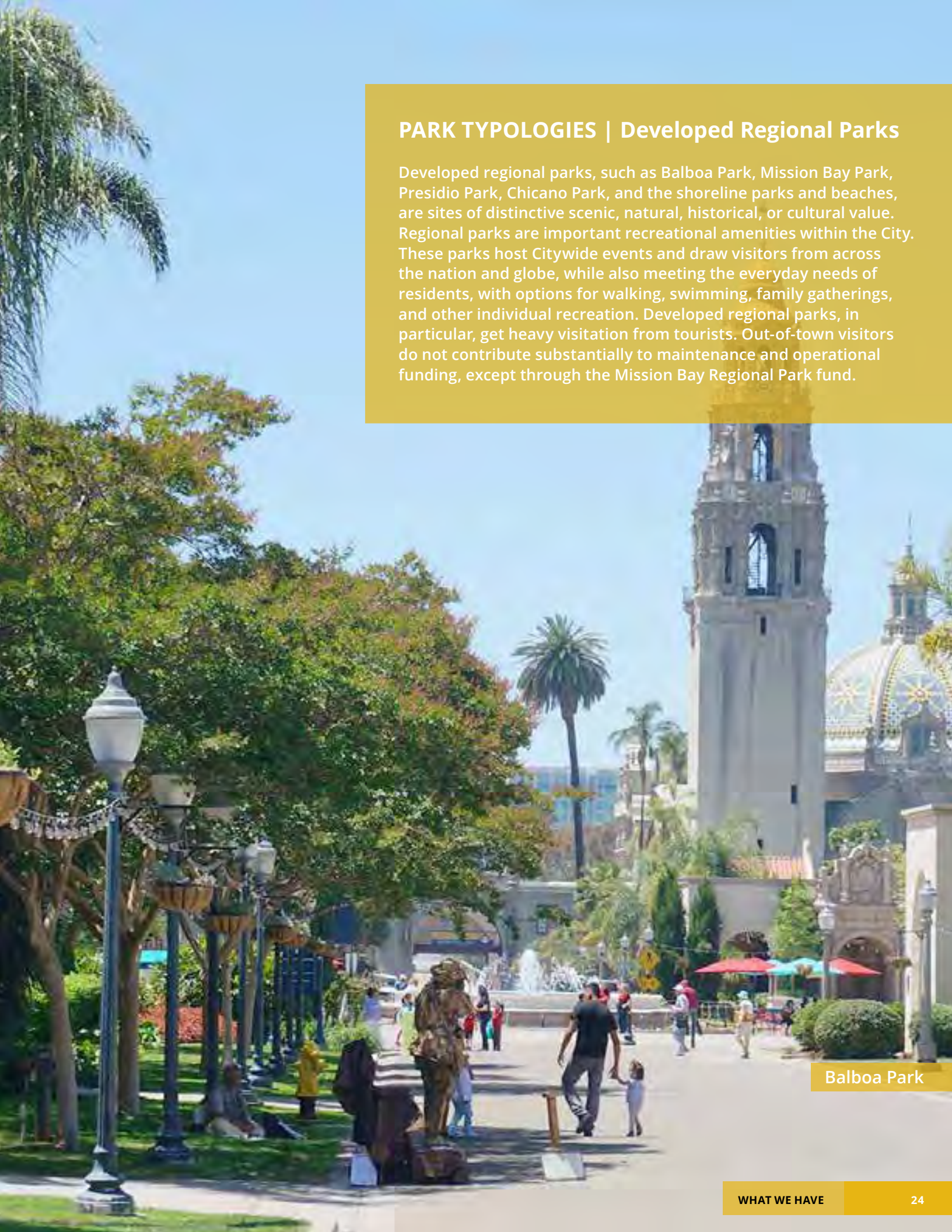
Park De La Cruz Skatepark

PARK TYPOLOGIES | Regional Resource-Based Parks

Open Spaces conserve and protect a rich range of sensitive habitat and cultural history, while supporting recreational and educational activities in a natural setting. The Parks and Recreation Department's Open Space Division manages over 27,000 acres of open space, much of which the City acquired through funding for endangered species protection. Such parks include Mission Trails Regional Park, Mission Valley Preserve, Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve, Black Mountain Open Space, San Pasqual and Clevenger Canyon Open Space, and Otay Valley Regional Park. More than 200 miles of multi-use trails offer safe, enjoyable hiking opportunities, while preserving the City's unique biodiversity, natural landscapes, habitat, and sensitive species. Along with these larger parks, an additional 3,200 acres of canyons and natural spaces weave through neighborhoods to create nearby recreation and educational programs.



Mission Trails Regional Park



PARK TYPOLOGIES | Developed Regional Parks

Developed regional parks, such as Balboa Park, Mission Bay Park, Presidio Park, Chicano Park, and the shoreline parks and beaches, are sites of distinctive scenic, natural, historical, or cultural value. Regional parks are important recreational amenities within the City. These parks host Citywide events and draw visitors from across the nation and globe, while also meeting the everyday needs of residents, with options for walking, swimming, family gatherings, and other individual recreation. Developed regional parks, in particular, get heavy visitation from tourists. Out-of-town visitors do not contribute substantially to maintenance and operational funding, except through the Mission Bay Regional Park fund.

Balboa Park

PARK TYPOLOGIES | Recreation Centers

Recreation centers throughout the City feature recreational facilities and a wide variety of programming designed to encourage play, learning, and social interaction for people of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities. Centers also serve as important focal points for the City's diverse communities, offering space for public events and activities.



Dolores Magdaleno Memorial Recreation Center

PARK TYPOLOGIES | Aquatic Complexes

The City's 13 permanent pools, offer a wide range of youth and adult swimming programming, including vital learn-to-swim lessons, low-cost lifeguard training classes, water fitness, team sports, and adaptive lessons for individuals with disabilities. The City also has a Portable Pool Program in the summer that brings swimming instruction and recreational fun to communities without easy access to a permanent pool.



Memorial Pool

PARK TYPOLOGIES | Community and Neighborhood Parks

San Diego is home to hundreds of local spaces across the City, ranging from playgrounds, picnic spots, and seating areas to skate parks, off-leash dog areas, courts and fields, swimming pools, and arts and cultural venues. These community and neighborhood parks, joint use parks, recreation centers, and aquatic complexes provide safe, active, nearby spaces for organized recreational activities and informal opportunities for fitness, socializing, leisure, and play.



Ridgewood Neighborhood Park

PARK TYPOLOGIES | Mini Parks and Pocket Parks

Mini parks are small spaces that provide readily accessible recreational opportunities for local residents and nearby workers. These parks offer amenities, such as picnic areas, play areas, turf, walkways, and landscaping that support both passive and active recreation. Pocket parks are examples of small spaces that bring recreational opportunity to sites that are otherwise too small or irregularly shaped for larger, traditional park layouts. These parks can fit into diverse community settings, creating convenient places for play and relaxation. Pocket parks also activate their surroundings by encouraging social interaction.



Hawk Street Pocket Park

PARK TYPOLOGIES | River Parks

San Diego's river parks offer a unique system of green corridors along waterways. River parks play a role in restoring and maintaining the health of rivers and riparian habitat, while creating a continuous regional recreational experience that connects people with nature. The San Diego River Park stretches for 17.5 miles from the San Diego River headwaters near Julian, to the Pacific Ocean at Ocean Beach. The San Dieguito River Park extends along a 55-mile corridor that begins at the mouth of the San Dieguito River in Del Mar and ends at the desert just east of Volcan Mountain.

San Diego River Park Trail



PARK TYPOLOGIES | Reservoir and Lake Parks

The Public Utilities Department manages reservoirs as part of the municipal water-supply system. All lakes are available for supervised public recreational access, including fishing, boating, hiking, and picnicking. In addition, the City offers a popular water contact program with seasonal access for water-skiing, jet skiing and windsurfing. The City of San Diego is widely recognized as a pioneer in the recreational use of water supply reservoirs, with public access first granted in 1913.

Lake Murray

PARK TYPOLOGIES | Urban Watershed Park

Urban watersheds outline a distinctive natural framework for protection, management, and enhancement of open space systems that create recreational spaces, connections, and unique educational opportunities for all San Diegans. Urban watersheds are often fragmented due to development patterns creating a unique urban network of open space, wildlife linkages, riparian wetland habitats, trails, parks, natural spaces, and bikeways that could help link communities to one another. These recreational resources offer a unique and highly valuable urban respite that afford residents recreational opportunities, allowing them to experience nature, and the corresponding mental health benefits that come from that experience. The proposed Chollas Creek Regional Park plan for the watershed southeast of downtown San Diego serves as an example of how an urban watershed can be used to connect fragmented open space, neighbors, and provide access to regional amenities. Chollas Creek is an example of an urban watershed park also appropriate as a designated Resource-Based Regional Park, that would be regionally significant, and also serve a more local community in an area lacking adequate access to a regional park. Other examples of urban watershed parks could include Rose Creek and Famosa Slough.

Chollas Creek



PARK TYPOLOGIES | Open Space - Canyons

Approximately 3,200 acres of this open space consists of neighborhood canyons and parklands. Open Space canyons are located throughout the City and contain natural and cultural history unique to our region. For many communities, these canyons are all that remain as undeveloped natural landscape and provide a source of much needed outdoor enjoyment, habitat protection, and connection to nature. These spaces offer highly valuable opportunities for residents to experience nature and its corresponding physical and mental health benefits.

Bankers Hill Canyon Open Space and Spruce Street Bridge

PARK TYPOLOGIES | Golf Courses

With stellar views and a mild year-round climate, San Diego is renowned for its golf courses. The City operates three municipal facilities – the Torrey Pines Golf Complex, the Balboa Park Golf Course, and the Mission Bay Golf Course and Practice Center. The courses range from fun recreational play for golfers of all ages and abilities to a world-famous U.S. Open design that challenges the world’s best players. In addition to recreational opportunities, golf complexes allow for water infiltration and wildlife connectivity, and are part of the community fabric. Although public golf complexes provide myriad benefits, their limited number and fee-based nature excluded this park typology from the park scoring system described in Chapter 4.



Balboa Park Golf Course

PARK TYPOLOGIES | Joint Use Facilities, Play All Day Program

The City delivers recreational opportunities to residents through long-standing and successful partnerships with neighboring school districts. Currently, joint use agreements at over 80 elementary and middle schools allow for the shared use of multi-purpose courts, sports fields, and children's play areas during non-school hours. Under the Play All Day parks program launched in 2016, the City and San Diego Unified School District are collaborating to build over 45 new joint use park sites in the next 5 to 10 years.



McKinley Elementary School Joint-Use Park

2.2 Programs for All Interests

The City's diverse recreational services and special programs encourage participants to get active, explore interests, hone talents, and connect with others. Core offerings, including senior programs, after school activities, and learn-to-swim classes foster health, play, wellness, and safety in the community.

► Senior Citizen Services and Therapeutic Recreation Services

Senior Citizen Services provides recreation, leisure, and outreach programming to residents 55 years and older. Programs include travel, dances, special events, and a senior lounge at Balboa Park. Therapeutic Recreation Services brings recreation programs, adaptive sports, and special events to persons with disabilities. The popular Beach Wheelchair program enables people with mobility challenges to experience San Diego's beautiful beaches and waterfront.



Beach Wheelchair Program

► Aquatics

The City's 13 permanent pools offer youth and adult programming, including learn-to-swim lessons, aquatic therapy, team sports, low-impact fitness classes, and dedicated time for lap swimmers and families. In a City defined by its coastline, bay and lake resources, portable pools, swim instruction, and low-cost lifeguard training allow kids and adults to develop critical water safety skills. With drowning the fifth-leading cause of unintentional injury and death in the United States, according to the Centers for Disease Control, learn-to-swim programs teach an important life skill. The Adaptive Aquatics Program allows participants with disabilities to experience the therapeutic benefits of aquatic recreation.



Portable Pool Swimming Instruction

The City has unique, nationally acclaimed programs, such as Therapeutic Recreation and Civic Dance Arts that engage residents of all ages, backgrounds, and abilities.

► Ranger Programs

Park rangers connect people of all ages to the rich natural resources of the City through interpretive talks; guided hikes; and programming for kids, such as storytime and reptile encounters.



Ranger-Guided Nature Play

► Recreation Centers

Recreation centers offer venues for community sports league activities; classes, such as cooking, sewing, art, and yoga; spaces and facilities for informal recreational and fitness; programming for kids and teens; and special events that bring community members together.



César Chávez Community Center

► Civic Dance Arts

Founded in 1942, the nationally acclaimed Civic Dance Arts program has introduced residents to the art form of dance, such as tap, jazz, ballet, modern, musical theater, creative movement, hip hop, and Hawaiian. The program provides affordable dance training at 22 recreation centers and Balboa Park. All students enjoy performance opportunities.



Civic Dance Arts Performance

2.3 Equity and Access

Patterns and trends in development, community planning, and financing have influenced where parks were built in San Diego for decades. Rapid growth, particularly in an era before park standards, left some communities with fewer, well maintained, high quality recreational facilities and parks. The lack of funding tools and land constraints have widened park shortfalls in these typically older, more densely populated neighborhoods. Effective park planning and financing is essential to address the current realities of development in compact areas and the persistence of systemic gaps between communities in the availability and quality of recreational spaces. In addition, some areas of the City have historically received fewer park infrastructure improvements, as shown in Figure 5.

What Are Communities of Concern?

Communities of concern are neighborhoods that have historically experienced lower levels of public and private investment in development and supporting infrastructure, including parks. Cities increasingly apply criteria, including existing park conditions, and neighborhood and demographic characteristics, to identify communities of concern and prioritize future park investments in those places with the biggest economic and social hurdles. Residents in communities of concern often rely more on public or non-profit recreation facilities. In San Diego, the City's central and southern areas tend to have a greater need for additional recreational opportunities based on historical disinvestments (Figure 11).

2.4 How Did We Get Here?

Throughout its history, the City's recreation mission has changed dramatically, creating the challenges and highlighting the opportunities of parks planning in San Diego today and in the future.

Changes in Our Communities

In its first decades before the existence of park standards, the City of San Diego relied on private development and the actions of civic organizations and philanthropy to plan and create parks. This market-driven approach didn't keep up with the need for parks in neighborhoods and while it resulted in some outstanding spaces, it also meant that parks of varying quality emerged in different parts of the City at different times resulting in marked inequities. The central residential subdivision communities grew rapidly in the 1940s and 1950s. Though the City added facilities and services to meet rising recreational needs, these communities lag in parks compared to newer subdivisions; and, typical of their automobile-dominated era, they lack strong active connections between commercial uses, housing, and parks.

Following the post-war boom, San Diego expanded dramatically to the north and east, with slower growth to the south. The City required new development to meet population-based park standards and pay a share of public infrastructure, including parks. With park standards and impact fees in place, master planned communities from the 1980s onward incorporated parks at a scale and level of design quality not common in older neighborhoods.

Toward the close of the 20th century, new development patterns amplified the parks gap between older communities and new areas.

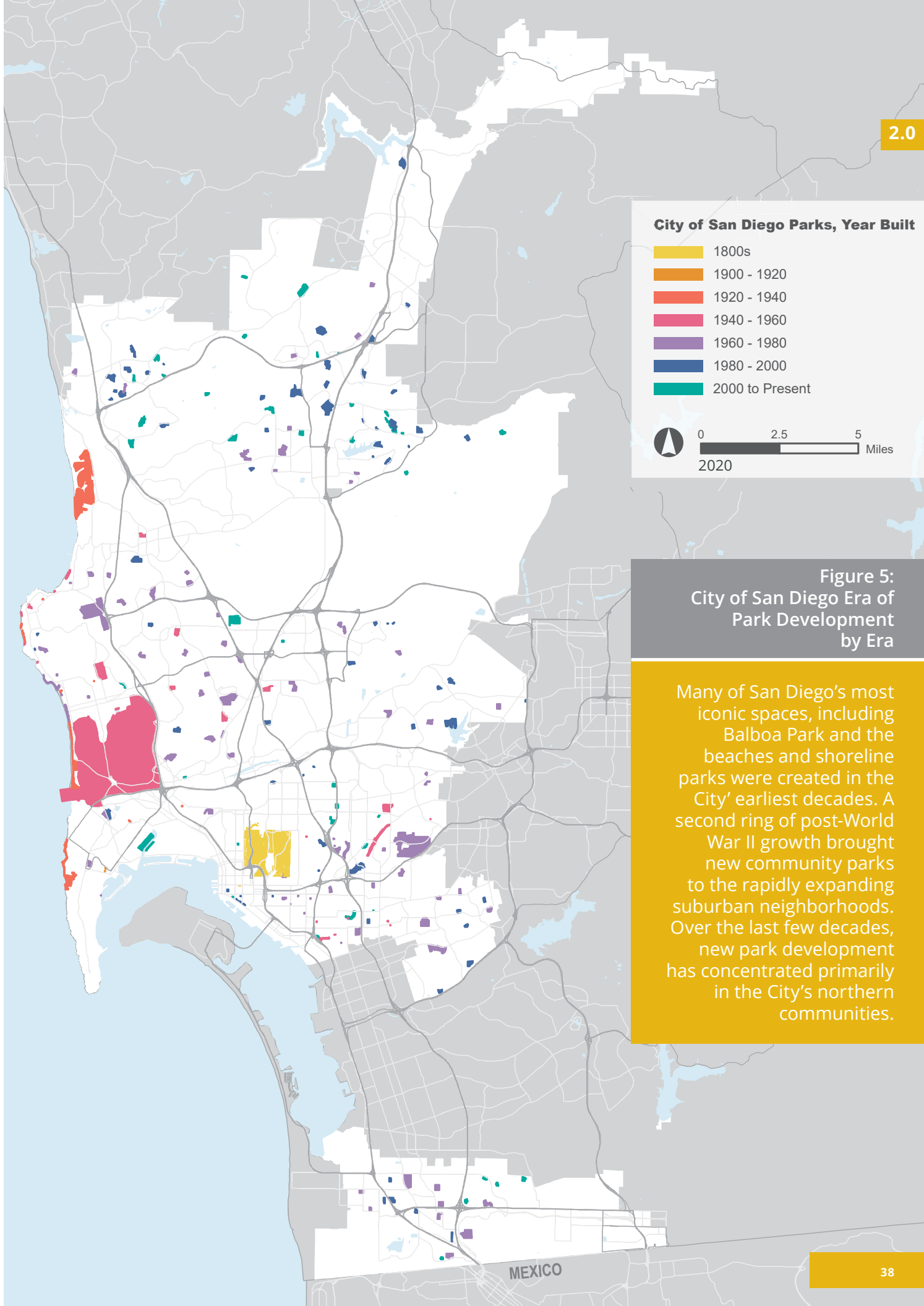


Figure 5:
City of San Diego Era of
Park Development
by Era

Many of San Diego's most iconic spaces, including Balboa Park and the beaches and shoreline parks were created in the City's earliest decades. A second ring of post-World War II growth brought new community parks to the rapidly expanding suburban neighborhoods. Over the last few decades, new park development has concentrated primarily in the City's northern communities.

The City has established joint-use agreements at over 80 elementary and middle schools allowing for the shared use of multi-purpose courts, sports fields and play areas during non-school hours. It is one of the largest joint use programs in the country and continues to grow with the ongoing implementation of the Play All Day Program which plans to create over 45 new joint-use park sites in the next 5 to 10 years. The program fills an essential gap in addressing the City's need for more recreational opportunities in older urbanized communities where available land is scarce.

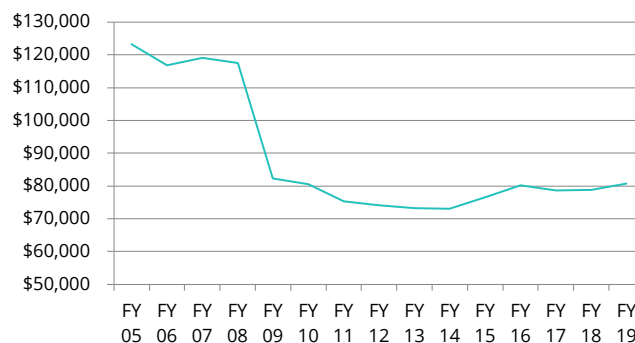
Growth began to shift back to the center and south. As San Diego is a land-constrained city, there is little opportunity to acquire vacant land for the construction of new park spaces, and even where such land may be available, land acquisition costs are high. With infill development continuing, there is an urgency to strategically acquire key sites and use what little land is available in efficient ways to deliver high quality recreational facilities and outside play experiences for everyone. In doing so, the City can begin to address the existing inequities in its park system.

Changes in Financing, Operations, and Maintenance

The City delivers a diverse mix of programs and services; manages open space lands; maintains and operates existing parks and recreation facilities; designs and constructs new parks and facilities to serve growth; acquires land for future park development, and supports partnerships with other City departments, public entities, and community stakeholders. While responsibilities for delivering parks and recreation have become more complex, funding sources and staffing levels have been reduced consistently.

To narrow revenue shortfalls, many cities actively explore additional funding sources and

Figure 6: City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department General Fund Budget per 1,000 Residents, 2005 to 2019



Park operations and maintenance are funded through General Fund revenues, from 2005 to 2019 the General Fund budget for parks declined nearly 33%. Maintaining and operating safe parks at this funding level has been challenging.

look to partnerships with other public, private, non-profit, and volunteer interests to acquire land and build parks. Efficient, flexible, multi-purpose spaces meet more needs, while using fewer resources to operate and maintain.

Maintaining and operating safe, quality parks and recreation facilities for everyone requires ongoing investment over time. Operation and maintenance funding and investment needs to increase as the park system expands and ages. The City commissioned Kitchell CEM in 2019 to draft a study assessing the physical conditions of 235 parks.

The study found approximately a quarter of the parks assessed have a maintenance

and capital backlog greater than 20 percent. This means that the necessary repairs total 20 percent or more of the cost to replace the entire park. Neighborhood parks in the City's central post- World War II communities tend to have even higher maintenance and replacement backlogs, especially in Communities of Concern. A pattern of uneven park conditions across communities highlights a need for reinvestment in existing assets to provide consistent recreational experiences for everyone, with prioritized investments in Communities of Concern and park deficient communities.

Approximately one in four City parks assessed has a maintenance and capital backlog of 20 percent or higher. Deferred maintenance increases the level of reinvestment needed to improve conditions in existing parks.

2.5 Where Are We Going?

The City's park and recreation needs have evolved, influenced by changes in population and development patterns. Over time, the City should plan flexibly for:

- ▶ Multi-generational and accessible spaces, low-impact and wellness-oriented recreational programming, and life-long learning for older residents;
- ▶ Creative, flexible park spaces and gathering areas compatible with compact, urban settings;
- ▶ After-school and summer activities, skill-building programs, organized sports, unstructured play, and nature-based learning for children; and
- ▶ Increased access to parks, recreation programming, and wellness and life skills activities in communities of concern.



Kids to Canyons Program

Demographic Trends

Population growth and change strongly shape recreational needs. Along with rising demand as the City's population increases, shifts in age, income, and cultural backgrounds can alter preferences for parks and services. The City's population will grow larger, more diverse, and older in the years ahead. Population and household characteristics give a glimpse into emerging recreation interests and can prepare the City to develop facilities and programming that remain relevant for everyone.

Population growth and demographic change are also reshaping the City's urban form. The City anticipates that most new growth will concentrate in Transit Priority Areas consisting of pedestrian-friendly mixed uses with multi-family residential development that is within a half mile of existing or planned transit stops.



Urban parks provide convenient opportunities for nearby recreation and social connections.

According to forecasts, by 2050 the City of San Diego will be:



BIGGER –

A population of about 1.8 million people

OLDER –

24 percent of residents will be 60 years or older

MORE URBAN –

The downtown, eastern, and southern communities will see most of the City's population growth; and most of that growth will be multi-family homes in transit-focused areas

MORE DIVERSE –

A growing multi-cultural community



Recreation Trends

Busy lifestyles create a demand for activities that can be done spontaneously, with a focus on health and socialization. This trend means that the City must prepare to complement traditional recreation offerings with a flexible mix of park spaces and program options.

INDEPENDENT RECREATION

Walking



EMERGING PROGRAMS

Yoga



ORGANIZED SPORTS

Soccer



RECREATION FOR ALL AGES

Summer Camp



Biking and Mountain Biking



Pickleball



Softball



Teen Center



Radio Controlled Flyers



Technology



Basketball



Senior Fitness



Nature Hikes



Special Events



Water Polo



Intergenerational Activities



The strategic acquisition of land for parks and the development of new parks within densifying neighborhoods will play a major role in making these communities vibrant, safe, and enjoyable. The ability and flexibility to innovate to provide meaningful, safe, and enjoyable park spaces in these settings is critical to meeting the needs of development that is consistent with the City's Climate Action Plan.

Our Opportunities + Challenges

A changing population and City are reshaping our parks system and recreation needs. Prior development patterns have left some communities with fewer parks and quality recreational experiences. Denser, infill growth increases the demand and need for parks in urban areas with limited land and high land values. Funding and staffing constraints also make it more difficult to provide consistent levels of maintenance, operations, and programming across the City. Our natural parklands face threats from climate change, urban encroachment, and associated pressure to increase access and uses. The Parks Master Plan acknowledges and maintains the unique contributions of these parklands and the need to preserve their functions and values.

Recreational needs and priorities are changing too. Residents in communities of concern rely more on the benefits of public parks and recreation services, but often have less access to recreational opportunities. Demographic and lifestyle shifts generate more interest in individual, spontaneous recreation with an emphasis on wellness and socializing. These trends create the context for the parks and recreation system of today and will continue to guide its future. The policies and goals in Chapter 4 draw from these opportunities and challenges to pave the way for innovative, adaptive and equitable responses.

In response to changes, the parks system of tomorrow should prepare to address opportunities for:

Prioritizing future investments that enhance and expand recreation opportunities in communities of concern, areas with the greatest park needs, and communities experiencing significant population growth.

Enriching programming with a focus on fitness and wellness, senior and youth activities, hiking and nature-based learning, and special events.

Integrating parks, public spaces, natural areas, scenic views, beaches, and cultural landscapes within a Citywide network.

Creating safe, active links, such as paths, trails, and bike lanes, as well as transit connections, between people and parks.

Expanding and diversifying revenue to support park land acquisition, park construction, maintenance, operation, improvement, and programming.

Developing public-private partnerships to supplement funding.

Designing parks and facilities to reduce maintenance and operational costs.

Delivering flexible, innovative park spaces and gathering areas that fit in areas with infill development.

Increasing the capacity and use of existing parks and recreation facilities by investing in upgrades to these facilities.

Aiming to acquire historic and cultural spaces that interpret and share a more holistic story of San Diego history.



Japanese Friendship Garden in Balboa Park

Years, Eras, and Population	Development Patterns	Park/Open Space Milestones
12,000 BP Kumeyaay Sovereignty	A period of Kumeyaay sovereignty and self-sufficiency	Kellogg Park and Mission Bay are within areas rich in tribal cultural history, tied to the Kumeyaay people, as documented in the archaeological record from this period
1500s First European Contact ~20,000	Kumeyaay's first European contact with Juan Rodriguez Cabrillo in San Diego Bay. Cabrillo names the bay San Miguel	Kumeyaay people live in semi-permanent villages, moving seasonally between the inland mountains and foothills, and the coastal marshes foraging for food; and depending heavily on acorns, wild plants, small game, and marine resources.
1600s Continued Kumeyaay sovereignty	Sebastian Vizcaino sails from Acapulco Mexico to San Diego and changes the port's name from San Miguel to San Diego	
1700s Mission/Old Town	Founding of San Diego Mission de Alcalá and Presidio de San Diego	
1800s Horton's New Town 2,300	- Relocation of San Diego Mission inland - Horton land purchase in New Town - First subdivision of residential tracts around downtown - Start of summer "Tent City" in La Jolla for vacationers escaping inland heat	Creation of early parks and public spaces: Horton Plaza in New Town, City Park (Balboa Park), Mount Hope Cemetery, Pantoja Park, Golden Hill Park, and Washington Square
1900-1920 Selling San Diego 17,700	- Launch of downtown building boom - Growth of first-ring suburbs	- Publishing of Samuel Parsons' <i>City Park Plan</i> - Panama-California Exposition at Balboa Park - Creation of: Belmont Park, La Jolla (Scripps) Park, and Presidio Park
1920-1940 Inner Streetcar Suburbs 74,361	- Beginning of Navy presence in San Diego - Spread of growth beyond first-ring suburbs - Rise of early automobile suburbs - City annexation of East San Diego	- California Pacific International Exposition at Balboa Park - Creation of Torrey Pines City Park - Dedication of undeveloped parks: Collier, Sunset Cliffs, Mountain View
1940-1960 Post-War Boom 203,341	- Subdivision of Clairemont Mesa, Linda Vista, Serra Mesa - City annexation of Otay Mesa - Opening of Interstate Highway 8 - Opening of Mission Valley Center outdoor mall	- Military use of Balboa Park facilities - Dredging of Mission Bay - Creation of Torrey Pines State Natural Reserve - Establishment of State and City Parks Standards
1960-1980 Planned Development 573,224	Rise of first master planned communities: Rancho Bernardo, Scripps Ranch, etc...	- Protection of historic resources: Old Town San Diego State Historic Park and Balboa Park National Historic Landmark - Rise of the Environmental Movement - Creation of open space and ecological parks: La Jolla Underwater Park, Mission Trails Regional Park, Los Peñasquitos Regional Park, Tecolote Canyon Natural Park, Marian Bear Natural Memorial Park - Creation of Chicano Park following community protests
1980-2000 Reurbanization 875,538	- Return of Trolleys - Opening of Interstate 15 - Initial development of Otay Ranch - Opening of Horton Plaza - Opening of Liberty Station and NTC Park	- Founding of San Dieguito River Park Joint Powers Authority - Founding of Joint Exercise of Powers Agreement for Otay Valley Regional Park - Beginning of Multi-Habitat Planning Area acquisition - Era of infill parks in developed communities - Torrey Pines Gliderport designated a historical site
2000 to Present Smart Growth 1,307,402	- Growth of housing in downtown - Infill development of first-ring suburbs	- Establishment of San Diego River Park Foundation - Designation of Chicano Park as National Historic Landmark - Launch of City's 50 Parks in 5 Years campaign and Play All Day Parks Program - Focus on conservation of canyons and trails development

Department Organization 	Planning/Community Initiatives 	Municipal Finance 
	◦ Beautification of City Park led by Kate Sessions	
◦ Formation of City Playground Commission ◦ Formation of City Parks Commission with Parks Superintendent	◦ Publishing of John Nolen's <i>A Comprehensive Plan For Its Improvement</i> ◦ Formation of City Planning Department ◦ Planning for Balboa Park led by Chamber of Commerce	◦ Reliance on private benefactors for the dedication and purchase of park land
◦ Appointment of first City Parks Director	◦ Publishing of John Nolen's <i>City Plan for San Diego California</i>	◦ Federal funding of parks through Works Progress Administration
◦ Establishment of Open Space Division	◦ Establishment of Council/Manager government ◦ Approval of bond issue for development of Mission Bay Park ◦ Completion of first City Parks Master Plan (1956)	◦ Operation of Mission Bay granted to General Dynamics
◦ Creation of six Divisions for Parks and Recreation	◦ Publishing of Kevin Lynch's <i>Temporary Paradise?</i> ◦ Undertaking of first Community Plans ◦ Completion of Progress Guide and General Plan ◦ Completion of individual park plans: Bayfront, Florida Canyon, Mission Trails, etc... ◦ Adoption of City's Growth Management Plan ◦ Era of increasing community activism: Demands of Miramar residents for park space ◦ Establishment of CEQA ◦ Formation of California Coastal Commission	◦ Establishment of Environmental Growth Fund for acquisition of open space ◦ Adoption of City development fees for greenfield development ◦ Voter approval of Proposition 13, cutting tax revenue ◦ City resumption of control of Mission Bay Park
	◦ Completion of river park master plans: San Dieguito, Otay River Valley, etc.. ◦ Adoption of growth management and planning measures: Proposition A (density), Proposition C (regional planning), and Interim Development Ordinance ◦ Creation of Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP)	◦ Creation of Mello-Roos (special district) financing ◦ Use of creative financing for public projects: Convention Center, Horton Plaza ◦ Adoption of City development fees for infill development ◦ Open space exaction through MSCP
◦ Rise in public, private, and non-profit partnerships in parks and recreation	◦ Completion of guiding City plans: City of Villages General Plan, Climate Action Plan, Urban Forestry Management Plan, Vernal Pool Habitat Conservation Plan ◦ Undertaking of current Parks Master Plan (2017 - 2020)	◦ Emergence of pension deficit crisis ◦ Loss of redevelopment funding ◦ Era of grant writing ◦ Voter dedication of leases to Mission Bay Park



San Ysidro Community Park



3.0 WHAT WE WANT

3.1 Our Needs + Priorities

3.2 Parks for All of Us

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What We Want

3.0 What We Want

3.1 Our Needs + Priorities

To inform a vision and supporting policies for the parks system that we want, community feedback was gathered through a mix of public engagement activities, including:

- ▶ Statistically valid survey reaching approximately 15,000 households;
- ▶ 10 regional workshops + 3 visioning workshops;
- ▶ Pop-up events;
- ▶ Two online engagement activities; and
- ▶ Stakeholder and staff interviews.

This feedback resulted in an understanding of community needs, while highlighting opportunities for system improvement and prioritizing future actions.

STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY

In Spring In Spring 2018, a survey in both English and Spanish was sent to a random sample of households within the City to gather

More than 4,200 residents shared ideas through a workshop, the statistically valid survey, or online questionnaires. Input gathered across all activities revealed common priorities for residents in the City of San Diego with an emphasis on investing in:

- ▶ Improvements and maintenance of existing parks and facilities;
- ▶ Acquisition of parkland & new public parks
- ▶ Neighborhood parks;
- ▶ New trails & connections to existing trails;
- ▶ Improved access to existing parks & beaches
- ▶ Off-leash dog parks;
- ▶ Aquatic facilities;
- ▶ Acquisition of additional open space
- ▶ Fitness and wellness programs;
- ▶ Senior programs;
- ▶ Nature/outdoor programs; and
- ▶ Efforts to make parks active and safe.

Survey

Statistically valid survey sent randomly to households in all nine City Council Districts

Workshops

Two phases of interactive workshops across the City

Stakeholder Interviews

In-depth discussions with City staff and representatives of the public, private, and non-profit sectors

Online Activity

Two phases of online questionnaires in multiple languages

Pop-up Events

Outreach at City events and public gatherings

satisfaction and needs and priorities for the City's parks and recreation system. A total of 1,898 households spread across every Council District participated in the survey. The rate of participation lead to a survey precision of at least +/- 2.25% and a 95% level of confidence. The survey included questions on park use, program participation, willingness to travel to parks, facility and programming needs, and demographics.

Residents have an overall positive perception of the City of San Diego Parks and Recreation Department.

67%

of survey participants were satisfied or very satisfied with the City's Parks and Recreation facilities and programs.

83%

of survey participants who participated in a program in the past year gave good or excellent ratings for the quality of programs.

Beach and shoreline parks and small pocket or neighborhood parks are among the highest priorities for residents.

The top priorities for parks and recreation facilities are:

- ▶ Beaches and shoreline parks
- ▶ Small pocket or neighborhood parks
- ▶ Open space and trails
- ▶ Off-leash dog parks
- ▶ Aquatic complexes (swimming pools)

Use of parks, including regional parks is very high but levels of participation in programs is low.

92%

of survey participants used at least one regional park during the past 12 months.

20%

of survey participants said that a member of the household participated in a recreation program during the past 12 months.

Programs with opportunities for fitness and wellness, senior adult activities, and hiking/nature are among the highest priorities for residents.

The top priorities for parks and recreation programs are:

- ▶ Fitness and wellness programs
- ▶ Senior adult programs
- ▶ Ranger-led hikes/nature programs
- ▶ Seasonal special park events
- ▶ Adult sports programs

Awareness is the biggest barrier to use of parks, open spaces, trails, and recreation facilities or programs.

55%

of survey participants said that lack of familiarity with offerings was the main reason for not using parks and services more often.

Most residents will walk to a park if the park is close to home.

66%

of survey participants were willing to walk to a park within a mile of home.

3.2 Parks for All of Us

The vision of the Parks Master Plan is to bring the many benefits of great parks and recreational opportunities to everyone. While parks vary in size, design, and purpose, great parks have common elements. They feature quality recreational amenities and programs for diverse interests, ages, and abilities. They are comfortable, active, safe spaces that encourage interaction and social connection. Meaningful parks also reflect the unique cultural and natural landscapes of the City. They create a sense of place by celebrating the history and identity of surrounding communities. They preserve, protect, and promote the health of sensitive natural resources and habitats.

A great recreation system is more than just a collection of parks. Individual spaces – big and small, formal and informal - join to create a vibrant Citywide parks system. Lively public spaces, active streets, cultural amenities, trails and connections, and conserved natural lands make up a complete, interconnected, and accessible network of recreational experiences.

Survey results highlighting needs for neighborhood parks, open space and trails, off-leash dog parks, fitness and wellness programs, senior programs, and nature/outdoor programs are similar to community input received in workshops and online activities.

Achieving the vision of Parks for All of Us will take time, committed resources, shared goals, and coordinated investments. Transforming the parks system that we have today into the system that we want now, and in the future, requires innovative delivery strategies, an emphasis on equity in all aspects of park planning, sustainable funding approaches, and a continued focus on creating great places to play, relax, learn, and connect across San Diego.





PARK ACQUISITION: A 10 YEAR GOAL

To help us reach the goal for all communities to have access to quality recreation, in addition to investing in existing public spaces, the City has the goal of acquiring 100 acres of new population-based parkland in 10 years in addition to open space acquisition and joint-use agreements. Upon adoption of the Parks Master Plan, this goal of obtaining land for parks is one of many concerted efforts in the Parks for All of Us strategies. This goal will help us to achieve equity in the City to provide parks and places for recreation where the needs are the greatest. This goal only applies to community population-based park typologies and is in addition to any joint-use park agreements. See Appendix C for a list of the population-based park typologies.

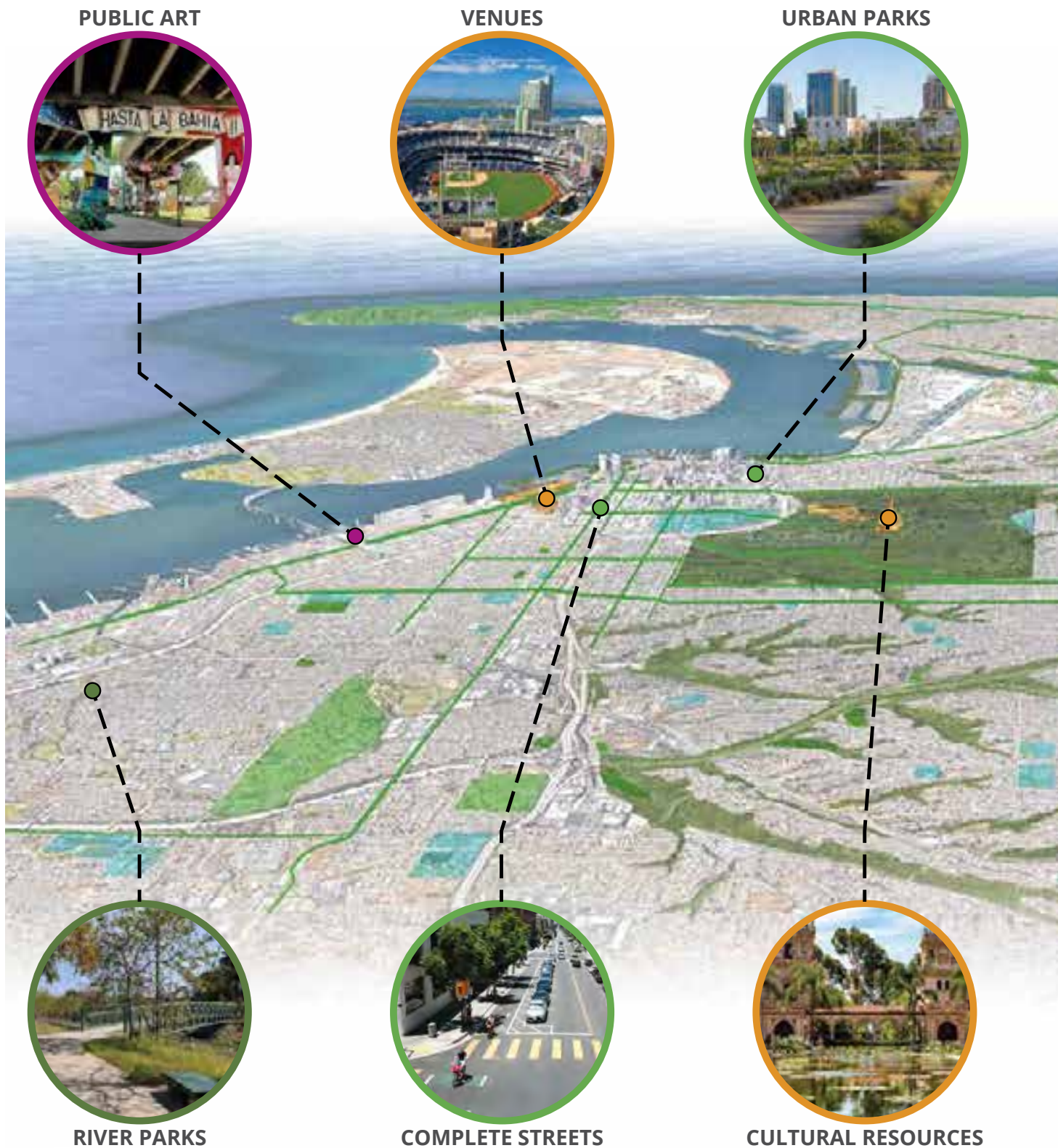
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Youth Sports

A CITYWIDE PARKS SYSTEM

San Diego's many individual assets join to create a vibrant Citywide parks system. Recreational opportunity in San Diego is more than the sum of parkland acres or the number of facilities.



Lively public spaces, active streets, cultural amenities, trails and connections, and conserved natural lands make up a complete, interconnected recreational experience.

**SHORELINE PARKS
& BEACHES**



REGIONAL PARKS



OPEN SPACE



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NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

GREENWAYS & TRAILS

JOINT USE PARKS



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4.0 HOW WE GET THERE

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How We Get There

4.0 How We Get There

The path forward to transform our parks system requires action across many areas – from the way we measure the success of our system to the ways we plan. The path forward also involves equitable investments, innovative design, and appropriately funded parks and recreation facilities. These actions will require strong partnerships with other public agencies, advocates, and stakeholders to build broad commitment for a Citywide network of recreation for everyone.

4.1 Park Standard

A critical first step in transforming our parks system is to understand how to meet everyone's recreational needs and to prepare for growth and change in the years ahead. Park standards are important tools that guide planning, influence investment priorities, set goals for parkland acquisition, and establish the policy basis for financing sources, such as impact fees and credits. As policy, standards embody the aspirations of the Parks Master Plan, but are not strict measurements. If standards are to be meaningful, they should be reasonably achievable over time, and the standards should be transparent and affordable to taxpayers. The standards should also be sufficiently flexible to accommodate diverse and evolving community needs.

Diverse Community Needs

The City encompasses 372 square miles and has many distinctive backdrops for its parks – urban, suburban, open space and rural. Redevelopment and infill development continue to reshape communities, with urbanization accelerating as the City promotes sustainable growth patterns near transit and job centers in accordance with its General Plan and Climate Action Plan.

Providing parks in these varied contexts requires flexibility. At the turn of the 20th century and through the 1960s, the City had open land on which to build new parks. Today, little open land remains. As they evolve, other urbanizing cities have looked to strategies beyond land acquisition to increase recreational opportunities. They have acquired land from the private sector for parks; have built smaller, linear, and pocket parks on public lands; or have activated existing parks to add value to the parks system. Cities have found creative recreational uses for unused land or corridors originally intended for other purposes. Parks systems, including the City of San Diego, have formed partnerships with other public agencies, such as school districts, to expand access through joint use parks.

Changes in patterns of development require growing cities to confront the limitations of traditional park standards. One of the most commonly used service standards in municipal parks systems is the number of public park acres per 1,000 residents. While an acreage-based standard easily tracks the supply of parkland in an area, it does not consider factors that affect recreational experiences like accessibility, quality, or community context.

In the past, the City set a standard of 2.8 acres per 1,000 residents for parks, including community parks, neighborhood parks, mini-parks, and joint use facilities. While some communities run a deficit of these parks, the City overall remains rich in large resource-based spaces and has one of the largest inventories of land per capita among major cities in the United States. When counting all types of developed parkland, including regional parks, the City's park acres per capita is about 6 acres per 1,000 population. As the City's population continues to grow, given limited open land and rising land acquisition costs, an acreage-only based standard for population-based parks will become increasingly difficult

to satisfy and will limit opportunities for innovation and the delivery of unique and cherished parks spaces desired by residents. Reliance on development impact fees (DIF) to meet a land-based standard also limits the City's ability to address systemic park inequities and deficiencies and expand recreational opportunities in many growing and changing neighborhoods. In addition, these fees are often insufficient to fund the cost of acquiring land and constructing new parks due to the high cost of urban real estate.

Inadequate financial resources for maintenance, operations, and programming can result in inconsistent park conditions and recreational experiences across communities. Creating the system of tomorrow requires an equitable balanced, flexible, and sustainable funding approach that can support a full network of quality recreational experiences for all San Diegans.

Facility Standards

Facility-based metrics measure how many facilities are available relative to a city's population. This standard defines the number of people ideally served by a given facility, such as a recreation center or aquatic complex. Facility-based standards are especially useful in assessing the adequacy of recreational amenities that meet multiple communities' needs.

Recreational Value-Based Park Standard

A practical and meaningful standard reflects the variety of recreational experiences within a large, diverse city and promotes positive recreational outcomes, such as safe, accessible, active parks. The Recreational Value-Based Park standard (Value Standard) establishes a point value to represent recreational opportunities within traditional population-based parks.

Population-Based Facility Standards



Rancho Bernardo Park

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HOW DID WE DEVELOP THE PARK STANDARD?

A PARK =



Land



Recreational
Experiences

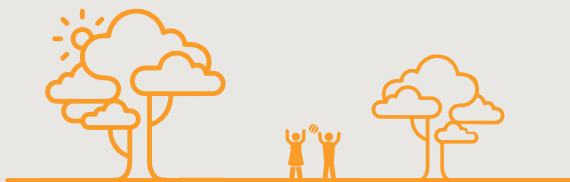


Equity &
Access

CURRENT CITY
PARK STANDARD

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ACRES PER 1,000 PEOPLE



Community
Input



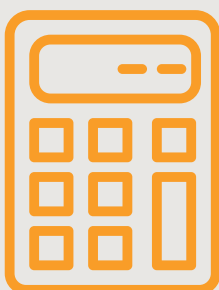
Inventory



Survey



Research



*Calculate the recreational value of community
planning areas that meet 2.8 acres standard*

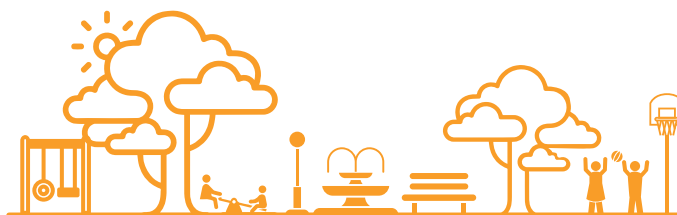
Linda Vista CPA = 75 points per 1,000 people
Carmel Valley CPA = 69 points per 1,000 people
Mission Beach CPA = 190 points per 1,000 people
Navajo CPA = 72 points per 1,000 people



NEW CITY
PARK STANDARD

100

POINTS PER 1,000 PEOPLE



Recreation value emphasizes the activities and experiences that residents can enjoy, rather than the amount of parkland in a given area. It measures the inherent benefits of park spaces – their ability to support active recreation and exercise; encourage socializing; link people to transit, bike facilities, trails, and active public areas; and invite activity throughout the day.

The Value Standard is intended to be applied to population-based parks and portions of regional parks which serve nearby communities. The Value Standard is not intended to be applied to portions of regional parks which serve the region, including trails, shorelines, open space, or MSCP lands. Regional assets are intended to be evaluated during future community plan updates or asset specific master plans; the score assigned to these resources is not intended to represent their total inherent Citywide value, but instead recognizes that these assets provide additional unique recreational value to local residents.

Each park type provides different opportunities and obligations, and the Parks Master Plan will ensure effective planning and management for their primary values, benefits and opportunities. For example, regional resource and open space parks will continue to be managed to conserve biological diversity, protect watersheds, and provide ecological services – including to help moderate climate change effects - with active uses limited to those compatible with their primary purposes.

The Value Standard acknowledges the amenities and features within a space. The standard recognizes the value of parks appropriate for diverse communities, from a large field park for active recreation to a small, lively urban public gathering space. A focus on value also recognizes opportunities to upgrade existing parks by adding recreation-based

amenities and introducing new recreational activities that will serve an increased population.

The Value Standard establishes a recreation value of 100 points per 1,000 people. This value is based on a scoring of existing parks in communities with parkland acreage that meet the former standard of 2.8 acres per 1,000 residents. The 100 points reflect scoring based on recreation amenities, space for programmed activity, connectivity to transit, and other factors. A recreation value of 100 points per 1,000 residents represents a level of recreation experiences comparable to the opportunities available to residents in communities that achieve the former acreage- based standard, which provides for opportunities for more park investments for everyone. At least 20 percent (or 20 points per 1,000 residents) of a community's parks standard should be satisfied through increased land acquisition. See Appendix D for the Recreation Value Score Methodology.

The score also accounts for the ability of larger regional parks, natural areas, and trails to meet some of the local recreational needs of nearby communities without being overly reliant on these assets. These assets, which will not impact MSCP and other environmentally sensitive lands, are known as locally-serving portions of regional parks.

Recreational Value Case Studies

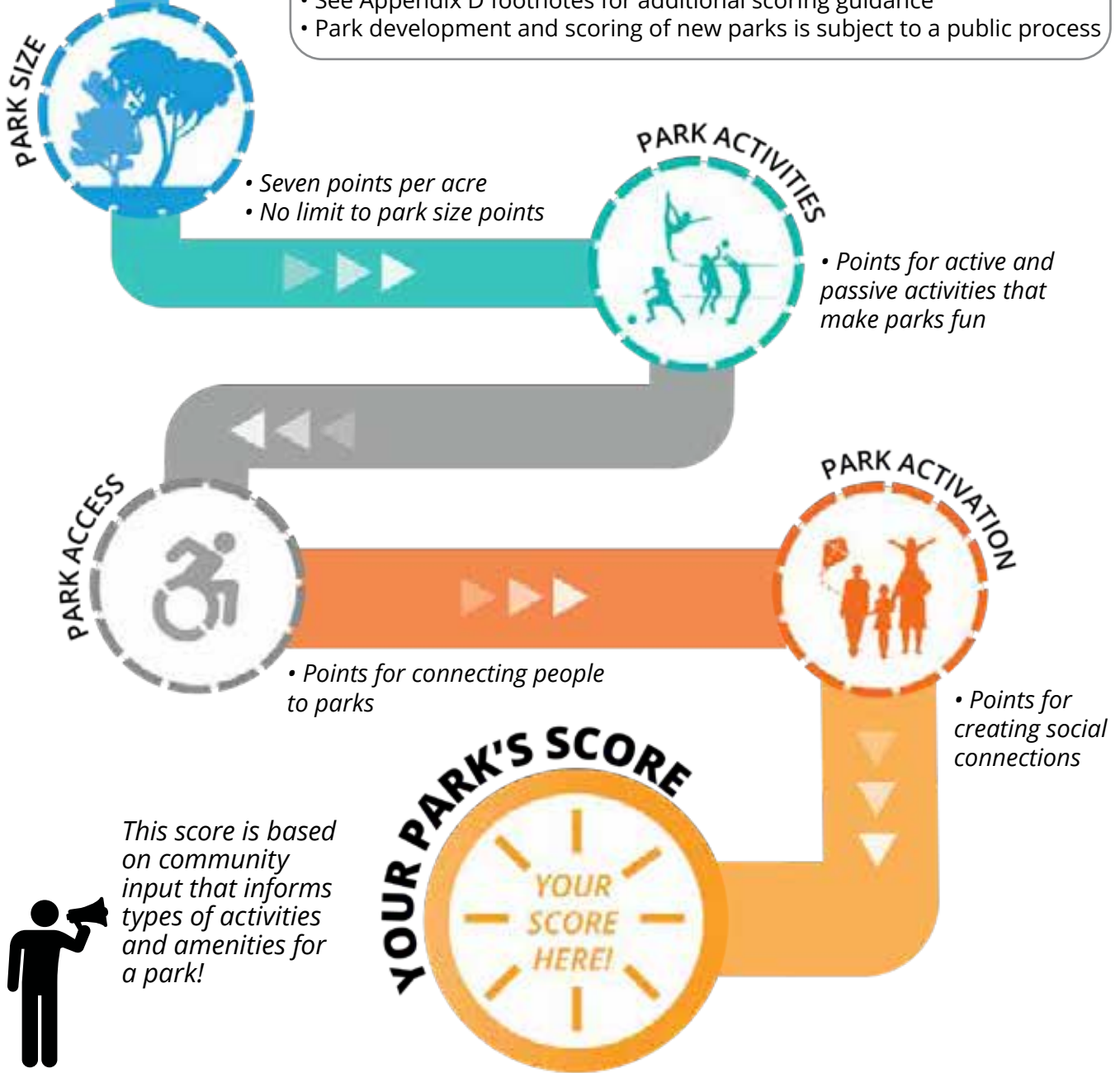
The case studies of Children's Park, Piazza della Famiglia, and a representative neighborhood park (see page 63 through 74) demonstrate how the value-based scoring system awards points for amenities. These studies also illustrate opportunities to introduce compatible new recreational amenities that enhance the value of existing spaces and expand recreational activities available to residents.

RECREATIONAL VALUE-BASED STANDARD

SCORING GUIDE

QUICK TIPS:

- Points awarded in order by the categories listed in Appendix D
- Point categories may have maximum point limit
- Round up based on category point structure
- Fundamental park amenities such as benches do not receive points
- See Appendix D footnotes for additional scoring guidance
- Park development and scoring of new parks is subject to a public process



NOTE: The Park Score for individual park projects shows incremental progress toward increased recreational opportunities throughout the City; it does not determine individual park project prioritization.



Gershwin Neighborhood Park

CASE STUDY 1 | Children's Park

Children's Park is a 1.7-acre downtown space with a forest of pine trees and a small pond. Given the limited range of available amenities, the mini-park has suffered from years of underuse and ongoing public safety challenges.

A planned revitalization will activate the park with new activities to attract regular use by families, nearby workers, and downtown residents. While the park's basic elements are planned to be preserved, the proposed design would add public artwork, a children's play and picnic area, open space turf, an elevated walkway, a vendor and restroom building, an off-leash dog park, and an adult fitness area. To enhance safety and visibility, the park will

feature improved lighting and a redesigned forest area that promotes a sense of openness.

Under the Value Standard, current amenities in Children's Park offer 63 points of recreational value. The planned amenities will significantly increase the site's point total to 217 - a value that provides recreational experiences serving 2,170 people. Under the Value Standard, this small but richly designed space will support recreational experiences for many more downtown residents and visitors. Children's Park illustrates opportunities to maximize the recreational use of compact urban spaces by co-locating compatible activities and offering amenities that appeal to a wide range of users.

Existing Recreation Point Value		
Key	Amenities	Points
	Park Size	14
A	Public Art/Placemaking Elements	7
B	Linkages: CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	21
C	Integrated With Transit (500 ft)	14
D	Connection to Public/Civic Use	7
Total		63
Population Served		630

SEE EXISTING PLAN VIEW

Proposed Recreation Point Value		
Key	Amenities	Points
	Mini Park	14
A	Public Art/Placemaking Elements	7
B	Linkages: CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	21
C	Integrated With Transit (500 ft)	14
D	Connection to Public/Civic Use	7
E	Food Area/Concessions	7
F	All-weather shade with tables/seating	14
G	Restroom	21
H	Play Area	70
I	Fitness Circuit	14
J	Specialty recreation (soft-surface)	7
K	Off-Leash Dog Area	21
Total		217
Population Served		2,170

SEE PROPOSED PLAN VIEW

CASE STUDY 1 | Before Scene



CASE STUDY 1 | After Scene



CASE STUDY 1 | Existing Plan View



CASE STUDY 1 | Proposed Plan View



CASE STUDY 2 | Piazza della Famiglia

Piazza della Famiglia is a .38-acre pocket park in Little Italy in downtown San Diego. Construction of the plaza closed off a one-block stretch of the existing street network to vehicular traffic, establishing a pedestrian-only area. This central gathering place now hosts farmers' markets, concerts, cultural events, and casual social activity throughout the day and evening. Apartments, restaurants, and shops anchor the plaza, creating a vibrant blend of public and private space that draws residents, visitors, and customers. The fountain and design elements within the park celebrate the Italian heritage of the neighborhood.

Prior to construction of the piazza, the street and adjoining spaces supported no recreational activity. Under the Value Standard, the food and concession areas, placemaking, and event space on the site offer 71.75 points of recreation value, serving 720 people. The Piazza della Famiglia demonstrates opportunities to bring appealing, energy-filled spaces to the City's quickly growing, more compact, urban neighborhoods. The piazza also illustrates the creative repurposing of existing street right-of-way to claim new recreational space that meets everyone's needs.

Existing Recreation Point Value	
Amenities	Points
—	0
Total	0
Population Served	0

SEE EXISTING PLAN VIEW

Proposed Recreation Point Value		
Key	Amenities	Points
	Park Size	1.75
A	Food/Concession Area	7
B	Performance/Event Space	21
C	Public Art/Placemaking Elements	7
D	Connection to Transit (500 ft)	14
E	Connection to Public Realm	7
F	Space for Programmed Activities	14
Total		71.75
Population Served		720

SEE PROPOSED PLAN VIEW

CASE STUDY 2 | Before Scene

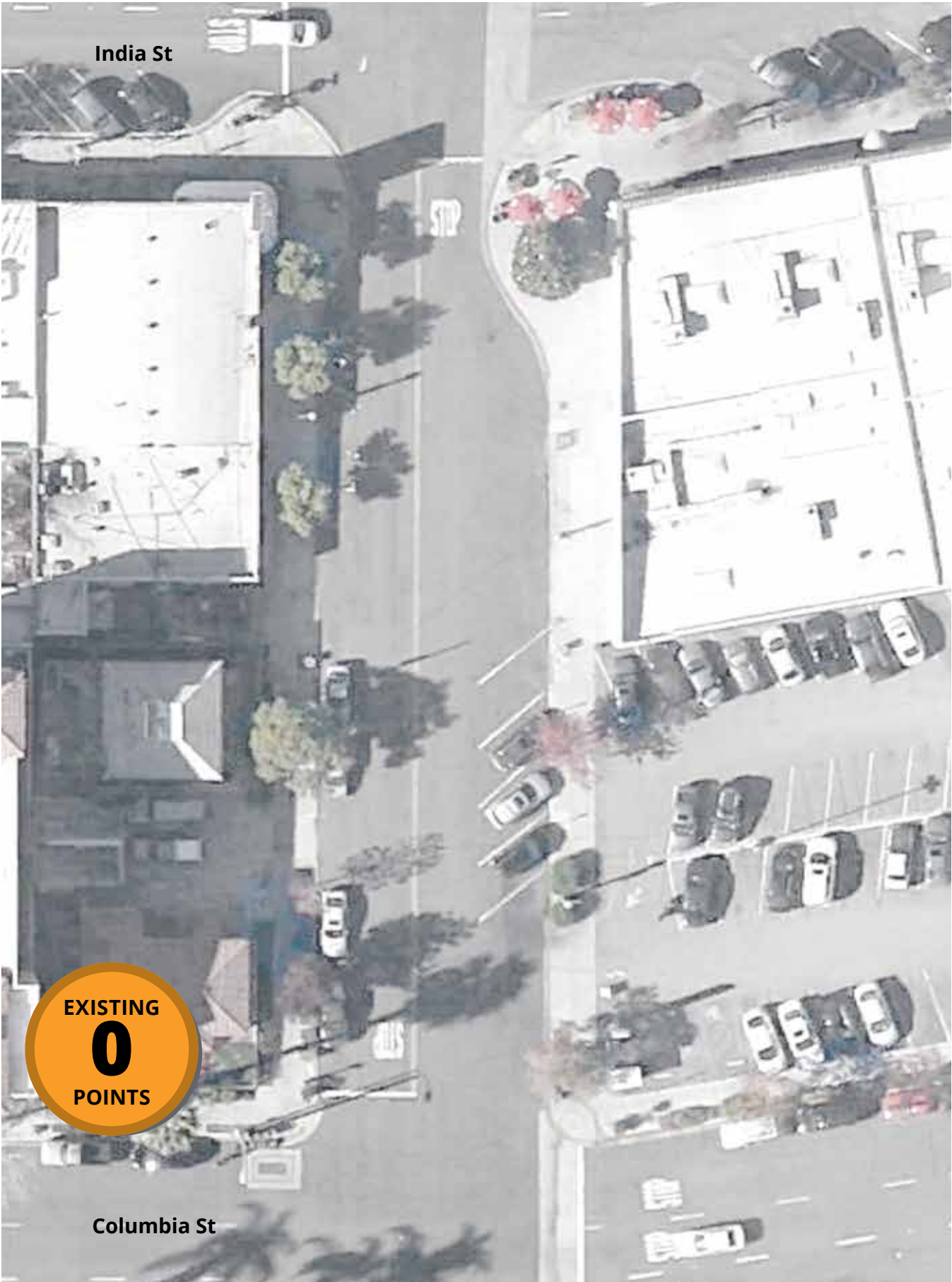


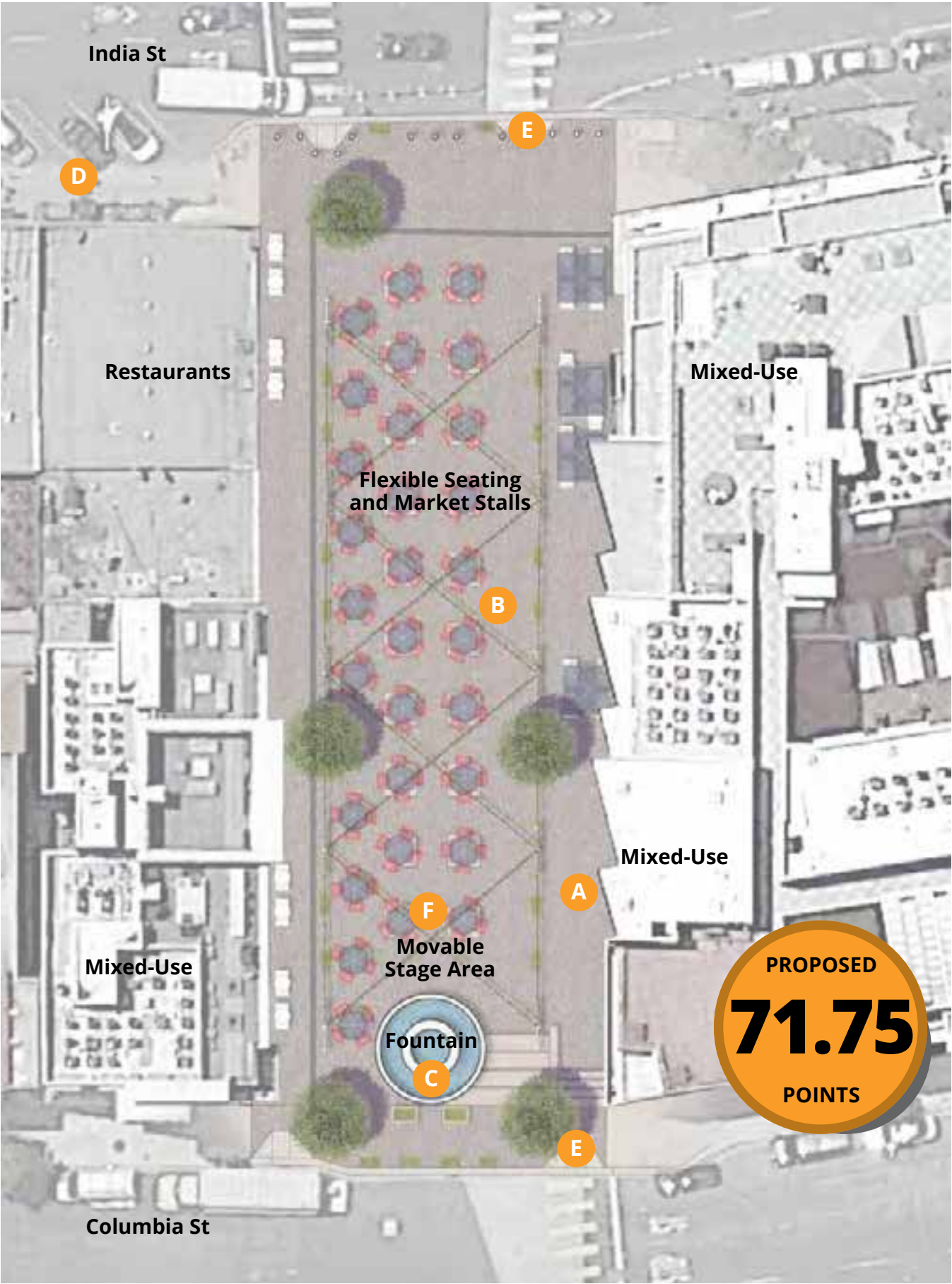
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CASE STUDY 2 | After Scene



CASE STUDY 2 | Existing Plan View





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CASE STUDY 3 | Sample Mini Park

Many of the City's older parks contain few recreational amenities relative to their overall size. This case study illustrates a representative two-acre mini park with a design that offers 105 points of current recreation value. A possible redesign of the space would effectively double its recreational value to 182 points through the incorporation of new placemaking elements and recreational facilities.

The addition of amenities would create a space that serves 1,820 people under the Value Standard, and it would served a wider range of age groups. The case study illustrates opportunities to use existing parkland more efficiently, expanding recreational experiences for park-goers.

Existing Recreation Point Value		
Key	Amenities	Points
	Park Size	14
A	Play Area	42
B	Multi-Purpose Turf Area	28
C	Specialty Recreation (soft-surface)	7
D	Integration with Transit (500 ft)	14
Total		105
Population Served		1,050

SEE EXISTING PLAN VIEW

Proposed Recreation Point Value		
Key	Amenities	Points
	Mini Park	14
A	Play Area	42
B	Multi-Purpose Turf Area	14
C	Specialty Recreation	7
D	Integration With Transit	14
E	Skate Plaza	7
F	Half-Court Basketball	3.5
G	Off-Leash Dog Area	10.5
H	Food Area/Concessions	7
I	Community Garden	7
J	All-Weather Shade Cover	14
K	Amphitheater	14
L	Wayfinding/Signage	7
M	Public Art	7
N	Interpretive Elements	7
O	Fitness Circuit	14
P	Connection to Public/Civic Use	7
Total		182
Population Served		1,820

SEE PROPOSED PLAN VIEW

CASE STUDY 3 | Before Scene



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CASE STUDY 3 | After Scene



CASE STUDY 3 | Sample Existing Plan View



EXISTING
105
POINTS

CASE STUDY 3 | Sample Proposed Plan View



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PROPOSED
182
POINTS

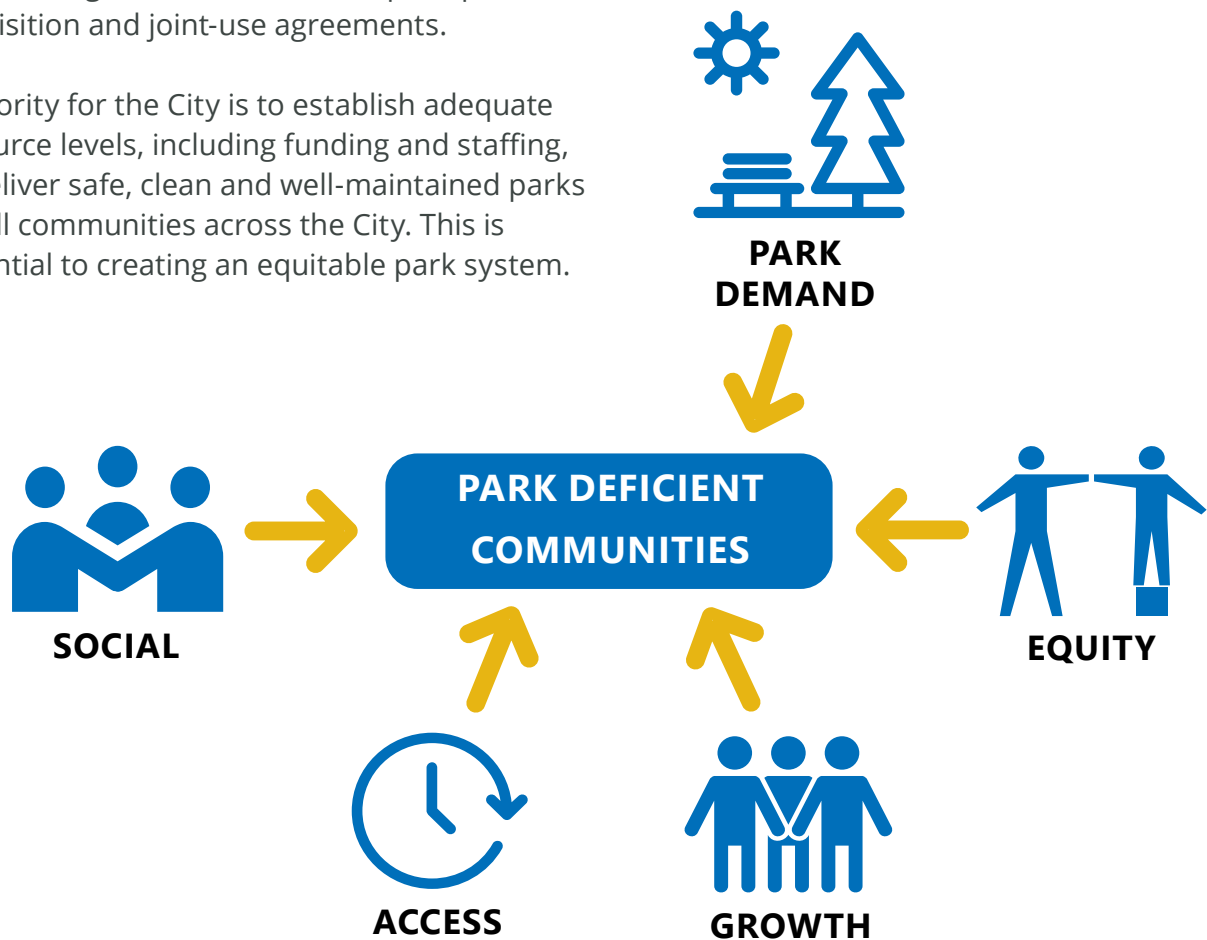
4.2 Continual Park Acquisition Goal

In addition to the City’s Recreational Value-Based Standard, which is intended to be applied throughout the City’s planning efforts, as well as to new development projects, one thing remains certain. The acquisition of additional park space into the City’s park system is vital toward a thriving and successful parks system that meets the needs of the City’s residents and visitors. The City will continue to pursue land acquisition whenever feasible, with a special focus on acquiring land where the needs are the greatest, and where the future park spaces would be used by the most people. According to census data, the City’s population grew 233,000 between 2010 and 2020, yet during this time, the City acquired 56 acres of parkland. As a goal, the City should exceed this amount of parkland acquisition, ideally by acquiring at least 100 acres of population-based community parkland over the next 10 years. This goal is in addition to open space acquisition and joint-use agreements.

A Priority for the City is to establish adequate resource levels, including funding and staffing, to deliver safe, clean and well-maintained parks for all communities across the City. This is essential to creating an equitable park system.

Table 4: Investment Prioritization Metrics

Approach	Definition
Access	Amount of time a person must travel to get to a park or facility
Equity	Socio-economic characteristics of people living in an area as identified in the Sustainability Department’s Climate Equity Index (CEI)
Park Demand	Total parks provided in a community compared to the Citywide Recreational Value-Based Park Standard
Growth	Current and future population density within the Communities.
Social	Community factors such as safety, maintenance, programming, and facility deficiencies.



4.3 Prioritization Framework

Complex, long-standing factors, such as patterns of development and investment, have resulted in an uneven and inequitable distribution of recreational amenities across a city. A prioritization framework guides future capital investments to improve recreational experiences in areas with shortfalls, bringing more communities in line with desired standards for parks and recreation services. Prioritization assessments can draw from multiple perspectives to identify areas with the greatest recreation needs (see Table 4). Communities and parks that score the highest on selected metrics would then rise in priority to receive funding that expands facilities and programming that deliver recreation to everyone. A prioritized approach to future investments is a critical tool in promoting a balanced and equitable network of recreational experiences for everyone. Investments should be prioritized in the areas with the greatest needs, aligned with the City's equity, housing, climate, and conservation goals.

4.4 10-20-30-40 Access Goals

Access targets examine how easily people can travel to a park or recreation facility. Access relates to the guiding principle that everyone should be able to get to a recreational experience along a safe, enjoyable, and active route. People should be able to enjoy the outdoors not just inside of parks, but for the entirety of their journey to and from parks. The City has set a 10-20-30-40-minute access and activation goal: a **safe and enjoyable**

10-minute walk and roll, 20-minute bike ride, and 30-minute transit ride to a park or recreation facility in which they can enjoy at least 40 minutes of activity. In addition to walking and rolling, biking and transit can increase the range and types of recreational opportunities that each resident can access. The intent of the safe and enjoyable 20-minute bike ride and 30-minute transit ride goals is to provide a greater number of people access to the City's incredible regional parks, beaches, shorelines, and other unique recreational experiences.

These goals highlight the importance of access at a regional level while also reaffirming the City's commitment to providing local recreational opportunities people can easily access without the use of a car. Figures 8 through 10 show walk and roll, bike, and transit accessibility to all City-managed parks, including community and neighborhood parks, trails, open space, regional parks, and joint use facilities. Areas in pink show parts of the City where current travel to existing parks is less convenient. These gaps highlight opportunities to plan for new park spaces near communities with limited access or enhance pedestrian, bike, and transit links that make it easier to get to existing spaces.



10-20-30-40 MINUTE ACCESS

A system for everyone offers convenient access to parks and meaningful recreational activities. This access should be safe and enjoyable to provide true meaningful connections.

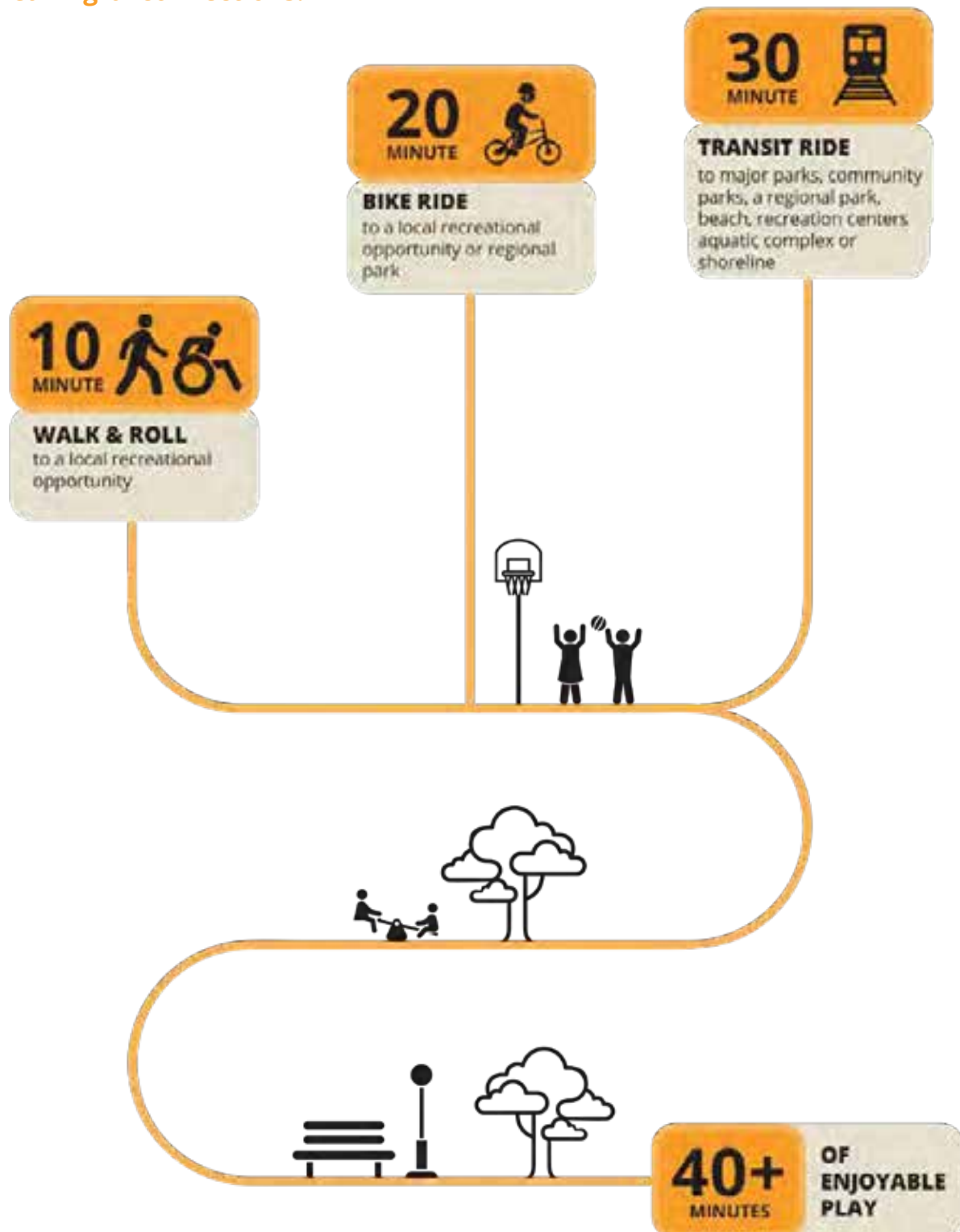
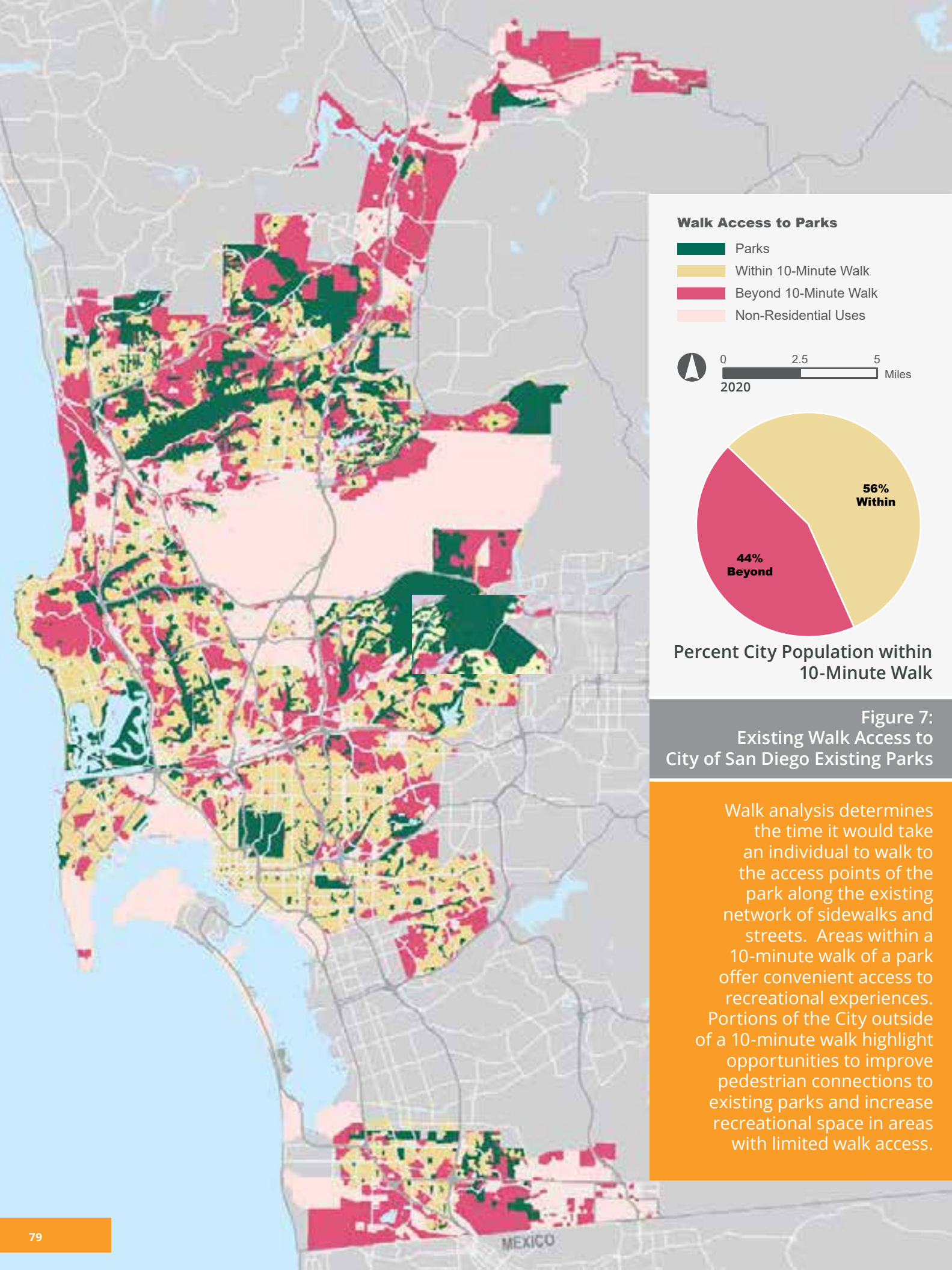
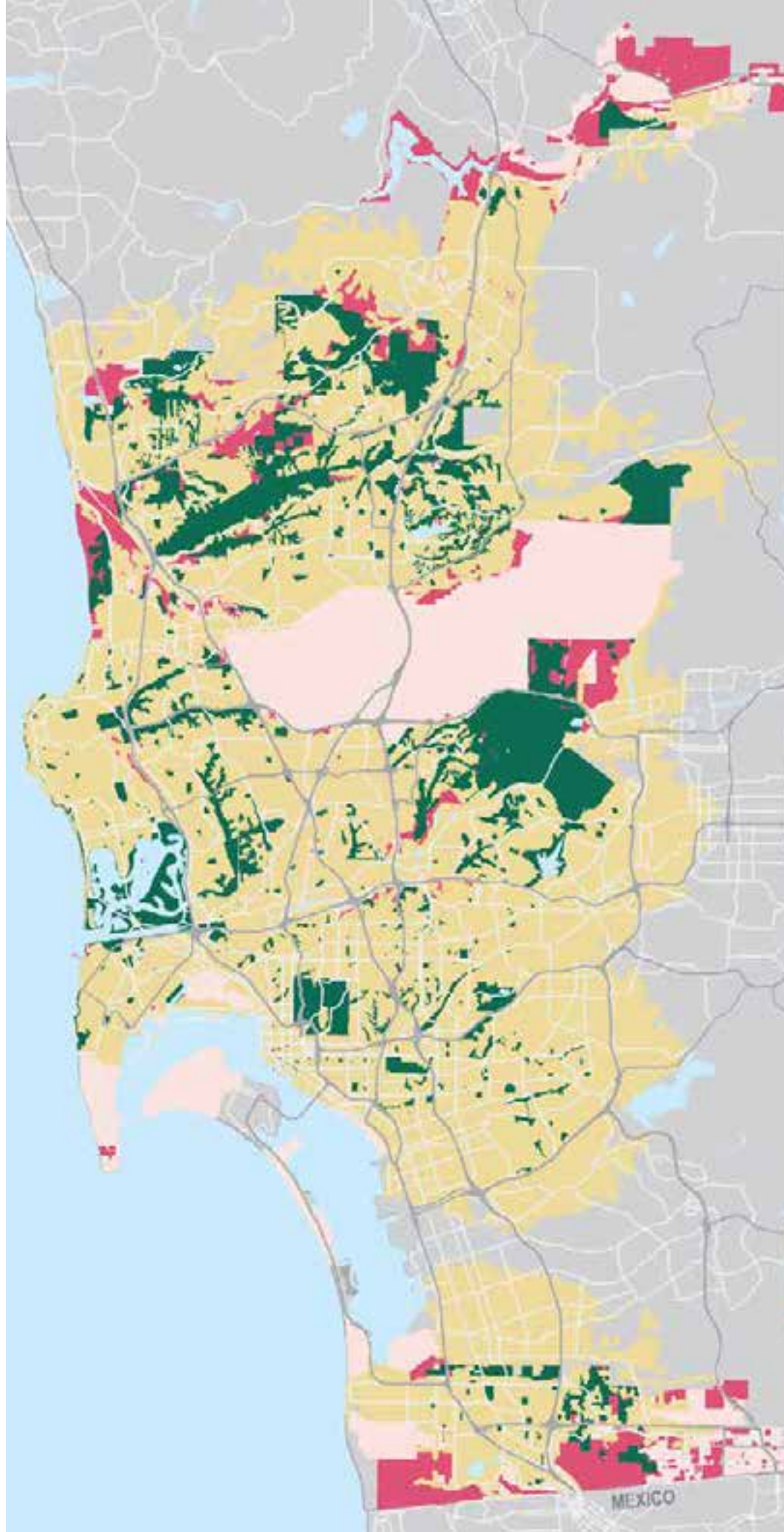




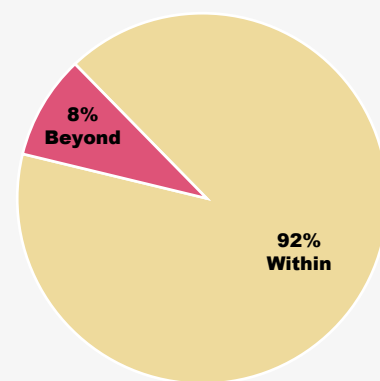
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Spruce Street Suspension Bridge





Bike Access to Parks

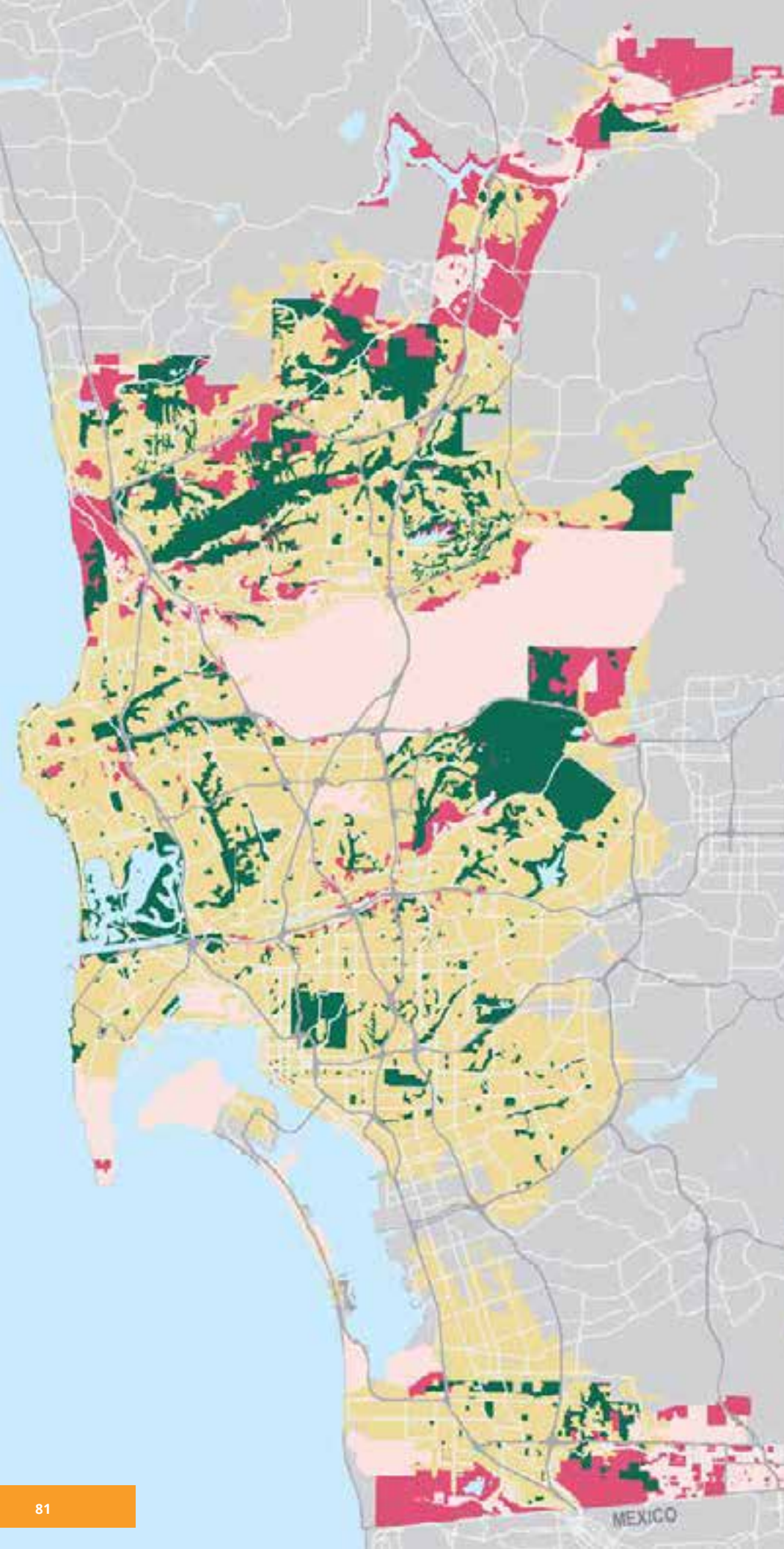
- Parks
- Within 20-Minute Bike Ride
- Beyond 20-Minute Bike Ride
- Non-Residential Uses



Percent City Population within 20-Minute Bike Ride

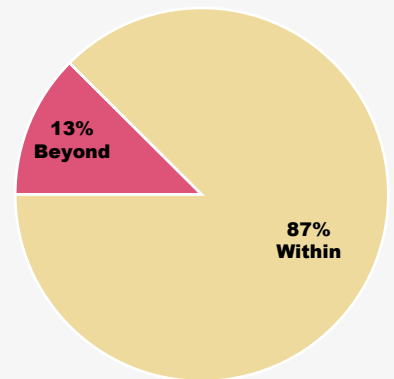
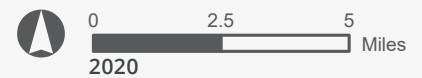
Figure 8:
Existing Bike Access to
City of San Diego Existing Parks

Bike analysis evaluates the time it would take an individual to bike to the access local and regional parks along the existing network of streets. Areas within a 20-minute bike ride offer convenient access to such recreational experiences. Portions of the City outside of a 20-minute bike trip highlight opportunities to improve bike connections to existing parks and increase recreational space in areas with limited bike access.



Transit Access to Parks

- Parks
- Within 30-Minute Transit Ride
- Beyond 30-Minute Transit Ride
- Non-Residential Uses



Percent City Population within 30-Minute Transit Ride

Figure 9:
Existing Transit Access to City
of San Diego Existing Parks

Transit analysis evaluates the time it would take an individual to travel to the access points of the park along existing transit routes. Areas within a 30-minute transit ride of a park offer convenient access to more regional recreational experiences. Portions of the City outside of a 30-minute transit trip highlight opportunities to improve transit connections to existing regional parks and increase recreational space in areas with limited transit access.



Lake Hodges

4.5 Park Equity

An equity-based approach recognizes that certain areas of a city, where people of color have historically disproportionately lived, are likelier to have fewer, quality recreational opportunities due to factors such as the era of community development and historical levels of investment. Equity also considers the social and economic characteristics of communities, highlighting areas where residents may have a greater need for the benefits of public parks and programming based on criteria such as age and income.

Equity-driven frameworks guide capital investment to Communities of Concern to address historical inequities, reduce the parks gap and contribute to healthier, more vibrant neighborhoods. Specific prioritization criteria

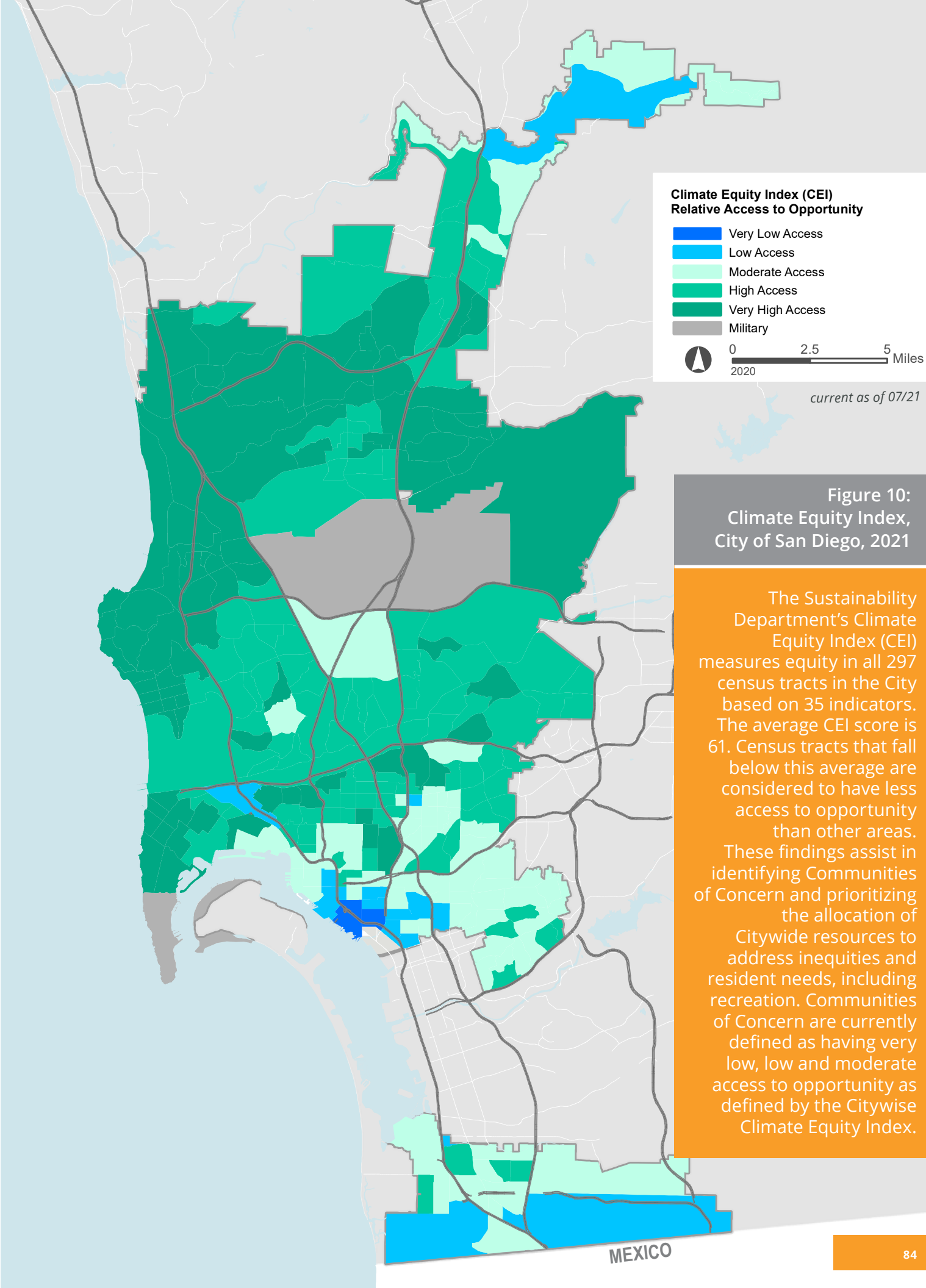
should incorporate equity-based and park demand metrics as identified in the Citywide Climate Equity Index, which identifies areas of the City that have relatively lower access to opportunity. See Figure 11. These areas of the City should receive prioritized funding so that the areas with the greatest need – in terms of standard level, access, and other social factor and needs – receive funding first before investments are made in areas of the City with relatively fewer park deficiencies in the quality and quantity of parks. Maps of communities of concern will be updated regularly in accordance with the Citywide Climate Equity Index.

4.6 Resource Prioritization Metrics

In addition to access and equity, park-related criteria can assist in identifying areas of recreation need and informing park



Southcrest Trails Skatepark



**Climate Equity Index (CEI)
Relative Access to Opportunity**

- Very Low Access
- Low Access
- Moderate Access
- High Access
- Very High Access
- Military

0 2.5 5 Miles
2020

current as of 07/21

Figure 10:
Climate Equity Index,
City of San Diego, 2021

The Sustainability Department's Climate Equity Index (CEI) measures equity in all 297 census tracts in the City based on 35 indicators. The average CEI score is 61. Census tracts that fall below this average are considered to have less access to opportunity than other areas. These findings assist in identifying Communities of Concern and prioritizing the allocation of Citywide resources to address inequities and resident needs, including recreation. Communities of Concern are currently defined as having very low, low and moderate access to opportunity as defined by the Citywide Climate Equity Index.

investments. Park demand is the relationship between the current parks provided in a community compared to the Citywide Recreational Value-Based Park standard. Communities with high park demand tend to have greater residential density, and therefore many users relative to their geographic size. While activity in parks is positive, levels of use in excess of carrying capacity can degrade park experience, increase maintenance costs, and reduce the lifecycle of assets. Areas of high park demand are candidates for prioritized investments to increase capacity and

What is Park Equity?

Addressing long-standing inequities experienced by people in Communities of Concern and other marginalized populations allowing everyone to fairly share the same benefits from parks and attain full and equal access to recreational opportunities regardless of one's background, identity, ability, and location.

available recreational value. Condition-based assessments highlight areas in which existing parks may be older or show signs of disrepair or deferred reinvestment and maintenance. These park locations may also correlate with communities that historically have had lower levels of park investment.

As a community's population increases so do its recreational needs. Accounting for future population growth will allow the City to plan for the park system of the future. Priorities should also be given to the areas of the City that are experiencing the greatest levels of growth.

4.7 Implementation Framework

The implementation framework consists of goals and policies in 13 categories. Together, this mix of new programs, tools, and partnerships outlines a sustainable strategy to expand and upgrade parks in the City. As implementation unfolds, the City will assess



Allied Gardens Community Park



Junípero Serra Museum at Presidio Park

and monitor these actions with an emphasis on adequate staffing, financing, and equitable resource allocation.

The City also recognizes that given the long planning horizon of the Parks Master Plan, continual monitoring in the early years of the Plan will be required to ensure its success. For the extent of the planning horizon, it may be necessary to modify specific actions as conditions change. Shifts in development patterns, population growth and demographics, technology, or recreational interests can reshape needs and priorities, warranting new implementation approaches. Along with a commitment to deliver accessible, equitable, innovative, and high quality recreational experiences, flexibility in implementation enables the City to adjust, refine, and improve strategies.

4.8 Future Implementation Actions

To ensure the success of the Parks Master Plan, a number of critical future implementation actions should be taken in the early years of the plan. These actions range from recreational value assessments to additional planning efforts. Listed below in no particular order are implementation actions to be prioritized to best achieve the goals of the Parks Master Plan:

- ▶ **Park funding prioritization policy and forecast** – A strategy to guide the specific prioritization of park funds based on the evaluation of park-related metrics, to ensure that park investments in the areas with the greatest needs are prioritized. 5-year park funding forecast to ensure taxpayer funds are being allocated in line with Citywide goals.
- ▶ **Park Needs Index** – The systematic evaluation of park-related metrics to identify areas of the City which have the greatest need for parks – in terms of quantity, quality, safety, and enjoyability.
- ▶ **Citywide recreational value assessment** – Evaluating all parks within the City using the



Parks Master Plan Guiding Principles



Parks Fit



Youth Sailing on Mission Bay

new Recreational Value Scoring Methodology.

- ▶ **Amend Parks & Recreation Department Consultant's Guide to Park Design and Development** – Update the document to bring it in line with the policies in the Parks Master Plan.
- ▶ **Citywide Trails Master Plan** – A comprehensive plan to guide responsible trail and open space park planning which complements the City's MSCP commitments.
- ▶ **Recreation Center and Aquatic Complex Equity Tool** – A comprehensive review of the City's Recreation Centers and Aquatic Complexes to ensure better access for all San Diegans.
- ▶ **Alternative Park Funding Mechanism Analysis for Capital Park Projects** – A review of all possible funding strategies including grants, bonds, and tax measures for Capital Park Projects.
- ▶ **Alternative Park Funding Mechanism Analysis for Park Maintenance and Operation** – A review of all possible funding strategies including grants, bonds, and tax measures for park maintenance and operations.
- ▶ **Park Condition Index** – Continue to evaluate the condition of all parks and determine the maintenance backlog.
- ▶ **Updates to critical Resource-Based Park and National Historic Landmark Master Plans** – Update Resource-Based Park Master Plans such as Presidio Park, Balboa Park, and Chicano Park, with a focus on increasing

equitable access to these resources and on National Historic Landmarks.

- ▶ **Park and Programming Communications Plan** – Develop a communication plan to ensure all San Diegans are aware of the parks, programs, facilities, health and safety benefits the Park and Recreation Department offers with a focus on increasing availability and participation in Communities of Concern.
- ▶ **Parks Master Plan Equitable Stakeholder Engagement Framework** - Develop a plan for equitable stakeholder involvement for Parks Master Plan implementation, that includes proactive engagement with community leadership and ensures continuous evaluation of equity metrics.
- ▶ **Park Design Review Board Feasibility** - In accordance with Policy PP13, determine the feasibility and actions needed to form a Park Design Review Board that is comprised of Landscape Architects, Park and Recreation professionals, and citizens that are representative and reflective of the demographics of the City's population.
- ▶ **Non-Profit Programming Working Group** - Establish a working group to guide the City's partnership with non-profits and streamline internal processes to encourage partnerships and programming.
- ▶ **Update to Council Policy 600-33** - Update Council Policy 600-33 with input from community-based organizations and other stakeholders to ensure greater public involvement and to streamline the park development process.
- ▶ **Park Project Priority Implementation List** - Develop a list of specific park projects to be prioritized based on recently updated community plans and equitable stakeholder engagement.



Quartyard PopUp Park

Additionally, as community plans are updated, additional parks and recreational opportunities should be included with equitable stakeholder engagement. All parks continue to be designed in accordance with Council Policy 600-33. The outcome of that public process will determine the ultimate recreational value-based score of a particular park, the park standard should not drive the community process in the design of any particular park.

4.9 Prioritized Approach to Park Investments

A prioritized approach to future investments to promote a balanced and equitable network of recreational experiences for everyone, in accordance with the policies in this Parks Master Plan, with a specific emphasis on prioritizing investments in the areas with the greatest needs is a key guiding principle for implementation. While the Citywide park standard is used to determine the overall needs of the City's park system, an individual park project's value score should not be used to determine its investment priority. Parks with lower scoring values can add significant overall value to a community and should be prioritized in accordance with any prioritization framework.

4.10 Parks Master Plan Policies

The Parks Master Plan policies reflect the overarching principles that seek to elevate the City's parks, facilities, and programs into the world-class parks system of the future. The icons next to the policy categories represent the five Parks Master Plan guiding principles.

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Maruta Gardner Playground

Photo Courtesy of Kompan Playgrounds

PARKS + PROGRAMMING

Goal:

Opportunities for everyone to play, explore, learn, and interact.



A complete network of parks and programming offers quality recreational experiences for diverse and changing interests. Cities that adapt effectively to growing demand embrace varied strategies to expand recreational value throughout their parks systems.

Reinvestment to renew and expand existing parks increases the capacity to meet the needs of a larger population. When urban areas become denser, flexible spaces, such as pocket parks, plazas, and linear parks, infuse greenery and recreational activity into compact settings. As remaining land becomes costlier, the creative conversion of underused or overlooked sites and infrastructure reclaims park space from the built environment. The repurposing of surface parking lots,

freeway underpasses, under performing commercial or office properties, alleys, or large rights-of-way can add space for new recreational amenities and gathering areas.

Parks systems that evolve also actively connect residents and visitors to available amenities and services. The delivery of safe, affordable, enjoyable, and multilingual culturally specific core programming that reflect the local communities' values ensures meaningful recreational and social activities for all people, including children, adults, and persons with disabilities. Marketing, particularly efforts that make use of social media and mobile platform technology, build awareness and a diversity of public participation.



Youth-Oriented Programming

POLICIES:

PP1: Increase recreational opportunities throughout the City by:

- a. Investing in existing parks to expand and extend services and amenities available to residents and visitors.
- b. Acquiring new land for parks and other recreational facilities and ensuring that at least 20% of a community's park standard is satisfied through land acquisition.
- c. Repurposing rights-of-way to serve as active transportation connections, with recreational amenities, shade trees, and features that encourage walking and bicycling in the right-of-way.
- d. Encouraging and incentivizing the dedication of new park space in areas where new parks are most needed and will be most used.
- e. Increasing access to regional recreational resources, including the beaches and shorelines, Mission Bay Park, National Historic Landmarks, Balboa Park, Mission Trails Regional Park, and the City's network of trails in open space and canyon areas.

PP2: Improve existing underused sites and infrastructure, such as surface parking lots, freeway underpasses, alleys or paper streets to create new green space, recreation, and gathering areas in the parks system.

PP3: Incorporate innovative and emerging technology to enhance recreational experiences for residents and visitors.

PP4: Provide flexible, innovative park spaces, including neighborhood and community parks, mini parks, pocket parks, public plazas, green streets, linear parks, trailhead parks and temporary activated spaces, to meet the City's existing and future recreation needs.

PP5: Promote public awareness and education of the City's parks system and increase participation in program offerings through use of social media, multicultural public outreach, and development of a comprehensive communications plan.

PP6: Support and encourage placemaking efforts on parkland that strengthens and unites communities, residents, and visitors.

PP7: Develop a Parks Master Plan monitoring program and provide a report to the appropriate City Council Committee every two years to ensure successful implementation. Make monitoring results available to the public on the City website.

PP8: Develop a Parks Master Plan user's manual to complement the City's Consultant's Guide to Park Design & Development.

PP9: Encourage the development of active recreation fields within parks to promote social connections, teamwork and physical exercise across all age groups.

PP10: To ensure the City adheres to its conservation commitments, all proposals for new or revised access, trails, and active uses in resource/open space parklands must comply with all applicable limitations, such as the MSCP consistency findings, Environmentally Sensitive Land regulations, Natural Resource Management Plans, etc. before being formally proposed for City evaluation and funding (see policies CSR25 and RP5).

PP11: Promote access to nature and stewardship of open spaces through native plant gardens, habitat restoration and recreation in canyons and other city parklands.

POLICIES:

PP12: Identify, designate, and preserve historical resources within parks in a manner consistent with local, State and Federal regulations and guidelines.

PP13: Consider forming a Park Design Review Board based on current practices for Boards and Commissions to review proposed landscape architectural designs for parks. A Design Review Board should be comprised of Landscape Architects, Park and Recreation professionals, and citizens that are representative and reflective of the demographics of the City's population.

PP14: Increase recreational programming in existing public spaces and parks by:

- a. Partnering with local non-profit organizations;
- b. Allowing non-profit organizations to use public spaces and parks to generate revenue, where the revenue is used to invest in the park space and programming with those spaces.
- c. Providing reduced cost or no cost permits to non-profit organizations for programming and events within parks and recreation centers which benefit disadvantaged communities

Our system should strive for creative, flexible, high quality recreational spaces and services that meet diverse and changing needs



Cesar Chavez Recreation Center

EQUITY



Goal:

Addressing long-standing inequities experienced by people in Communities of Concern and other marginalized populations allowing everyone to fairly share the same benefits from parks and attain full and equal access to recreational opportunities regardless of one's background, identity, ability, and location.

Equity in the context of parks means that all people regardless of age, ability, race, gender identity, sexual orientation or place of residence can enjoy meaningful recreational opportunities.

Equity recognizes that many factors influence where parks are built and how they are maintained, historically resulting in communities – especially in Communities of Concern – that have fewer available quality recreational opportunities. An equity-driven approach acknowledges that people who live in Communities of Concern have greater recreational needs and prioritizes the investment of resources to enhance and add parks in areas experiencing historical inequities. The City must prioritize investments in its parks system specifically in areas where these investments are the most needed.

In addition to equitable access to meaningful recreational opportunities, equity in the design of parks and recreation facilities is a priority. Park design has evolved significantly in recent decades, moving away from a predominately passive recreation model for non-disabled people to one that seeks to strike a balance between passive and active recreation amenities and provide access to people of all abilities. Newer communities benefit from the shift in park design whereas older communities have been unable to, leaving these areas behind and widening the recreational gap between these communities.

As the percentage of the aging population increases, it is important that our recreational spaces incorporate universal and multi-generational design to welcome visitors of all abilities and ages to participate fully and equally in recreational experiences.

POLICIES:

E1: Use measurable criteria, such as the City's Climate Equity Index, the age and condition of existing parks, park capacity and recreational value relative to surrounding population density, walking, bicycling, and transit accessibility, ADA accessibility, and areas experiencing the greatest levels of growth to prioritize future capital investments where the needs are the greatest.

E2: Prioritize the delivery of new park and recreation investments in alignment with the City's equity, climate, housing, and conservation goals.

E3: Design parks and recreation facilities for universal access and multi-generational uses to encourage participation and inclusive play by residents of all abilities and ages.

POLICIES:

E4: Promote gender equity in park planning, design, and programming by:

- a. Striving to ensure decision making roles are distributed equitably between genders;
- b. Ensuring that gender advocate groups are included in the park planning and design process;
- c. Developing an information campaign to highlight safety improvements and crime statistics within parks;
- d. Ensuring even distribution of game and practice locations, scheduling, practice times, equipment, storage, and funding; and
- e. Including a variety of gender expressions in recreation facilities, activity guides and advertising materials, webpages, and other forms of communications.

E5: Prioritize at least 80% of the total Citywide Park Development Impact Fees to park deficient communities, with at least 50% of the total to be prioritized solely within Communities of Concern. Communities of Concern include census tracts with very low, low, or moderate access to opportunity as determined in the Citywide Climate Equity Index. Within Communities of Concern, investments should be prioritized in census tracts with very low or low access to opportunity. Prioritize at least 30% of the total in Park Deficient Communities as determined using the factors in section 4.3. Continue to prioritize this funding within these communities for a period of five (5) years, and re-evaluate such prioritization in five-year intervals, or as otherwise determined by the City Council to ensure sufficient prioritized funding for the areas with the greatest needs. This priority funding shall be given to the communities with the lowest park standard achievement rates first.

E6: Prepare a report to examine equity and access within the City's recreation centers, aquatic complexes, and programs.

E7: Close the park standard achievement gap between communities that do not achieve the park standard and those that do.

E8: Strive to improve regional air quality by planting drought resilient and native trees to sequester carbon and reduce the urban heat island effect.

E9: Establish an air quality monitoring program by installing monitoring stations within parks. Use this data to establish Citywide programs to improve air quality and report the data annually.

E10: Develop communication and outreach best practices which encourage the participation of marginalized populations and represent the local population.

E11: The safe and enjoyable use of parks is key to park equity in the city's parks system. Parks with amenities that are determined to be in poor condition through a Park Condition Index (see section 4.8) shall not count toward a community's park inventory until the condition of the amenities improves.

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ACCESS



Goal:

Access within a 10-minute walk and roll, 20-minute bike ride, and 30-minute transit ride for everyone to a park or recreational experience that can be enjoyed for at least 40 minutes.

When people have convenient and safe access to parks and recreation facilities, they are likelier to exercise, relax, or create social connections on a regular basis. It is well known that access to a green space improves the physical and mental health of individuals but also of the greater community.

It is imperative to view access from a Citywide perspective and consider improvements to transportation infrastructure as steps towards ensuring access. People are much likelier to visit a park if the path to the park is shaded by large trees, has protected bike lanes, wide ADA accessible sidewalks that can also accommodate larger groups, and adequate security lighting. People should be able to enjoy the outdoors not just inside of parks, but for the entirety of their journey to and from parks.

Access to open space, trails, and conserved lands also provides great recreational opportunities for residents. To ensure the health of these lands and the safety of residents, it is important that access to these assets are consistent with environmental regulations and policies. Access targets examine how easily people can travel to a park or recreation facility. Access relates to the

Our parks system should plan for a wide range of safe, lively public spaces with varied opportunities for daily spontaneous fun or relaxation, regularly programmed activities, and large-scale events.

guiding principle that everyone should be able to get to a recreational experience along a safe, enjoyable, and active path of travel.

The 10-20-30- 40 access and activation goal - 10-minute walk and roll, 20-minute bike ride, and 30-minute transit ride to a park or recreational facility in which a park can be enjoyed for at least 40 minutes - will enable everyone across the City to connect with a wide range of everyday recreational activities. In addition to walking, biking and transit allows for access to a broader range of recreational experiences - regional parks, beaches, and shorelines for all.

POLICIES:

A1: All residents should have access to a park within a safe and enjoyable 10 minute walk or roll. Investments should not only focus on providing new access, but improvements that increase the overall safety of an area so that the access has true purpose - prioritize these investments in Communities of Concern. Additionally, focus park and mobility investments to ensure 10-20-30-40-minute park access, meaning in addition to a 10 minute walk or roll, ensure that additional recreational resources can be reached with a 20 minute bike ride and 30-minute transit ride to ensure greater access to a diverse range of recreational opportunities throughout the system. Parks being accessed should have sufficient recreational space and activity to be enjoyed for at least 40 minutes.

A2: Maintain an integrated Citywide network of trails and open spaces, natural areas, and scenic views that serves all residents and visitors, while conforming to resource values and access/use limitations.

A3: Support walking/rolling, biking, and transit improvements that increase safe access to local, as well as regional parks.

A4: Regularly refine, expand, and update the Parks Master Plan access mapping and data to ensure safe and enjoyable park access for all residents and visitors no less than every 10 years.

A5: Monitor the acquisition of new parkland as well as overall investments to the City's parks and recreation system toward achieving the Recreational Value Standard as well as the park acquisition goal (See Section 4.2) to expand access to meaningful recreational opportunities. Report on the status of the goal to the City Council regularly.

A6: Support the creation of parkland through freeway lids, parkland acquisition, joint-use agreements, and private/public partnerships in communities of concern.

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14th Street Promenade

ACTIVATION



Goal:

Safe and inviting public spaces that support positive experiences for everyone and that further the equity and access goal.

Parks should offer appealing and enjoyable spaces for everyone. The physical qualities of a space make park-goers feel welcome and encourage longer visits. Parks that are clean, visible to the public, and equipped with features, such as lighting and restroom, extend safe, comfortable use. Strategies that maximize available space in existing parks by co-locating compatible amenities also expand activity.

The most dynamic spaces offer creative, fun interactions in memorable physical and often historic settings. They have pedestrian-friendly areas with ample, flexible seating and pathways that link uses. Distinctive design elements, such as wayfinding and educational signage, art, architecture, and landscaping add creativity and a sense of local character and history. Vibrant parks also promote opportunities for both structured and unstructured play. A mix of food offerings, café carts, visitor-oriented retail, and bicycle rental or repair shops, draws a wide range of visitors throughout the day.

Our parks system should plan for a wide range of safe, lively public spaces with varied opportunities for daily spontaneous fun or relaxation, regularly programmed activities, and large-scale events

Programming is also essential in attracting residents and visitors to public spaces. Scheduled activities, such as food trucks, fitness classes, concerts, or festivals broaden the appeal of existing parks. Partnerships with non-profit and community groups can tailor programming options that integrate into the neighborhood while meeting everyone's recreational needs and building regular participation.



30th Street Parklet

POLICIES:

AV1: Enhance safety and enjoyability in parks by incorporating the strategies of Crime Prevention through Environmental Design during the design process. See Appendix F of the Consultant's Guide to Park Design and Development.

AV2: Promote positive activity in population-based parks by increasing recreational amenities, scheduled programming, pop-up and community events, festivals, farmer's markets, interactive features, and space for shared activities.

AV3: Where appropriate, accommodate and design for temporary or permanent concessions in parks to increase public use of the park's space. Examples of appropriate concessions in parks may include, but are not limited to, restaurants and cafés, food trucks, carts and kiosks, youth-oriented active recreation facilities, bike rental and repair shops, museums, cultural centers, and other park related and compatible uses. Approved use must contribute to the recreational enjoyment of the park

AV4: Unless otherwise reviewed by the Parks and Recreation Board and approved by the Parks and Recreation Department Director, concessions on City property in parks shall be limited to uses operated by the City, another government agency, or a non-profit or community-based organization, and the revenue generated from the concessions shall be used to provide maintenance, programming, or other investments in City parks.

AV5: Provide and enhance wayfinding, brand identity, and marketing within parks to overcome the lack of public awareness of recreation programs and facilities, and improve user experiences.

AV6: Strive to design parks and culturally diversified programming that engage users and sustain activity for 40 minutes or longer.

AV7: Coordinate across departments and with other public agencies and social service providers to allow for effective outreach that connects people experiencing homelessness to support services and promotes public health and safety in parks.

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CO-BENEFITS



Goal:

Multi-purpose park spaces that improve overall quality of life.

Parks can be more than places to play. They are critical components of the systems – both natural and built – that make our communities healthier, more prosperous, and more adaptable.

Through coordinated planning and design, parks work in concert with other public services and infrastructure to improve quality of life. The social, mental, and physical benefits provided from access to nature allow people to escape the noise and stress of everyday life and are vital to a successful Citywide parks system.



San Dieguito River Park

Photo credit: San Dieguito River Park

Trails, pedestrian paths, and bikeways expand mobility options, encouraging people to drive less. Green spaces, trees, and restored habitat areas control runoff, provide stormwater treatment, contribute to clean air and water, and reduce heat in urban areas by expanding the urban tree canopy. Enhanced and revegetated open spaces not only increase valuable habitat for birds and other wildlife, but they allow for people to have much needed access to nature. Busy, attractive parks bring positive energy to their surroundings, making neighborhoods safer and more prosperous. Spaces for exercise, regular social interaction, and relaxation improve the physical and emotional health of residents.

This overlap of benefits also generates innovative partnership opportunities that expand resources for implementation. Parks that combine elements of green infrastructure, such as natural stormwater treatment with recreational spaces, or living walls on a recreation center, for example, can attract additional support and funding.

Our parks system should contribute to all aspects of our physical, social, economic, and environmental well-being.

POLICIES:

CO1: Plan parks that promote health and economic development, provide opportunities for social connections, integrate with the City's active transportation and transit mobility system, and promote sustainability.

CO2: Encourage investments in walking and bicycling facilities that provide an enjoyable recreational experience and encourage residents and visitors to walk, bike, and take transit.

CO3: Encourage investments in recreational trails that provide critical connections between communities and parks consistent with Policy PP10, CSR 16 and CSR 25.

CO4: Design stormwater management facilities that enhance a park's recreational value and aesthetics and provide co-beneficial uses, such as flood control, limiting runoff, sedimentation and erosion, infiltration, and water quality.

CO5: Plant drought tolerant resilient trees that are not on the California Invasive Plant Council (CAL-IPC) list of invasives for southern California and native trees in parks and incorporate living walls in new buildings in parks to provide carbon sequestration, shade benefits, expand the urban tree canopy, urban heat island relief, air quality benefits, ecological value, and green spaces to support Climate Action Plan and Climate Resilient SD goals. Manage resource and open space parks for their contributions to ameliorate climate change effects.

CO6: Treat people experiencing homelessness within our parks with a person-first-approach by striving to:

- a. Provide public restrooms, trash containers, and handwashing facilities;
- b. Provide Parks and Recreation staff who regularly serve individuals experiencing homelessness with training on how best to engage with them and connect them to the City's system of care; and
- c. Ensure the Parks and Recreation Department has adequate budget and resources to fulfil the department's role in addressing homelessness-related issues, including capital and maintenance needs, coordination, and training.

CO7: Recognize the mental health benefits of nature within parks by valuing habitat restoration that is accessible and visible for public enjoyment.

CO8: Recognize and promote valuable outdoor experiences and mental health benefits that come from providing residents with open spaces, canyons, overlooks, trails, and opportunities for outdoor education, stewardship and engagement.

CO9: Where feasible, allow access to nature and open spaces, in concert with the goals and policies of the Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) and Subarea Plan guidelines.

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COMMUNITY BUILDING

Goal:

Parks that are the focal points of our communities.

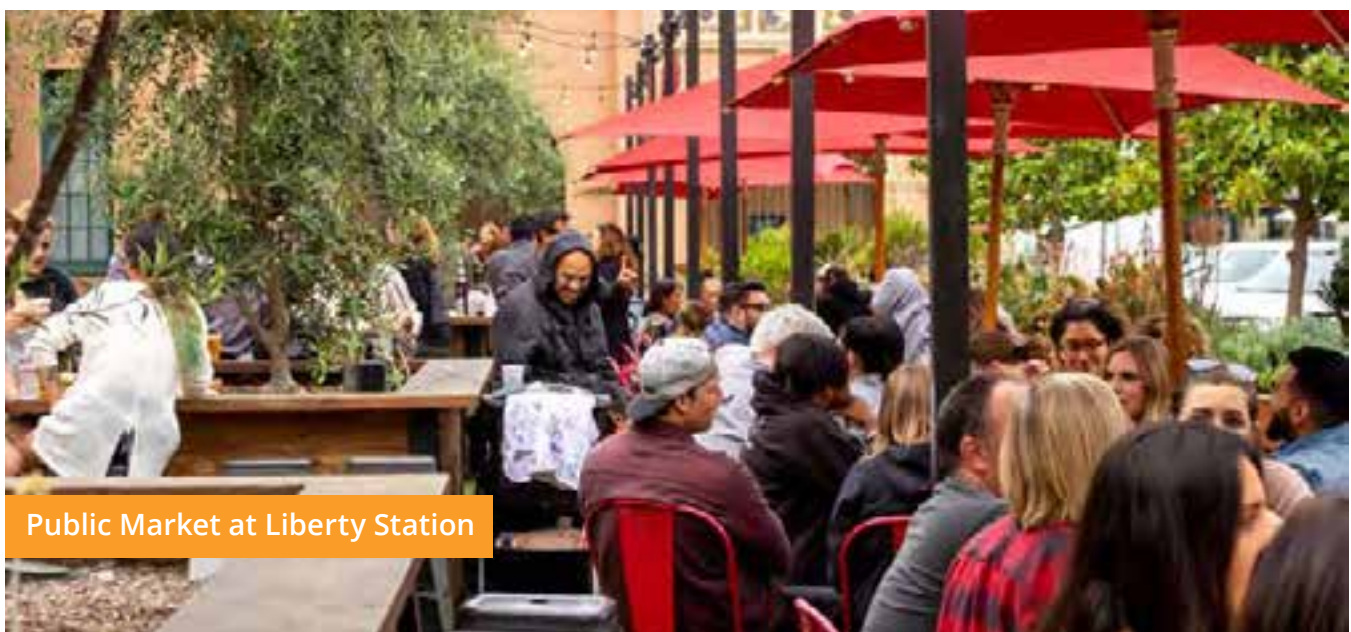


Parks open possibilities for social and economic growth. When co-located with other community uses, parks connect residents to resources for self-expression, learning, and personal development. Parks that blend public gathering spaces with complimentary concessions, such as restaurants, also enliven their broader surroundings, creating momentum for community economic investment.

Parks foster a sense of greater belonging. Shared spaces draw us out, reducing social isolation. Features like shaded seating, games, live music, and food bring diverse people together.

Parks that reflect the local indigenous knowledge of the land, historical and cultural context of their surroundings through public art, design, educational and interpretive elements, and community-based programming deepen ties and spark a sense of pride and ownership among residents.

City parks should strengthen the fabric of our communities through physical connections, spaces for shared activities, and locally relevant design and programming.



POLICIES:

CB1: Provide opportunities for community experiences that promote local history, cultural awareness and celebrate diversity.

CB2: Promote parks as places where people can foster social connections, build community, and enhance health and well-being.

CB3: Create opportunities for parks to co-locate or share uses with other community assets, such as libraries, museums, interpretive centers, schools, and community organizations.

CB4: Create opportunities for parks to co-locate with employment and commercial centers to expand access to recreation and fitness opportunities for employees and visitors.

CB5: Encourage placemaking in existing parks and other underutilized public and private spaces.

CB6: Provide accurate and inclusive didactic components at City recreation facilities that encourage critical thinking on issues such as social injustices, sustainability, and cultural sensitivity.

CB7: Provide opportunities for community members to engage with park planning, preservation, maintenance, and enhancement. Encourage long-term community stewardship through park and canyon 'Friends' groups, environmental education, citizen science, research and restoration projects.

CB8: Development projects propose to convert private recreation facilities to new housing should provide parks onsite to address the project's park needs

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Balboa Park Nature Play Area

MOBILITY AS RECREATION



Goal:

A Citywide network of safe, active recreational links that connects people with parks and public spaces.

A great parks system consists of more than individual spaces. It offers safe, active ways to get to recreational experiences and other public spaces. Trails, bikeways, linear parks, and multi-use paths all become part of a continuous network. At a Citywide scale, these links create convenient transportation options that connect residents to common destinations. Moving around the City also becomes part of the fun as people get out of their cars to walk along

a shady street, hike a trail, or ride a bike or scooter.

An integrated network of links also promotes safe, visually interesting, and engaging travel at all times of the day and night. Elements, such as art, seating, shade, natural features, and pockets of play equipment can infuse a sense of creativity and learning along the way, encouraging people to move by foot or bike.

POLICIES:

MR1: Encourage investments in active recreational links that connect communities and parks. Examples of active recreational links can include trails, bikeways, green streets, multi-use paths, and other active transportation facilities. See Policies CO2, CO3 and CST22-25.

MR2: Develop a Safe Routes to Parks program to promote safe, active, and engaging ways to access parks.

MR3: Develop a publicly accessible Citywide trail geographic information system (GIS) data set to promote sustainable use of the City's trails, consistent with policies PP10, CO3, and CO10.

MR4: Repurpose appropriate rights-of-way to serve as active transportation connections with integrated recreational amenities, shade, and features that encourage walking and biking. See Policy PP1.

Our parks system should strive for a continuous, linked network of recreational experiences that ties together parks and other public spaces.

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Mobility as Recreation

ARTS + CULTURE

Goal:

Parks that express the unique identities of our communities and connect people to arts and cultural experiences.



In their role as the centers of our communities, parks are natural and often historic settings for arts and cultural experiences. Unique, site-specific features, such as public artwork, design elements, cultural infrastructure, and historic resources highlight local character. Art and culture transform parks into more active and inclusive spaces. Installations and events draw visitors throughout the year and deepen meaning for diverse users.

Public gathering areas and recreation facilities also create supportive settings for partnerships with artists, museums, performers, and cultural organizations. Access to convenient, affordable exhibit and performance spaces broadens audiences for artistic expression and, in turn, connects more residents and visitors to new arts and cultural experiences.

Our parks should embrace arts and culture as opportunities to enliven and enrich our public spaces and celebrate the City's diversity.



Chicano Park Murals

POLICIES:

AC1: Integrate unique and locally relevant features, such as artwork, cultural infrastructure, design elements, and interpretive elements into the design or renovation of parks as a means to express the diversity, history, and character of a community to create an authentic park experiences.

AC2: Expand opportunities for culturally specific experiences to engage diverse communities existing and future recreation needs.

AC3: Coordinate with the Commission for Arts and Culture during the pre-design, design phases, or development agreements for new and renovated parks.

AC4: Ensure public art within City parks is sensitive to evolving community standards of equity and responsible representation.

AC5: Ensure the Implementation of the Public Art Master Plan within parks.

AC6: Ensure local Kumeyaay Tribes are engaged early in the design process of recreational facilities, parks, and open space when the land below the facilities are known to be of significant importance to the Tribes.

AC7: Consider using the Kumeyaay language and culturally appropriate images or symbols when naming and renaming recreation facilities, parks, and open space.

AC8: Consider the Kumeyaay historic use of plants and traditional plant names when developing habitat revegetation and restoration plant palettes and interpretive signage along public trails and pathways.

AC9: Develop a Citywide Cultural Plan to be implemented citywide and within parks that:

- a. Develops art-based strategies and tactics
- b. Identifies funding through various partnerships and mechanisms;
- c. Promotes arts, history, and cultural education;
- d. Promotes creative youth development and art education;
- e. Encourages cultural tourism;
- f. Celebrates and supports individual artists and other creative industries;
- g. Develops a City brand for public arts, culture, and creativity;
- h. Promotes creative reinventing of unused or underutilized spaces through cultural placemaking;
- i. Promotes creative and arts-based intervention and infrastructure;
- j. Promote, celebrates and supports historical resources and landscapes; and
- k. Ensures and prioritizes inclusive, creative sector growth and equitable development through arts and culture

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Festival at Balboa Park

POLICIES:

AC10: Consider the Kumeyaay cultural connection to the land and surrounding environment when developing recreational facilities, parks and open space.

AC11: Create artful and effective wayfinding and branding designs at parks that will increase community use and educate users on natural resources.

AC12: Encourage the use of parks, recreation centers and other Parks and Recreation Department assets for arts and culture public outreach and education

AC13: Coordinate with Historical Resources Board staff during the pre-design or design phases for new and renovated parks to ensure protection and appropriate treatment of historical resources.

AC14: Develop and implement a historical and cultural resource maintenance and enhancement program for City parks containing historical and cultural resources and provide training for parks staff on the implementation of the program in order to ensure maintenance and enhancement activities are consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards for the Treatment of Historic Properties.

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Fault Whisper by Living Lenses (Po Shu Wang & Louise Bertelsen), 2015

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CONSERVATION, SUSTAINABILITY, & RESILIENCE



Goal:

A parks system that preserves and enhances our natural environment, grounded in science-based stewardship, landscape, while making our City more active, biodiverse, and resilient.

Parks play a significant part in making our living environments safer, stronger, and more adaptable in the face of change. Intact networks of green spaces, trees, and water protect sensitive resources, including habitat, and support biodiversity. Networks of green space also give people access to the mental, social, and physical healing effects of interaction with the outdoors.

With parks and conserved open spaces, communities can better withstand extreme impacts, including severe weather events and other effects of climate change. Trees and shady parks reduce heat, serving as natural cooling centers for residents.

Open spaces and natural waterways can manage stormwater flow, lowering the risk of flooding and improving groundwater recharge. Trees, chaparral, biotic crusts, and wetlands improve air quality by removing carbon dioxide from the atmosphere. Parks spaces can enhance their own natural protective functions through low-impact design and the incorporation of sustainable, green infrastructure. On a systemwide basis, parks and natural lands can buffer cities from rising seas, coastal storms, inland flooding, and wildfires.



Chollas Creekside Park

POLICIES:

CSR1: Collaborate with agencies that manage public lands, conservation stakeholders, and community advocates to protect sensitive natural and cultural resources, while providing compatible recreational access and outdoor opportunities.

CSR2: Improve the quality of habitat in City parks through best practices that support native threatened and endangered species and habitats and consider climate change impacts on species habitat range/ location.

CSR3: Expand and maintain a healthy drought tolerant tree canopy of species not on the CAL-IPC and include other shade features in all parks. Incorporate living walls into new buildings in parks where feasible.

CSR4: In coordination with the City Forester, study the canopy and shade cover within the City's parks system. Use this data to develop a shade cover standard for parks.

CSR5: Identify and protect heritage trees within the City's park system to maintain the aesthetic, historical, and ecological value of the landscape.

CSR6: Incorporate best practices in the design of parks and selection of plant materials to reduce environmental impacts and promote native, drought-tolerant, resilient landscapes. Prohibit planting species on the California Invasive Plant Council's list of invasive plants for southern California in parks.

CSR7: Increase opportunities for people to interact regularly with green spaces, water, and other natural environments – especially in higher density areas.

CSR8: Incorporate effective interpretive signage, wayfinding signage and exhibits to connect visitors to nature and highlight the sustainability and conservation value of the site.

CSR9: Encourage the development of demonstration gardens and native restoration plantings to increase awareness of resiliency, water conservation, stormwater management, Monarch butterfly-friendly, native pollinator, and energy conservation best practices.

CSR10: Where appropriate, include biodiverse and native habitat plantings that support Monarch butterflies and other native pollinators – both nectar plants and host plants. Plantings should incorporate the primary larval host California native milkweed species, native milkweed, narrow leaf milkweed, along with showy, nectar-rich plants that attract adult Monarch butterflies and other pollinators. Where feasible, incorporate signage to interpret Monarch butterfly enhancement.

CSR11: Develop consistent strategies to minimize irrigation water use and expand gray water applications, while ensuring the health and long-term sustainability of the parks system.

POLICIES:

CSR12: Develop sustainable infrastructure, including green streets, solar panels, and living shorelines, within parks focused on energy, water, and land management.

CSR13: Conduct vegetative management in high wildfire risk zones. Implement post-fire treatments to improve ecosystem health and consider closing fire prone parks during high fire risk conditions to limit risk of human, property, and environmental loss.

CSR14: Design and retrofit parks to respond to regional climate change projections to build resilience and increase adaptive capacity of parks against wildfires, flooding, heat, species migration, and sea level rise.

CRS15: Support zero emission vehicle (ZEV) travel to and from parks through the installation of ZEV charging infrastructure, prioritization of parking for ZEVs, replacement of City vehicles operating in parks with ZEVs, and other supportive ZEV amenities and programs.

CSR16: Increase, expand, and manage the network of habitat patches and wildlife corridors for rare, threatened, and endangered species and the vegetation communities that are projected to be impacted by climate change.

CSR17: The role of parks in sequestering carbon and mitigating the harmful effects of toxic pollutants should be promoted through urban forestry goals.



Stone Histories by Lynn Susholtz & Gwendolyn Gomez, 1993

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POLICIES:

CSR18: Identify and preserve historical, archaeological, and Tribal Cultural resources in a manner consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards, and pursue opportunities to increase awareness of and access to such resources.

CSR19: Windows in park facilities should be designed to eliminate bird strikes.

CSR 20: Develop new and upgrade existing parks that support environmental development patterns that protect and preserve natural landforms, public and private open space, wildlife linkages, sensitive species, habitats, canyons, and watersheds.

CSR 21: Preserve San Diego's rich biodiversity and heritage through the protection and restoration of open space and wetlands resources, including coastal waters, canyons, creeks, riparian wetlands and vernal pools.

CSR 22: Prior to funding and developing trails, determining trail alignments, or determining which types, levels, and timing of recreation will be allowed to provide access to nature, ensure that the proposals will adhere to the City's Multiple Species Conservation Program, Environmentally Sensitive Lands regulations, and other relevant obligations, and that Trails and Recreation Planning Guidelines (policies CSR25 and RP5) are employed. See also Policies PP10, CO3 and CO10.

CSR 23: Fund and develop trails, trail alignments, and trail maintenance programs that expand the City's active transportation network, encourage connections between neighborhoods and access to nature through San Diego's unique topography, watersheds, and natural features, consistent with policies PP10, CO3, CO10, MR1, CSR22, and CSR25.

CSR 24: Provide sustainable access to the City's canyons and watersheds as a source of recreation, education, and research in ways that improve human understanding of nature and an opportunity to provide trail linkages between communities, while preserving the natural resources within these areas except where this conflicts with existing Natural Resource Management Plans and MSCP guidelines.

CSR 25: Develop, adopt, and update a Citywide Trails Master Plan to guide the provision and enhancement of open space multi-purpose trails that accommodate pedestrians, hikers, bicyclists, mountain bikers, and equestrians, where appropriate, and to provide safe and convenient linkages to parks, recreation facilities, and open space areas consistent with policies PP10, CO3, CO10, CSR16, and CSR22. A Trails Master Plan shall include a set of criteria and guidelines for evaluating and establishing thresholds of access and use for Open Space parks that prioritize habitat management planning and other requirements in ESL policy and MSCP obligations in advance of specific trails planning. These criteria and guidelines will reflect and encompass the current science of recreation ecology.

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POLICIES:

CSR 26: Increase and permanently protect open space parks through dedication of City-owned lands, timely acquisition of available land in collaboration with private owners, and acceptance of conservation easements in cooperation with public and private owners.

CSR 27: Maximize opportunities to restore native habitat and enhance biodiversity in parks and open space lands

CSR 28: Consider a holistic and synergistic approach to developing -nature-based enhancements such as green infrastructure. Prioritize watersheds as a basis for optimizing nature-compatible features.

CSR 29: Build synergistic connections across City parks and other recreation facilities in the San Diego region

CSR 30: Promote the awareness and value of wetlands, waterways, and restored landscapes in developed parks as well as open spaces.

CSR 31: Ensure that shade is provided in parks by trees to the maximum extent possible. Use of artificial shade structures should not substitute for natural shade from trees in parks wherever feasible. Small parks should prioritize space for incorporation of canopy shade trees.

Our parks system should strive to create a connected network of parks, trees, natural areas, and water that respects the natural beauty of San Diego, while supporting the City's health and resilience.



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Mission Trails

PARTNERSHIPS



Goal:

A collaborative network of partners and resources that improves and expands recreational opportunities throughout the City.

With tight budgets and growing needs, parks systems often must do more with less. Sustainable systems look to arrangements with other public agencies, non-profit recreation providers, the private sector, and volunteers to expand possibilities for new parks and recreational offerings. These partners can complement City service delivery in many ways.

Other public entities, including local jurisdictions and school districts, offer spaces and programming available for joint use.

Non-profit and private providers can deliver specialized programs and instruction, high quality recreation facilities and equipment, and leagues for competitive play. Private interests can provide publicly accessible spaces as part of developments, participate in the financing of parks, or even manage and operate facilities. Non-profit and advocacy groups, community-based organizations, and volunteers can contribute through grants, donations, and stewardship activities.

Live Better, Live Together | *Promoting healthy and active lifestyles and mobility choices through urban planning*

In 2019, the City of San Diego and Strasbourg, France, entered into a learning partnership funded by the European Union's International Urban Cooperation (IUC) Program. The intent of the partnership is to share knowledge and best practices on sustainable urban solutions that promote healthy, active lifestyles and mobility choices.

Strasbourg highlighted its commitment to health and mobility through the Vitaboucle, a multimodal network that provides local and safe opportunities for citizens to recreate or exercise and connects to an active transportation network. It leverages a wayfinding system that allows for ease of use, navigation, and safety for all users. The City of San Diego will utilize the lessons learned from Strasbourg to incorporate aspects of the Vitaboucle into the City's parks system and wayfinding design. See policies AV5 and RP1.

Our parks system should build new and expand existing partnerships with diverse cross section of the community to welcome more energy, creativity, and resources into parks planning and stewardship, while promoting consistent quality and equitable access to recreational opportunities for everyone.

POLICIES:

P1: Strengthen partnerships with other agencies, non-profit groups, community partners, and the private sector to expand opportunities for joint use of space and facilities, recreational programming, equitable access, and overall parks system well-being.

P2: Facilitate volunteer efforts to supplement funding for land acquisition, development and maintenance, and operations of parks.

P3: Streamline internal processes to encourage partnerships with other agencies, volunteer groups, and non-profit groups.

P4: Strengthen the City's approach to address homelessness in parks across various departments with a goal of ensuring a comprehensive, unified approach, and strengthening partnerships with social service providers and others to employ strategies that address homelessness and provide safe and enjoyable parks for all residents and visitors.

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Arbor Day Volunteers

OPERATIONS + MAINTENANCE



Goal:

An efficient, durable, and well-maintained parks system that provides consistent, long-term quality to everyone.

Parks should be built to last. Increasing operations and maintenance costs combined with ongoing resource and staffing constraints, however, make it challenging to provide consistent user experiences in parks of varying age, design quality, and levels of use. Cleanliness and upkeep issues can hinder park use because people may perceive the space as unsafe. Deferred maintenance, in turn, causes a cycle of disrepair and disuse as needed reinvestment costs continue to rise.

Sustainable systems increasingly look to reduce high operations and maintenance burdens

through innovative design and construction practices and the use of durable materials. Technology, including smart water controller irrigation systems, LED (light-emitting diodes) lighting, and green roofs and walls can reduce water and energy use. Digital systems, such as sensors, can streamline operations by gathering data on factors related to park use, including light intensity, temperature, air and water quality, energy and water consumption, or motion.

Sustainable planning also sees parks as part of an overall asset management strategy. Life cycle costing analyzes the full cost of a project across the life of a park or recreation facility, from its construction through operation, and maintenance.



Maintenance Staff Member

Maintaining and operating safe, quality parks and recreation facilities for everyone requires ongoing investment over time. Operation and maintenance funding and staffing investment is essential to creating an equitable park system for everyone as the park system expands and ages.

POLICIES:

OM1: Reduce water and energy costs through the efficient design and operation of parks and supporting infrastructure. Develop long-term water and energy reduction goals

OM2: Provide adequate levels of staffing and other resources to maintain existing park amenities.

OM3: Develop maintenance schedules that are commensurate with the needs and use of individual parks. Strive for all parks to achieve the same quality of maintenance.

OM4: Reinvest in existing parks and recreation facilities to extend their useful lives, improve operating efficiencies, and enhance the quality of service.

OM5: Partner with outside organizations to increase equitable park programming opportunities and result in safe and enjoyable park spaces for residents.

OM6: Use smart park and irrigation technologies and asset management strategies to reduce maintenance and operation costs.

OM7: Appropriately plan for an increased level of staffing and resources for new parks and expanded recreation facilities.

OM8: Develop, train, and adequately supervise staff to utilize technology and innovation to provide quality recreational programming, park maintenance, and services throughout the City.

OM9: Ensure adequate resources for the Park Ranger Program to all parks to protect resources, foster awareness and stewardship, and provide public safety.

OM10: Establish a staffing formula that promotes equitable maintenance standards for all facilities.

OM11: Pursue alternative maintenance and operation funding mechanisms such as a bond measure to address deferred and ongoing maintenance.

Our parks system should embrace opportunities to design and construct parks for greater efficiency and durability, while preparing for the long-term costs of operating, maintaining, and staffing quality recreational spaces.

REGIONAL PARKS



Goal:

Well-maintained and accessible regional parks that showcase unique scenic, natural, historical, or cultural resources, while offering everyday recreation throughout the City.

Regional parks are the crown jewels of San Diego's parks system. They are the destinations that celebrate the stunning natural beauty and rich cultural history of the City. Regional parks are also engines of economic activity, drawing millions of visitors each year to outdoor recreation, large-scale events, and cultural venues. While these parks generate national and global acclaim, they are also home to everyday recreational activities that meet the needs of nearby residents.

Regional parks require adequate resources and supporting infrastructure that meet the intensive and unique demands on these sites. The City's parks system should build around signature and historical sites, connecting people to our most iconic recreational experiences.

Our parks system should acknowledge the special role of regional parks in protecting and promoting access to our unique resources and landscapes, while maintaining quality recreational experiences for residents and visitors alike.



Old Mission Dam

POLICIES:

RP1: Activate non-biologically sensitive areas in existing developed areas within regional parks with regionally serving facilities, such as pump tracks, skate parks, large organized gathering spaces, cultural infrastructure, track spaces, and other similar facilities.

RP2: Where appropriate, use portions of regional parks for recreational space that can serve the local surrounding community.

RP3: Identify trails within developed regional parks that can be used as bicycling and walking connections between communities and other attractions. Trails in open space and natural lands should be in accordance with the trails standards identified in Appendix E of the City of San Diego's Consultant's Guide to Park Design and Development, and with MSCP guidelines.

RP4: Evaluate governance and financing strategies to enhance the design, maintenance, security, programming, and marketing of regional parks.

RP5: Develop, adopt, and update a Citywide Trails Master Plan to guide the provision and enhancement of open space multi-purpose trails that accommodate pedestrians, hikers, bicyclists, mountain bikers, and equestrians, where appropriate and to provide safe and convenient linkages to parks, recreation facilities, and open space areas, consistent with policies PP10, CO3, CO10, CSR16, and CSR25.

RP6: Identify and designate opportunities for new regional parks in accordance with the City Charter, in areas that lack easy access to existing regional parks particularly in Communities of Concern.

RP7: Prioritize funding to recently designated regional parks that ensures an equitable level of service throughout the regional park system

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Chollas Creek

FUNDING



Goal:

Sustainable, equitable, and dedicated funding sources to invest in the City's parks system.

Creating the system of tomorrow requires dedicated, sustainable, and equitable financing to support quality recreational experiences for residents, tourists, and workers. A balanced investment approach to increase recreational opportunities throughout the parks system emphasizes funding for the development of new parks, investment in existing parks, and operations and maintenance.

The continued acquisition of new parkland and the construction of recreational facilities is a foundational action in meeting the recreational needs of existing and future populations. As they age, parks require periodic reinvestment to maintain consistent, quality experiences. Efforts to upgrade assets, add recreational amenities, and expand capacity increases the recreational opportunities available within existing parks. Ongoing, adequate resources for operations, maintenance, and staffing are also an essential strategy in extending the parks system's useful life and enhancing user experiences.

As a Citywide parks network, improving equitable access to parks and recreation

programs for everyone is a foremost priority. Differing eras of development and the lack of financing available to older communities and more compact infill areas have resulted in uneven outcomes in the amount of parkland and recreational quality. Funding sources must be sufficiently flexible to address these historical deficiencies and reduce gaps in recreational opportunity that have accumulated over time, recognizing that these areas are integral to the City's parks network.

The ability to enhance the parks system and elevate the quality of recreational experiences in all communities requires significant public investment. Innovative partnerships with private and other public or non-profit entities, along with new revenue generating opportunities, can expand the resources available to create the system of tomorrow.

We should invest in a Citywide parks system that provides quality recreational experiences to residents, visitors, and workers.



Panama 66 at Balboa Park

POLICIES:

F1: Seek opportunities to build additional parks needed to serve new development through permit or map conditions, development regulations, or development agreements.

F2: Identify opportunities for Design-Build-Finance-Operate and other public-private funding approaches.

F3: Expand use of negotiated joint use agreements and easements with other agencies and private entities to expand access to parks.

F4: Continue to pursue park land acquisition opportunities and create an opportunity fund to enable the proactive acquisition of park land.

F5: Expand revenue opportunities for park operations, maintenance, and programming that is compatible to park uses through concessions and lease opportunities, user fees, naming rights, sponsorships, and parking fees.

F6: Transition to a Citywide Park Development Impact Fee structure to allow the City to deliver parks sooner, provide recreational opportunities throughout the City to be enjoyed by everyone, and achieve new park land acquisition and park upgrades that increase recreational opportunities, while focusing prioritized investments where the needs are greatest.

F7: Actively pursue government, private, conservancy, and foundation grants.

F8: Prepare an employment center development park impact fee nexus study.

F9: Ensure that park fees are expended consistent with City equity goals and where parks are needed most to ensure an interconnected Citywide parks system accessible to all. See also Policy E5.

F10: Develop funding sources that recognize the recreational value of parks for the workforce and tourists within the City.

F11: Explore opportunities for bond measures and other funding mechanisms to fund deferred maintenance, park operations, land acquisition, and park investments.

F12: Develop regulations to require on-site dedication of park space during development review, while encouraging development streamlining.

F13: Consider development and implementation of a parking donation collection system in parks.

F14: Encourage private and semi-private recreation facilities developed on City-owned land to offer public-use with equitable availability to the public.

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POLICIES:

F15: Develop a funding strategy to supplement existing community development impact fee accounts enabling the City to deliver previously planned parks sooner and to transition to a Citywide Park Development Impact Fee to enable the City to deploy funding to more parks throughout the City, with prioritized investments in the areas with the greatest needs. Annually monitor the implementation of this funding strategy and include the use of the funds in the City's annual Development Impact Fee report pursuant to the Mitigation Fee Act.

F16: Develop and regularly update a monitoring program to track the total financial investment each park receives on an annual basis. Use this information to inform future park funding prioritization.



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Rose Creek



Aerial Overview, Balboa Park



Appendix A City of San Diego Existing Parks and Recreation Facilities

Appendix B City of San Diego Walk Access to Existing Parks

Appendix C Park and Recreation Facility Typologies

Appendix D Recreation Value Park Scoring Matrix

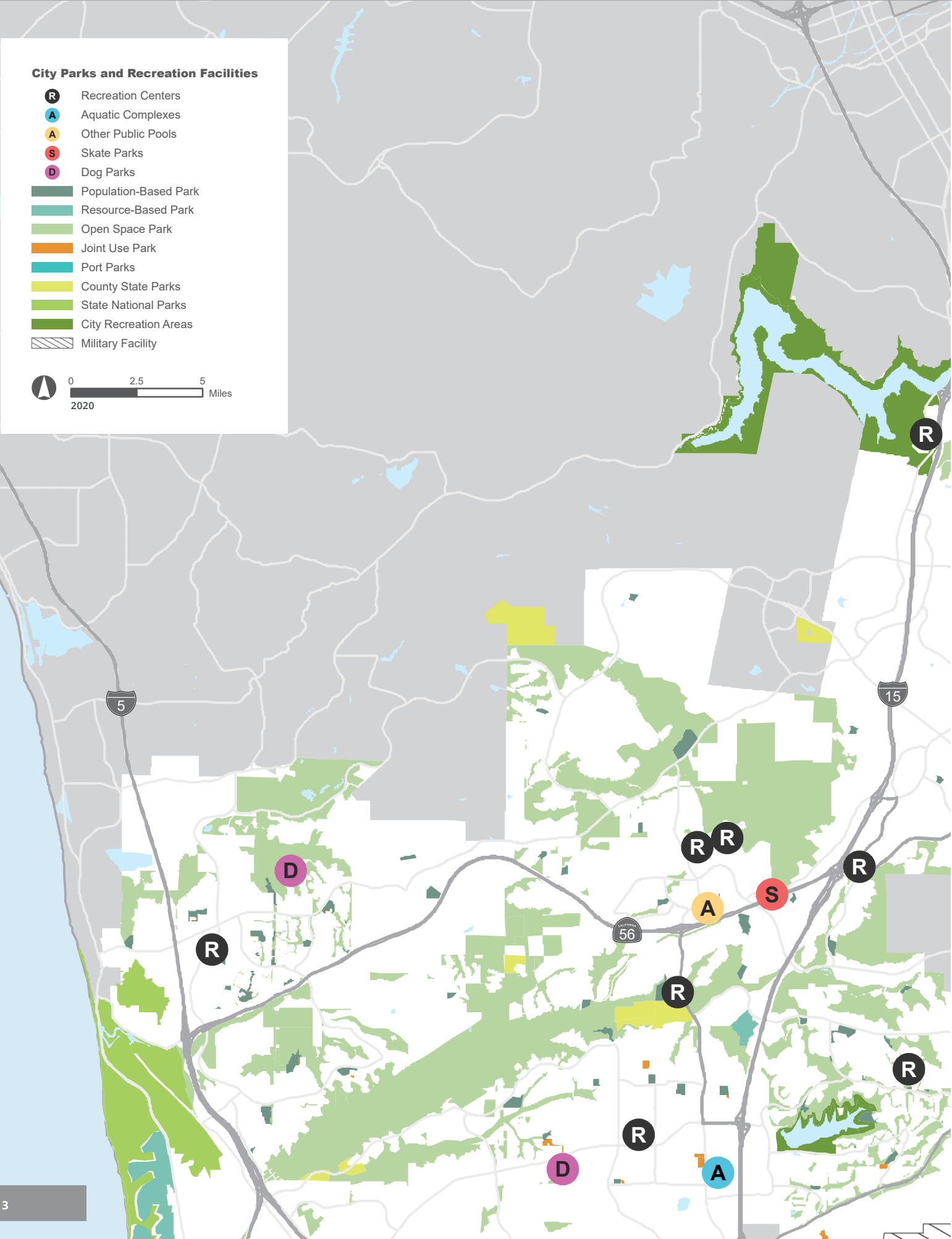
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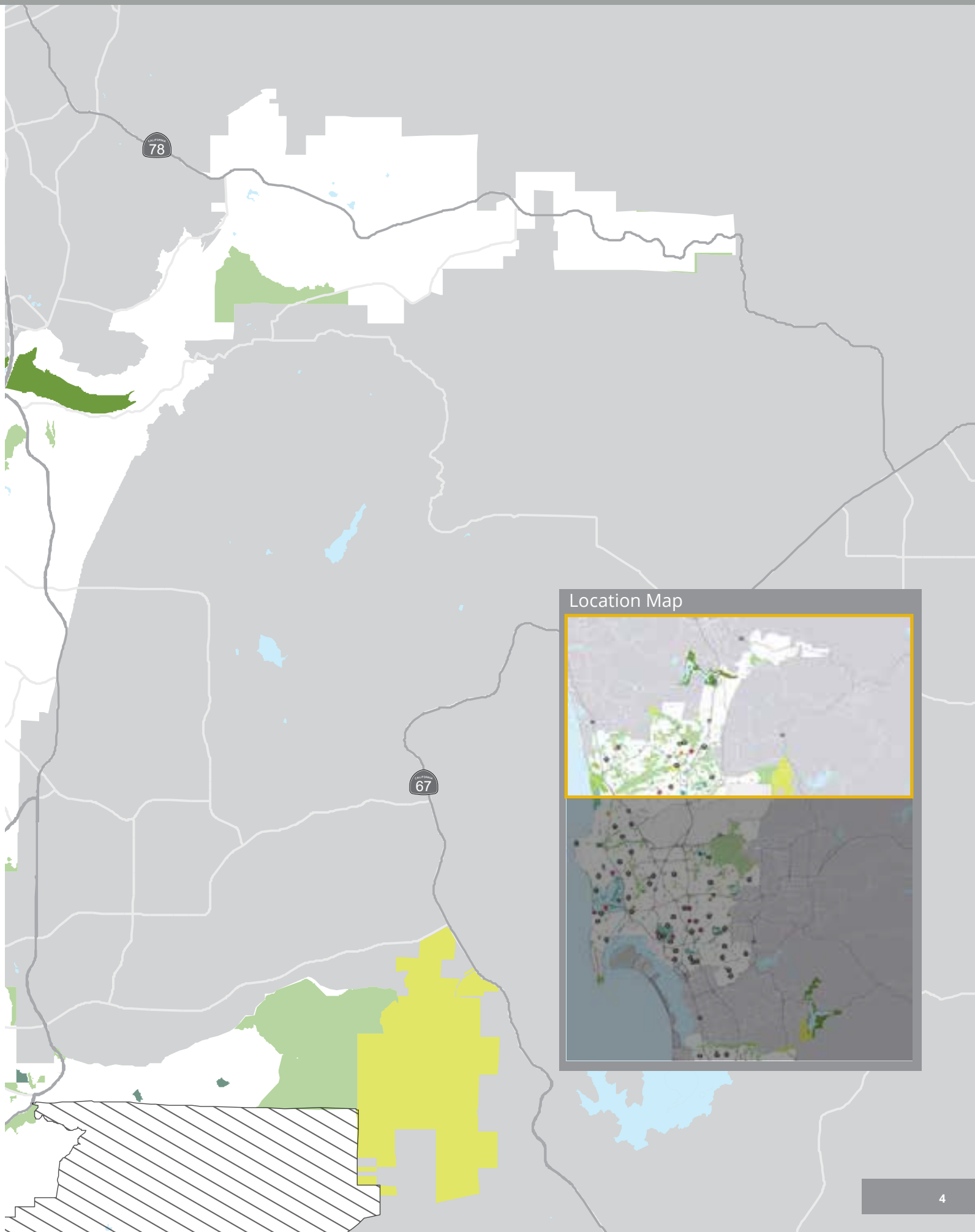
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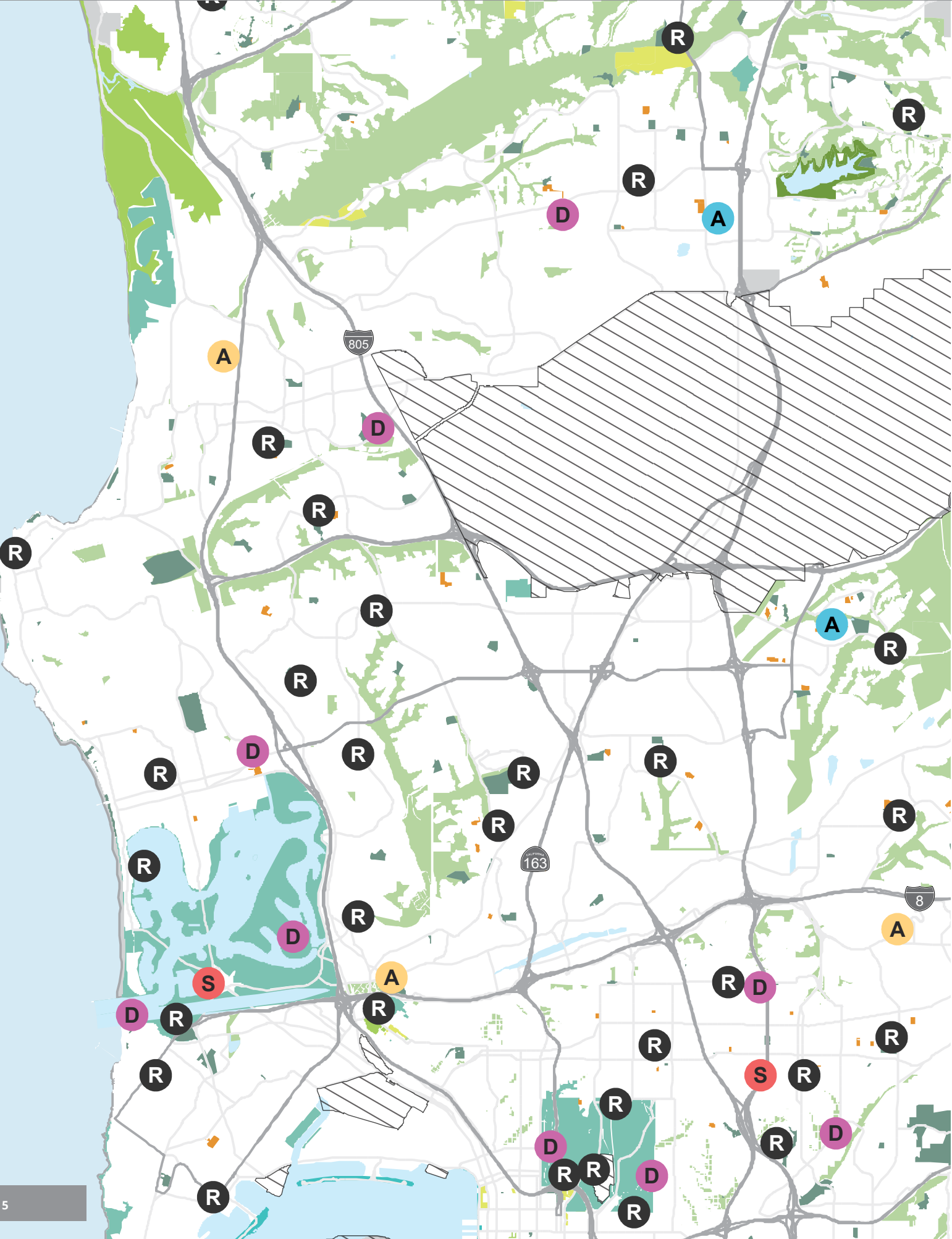


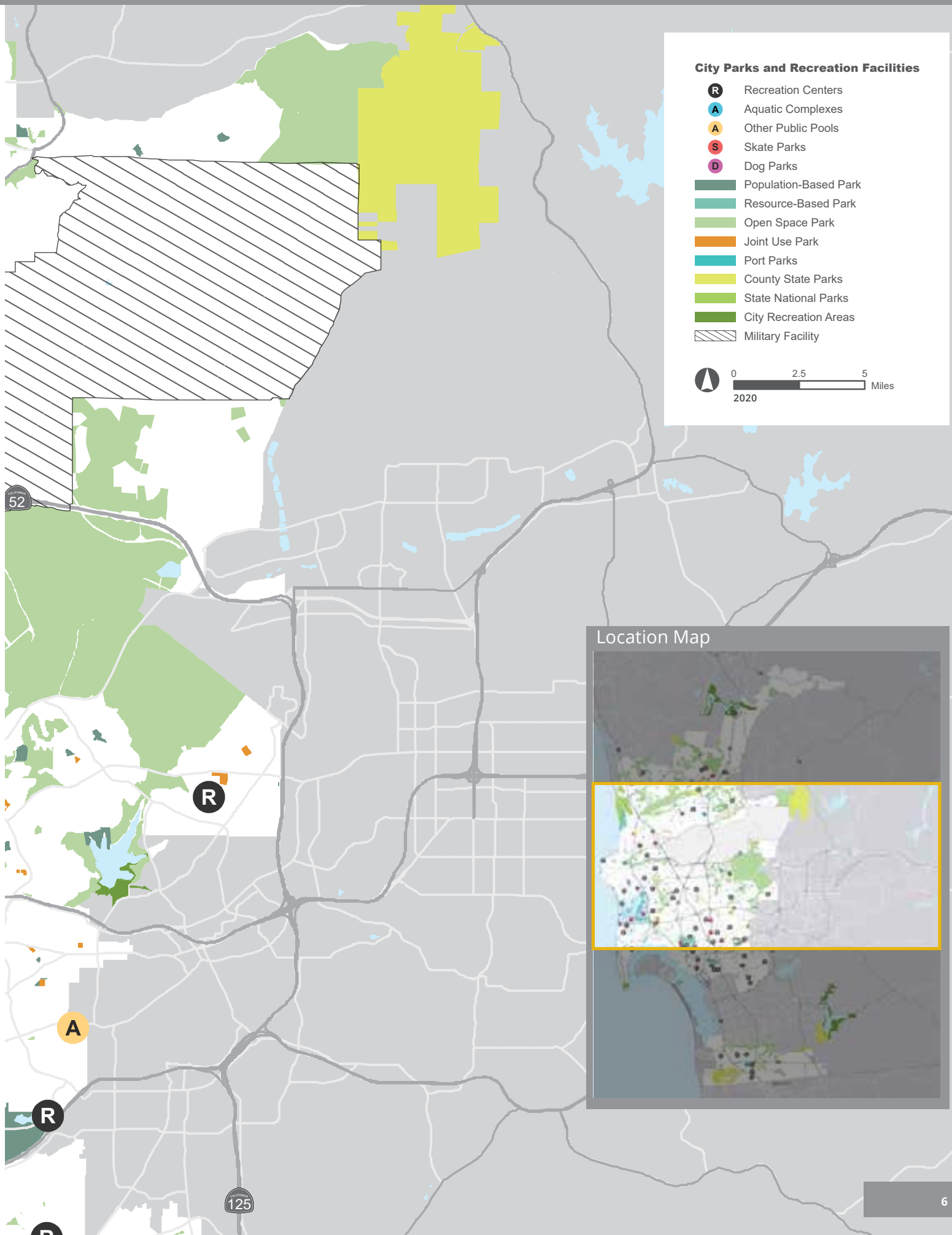


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Appendix A. City of San Diego Existing Parks and Recreation Facilities





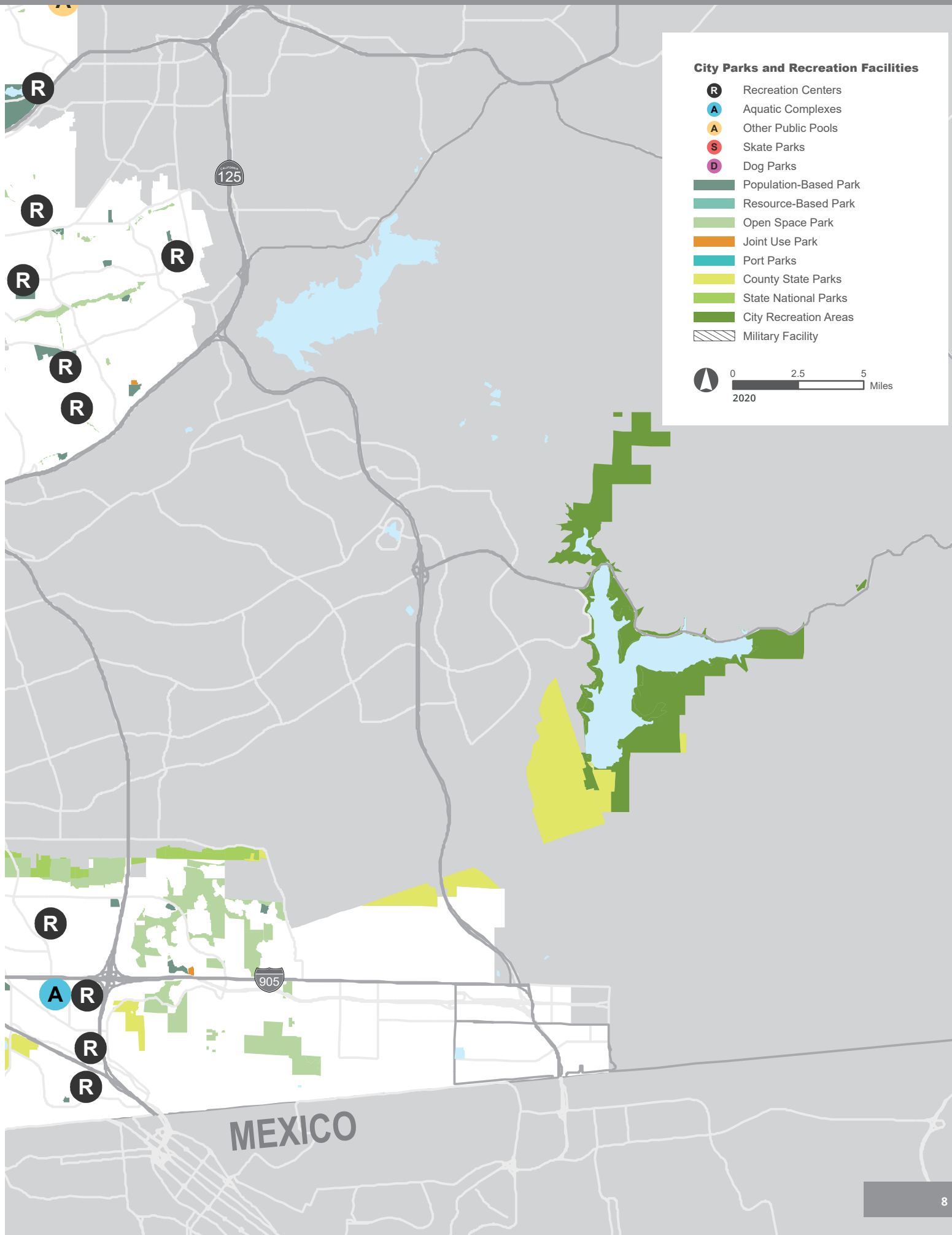
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Appendix B. City of San Diego Walk Access to Existing Parks

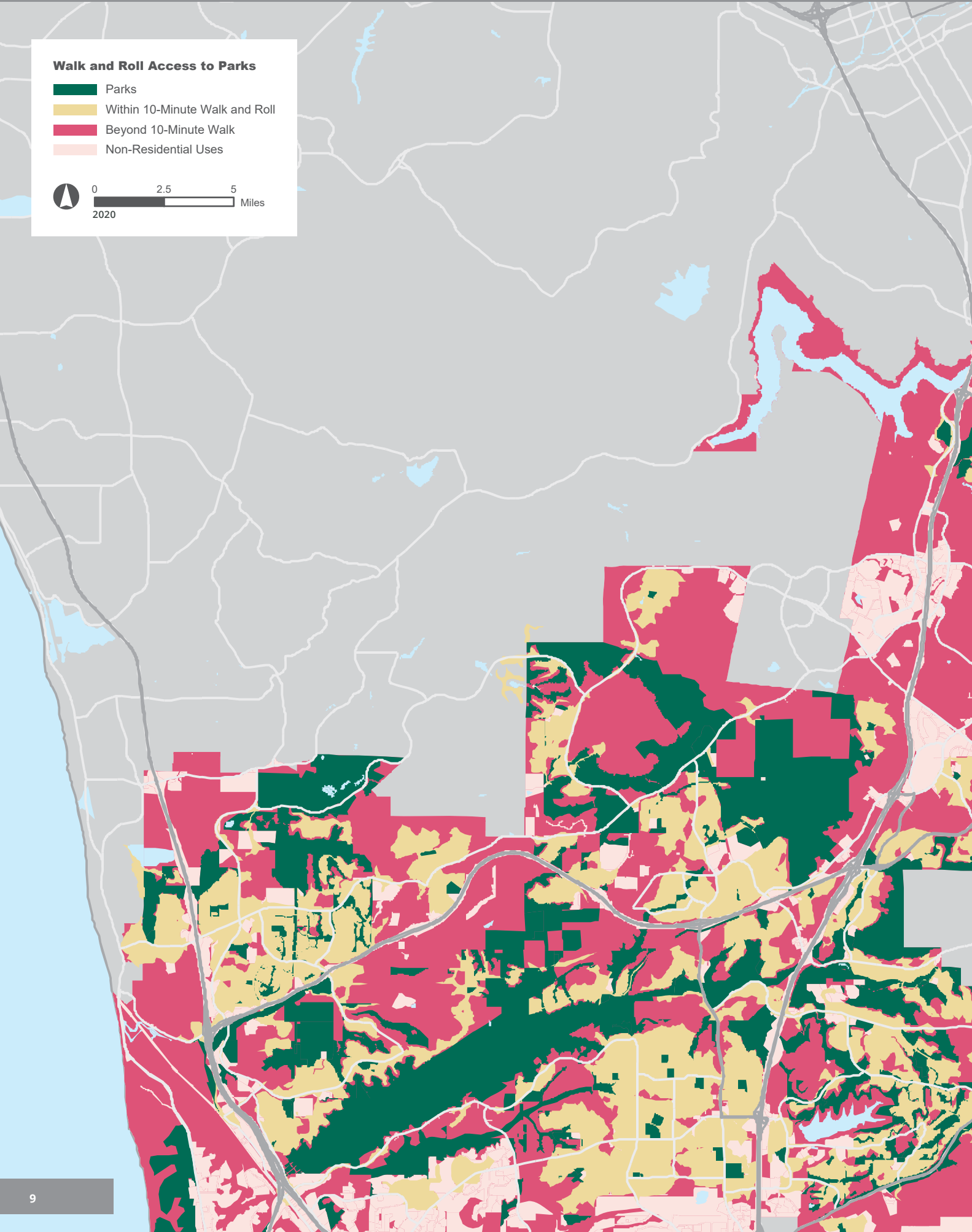
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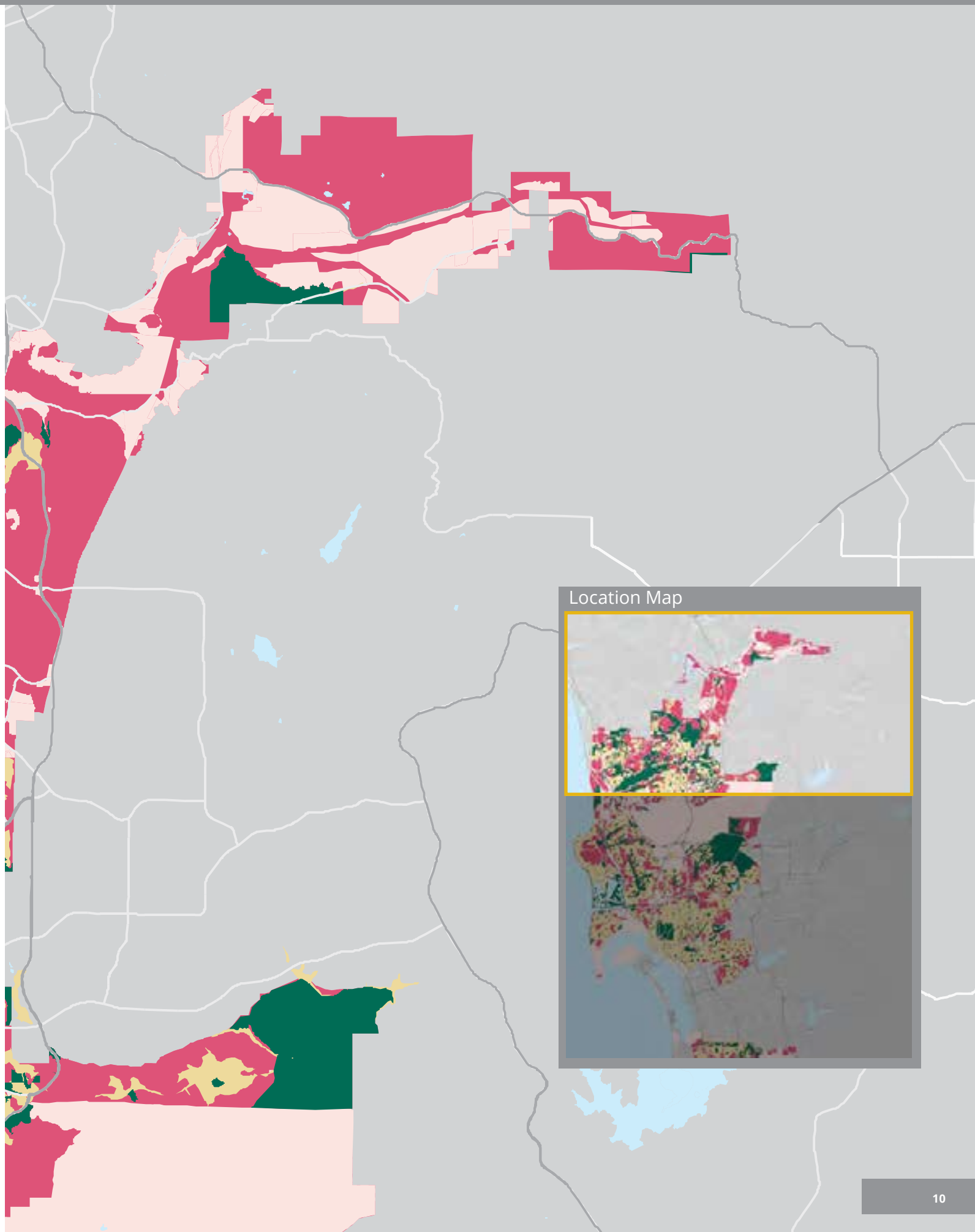
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- Beyond 10-Minute Walk
- Non-Residential Uses

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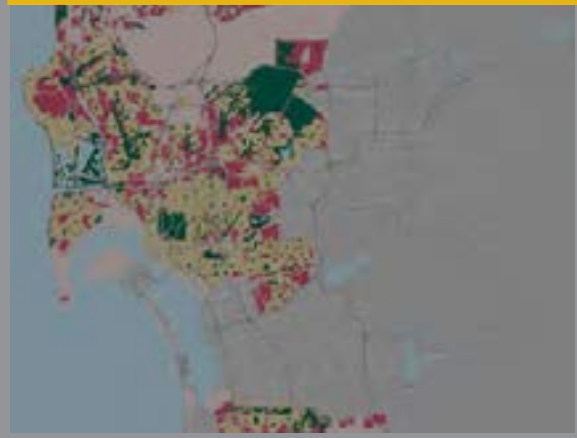
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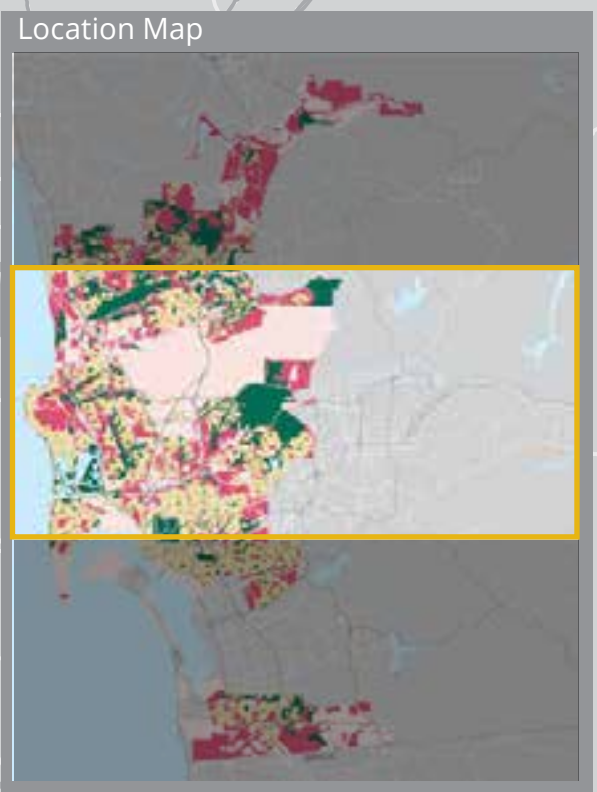
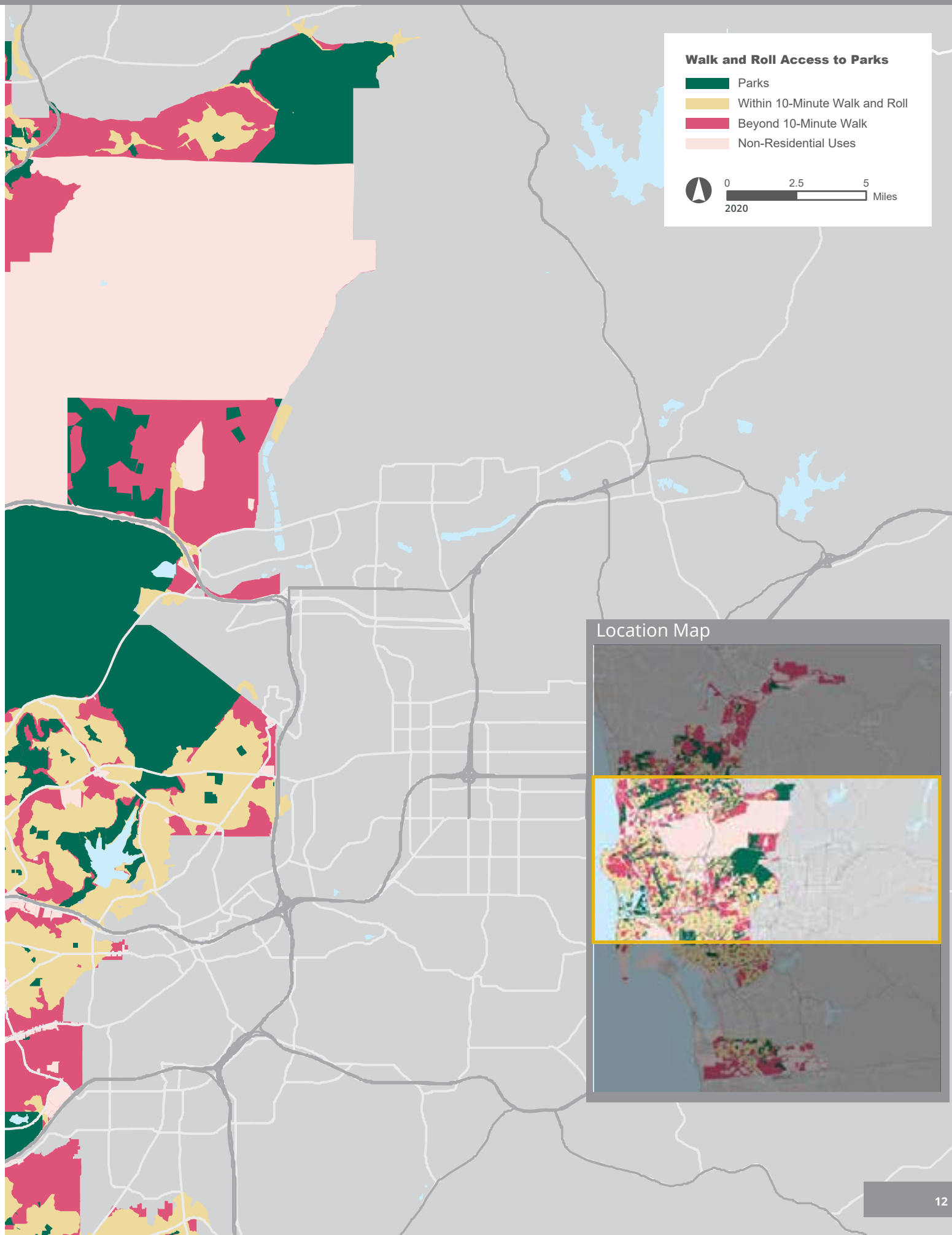


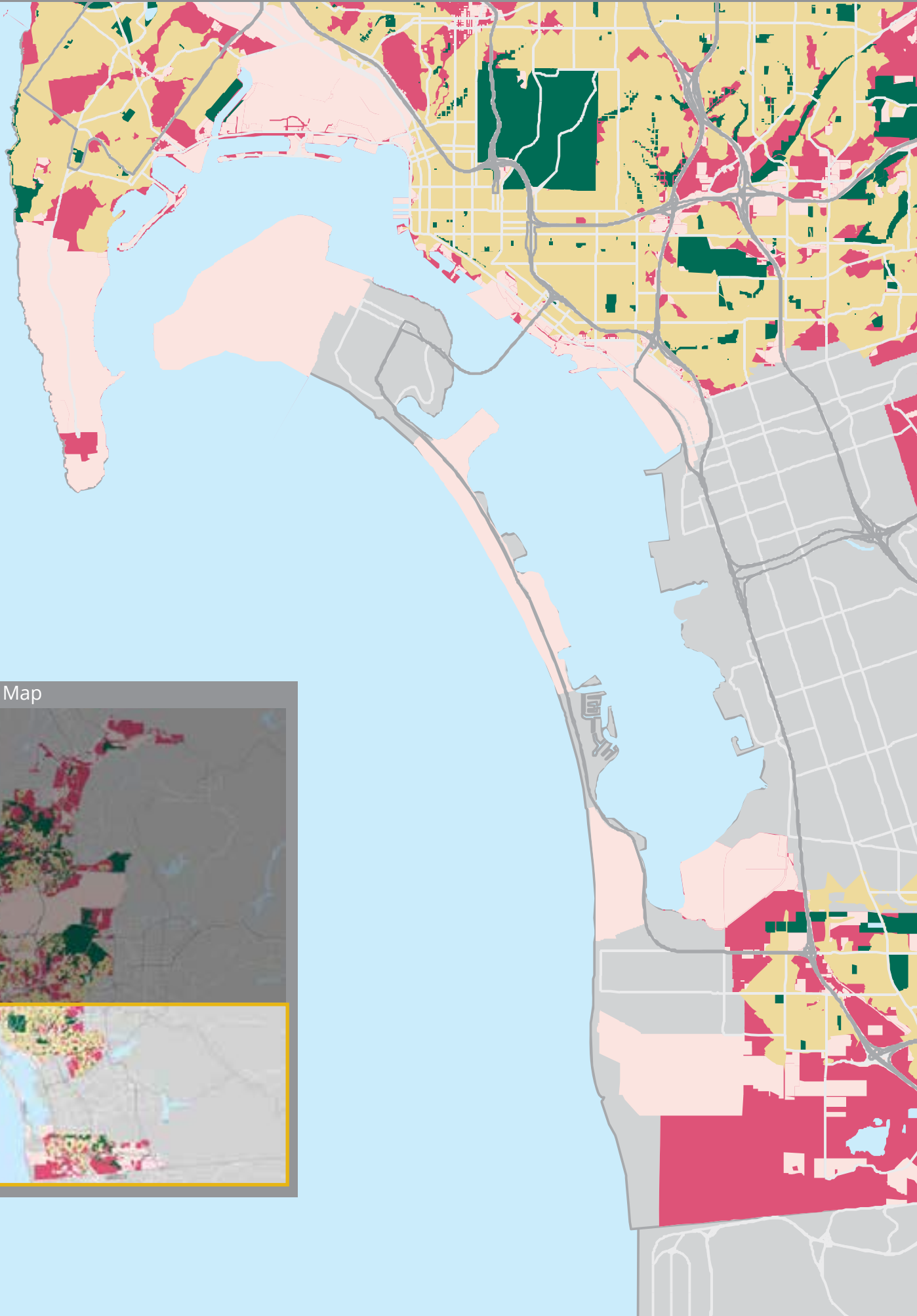


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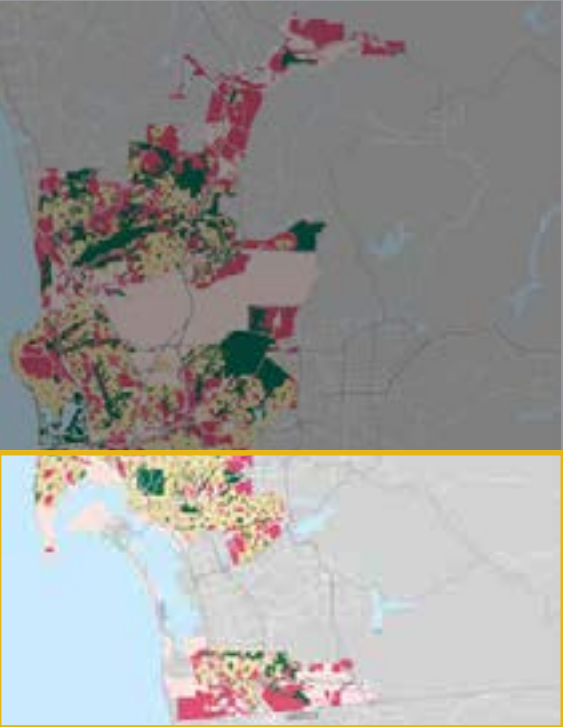


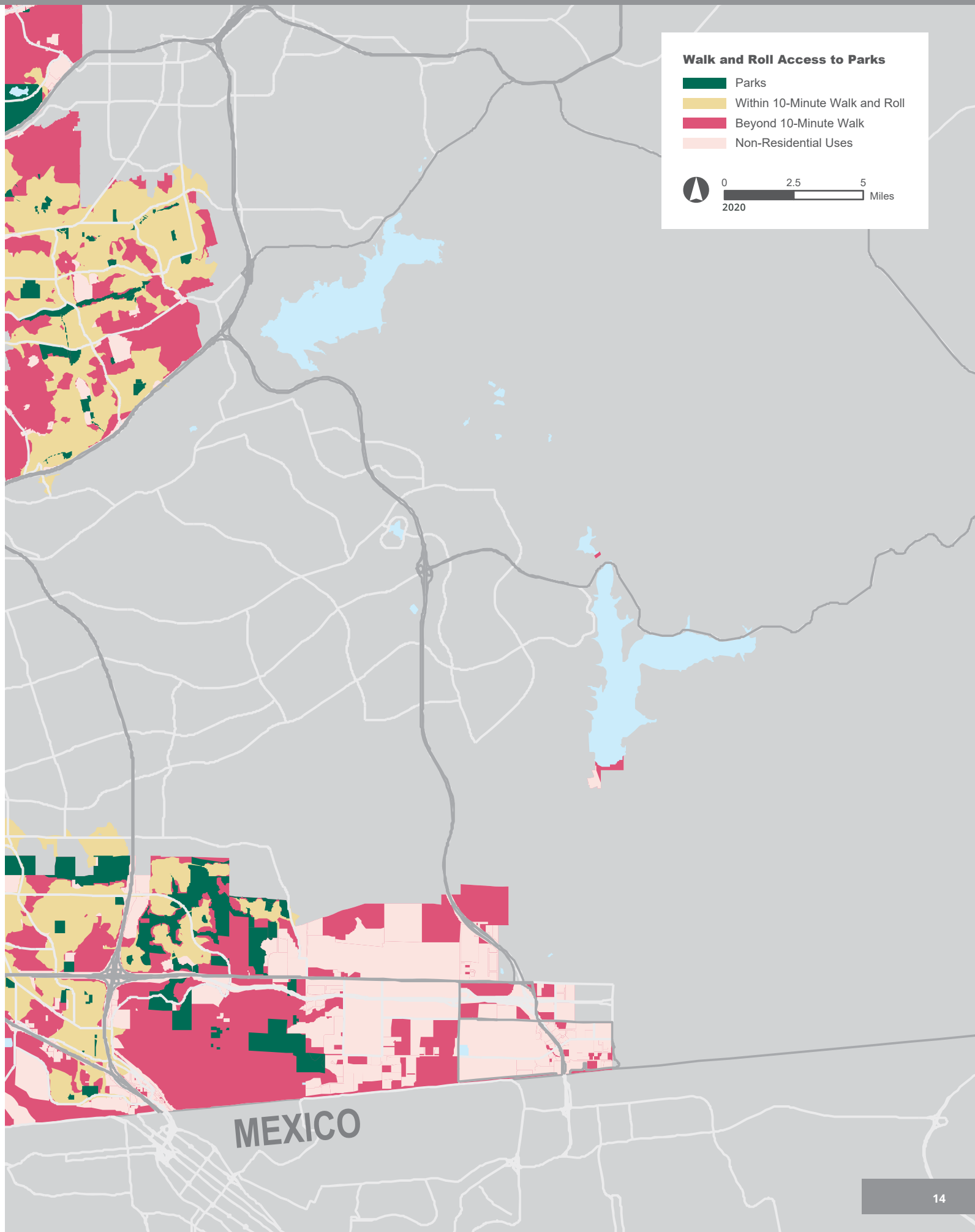






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Walk and Roll Access to Parks

- Parks
- Within 10-Minute Walk and Roll
- Beyond 10-Minute Walk
- Non-Residential Uses



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Appendix C. Park and Recreation Facility Typologies

PARK TYPE	GUIDELINES	TYPICAL COMPONENTS AND EXAMPLES ¹
REGIONAL PARKS		
Open Space	- City-owned land, canyons, mesas, and other natural landforms, exclusive of shorelines - Provides habitat protection	Trails, staging areas, outlooks, viewpoints, picnic areas
Regional Developed Parks	- Serves local and regional residents and visitors - Developed amenities should not impair the distinctive features or resources - Development for recreation use is typically controlled by a master plan	- Located at the site of distinctive scenic, natural, historical or cultural features - Examples: Balboa Park, Mission Bay Park - Restrooms
Regional Resource-Based Parks	- Serves local and regional residents and visitors - Provides habitat and resource protection - Development for recreation use is typically controlled by a master plan	Examples: Mission Bay Park and Otay Valley Regional Park, Mission Trails Regional Park, Los Penasquitos Canyon reserve
River Parks	- Serves local and regional residents and visitors - Provides habitat and resource protection - Development for recreation use is typically controlled by a master plan	Examples: San Diego River Park and San Dieguito River Park, Tijuana River Valley Regional Park
Shoreline Parks and Beaches	- Serves local and regional residents and visitors - Developed amenities should not impair the distinctive features or resources - Provides habitat and resource protection	- Could include facilities found in Community Parks - Restrooms with shower or changing rooms - Lifeguard facilities
Urban Watershed Parks	- Serves local and regional residents and visitors - Connects fragmented open space - Stormwater management - Provides habitat and resource protection	- Examples: Proposed Chollas Creek Regional Park - Trails, staging areas, outlooks, viewpoints, picnic areas - Educational signage

PARK TYPE	GUIDELINES	TYPICAL COMPONENTS AND EXAMPLES ¹
COMMUNITY PARKS		
Major Park	- Largest community park type - Serves one or more communities - Specialized facilities that serve larger populations - Parking provided	- Passive and active recreation facilities - Facilities found in Community Parks - Could include facilities found in Special Activity Parks - Community cultural facilities - Restroom - Commercial and entertainment facilities

¹Components listed are not all-inclusive in every park.

PARK TYPE	GUIDELINES	TYPICAL COMPONENTS AND EXAMPLES ¹
COMMUNITY PARKS		
Community Park	• Large parks typically serving one community but depending on location, may serve multiple communities • Specialized facilities that serve larger populations • Parking provided	• Passive and active recreation facilities • Facilities found in Neighborhood Parks • Could include facilities found in Special Activity Parks • Community cultural facilities • Recreation centers • Aquatic complexes • Sports complexes • Multi-purpose sports fields • Restroom • Commercial and entertainment facilities
Neighborhood Park	• Medium park space typically serving a neighborhood • Serves population within approximately 1/2 mile radius • Accessible by bicycling, walking, and public transit • Minimal parking as necessary	• Picnic areas, children's play areas, multi-purpose courts, multi-purpose turf areas, restrooms, walkways and landscaping
Mini Park	• Approximately 1 acre – 3 acres • Accessible by bicycling, walking and public transit • No on-site parking • Often found in residential developments • May require funding source for extraordinary maintenance	• Picnic areas, children's play areas, small multi-purpose courts, multi-purpose turf areas, walkways and landscaping
Pocket Park or Plaza	• Typically, less than 1 acre • Accessible by bicycling, walking, and public transit • No on-site parking • Often found in residential developments • May require funding source for extraordinary maintenance	• Picnic areas, children's play areas, walkways and landscaping • Multi-purpose courts • Multi-purpose turf areas • Plazas are typically primarily hardscape • Flexible program spaces
Trailhead Pocket Park	• Typically, less than 1 acre • Near open space hiking trailhead • Accessible by bicycling, walking, and public transit • No on-site parking • May require funding source for extraordinary maintenance	• Picnic areas, seating, walkways and native landscaping • Directional, regulatory, and educational signage • Flexible program spaces
Linear Park	• Varies in size from less than and acre to more than 3 acres • Parallel to right-of-way or other linear geographic feature • Accessible by bicycling, walking, and public transit • Walking path provides connectivity	• Picnic areas, seating, walkways game tables, public art, small play areas. flexible program spaces • Directional, regulatory, and educational signage • May be non-contiguous parcels • Play features controlled/buffered for safety

Appendix C. Park and Recreation Facility Typologies

PARK TYPE	GUIDELINES	TYPICAL COMPONENTS AND EXAMPLES ¹
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES		
Recreation Center (Building)	- Serves population of 25,000 or within +3 miles, whichever is less - Minimum 17,000 square feet per recreation center or 25,000 population - May serves one community plan area or a portion of one community plan area population - Parking provided for population served	- May be a stand-alone facility or located within a community park - Elements may include gymnasiums, indoor courts, multi-purpose rooms, kitchens, and other community-serving facilities
Aquatics Complex	- Serves population of 50,000 or within +6 miles, whichever is less - Minimum standard 25 meters by 25 yards - May serves one community plan area or a portion of one community plan area population - Parking provided for population served	- May be a stand-alone facility or located within a Community Park, Major Park, or Resource based Park - Elements may include pools for specialized uses (children's pools, therapeutic pools) - Aquatic support facilities (locker rooms and showers)
Activity Facilities	- Population served and service radius varies by activity - May serves single or multiple community plan area(s) population(s) - Size varies by activity and population served	- Sports Complex - Tennis Complex - Skating Rink - Soccer/roller hockey arena - Senior, teen and pre-teen centers - Often require operating agreements for certain services - May be a stand-alone facility, located within a Community Park, or combined with a Recreation Center - May include on-site parking

¹Components listed are not all-inclusive in every park.

PARK TYPE	GUIDELINES	TYPICAL COMPONENTS AND EXAMPLES ¹
RECREATIONAL FACILITIES (Continued)		
Joint Use Facility	- Requires an executed long-term joint-use agreement - Property owner could be City or partner agency/entity (school districts, other public agencies, not-for-profit private entities)	- Children's play areas - Multi-purpose turf areas - Multi-purpose courts - Sports Field - Parking
Trail	- Could include portions of, and areas adjacent to, greenways or linear parks - Consistent with the Trails Master Plan community plans, and other applicable land use documents - Provides linkage between Parks or Open Space, or within Parks or Open Space	- Scenic overlooks or viewpoints - Trailheads - Primitive Trails - Moderate Use Trails - High-use Recreational Trails (Utility Access roads) - Circulation Trails - Equestrian Trails
Privately-owned Park Site	- Privately owned and privately maintained public park - Any community park type could be a privately-owned park. - Requires agreements, public use easements, and/or other applicable legal instruments that remain in effect in perpetuity	- Sites within residential, commercial/ industrial, or mixed-use developments - Could include rooftop or indoor basketball or tennis court available to the public in a privately-owned building
City-owned Park Sites not Managed by Parks & Recreation	Includes atypical sites such as public right-of-way, paper streets, and portions of other City-owned property that provide a recreational experience to the public	- Green streets or linear parks - Could include active transportation, such as walking, bicycling, or hiking within dedicated right-of-way

¹Components listed are not all-inclusive in every park.

Appendix D. Recreation Value Park Scoring Matrix

LOCAL RECREATIONAL VALUE SCORING METHODOLOGY	
Recreational value points represent the recreational opportunities and amenities available to residents. This value includes recreational amenities in neighborhood and community-serving parks of all sizes, joint use facilities, and regional parks, beaches, and shorelines. Scoring is as follows:	
Local Recreational Value in Parks	Each park is scored individually based on the criteria below. Scoring reflects the amenities inside a park, along with additional features, such as its connections to other public spaces or the transportation system and space for programming and events. Scoring includes portions of regional parks that feature recreational amenities typically found in community/neighborhood parks or have been improved or developed using a community's development impact fees. These spaces are known as locally-serving portions of regional parks. Scoring excludes Recreation Centers and Aquatic Complexes, which will continue to follow a population-based standard. The minimum score for any park shall be 3.5 points.
Regional Recreational Value in Regional Parks	7 point for every 1/2-mile segment of a park's boundary that is directly adjacent to a residential or mixed-use area and contains at least one access point. Points are intended to aid in the Community Plan Update process and do not represent the total value of the asset type.
Regional Recreational Value in Open Space Parks and Trails	7 point for every 1/2-mile segment of an officially recognized trail. Points are intended to aid in the Community Plan Update process and do not represent the total value of the asset type.
	7 point for each trailhead within a 1/2-mile walk of a residential neighborhood or mixed-use area. Points are intended to aid in the Community Plan Update process and do not represent the total value of the asset type.
Regional Recreational Value in Shorelines	7 point for every 1/2-mile segment of publicly accessible shoreline. Points are intended to aid in the Community Plan Update process and do not represent the total value of the asset type.
Cumulative Recreational Value for a Community Planning Area	The score of local parks and local-serving portions of Regional Developed Parks + points for proximity to Regional Developed Parks, Regional Resource-Based Parks, trails, and shorelines. The cumulative score represents the total recreational value within a given community plan area (CPA). This score will only be calculated and used during the community plan update process. See Appendix E. Park Scoring for Sample Community Plan Areas for CPA scores. At least 20 percent (or 20 points per 1,000 residents) of a community's parks standard shall be satisfied through increased land acquisition.

REGIONAL RECREATIONAL VALUE SCORING METHODOLOGY SECTION

Scoring : Parks accrue points per three categories based on following criteria - with no double-scoring/double-dipping with local recreational value scoring. Regional recreational value scores are for use solely by Park Planning staff for community plan update process, not for development projects. Regional recreational value is not intended to represent the total inherent value of regional assets. Any regional assets scored must be within the community plan area.

Regional Parks	7 points for every 1/2 mile segment of a park's boundary that is directly adjacent to a residential or mixed-use area and contains at least one access point or scenic overlook
Open Space	7 points for every 1/2 mile segment of an officially recognized trail
	7 points for each trailhead or scenic overlook within a 1/2 mile walk of a residential neighborhood or mixed use area
Shorelines	7 points for every 1/2 mile segment of publicly accessible shoreline

LOCAL RECREATIONAL VALUE SCORING METHODOLOGY SECTION

Scoring : Parks accrue points across four categories based on following criteria.

Notes : Footnotes that specify minimum standards/sizes to ensure that amenities receiving points are functional, safe, attractive and durable; elaborate on what or how to count or measure components can be found at the bottom of this chart.

PARK SIZE

Definition : Measures the size of a park

Scoring : Based on overall park acreage (population-serving only).

	Points
Park Acreage: Points are awarded to parks based on their overall acreage.	7 point per acre
Parks under an acre will receive 0.875 points for each 1/8 acre	
Does not apply to MHPA or MSCP lands	

Appendix D. Recreation Value Park Scoring Matrix

AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	
Definition : Measures richness of recreational opportunities and uses supported by a park's functional components.	
Scoring is based on the scale, size or quantity listed. If there is a point maximum it is indicated in the points column.	
Note: To ensure a mix of amenities, parks and plazas less than 3 acres must achieve a minimum of 14 points each in 2 categories to qualify for any points and parks over 3 acres must achieve a minimum of 14 points each in all 3 categories to qualify for any points. Points may be reduced based on park condition and quality.	
	Points
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area	7 pt. per 750 sf of play area ¹
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	7 pt. per 1/2-acre
Multi-Purpose Turf Area - point per each 1/2 acre	7 pt. per 1/2 acre
Active Recreation Fields	56 points for an active recreation field module (1 soccer field and 2 softball fields) or 28 points for a single softball or soccer field ⁶
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball	7 pt. per each full court (3.5 point for half-court) ⁶
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs	3.5 pt. per hardcourt area; 7 pts. maximum ⁵
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court	3.5 pt. per court ¹²
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size	7 pt. for ea. full size field ¹²
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field	14 pts. ¹²
Splash Pad (water playground)	14; 14 pts. maximum
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	7 pt. per 1/2 mile
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	7 pt. per 1 mile
Fitness Circuit	7 pt. for ea. 3 pieces of equip. w/ signage; 21 pts. maximum per 5 acres
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	7 pt. per 5,000 sf each
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	3.5 pt. each; 7 pts. Maximum
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar (min. 1/2 acre) ²	7 pt. each; 14 pts. maximum

Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	10.5 pts. for ea. area less than 3 acres
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	21 pts. for ea. area 3 acres and larger; 42 pts. Maximum
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	7 pt, 7 pt. maximum
Community Garden ³	7 pt for ea. 10 plots; 14 pts. maximum
Interactive/Technology Element	7 pt. maximum
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	21; 21 pts. maximum
Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	7 pt. for ea. 400 sq. ft roof area (min. size)
Restroom building	21 pt. per building
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	7 pt. per 1,000 sf
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating and universal access ⁸	7 pt. per 40-person capacity; 14 pts. maximum
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	3.5 pt per system; 7 pts. maximum
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	3.5 pt. for each element; 7 pts. maximum
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	10.5 pt per acre

Appendix D. Recreation Value Park Scoring Matrix

ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	
Definition : Measures ability of park to increase overall connectivity in the Citywide parks network or improve access to an existing recreational asset	
Scoring : 0 (no component present) or 7-21 (component present)	
	Points
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	21; 21 pts maximum
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	14; 14 pts maximum
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	14; 14 pts maximum
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7; 7 pt. maximum
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	7; 7 pt. maximum
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7; 7 pts maximum
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic View Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	7; 7 pts maximum
Maximum Points in Access/Connectivity Category	77
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	
Definition : Measures ability of space or facility to spark social interaction and learning-based recreation and bring diverse users together	
Scoring : 0 (no component present) or 7-21 (component present)	
	Points
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	7; 7 pt. maximum
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences: 7 pt. for 5,000-10,000 s.f.; 14 pts. for 10,000 or more s.f.	14; 14 pts maximum
Recreational Features for the Disabled ⁴	21; 21 pts maximum
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	7 pt per 1/2 mile
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	14; 14 pts maximum
Maximum Points in Category	42
*Notes:	
1. Play area points are not limited in quantity. Scoring is cumulative for each 750 sf of use zone (safety surfacing); no fractions of a point will be scored. To obtain more than 21 points, facility must have separate play areas for kids ages 2-5 and 5-12.	
2. Specialty Recreation features include innovative play features, subject to approval of Parks and Recreation staff. Alternative compliance points determination will be awarded by Parks and Recreation Director for unconventional ideas.	
3. Community or native demonstration gardens includes water meter and ample water for plots. Minimum plot size shall be 100 sf. of soil area per plot.	
4. Recreational Features for people with disabilities: facility has special focus areas for users with disabilities, beyond minimum ADA standards. To qualify the features shall be subject to approval of Parks and Recreation staff	

5. Small Hardcourt Areas: 1,500 square feet area minimum size per 3.5 points. Examples includes handball or half-court tennis with ball-wall or a group of 4-square courts and hopscotch.
6. To be eligible for points, court or field size shall be the minimum dimensions specified in the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department's Consultant's Guide to Park Design.
7. Wetlands/native restoration areas: To qualify, restored native plantings and wetlands must be contiguous to park trails/pathways along a majority of the restoration areas and have views of the restoration areas. Trails along wetlands/native plant restoration areas: To qualify, the trails along wetlands/native plant restoration areas shall have seating and educational signage, and trails in this category cannot duplicate the points achieved in Health/Fitness/Sports category and Regional Park scoring section. Points for wetlands/native restoration areas must be in conjunction with Wayfinding/Signage Systems AND at least one Interpretive/Education/Cultural Element.
8. Points cannot be taken both in the event space and amphitheater categories (double-dipping) for the same park feature.
9. Wayfinding Signage system: Each system must include an information sign at the feature itself with educational value, and the system must include at least one wayfinding sign to help users navigate to the feature, with the sign placed at one or more key street intersections.
10. Urban Forestry: To illustrate compliance with this requirement, prepare site plan and calculations on the park GDP and subsequent construction plan submittals as one would for US Green Building Council LEED® (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) Sustainable Sites Credit to provide shade from the existing tree canopy or within 5 years of landscape installation. Landscaping (trees) must be in place at the time of occupancy.
11. Nature Exploration Playground: Set adjacent to or within a natural open space area, the play area shall be half-acre minimum in size and have logs, boulders, tree "cookies" and other natural elements for kids to explore, build and play. To apply, Nature Exploration Playground is subject to approval of Parks and Recreation staff.
12. To be eligible for points, sports lighting must comply with the City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department's Consultant's Guide to Park Design.
13. Pocket Parks and plazas on private property: Shall have 24/7 public access easement agreement with City. Pocket parks and plaza spaces must have fixed and/or moveable seating, enhanced paving, public space signage, at least one (1) 24" box size tree installed for each 1,250 square feet or may have fixed architectural shade element(s) for up to 50% of the shading requirement.
14. If the required recreational value points are provided onsite, and either a dedication in fee or a recreation easement for public access in perpetuity for the park site is granted to the City, the applicant's required recreational value score may be reduced by 10%. The applicant can reduce its required recreational value points by an additional 15% if the applicant provides private maintenance for the onsite park for at least 30 years to the satisfaction of the Parks and Recreation Director. The design upon which the recreational value points provided onsite is based must be in accordance with an approved General Development Plan in accordance with Council Policy 600-33.
15. Park acres shall be rounded to the nearest 1/8 acres.
16. Shade covers shall not replace appropriate tree plantings, which shall be included in accordance with the policies in this plan, and natural shade from trees should be prioritized in park designs.

Appendix E. Park Scoring for Sample Community Plan Areas

SUMMARY			
Community	Total Recreational Value Score	Population	Score per 1,000 People
Carmel Valley	2682.75	35,928	74.67
Linda Vista	2173.50	31,666	68.64
Mission Beach	1078.00	5,674	189.99
Navajo	3661.00	51,118	71.62
AVG Score			101.23

CARMEL VALLEY: OCEAN AIR COMMUNITY PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	126
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	84
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	14
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	56
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	7
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	3.5
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	14
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0

Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0
Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	7
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	332.5

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CARMEL VALLEY: CARMEL VALLEY (TOWNE CENTRE) COMMUNITY PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	91
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	28
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	7
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	56
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	42
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	21
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	14
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	14
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	21
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	7
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	7
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	14
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	350

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CARMEL VALLEY: ASHLEY FALLS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	77
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	98
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	56
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	28
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	7
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	294

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CARMEL VALLEY: CARMEL CREEK NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	77
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	91
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	14
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	28
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	21
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	7
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	266

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CARMEL VALLEY: CARMEL DEL MAR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	84
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	84
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	7
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	28
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	17.5
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	7
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	7
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	262.5

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CARMEL VALLEY: CARMEL GROVE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	21
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	21
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	21
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	63

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CARMEL VALLEY: CARMEL KNOLLS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	35
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	70
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	28
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	3.5
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	136.5

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CARMEL VALLEY: CARMEL MISSION NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	28
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	28
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	7
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	7
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	91

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CARMEL VALLEY: SAGE CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	77
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	126
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	7
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	56
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	38.5
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	7
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	339.5

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CARMEL VALLEY: SOLANA HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	63
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	105
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	7
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	28
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	210

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CARMEL VALLEY: TORREY HIGHLANDS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	42
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	84
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	28
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	10.5
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	14
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	7
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	213.5

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CARMEL VALLEY: CARMEL VIEW MINI-PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	5.25
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	5.25

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CARMEL VALLEY: PEARLMAN WAY MINI-PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	3.5
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	3.5

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CARMEL VALLEY: WINDWOOD PARK MINI-PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	7
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	21
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	7
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	35

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LINDA VISTA: KEARNY MESA COMMUNITY PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	245
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	112
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	21
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	112
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	14
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	7
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	14
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	42
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	10.5
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	7
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	21

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	14
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	14
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	7
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	668.5

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LINDA VISTA: LINDA VISTA COMMUNITY PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	84
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	91
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	28
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	56
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	35
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	3.5
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	17.5
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	7
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	14
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	28
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	14
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	406

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LINDA VISTA: TECOLOTE COMMUNITY PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	126
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	63
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	21
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	56
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	14
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	3.5
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	7
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	42
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	360.5

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LINDA VISTA: KELLY STREET NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	42
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	56
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	21
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	14
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	161

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LINDA VISTA: EDWARD TYLER CRAMER NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	21
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	7
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	7
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	14
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	14
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	7
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	70

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LINDA VISTA: MISSION HEIGHTS NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	56
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	70
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	35
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	3.5
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	171.5

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LINDA VISTA: JOHN P. BACA MINI-PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	7
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	21
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	14
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	7
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	49

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LINDA VISTA: SILVER TERRACE MINI-PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	7
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	28
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	7
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	21
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	77

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LINDA VISTA: CARSON E.S. JOINT USE	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	7
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	7
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	28
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	49

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LINDA VISTA: MONTGOMERY M.S. JOINT USE	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	21
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	28
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	14
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	70

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LINDA VISTA: LINDA VISTA E.S. JOINT USE	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	14
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	21
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	28
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	7
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	7
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	91

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MISSION BEACH: MISSION BEACH PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	21
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	42
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	21
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	105

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MISSION BEACH: MISSION POINT PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	28
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	98
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	42
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	7
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	196

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MISSION BEACH: SANTA CLARA POINT PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	35
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	56
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	28
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	14
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	14
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0
Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0

Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	147

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NAVAJO: ALLIED GARDENS COMMUNITY PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	91
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	140
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	35
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	14
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	7
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	7
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	14
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	336

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Appendix E. Park Scoring for Sample Community Plan Areas

NAVAJO: LAKE MURRAY COMMUNITY PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	287
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	70
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	35
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	224
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	70
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	7
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	7
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	21
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	14
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	7
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	763

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MISSION BEACH RECREATIONAL VALUE		
Regional Parks	7 point for every 1/2 mile segment of a park's boundary that is directly adjacent to a residential or mixed-use area and contains at least one access point	168
Open Space	7 point for every 1/2 mile segment of an officially recognized trail	28
	7 point for each trailhead within a 1/2 mile walk of a residential neighborhood or mixed use area	0
Shorelines	7 point for every 1/2 mile segment of publicly accessible shoreline	28
Total Points		224

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NAVAJO: SAN CARLOS COMMUNITY PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	63
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	77
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	28
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	63
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	14
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	7
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	7
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	294

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NAVAJO: DAILARD NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	21
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	35
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	21
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	84

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NAVAJO: PRINCESS DEL CERRO NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	28
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	70
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	28
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	7
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	3.5
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	157.5

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NAVAJO: RANCHO MISSION CANYON NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	63
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	70
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	42
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	14
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	7
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	196

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NAVAJO: TUXEDO NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	21
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	56
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	14
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	7
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	3.5
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	7
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	7
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	136.5

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NAVAJO: GRANTVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	14
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	70
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	14
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	3.5
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	108.5

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NAVAJO: SAN CARLOS POCKET PARK	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	3.5
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	0
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	0
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	3.5

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NAVAJO: DAILARD E.S. JOINT USE	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	21
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	28
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	7
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	7
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	0
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	70

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NAVAJO: FORWARD E.S. JOINT USE	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	28
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	56
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	0
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	0
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	14
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	21
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	133

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Appendix E. Park Scoring for Sample Community Plan Areas

NAVAJO: HEARST E.S. JOINT USE	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	28
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	84
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	7
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	7
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	7
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	147

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NAVAJO: LEWIS M.S. JOINT USE	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	63
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	98
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	84
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	7
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	3.5
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	14
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	283.5

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Appendix E. Park Scoring for Sample Community Plan Areas

NAVAJO: PERSHING M.S. JOINT USE	
PARK SIZE	POINTS
Park Acreage	70
AMENITIES/RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES	POINTS
Health/Fitness/Sports Category	
Play Area ¹	0
Nature Exploration Playground ¹¹	0
Multi-Purpose Turf Area	0
Active Recreation Fields ⁶	56
Basketball/Tennis/Pickleball/Sand Volley Ball ⁶	56
Small Hardcourt Areas: with pavement-coating mark-outs ⁵	7
Sports Lighting - pickleball, volleyball, basketball full-court - or equivalent to basketball full-court ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - single softball field, full-size ¹²	0
Sports Lighting - each pair of softball fields or full-size soccer field ¹²	0
Splash Pad (water playground)	0
Multi-use Pathways: (Route Type 6, per SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Decomposed Granite or Dirt Trails: 4 ft. min. width, (Route Type 7, SD Pedestrian Master Plan)	0
Fitness Circuit	0
Specialty Recreation (hard-surface) pump tracks, skate plaza or similar	0
Specialty Recreation (soft-surface) bocce court or similar	0
Specialty Recreation: disc golf or similar ²	0
Social Spaces Category	
Off-Leash Dog Area - 1/8 acre minimum fenced area	0
Off-Leash Dog Area - 3 acres minimum fenced area	0
Food Area/Concessions or Clubhouse Building (if separate from Rec Center), 250 s.f. minimum size	0
Community Garden ³	0
Interactive/Technology Element	0
Performance/Event Space: 5,000 s.f. minimum size paved area with seating, lighting and utilities (power, data, sound) ⁸	0

Site Amenities Category	
All-weather shade cover/pavilion with tables/seating ¹⁶	0
Restroom building	0
Ranger Station Facilities: with public educational/interpretive display areas(s)	0
Amphitheater: with hardscape seating ⁸	0
Wayfinding Signage System ⁹	0
Public Art/Placemaking Elements (only 1 element per space)	0
Creation of wetlands area(s) or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
ACCESS/CONNECTIVITY	POINTS
Linkages: connection to a CI 1 Bike or Cycle Track	0
Linkages: connection to a trail system in open space	0
Integrated with transit: within 500 ft. walking distance to a transit stop or closer	0
Integrated with transit: within 1/4-mile walking distance to a transit stop	7
Connection to Active Public Realm (less than 50 feet to café, restaurants, gym/fitness, retail)	0
Connection to Public/Civic Use (co-location with school, library, non-profit)	7
Connection to Natural Area/Scenic Corridor (must have physical structure to connect or provide view access)	0
ACTIVATION & ENGAGEMENT	POINTS
Interpretive/Education/Cultural Elements, such as Tribal cultural elements: minimum of 10 square feet of sign art/copy display area	0
Space dedicated to programmed activities, weekly minimum occurrences	0
Recreational Features for Disabled ⁴	0
Trails or Multi-use Pathways contiguous with wetland area(s), or significant water body, or native planting restoration area(s) ⁷	0
Urban Forestry: at 5-year growth 50% of all site hardscape (roads, sidewalks, parking lots) have greater than 60% tree canopy ¹⁰	0
Total Points	203

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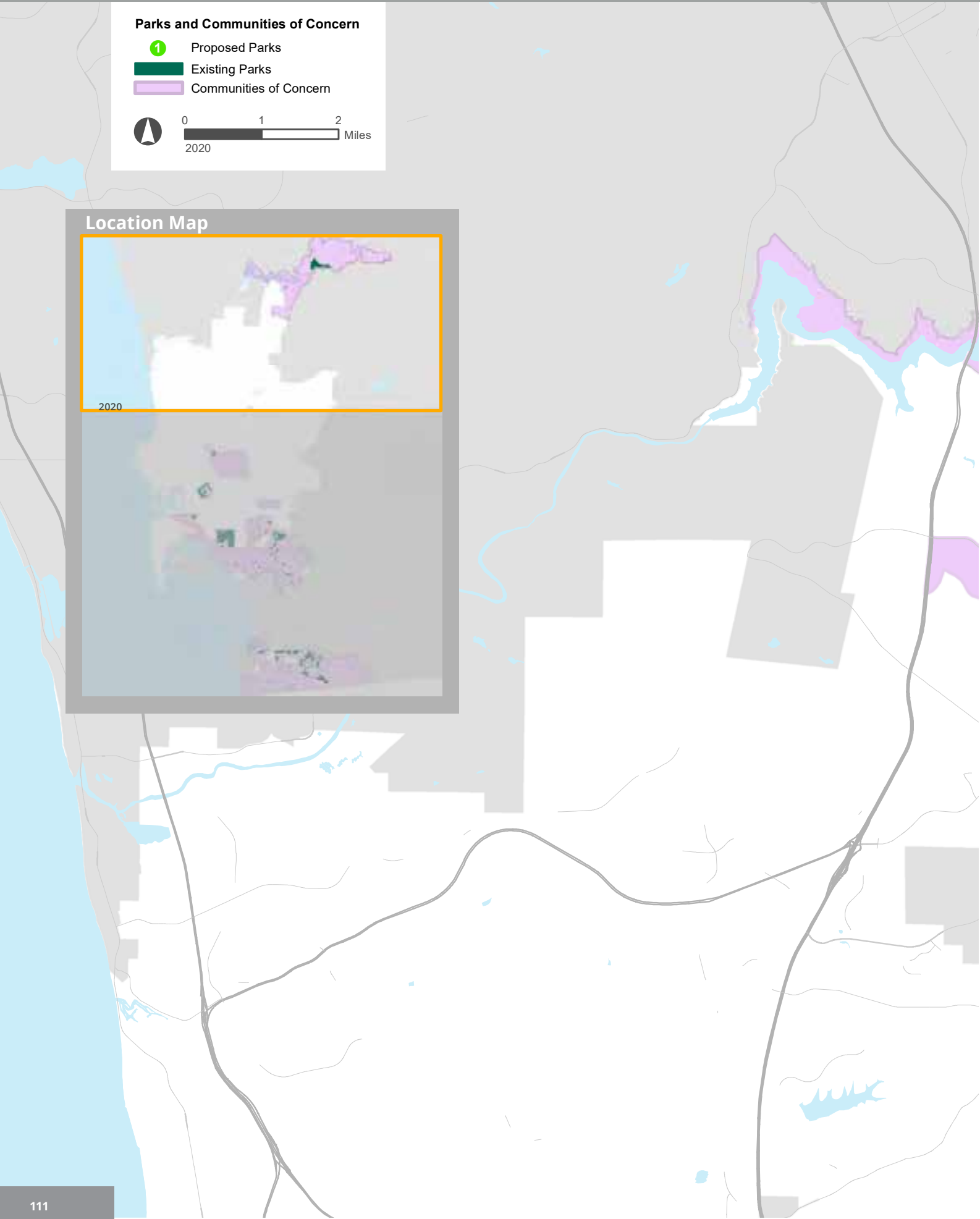
NAVAJO REGIONAL RECREATIONAL VALUE		
Regional Parks	7 point for every 1/2 mile segment of a park's boundary that is directly adjacent to a residential or mixed-use area and contains at least one access point	161
Open Space	7 point for every 1/2 mile segment of an officially recognized trail	525
	7 point for each trailhead within a 1/2 mile walk of a residential neighborhood or mixed use area	0
Shorelines	7 point for every 1/2 mile segment of publicly accessible shoreline	56
Total Points		742

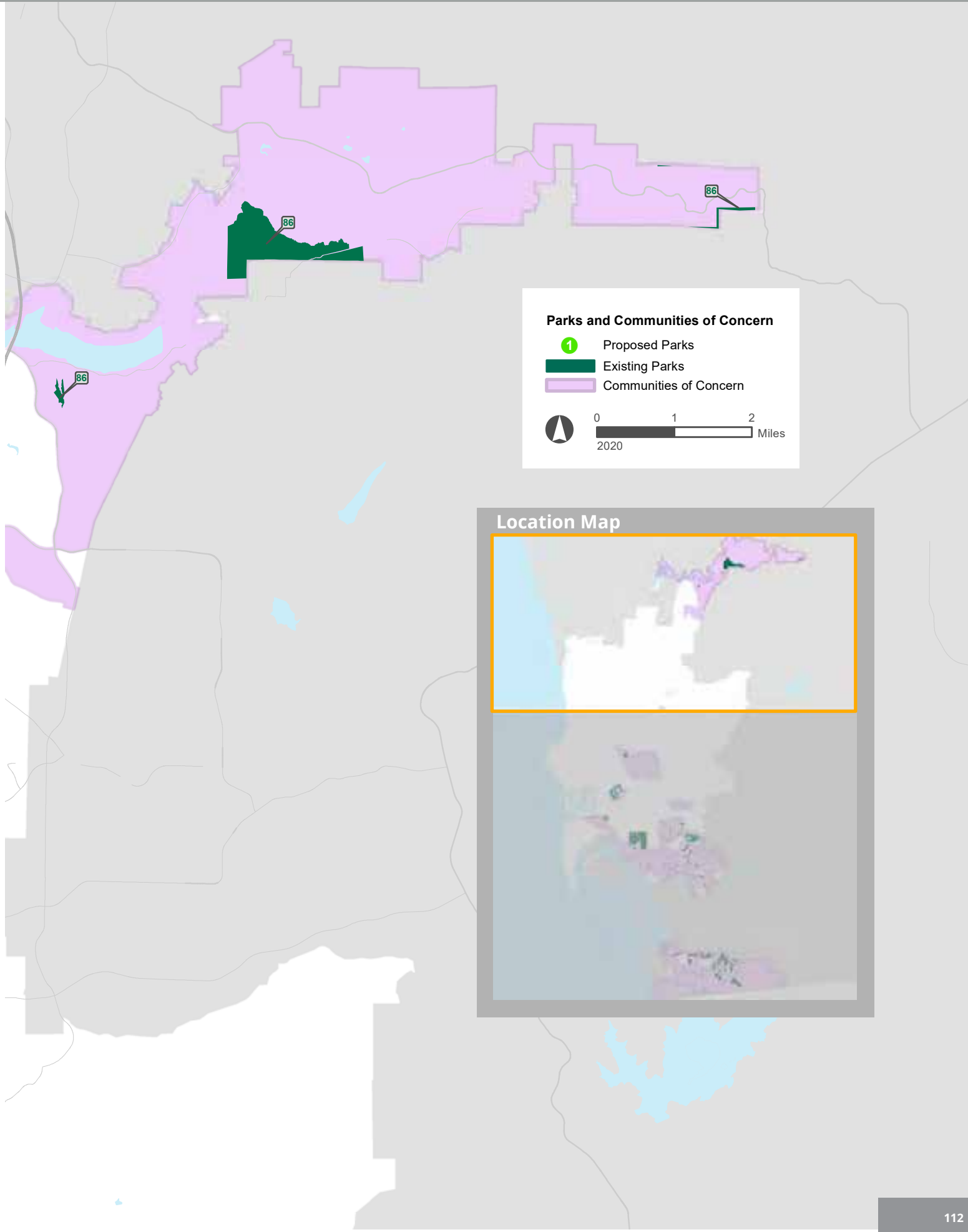
Appendix F. Designated Historical Resources within Parks

DESIGNATED HISTORICAL RESOURCES WITHIN PARKS		
Historical Resources Board (HRB) Site Number	Historical Resource Name	Location
1	El Prado Area Designation	
2	Old Mission Dam & Flume Padre Dam	Father Serra Trail
3	Fort Stockton	Cosoy Way and Presidio Drive
4	Presidio of San Diego Site	Bounded by Taylor Street, Pine Street,
5	Calvary Cemetery Site	1501 Washington Place
7	Plaza de Pantoja y Arriaga	Bounded by India Street, F Street, Columbia
10	Torrey Pines Area	11056 1/3 North Torrey Pines Road
13	Montgomery Memorial Park	3020 Coronado Avenue
26	Old Spanish Cemetery	2398 San Diego Avenue
29	Mule Hill Site	Pomerado Road
35	Presidio Excavation Site	
51	Horton Plaza and Fountain	397 Broadway
60	Ford Building	2001 Pan American Plaza
86	La Jolla Recreational Center	615 Prospect Street
106	Waldo Waterman Monument	Maple and Albatross Streets
143	Chicano Park	Bounded by I-5 Fwy, Crosby Street, Naional
217-046	Grant Hill Park	2600 J Street
217-047	Camphor Tree	2600 J Street
235	Balboa Park Fire Alarm Headquarters Building	1845 Eighth Avenue
237	Junipero Serra Museum	2727 Presidio Drive
240	Presidio Park	4301 Taylor Street
287	Marston House Garden	3525 Seventh Avenue
288	Coast Walk Trail and Devil's Slide Footbridge	Coast Walk Trail
295	Mount Soledad Park & Memorial Cross	Soledad Road
315	Torrey Pines Gliderport	2800 Torrey Pines Scenic Dr
358	The Surf Shack at Windansea Beach	6800 Neptune Place
369	Adams Avenue Trolley Car barn Site	1949 Adams Avenue
412	Veterans' War Memorial Building, Balboa Park	3325 Zoo Drive
564	Balboa Park Municipal Golf Course Clubhouse	2600 Golf Course Drive
734	CA-SDI-2723 (SDM-W-265)	
915	La Jolla Adult Recreation Center Club	1160 Coast Blvd.
1114	Boys Club of San Diego	2930 Marcy Avenue
1177	University Heights Water Storage and Pumping Station Historic District	2725 El Cajon Boulevard



Aerial Overview, San Diego River and Trolley

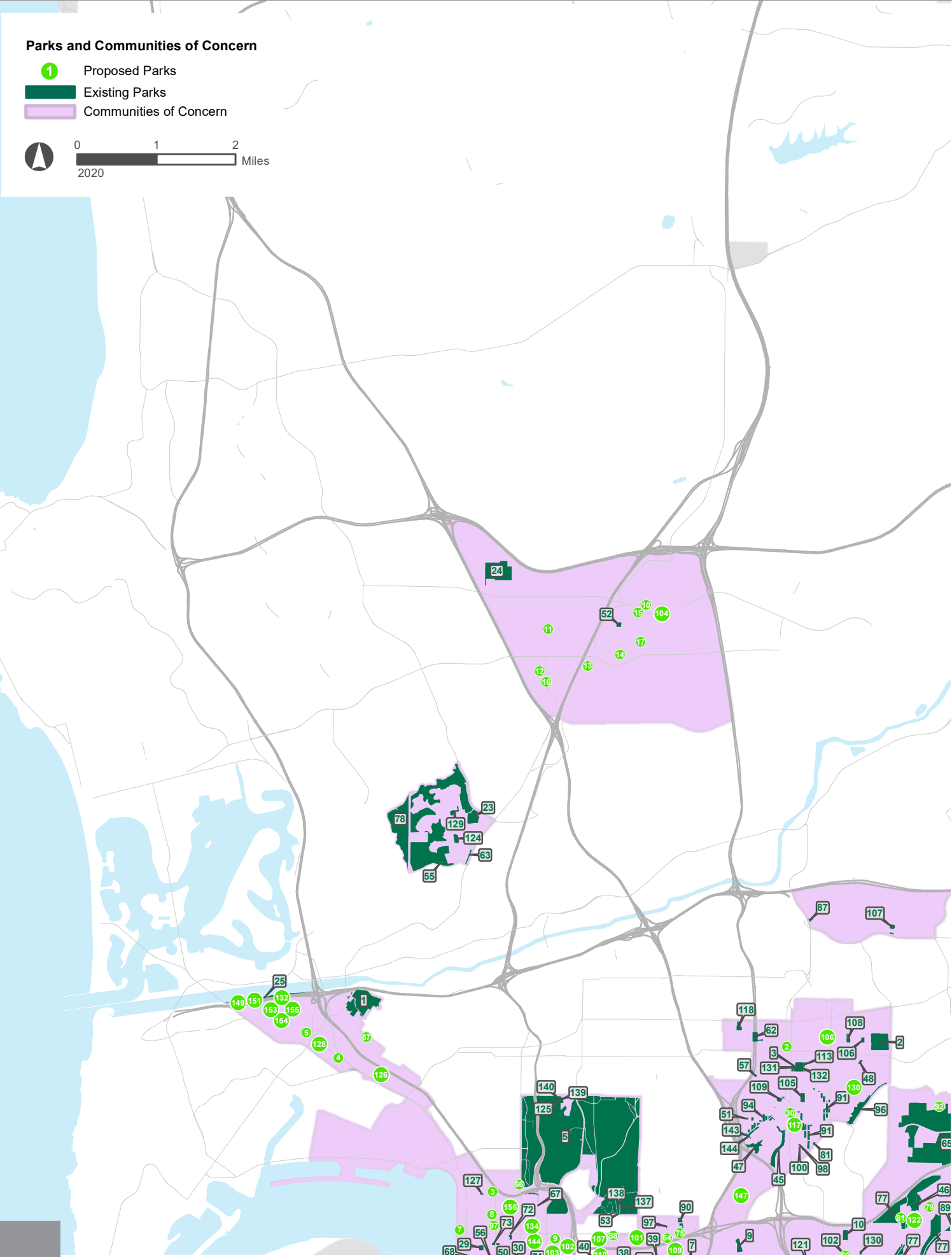


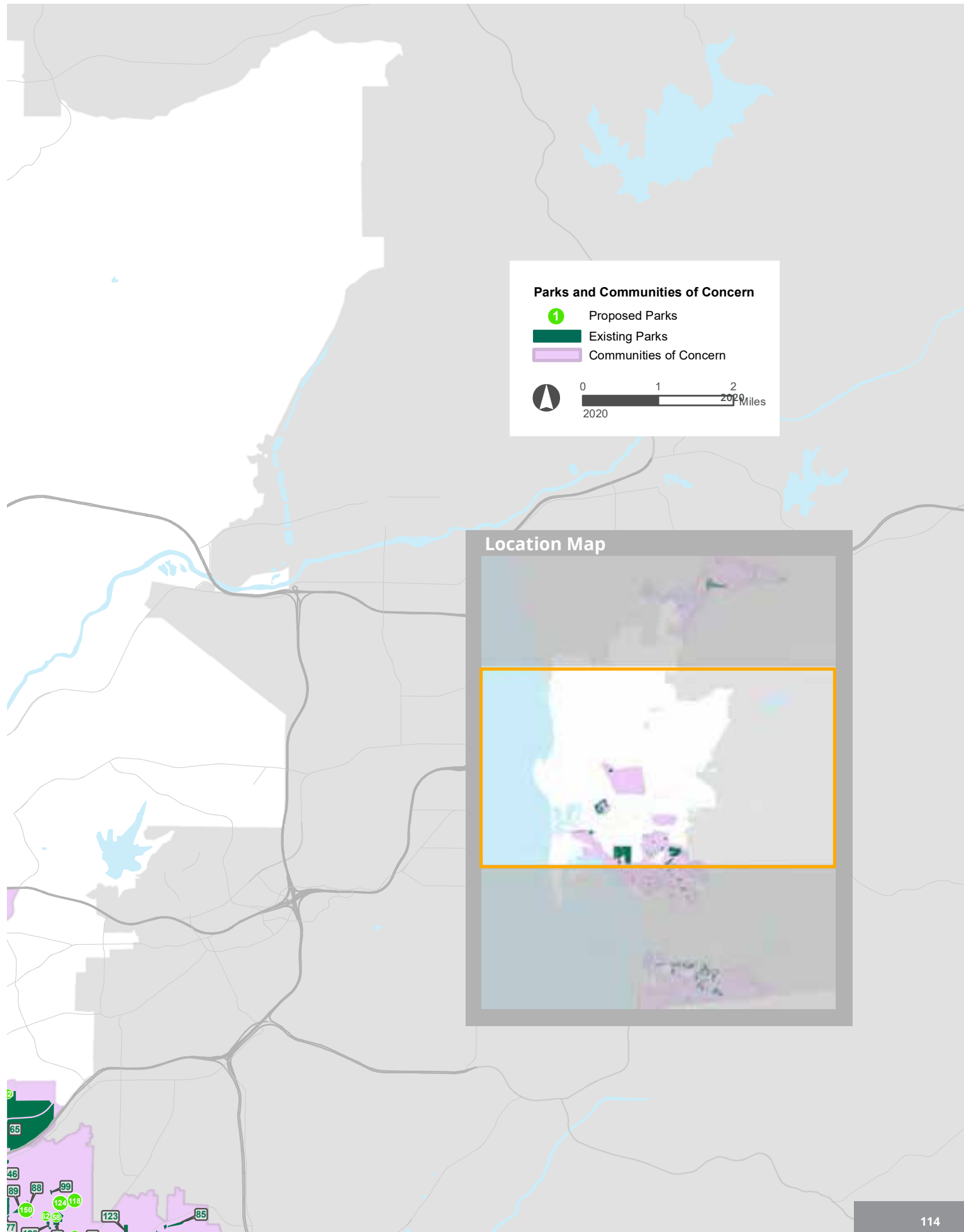


Location Map



Appendix G. Potential Park Opportunities in Communities of Concern





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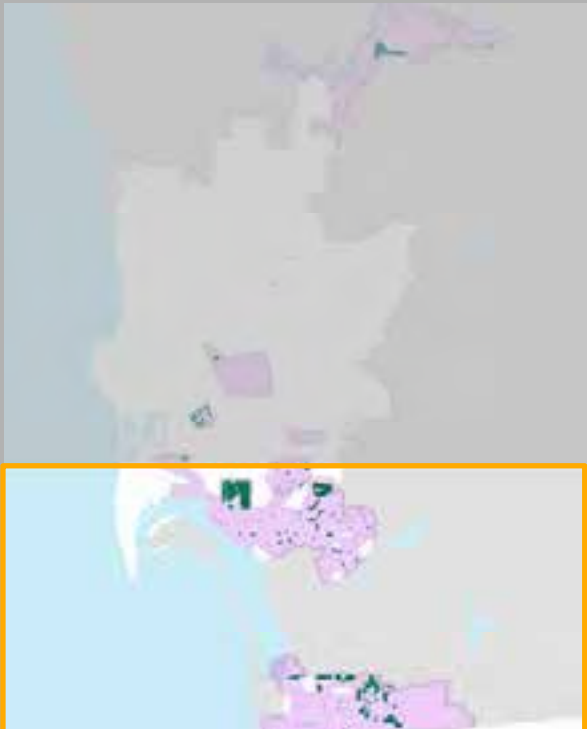
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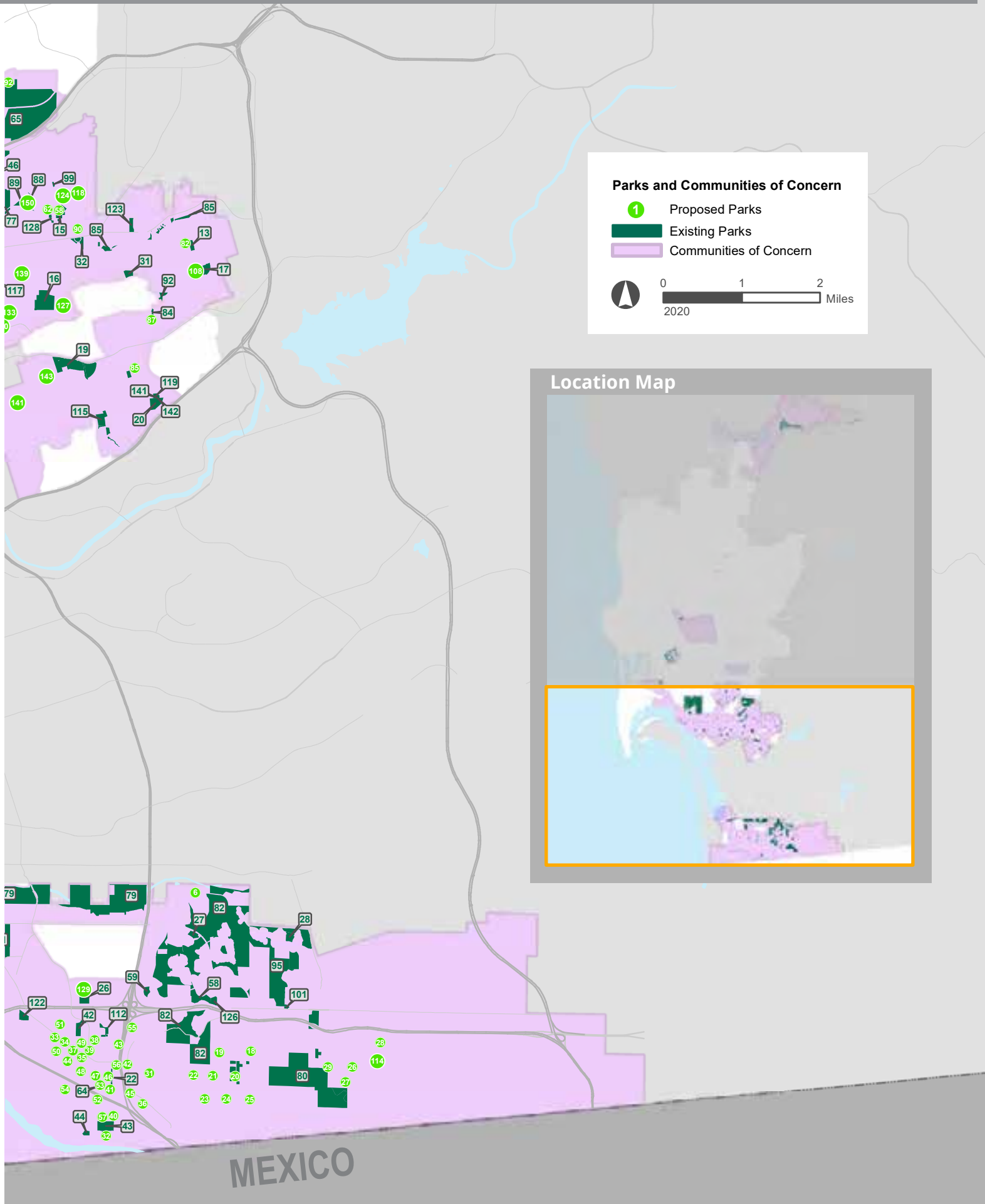
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Location Map





PARKS IN COMMUNITIES OF CONCERN

Notes: This list provides potential examples of existing parks that could be upgraded/improved, and the maps indicates new parks recently identified through Community Plan Updates that could be developed within Communities of Concern. This list is not exhaustive, and final parks projects could be different than those identified, including the addition, removal, or modification, based on community input, policies, and new information. Potential new park and open space facilities can be located in more precise detail (size and description) in the pertinent community plans and master plans.

Existing Recreation Facilities within Communities of Concern

Key #	Park Asset Description	Typology
1	PRESIDIO PARK	Regional Park
2	COLINA DEL SOL CP	Community Park
3	OFFICER JEREMY HENWOOD MEMORIAL PARK	Community Park
4	MARINA LINEAR NP	Neighborhood Park
5	BALBOA PARK	Regional Park
6	CLAY AVE MP	Mini Park
7	J ST MP	Mini Park
8	L ST MP	Mini Park
9	ALLEN DENNIS V NP	Neighborhood Park
10	GOMPERS NP	Neighborhood Park
11	LA PAZ MP	Mini Park
12	SANTA ISABEL MP	Mini Park
13	LOMITA NP	Neighborhood Park
14	MEMORIAL CP	Community Park
15	ENCANTO CP	Community Park
16	MARTIN L KING CP	Community Park
17	SKYLINE HILLS CP	Community Park
18	SOUTHCREST CP	Community Park
19	PARADISE HILLS CP	Community Park
20	BAY TERRACES CP	Community Park
21	MONTGOMERY-WALLER CP	Community Park
22	SAN YSIDRO CP	Community Park
23	LINDA VISTA CP	Community Park
24	HICKMAN FIELD PARK	Regional Park
25	MISSION BAY PARK	Regional Park
26	LOS ALTOS NP	Neighborhood Park
27	OCEAN VIEW HILLS NP	Neighborhood Park
28	VISTA PACIFICA NP	Neighborhood Park
29	PANTOJA NP	Neighborhood Park
30	DAVIS HOUSE MP	Mini Park
31	CHRISTOPHER WILSON NP	Neighborhood Park
32	MARIE WIDMAN MEMORIAL PARK	Neighborhood Park

33	Z ST MP	Mini Park
34	41ST ST MP	Mini Park
35	HENDERSON SPORT CPLX	Neighborhood Park
36	BERRY NP	Neighborhood Park
37	NESTOR NP	Neighborhood Park
38	GRANT HILL NP	Neighborhood Park
39	30TH ST MP	Mini Park
40	SHERMAN MP	Mini Park
41	MOUNTAIN VIEW NP	Neighborhood Park
42	VISTA TERRACE NP	Neighborhood Park
43	SAN YSIDRO ATHL AREA LARSEN FIELD	Neighborhood Park
44	CORAL GATE NP	Neighborhood Park
45	HOLLYWOOD NP	Neighborhood Park
46	EMERALD HILLS NP	Neighborhood Park
47	AZALEA NP	Neighborhood Park
48	WIGHTMAN ST NP	Neighborhood Park
49	WALLS OF EXCELLENCE MP	Mini Park
50	G ST MP	Mini Park
51	MCCAIN & CARTER MP	Mini Park
52	CENTRUM NP	Neighborhood Park
53	GOLDEN HILL CP	Community Park
54	CHILDRENS PARK	Mini Park
55	KELLY STREET NP	Neighborhood Park
56	CHILDRENS MUSEUM MP	Mini Park
57	CENTRAL AVE MP	Mini Park
58	CESAR SOLIS CP	Community Park
59	RIVIERA DEL SOL NP	Neighborhood Park
60	SOUTH CREST TRAILS NP	Neighborhood Park
61	PETWAY NP	Neighborhood Park
62	TERALTA NP	Neighborhood Park
63	JOHN P. BACA PARK	Mini Park
64	FIREHOUSE MINI PARK	Mini Park
65	CHOLLAS CP	Community Park
66	CHICANO PARK	Regional Park
67	CORTEZ HILL PARK	Mini Park
68	CITY FRONT TERRACE - MLK JR.	Mini Park
69	GASLAMP SQUARE PARK	Pocket Park or Plaza
70	ONE HARBOR DRIVE - MLK JR.	Pocket Park or Plaza
71	OUTFIELD PARK	Neighborhood Park
72	HORTON PLAZA NP	Pocket Park or Plaza
73	FEDERAL BUILDING PARKS	Mini Park
74	BALLPARK SOUTH - MLK JR.	Pocket Park or Plaza

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75	FAULT LINE PARK	Mini Park
76	LIBRARY PLAZA	Pocket Park or Plaza
77	CHOLLAS RADIO SYSTEM OS	Open Space
78	TECOLOTE CANYON NATURAL OS PARK	Open Space
79	OTAY VALLEY REGIONAL PARK	Open Space
80	OTAY MITIGATION SITE	Open Space
81	CLEAR. SITE 645	Open Space
82	OTAY MESA OS	Open Space
83	CERVANTES CANYON OS	Open Space
84	PARADISE CANYON PARK	Open Space
85	ENCANTO EXPRESSWAY OS	Open Space
86	SAN PASQUAL TRAILS OS	Open Space
87	KENSINGTON/COLLEGE OS	Open Space
88	CLEAR. SITE 762	Open Space
89	RADIO CANYON EXTENSION OS	Open Space
90	32ND ST CANYON OS	Open Space
91	MID-CITY OS	Open Space
92	SOUTH BAY TERRACES OS	Open Space
93	VALENCIA CANYON OS	Open Space
94	LEXINGTON CANYON OS	Open Space
95	OCEAN VIEW HILLS OS	Open Space
96	CHOLLAS PARKWAY OS	Open Space
97	GOLDEN HILLS OS	Open Space
98	CLEAR. SITE 642	Open Space
99	CLEAR. SITE 761	Open Space
100	CLEAR. SITE 641	Open Space
101	OTAY MESA VERNAL POOL OS	Open Space
102	HAWK POCKET PARK	Open Space
103	IMPERIAL MARKET PLACE	Open Space
104	CHAVEZ ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
105	CLARK MIDDLE SCHOOL	Joint Use
106	FAY ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
107	HARDY ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
108	IBARRA ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
109	GRIFFITH JOYNER ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
110	KING/CHAVEZ CHARTER	Joint Use
111	KIMBROUGH ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
112	LA MIRADA ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
113	ROSA PARKS ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
114	RODRIGUEZ ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
115	PENN ATHLETIC FIELD/SCHOOL OF PERFORMING ARTS	Joint Use
116	SHERMAN ELEMENTARY	Joint Use

117	VALENCIA PARK ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
118	WILSON MIDDLE SCHOOL	Joint Use
119	ZAMARANO ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
120	KENNEDY PORTER ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
121	CHOLLAS MEAD ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
122	NICOLOFF ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
123	KEILLER MIDDLE SCHOOL	Joint Use
124	MONTGOMERY MIDDLE SCHOOL	Joint Use
125	ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL	Joint Use
126	OCEAN VIEW HILLS K8 SCHOOL	Joint Use
127	PIAZZA FAMIGLIA	
128	ENCANTO ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
129	LINDA VISTA ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
130	HORTON ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
131	OFFICER JEREMY HENWOOD MEMORIAL PARK	Community Park
132	ROSA PARKS ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
133	MARINA LINEAR NP	Neighborhood Park
134	GASLAMP SQUARE PARK	Pocket Park or Plaza
135	MARINA LINEAR NP	Neighborhood Park
136	ONE HARBOR DRIVE - MLK JR.	Pocket Park or Plaza
137	BALBOA PARK	Regional Park
138	GOLDEN HILL CP	Community Park
139	BALBOA PARK	Regional Park
140	ROOSEVELT MIDDLE SCHOOL	Joint Use
141	BAY TERRACES CP	Community Park
142	ZAMARANO ELEMENTARY	Joint Use
143	AZALEA NP	Neighborhood Park
144	LEXINGTON CANYON OS	Open Space



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