



2026-2031 Comprehensive Master Plan



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Mokena Community Park District

Mokena Community Park District 2026-2031 Comprehensive Master Plan is hereby adopted by the Park District Board of Commissioners on the 27th day of January in the year 2026.



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Technology

This plan incorporated technological tools to support the analysis, including the use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) platforms.

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Chapter 1: Introduction to the Long-Term Plan

“Connecting Recreation, Inspiring Community, Shaping the Future”

These words capture the essence of the Master Planning process and the promise it holds—an investment in the future of our parks and recreational opportunities for the benefit of a connected community. The Park District recognizes the significance of this effort and fully embraces its responsibility to enhance the quality of life for all residents through thoughtful planning, sustainable growth, and meaningful improvements to the spaces that bring people together.

Introduction

The Mokena Community Park District was formed with a 28-acre parcel located on LaPorte Road donated by the Mokena Civic Association in 1959. The land became Main Park. The Park District is a separate and distinct public agency created to provide park facilities and recreation programs for its residents. The Park District encompasses the Village of Mokena and small portions of the Villages of Frankfort, New Lenox, Orland Park and Tinley Park.

The Mokena Community Park District has dedicated the past nine months to updating its Comprehensive Master Plan to help guide and shape decisions for the future. Some initiatives identified within the plan are intended for immediate implementation, while others call for thoughtful evaluation, organization, and a sustained long-term commitment. This updated plan builds upon previous planning efforts and integrates valuable insights gathered through recent community and staff engagement.

The Park District’s leadership will concentrate on achieving high-level strategic goals that align with community needs and organizational priorities. This strategic direction will be embedded throughout all levels of the organization and reflected in community initiatives. While continuity in strategic planning is essential for long-term success, the Comprehensive Master Plan is designed to be a dynamic, evolving document—one that allows for adjustments as new opportunities and challenges arise.

Previous Planning Effort

The Parks District's last Comprehensive Master Plan started in 2017 and was adopted in 2018, seven years ago. In review of the past master plan, the following were important outcomes from that plan that included:

- Parks and Facilities should continue to evolve with targeted improvements.
- Recreation should be affordable with basic programs through advanced instruction.
- Reconnect with the community with open communication.
- Enhance financial performance for future Capital Improvement Plans.
- Evaluate for future aquatics.

A lack of updated indoor recreation and aquatic facilities and a desire for a community gathering place were identified as key needs and desires by the Mokena Park District community. As progress has been made across the Park District, these two key needs have not been made into reality.



Purpose & Process

This Comprehensive Master Plan update for the Mokena Community Park District was developed through an extensive and collaborative planning process designed to establish a shared vision for the future of the Park District. The process emphasized community engagement, incorporating multiple opportunities for public input that generated meaningful data used to shape the direction of this plan.

The Comprehensive Master Plan establishes clear goals and objectives, along with actionable steps to achieve measurable progress. These goals were informed by a thorough evaluation of existing parks, facilities, programs, finances, and operations, as well as community feedback, demographic trends, and an assessment of current service levels to identify both gaps and overlaps.

Comprehensive planning serves as a vital tool for prioritizing the allocation of limited resources within the agency. To remain relevant and effective, this plan should be reviewed regularly and updated as necessary to reflect evolving social, economic, and political conditions.

In summary, this planning initiative provides a strategic framework and guiding direction to ensure the Park District continues to meet the leisure and recreational needs of the nearly 26,000 residents it serves—moving forward together toward a stronger, more connected community.

Planning Timeframe

In late 2024, the Mokena Community Park District engaged a consortium of specialized consultants with experience in park and recreation master planning, including Design Perspectives and the Public Research Group, to assist in developing this Comprehensive Master Plan update. Over the course of more than seven months, the consulting team worked closely with Park District staff and the Board of Commissioners, while also gathering valuable input from residents and community stakeholders. This collaborative approach ensured that the updated Master Plan reflects both professional insight and the community’s vision for the future of parks and recreation in our Park District community.

TIMELINE



Park District Mission, Vision and Values

These statements are part of the strategic direction of the agency. The following are the current mission, vision and values statements.

Mission

The Mokena Community Park District is committed to enhancing lives through the power of recreation by providing exceptional parks, facilities, programs, events, and services for all to explore and enjoy.

Vision

Working together to build an active vibrant, welcoming, connected, safe and healthy community.

Values

Our mission is guided by these values.

Collaboration

Community Engagement

Safety

Sustainability

Cleanliness

Comfort

Inclusion

Chapter 2: Building Blocks through Community Engagement for the Future

Introduction

The master planning process involved a series of data gathering tools to examine the internal and external attitudes of the Park District audience. This is the primary endeavor tackled during the planning process allowing the project team to absorb layers of feedback from a variety of voices that have a vested stake in the outcome of the master plan. The analysis of the information gathered during this process is summarized in the following section of this report, which addresses community demographics, survey responses and a summary of the public input collected over the course of this phase of the project.

Community Profile & Demographics

Data Gathering

The demographics data used in this Comprehensive Master Plan was obtained (except where noted) through Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) business analyst online. A summary of the current demographic highlights is provided on the following pages. The five key areas include overall population, age distribution, race/ethnicity and household income.

Demographic Analysis

The following table provides an overall of the Mokena Community Park District’s demographic profile for the year 2024.

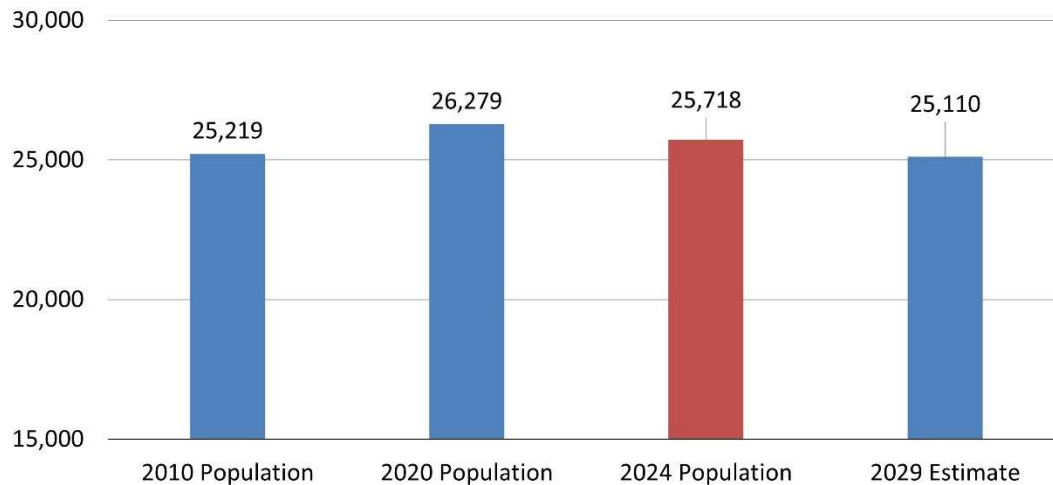
2024 Mokena Community Park District Demographic Summary

Summary of Park District Demographics	
Population	25,718
Number of Households	9,374
Avg. Household Size	2.71
Median Age	43.4
Median Household Income	\$119,279

Mokena Community Park District Population Growth Trend

The future of population growth cannot be predicted with absolute certainty, but it is helpful to make projections based on calculated assumptions for planning purposes. The following figure contains population data for the Park District in the years 2010, 2020, 2024 and 2029. The 2024-2029 population trend for the Park District will be small declines in population growth, which is a negative 0.48% and typical for the declining population growth for the State of Illinois.

Mokena Park District Population Growth

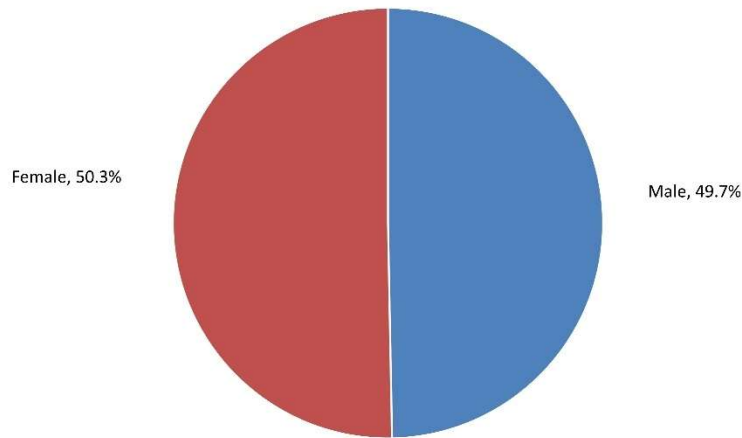


Trend Line: It is anticipated that small decreases in the Park District area's population growth rate for the foreseeable future.

Gender & Age Distribution

Gender distribution within the Mokena Community Park District in 2024 was 49.7% male to 50.3% female with the median age of 43.4 years old.

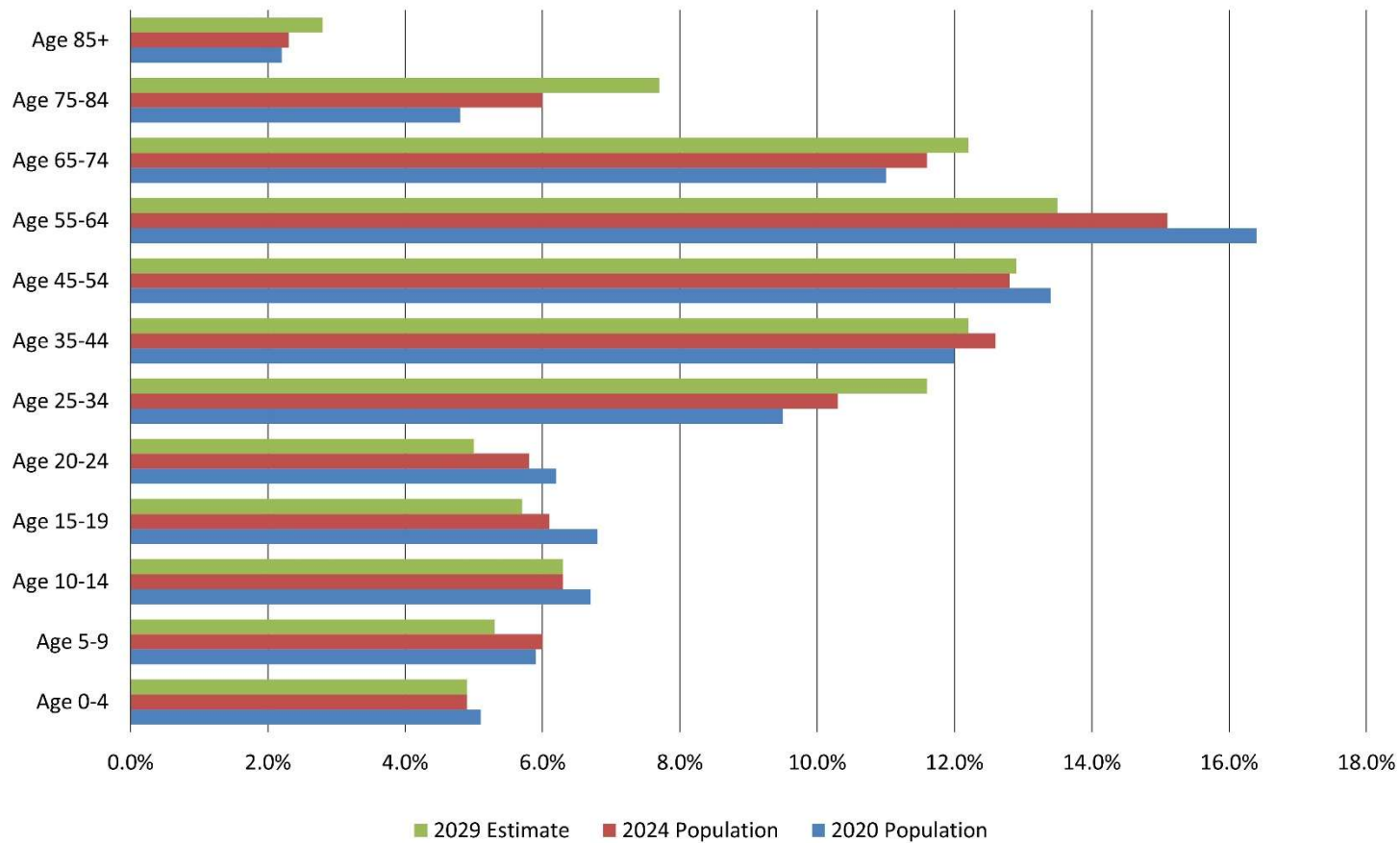
Mokena Park District Gender



Mokena Community Park District Population Age Distribution, 2024

A comparison of the population breakdown by age for the Park District in the years 2020, 2024 and 2029 is shown below.

Mokena Park District Population by Age



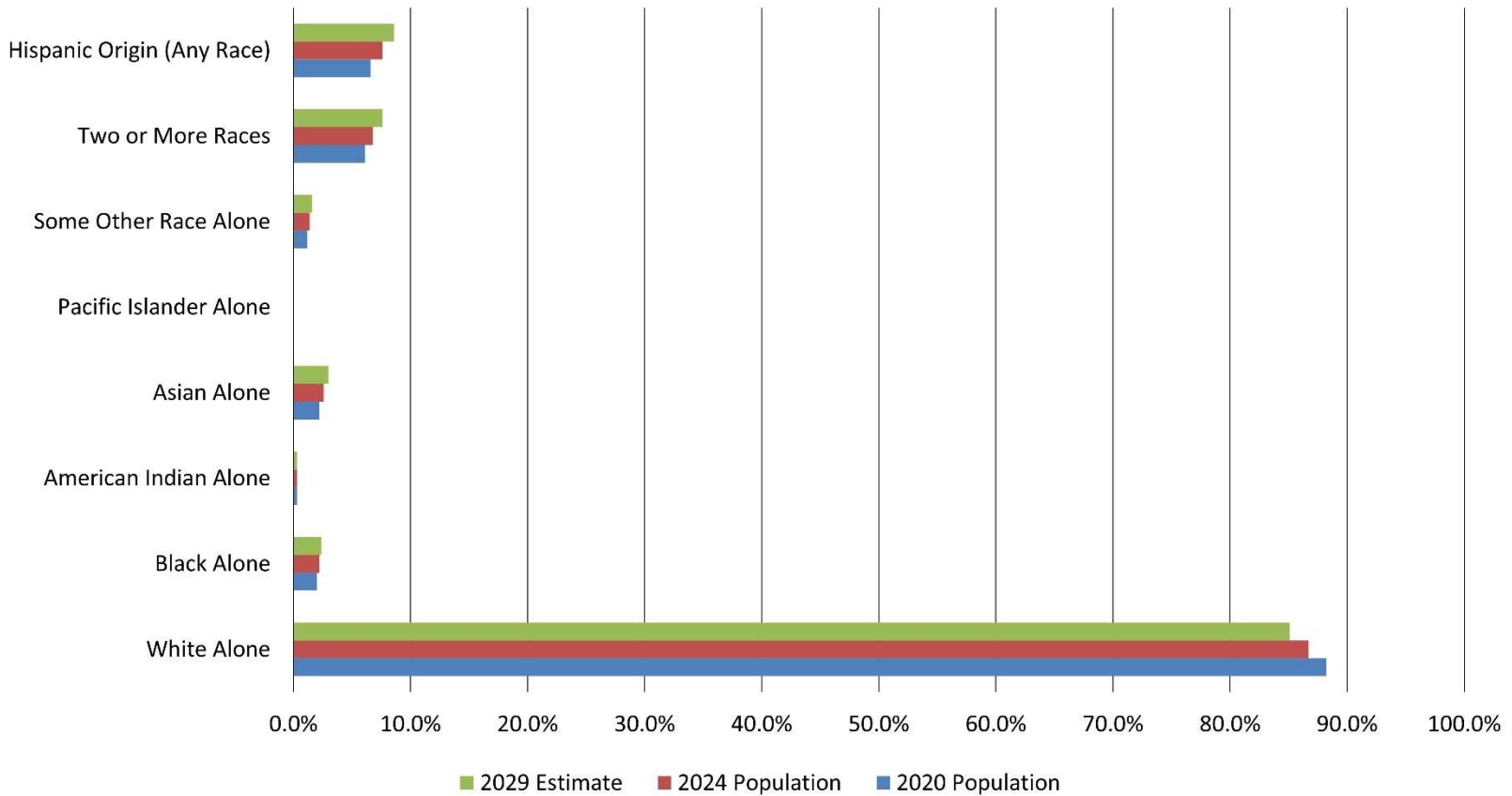
Mokena Park District Population by Age Distribution				
Population by Age	2020	2024	2029	Trend
Age 0-4	5.1%	4.9%	4.9%	Small Decrease
Age 5-9	5.9%	6.0%	5.3%	Small Decrease
Age 10-14	6.7%	6.3%	6.3%	Stable
Age 15-19	6.8%	6.1%	5.7%	Small Decrease
Age 20-24	6.2%	5.8%	5.0%	Small Decrease
Age 25-34	9.5%	10.3%	11.6%	Small Increase
Age 35-44	12.0%	12.6%	12.2%	Small Decrease
Age 45-54	13.4%	12.8%	12.9%	Small Increase
Age 55-64	16.4%	15.1%	13.5%	Small Decrease
Age 65-74	11.0%	11.6%	12.2%	Small Increase
Age 75-84	4.8%	6.0%	7.7%	Small Increase
Age 85+	2.2%	2.3%	2.8%	Small Increase

Trend Line: Generally, younger age groups are decreasing; middle age groups are stable while ages 65 and older are increasing and among all age groups, less than 5% changes among the age categories.

Race/Ethnicity

A comparison of the racial/ethnic population for the Park District in the years 2020, 2024 and 2029 is shown below.

Mokena Park District Race & Ethnicity



Mokena Park District Race & Ethnicity, 2020-2029				
Race & Ethnicity	2020	2024	2029	Trend
White Alone	88.2%	86.7%	85.1%	Small Decrease
Black Alone	2.0%	2.2%	2.4%	Small Increase
American Indian Alone	0.3%	0.3%	0.3%	Stable
Asian Alone	2.2%	2.6%	3.0%	Small Increase
Pacific Islander Alone	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	Stable
Some Other Race Alone	1.2%	1.4%	1.6%	Small Increase
Two or More Races	6.1%	6.8%	7.6%	Small Increase
Hispanic Origin (Any Race)	6.6%	7.6%	8.6%	Small Increase

Trend Line: Generally, white alone is decreasing while all other race & ethnicity categories are stable or increasing but less than 5% changes among the categories.

Household Information

In 2024, the Mokena Park District had 5,324 housing units with a 90.6% owner-occupied housing rate, compared to 9.4% renter-occupied rate.

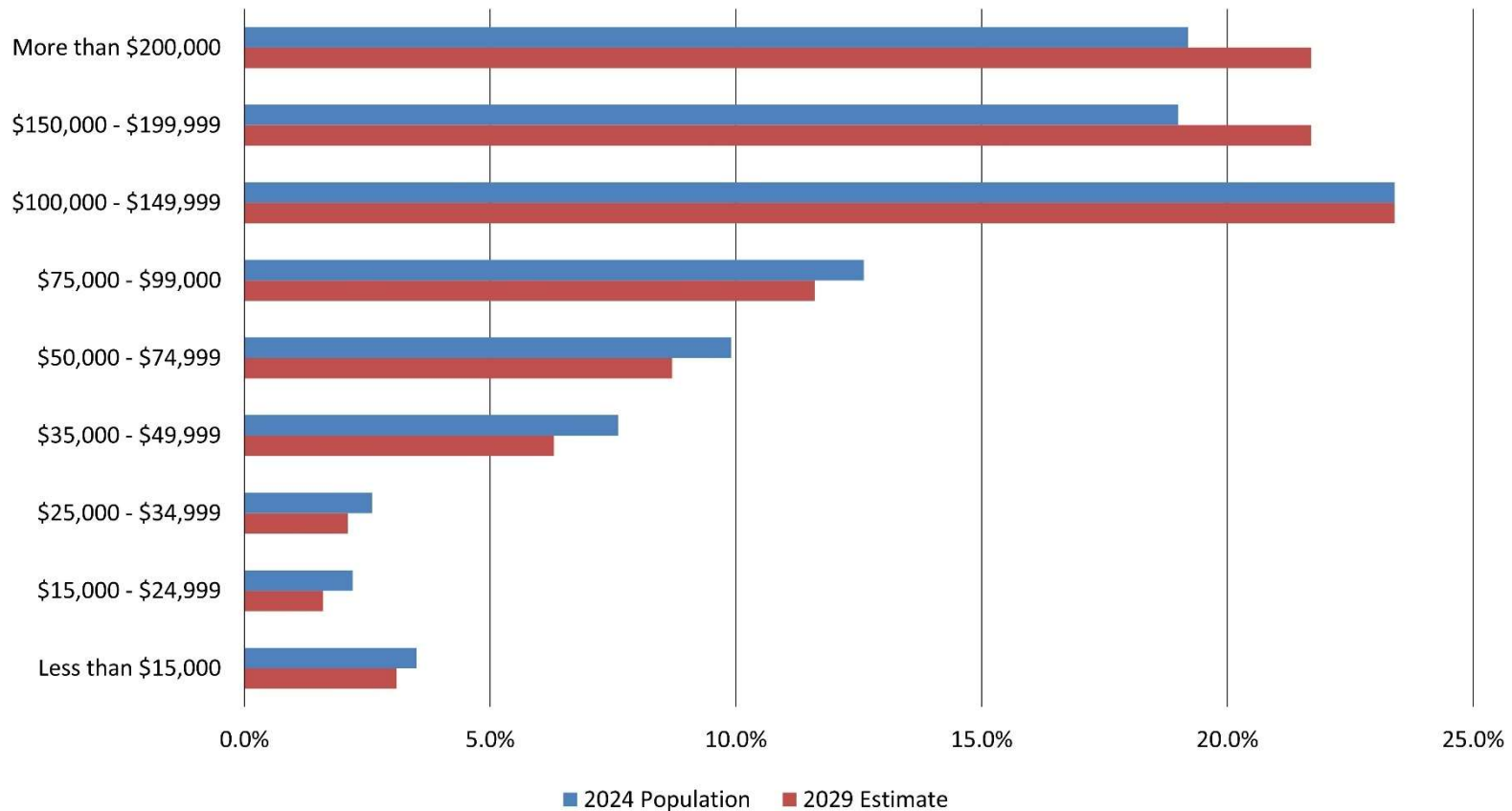
Mokena Park District Household Statistics, 2024

Household Summary	2024
Total Households	9,374
Average Household Size	2.71
Families	7,123
Total Housing Units	9,697
Owner Occupied	8,498
Renter Occupied	876
Vacant	323
Percent Occupied	96.7%
Percent Vacant	3.3%

Household Income

A comparison of the household income for the Park District in the years 2024 and 2029 is shown below.

Mokena Park District Household Income



The median household income for the Park District is \$119,278, which is above the median household income in Illinois of \$81,702.

Mokena Park District Annual Household Income, 2024-2029			
Household Income	2024	2029	Trend
Less than \$15,000	3.5%	3.1%	Small Decrease
\$15,000 - \$24,999	2.2%	1.6%	Small Decrease
\$25,000 - \$34,999	2.6%	2.1%	Small Decrease
\$35,000 - \$49,999	7.6%	6.3%	Small Decrease
\$50,000 - \$74,999	9.9%	8.7%	Small Decrease
\$75,000 - \$99,000	12.6%	11.6%	Stable
\$100,000 - \$149,999	23.4%	23.4%	Small Increase
\$150,000 - \$199,999	19.0%	21.7%	Small Increase
More than \$200,000	19.2%	21.7%	Small Increase

Trend Line: Generally, the majority of low to middle income levels are decreasing while the top income levels are stable or increasing but less than 5% changes among the categories.

Recreation Perceptions

An interesting demographic data set generated by ESRI is recreation expenditures and the Tapestry profile that is shown below. The Tapestry Segment profile had the following top five segments ranked at:

Number 1: LifeMode Group: Family Landscapes: Workday Drive (4A) 36.0%

Workday Drive is an affluent, family-oriented market with a country flavor. Residents are partial to new housing away from the bustle of the city but close enough to commute to professional job centers. Life in this suburban wilderness offsets the hectic pace of two working parents with growing children. They favor time-saving devices, like banking online or housekeeping services, and family-oriented pursuits.

Number 2: LifeMode Group: Affluent Estates: Savvy Suburbanites (1D) 34.6%

Savvy Suburbanites residents are well educated, well read, and well capitalized. Families include empty nesters and empty nester wannabes, who still have adult children at home. Located in older neighborhoods outside the urban core, their suburban lifestyle includes home remodeling and gardening plus the active pursuit of sports and exercise. They enjoy good food and wine, plus the amenities of the city's cultural events.

Number 3: LifeMode Group: GenXurban: In Style (5B) 10.8%

In Style denizens embrace an urbane lifestyle that includes support of the arts, travel, and extensive reading. They are connected and make full use of the advantages of mobile devices. Professional couples or single households without children have the time to focus on their homes and their interests. The population is slightly older and already planning for their retirement.

Number 4: LifeMode Group: Affluent Estates: Professional Pride (1B) 10.7%

Professional Pride consumers are well-educated career professionals that have prospered through the Great Recession. To maintain their upscale suburban lifestyles, these goal-oriented couples work, often commuting far and working long hours. However, their schedules are finetuned to meet the needs of their school-age children. They are financially savvy; they invest wisely and benefit from interest and dividend income. So far, these established families have accumulated an average of US\$1.6 million dollars in net worth, and their annual household income runs at more than twice the US level. They take pride in their newer homes and spend valuable time and energy upgrading. Their homes are furnished with the latest in-home trends, including finished base

Number 5: LifeMode Group: Family Landscapes: Home Improvement (4B) 7.9%

Married-couple families occupy well over half of these suburban households. Most Home Improvement residences are single-family homes that are owner occupied, with only one-fifth of the households occupied by renters. Education and diversity levels are similar to the US as a whole. These families spend a lot of time on the go and therefore tend to eat out regularly. When at home, weekends are consumed with home improvement and remodeling projects.

Trend Line: The Tapestry Segmentation profiles appear to line up with the demographic profiles in terms of age, income and households.

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Tapestry Profile

MCPD Zip 1
Area: 16.29 square miles

Prepared by Esri



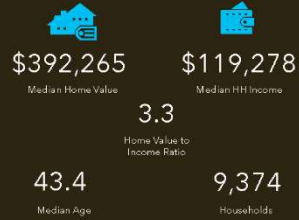
TAPESTRY SEGMENTATION

The Fabric of America's Neighborhoods

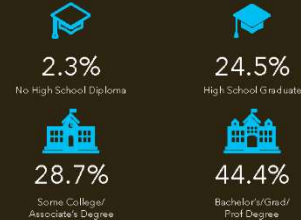
Tapestry LifeMode

LifeMode	Households	HHs %	% US HHs	Index
Affluent Estates (L1)	4,244	45.27%	10.11%	448
Upscale Avenues (L2)	0	0.00%	5.50%	0
Uptown Individuals (L3)	0	0.00%	3.91%	0
Family Landscapes (L4)	4,119	43.94%	7.91%	556
GenXurban (L5)	1,011	10.79%	11.14%	97
Cozy Country Living (L6)	0	0.00%	11.81%	0
Sprouting Explorers (L7)	0	0.00%	7.53%	0
Middle Ground (L8)	0	0.00%	10.81%	0
Senior Styles (L9)	0	0.00%	5.79%	0
Rustic Outposts (L10)	0	0.00%	7.94%	0
Midtown Singles (L11)	0	0.00%	6.24%	0
Hometown (L12)	0	0.00%	5.88%	0
Next Wave (L13)	0	0.00%	3.88%	0
Scholars and Patriots (L14)	0	0.00%	1.57%	0

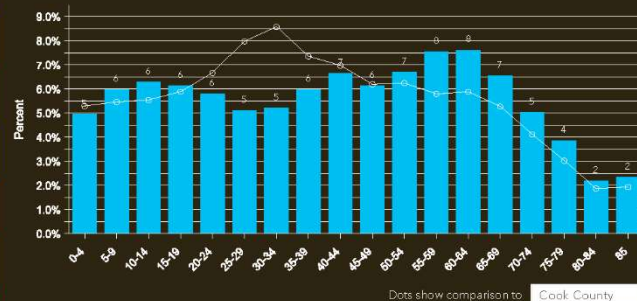
Key Facts



Education

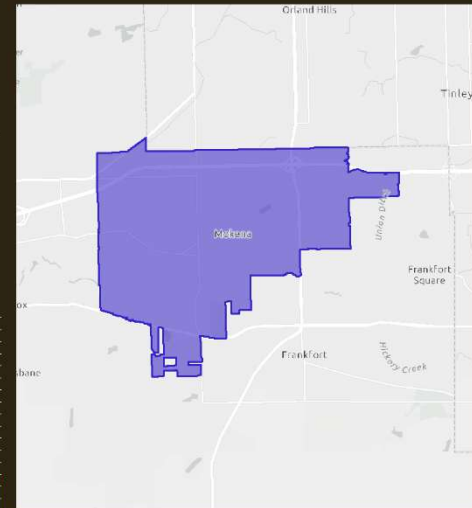


Age Profile



2024 Households by income (Esri)
The largest group: \$100,000 - \$149,999 (23.4%)
The smallest group: \$15,000 - \$24,999 (2.2%)

Indicator	Value	Diff
<\$15,000	3.5%	-6.5%
\$15,000 - \$24,999	2.2%	-3.9%
\$25,000 - \$34,999	2.6%	-3.8%
\$35,000 - \$49,999	7.6%	-1.5%
\$50,000 - \$74,999	9.9%	-4.5%
\$75,000 - \$99,999	12.6%	+0.7%
\$100,000 - \$149,999	23.4%	+5.9%
\$150,000 - \$199,999	19.0%	+5.6%
\$200,000+	19.2%	+4.9%



Tapestry segments

4A Workday Drive	3,379 households	36.0% of Households
1D Savvy Suburbanites	3,245 households	34.6% of Households
5B In Style	1,011 households	10.8% of Households

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Conclusion

The conclusion regarding the Mokena Park District's demographic profile over the next five years will be one of small changes in key demographic indicators. The growth rate is forecasted to be flat and possibly a small decrease. The trends for population, age, race/ethnicity and households are forecasted with very little movement up or down. These slight changes could have modest effects mainly on the programming and to a lesser degree park and facility needs of the community for the years to come.



Community Wide Survey Findings & Highlights

The Public Research Group LLC provides a variety of data gathering techniques and types of analysis to help park and recreation agencies identify the needs of their residents. The data gathering techniques used for this study included a random sample survey using postcard mailing and email delivery methods.

Public Research Group, LLC (PRG) conducted a Community Survey during the Spring of 2025 for the Mokena Community Park District. The purpose of the survey was to gather resident opinions to help set future priorities for the Park District. The survey was designed to obtain statistically valid results from a random sample of households throughout the Mokena Community Park District. The consultant worked comprehensively with the Park District staff during the survey process.

The survey data was collected from a postcard mailer and follow up email reminders. The goal was to obtain a total of at least 300 survey responses. The goal was exceeded with a total of 323 responses received. Statistically, a sample of 323 households provides a margin of error of plus or minus 5.1% at a 95% confidence level ensuring that the findings are representative of the residents of the Park District.

Survey respondents were asked to complete a survey with a total of 26 questions. Within those questions, there were approximately 550 variables, leading to 14,300 possible data points, most of which were statistically quantifiable with only a limited number of open-ended questions. The open-ended questions were summarized.

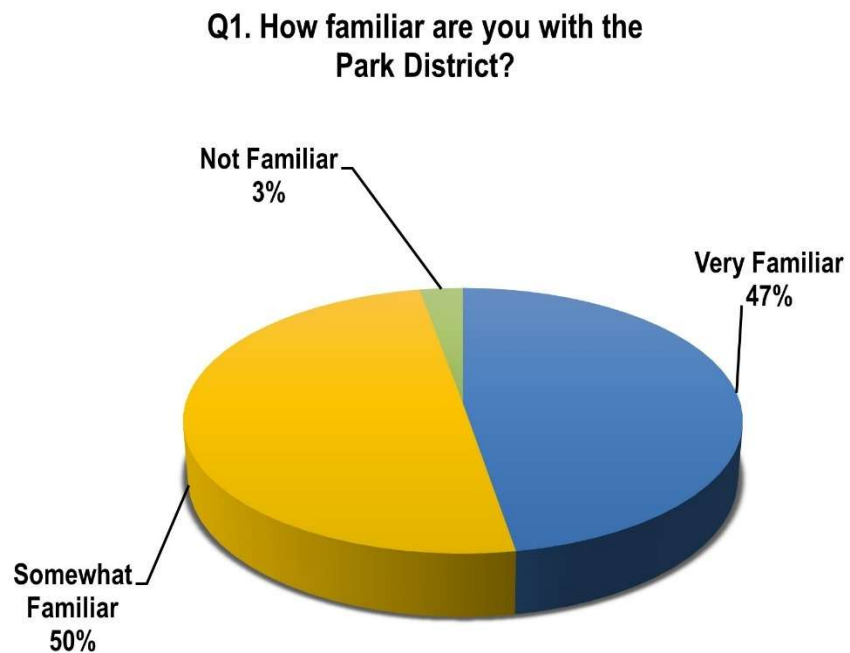
A review and analysis of key questions from the 2025 survey is provided along with a comparative analysis of the 2017 survey results where possible can be found on the next pages.

In addition to residents randomly selected to participate, the public was invited to complete the survey. A total of 53 survey responses were obtained from the opt-in general population survey. The survey responses were generally similar in nature to the random sample.

Experiences & Satisfaction

Q1. How familiar are you with the Park District?

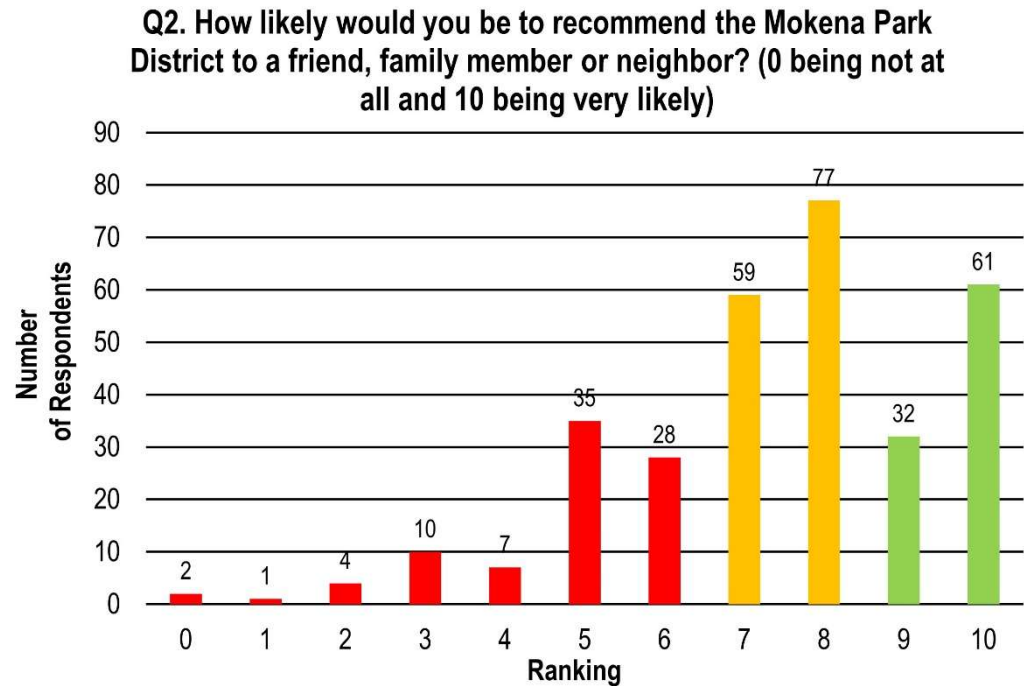
97% of respondents are either somewhat or very familiar with the Park District. This indicates an above level of community awareness, which is a positive foundation for engagement and future communication efforts as well as the Park District's visibility is strong.



Q2. How likely would you be to recommend the Mokena Park District to a friend, family member or neighbor? (0 being not at all and 10 being very likely)

Another approach to gauge brand loyalty to the Park District is the use of The Net Promoter Score. It is linked to customer loyalty and positive word-of-mouth, in which a high NPS suggests the potential for greater retention and more opportunities for growth. This question had an overall score of 2.19. At 2.19, the Mokena Park District falls within the “good but needs improvement” category. This score suggests that while many residents are satisfied and may recommend the Park District, there are noticeable pockets of dissatisfaction or unmet expectations that are holding back stronger loyalty and brand advocacy.

Promoters	29.4%
Passives	43.0%
Detractors	27.5%



Q2a. What is the most important reason for your score? (Please be as specific as possible)

The following table highlights the major categories as well as a summary of the responses.

Category	Strengths	Concerns/Needs
Parks & Facilities	Clean, well-maintained, scenic	Some outdated or underutilized
Programs	Variety for kids, family, fitness	Gaps for teens, adults, seniors
Affordability	Good value mentioned by some	Many cite high fees for residents
Communication	Staff is friendly	Website and info-sharing inconsistent
Inclusivity	Safe, community-oriented atmosphere	Lacks programming for special needs and underserved demographics
Amenities	The Oaks is praised	Desire for pool, better fitness amenities, indoor playground

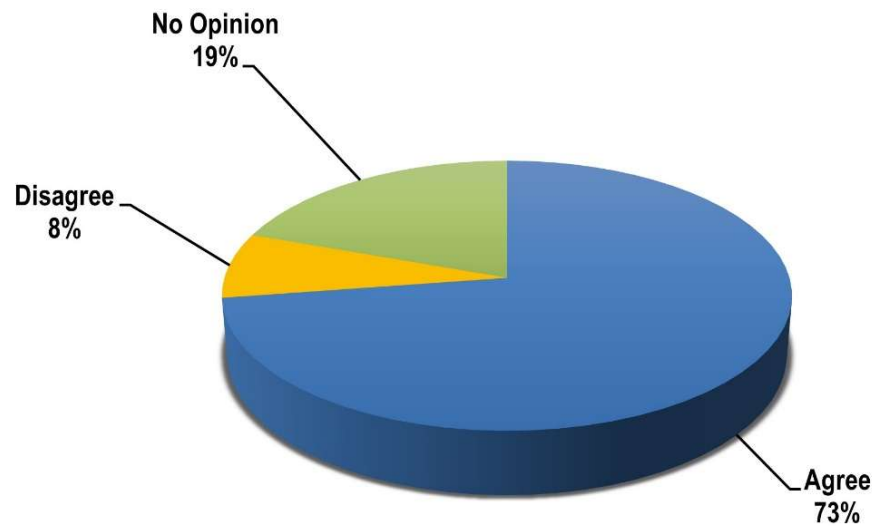
The following Recommendations could help to improve future NPS scoring:

1. Address Common Pain Points:
 - Review and revise program pricing and refund policies
 - Expand offerings for underrepresented age groups (e.g., older kids, adults under 50, seniors)
2. Enhance Communication and Outreach:
 - Better promotion of underused amenities and events
 - Improve transparency and responsiveness to community feedback
3. Leverage Promoters:
 - Encourage positive word-of-mouth from highly satisfied users (e.g., members who love The Oaks or specific programs)
 - Create testimonials, referrals, and ambassador programs
4. Re-engage Passives and Convert Them to Promoters:
 - Offer surveys, personalized emails, or follow-ups asking how their experience could be improved

Q3. The Mokena Community Park District aims to enhance residents’ quality of life through its programs, events, parks, trails, and facilities. Do you agree that it contributes to your quality of life?

Respondents were asked if they agreed with the statement that the Mokena Community Park District contributes to their quality of life. The graph below shows the responses. Overall, responses were very favorable for the Park District with 73% said they “Agree”. This high level of agreement suggests that the Park District is seen as a positive influence on residents' lives — through parks, events, programs, and facilities like The Oaks. It also reinforces the role of the Park District as a community asset that supports recreation, wellness, and social connection.

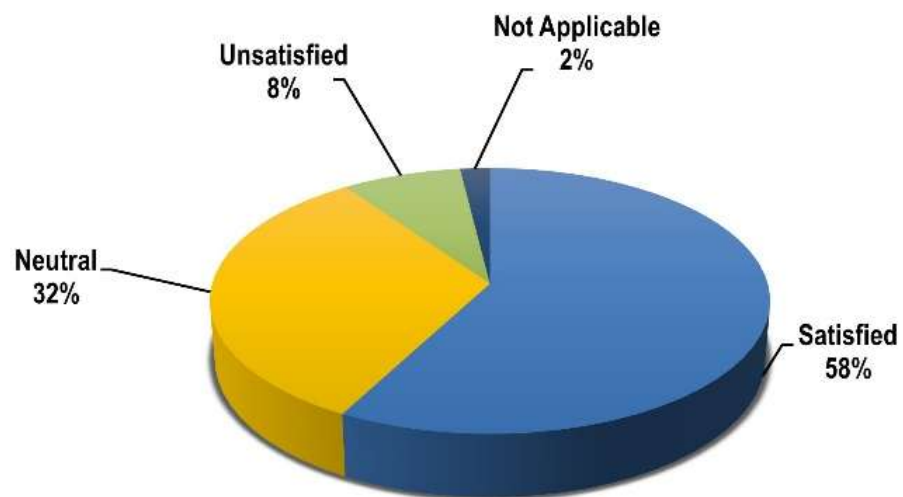
Q3. Would you agree that the Park District contributes to your quality of life?



Q4. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the Mokena Community Park District?

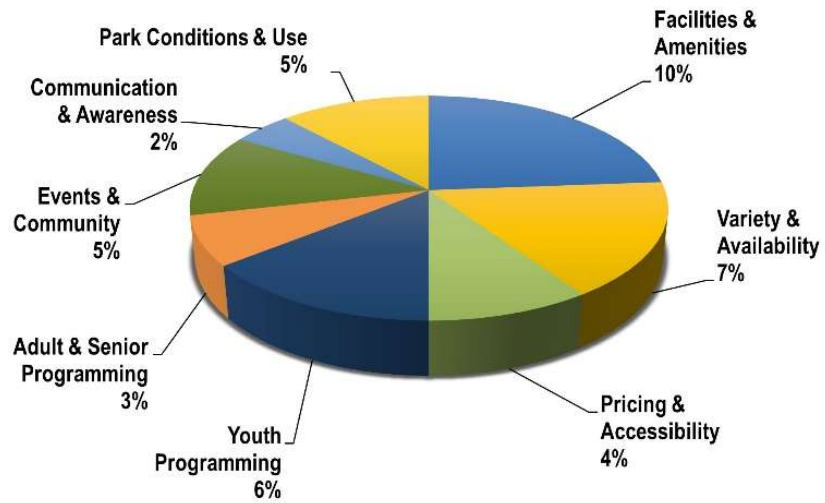
58% of respondents said they were satisfied overall with the Mokena Community Park District. A follow up question was asked to explore why respondents were unsatisfied.

Q4. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the Park District?

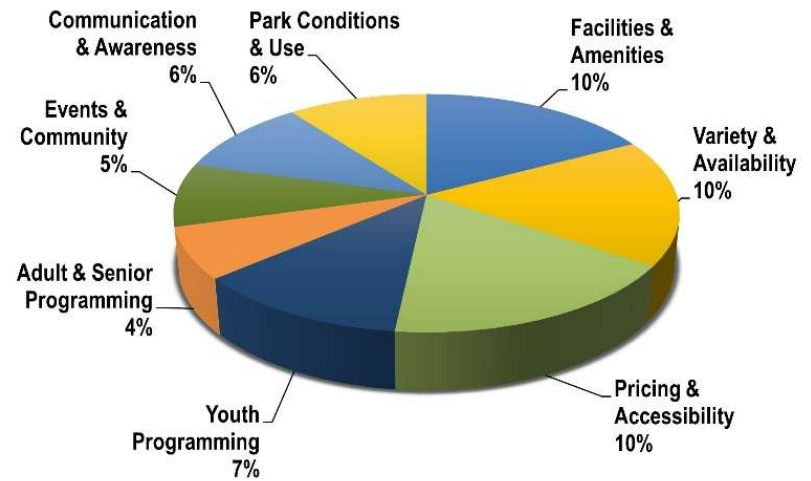


The following charts illustrate a summary of the primary categories generated from an analysis of the open-ended responses.

Positive Feedback



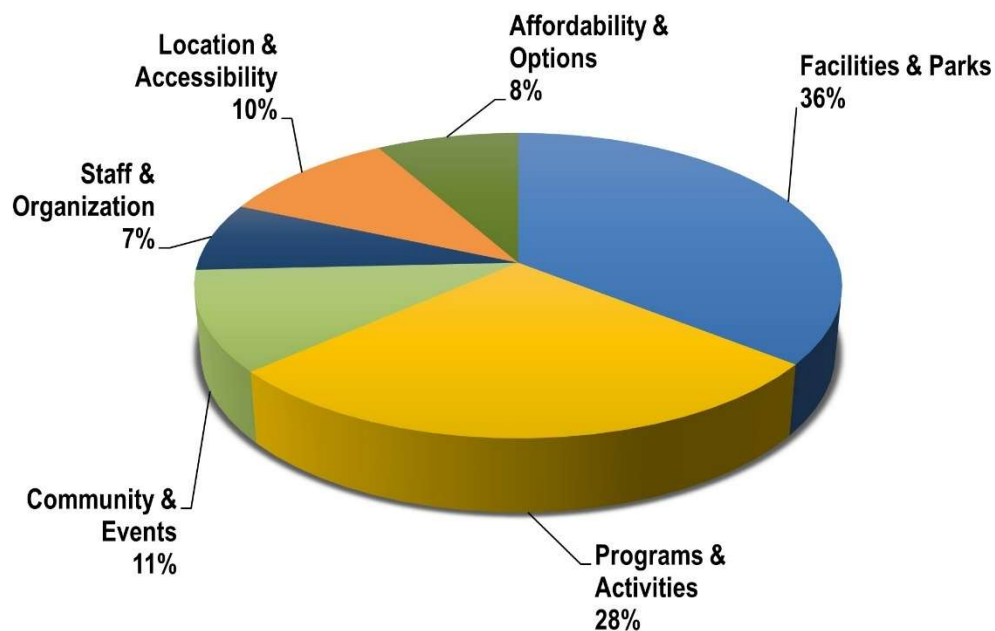
Negative Feedback



Q5. What is the one thing you like most about the Park District?

The responses paint a picture of a well-rounded and highly valued Park District. The physical assets (parks and facilities) and programming are particularly appreciated. Parks & Facilities are the most valued aspect, showing strong appreciation for the quality and variety of park spaces and physical infrastructure. A close second is programs & activities, indicating that recreational offerings, classes, and events are central to the community's positive leisure experiences.

Q5. What is the one thing you like most about the Park District?

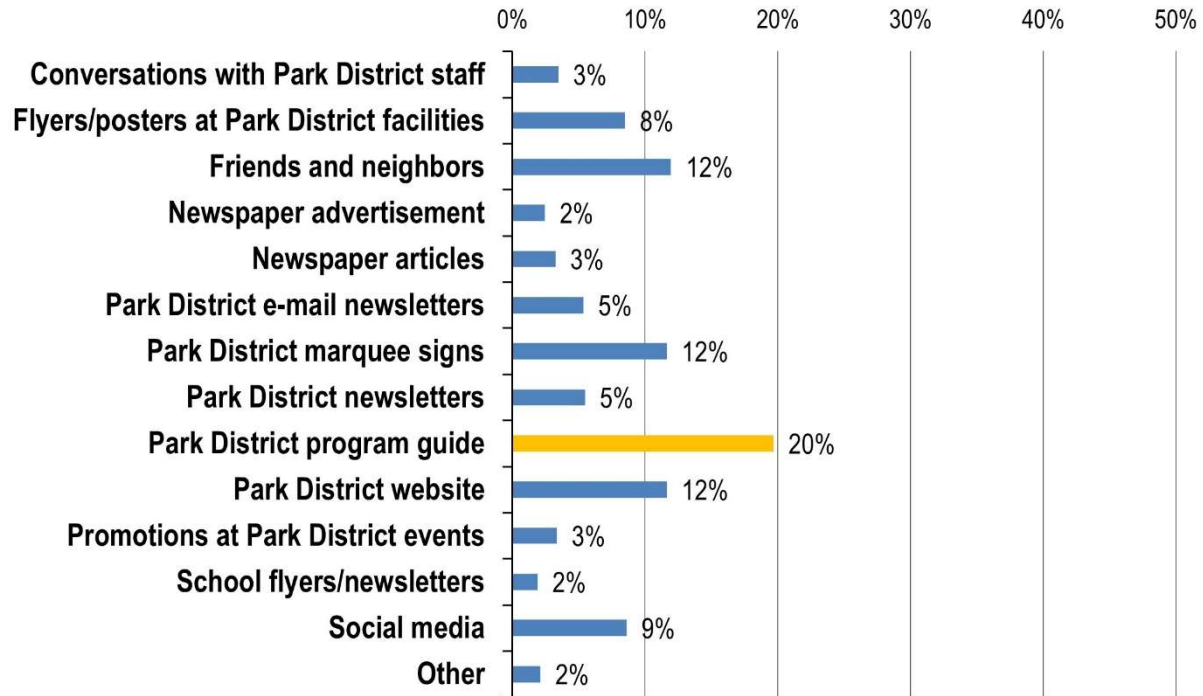


Communication

Q6. How do you learn about the Mokena Park District?

The top three responses were the Park District Program Guide (20%), Friends and Neighbors (12%) and the Park District Website (12%). The other responses, including long-term connection and location-based exposure (e.g., growing up in the area, living nearby, or driving past) are major factors in familiarity followed by printed communication, Word-of-mouth and personal involvement all contribute to awareness.

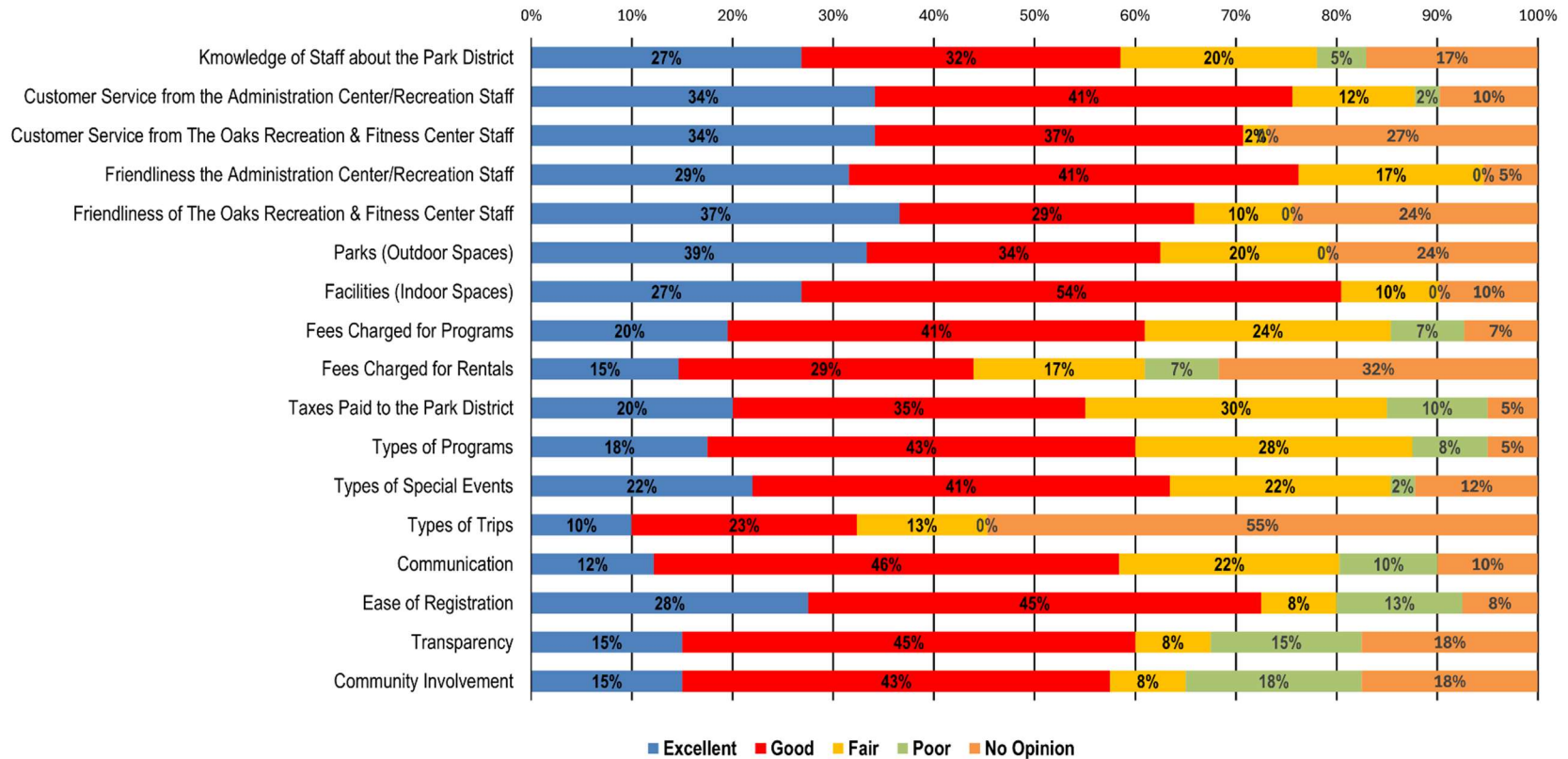
Q6. How do you learn about the Mokena Park District? (Choose all that apply)



Expectations

The bar graph shows how respondents rated the Mokena Park District across various service areas, indicating how well the Park District is meeting community expectations. The Park District reveals a generally positive perception, particularly in areas related to staff interaction and outdoor spaces. Respondents rated customer service and friendliness of both the Administration Center and The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center staff highly, indicating strong satisfaction with front-line personnel. Outdoor parks also received favorable ratings, reflecting appreciation for accessible and well-maintained public spaces. However, several areas show room for improvement. Categories such as fees for programs and rentals, transparency, and community involvement received more mixed responses, with notable percentages indicating “fair,” “poor,” or “no opinion.” Particularly, a high number of respondents expressed no opinion on special events and trips, suggesting limited participation or lack of awareness. While the Park District is clearly meeting expectations in many core service areas, there is an opportunity to enhance communication, promote lesser-known offerings, and improve perceptions around cost and transparency to further strengthen community engagement and satisfaction.

Q7. Please rate the Park District in meeting your expectations for the following areas below.



Recreation

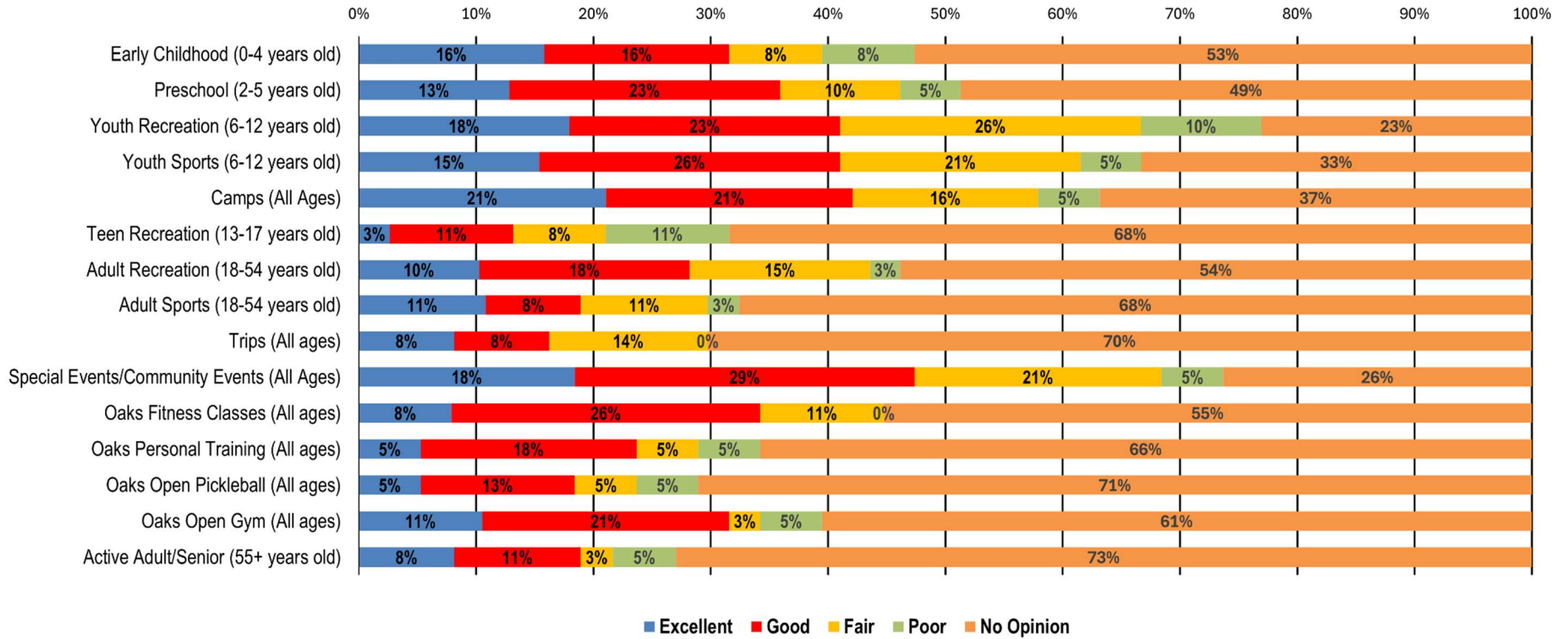
Q8. Please rate the overall quality of the Park District recreation programs for the following specific age groups below.

Most respondents clearly lean toward positive ratings, with the majority marking the Park District’s programs as either *Excellent* or *Good*. This reflects a generally strong approval across many age groups and program types, highlighting that the community values the quality and impact of these recreation offerings. While some categories have room to grow, the overall sentiment shows a solid foundation of satisfaction that the Park District can build on.

Programs for young children, like Early Childhood and Preschool, enjoy high satisfaction, while youth and teen programs show more mixed feedback and higher levels of no opinion, indicating possible under-engagement or awareness gaps. Adult and senior offerings receive moderate ratings, with notable opportunities to increase participation and improve such experience. Facilities like The Oaks Fitness Classes and Personal Training have reasonable approval ratings but also significant unknowns among respondents, suggesting room for better outreach. Overall, the data points to strengths in early childhood and community events, while highlighting areas where targeted improvements and increased visibility could boost satisfaction and usage.

In review of previous research in the field, the Park District is slightly below average in terms of rating of excellent or good

Q8. Please rate the overall quality of the Park District recreation programs for the following specific age groups below.



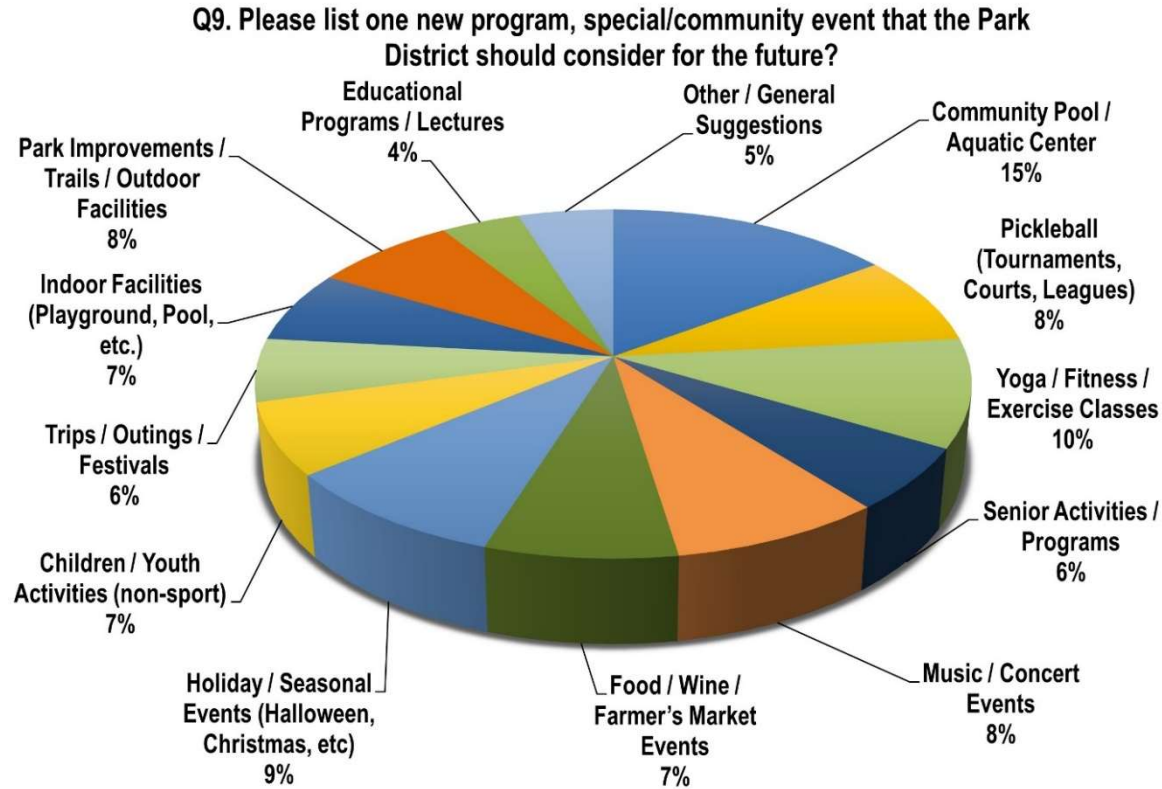
Q9. Please list one new program, special/community event that the Park District should consider for the future?

The responses revealed strong interest in expanding recreational amenities and events. The most frequent request was for a community pool or aquatic center, with many residents emphasizing the need for both indoor and outdoor options accessible year-round. Pickleball was another major theme, including calls for more open play, leagues, and tournaments, some noting success with similar fundraisers elsewhere. Residents also expressed enthusiasm for additional festivals and community gatherings such as a “Taste of Mokena,” wine and food events, concerts, and seasonal celebrations like spring or summer festivals.

Many suggested improving or adding fitness and wellness programs, particularly yoga, Tai Chi, Jazzercise, and Pilates reformer classes, as well as expanding evening and weekend hours at the gym. Seniors requested more trips, social opportunities, and wellness classes geared toward their needs.

Several comments focused on youth programming, including swimming lessons, sports leagues, and creative one-day activities.

The following chart illustrates a summary of the primary categories generated from an analysis of the open-ended responses.



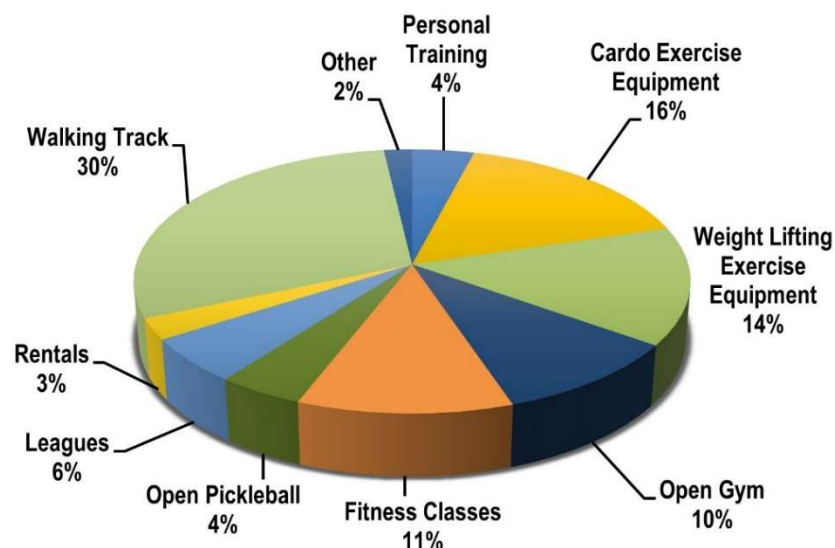
Q10. Do you use the Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center?

According to the results, 57% of respondents said “No”, while 43% said “Yes.” This indicates that a majority of community members do not currently utilize the facility. The data suggests opportunities to increase participation.

Q11. What types of activities do you use at the Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center?

This chart shows how current users engage with the Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center. The most common activity is the walking track (30%), indicating that many participants prefer low-impact exercise options. Cardio exercise equipment (16%) and weight-lifting equipment (14%) are also widely used, reflecting steady interest in traditional fitness activities. Fitness classes (11%) and open gym use (10%) follow, showing that both structured and flexible workout options appeal to members. Smaller but notable participation comes from leagues (6%), personal training (4%), and open pickleball (4%), with rentals (3%) and other uses (2%) rounding out the responses. Overall, these results highlight diverse usage patterns, with the walking track and exercise equipment being the top draws, while specialized and social activities like classes, leagues, and pickleball offer valuable variety.

Q11.What types of activities do you use at the Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center?



Q12. Do you have a membership at the Oak's Recreation and Fitness Center?

A slight majority, 56%, reported having a membership, while 44% said they do not. This suggests that over half of respondents are currently engaged with the facility at least through membership, though there remains a sizable portion of the community not yet participating.

Q12a. If you answered No, please tell us why?

The feedback highlights several recurring themes. The most common concern is cost, with many respondents describing the membership as too expensive compared to other gyms or expressing frustration that resident rates aren't more competitive. Several noted that affordability is especially challenging for seniors and families on fixed incomes. Another frequent issue was the removal of childcare services, which caused many past members, particularly parents of young children, to discontinue their memberships. A limited number of respondents also mentioned limited hours, crowding, and a lack of amenities such as an indoor pool as reasons for not joining or renewing.

Others cited personal circumstances like health issues, scheduling conflicts, or preferring to work out at home or elsewhere. Overall, the responses indicate that pricing, childcare, and amenity options are the primary barriers to greater participation.



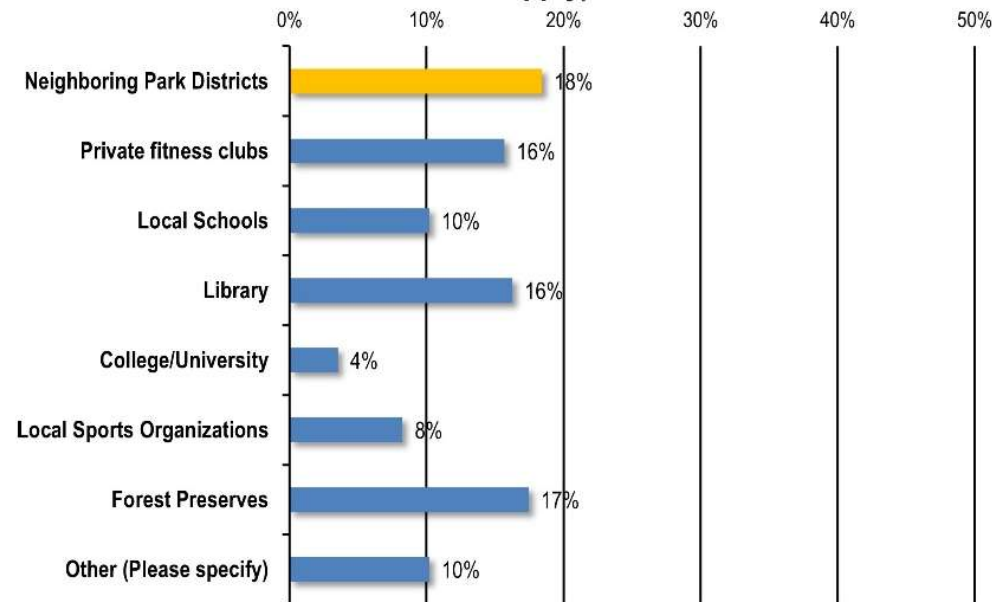
Q13. Do you or any of your household go outside the Mokena Community Park District for recreation programs and/or services?

62% answered "Yes" indicating most respondents seek recreational opportunities beyond the local Park District which could suggest unmet needs, preferences for variety, or opportunities for program expansion within Mokena.

Q13a. Where do you or members of your household go for recreation programs and/or services? (Choose all that apply)

Households most often use neighboring Park Districts, forest preserves, private fitness clubs, and libraries for recreation, while schools, sports organizations, and universities are used less frequently.

Q13a. Where else do you or members of your household go for recreation programs and/or services? (Choose all that apply)



Q13b. If you go outside of the Park District for recreational services, why do you find it necessary to do so? (Choose all that apply)

Q13b. If you go outside of the Mokena Park District for recreational services, why do you find it necessary to do so? (Choose all that apply)



The survey results indicate that the top reason residents go outside of the Mokena Park District for recreational services is categorized as “Other” (23%). Many residents cited the lack of a pool or aquatics programs (swimming, aqua aerobics, water fitness) as a major reason for seeking services elsewhere, with repeated mentions of “we don’t have a pool.” Other common themes included the desire for more program variety (such as cheer, gymnastics, advanced dance, child activities, senior programs, and special needs–friendly options) and better facilities or amenities (paved bike trails, larger walking track, better playground surfaces, newer equipment, golf courses, and childcare at gyms).

Several respondents also mentioned pricing concerns, particularly for single adults and seniors, noting that other providers offered cheaper or more flexible membership options. Additional comments highlighted inconvenient hours, dissatisfaction with staff knowledge, and a preference for community events, concerts, and other recreational opportunities available in neighboring towns.

Beyond that, common reasons include lower prices from other providers (18%), better facilities elsewhere (17%), and programs being offered at inconvenient times (16%). Smaller shares of respondents cited following friends (10%), lack of awareness about offerings (7%), and better staffing at other providers (6%). Very few attributed their choice to a belief that programs might be canceled (1%) or have no interest in recreation programs (3%).

Overall, the findings highlight cost, quality of facilities, and scheduling as the main competitive challenges for the Park District, alongside a notable proportion of residents pointing to unlisted concerns



Parks & Facilities

Q14. How often do you visit the Mokena Community Park District parks?

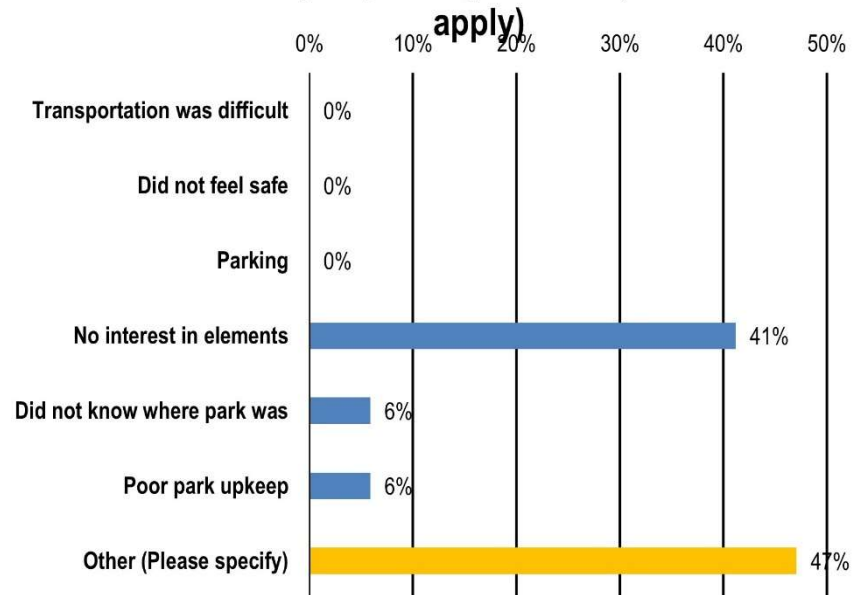
The survey results show that most residents visit the Mokena Community Park District parks regularly, with 39% visiting weekly and 26% monthly. A smaller share uses the parks yearly (17%) or daily (8%), while 10% report never visiting. Overall, the findings suggest that the parks are a well-used community resource, with most residents engaging at least monthly.

Q14a. Did any of the following factors prevent you or a household member from visiting a Park District? (Choose all that apply)

The results indicate that the main barriers preventing residents from visiting Mokena Park District parks, facilities, or trails are a lack of interest in available elements (41%) and reasons categorized as “Other” (47%). A smaller share noted poor park upkeep (6%) or not knowing where the park was located (6%). No respondents reported issues with transportation, safety, or parking.

Overall, the findings suggest that the biggest challenges are program and facility relevance/appeal and other unspecified factors, rather than accessibility or safety concerns.

Q14a. Did any of the following factors prevent you or a household member from visiting a Mokena Park District park, facility or trail? (Choose all that apply)



The “other responses” explained that they do not visit Mokena Park District parks or facilities because of life stage changes, such as their children being grown or too old for the available programs. Respondents also cited time constraints from work schedules or being too busy and new residents who have not yet had a chance to explore the offerings. A few respondents mentioned that the Park District does not provide activities they are interested in. Overall, the comments reinforce that limited personal relevance, busy schedules, and being new to the area are the primary reasons.

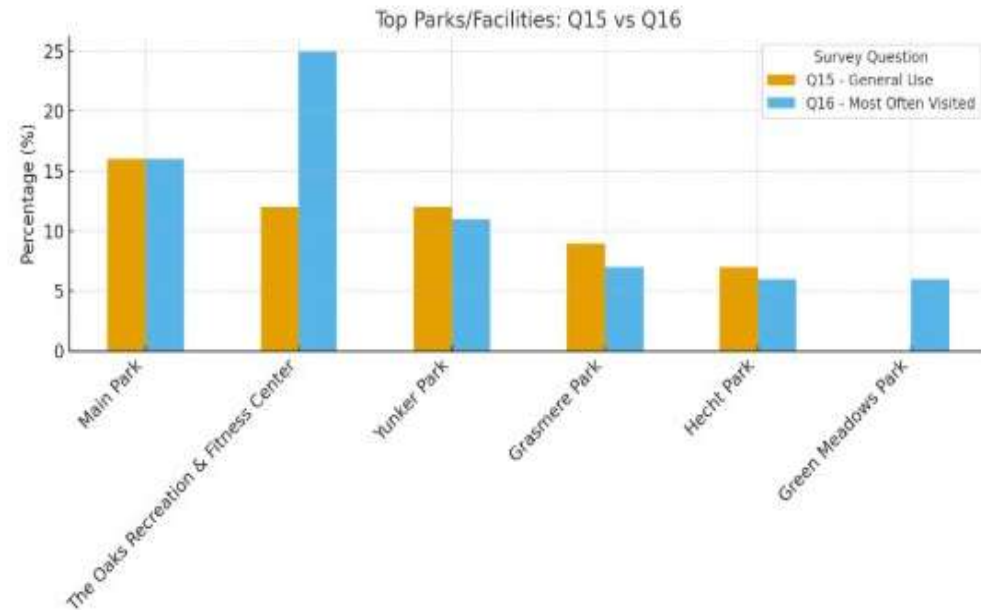


Q15. Which of the following Park District parks and facilities do you or other members of your household use? (Choose all that apply)

Main Park is by far the most popular, most frequently used park and facility with 16% of respondents reporting household use. Following this, The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center and Yunker Park (Dog park, Splash pad, etc.) are equally popular, each drawing 12% of users. Grasmere Park also stands out with 9%, while Hecht Park rounds out the top five at 7%. These findings indicate that larger community parks and those with specialized amenities, such as fitness centers and splash pads, attract the highest levels of engagement. In contrast, many smaller parks, including London Bridge Park and Tinley Gardens Park, reported little to no use, suggesting a potential lack of visibility, accessibility, or appeal compared to more centrally located or better-equipped parks and facilities.

Q16. Which do you most often visit from this list?

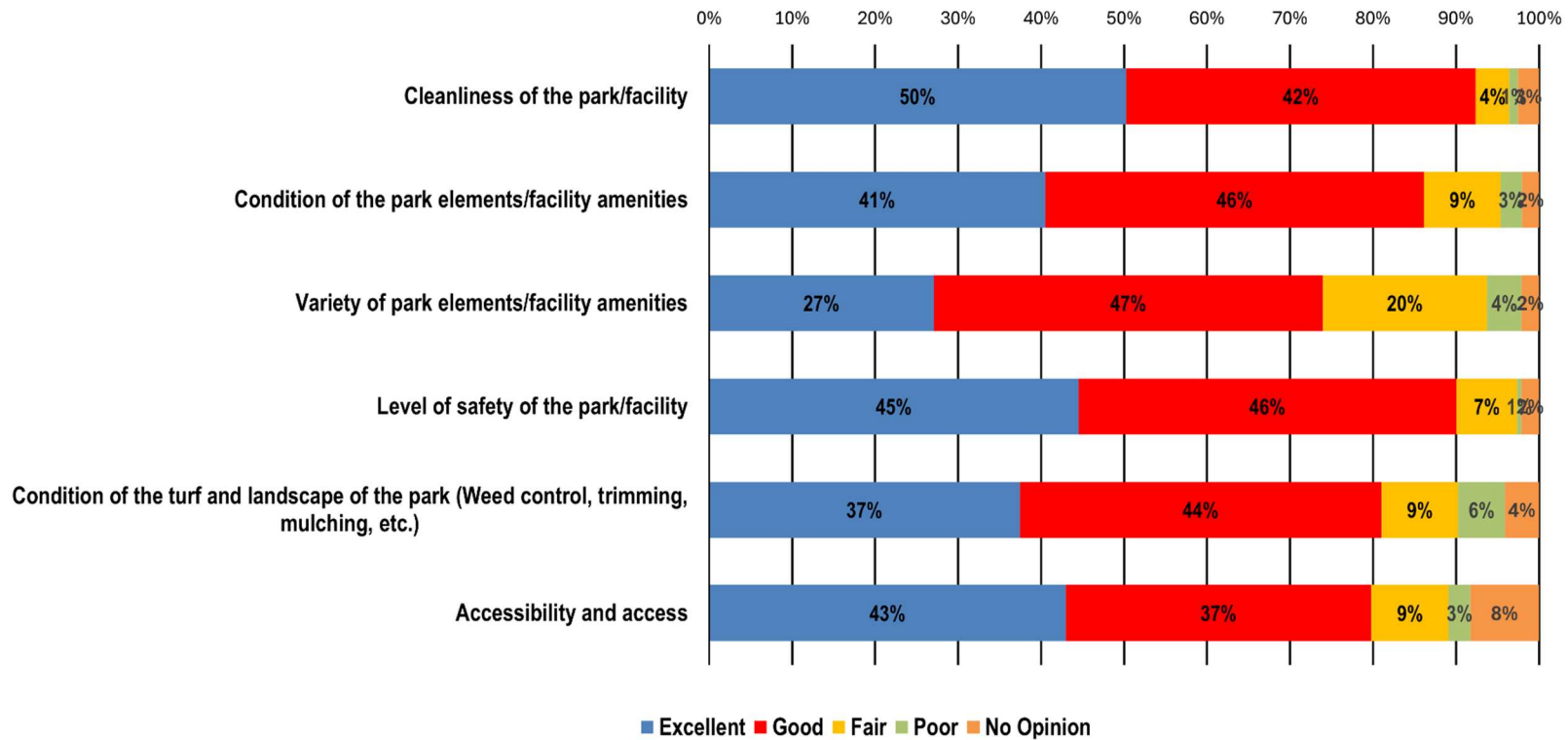
The comparison between general use (Q15) and most often visited (Q16) highlights key differences in how residents engage with Park District facilities. Main Park shows steady engagement, with 16% in both questions, indicating it is widely used and regularly visited. The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center demonstrates the most significant shift, moving from 12% in general use to 25% as the most often visited facility, underscoring its strong role as a primary destination. Yunker Park also performs consistently well, ranking in the top three for both usage and frequency. Meanwhile, Grasmere Park and Hecht Park maintain moderate but loyal usage levels. Notably, Green Meadows Park emerges only in Q16, suggesting a smaller but dedicated visitor base. Overall, the data shows that while many parks are used occasionally, a few key facilities serve as primary anchors for frequent visitation.



Q17. Please rate your feelings about that park or facility from Question 16 for you and your household.

The data shows that residents are very satisfied overall, especially with cleanliness and safety, but would benefit most from expanded variety of amenities, stronger landscaping consistency, and better accessibility improvements. Survey results show strong satisfaction with park cleanliness and safety, both receiving over 90% positive ratings, while turf maintenance and accessibility also scored well. However, the variety of amenities emerged as the most significant area for improvement, with 20% rating it only “Fair.” To address this, the Park District should prioritize expanding recreational options, enhancing landscaping consistency, and improving accessibility features. Maintaining high standards for cleanliness and safety while adding diverse amenities will strengthen overall community satisfaction and increase park usage.

Q17. Please rate your feelings about that park or facility from Question 16 for you and your household.

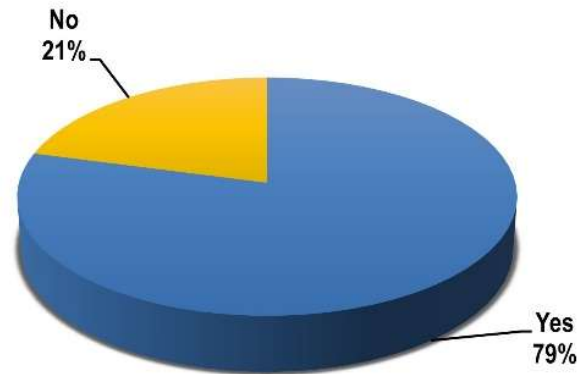


Yunker Farm

Q18. Do you feel the Park District should design and construct the next phase of park improvements on the vacant portion of Yunker Park?

79% of residents responded yes to design and constructing the vacant portion of Yunker Park.

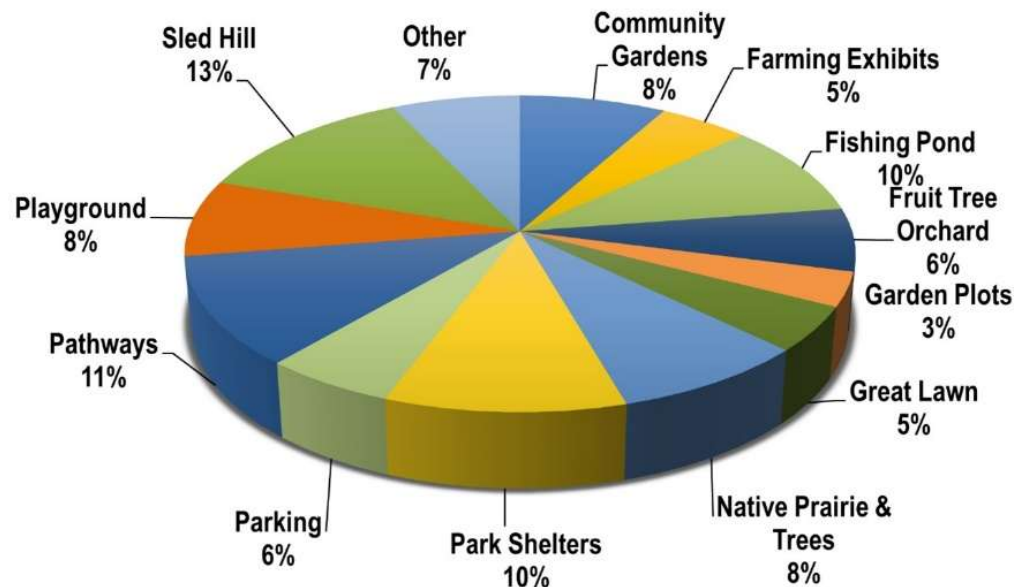
Q18. Do you feel the Park District should design and construct the next phase of park improvements on the vacant portion of Yunker Park?



Q18a. Which of the following would be important to you and your household in the future improvements of Yunker Park? (Check all that apply)

The chart highlights the amenities and improvements that households consider important for the future of Yunker Park. The most valued features include the Sled Hill (13%), Pathways (11%), Fishing Pond (10%), and Park Shelters (10%), which show strong community interest in recreational and outdoor activity spaces. Other notable preferences are Playgrounds (8%), Community Gardens (8%), and Native Prairie & Trees (8%), reflecting a desire for both family-friendly and environmentally focused amenities. Smaller but still meaningful support is seen for Parking (6%), Fruit Tree Orchard (6%), Farming Exhibits (5%), Great Lawn (5%), and Garden Plots (3%), while “Other” improvements (7%) indicate diverse additional community ideas. Overall, residents favor a balanced mix of recreational, natural, and family-oriented amenities.

Q18a. Which of the following would be important to you and your household in the future improvements of Yunker Park? (Check all that apply)



Park Amenities

Q19. Please rate the following park amenities that are important for you and your household.

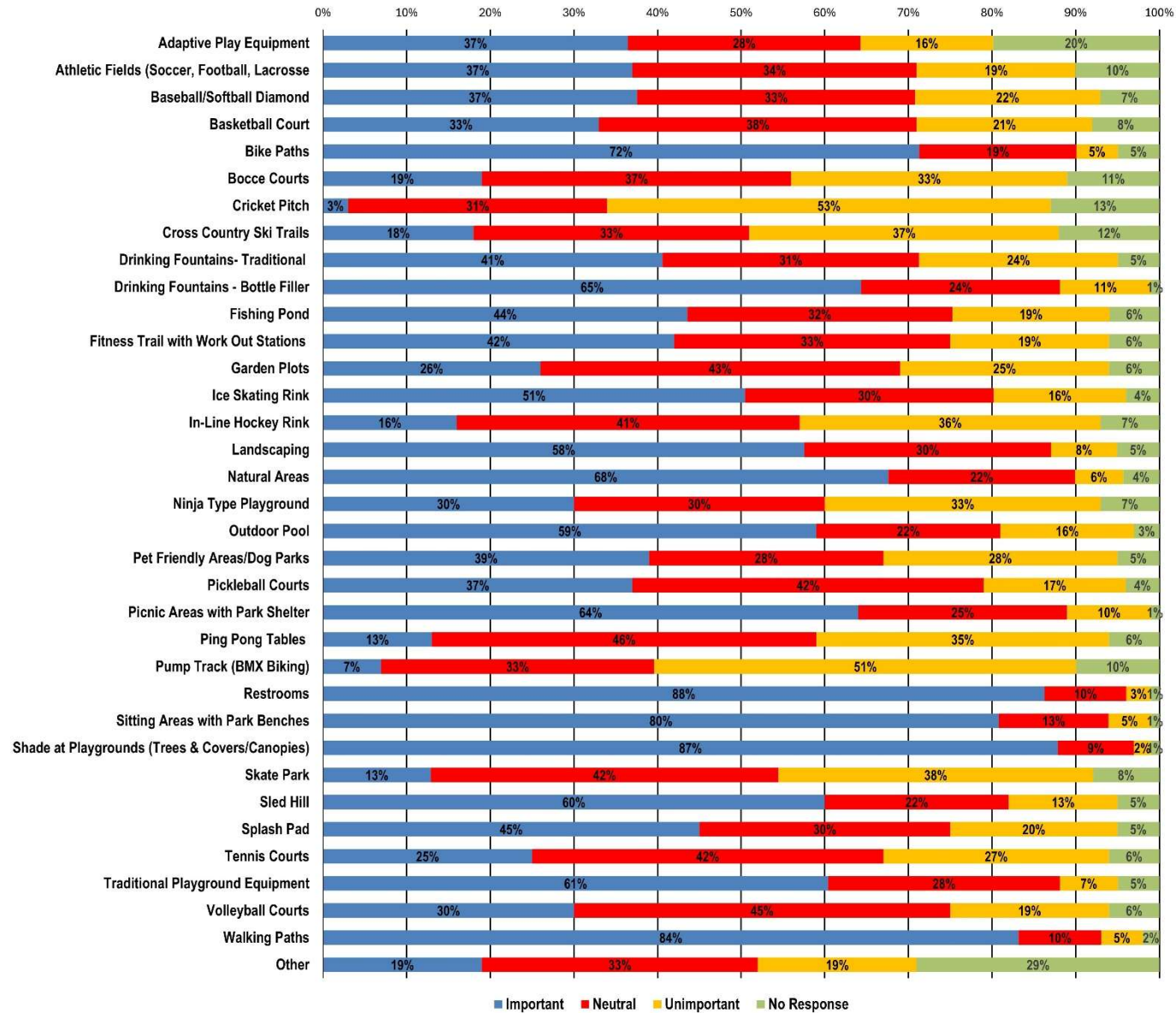
Survey respondents identified universal and family-friendly amenities as the most important features of local parks. The highest priorities include restrooms (88%), sitting areas with benches (87%), shade at playgrounds (87%), and walking paths (84%), which emphasize comfort, accessibility, and usability for all ages. Similarly, bike paths (72%), picnic areas with shelters (64%), traditional playground equipment (61%), outdoor pools (59%), and natural areas (62%) rank very high, underscoring the importance of everyday recreation and community gathering spaces.

Moderate priorities include fitness trails, splash pads, dog parks, fishing ponds, and landscaping, which appeal to a broad but slightly narrower segment of the community. Meanwhile, specialized or niche amenities such as cricket pitches, inline hockey rinks, BMX pump tracks, skate parks, and ping pong tables scored lowest, suggesting limited community-wide demand.

Overall, the results clearly show that residents favor basic infrastructure, comfort amenities, and nature-focused recreation opportunities over highly specialized facilities.



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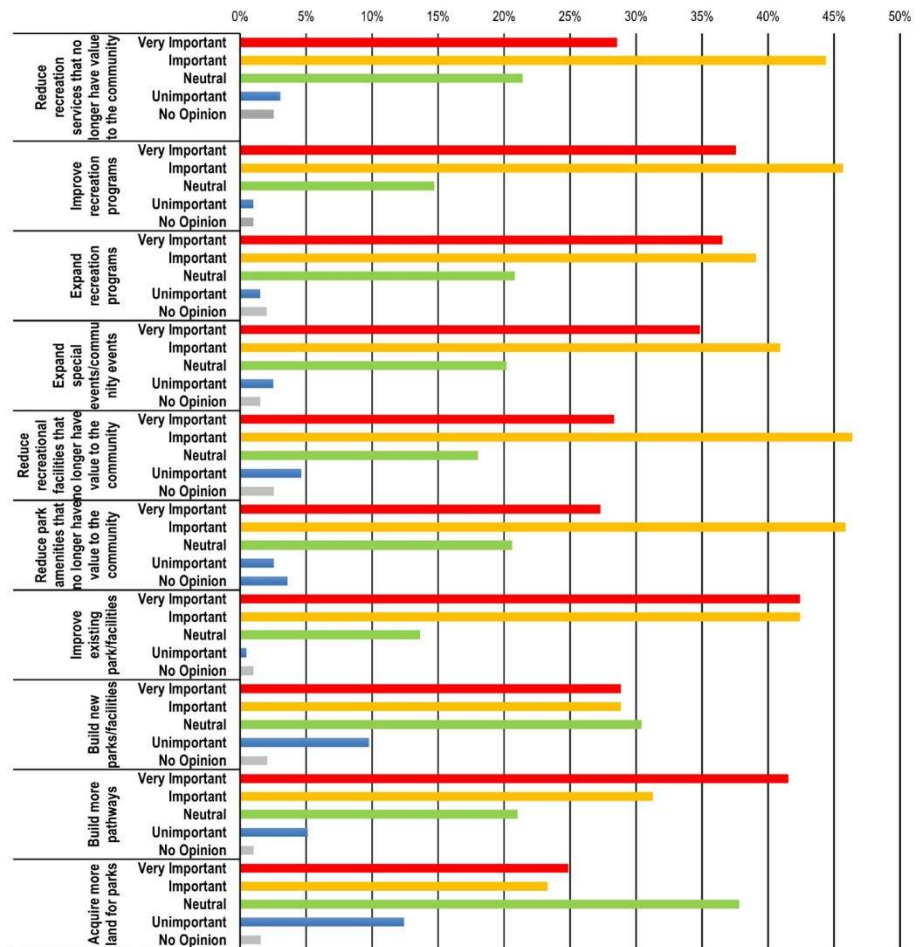


Park District Priorities

Q20. Please rate each of the following Mokena Park District priorities which would be important to you and your household. (Choose all that apply)

The results from Q20 show that residents strongly value priorities that focus on improving and expanding recreation opportunities and programs. The highest-rated priorities include improving existing parks and facilities, expanding recreational programs, and expanding community events, each with strong levels of “Very Important” and “Important” responses. Other widely supported priorities are building new parks/facilities, adding more trails and pathways, and acquiring land for future park development, which highlight long-term growth and accessibility goals. Meanwhile, cost-focused priorities, such as reducing park amenities that are underutilized or reducing recreational facilities to save money, received much lower levels of importance, with more residents remaining neutral or uninterested. Overall, the community clearly prefers investment and expansion over reduction, emphasizing the importance of improving the quality and variety of programs, facilities, and events to meet growing needs.

Q20. Please rate each of the following Mokena Park District priorities which would be important to you and your household. (Choose all that apply)



Park Usage and Community Perceptions Summary (Q15-Q20)

Survey findings show that while many parks are used across the Park District, a few key facilities emerge as primary anchors for the community. Main Park (16%) is the most widely used overall, with strong engagement across households. The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center (12%) and Yunker Park (12%) also rank highly in general use, along with Grasmere Park (9%). In contrast, several smaller neighborhood parks reported very low or no usage, suggesting gaps in visibility, amenities, or accessibility.

When asked which single facility they visit most often, respondents shifted their preference toward multi-use destinations. The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center stands out as the clear leader, with 25% naming it their most frequently visited location, followed by Main Park (16%), Yunker Park (11%), Grasmere Park (7%), and both Green Meadows Park and Hecht Park (6%). This pattern highlights that while a range of parks are occasionally used, residents consistently rely on larger, well-equipped parks and facilities for their regular recreation needs.

Perceptions of park quality reinforce these findings. Overall satisfaction is very strong, with cleanliness (92% positive) and safety (91% positive) serving as the district's greatest strengths. The most notable opportunity for improvement is the variety of amenities, with only 27% rating it Excellent and 20% rating it Fair. This suggests that while parks are safe and well maintained, residents are seeking more diverse recreational features and programming.

Taken together, the results show that the Park District excels at maintaining safe, clean facilities, but future investments should focus on expanding amenities, enhancing landscaping consistency, and improving accessibility, particularly in smaller neighborhood parks. Strengthening these areas will not only sustain high satisfaction but also drive broader and more frequent use across the full park system.



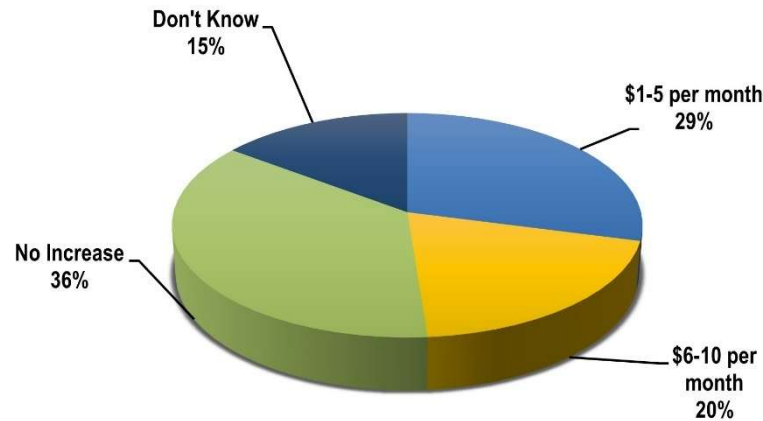
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Main Park
 most used – 16%
 Focus resources on high-use parks
- 
The Oaks Rec Center
 most visited – 25%
 Prioritize facilities & programs that draw visitors
- 
Trails are the most well-liked amenity – 72%
 Maintain & expand trail network
- 
Parks generally receive fair or good ratings
Continue maintaining and improving parks
- 
Parks amenities are important
Continue investing in key amenities
- 
Expansion is important
Support expansion plans

Q21. How much of a tax increase would you be willing to pay to fund the costs to continue to build, operate and maintain our parks, trails and facilities?

The chart below shows community opinions on potential tax increases to fund parks, trails, and facilities. The largest share, 36%, prefer no tax increase, highlighting budget concerns. However, 29% are willing to pay a small increase of \$1–5 per month, and 20% would contribute \$6–10 per month, demonstrating meaningful support for investment in capital projects. Additionally, 15% are uncertain, responding with “Don’t Know.” Overall, while a portion of residents resist higher taxes, more than half show some willingness to contribute financially to sustain and improve local parks, trails and facilities.

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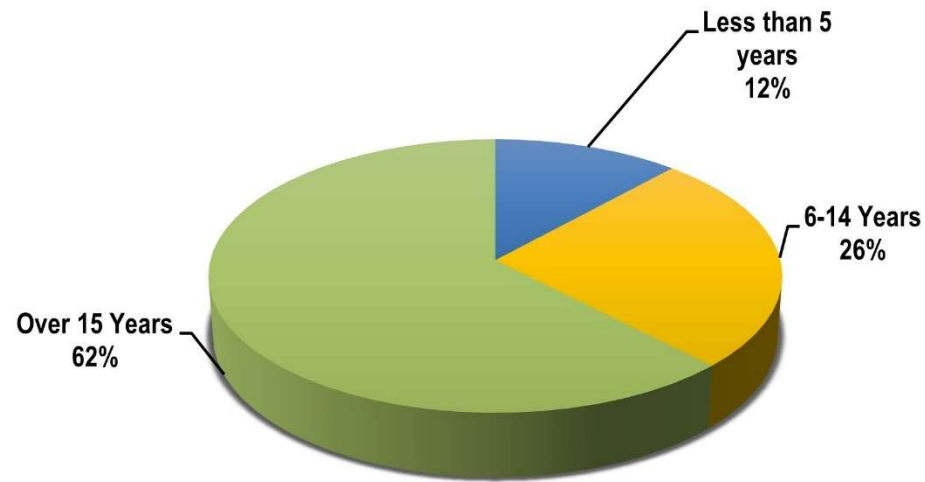


Demographics

Q22. How long have you lived within the area serviced by the Park District?

The vast majority are long-term residents of the Park District.

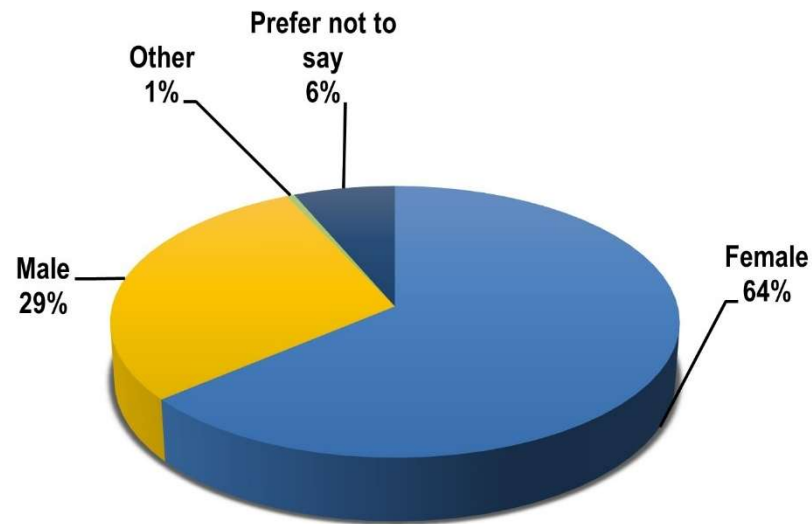
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Q23. What is your gender?

The chart below displays the gender breakdown of survey respondents. The majority, 64%, identified as female, while 29% identified as male. A small portion, 6%, chose “prefer not to say,” and 1% identified as other. This distribution indicates that women made up the largest share of participants in the survey which is typical in this type of social science research.

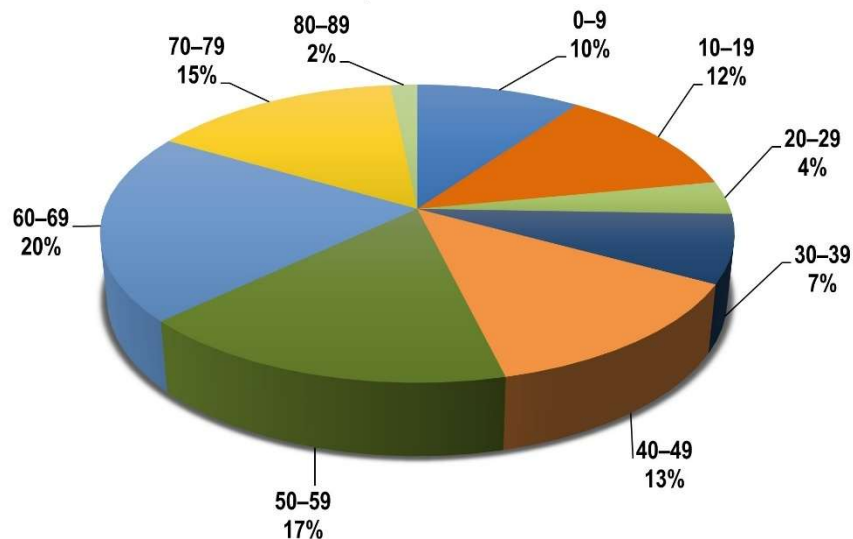
Q23. What is your gender?



Q24. Beginning with yourself, what are the ages of those within your household

From the household survey, the largest age groups represented are ages 60–69 (20%), 50–59 (17%), and 70–79 (15%). Children and youth are also present, with 10–19 years (12%) and 0–9 years (10%), while younger adults (20–39 years) represent smaller shares (4–7%). The median age was 42 years old which compares slightly younger than 43.4 years in review of the current demographic information.

Q24. Beginning with yourself, what are the ages of those within your household?

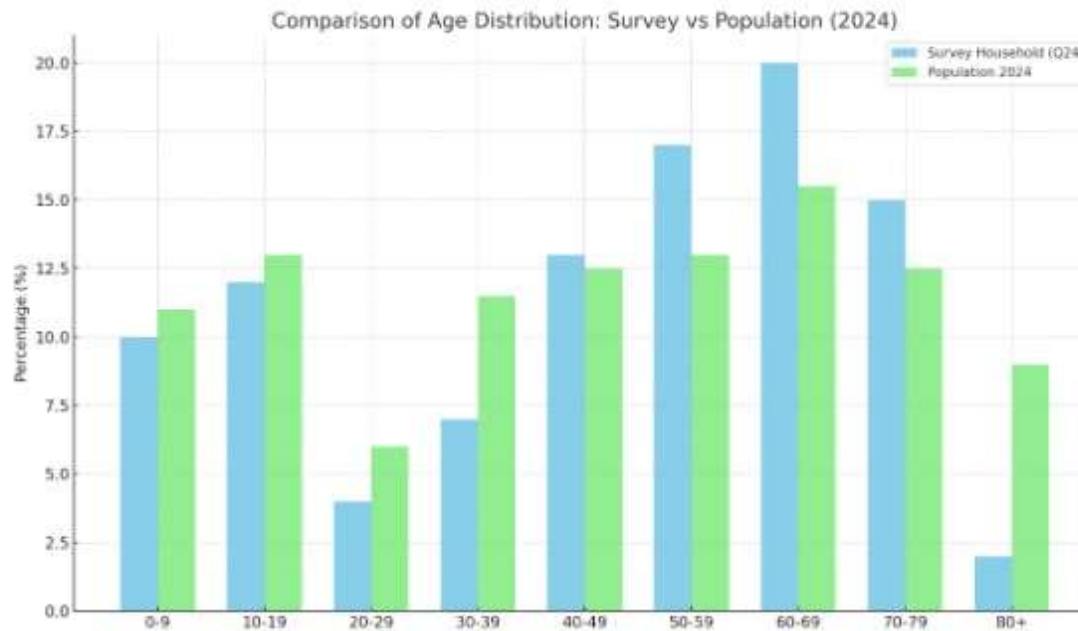


Age Distribution Comparison

Comparing this to the Park District’s demographics, the community overall has strong representation across both younger and middle-aged groups, especially in the 25–44 range, and projections to 2029 suggest steady growth among older adults (65–74 and 75–84). Together, these findings suggest that while the survey responses are slightly older households, the Park District’s broader population is more balanced across all ages, with future growth likely among seniors. This indicates the need for services and amenities that serve both an aging population and as well as families with children, ensuring inclusive planning for all age groups.

Here’s a comparison graph showing age distribution in the household survey versus the Mokena Park District 2024 population projection.

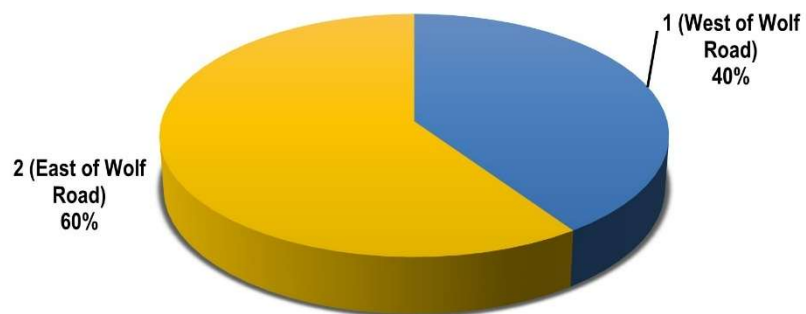
- Both datasets align broadly, but the survey shows higher proportions in older groups (60–79) compared to the population projection.
- The population projection has a stronger share in younger categories (20–39) than the household survey indicates.
- For ages 80+, the population projection is notably higher, while the survey underrepresents this group.



Q25. Please tell us from the map below the area of the town you live. (Area 1 is west of Wolf Road and Area 2 is east of Wolf Road)

The survey results show that many respondents, 60%, live east of Wolf Road (Area 2), while the remaining 40% live west of Wolf Road (Area 1), which reflects a close alignment to the geographic layout of the community.

Q25. Please tell us from the map below the area of the town you live. (Area 1 is west of Wolf Road and Area 2 is east of Wolf Road)



Q26. Please make any additional comments that you think would be helpful.

The community feedback highlights a wide range of opinions and priorities for the Mokena Park District. A major recurring theme is the desire for a swimming pool, particularly an indoor facility that could support year-round use, swimming lessons, and senior programs. Many residents expressed disappointment that Mokena lacks this amenity compared to nearby communities. Other common requests include expanded walking/biking trails, better connections between Yunker Park and downtown, improved inclusivity for all ages and abilities, and more fitness-oriented amenities such as trails, updated gym equipment, or saunas.

Maintenance was also prominent with positive responses, however several responses asked for cleaner bathrooms, better upkeep of ballfields, and improved dog park conditions. Some residents raised issues with the cost of programs and gym memberships, suggesting that prices are too high relative to taxes already paid. Others asked for more free or low-cost programming, especially for children and working parents who need evening/weekend options.

There was also notable interest in developing Yunker Park more fully, with ideas ranging from fitness parks and playgrounds to community gardens, aquatics, and cultural programming. A few responses raised concerns about tax increases and spending priorities, urging the Park District to better utilize existing facilities before considering new projects.

Overall, the Park District was praised for doing a great job as a valuable community partner.

Summary of Public Input

Delphi Committee

In collecting additional community input, the Mokena Community Park District organized a strategic focus group called the Delphi Committee. The committee was asked to provide input on focus areas that included Recreation Programs, Special Events, Parks & Facilities, Community Expectations, General Financial Position & Perceptions and Partnerships.

The Delphi Committee identified parks and facilities and partnerships as the two most important priorities for the future of the Park District. While acknowledging past successes such as current facilities, Yunker Farm updates, disc golf tournaments, the Color Run, and strong summer camp participation, the committee emphasized building on these achievements. Partnerships were viewed as essential not only to strengthen programming but also to support financial needs, with opportunities to collaborate with the Village on bike and walking paths, secure corporate sponsorships, and expand connections with local organizations and the library. For parks and facilities, Yunker Farm was frequently mentioned, with ideas including new trails and bike paths, expanded community gardens, a farmers market, an ice rink, fishing pond with gazebo, and a small indoor/outdoor nature center—many of which could be developed through partnerships. Other recommendations included adding a Ninja course, rehabilitation space at The Oaks, and accessible playground features. Additionally, the committee encouraged more adult programs, full-day summer camps, holiday events, and new special or pop-up events. The committee concluded by stressing the importance of fiscal responsibility while pursuing community-driven growth and expressed enthusiasm for future planning involvement.

Staff Input

The Public Research Group, with assistance from Greg Vitale, Executive Director, facilitated a staff visioning workshop in early 2025. A series of exercises and activities was completed to develop an organizational culture & workplace environment engagement opportunity as part of the master planning process. The following table was the summary of the SWOT exercise.

Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT)

SWOT Analysis	Strength	Weakness	Opportunity	Threat
Very Important	Staff	Not improving our Workplace Culture	Barn Programming	Outside competition

Most employees view the Park District as a positive workplace, noting improvements in culture and feeling valued in their roles, with a desire to stay engaged and motivated moving forward. However, concerns remain around reducing workplace distractions, strengthening communication, creating more opportunities for shared decision-making, and fostering stronger team bonding.

Board Retreat

The Public Research Group, with assistance from Greg Vitale, Executive Director, facilitated the Park Board of Commissioners retreat in early 2025. A total of seven Park Board members participated in the retreat. The primary expectation from the Board Retreat was to develop a clear and uniform consensus between the Board members as to the near-term direction of the Park District in relation to the overall master planning process.

The following table was the summary of the SWOT exercise.

Strengths, Weakness, Opportunities and Threats (SWOT)

SWOT Analysis	Strength	Weakness	Opportunity	Threat
Very Important	The leadership of both the Park Board and the staff providing dedication to the community.	The failure to communicate with the community, the Park Board, the staff and partners.	The Yunker farm development and getting it right the first time.	Succession planning and staff turnover leading to leadership challenges.

Vision for the Future & The Journey Forward

The retreat’s primary purpose was to seek consensus on the primary priorities for the upcoming years of 2025 and 2026.

Primary Priorities	Important & Urgent	Important & Not Urgent	Not Important & Urgent	Not Important & Not Urgent
2025-2026	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Barn (Finish, fully utilize & launch programming) • Parking improvements • Staffing & programs • Completion of the Master Plan • Improve community communication 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Yunker Farm Master Plan • Distinguished Accredited Agency • Succession planning & staffing • Main Park bathroom upgrades • Programming for Barn & Yunker Farm 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communication fixes • Bathrooms/concessions upkeep 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concessions

Conclusion

The Board Retreat highlighted the community’s appreciation for the Park District’s strong financial standing, diverse recreation opportunities, dedicated staff, and well-maintained facilities such as The Oaks. A review of the mission, vision, and values reaffirmed a focus on fun, inclusion, collaboration, and engagement. Through a SWOT analysis, leadership strength and dedication were seen as key assets, while communication emerged as the most critical weakness. The Yunker Farm development was identified as the biggest opportunity, and succession planning as the greatest threat. Priorities for 2025–2026 emphasized fully utilizing the renovated Barn for programming, rentals, and community engagement, along with parking solutions, staffing, and communication improvements. For 2027 and beyond, the focus shifts to Yunker Farm’s long-term development, upgrading parks, and maintaining strong staff and facilities. Capital projects prioritized beginning stages of Yunker Farm development, Main Park bathroom upgrades, new fields, playground improvements, parking expansion, and long-term investments such as pools, lighting, and aquatic or golf facilities. Overall, the retreat underscored the importance of building on current strengths, addressing communication and staffing challenges, and ensuring thoughtful, community-driven development of Yunker Farm as the cornerstone for future growth.

Summary of Analysis & Outcomes

The group discussions and community survey revealed themes regarding the Park District’s operations. These findings highlight the Park District’s core strengths and weaknesses, as well as opportunities and challenges in recreation, facilities, and administration.

Together, these insights create a solid foundation for shaping strategic priorities and guiding the implementation of the master plan.

	Strengths	Weakness	Opportunity	Threats
Administration	Staff.	Community communications.	Seek alternative revenue opportunities including grants and partnerships.	Succession planning.
Recreation	Newer Programs being Introduced and advancement into growing and steady lifecycle classifications.	Programs for all residents (e.g. diverse ages and backgrounds) within the community.	Address programs that need attention to either be re-invented or removed.	Changing & Shifting local demographics.
Parks & Facilities	Parks & facilities are generally used, clean and maintained.	Indoor Space needs.	Future Yunker Farm development.	The ability to maintain and modernize its parks and facilities is challenged by limited financial resources.

Chapter 3: Environment

Administration & Operations

The operational systems of an organization establish the foundation for how effectively it functions. For any agency striving for excellence, continual improvement is essential. Within the Park District, the core operational resource areas are its administrative and financial systems. This section will focus on these two areas, highlighting opportunities for positive change to strengthen overall Park District operations.

Administration

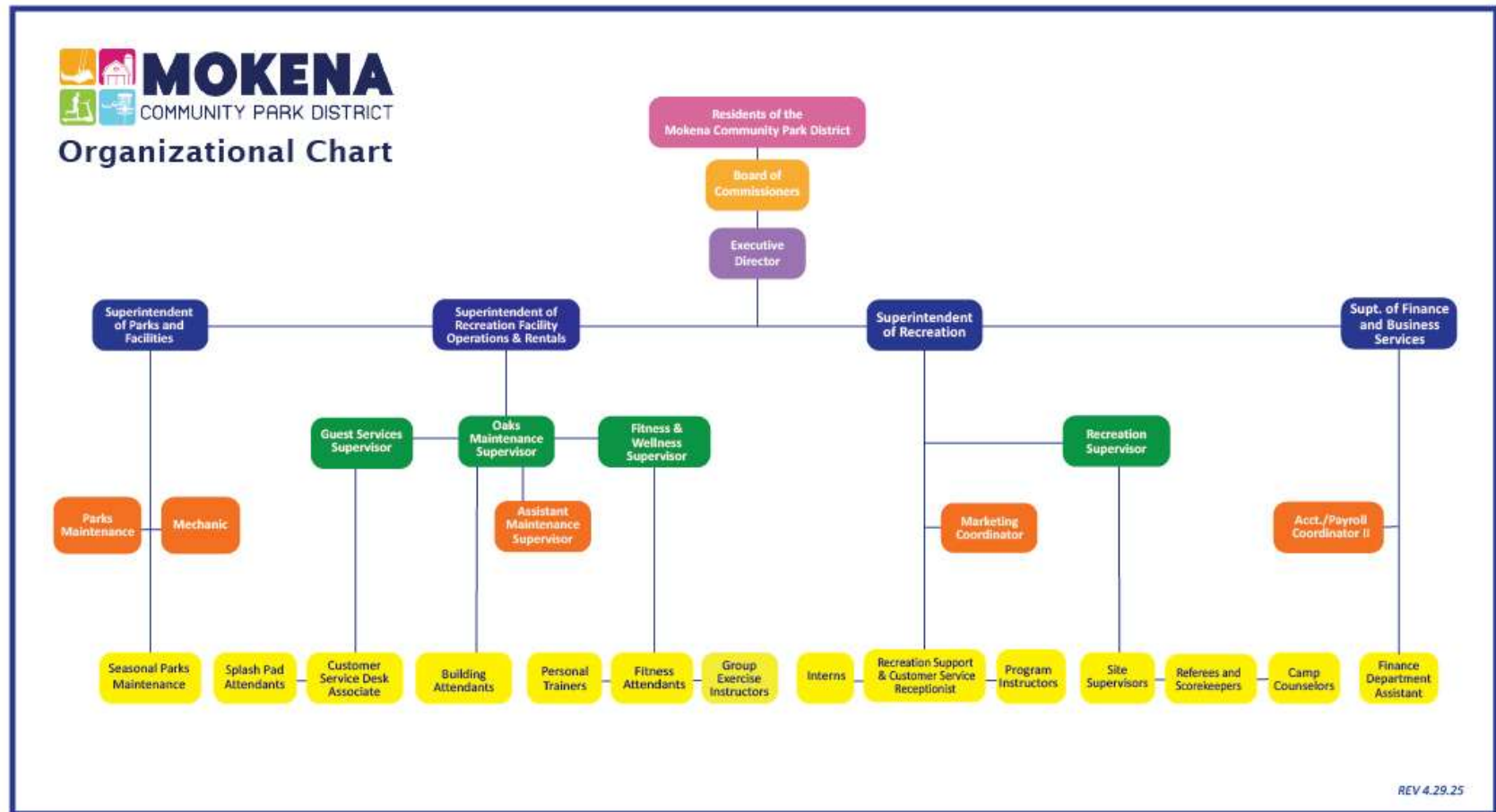
The foundation of the Park District's operations lies in two critically important, interrelated entities: the Park Board and the management team. The elected Park Board provides governance through policy-setting and financial oversight, while the management team, under the leadership of the Executive Director, oversees day-to-day operations and policy implementation. For the District to function at a high level, success depends on clear communication between these two entities. The Park Board must remain focused on policy and strategic direction, while the management team ensures effective execution.

As part of the planning process and the review of the current organizational chart. Here are some possible small organizational changes you could include to strengthen efficiency and clarity in the Park District's operations:



- Assistant/Deputy Director Role – Consider adding an Assistant Executive Director (or similar) to support Executive Director and provide continuity and possible succession solution.
- Departmental Alignment – Evaluate related functions (e.g., recreation, parks/maintenance, finance/administration, marketing/communications) for potential alignment adjustments.
- Communication Channels – Establish regular check-ins for communication between Departments for projects to ensure alignment on priorities, possible pivots and reduce miscommunication and/or opportunities.
- Succession Planning – Develop a proactive succession plan for key staff and leadership positions to minimize disruption from turnover.
- Strengthen Community Engagement Function – Add or designate a communications/community engagement role to improve outreach, public input, and transparency.

The organization chart for the Park District shows how the administrative system functions and provides a clear view of the span of control for the Executive Director.



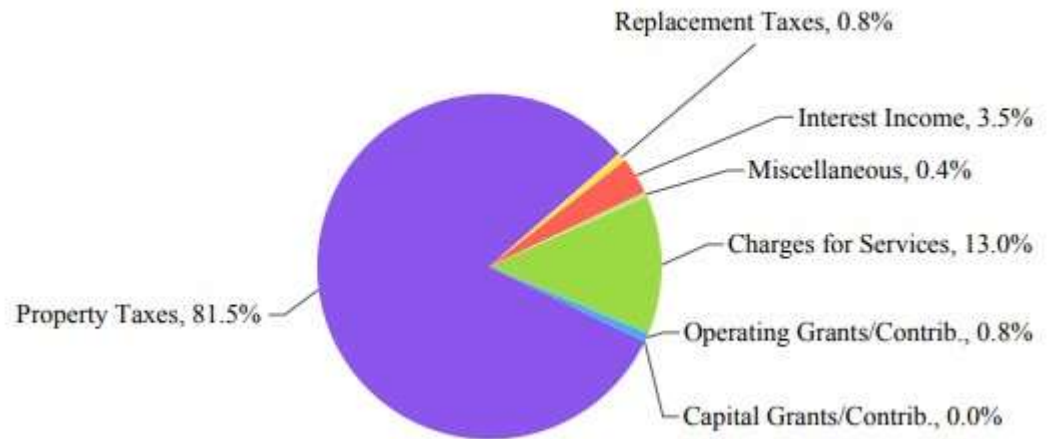
Financial Highlights

The Mokena Community Park District’s financial system is under the direct supervision of the Superintendent of Finance & Business Services and as is with any organization, an essential operational component of the Park District. The financial health of the agency plays a vital role in what it can accomplish in terms of the recreational opportunities the community can expect it to deliver. The Park District has seen a positive trend with an upward movement in terms of the overall financial position of the Park District. In review of the June 30, 2024, fund balances, the Park District had approximately total revenues of \$5,752,338, total expenses of \$5,048,521. The Park District’s net position increased by \$703,817 or 2.8 percent compared to a \$333,614 increase for the year ended June 30, 2023. Overall operations have seen improvement over the last few years and a positive change in net position indicates an improvement in the overall financial position for the Park District.

Revenue Sources Overview

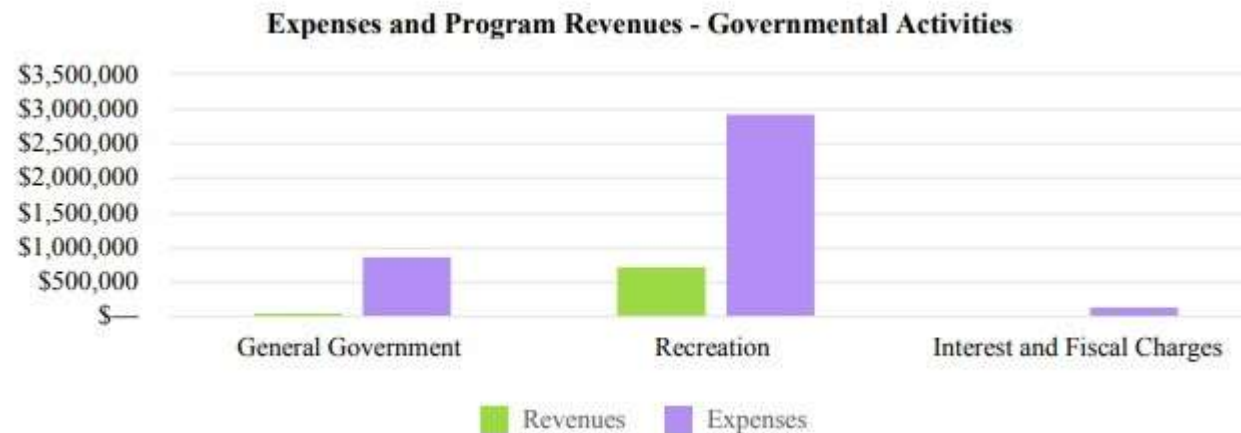
The Park District’s financial foundation relies heavily on two primary streams: property taxes and charges for services. Property taxes provide a stable base of support, while charges for services, such as program fees, facility rentals, and memberships, generate substantial operational revenue. The following chart illustrates these major revenue sources, highlighting the Park District’s dependence on both to sustain its governmental activities and maintain quality services for the community.

Revenues by Source - Governmental Activities



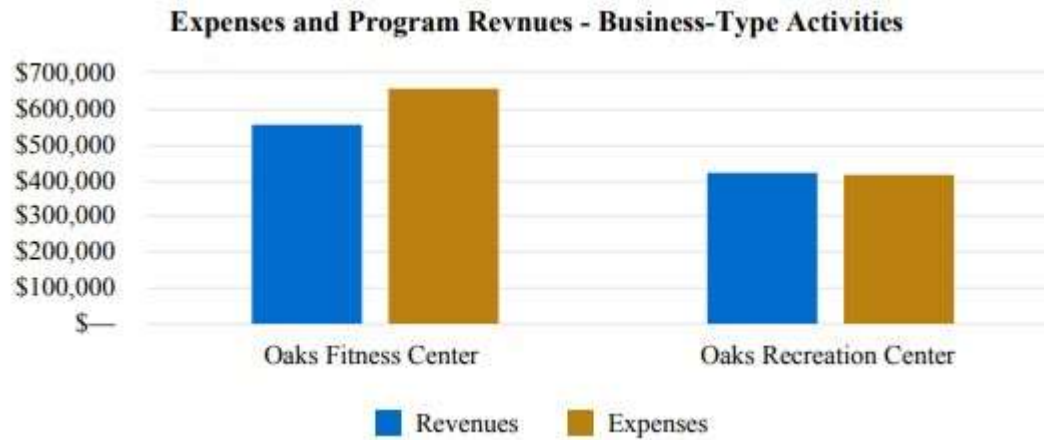
Governmental Activities Revenue & Expenses

The “Expenses and Program Revenues” chart highlights the financial dynamics of the Park District’s governmental functions. It clearly identifies areas where program expenses significantly exceed the revenues generated, underscoring which services rely most heavily on property taxes and other general revenue sources for support. This information provides valuable insight into the cost-to-revenue balance of various operations and helps guide future financial planning.



Business Type Activities Revenue & Expenses

The chart shows that the Oaks Fitness Center’s expenses exceed its revenues, indicating a financial shortfall, while the Oaks Recreation Center’s revenues and expenses are nearly balanced, showing a closer alignment between costs and income.



Recreation Programs & Services Assessment

Design Perspectives completed a recreation program analysis of the existing offerings for the Mokena Community Park District. This analysis attempts to highlight the level of success of the program portfolio. The analysis is based on program registration data from the years 2022, 2023 and 2024.



Lifecycle Analysis

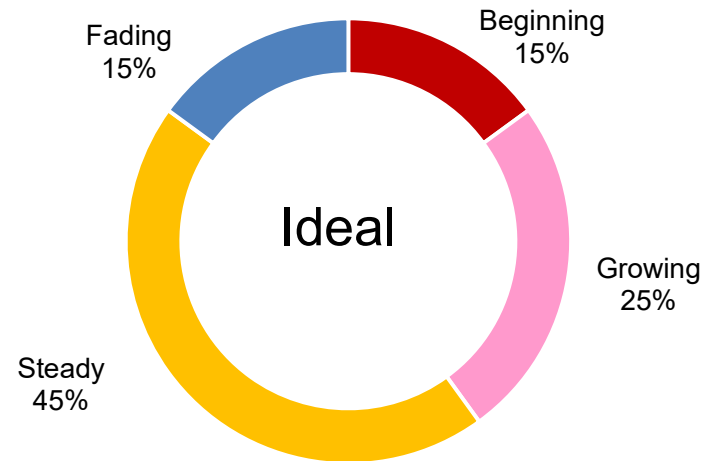
Design Perspectives has established a metric for gauging the success of the individual program offerings by the Mokena Community Park District. By looking at the individual program registrations versus the number of open spaces available for each program, a success level, or “heat index”, was established. Programs with a high percentage of spots filled were classified as “hot”, programs that were slightly less successful, but still received a reasonable number of registrations were classified as “medium”, and programs that had very few registrations were classified as “cold”.

The milestones illustrated in this analysis are defined by four categories:

- Beginning: Require cultivating efforts to advance and grow.
- Growing: Possess momentum and demand from the community.
- Steady: Perform consistently and include core programs.
- Fading: Need attention to either be re-invented or removed.

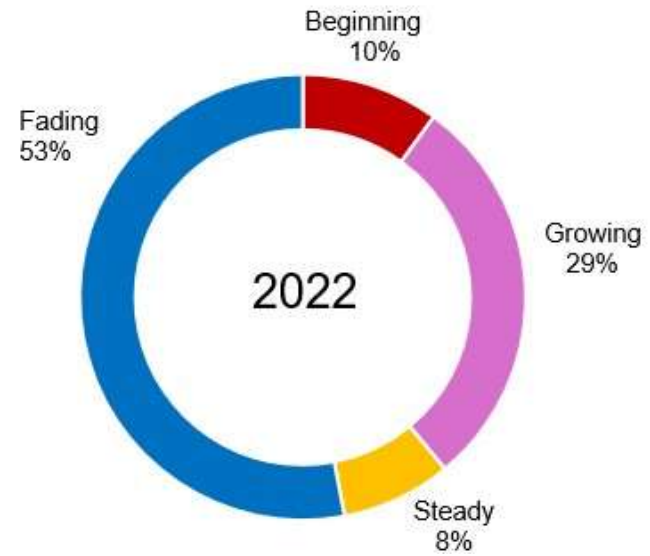
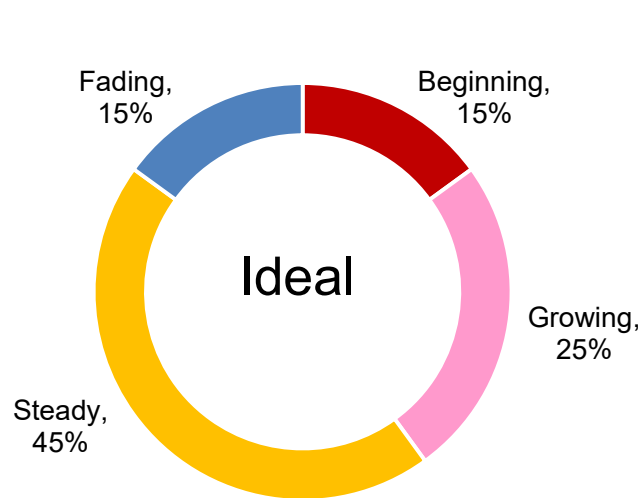
Every Park District has a different matrix of lifespan expectations for a successful mix of programs, but an ideal distribution for a healthy portfolio include:

- Beginning: 15%
- Growing: 25%
- Steady: 45%
- Fading: 15%

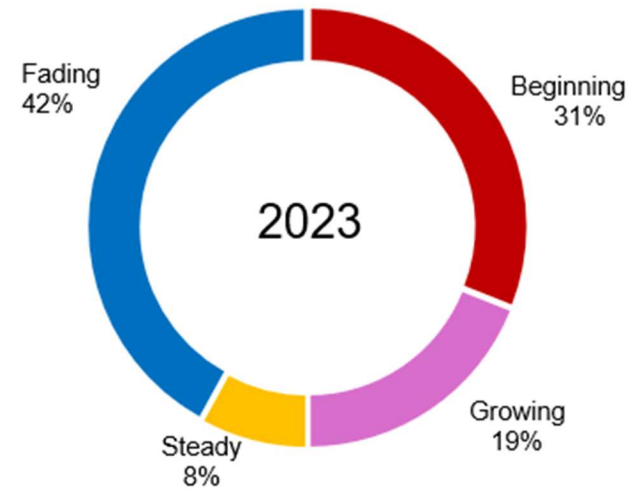
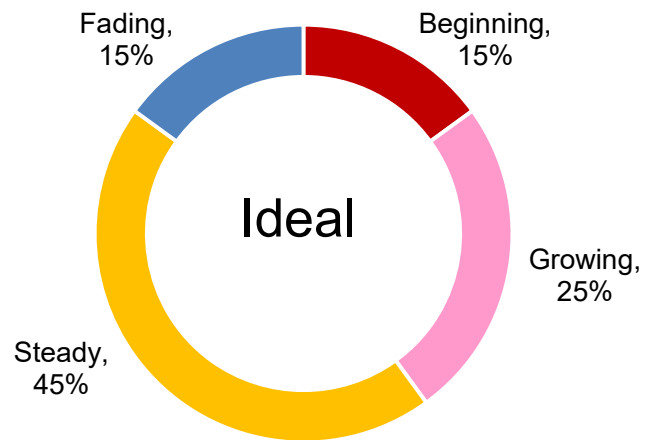


Programs were arranged into one of the four milestones based on the length of time the program has been offered compared to the relative success of the program. Enrollment information, as well as program duration, was provided by the Mokena Community Park District for each program. The graphs presented on the following pages illustrate the life cycle of programs that have been broken down for the program years of 2022, 2023 and 2024. They were then analyzed for each category based on the “ideal” matrix of life cycle stages. The Park District programs generally are in good alignment with an ideal lifecycle.

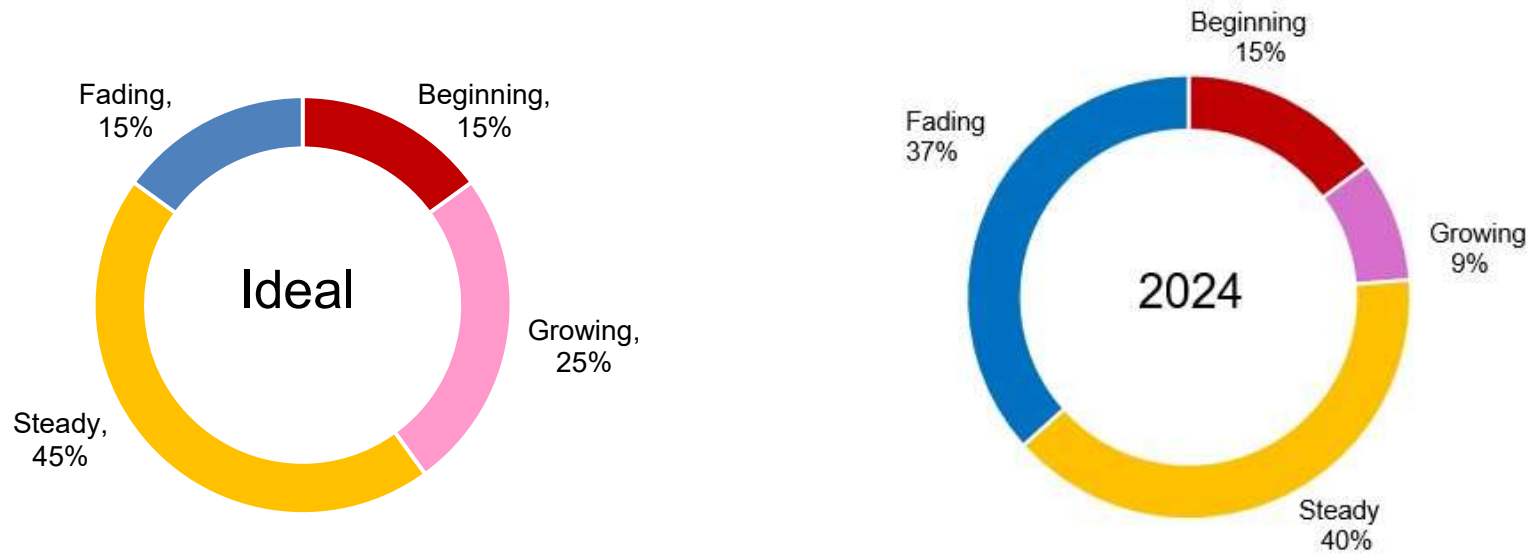




Evaluation: Program portfolio Lifecycle rated Fair in relation to the Ideal percentages.



Evaluation: Program portfolio Lifecycle rated Fair in relation to the Ideal percentages, generally consistent with the previous year



Evaluation: Program portfolio Lifecycle rated Good in relation to the Ideal percentages, with an improvement as compared with the previous years.

Recreation Service Assessment

The Park District, as illustrated in the lifecycle analysis, has good alignment of the portfolio of programs in the appropriate stages. In terms of revenues, charges for services represented a small portion of the revenue base, generating only 13% of the total. When charges for services exceed 50% of the total revenue stream for a Park District, the agency is decreasing the reliance on tax revenues and moving towards a business model by offering programming that customers enjoy and wish to spend discretionary funds for those experiences.

Sports, camps, dance, early childhood, and seasonal family events are core programs.

Steady & Successful Programs

Camps
Youth sports
Dance programs
Special events
Adult trips and experiences
Cooking workshops
Pickleball lessons

Fading & Finished Programs

Adult Programs
Online/Zoom Classes:
Specialty / Niche Classes (Examples: Archery, Boho Art, Party Bags, Critter Class)
Youth Programs

Recreation Trends in Illinois

Illinois is riding a wave of exciting and meaningful recreation trends in 2025, shaped by broader national movements and local community needs. Here's a breakdown of the most impactful developments:

- Volunteering is booming.
- Programs are being designed to foster intergenerational connections and community bonding to address social isolation.
- Curated meetups are gaining traction for low-cost fellowship.
- Therapeutic recreation and adaptive sports like nature walks and climbing are expanding.
- Pickleball is exploding, with youth and senior leagues forming across suburbs.
- Walking, soccer and short mat bowling are gaining popularity among older adults.
- AI-powered training, performance dashboards, and self-serve kiosks are being introduced.
- Recreation centers are investing in mobile apps and online booking systems to streamline access.

Suggestions for Aging in Place Programming

- The creation of activity hubs that offer social events, trips and special interest groups
- Community gardening
- Walking clubs
- Intergenerational programs like choir and band
- Volunteer opportunities to stay engaged and purposeful
- Pickleball clinics
- Age-appropriate fitness boot camps

The Oaks Fitness Programs

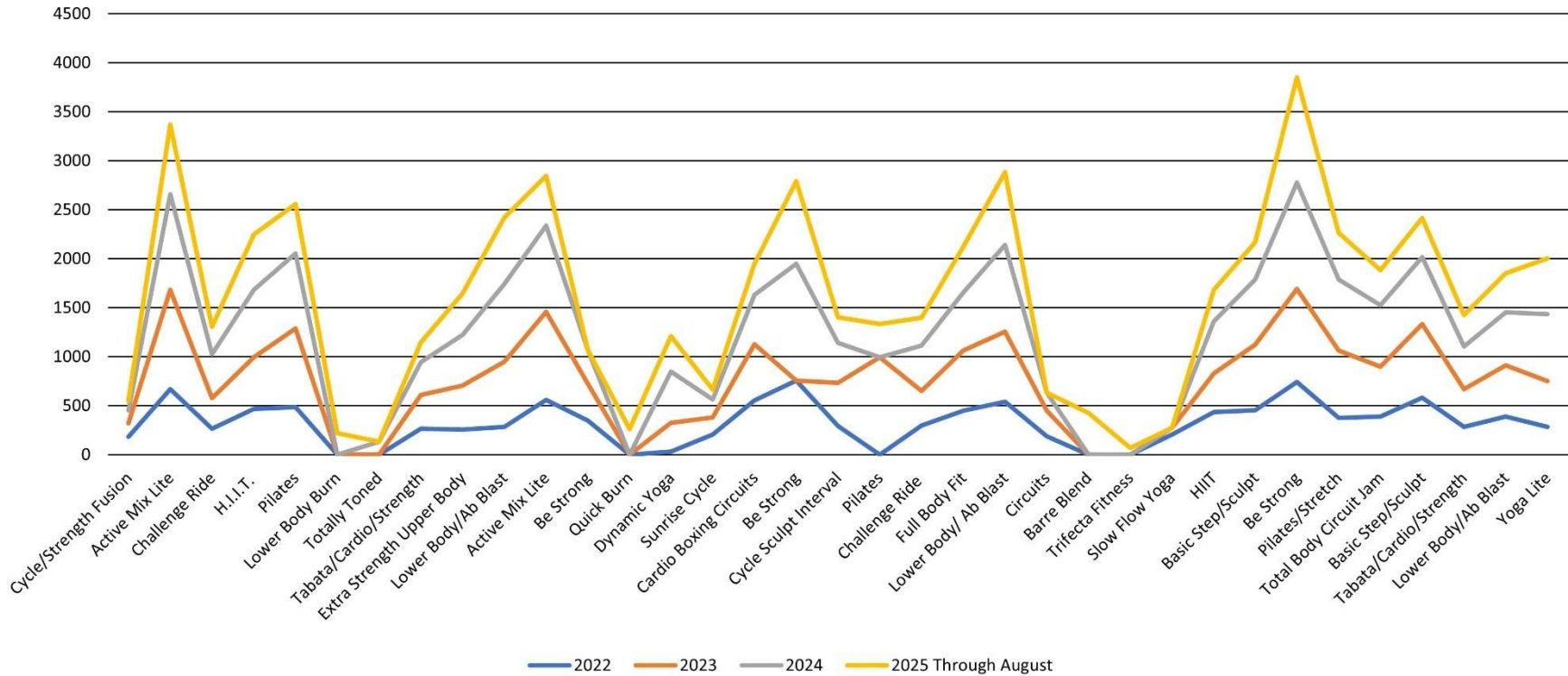
Design Perspectives were also asked to provide a simple data analysis for the years 2022 through summer 2025 with a summary overview of the fitness programming at the Oaks Recreation Center. The Oaks is a highly visited and equally valued Park District activity center by its patrons. The Oaks has approximately 2,500 members.

The participation data shows that Be Strong is the top-performing class overall, with a total of 7,710 participants across all quarters. It maintains strong attendance throughout the year, particularly in the third quarter, indicating consistent popularity and loyalty among participants. Active Mix Lite follows closely with 6,216 total participants, demonstrating steady engagement and wide appeal across multiple sessions. Basic Step/Sculpt ranks third with 4,583 participants, showing balanced participation across the middle quarters. Lower Body/Ab Blast comes in fourth with 4,271 participants, maintaining solid attendance and strong performance in 2023 and 2024. Rounding out the top five, Pilates records 3,890 total participants, with notably high engagement in 2023. Overall, these results highlight strong community interest in strength, conditioning, and total-body fitness formats, especially those emphasizing variety and accessible intensity.

New Fitness Classes in 2024 included:

- New Fitness Classes
- IRCL Mobility®
- Girl Power Training
- Hip Hop Event
- Meet the Trainer
- Playful Pilates
- Pickleball Strength & Injury Prevention
- Meditation Series
- Wise & Fit

The Oaks Fitness Program Member Analysis



Parks & Facility Inventory

The parks & facility inventory and level of service analysis are key components of the Park District's service to the community. These critical areas must be assessed to provide an accurate understanding of the Comprehensive Master Plan's purpose. After determining the inventory, a Level of Service (LOS) analysis is created for a basic understanding of which park elements are being provided to the community. Further analysis illustrates where these elements provide services and whether there are any areas either needing additional services or that have redundancy of any service. Design Perspectives developed a standardized method for parks inventory and the charts and maps on the following pages illustrate each park with individual elements located and scored. The Type, Condition & Quantity (TCQ) scoring system was developed by Design Perspectives to analyze the overall condition of each park in the entire system. These tools aid in determining which parks may require higher attention to providing elevated services and opportunities to the community.

Before each park is given an overall TCQ score each individual park element is classified into the following categories:

Type:

- Basic - Small Elements essential to most parks.
- Standard - Elements found in many parks.
- Advanced - Elements unique to certain parks.

Condition:

- Poor - May be unusable/needs replaced.
- Fair - Not well maintained but still usable.
- Good - Well maintained and very usable.
- Excellent - Top condition/just like new.

The park inventory is depicted in both tabulation sheets and plan view exhibits. The plan view exhibits only illustrate principal or primary park elements and does not portray all the park elements located throughout each park space that are identified on the inventory tabulation sheets.

Parks TCQ Scores

The following table illustrates all the total TCQ scores for each park based on rating of “poor” to “excellent”. The total TCQ score is calculated based on the park or facility classification, with each classification having a different point system to define a rating of “poor” to “excellent”.

Park or Facility	Classification	General Score		Active Score		Passive Score		Total TCQ Score	
Acorn Park	Neighborhood	12.0	Good	4	Poor	1.5	Poor	17.5	Fair
Boulder Ridge North Park	Tot Lot	11	Excellent	4	Good	7	Excellent	22	Excellent
Brookside Meadows Park	Neighborhood	6.5	Fair	2	Poor	8	Fair	16.5	Fair
Buske Park	Neighborhood	10	Good	19.5	Good	3.5	Poor	33	Good
Fox Ridge Park	Neighborhood	15.5	Excellent	21	Excellent	10.5	Good	47	Good
Grasmere Park	Community	18.5	Good	22	Good	6.5	Poor	47	Good
Green Meadows Park	Neighborhood	10	Good	13.5	Good	13.5	Good	37	Good
Hecht Park	Community	16	Good	26.5	Good	13	Fair	55.5	Good
Heritage Park	Neighborhood	14.5	Good	13.5	Good	3.5	Poor	31.5	Good
London Bridge Park	Neighborhood	9.5	Good	7.5	Fair	11	Good	28	Fair
Main Park	Community	29	Excellent	33	Good	15.5	Good	77.5	Excellent
Manchester Cove Park	Neighborhood	7	Fair	4	Poor	4.5	Poor	15.5	Fair
Marley Creek Park	Neighborhood	14.5	Good	14.5	Good	6.5	Fair	35.5	Good
McGovney Park	Neighborhood	14	Good	17.5	Good	2	Poor	33.5	Good
Prairie Ridge Park	Neighborhood	14.5	Good	19.5	Good	10	Good	44	Good
Riivendell Park	Neighborhood	7.5	Fair	4	Poor	5	Fair	16.5	Fair
Timbers Pointe Park	Tot Lot	7	Excellent	4	Good	2.5	Fair	13.5	Good
Tinley Gardens Park	Tot Lot	6	Excellent	6	Excellent	3	Good	15	Excellent
Whisper Creek Park	Neighborhood	39.5	Excellent	18	Good	15	Excellent	72.5	Excellent
Willowview Park	Neighborhood	14.5	Good	13.5	Good	7.5	Fair	35.5	Good
Yunker Park	Community	26.5	Excellent	9	Poor	9	Poor	44.5	Good

Parks Inventory

Mokena Community Park District		Amenities																														
Parks & Facilities Matrix			Administration Building	Bags	Bandshell	Baseball/Softball Field	Basketball Court	Bocce Court	Climbing Wall	Community Garden	Concessions	Dog Park	Fitness Station	Football Field	Meeting/Rental Room	Shelter/Gazebo	Pickeball Court	Playground	Parking Lot	Restroom	Roller Hockey Court	Sled Hill	Skate Park	Soccer Field (Various Sizes)	Splash Pad	Tennis Court	Volleyball Court	Ponds & Basins	Open Space	Walking Path		
Park Name	Acres	Classification	1	2	1	20	11.5	2	2	1	2	1	9	2	3	18	10	22	18	15	0	2	1	17	1	10	5	2	21	10		
Total	270																															
Acorn Park	1.64	NP														1		1												1		
Boulder Ridge North	0.5	TOT														1		1														
Brookside Meadows Park	2.67	NP														1		1												1		
Buske Park	7.52	NP				1	1									1	2	1	1	1				5		1			1	1		
Fox Ridge Park	10.2	NP		1				2						1		1		1	1	1				1		2		1	1	1		
Grasmere Park	14	CP				2	2									1	2	1	2	1			1	2		1			1	1		
Green Meadows Park	10	NP				2	1									1		1	1	1				1					1	1		
Hecht Park	23.84	CP				4	1		1		1					2	6	2	2	1								1	1	1		
Heritage Park	6.4	NP				1	1									1		1	1	1			1						1			
London Bridge Park	4.74	NP														1		1	1	1		1							1	1		
Main Park	33.5	CP	1			4	1				1			1	1	2		2	2	1			1		4	3			1	1		
Manchester Cove Park	2.2	NP																1														
Marley Creek Park	5.5	NP				1	1						5			1		1	1	1									1	1		
McGovney Park	8.1	NP				1										1		1	1	1		1							1			
Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center		FS					1						1		1				1	1							1					
Oaks Disc Golf Course		FS																		1										1		
Prairie Ridge Park	5.5	NP		1		1	1									1		1	1	1			1		2	1			1	1		
Rivendell Park	1.5	NP																1												1		
Timbers Pointe Park	0.58	TOT																1												1		
Tinley Gardens Park	0.5	TOT					0.5											1												1		
Whisper Creek Park	6.5	NP					1							3		1		1	1	1									1	1		
Willowview Park	8.36	NP				2			1							1		1	1	1				5					1	1		
Yunker Park	116.25	CP			1					1		1			1	1			1	1					1				1			

Key
 CP = Community Park
 NP = Neighborhood Park
 TOT=Tot Lot
 FS=Facility
 OS = Open Space

Acorn Park



Acorn Park
Scale: NTS

 Park Boundary
 Park Feature





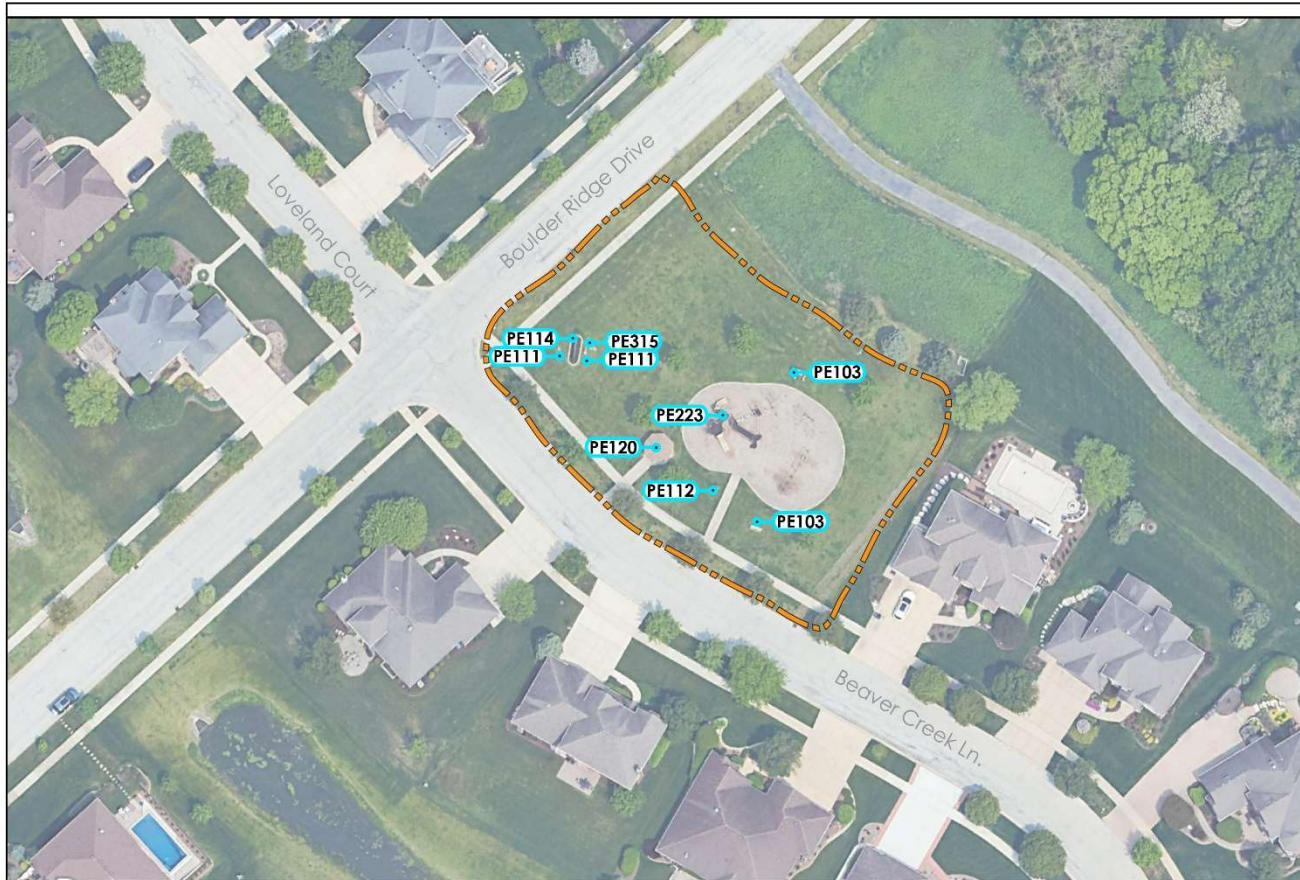
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Park Name	Acorn Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	1.64

	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE111	Lighting	S	G	3.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
PE120	Shelter	S	F	2.0
Total General TCQ Score			12.0	GOOD
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0
Total Active TCQ Score			4.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
Total Passive TCQ Score			1.5	POOR
Total TCQ Score			17.5	FAIR

Boulder Ridge North Park



Boulder Ridge North
North Scale: NTS

 Park Boundary
 PE100 Park Feature





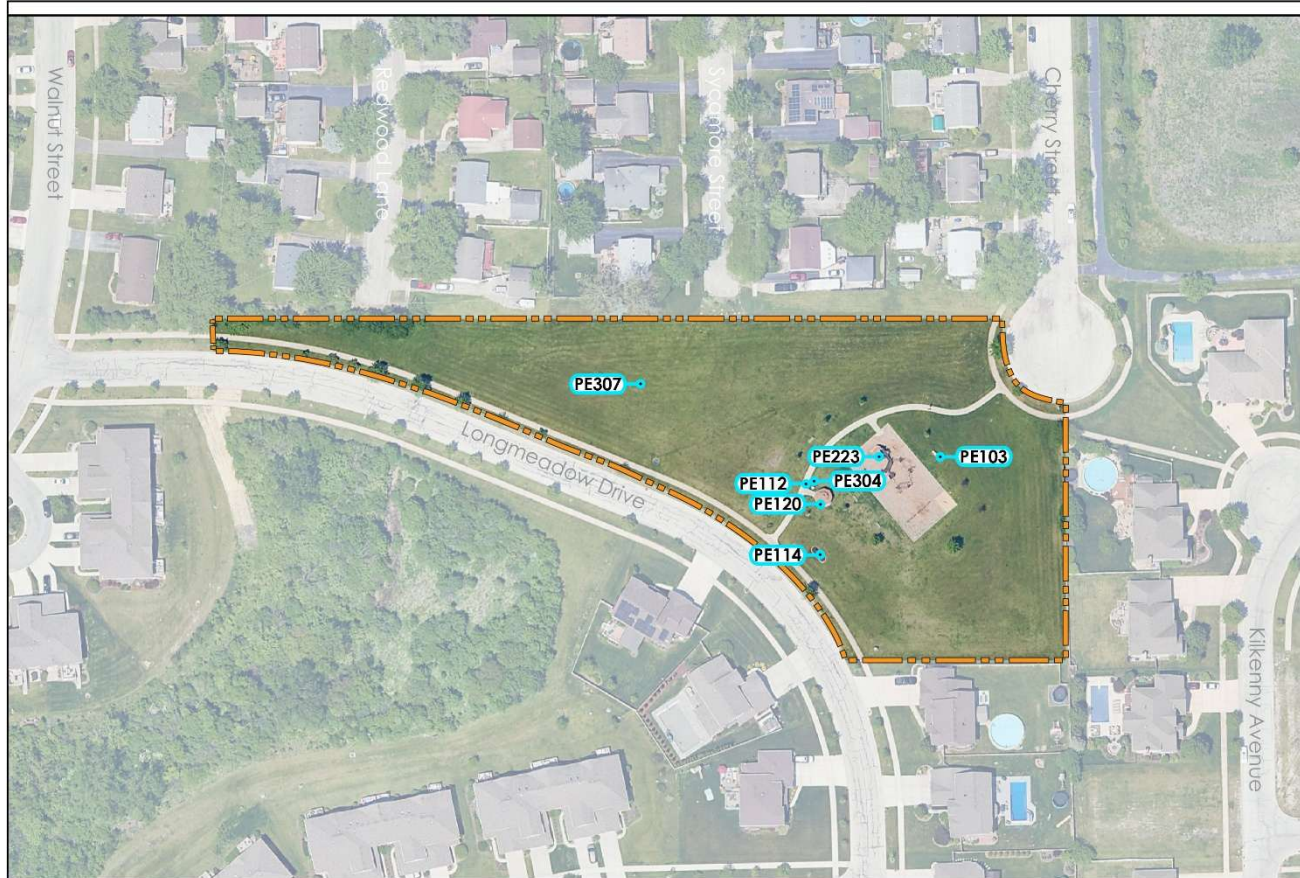
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Park Name	Boulder Ridge North Park
Park Classification	Tot
Park Size	0.5



	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes	
General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5	
PE111	Lighting	S	F	2.0	
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5	
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0	
PE120	Shelter	S	F	2.0	
Total General TCQ Score			11.0	EXCELLENT	
Active Park Elements (200)					
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0	
Total Active TCQ Score			4.0	GOOD	
Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE301	ADA Access	S	P	1.0	
PE315	Historic Feature	A	E	6.0	Flagpole
Total Passive TCQ Score			7.0	EXCELLENT	
Total TCQ Score			22.0	EXCELLENT	

Brookside Meadows Park



Brookside Meadows Park

North Scale: NTS

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-  PE100 Park Feature





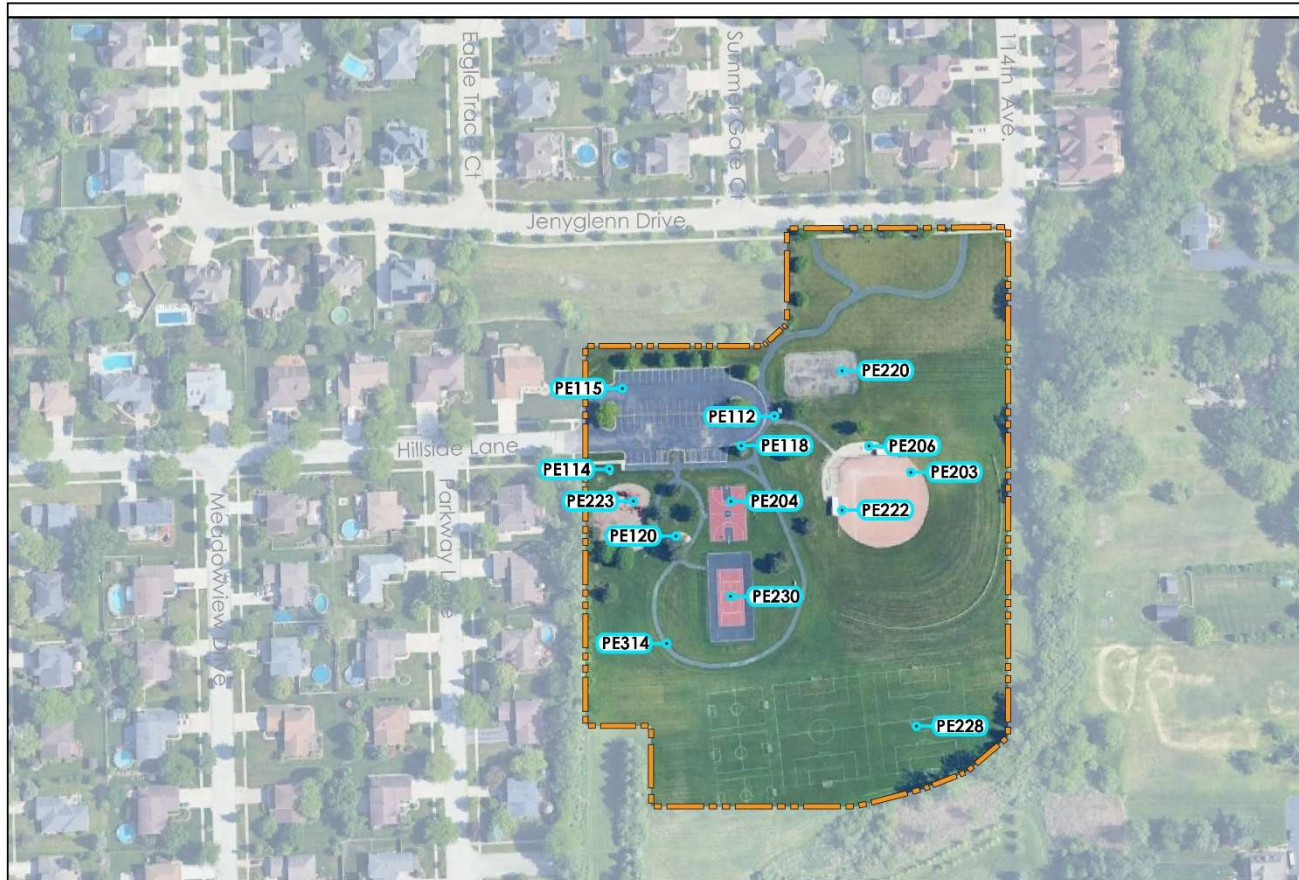
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Park Name	Brookside Meadows
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	2.67



	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	P	1.0
PE116	Picnic Table	B	P	0.5
PE120	Shelter	S	F	2.0
Total General TCQ Score			6.5	FAIR
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE223	Playground	S	F	2.0
Total Active TCQ Score			2.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	F	2.0
PE304	Educational Component	A	G	4.5
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
Total Passive TCQ Score			8.0	FAIR
Total TCQ Score			16.5	FAIR

Buske Park



Buske Park
Scale: NTS

 Park Boundary
 PE100 Park Feature





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Park Name	Buske Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	7.52

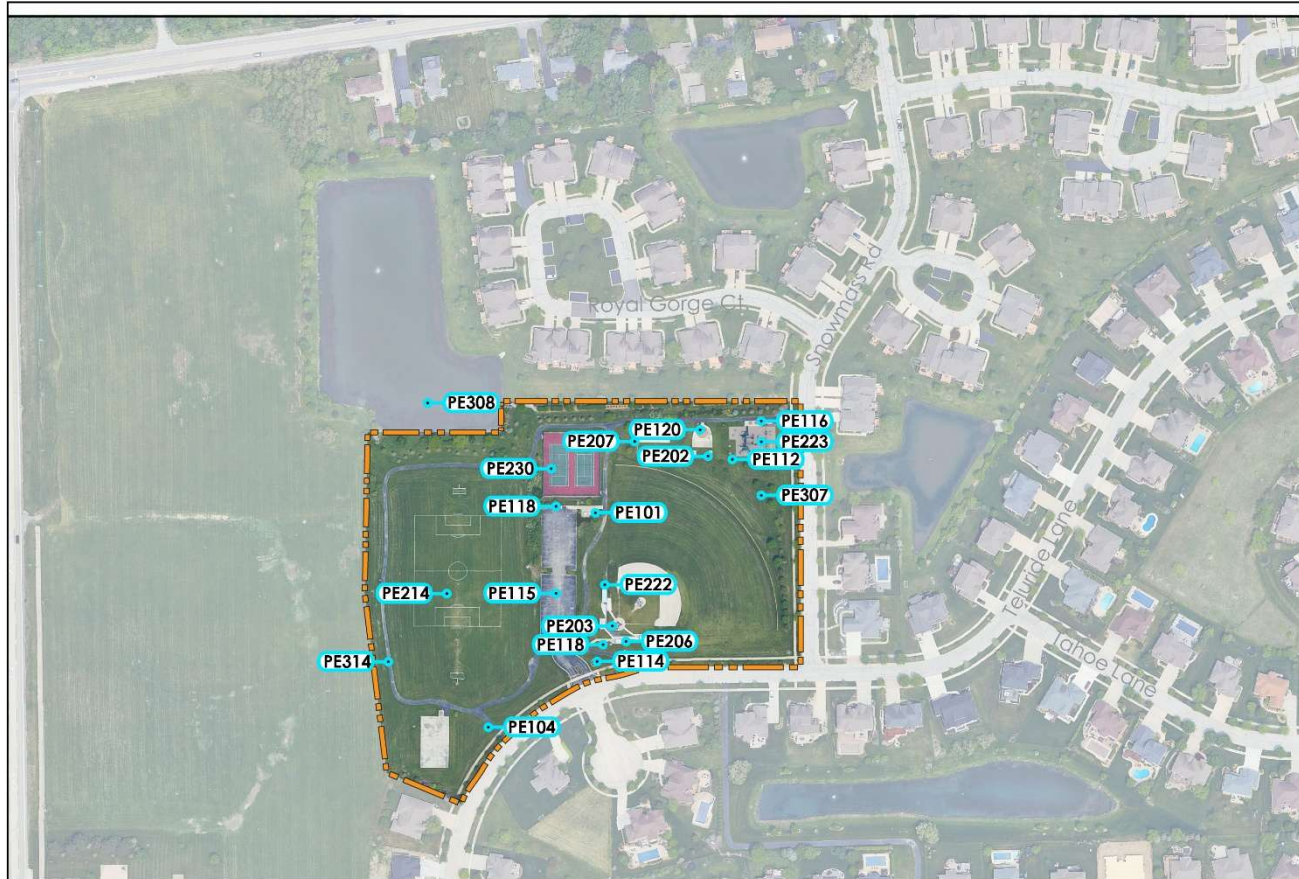
	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	F	2.0
PE115	Parking	B	G	1.5
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1.5
PE120	Shelter	S	F	2.0
Total General TCQ Score			10.0	GOOD

Active Park Elements (200)				
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	F	2.0
PE204	Basketball Court	S	G	3.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	F	2.0
PE220	Pickleball Court	S	G	3.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	G	1.5
PE223	Playground	S	F	2.0
PE228	Soccer Field	S	G	3.0
PE230	Tennis Court	S	G	3.0
Total Active TCQ Score			19.5	GOOD

Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
PE314	Walking Trail	S	F	2.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			3.5	POOR

Total TCQ Score			33.0	GOOD
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Fox Ridge Park



Fox Ridge Park
North Scale: NTS

 Park Boundary
 PE100 Park Feature





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Park Name	Fox Ridge Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	10.2

	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE101	ADA Picnic Table	S	G	3.0
PE103	Bench	B	E	2.0
PE104	Bike Rack	B	E	2.0
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	G	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	E	2.0
PE114	Park Sign	S	P	1.0
PE115	Parking	B	F	1.0
PE116	Picnic Table	B	G	1.5
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1.5
PE120	Shelter	S	G	3.0
Total General TCQ Score			15.5	EXCELLENT
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE202	Bag Toss Court	B	P	0.5
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	G	3.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	G	3.0
PE207	Bocce Ball Court	B	P	0.5
PE214	Football Field	A	G	4.5
PE222	Player Bench	B	G	1.5
PE223	Playground	S	G	3.0
PE228	Soccer Field	S	G	3.0
PE230	Tennis Court	S	F	2.0
Total Active TCQ Score			21.0	EXCELLENT
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	E	4.0
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
PE308	Open Water	S	F	2.0
PE309	Landscaping	B	F	1.0
PE314	Walking Trail	S	F	2.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			10.5	GOOD
Total TCQ Score			47.0	GOOD

Grasmere Park



Grasmere Park
Scale: NTS

 Park Boundary
 PE100 Park Feature





4/14/2025



Park Name	Grasmere Park
Park Classification	Community
Park Size	14

	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	E	2.0
PE111	Lighting	S	G	3.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
PE115	Parking	B	E	2.0
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1.5
PE120	Shelter	S	G	3.0
Total General TCQ Score			18.5	GOOD

Active Park Elements (200)				
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	G	3.0
PE204	Basketball Court	S	E	4.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	G	3.0
PE220	Pickleball Court	S	G	3.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	F	1.0
PE223	Playground	S	F	2.0
PE226	Skate Park	A	F	3.0
PE230	Tennis Court	S	G	3.0
Total Active TCQ Score			22.0	GOOD

Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	F	2.0
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	3.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			6.5	POOR

Total TCQ Score			47.0	GOOD
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Green Meadows Park



Green Meadows Park

Scale: NTS

-  Park Boundary
-  PE100 Park Feature





4/14/2025

Park Name	Green Meadows Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	10



	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
PE115	Parking	B	G	1.5
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1.5
Total General TCQ Score			10.0	GOOD

Active Park Elements (200)				
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	F	2.0
PE204	Basketball Court	S	P	1.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	G	3.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	G	1.5
PE223	Playground	S	G	3.0
PE228	Soccer Field	S	G	3.0
Total Active TCQ Score			13.5	GOOD

Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	G	3.0
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	3.0
PE315	Historic Feature	A	E	6.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			13.5	GOOD

Total TCQ Score			37.0	GOOD
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Hecht Park



Hecht Park
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Park Boundary
 Park Feature





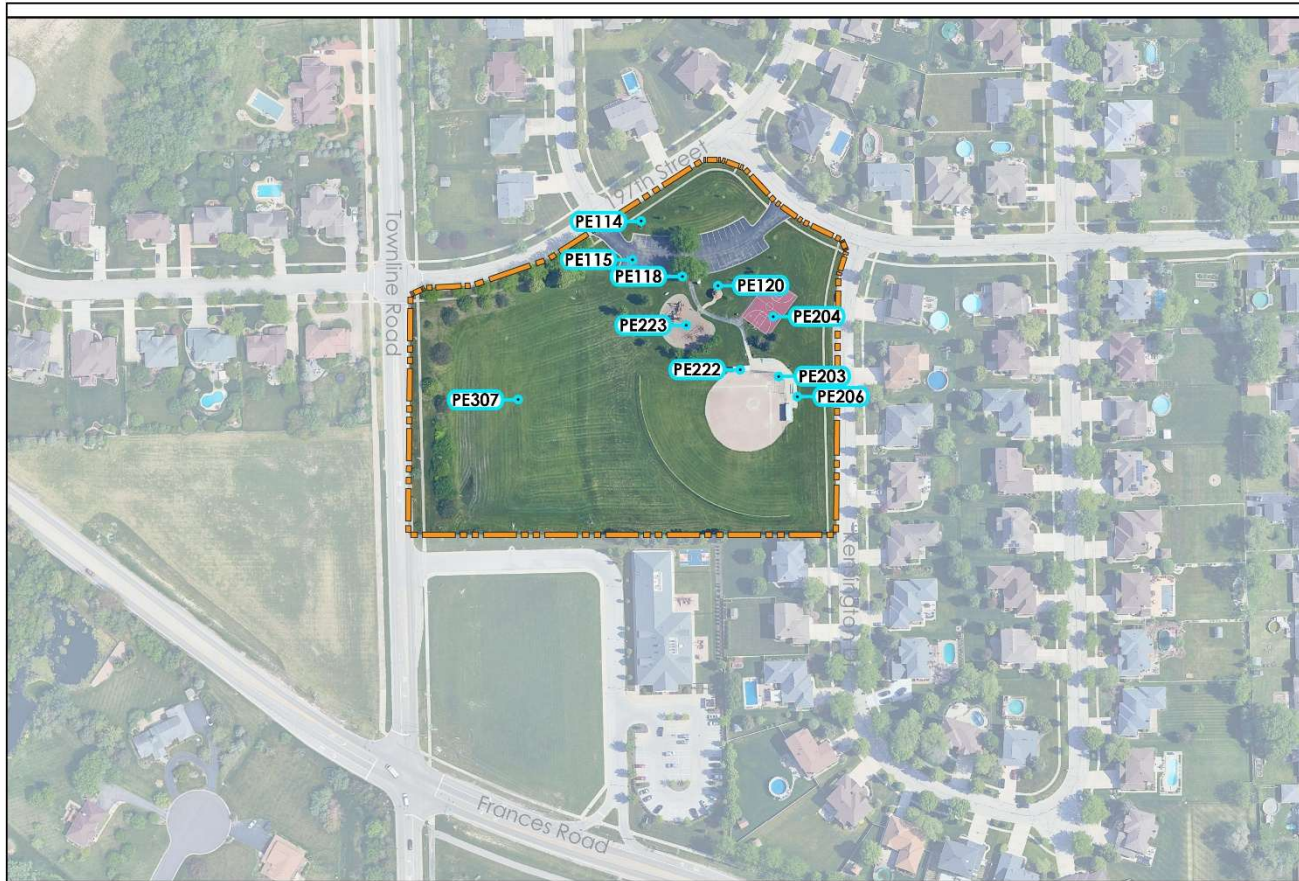
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Park Name	Hecht Park
Park Classification	Community
Park Size	23.84

	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE104	Bike Rack	B	P	0.5
PE106	Concessions	A	P	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
PE115	Parking	B	G	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	F	1.0
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1.5
PE120	Shelter	S	G	3.0
Total General TCQ Score			16.0	GOOD
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	G	3.0
PE204	Basketball Court	S	F	2.0
PE205	Batting Cage	A	E	6.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	G	3.0
PE216	Gaga Pit	S	G	3.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	G	1.5
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0
PE220	Pickleball Court	S	E	4.0
Total Active TCQ Score			26.5	GOOD
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	P	1.0
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
PE308	Open Water	S	G	3.0
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	3.0
PE315	Historic Feature	A	G	4.5
Total Passive TCQ Score			13.0	FAIR
Total TCQ Score			55.5	GOOD

Heritage Park



Heritage Park
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Park Name	Heritage Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	6.4



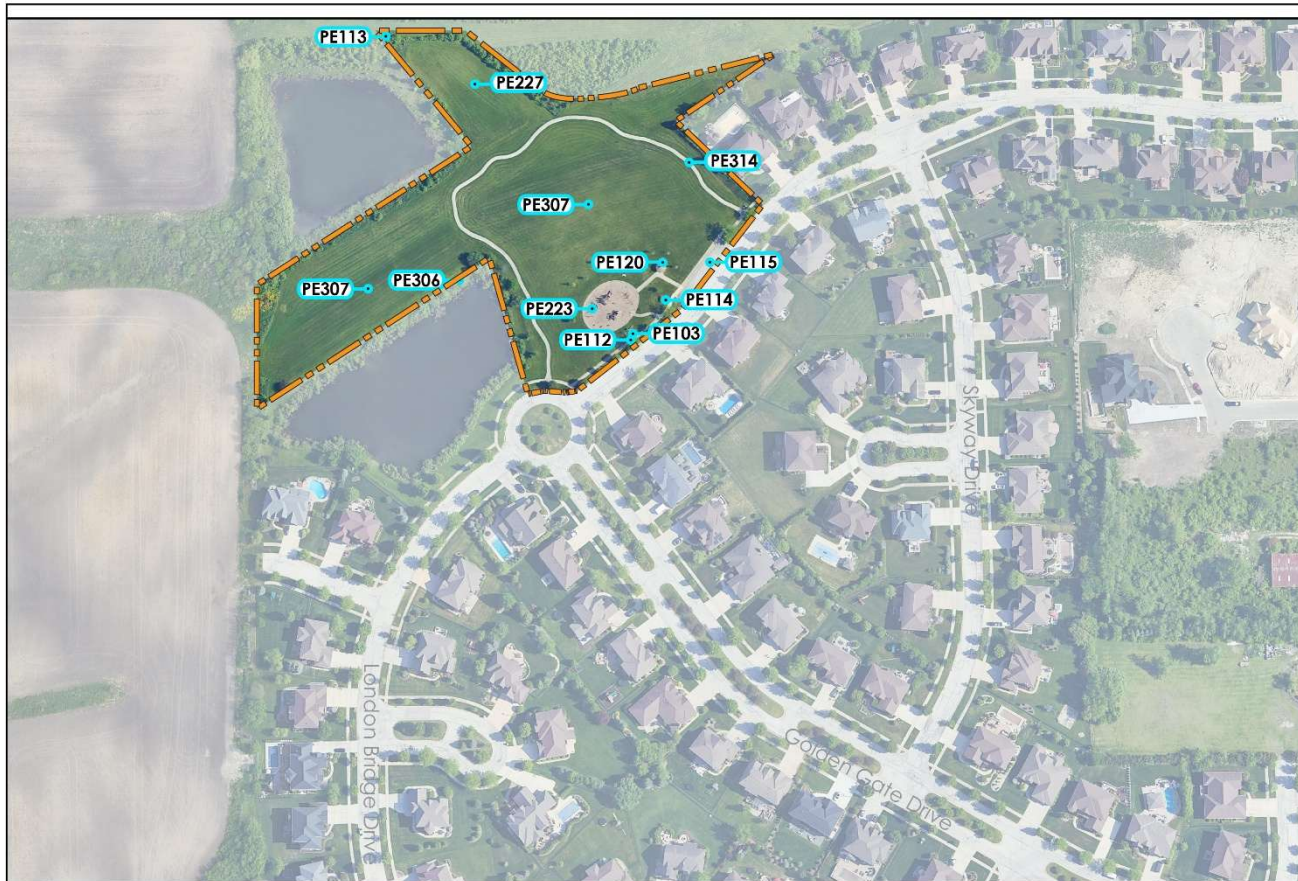
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General Park Elements (100)					
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5	
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5	
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PE115	Parking	B	G	1.5	
PE116	Picnic Table	B	G	1.5	
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1.5	
PE120	Shelter	S	G	3.0	
Total General TCQ Score				14.5	GOOD

Active Park Elements (200)					
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	G	3.0	
PE204	Basketball Court	S	G	3.0	
PE206	Bleacher	S	F	2.0	
PE222	Player Bench	B	G	1.5	
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0	
Total Active TCQ Score				13.5	GOOD

Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE301	ADA Access	S	F	2.0	
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5	
Total Passive TCQ Score				3.5	POOR

Total TCQ Score				31.5	GOOD
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London Bridge Park



London Bridge Park
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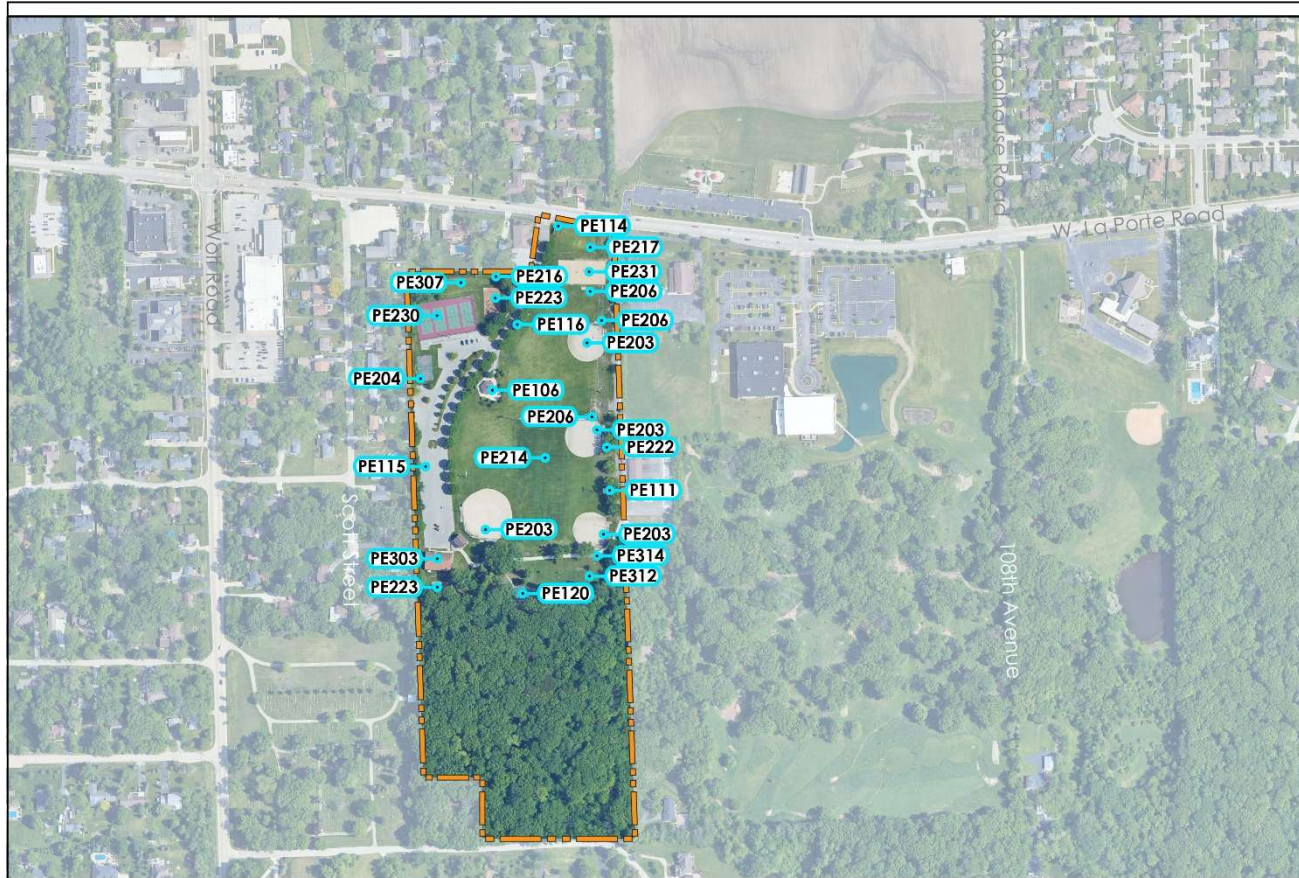
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Park Name	London Bridge Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	4.74



	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE113	Ornamental Fence	S	P	1.0
PE114	Park Sign	S	P	1.0
PE115	Parking	B	G	1.5
PE120	Shelter	S	G	3.0
Total General TCQ Score			9.5	GOOD
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE223	Playground	S	G	3.0
PE227	Sledding Hill	A	G	4.5
Total Active TCQ Score			7.5	FAIR
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	G	3.0
PE306	Natural Area	S	F	2.0
PE307	Open Field	B	F	1.0
PE308	Open Water	S	F	2.0
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	3.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			11.0	GOOD
Total TCQ Score			28.0	FAIR

Main Park



Main Park
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 Park Boundary
 PE100 Park Feature





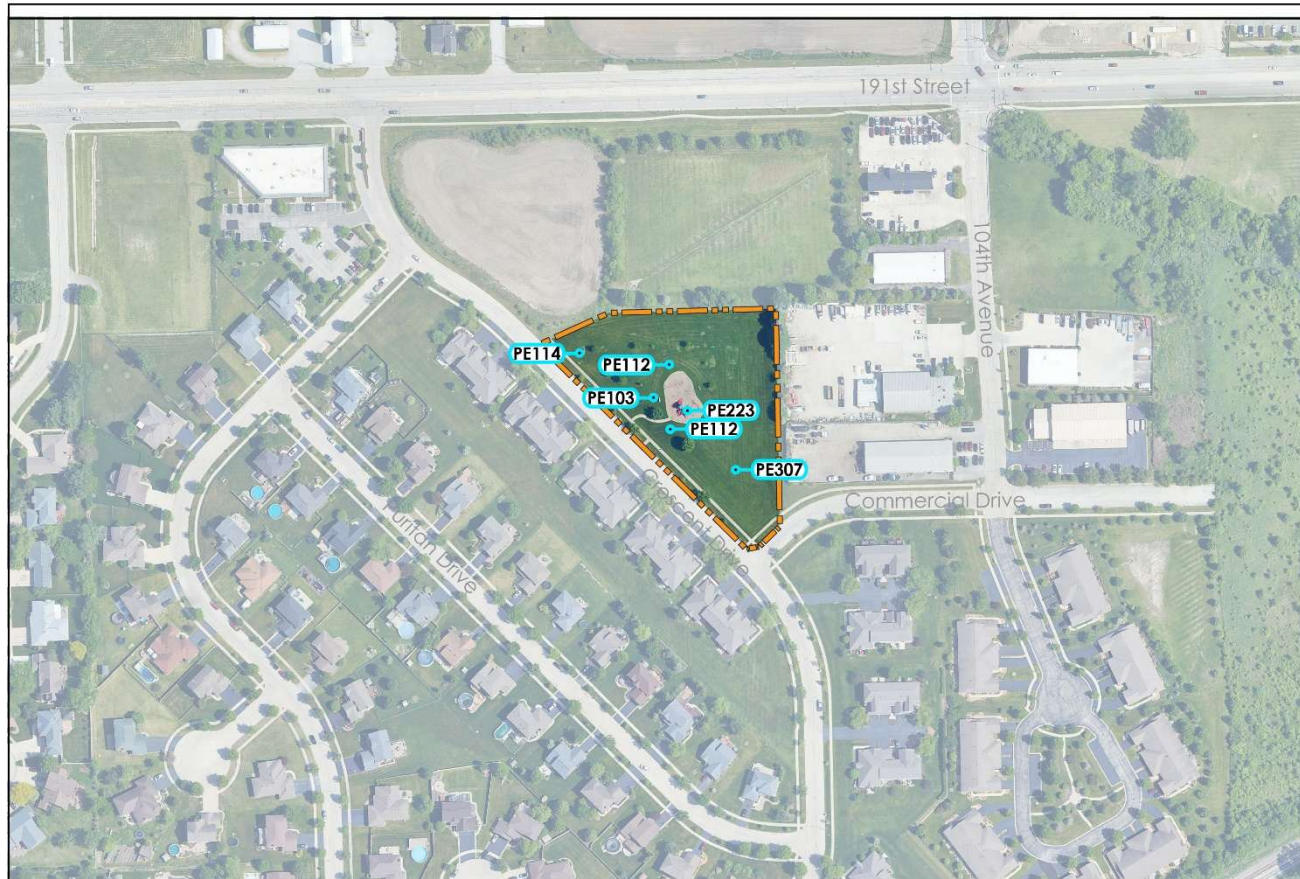
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Park Name	Main Park
Park Classification	Community
Park Size	33.5

	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE106	Concessions	A	F	3.0
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	G	1.5
PE111	Lighting	S	G	3.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE113	Ornamental Fence	S	E	4.0
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
PE115	Parking	B	G	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	G	1.5
PE118	Restroom	A	G	4.5
PE120	Shelter	S	G	3.0
Total General TCQ Score			29.0	EXCELLENT
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	E	4.0
PE204	Basketball Court	S	F	2.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	G	3.0
PE214	Football Field	A	G	4.5
PE216	Gaga Pit	S	G	3.0
PE217	Ice Rink	A	F	3.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	G	1.5
PE223	Playground	S	G	3.0
PE228	Soccer Field	S	G	3.0
PE230	Tennis Court	S	F	2.0
PE231	Volleyball Court	S	E	4.0
Total Active TCQ Score			33.0	GOOD
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	F	2.0
PE303	Community Center	A	E	6.0
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
PE312	Picnic Area	S	G	3.0
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	3.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			15.5	GOOD
Total TCQ Score			77.5	EXCELLENT

Manchester Cove Park



Manchester Cove

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Park Name	Manchester Cove Park			
Park Classification	Neighborhood			
Park Size	2.2			



	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
Total General TCQ Score			7.0	FAIR
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0
Total Active TCQ Score			4.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	G	3.0
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
Total Passive TCQ Score			4.5	POOR
Total TCQ Score			15.5	FAIR

Marley Creek Woods



Marley Creek
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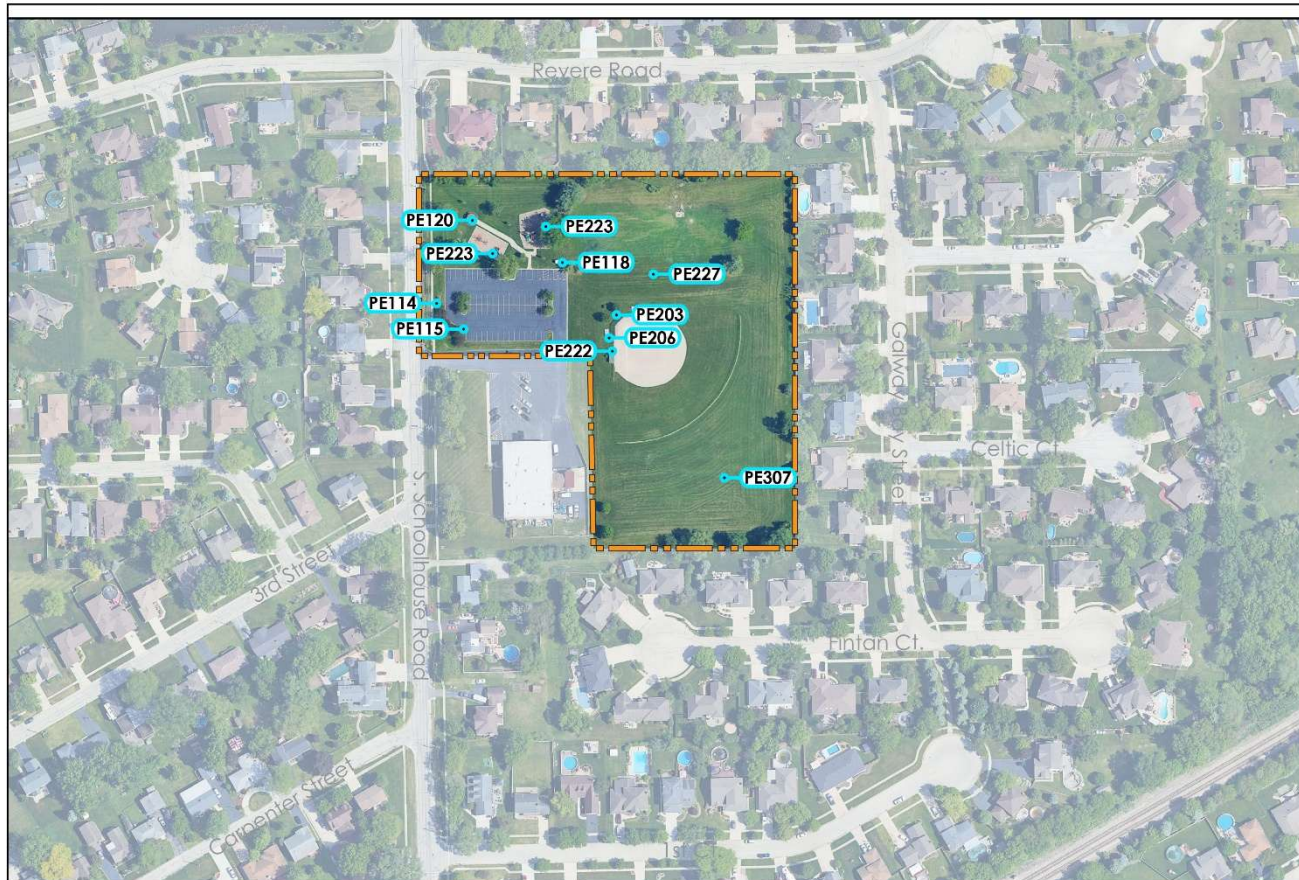
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Park Name	Marley Creek Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	5.5

	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
PE115	Parking	B	G	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	G	1.5
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1.5
PE120	Shelter	S	G	3.0
Total General TCQ Score			14.5	GOOD
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	F	2.0
PE204	Basketball Court	S	G	3.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	F	2.0
PE213	Fitness Station	S	F	2.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	G	1.5
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0
Total Active TCQ Score			14.5	GOOD
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	F	2.0
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	3.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			6.5	FAIR
Total TCQ Score			35.5	GOOD

McGovney Park



McGovney Park
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 Park Feature





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Park Name	McGovney Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	8.1

	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
PE115	Parking	B	F	1.0
PE116	Picnic Table	B	G	1.5
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1.5
PE120	Shelter	S	G	3.0
Total General TCQ Score			14.0	GOOD
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	G	3.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	G	3.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	G	1.5
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0
PE227	Sledding Hill	A	E	6.0
Total Active TCQ Score			17.5	GOOD
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE307	Open Field	B	E	2.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			2.0	POOR
Total TCQ Score			33.5	GOOD

Prairie Ridge Park



Prairie Ridge Park

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Park Name	Prairie Ridge Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	5.5



	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE104	Bike Rack	B	G	1.5
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	G	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	P	1.0
PE115	Parking	B	G	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	G	1.5
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1.5
PE120	Shelter	S	G	3.0
Total General TCQ Score			14.5	GOOD
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE202	Bag Toss Court	B	P	0.5
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	G	3.0
PE204	Basketball Court	S	P	1.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	E	4.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	E	2.0
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0
PE230	Tennis Court	S	F	2.0
PE231	Volleyball Court	S	G	3.0
Total Active TCQ Score			19.5	GOOD
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	E	4.0
PE307	Open Field	B	E	2.0
PE314	Walking Trail	S	E	4.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			10.0	GOOD
Total TCQ Score			44.0	GOOD

Riivendell Park



Riivendell Park
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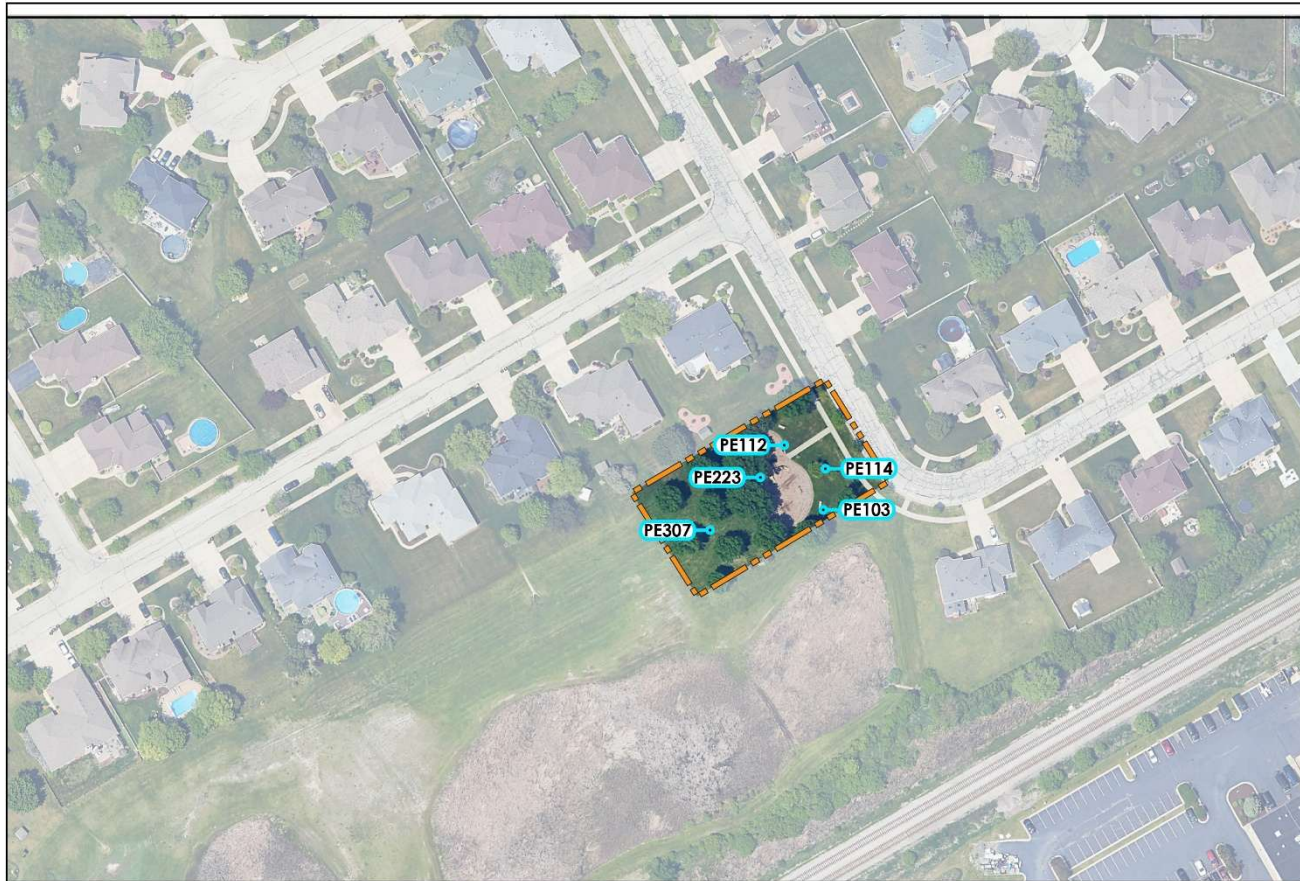
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Park Name	Riivendell Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	1.5

	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
PE116	Picnic Table	B	E	2.0
Total General TCQ Score			7.5	FAIR
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0
Total Active TCQ Score			4.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	E	4.0
PE307	Open Field	B	F	1.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			5.0	FAIR
Total TCQ Score			16.5	FAIR

Timbers Pointe Park



Timbers Point
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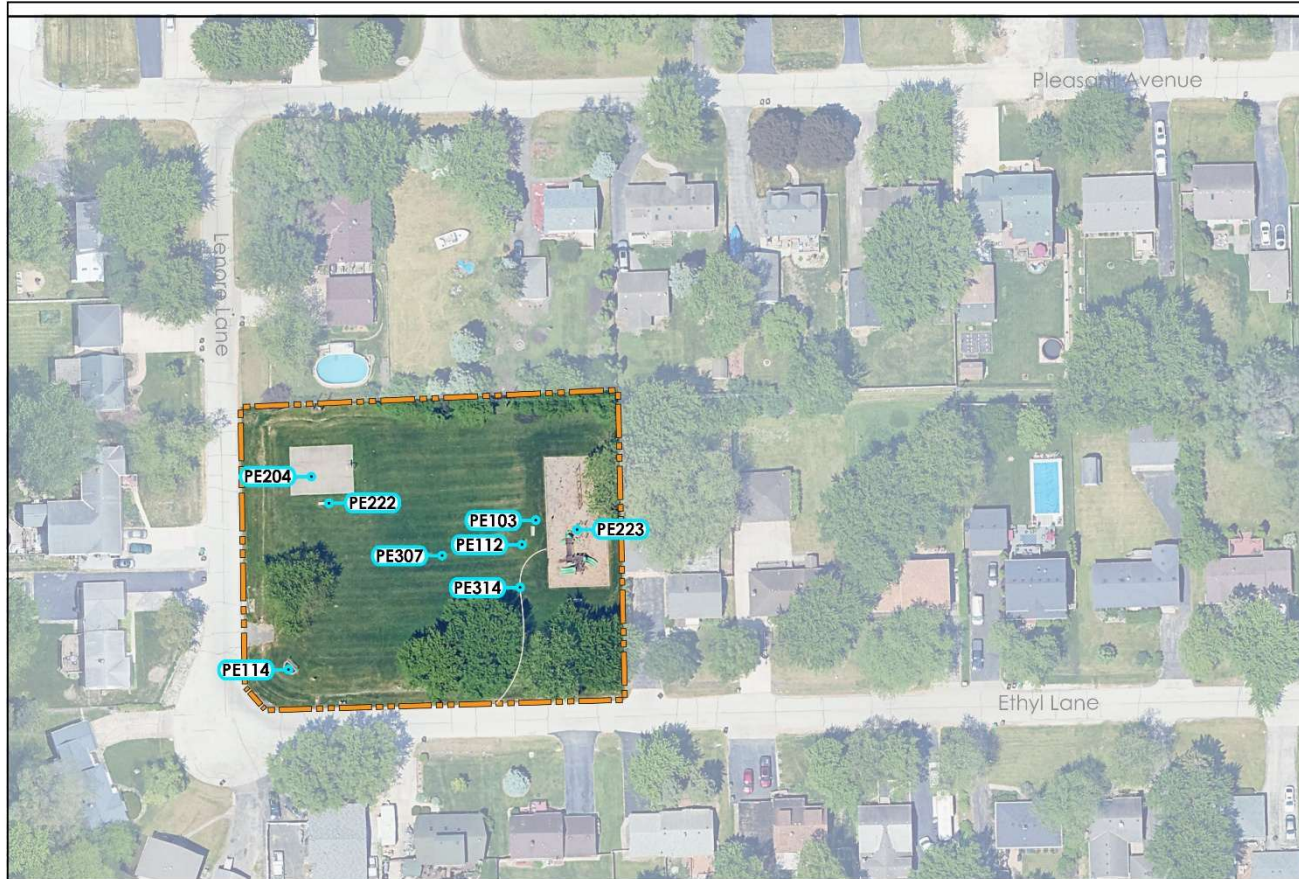
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Park Name	Timbers Pointe Park
Park Classification	Tot
Park Size	0.58

	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
Total General TCQ Score			7.0	EXCELLENT
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0
Total Active TCQ Score			4.0	GOOD
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	P	1.0
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
Total Passive TCQ Score			2.5	FAIR
Total TCQ Score			13.5	GOOD

Tinley Gardens Park



Tinley Gardens Park
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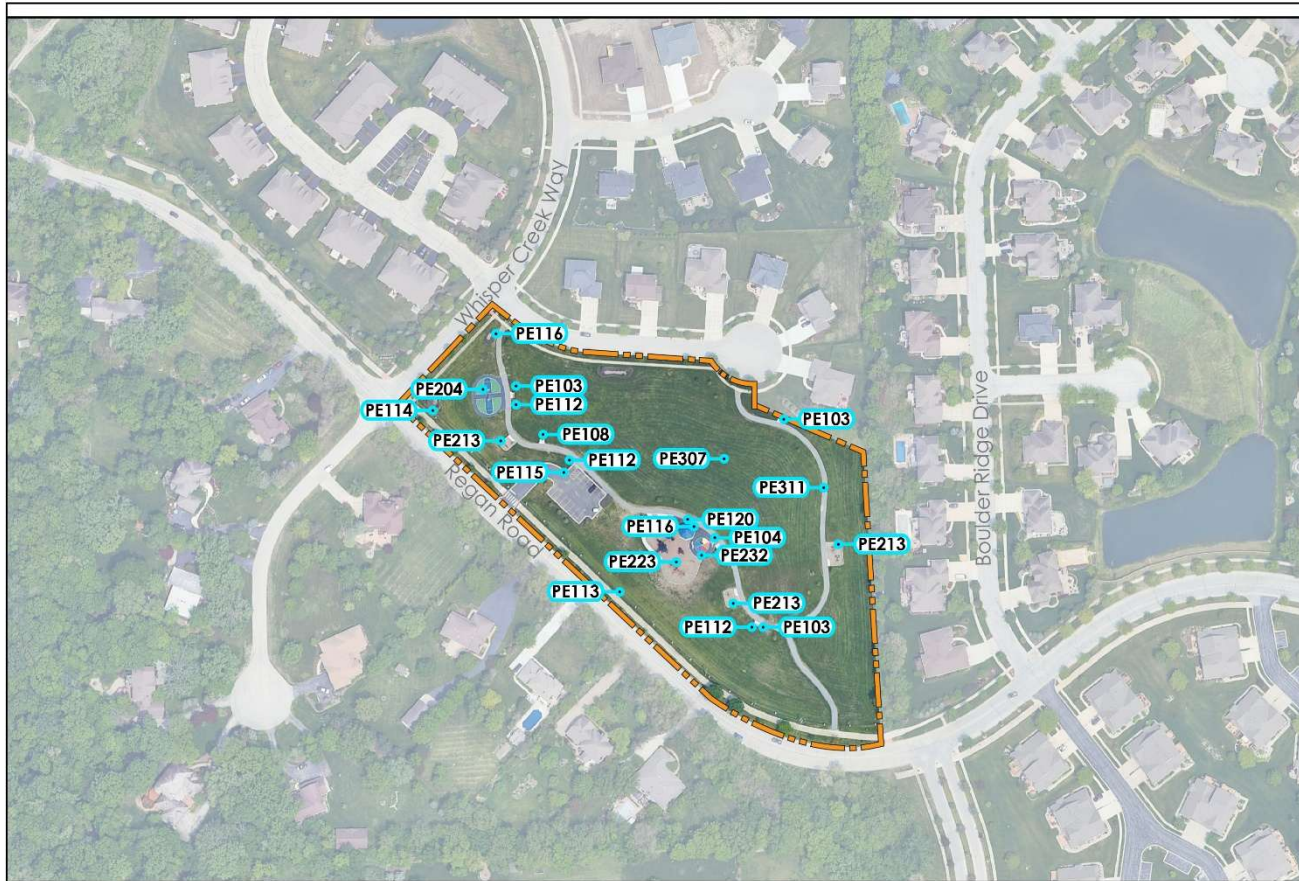
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Park Name	Tinley Gardens Park
Park Classification	Tot
Park Size	0.5



	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes
General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	F	1.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	F	1.0
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
Total General TCQ Score			6.0	EXCELLENT
Active Park Elements (200)				
PE204	Basketball Court	S	P	1.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	F	1.0
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0
Total Active TCQ Score			6.0	EXCELLENT
Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
PE314	Walking Trail	S	G	3.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			3.0	GOOD
Total TCQ Score			15.0	EXCELLENT

Whisper Creek Park



Whisper Creek Park

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Park Name	Whisper Creek Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	6.5

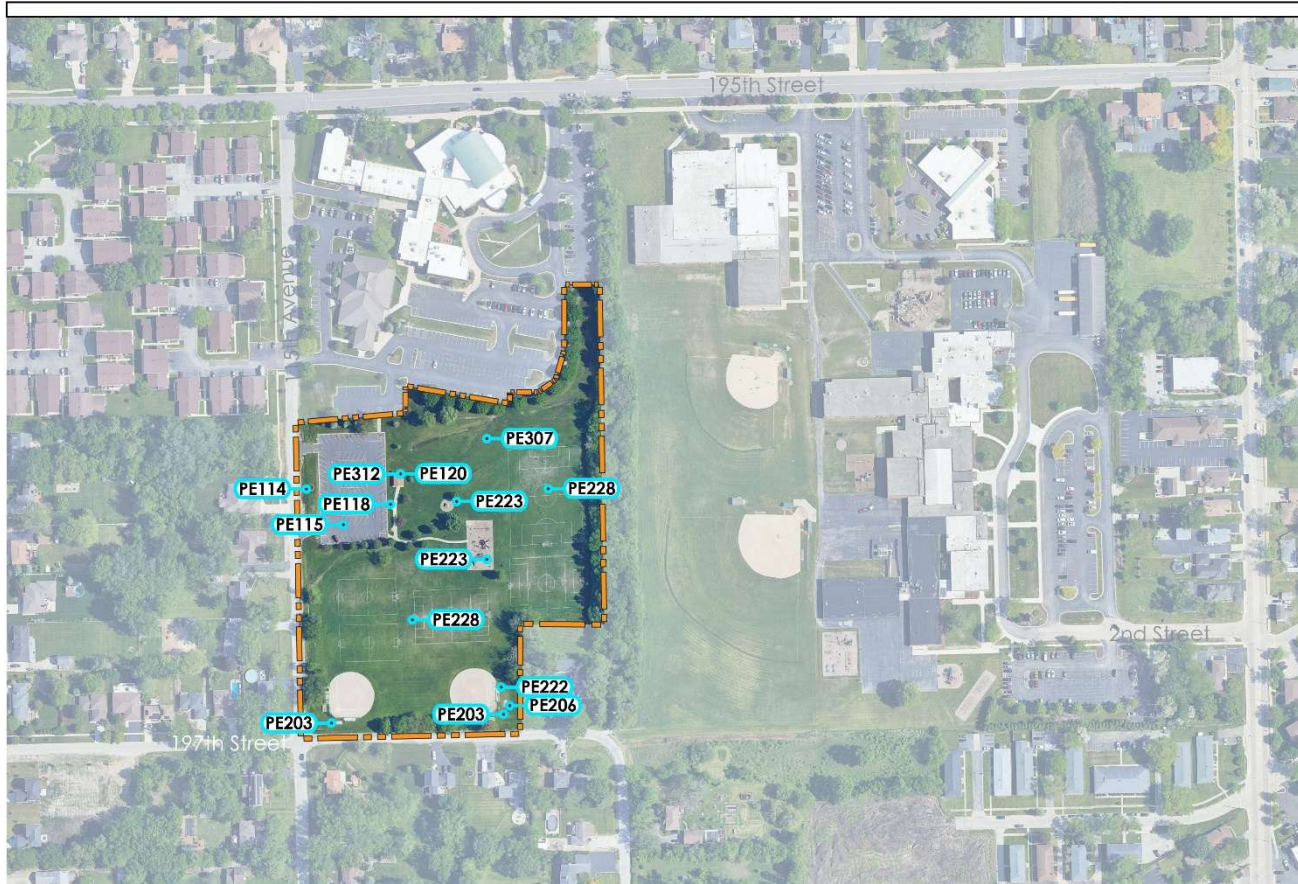
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General Park Elements (100)				
PE101	ADA Picnic Table	S	E	4.0
PE103	Bench	B	E	2.0
PE104	Bike Rack	B	E	2.0
PE107	Dog Waste Bag Station	S	E	4.0
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	E	2.0
PE111	Lighting	S	E	4.0
PE112	Litter Can	B	E	2.0
PE113	Ornamental Fence	S	E	4.0
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
PE115	Parking	B	E	2.0
PE116	Picnic Table	B	E	2.0
PE117	Recycling Can	B	E	2.0
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1.5
PE120	Shelter	S	E	4.0
Total General TCQ Score			39.5	EXCELLENT

Active Park Elements (200)				
PE204	Basketball Court	S	E	4.0
PE213	Fitness Station	S	E	4.0
PE223	Playground	S	E	4.0
PE232	Court Games	A	E	6.0
Total Active TCQ Score			18.0	GOOD

Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	E	4.0
PE307	Open Field	B	E	2.0
PE309	Landscaping	B	F	1.0
PE312	Picnic Area	S	E	4.0
PE314	Walking Trail	S	E	4.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			15.0	EXCELLENT

Total TCQ Score			72.5	EXCELLENT
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Willowview Park



Willowview Park
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Park Name	Willowview Park
Park Classification	Neighborhood
Park Size	8.36



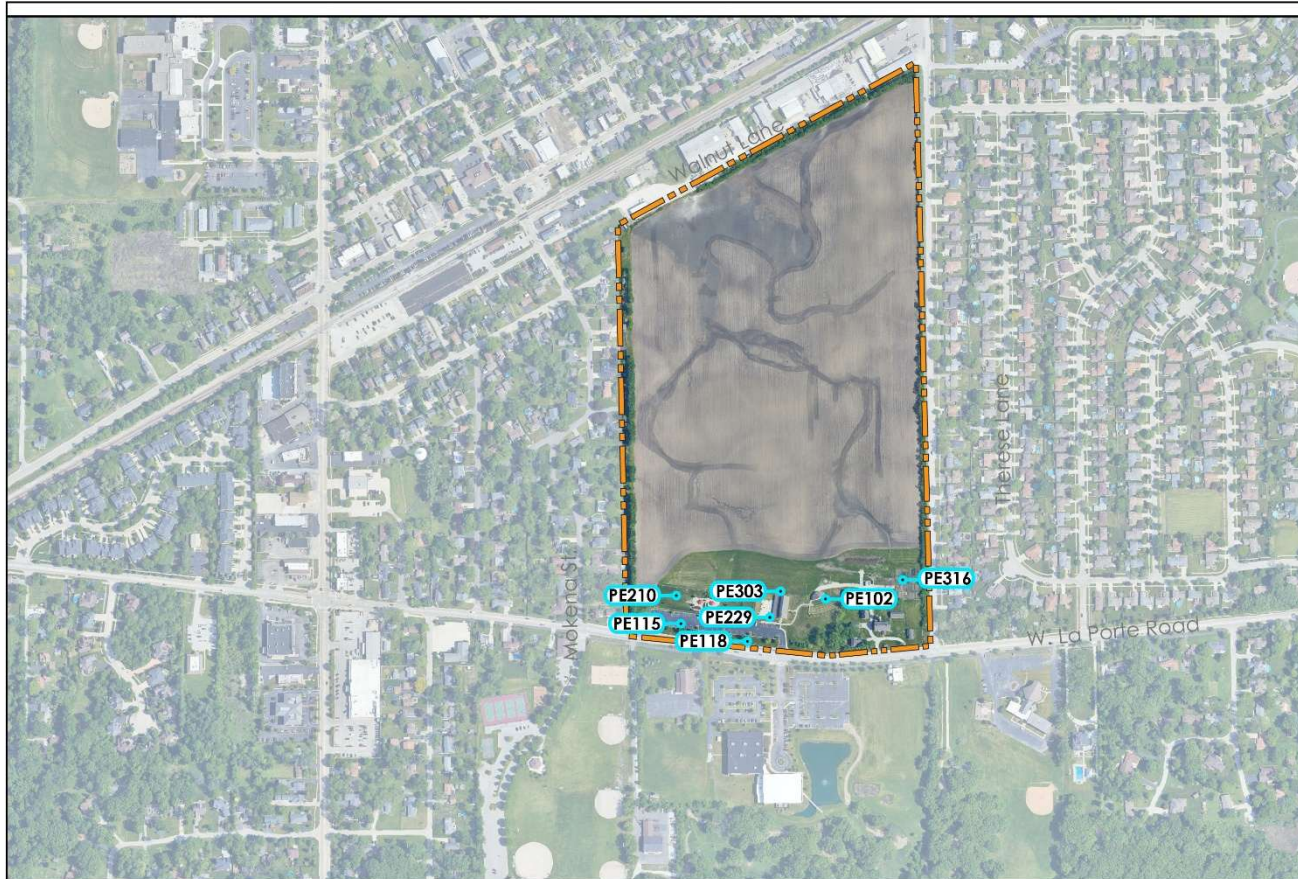
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General Park Elements (100)				
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	G	1.5
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5
PE114	Park Sign	S	E	4.0
PE115	Parking	B	G	1.5
PE116	Picnic Table	B	F	1.0
PE118	Restroom	A	P	1.5
PE120	Shelter	S	F	2.0
Total General TCQ Score			14.5	GOOD

Active Park Elements (200)				
PE203	Baseball/ Softball Field	S	G	3.0
PE206	Bleacher	S	G	3.0
PE222	Player Bench	B	G	1.5
PE223	Playground	S	G	3.0
PE228	Soccer Field	S	G	3.0
Total Active TCQ Score			13.5	GOOD

Passive Park Elements (300)				
PE301	ADA Access	S	G	3.0
PE307	Open Field	B	G	1.5
PE312	Picnic Area	S	G	3.0
Total Passive TCQ Score			7.5	FAIR

Total TCQ Score			35.5	GOOD
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Yunker Park



Yunkers Park
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Park Name	Yunker Park
Park Classification	Community
Park Size	116.25

	Type	Condition	TCQ Score	Score Notes	
General Park Elements (100)					
PE102	Amphitheater	A	E	6.0	
PE103	Bench	B	G	1.5	
PE104	Bike Rack	B	G	1.5	
PE107	Dog Waste Bag Station	S	G	3.0	
PE108	Drinking Fountain	B	G	1.5	
PE112	Litter Can	B	G	1.5	
PE115	Parking	B	G	1.5	
PE116	Picnic Table	B	G	1.5	
PE118	Restroom	A	G	4.5	
PE120	Shelter	S	E	4.0	
Total General TCQ Score				26.5	EXCELLENT
Active Park Elements (200)					
PE210	Dog Park	A	G	4.5	
PE229	Splash Pad	A	G	4.5	
Total Active TCQ Score				9.0	POOR
Passive Park Elements (300)					
PE303	Community Center	A	E	6.0	
PE316	Community Garden	S	G	3.0	
Total Passive TCQ Score				9.0	POOR
Total TCQ Score				44.5	GOOD

Standards Development

It is a common practice in the development of a Comprehensive Master Plan to explore the comparison of the agency's existing outdoor recreation area features and the total land acres versus national guidelines and statewide standards. These guidelines and standards have become less relevant over the years and in many older, built communities, it is not feasible to obtain. The basis of development needs for obtaining park acreage and/or new and improved outdoor park features is first and foremost developed by data gathering from community surveys, public meetings, special interest groups and other types of constructive public input to provide a reasonable basis for local planning. If the need to secure additional park land is based on significant level of service deficiencies or to gather new park land to meet growing programming needs, then the agency should explore acquiring the needed assets.

The National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) developed guidelines that have not been updated in recent years and within current planning circles there has been discussion about moving away from such due to a wide variety in local needs and availability of suitable land for both open space preservation and the development of park and recreational facilities. The need to understand local conditions and those community preferences is becoming more important to planning studies than arbitrary standards.

The statewide average for community outdoor recreation lands is 11.33 acres per 1,000 population. The 2025 NRPA Agency Performance Review is 10.20 acres per 1,000 population. The Park District provides 10.50 acres of park land per 1,000 residents. **The Park District adopted standard is 12 acres per 1,000 residents.**

The Park District can evaluate current land holdings to remove excess or non-essential inventory from its park system. In the short term, without future growth, the Park District does not need to acquire any additional park parcels.

State Trends

The 2021-2025 Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP) continues to identify Illinois with a low ranking of per capita supply of outdoor recreational land and facilities as compared to the rest of the nation. Local parks are used as critical, close-to-home outdoor recreation opportunities and provide a variety of activities for events, sports, trails systems and play. The importance of providing outdoor recreation opportunities close to homes and neighborhoods will only increase as recreation is taking a more localized form. Priorities identified in the 2021-2025 SCORP include improving health and wellness, access to parks and recreation, natural resources and conservation management and lastly funding and economic development generally align with the needs of the Mokena Community Park District.

Population of Jurisdiction Agency Comparison

In review of the 2025 NRPA Agency Performance, the Park District falls into the 20,000-49,999-population category and the following are the median number of residents per select amenity.

Outdoor Amenities	Mokena Community Park District Averages	NRPA Population of Jurisdiction Category (20,000-49,999) Averages
Playgrounds	1 per 1,169 Res.	1 per 3,643 Res.
Basketball Courts	1 per 2,236 Res.	1 per 8,000 Res.
Soccer Fields	1 per 1,353 Res.	1 per 4,002 Res.
Baseball/Softball Fields	1 per 3,846 Res.	1 per 3,408 Res.
Golf (18 Holes)	None	1 per 34,058 Res.
Football Fields	1 per 1,353 Res.	1 per 4,002 Res.
Tennis Courts	1 per 2,572 Res.	1 per 6,284 Res.
Pickleball Courts	1 per 2,572 Res.	1 per 7,333 Res.
Fitness Stations	1 per 6,429 Res.	1 per 21,468 Res.
Sand Volleyball Courts	1 per 5,144 Res.	1 per 16,487 Res.
Swimming	None	1 per 34,275 Res.
Park Shelters	1 per 1,429 Res.	N/A
Splash Pads	1 per 25,718 Res.	1 per 29,804 Res.
Dog Parks	1 per 25,718 Res.	1 per 26,534 Res.

Facility Observations

Main Park Facilities

The Administration Building is somewhat dated and would benefit from interior renovations, including a complete lobby redesign. The bathrooms also require full renovation. All office flooring should be replaced using the materials the Park District currently has in stock, and most of the office windows—many of which are drafty—should be replaced. Flooding remains a concern along the north and east sides of the building; therefore, the installation of an irrigation or drainage system should be evaluated. Overall, the roof, water heater, HVAC system, electrical systems, and other major building components are in good condition.

The bathroom/concession building is outdated and only minimally accessible. A complete renovation should be considered, including repurposing the concession area into a functional and usable space

The Cady Building is in poor condition and requires a complete renovation, including replacement of the roof, siding, soffits, gutters, and downspouts. The building also needs new windows, electric heaters, and air-conditioning units. The existing emergency staircase is no longer in use and may present a safety hazard. Therefore, its removal should be considered. Additionally, the surrounding concrete pad and sidewalks should be replaced.

The Program Center is in very good condition. The thermostatic controls have been an ongoing issue for staff and renters and should be replaced with more user-friendly control.

Yunker Farm

The Yunker Farm Red Barn underwent renovation in 2025, leaving the facility in excellent condition with fully functional spaces and updated appliances. However, improvements are needed to address slow internet connectivity, which currently limits the efficiency of rentals and events. A dedicated fiber-optic or high-speed internet connection should be considered to resolve this issue. Additionally, the kitchen and restroom flooring is difficult to maintain and should be replaced with more durable, easy-to-clean materials.

The grounds are well-maintained, but accessibility remains a major concern. Pathways should be constructed in high-traffic areas to improve access. Currently, temporary electrical service is used for large events. Therefore, a permanent electrical system with multiple plug-in points should be installed. Additionally, a dumpster with an enclosure designed to complement the farm's aesthetics should be added.

The farm buildings were painted in 2025 and window and roof improvements were made in recent years. However, limited interior improvements have been made. While no immediate projects are planned, the buildings should continue to be monitored for potential foundation issues and safety concerns.

The splash pad is in good condition, with a new kiosk and entrance added in 2025. The surface requires sealing and recaulking to extend its lifespan. Many of the spray features have significantly faded, and replacement should be considered within the next few years. The mechanical components remain an ongoing concern due to frequent breakdowns that result in substantial maintenance costs. Although most components have been replaced in recent years, they continue to wear rapidly and should be closely monitored.

The Oaks Recreation and Fitness Center

The facility remains well-maintained and has benefited from numerous upgrades, including revitalized interior spaces and modernized equipment. The security system was updated in 2024. However, consideration should be given to adding a parking lot and pursuing an exterior expansion. HVAC units are being replaced on a scheduled cycle, with three additional units due for replacement soon. The aging hot water heater and boiler components should also be evaluated for replacement.

A comprehensive locker room renovation—including new tile, partitions, and fixtures—is recommended to address ongoing maintenance issues and the dated layout. The elevator requires frequent service and may warrant full replacement or a major overhaul to improve reliability. Both stairwells would benefit from new tile, updated lighting, and fresh paint to enhance safety and appearance.

The former concession area should be repurposed into a functional space. Additionally, the grounds would benefit from the construction of a permanent restroom facility to support increased use during festivals and to serve soccer and disc golf participants, many of whom currently enter the building to avoid using portable restrooms.

Finally, as maintenance demands and event activity at the Oaks and the farm continue to grow, the addition of a dedicated utility vehicle and supporting equipment should be considered to enhance operational efficiency.

The Oaks Disc Golf Course

The Oaks Disc Golf Course retains a largely natural character while remaining well-maintained. Mowing patterns were updated a few years ago to support intentional new tree growth within designated no mow turf areas. All tee boxes and primary baskets have been upgraded within the past three years. A priority for moving forward should be the replacement of the original, non-primary baskets. It would also be

beneficial to engage a certified arborist or professional firm to assess and inventory dead or declining trees and identify invasive plant species.

Given the course's high level of use, consideration should also be given to adding a dedicated covered seating area, along with a permanent restroom that can serve both disc golf players and users of the adjacent soccer field and park.

Level of Service Area Analysis

The Level of Service analysis illustrates the success of the parks system regarding the services the Park District provides to the community. Each service provided by the parks or facility has a different geographic reach. In general, the Park District provides a wide range of services that cover a large area of the community. Most of the park amenities provide sufficient coverage for the total population.

The summary table below highlights the rating classification for the overall park system.

Classification	Mokena Community Park District Acreage	Mokena Community Park District Existing Level of Service (Acres/1,000 Population)	IAPD/NRPA Recommendation (Acreage)	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (Acres/1,000 Population)	Acreage Deficiency /Surplus (Acre)
Mini Park (Tot Lot)	1.58	0.06	12.85	0.50	(11.27)
Neighborhood Park	80.83	3.23	51.43	2.00	29.40
Community Park	187.59	7.30	192.88	7.50	(5.29)
Open Space/Natural Areas	0	0	0	0	N/A

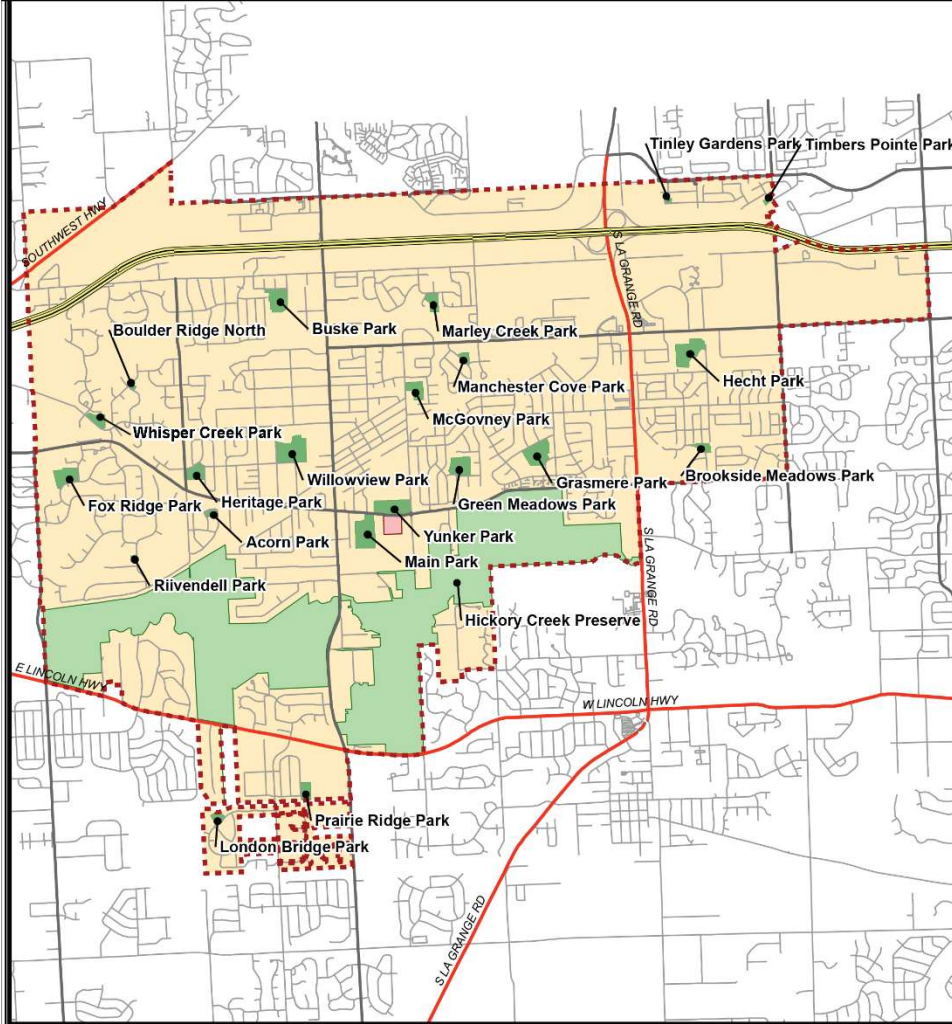
Calculations Based on Population of 25,718

Park Amenity Level of Service Table









Amenities	Mokena Community Park District Average	NRPA General Guidelines	Meets NRPA General Guidelines
Baseball/Softball Fields	1 Field per 6,429 Res.	1 Field per 3,000 Res.	No
Basketball Courts	1 Court per 2,236 Res.	1 Court per 5,000 Res.	Yes
Fitness Center	1 Building per 25,718 Res.	N/A	N/A
Golf (18 holes)	N/A	N/A	N/A
Outdoor Pools	N/A	N/A	N/A
Park Shelters	1 Shelter per 1,429 Res.	N/A	N/A
Pickleball Courts	1 Court per 2,572 Res.	N/A	N/A
Playgrounds	1 Playground per 1,169 Res.	N/A	N/A
Sand Volleyball Courts	1 Court per 5,144 Res.	N/A	N/A
Soccer Fields	1 Field per 1,353 Res.	1 Field per 20,000 Res.	Yes
Tennis Courts	1 Court per 2,572 Res.	1 Court per 2,000 Res.	No

**Mokena Community Park District
Location Map**

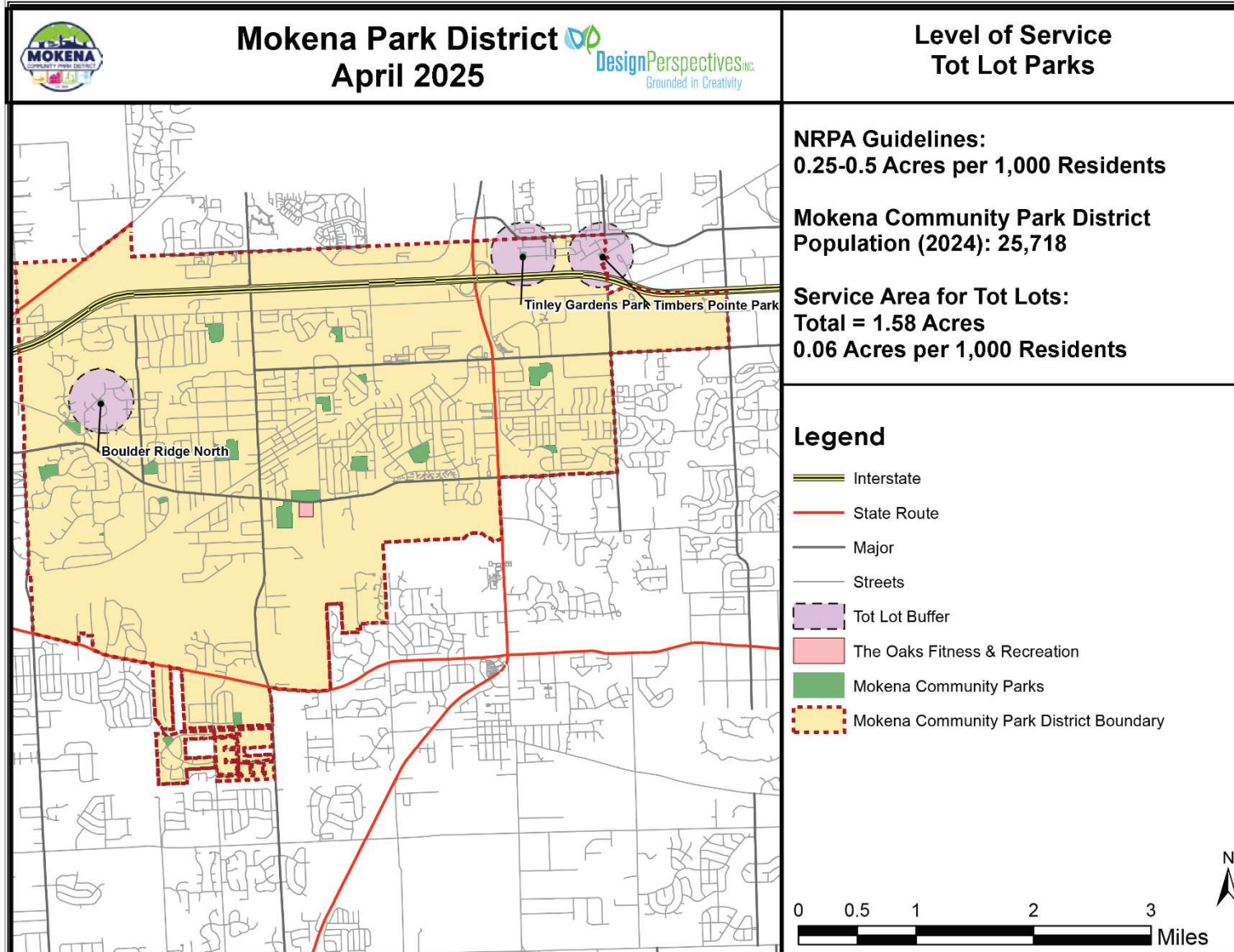
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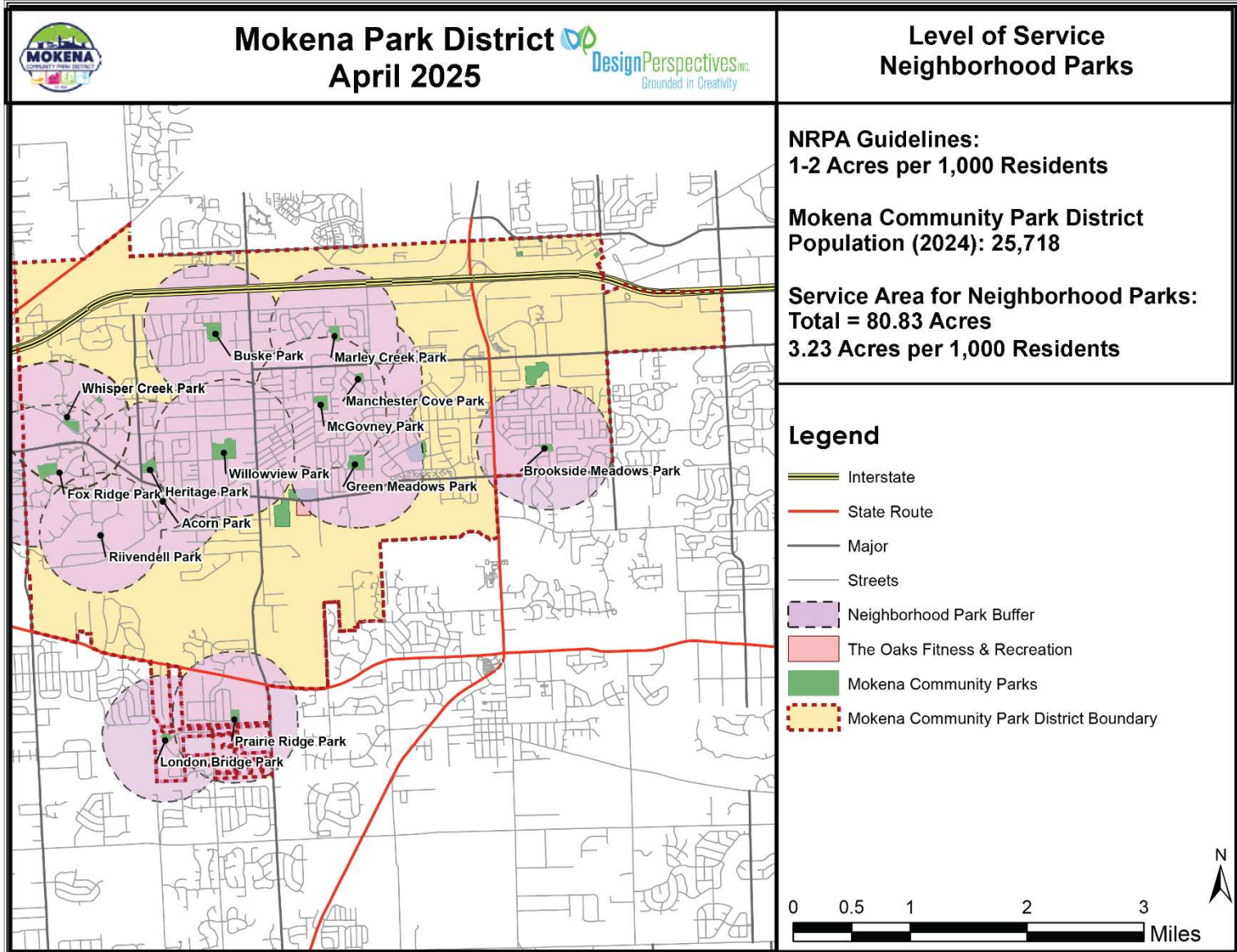


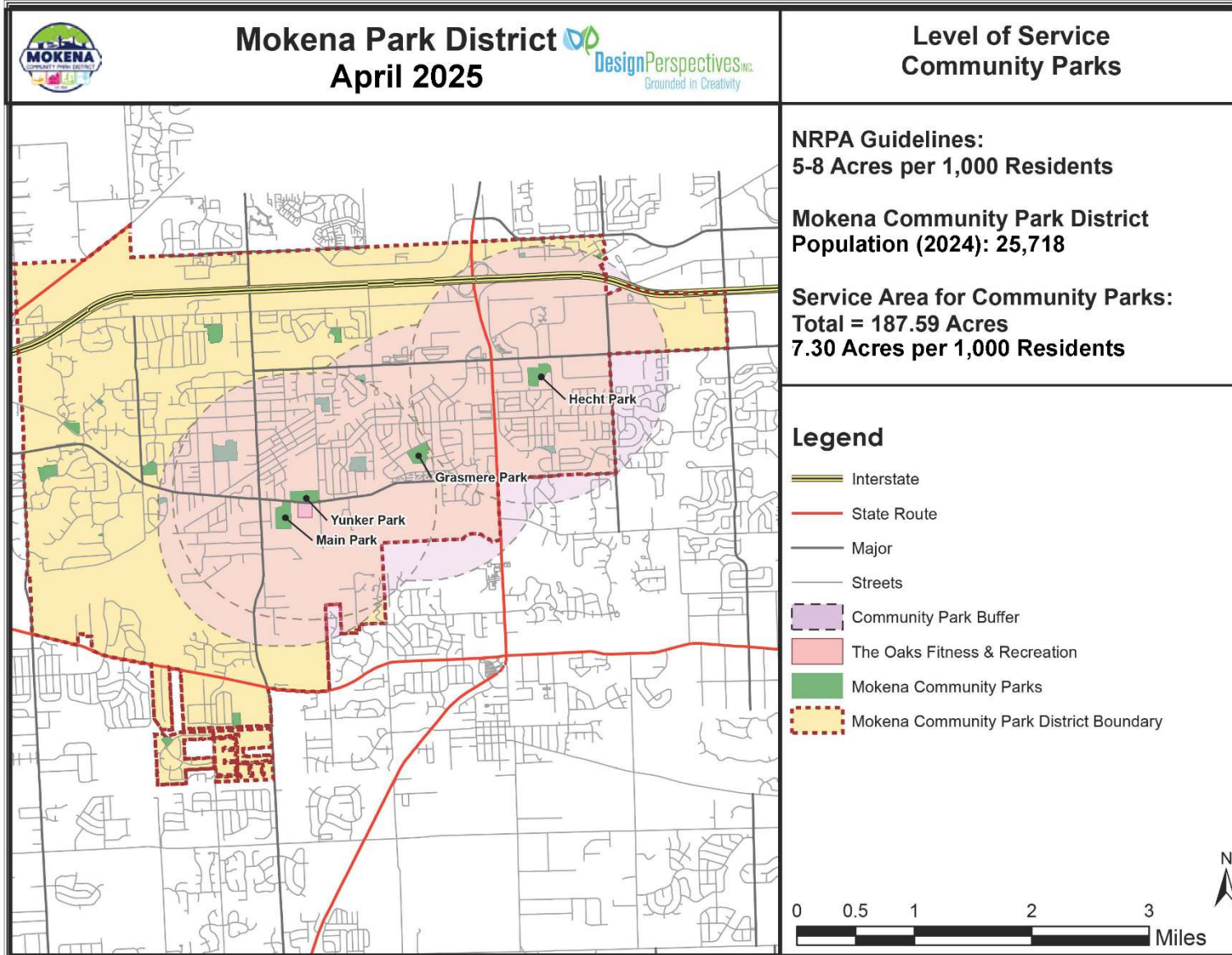
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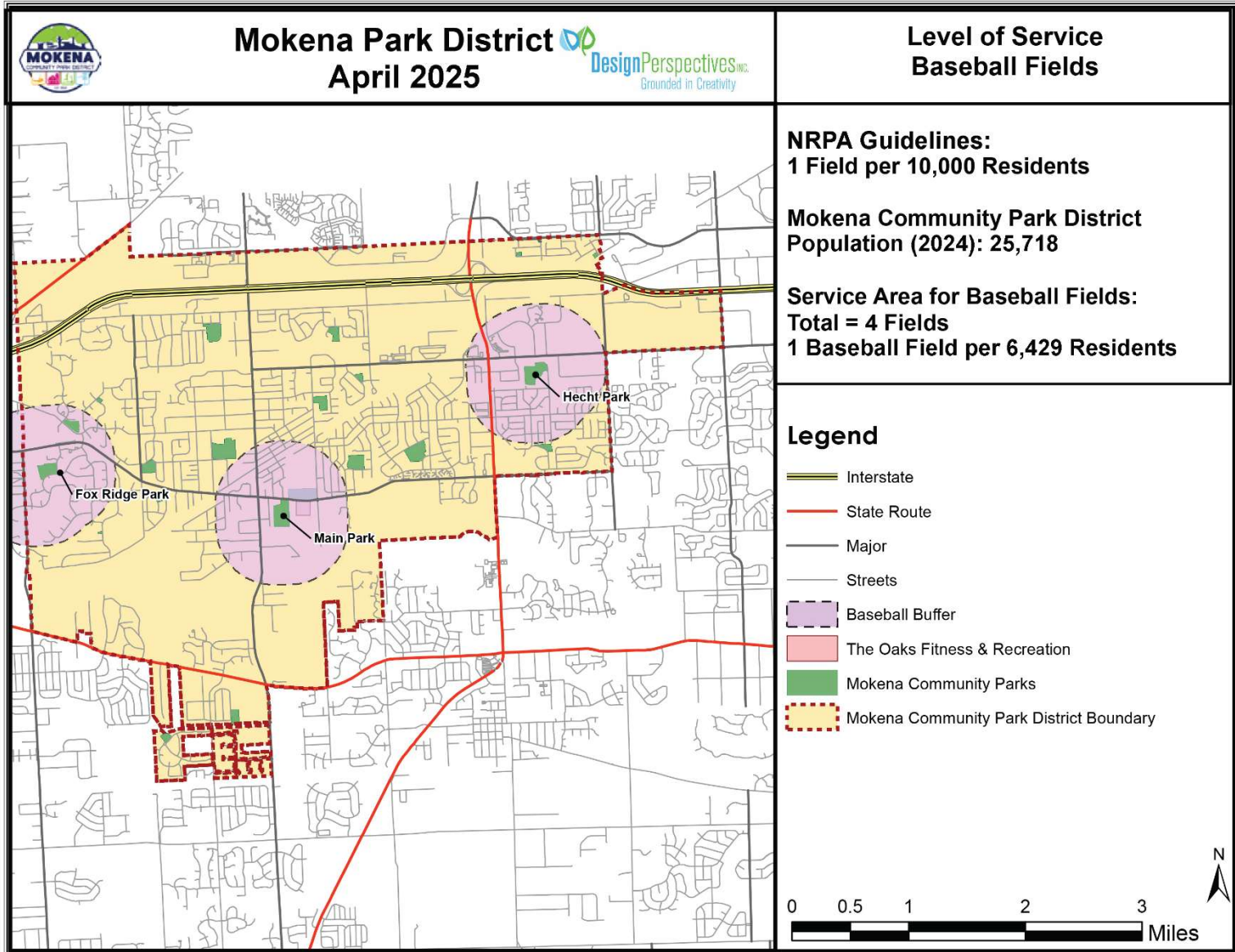
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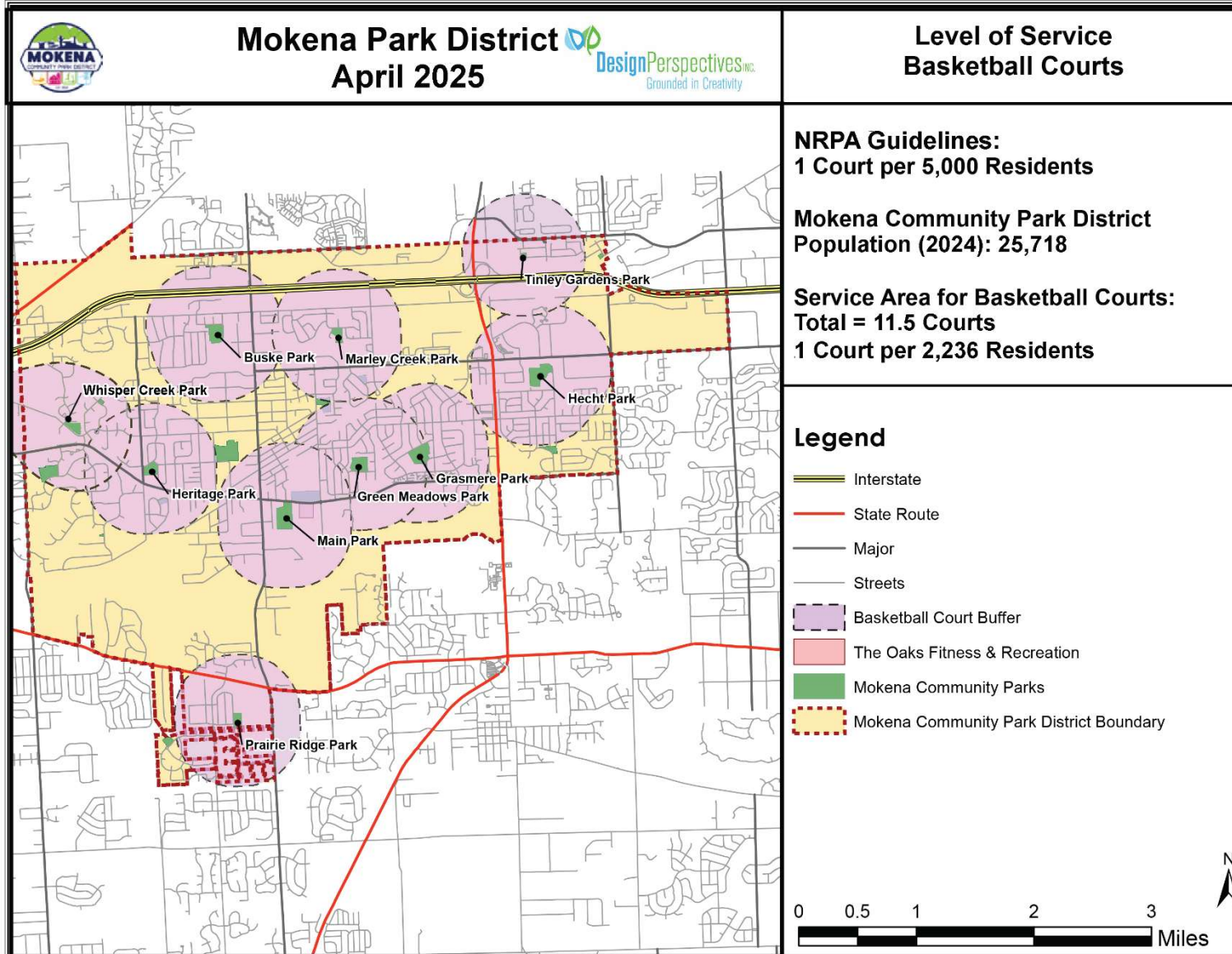


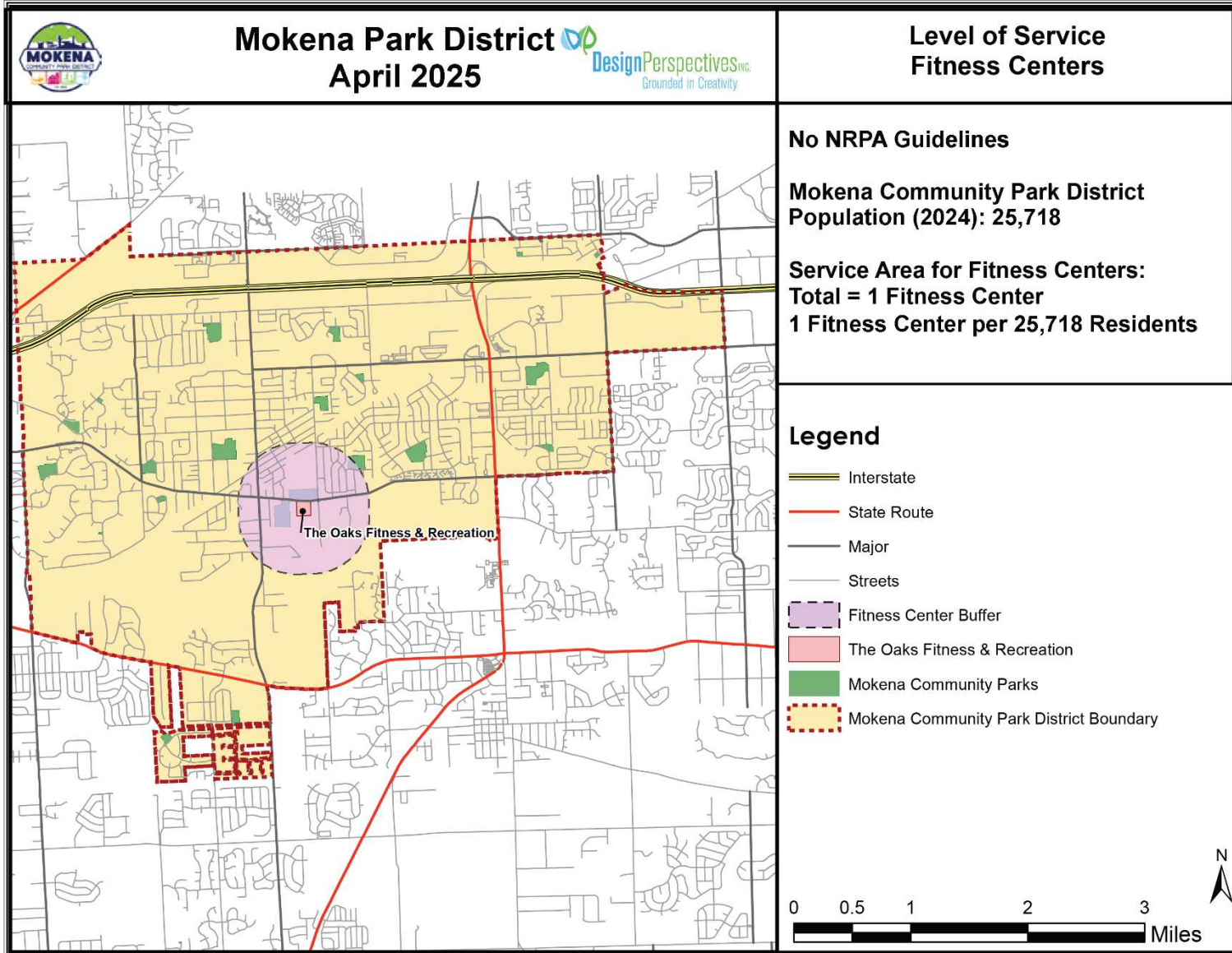


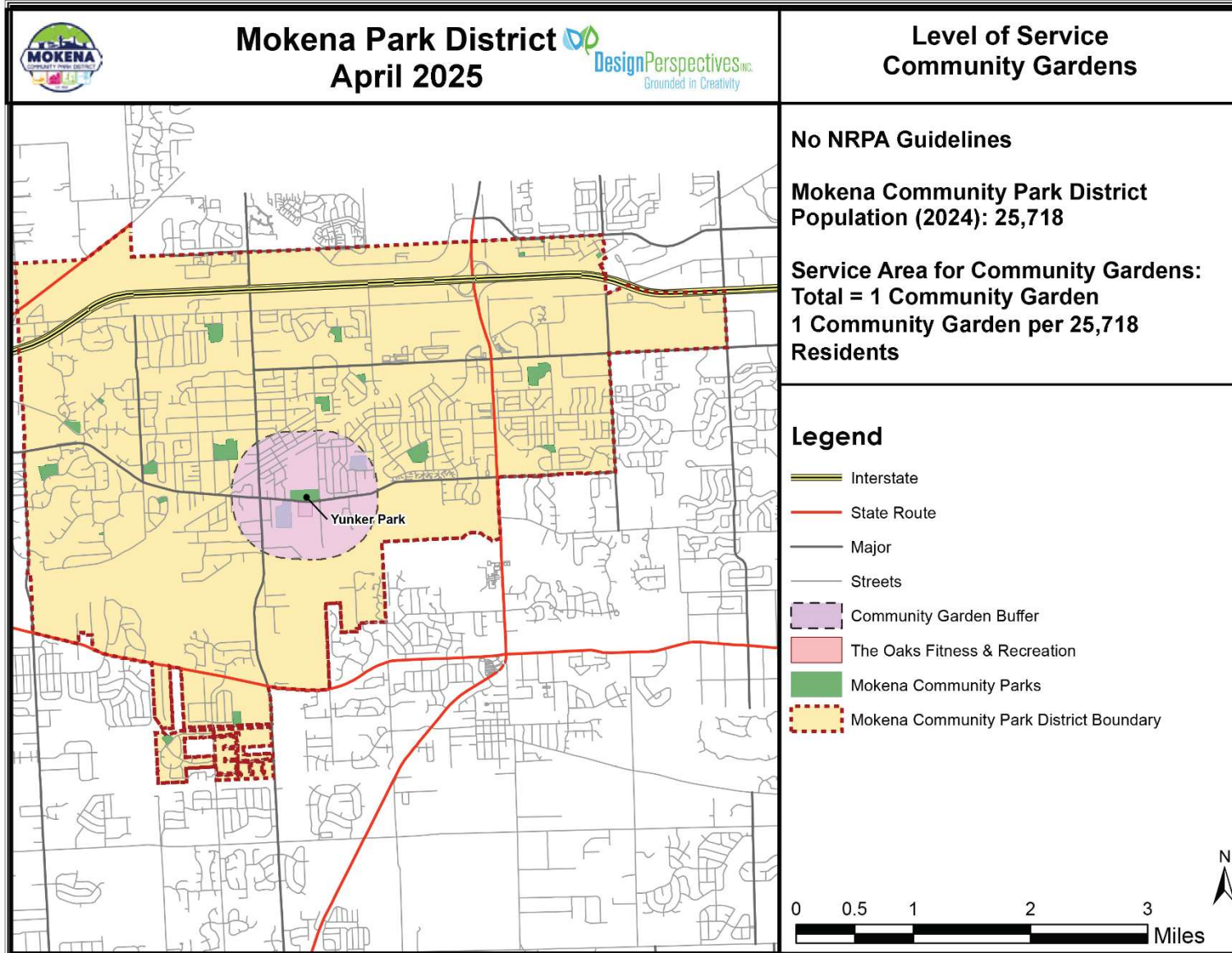


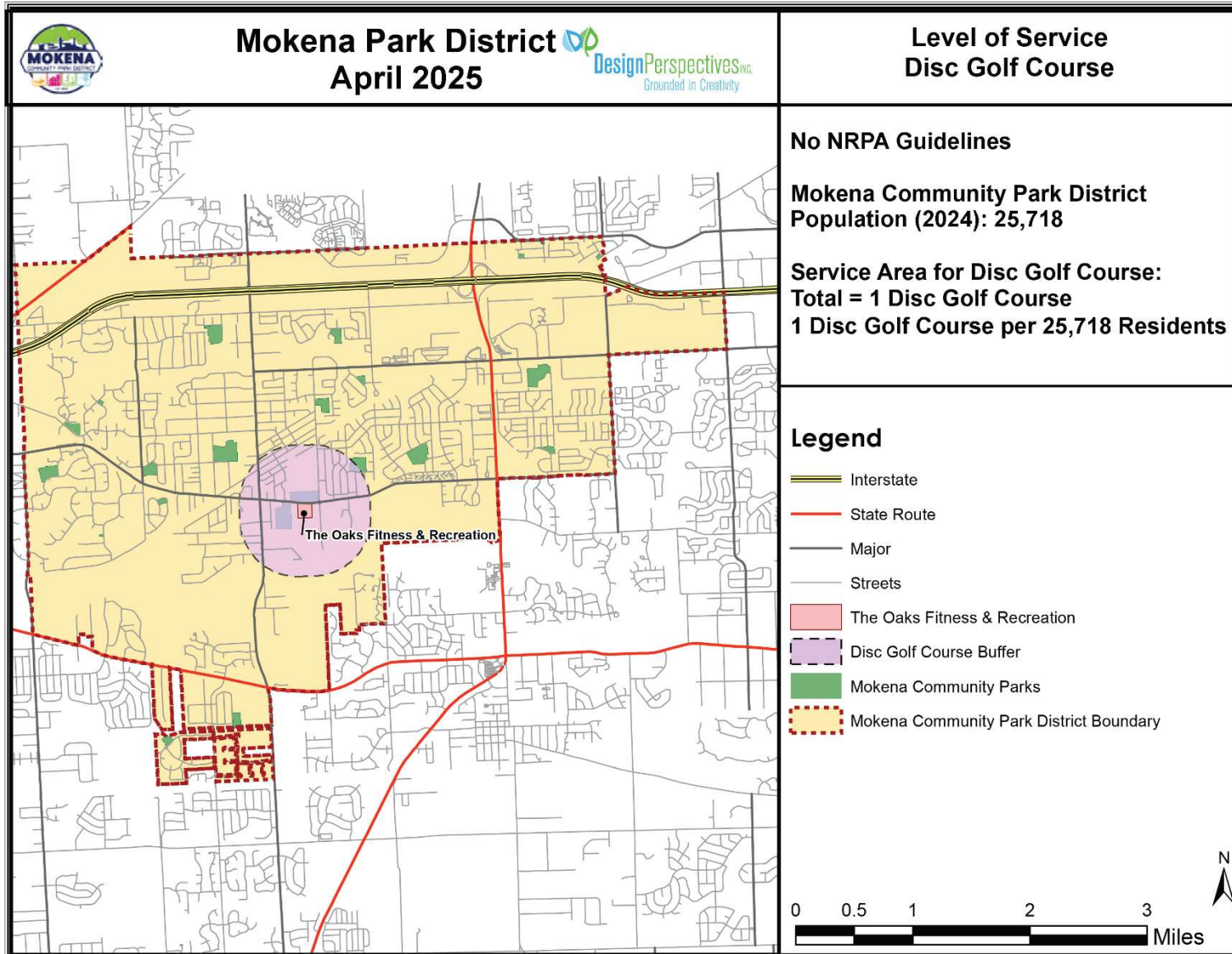


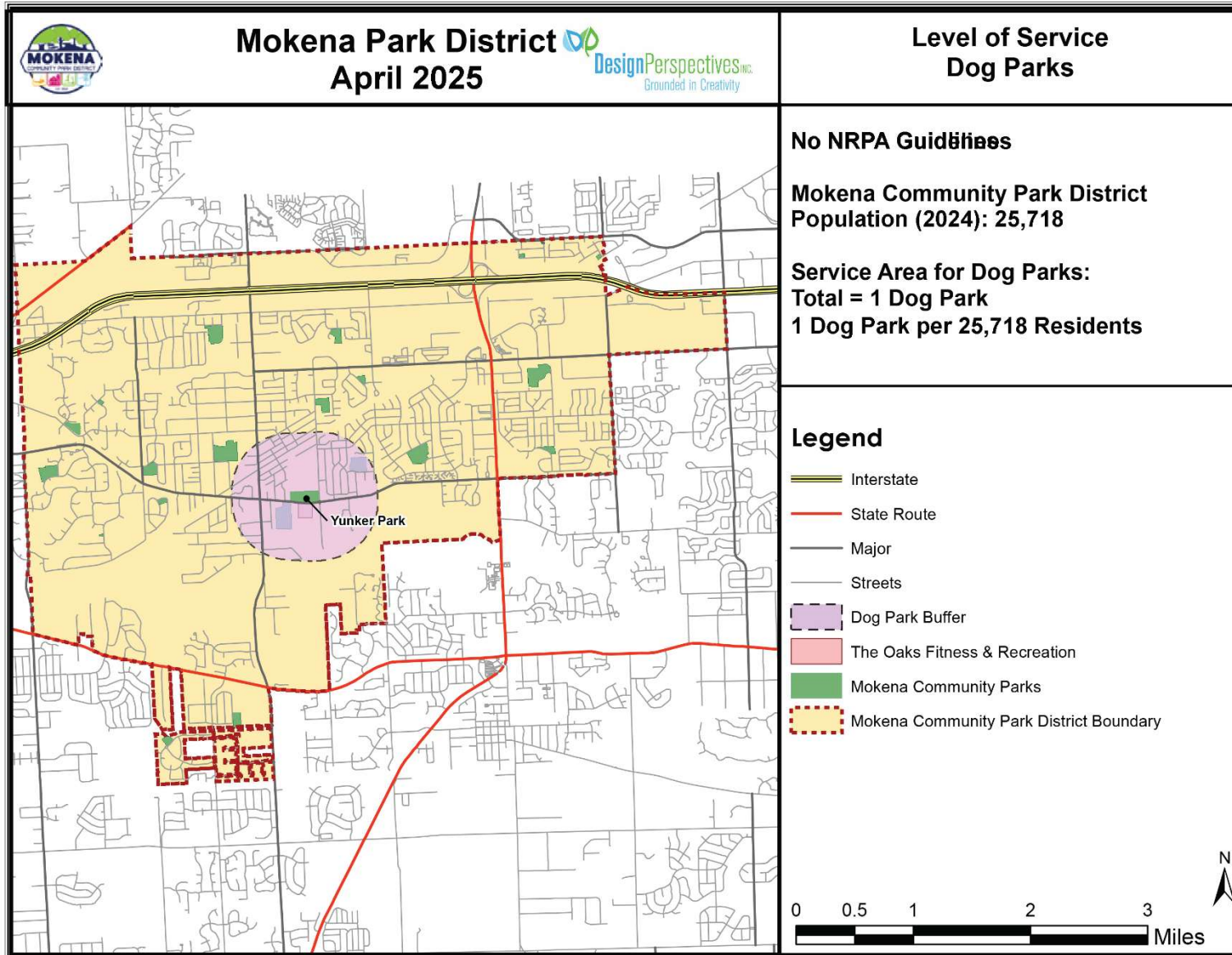


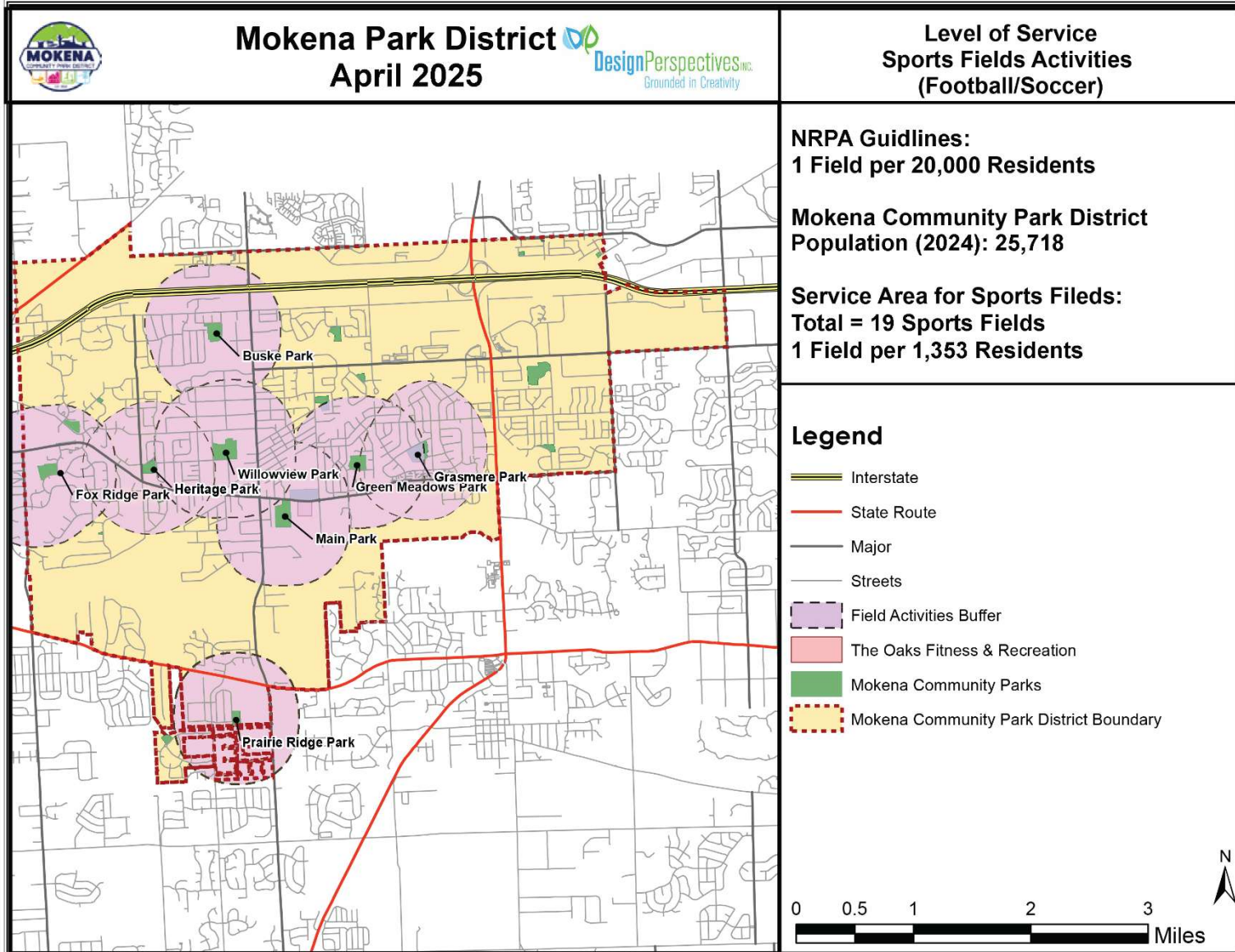


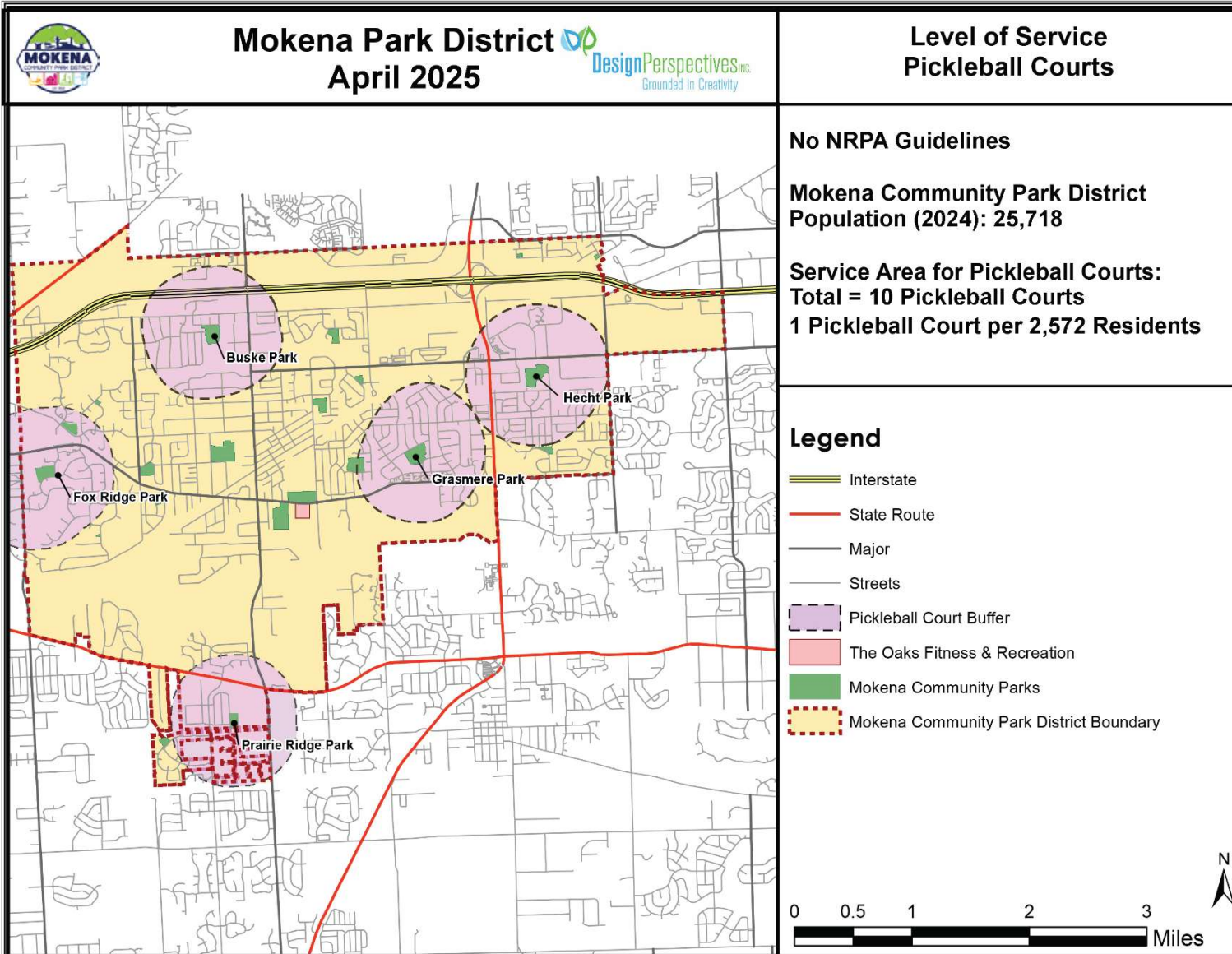


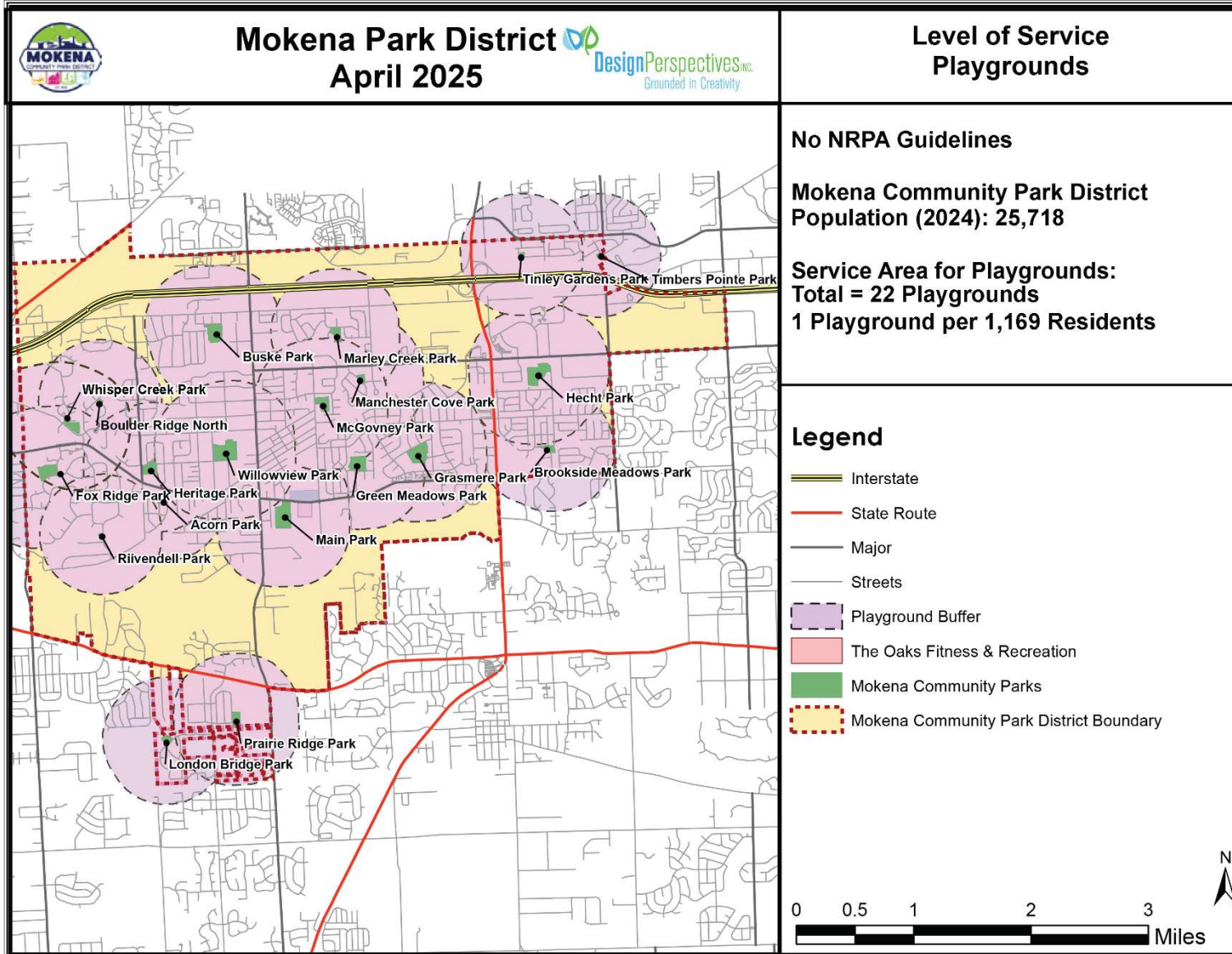


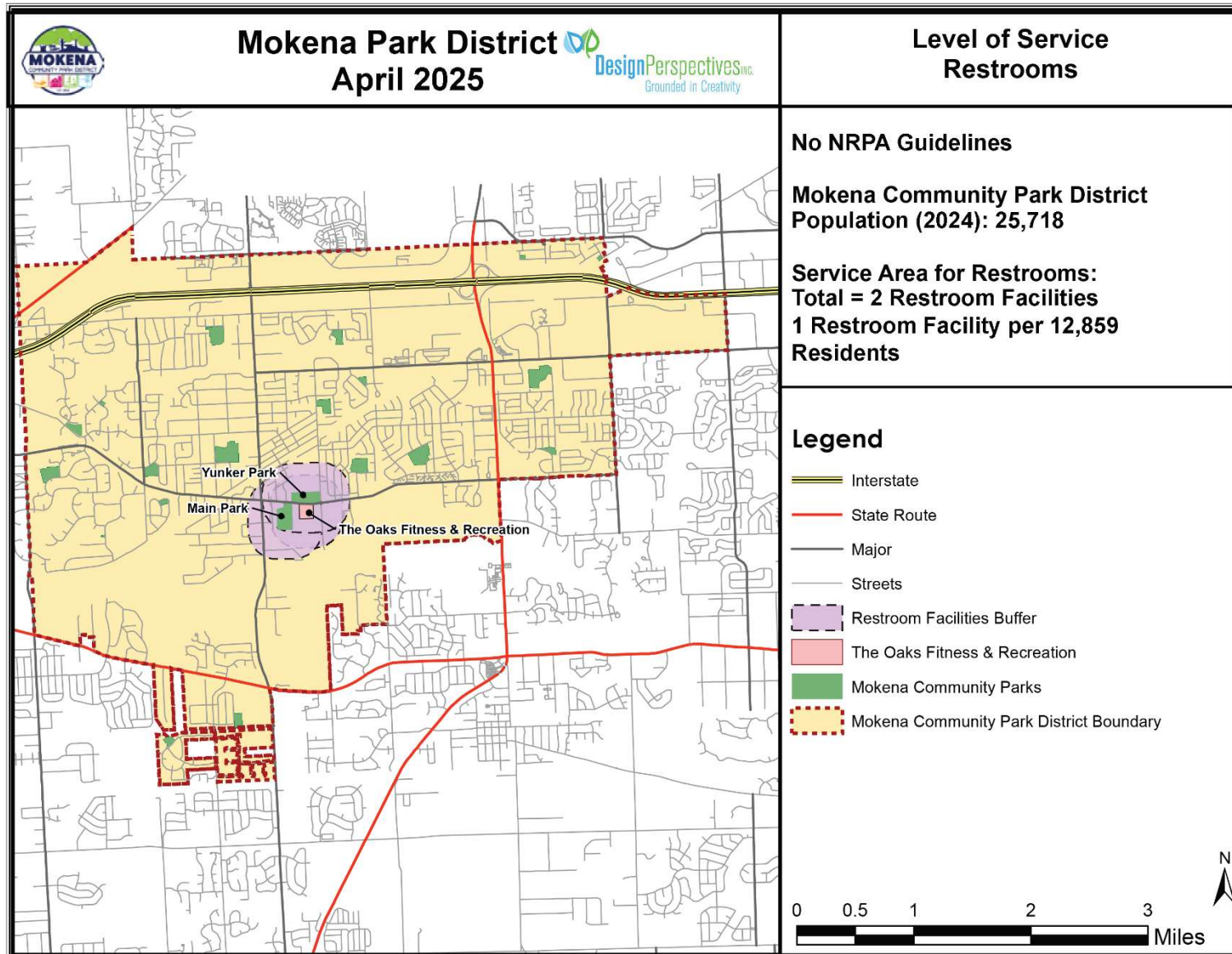


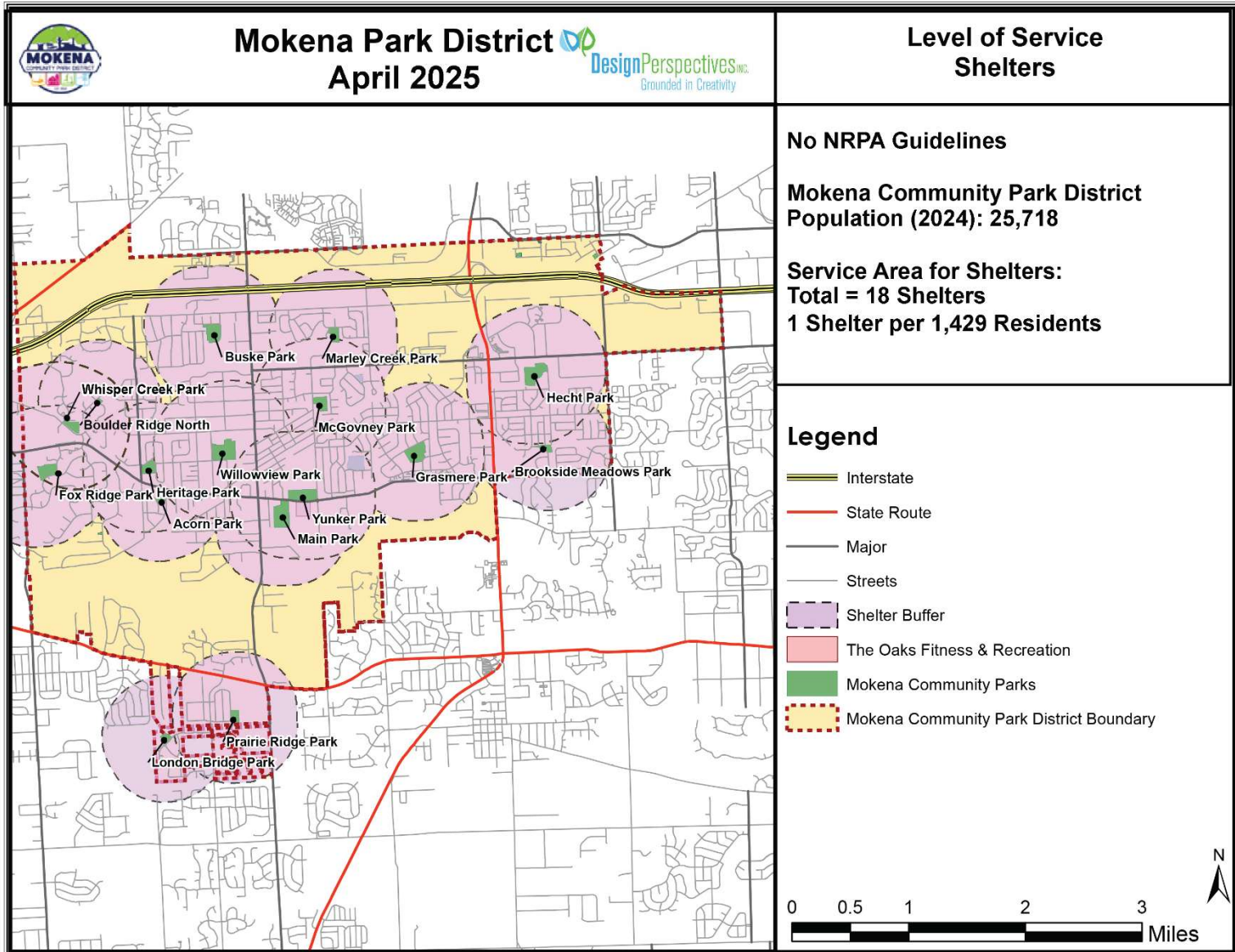


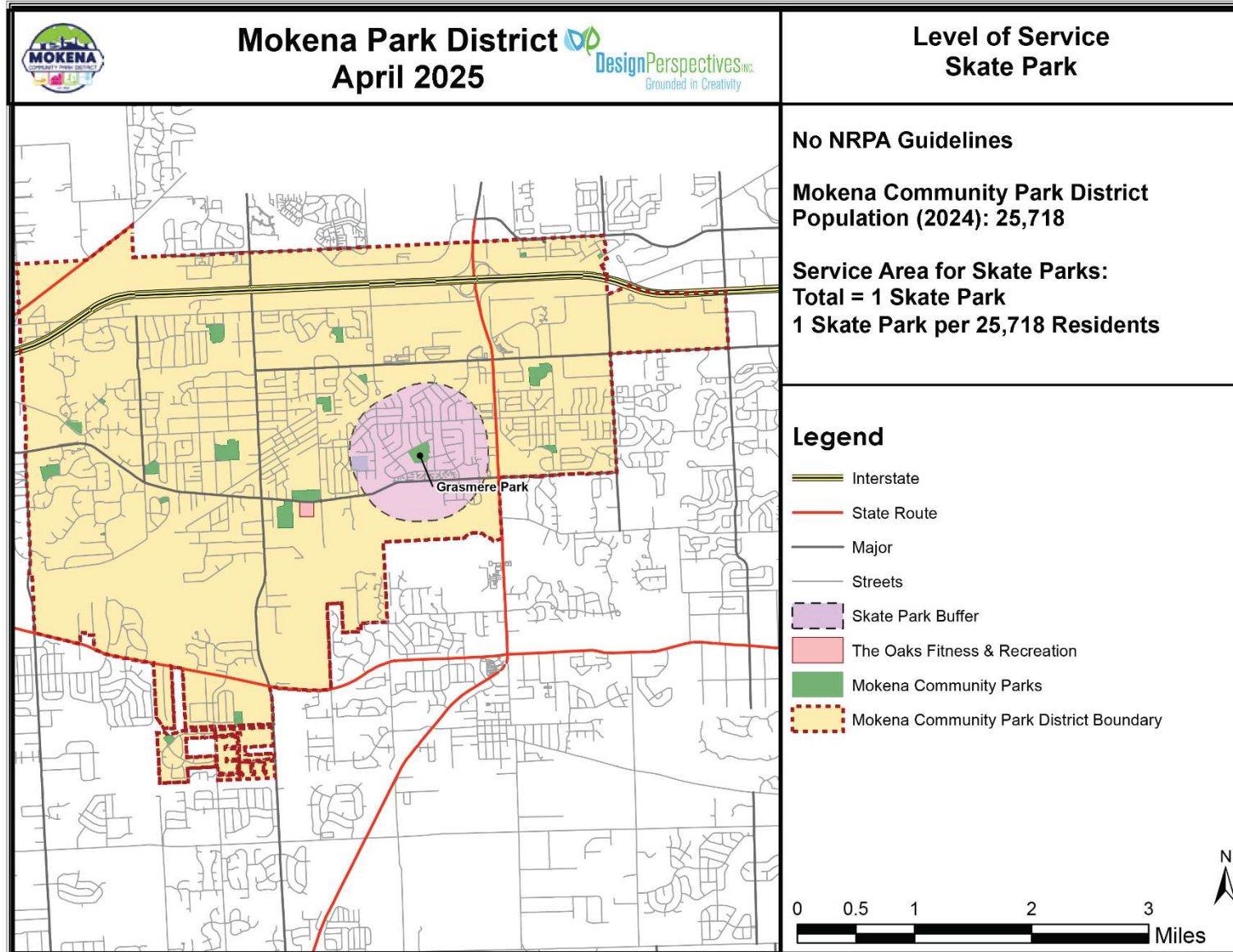


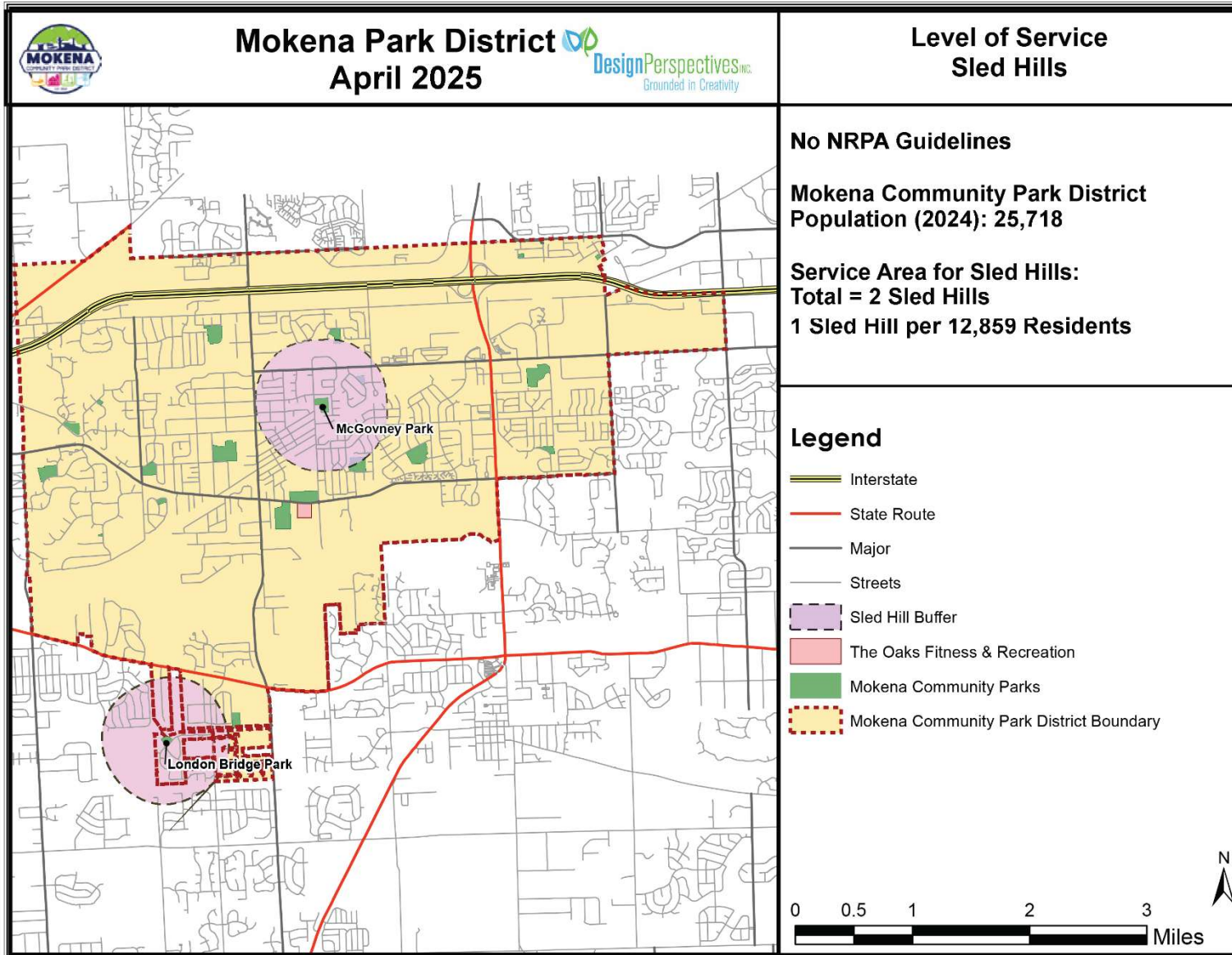


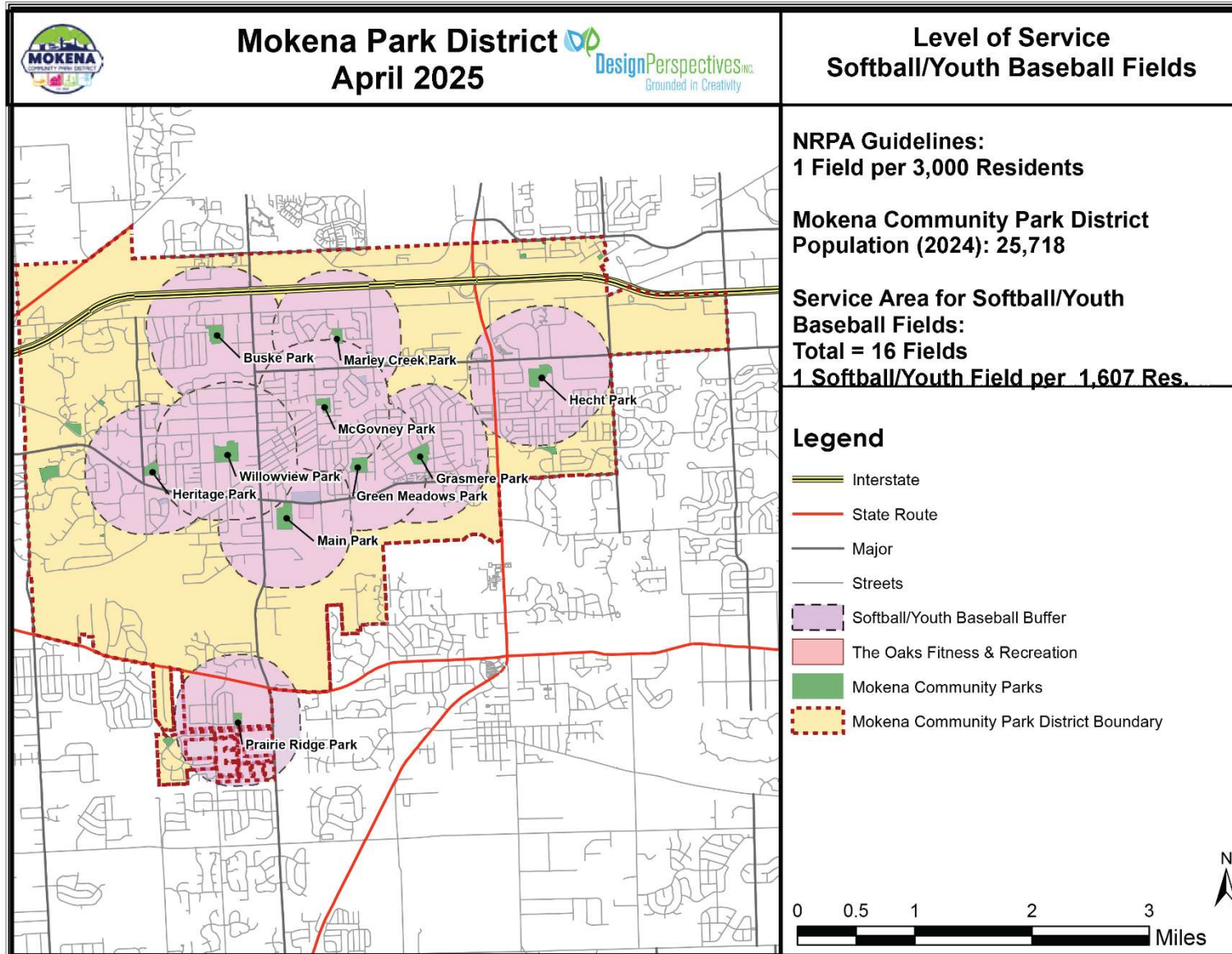


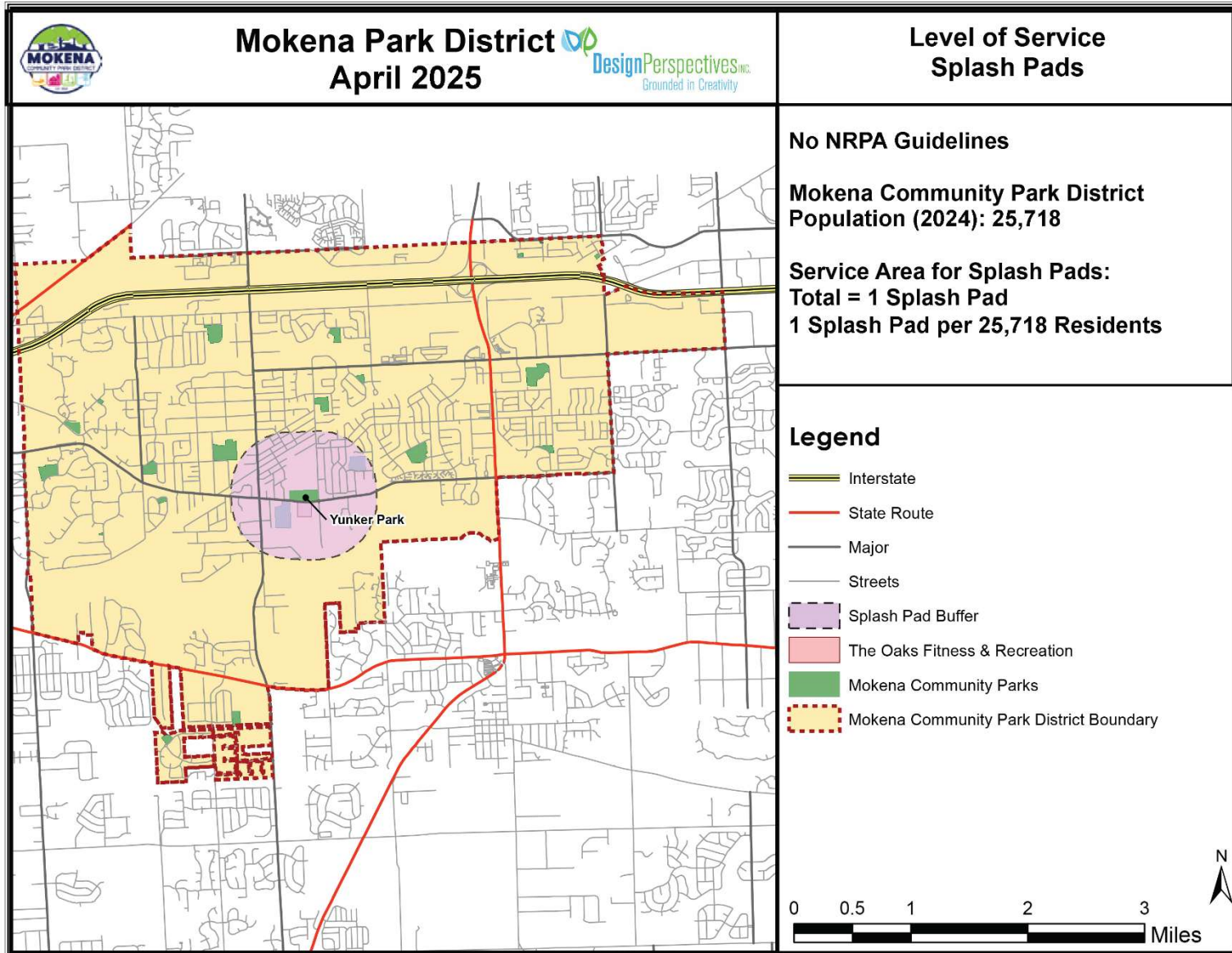


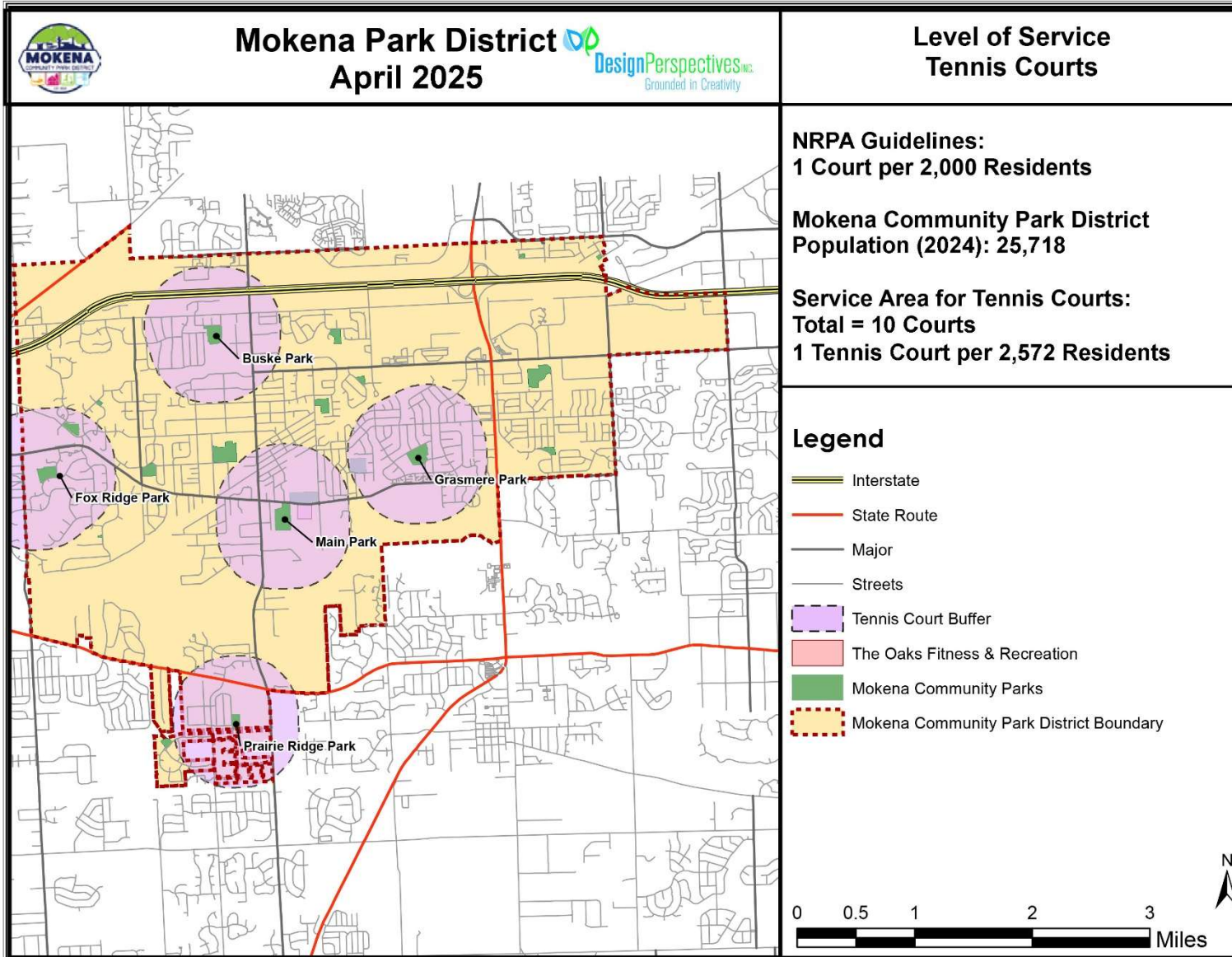


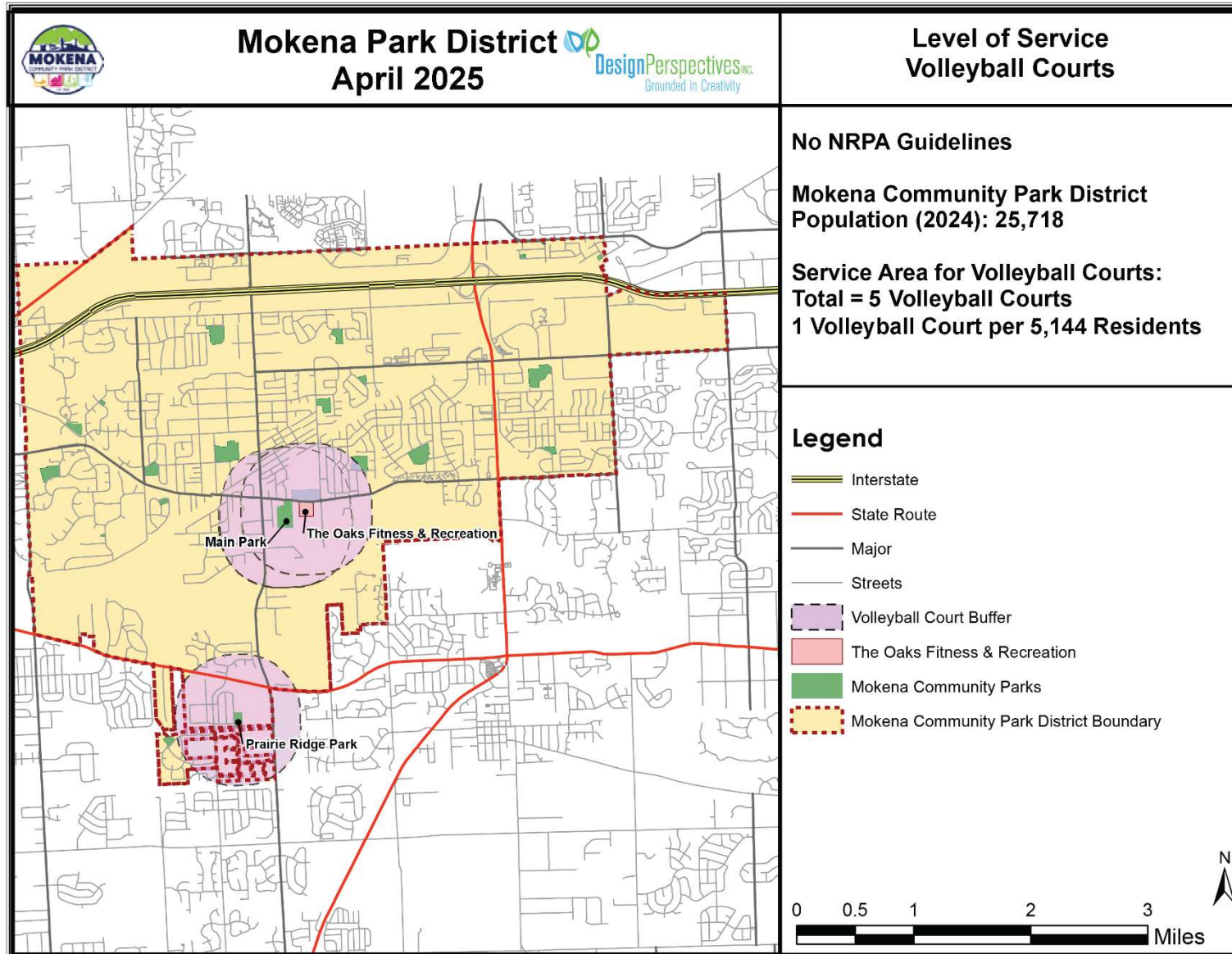














Chapter 4: Envision

The purpose of Master Planning is to establish a clear and inspiring vision for the future by defining a set of realistic and achievable goals that guide the agency toward meaningful and visible improvements. The initial phase of the planning process focused on collecting and analyzing valuable information from a variety of sources to gain a comprehensive understanding of current conditions and community needs. Through careful review of the stakeholder input gathered, key themes and priorities began to emerge—many of which are interconnected and collectively help shape the foundation for this Master Plan.



Strategic Atlas

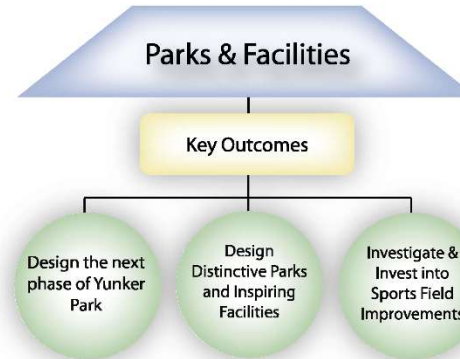
All these sources have been taken into consideration to determine the overall needs for the Park District. The goals and objectives are the cornerstone of this plan that will address those needs. The goals for this planning effort were developed into three core function categories of the Park District that focus on the following:

- Administration
- Parks & Facilities
- Recreation

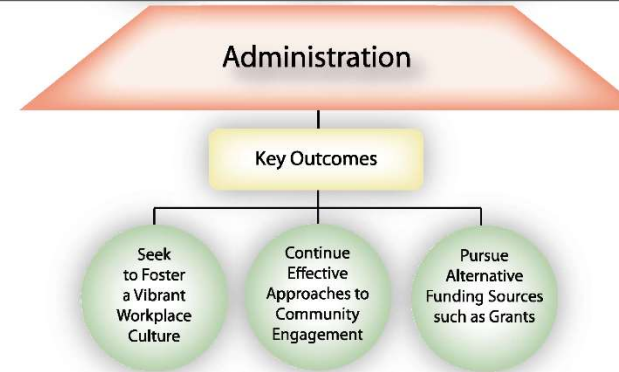
The strategic atlas illustrates the overview of the anticipated major outcomes of the master plan. This is accomplished by assigning a level of importance to these three categories from the plan’s goals and objectives, based on their level of importance which include:

- (High Priority) Tier 1 – Parks & Facilities
- (Mid Priority) Tier 2 - Administration
- (Low Priority) Tier 3 - Recreation

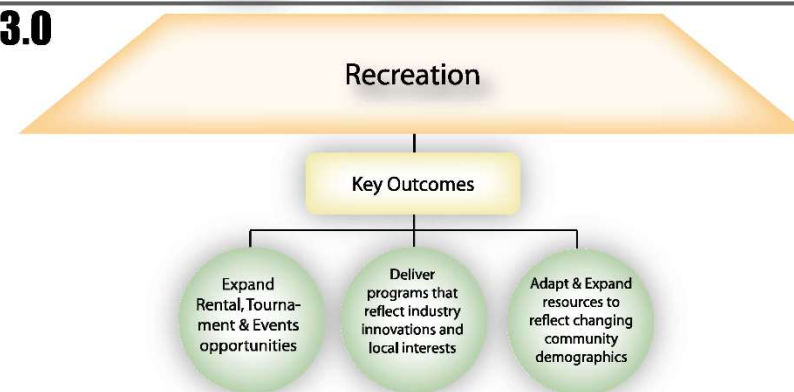
Tier 1.0



Tier 2.0



Tier 3.0



Goals & Objectives Development

The goals and objectives surrounding the park and recreation facilities should be viewed as the highest priorities. These goals also should be viewed as a series of interrelated activities with respect to programming and finance as each will have a profound and direct effect on each other.

Ultimately, this Master Plan should be viewed as a guide to the future and needs to be evaluated on a regular basis to stay relevant. The community as well as the agency environment will change as the plan goes through the implementation process and updates will be required to address unknown opportunities that will present themselves over the next five years.



Parks & Facility Goals & Objectives

The ability to access recreational spaces is important to the overall quality of life of any community. To fulfill this civic need, parks and facilities play a critical role. The costs of developing and maintaining parks and facilities are always increasing. These goals and objectives provide enough direction to get targeted capital investments started within the next five years.

Summary of Parks & Facility Topics facing the Park District

The Mokena Community Park District's Master Plan focuses on enhancing parks and facilities through thoughtful growth and investment. Priorities include advancing the development potential of Yunker Park, exploring community wide aquatics, improving sports fields, envisioning and improving facilities like Main Park restroom and creating distinctive spaces that reflect community character. Strategic land management, alternative funding, and environmental stewardship guide efforts to ensure sustainable progress and lasting community benefit. Together, these goals provide a roadmap for thoughtful growth and continued excellence in serving Mokena residents.

Goal 1: Invest in the design process for the next phase of Yunker Park, focusing on the currently undeveloped portion of the existing site.

Objectives:

- Assemble a unified vision to transform the undeveloped portion of Yunker Park into a vibrant community outdoor recreation space.
- Engage the local community in an immersive planning process to ensure the park meets their needs and desires and is accessible to people of all ages and abilities.
- Work proactively to vet the vision of the new park space and secure the next phase funding to transform the park into a vibrant community hub with diverse recreational offerings.

Goal 2: Explore potential opportunities for the Park District entry into aquatics.

Objectives:

- Explore entry points into community aquatics, including through partnerships with like-minded local agencies.
- Evaluate the financial costs to both design, construct and maintain such a facility in relation to other commitments.
- If aquatics should advance, especially a stand-alone facility, design an appropriate pool for the Mokena community.

Goal 3: Create unique parks & recreation facilities that reflect the culture of the community.

Objectives:

- Build park & recreation amenities that can enhance the quality of life for both residents and users.
- Feature unique design elements such as a pre-fabricated permanent bathroom facilities, bottle fillers for drinking fountains, shade to all playgrounds that are in need, a ninja playground, a pump track, etc. for park and facility projects within the community.
- Seek opportunities to renovate the Main Park bathroom facility including modernizing the bathrooms and repurposing the old concession stand into usable program space.
- Investigate improvements to the existing Yunker Farm Park and the Oaks that include additional parking, dedicated electrical at Yunker Farm to accommodate special events and improved accessibility to the grounds.
- Partner with special interest groups and/or affiliates when a beneficial relationship can be achieved to enhance park & recreation facilities.
- Explore capital improvements that can provide a balance of active and passive elements with new trends in the industry.

Goal 4: Review conditions of existing sports fields for capital improvements.

Objectives:

- Review the conditions of existing sports fields (e.g. turf quality, drainage, lighting, seating).
- Investigate field use for those that are underutilized or overutilized.
- Identify opportunities for increased accessibility, improve spectator areas, fencing improvements, site furnishings replacements, synthetic turf, etc.
- Consult with coaches, athletes, sports affiliate organizations, and community members.
- Review current budget allocations and expenditures for sports field maintenance and capital upgrades.
- Evaluate the return on investment for improvements.
- Create a multi-year capital improvement plan with estimated costs and timelines within the Park District.

Goal 5: Be forward thinking to potential acquisition/disposal of strategic parkland & recreation facilities within the community.

Objectives:

- Explore and fund future purchases of strategic parks, buildings and/or open space land parcels opportunities that become available, that is useable space, fits the Park District and is financially feasible.
- Perform a master plan on those opportunities to define a vision for the project as well as develop cost estimates.
- Work to identify and potentially sell park land that is deemed surplus and no longer is needed to fulfill the mission of the Park District.

Goal 6: Seek alternative revenue for capital improvements.

Objectives:

- Identify and apply for possible grants that can assist in the construction of park and facility improvements.
- Capital projects that have been identified as potential OSLAD, PARC and DCEO grant opportunities candidates that include but not limited to Grasmere Park, Hecht Park, Main Park and Yunker Park.
- Seek out other revenue sources that include ComED grants, local capital campaigns, sponsorships and/or partnerships for select parks improvements.

Goal 7: Promote environmental awareness to help preserve the environment through responsible decisions.

Objectives:

- Evaluate product purchases that minimize negative impact to the environment.
- Promote small scale habitat opportunities within capital projects when possible.
- Investigate solar installations for alternative energy applications.
- Examine new mowing procedures at select park locations to decrease environmental impacts and limit impacts on the local climate.

Administration Goals & Objectives

Summary of Administration Topics facing the Park District

The Mokena Community Park District is dedicated to strengthening communication, collaboration, and organizational excellence. The Park District will embrace innovative community engagement methods, leveraging technology and partnerships to encourage meaningful participation. Open dialogue among staff, board members, and community partners will be prioritized to celebrate achievements and guide ongoing Master Plan initiatives. A strong internal culture will be cultivated through competitive compensation, professional development, employee recognition, and modernized processes. The Park District will also evaluate the IAPD Distinguished Agency accreditation to ensure alignment with best practices and high operational standards. Finally, continued pursuit of grants, sponsorships, partnerships, and donations will expand financial resources to support future park and recreation improvements.

Goal 1: Embrace the effective use of Community Engagement.

Objectives:

- Explore utilizing community mapping tools that create a visual representation of the community input process.
- Leverage technology by utilizing online platforms and social media to connect with residents, share information, and facilitate meaningful discussions.
- Host a yearly summit with Park District partners to discuss ideas and collaborate toward common goals.

Goal 2: Take open and continuous steps to collaboratively guide the evolution of our Master Plan initiatives.

Objectives:

- Promote implementation of the master plan to energize and activate change.
- Continue to foster organizational transparency by proactively sharing relevant information and demonstrating consistent, open communication.
- Recognize contributions of staff, board members, and community partners in the master plan implementation.
- Incorporate Master Plan achievements into the Year in Review literature.

Goal 3: Foster a vibrant workplace culture that empowers all team members to excel.

Objectives:

- Perform a workplace culture survey on a yearly basis, review the findings and implement logical and beneficial suggestions. Create incentives to reinforce positive behaviors and eliminate unproductive habits.
- Ensure employee wages are competitive and aligned with like-sized agencies.
- Create additional continuing education opportunities and identify training opportunities needed for personal and professional development and budget for participation.
- Develop an Employee Wellness Campaign for bonding and fellowship.
- Modernize business procedures and processes.
- Encourage staff and board attendance at Park District events for informal camaraderie.
- Update affiliated policies as required.
- Implement an employee recognition program.
- Provide contractual support to staff with special projects, grants, etc. when warranted.

Goal 4: Investigate moving forward with IAPD accreditation.

Objectives:

- Review Distinguished Agency policies & procedures.
- Evaluate the feasibility of the Park District committing to the application process.
- Investigate moving forward with Accreditation.

Goal 5: Continue to pursue alternate fundings sources like grants, sponsorships, partnerships and donations.

Objectives:

- Identify and apply for grants that can assist in park and facility improvements.
- Potential projects should be internally vetted and prioritized with community input opportunities.
- Seek out other revenue sources that include sponsorships and/or partnerships that match Park District planning initiatives.

Recreation Goals & Objectives

Summary of Recreation Topics facing the Park District

The Mokena Community Park District is committed to enhancing recreation programs that reflect community interests and emerging trends. Efforts will focus on expanding Red Barn rental opportunities with unique experiences, improving the camps experience and growing special events and tournaments for all ages. The Park District will also increase recreation options that support aging in place through health, wellness, and social activities. Ongoing program evaluation and community feedback will ensure offerings remain relevant, innovative, and responsive to local needs.

Goal 1: Continue the early success of the Red Barn rentals and programming opportunities.

Objectives:

- Initiate marketing and social media efforts to promote Red Barn rentals.
- Investigate dedicated internet at barn to accommodate rentals and events, instead of a wireless access point that gets a signal from other buildings.
- Promote field trips to the Red Barn and Yunker Farm to schools and youth groups.
- Create Niche Experiences for rentals, special events and select programs such as farm to table dinners, seasonal themed beverage tastings, and wellness retreats.
- Monitor booking trends, guest satisfaction and repeat usage.
- Use surveys and community forums to refine offerings.
- Adjust pricing and packages based on demand and utilization goals.

Goal 2: Enhance Camp offerings for age groups, themes, timeframe and durations.

Objectives:

- Add single Day-off school camps. (One-day options)
- Investigate ways to improve camp transportation methods and costs, including buying buses or vans.
- Seek to develop one new alternative to the classic summer camp experience.
- Work with parents of campers for feedback for ways to improve the current camp experience as well as generate future themes for potential implementation.

Goal 3: Expand special events and tournaments for all ages across the Park District.

Objectives:

- Identify and evaluate underutilized or unthought of special events and tournaments with potential spaces for the future.
- Continue to collaborate with local organizations to offer unique programs, special events and tournaments within rental spaces.
- Evaluate current rental policies and adjust as needed.

Goal 4: Increase aging in place recreation offerings.

Objectives:

- Highlight the health and wellness opportunities throughout the Park District.
- Design and develop a cross-country ski and snowshoe course at the Oaks.
- Look to offer select free use access to programs and events.
- Research virtual and mobile off-site recreational offerings so programs can come to them.
- Offer a sampling of gentle exercise classes and health related activities.
- Explore expanding classes, events, trips and activities that foster social connections and opportunities.

Goal 5: Develop programs that can align with industry trends and meet local needs.

Objectives:

- Regularly review peer and industry publications and attend or participate in industry events to gain insights into emerging trends.
- Continue the use of participation surveys for recreation programs.
- Create a Futures Recreation Program Committee to evaluate existing programs and to brainstorm for new classes to identify real or perceived gaps based on industry trends for possible realignment depending on community input.
- Utilize GIS to help determine program utilization and potential geographic need shifts.
- Determine what programs can be incorporated that allow for flexible enhancements.

Conclusions

Parks, Facilities, and Capital Improvements

The Mokena Community Park District’s Master Plan focuses on enhancing parks and facilities through thoughtful growth and investment. Priorities include advancing the development potential of Yunker Park, exploring community wide aquatics, improving sports fields, envisioning and improving facilities like Main Park restroom and creating distinctive spaces that reflect community character. Strategic land management, alternative funding, and environmental stewardship guide efforts to ensure sustainable progress and lasting community benefit.

Community, Organization, and Partnerships

The Park District will strengthen engagement, transparency, and organizational culture through open communication and collaboration. Emphasis will be placed on community outreach, staff development, and pursuing IAPD accreditation. Expanding funding through grants, sponsorships, and partnerships will further support long-term goals and the continued success of Park District initiatives.

Programs and Recreation Services

The Park District is committed to expanding recreation opportunities that meet community needs and evolving trends. Key initiatives include continued success with Red Barn rentals, enhancing camp experiences and broadening special events and tournaments. Increased focus on aging-in-place activities and continuous program evaluation will ensure offerings remain inclusive, relevant, and innovative.

Chapter 5: Implementation

Plan Implementation

This chapter outlines the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Master Plan, presented in the sequence and schedule necessary for implementation over the next five years. While the Park Board and staff will exercise discretion in how each objective is pursued, external factors such as grant cycles and funding opportunities will influence priorities.

Beginning in 2026, most initiatives should be underway, with an annual review process established to ensure goals remain relevant, achievable, and aligned with community needs. The Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) will continue to follow a clear, fund-balance-based approach that prioritizes fiscal responsibility and long-term sustainability.

Effective planning depends on both sound research and a committed organization. The goals and objectives within this plan are grounded in insights from stakeholder meetings, community surveys, and public discussions. Successful execution will require:

- Commitment from leadership and staff
- Alignment with grant cycles and available funding
- Clear internal communication and consistent progress tracking
- Early implementation of “quick-win” projects to build momentum
- Staggered scheduling for long-term, resource-intensive initiatives

The Action Plan in the following pages outlines each objective in strategic steps designed to achieve the plan’s overarching goals. The accompanying timeline table provides a visual framework for implementation over the five-year planning horizon.

The Capital Improvement Plan reflects a straightforward funding scenario, implemented based on current fund balances and adjusted as future revenues and opportunities evolve.

Action Plan Timeline

Parks and Facilities Goals and Objectives

Goal 1	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Invest in the design process for the next phase of Yunker Park, focusing on the currently undeveloped portion of the existing site.	High	Assemble a unified vision to transform the undeveloped portion of Yunker Park into a vibrant community recreation space.	Parks & Facilities		X	X			
		Engage the local community in an immersive planning process to ensure the park meets their needs and desires and is accessible to people of all ages and abilities.	Parks & Facilities			X	X		
		Work proactively to vet the vision of the new park space and secure the next phase funding to transform the park into a vibrant community hub with diverse recreational offerings.	Parks & Facilities					X	X
Goal 2	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Explore potential opportunities for the Park District entry into aquatics	Low	Explore entry points into community aquatics, including through partnerships with like-minded local agencies.	Parks & Facilities			X			
		Evaluate the financial costs to both design, construct and maintain such a facility in relation to other commitments.	Parks & Facilities				X		
		If aquatics should advance, especially a stand-alone facility, design an appropriate pool for the Mokena community.	Parks & Facilities					X	

Goal 3	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Create unique parks & recreation facilities that reflect the culture of the community.	High	Build park & recreation amenities that can enhance the quality of life for both residents and users.	Parks & Facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Feature unique design elements such as a pre-fabricated permanent bathroom facilities, bottle fillers for drinking fountains, shade to all playgrounds that are in need, a ninja playground, a pump track, etc. for park and facility projects within the community.	Parks & Facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Seek opportunities to renovate the Main Park bathroom facility including modernizing the bathrooms and repurposing the old concession stand into usable program space.	Parks & Facilities	X	X				
		Investigate improvements to the existing Yunker Farm Park and the Oaks that include additional parking, dedicated electrical at Yunker Farm to accommodate special events and improved accessibility to the grounds.	Parks & Facilities		X	X	X		
		Partner with special interest groups and/or affiliates when a beneficial relationship can be achieved to enhance park & recreation facilities.	Parks & Facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Explore capital improvements that can provide a balance of active and passive elements with new trends in the industry.	Parks & Facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X

Goal 4	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Review conditions of existing sports fields for capital improvements.	Mid	Review the condition audit of existing sports fields (e.g. turf quality, drainage, lighting, seating).	Parks & Facilities	X					
		Investigate field use for those that are underutilized or overutilized.	Parks & Facilities	X					
		Identify opportunities for increased accessibility, improve spectator areas, fencing improvements, site furnishings replacements, synthetic turf, etc.	Parks & Facilities	X					
		Consult with coaches, athletes, sports affiliate organizations, and community members.	Parks & Facilities		X				
		Review current budget allocations and expenditures for sports field maintenance and capital upgrades.	Parks & Facilities		X				
		Evaluate the return on investment for improvements.	Parks & Facilities				X		
		Create a multi-year capital improvement plan with estimated costs and timelines within the Park District.	Parks & Facilities					X	

Goal 5	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Be forward thinking to potential acquisition/disposal of strategic parkland & recreation facilities within the community.	Low	Explore and fund future purchases of strategic parks, buildings and/or open space land parcels opportunities that become available that is useable space, fits the Park District and is financially feasible.	Parks & Facilities	X		X		X	
		Perform a master plan on those opportunities to define a vision for the project as well as develop cost estimates.	Parks & Facilities	X		X		X	
		Work to identify and potentially sell park land that is deemed surplus and no longer is needed to fulfill the mission of the Park District.	Parks & Facilities	X		X		X	

Goal 6	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Seek alternative revenue for capital improvements.	High	Identify and apply for possible grants that can assist in the construction of park and facility improvements.	Parks & Facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Capital projects that have been identified as potential OSLAD, PARC and DCEO grant opportunities candidates that include but not limited to Grasmere Park, Hecht Park, Main Park and Yunker Park.	Parks & Facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Seek out other revenue sources that include ComED grants, local capital campaigns, sponsorships and/or partnerships for select parks improvements.	Parks & Facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X
Goal 7	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Promote environmental awareness to help preserve the environment through responsible decisions.	Mid	Evaluate product purchases that minimize negative impact to the environment.	Parks & Facilities	X					
		Promote small scale habitat opportunities within capital projects when possible.	Parks & Facilities	X					
		Investigate solar installations for alternative energy applications.	Parks & Facilities	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Examine new mowing procedures at select park locations to decrease environmental impacts and limit impacts on the local climate.	Parks & Facilities	X		X		X	

Administrative Goals and Objectives

Goal 1	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Embrace the effective use of Community Engagement.	High	Explore utilizing community mapping tools that create a visual representation of the community input process.	Administration	X					
		Leverage technology by utilizing online platforms and social media to connect with residents, share information, and facilitate meaningful discussions.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Host a yearly summit with Park District partners to discuss ideas and collaborate toward common goals.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
Goal 2	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Take open and continuous steps to collaboratively guide the evolution of our Master Plan initiatives.	Mid	Promote implementation of the strategic plan to energize and activate change.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Continue to foster organizational transparency by proactively sharing relevant information and demonstrating consistent, open communication.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Recognize contributions of staff, board members, and community partners in the master plan implementation.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Launch a Master Plan newsletter with progress highlights, upcoming milestones, and partner spotlights.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X

Goal 3	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Foster a vibrant workplace culture that celebrates innovation and empowers all team members to excel.	Mid	Perform a workplace culture survey on an on-going basis, review the findings and implement logical and beneficial suggestions.	Administration	X		X		X	
		Create incentives to reinforce positive behaviors and eliminate unproductive habits.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Ensure employee wages are competitive and aligned with like-sized agencies.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Create additional continuing education opportunities and identify training opportunities needed for personal and professional development and budget for participation.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Develop an Employee Wellness Campaign for bonding and fellowship.	Administration	X					
		Modernize business procedures and processes.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Encourage staff and board attendance at Park District events for informal camaraderie.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Update affiliated policies as required.	Administration	X					X
		Implement an employee recognition program.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Provide contractual support to staff with special projects, grants, etc.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X

Goal 4	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Investigate moving forward with IAPD accreditation.	Mid	Review Distinguished Agency policies & procedures.	Administration	X					
		Evaluate the feasibility of the Park District committing to the application process.	Administration		X				
		Investigate moving forward with Accreditation.	Administration			X	X		
Goal 5	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Continue to pursue alternate fundings sources like grants, sponsorships, partnerships and donations.	High	Identify and apply for grants that can assist in park and facility improvements.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Potential projects should be internally vetted and prioritized with community input opportunities.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Seek out other revenue sources that include sponsorships and/or partnerships that match Park District planning initiatives.	Administration	X	X	X	X	X	X

Recreation Goals and Objectives:

Goal 1	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Continue the early success of the Red Barn rentals and programming opportunities.	High	Initiate marketing and social media efforts to promote Red Barn rentals.	Recreation	X		X		X	
		Investigate dedicated internet at barn to accommodate rentals and events, instead of a wireless access point that gets a signal from other buildings.	Recreation	X					
		Promote fields trips to the Red Barn and Yunker Farm to schools and youth groups.	Recreation	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Create Niche Experiences for rentals, special events and select programs such as farm to table dinners, seasonal themed beverage tastings, and wellness retreats.	Recreation	X		X		X	
		Monitor booking trends, guest satisfaction and repeat usage.	Recreation		X		X		X
		Use surveys and community forums to refine offerings.	Recreation		X		X		X
		Adjust pricing and packages based on demand and utilization goals.	Recreation		X		X		X

Goal 2	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Explore Summer Camp offerings for age groups, themes, timeframe and durations.	Mid	Add single Day-off school camps. (One-day options)	Recreation	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Investigate ways to improve camp transportation methods and costs, including buying buses or vans.	Recreation	X				X	
		Seek to develop one new alternative to the classic summer camp experience.	Recreation	X		X		X	
		Work with parents of campers for feedback for ways to improve the current camp experience as well as generate future themes for potential implementation.	Recreation	X		X		X	

Goal 3	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Expand special events and tournaments for all ages across the Park District.	Low	Identify and evaluate underutilized or unthought of special events and tournaments with potential spaces for the future.	Recreation		X		X		X
		Collaborate with local organizations to offer unique programs, special events and tournaments within rental spaces.	Recreation		X		X		X
		Evaluate current rental policies and adjust as needed.	Recreation		X		X		X
Goal 4	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Increase aging in place recreation offerings.	High	Highlight the health and wellness opportunities throughout the Park District.	Recreation	X					
		Design and develop a cross-country ski and snowshoe course at the Oaks.	Recreation		X				
		Look to offer select free use access to programs and events.	Recreation	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Research virtual and mobile off-site recreational offerings so programs can come to them.	Recreation	X					
		Offer a sampling of gentle exercise classes and health related activities.	Recreation		X				
		Explore expanding classes, events, trips and activities that foster social connections and opportunities.	Recreation	X	X	X	X	X	X

Goal 5	Tier	Objective	Type	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Develop programs that can align with industry trends and meet local needs.	Mid	Regularly review peer and industry publications and attend or participate in industry events to gain insights into emerging trends.	Recreation	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Continue the use of participation surveys for recreation programs.	Recreation	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Create a Futures Recreation Program Committee to evaluate existing programs and to brainstorm for new classes to identify real or perceived gaps based on industry trends for possible realignment depending on community input.	Recreation	X			X		
		Utilize GIS to help determine program utilization and potential geographic need shifts.	Recreation	X	X	X	X	X	X
		Determine what programs can be incorporated that allow for flexible enhancements.	Recreation	X	X	X	X	X	X

Capital Improvement Plan

The following pages lay out the Mokena Community Park District’s Capital Improvement Plan in a conceptual format as a guide for future improvements. All future improvements carried out by the Park District should utilize the associated budgeting as a starting point for each project to define cost parameters and be adjusted to meet the project needs as well as future price escalations.

Quality of Service Identification

The Quality of Service (QOS) matrix on the following pages illustrates the accumulation of all analysis and project recommendations for each individual park and facility. Through the scoring of each park or facility’s inventory, level of service and projected capital, the QOS matrix charts the total impact each has on the overall park and facility system. This unique approach of looking at each individual park and facility through multiple lenses over multiple high-importance factors helps to illustrate the priorities and direction of the Park District. The breakdown of categories that comprise the QOS matrix are:

- Use** **The total amount of community involvement with each park or facility.**

- Capital Investment** **The projected capital required for all recommended improvements to each park or facility.**

- Level of Service** **The size/use area of each park or facility determined through the LOS analysis.**

- Projected Impact** **The overall difference or outcome to the community possible if recommended improvements are achieved.**

- QOS** **The final score given to each park or facility to identify each one’s individual priority.**

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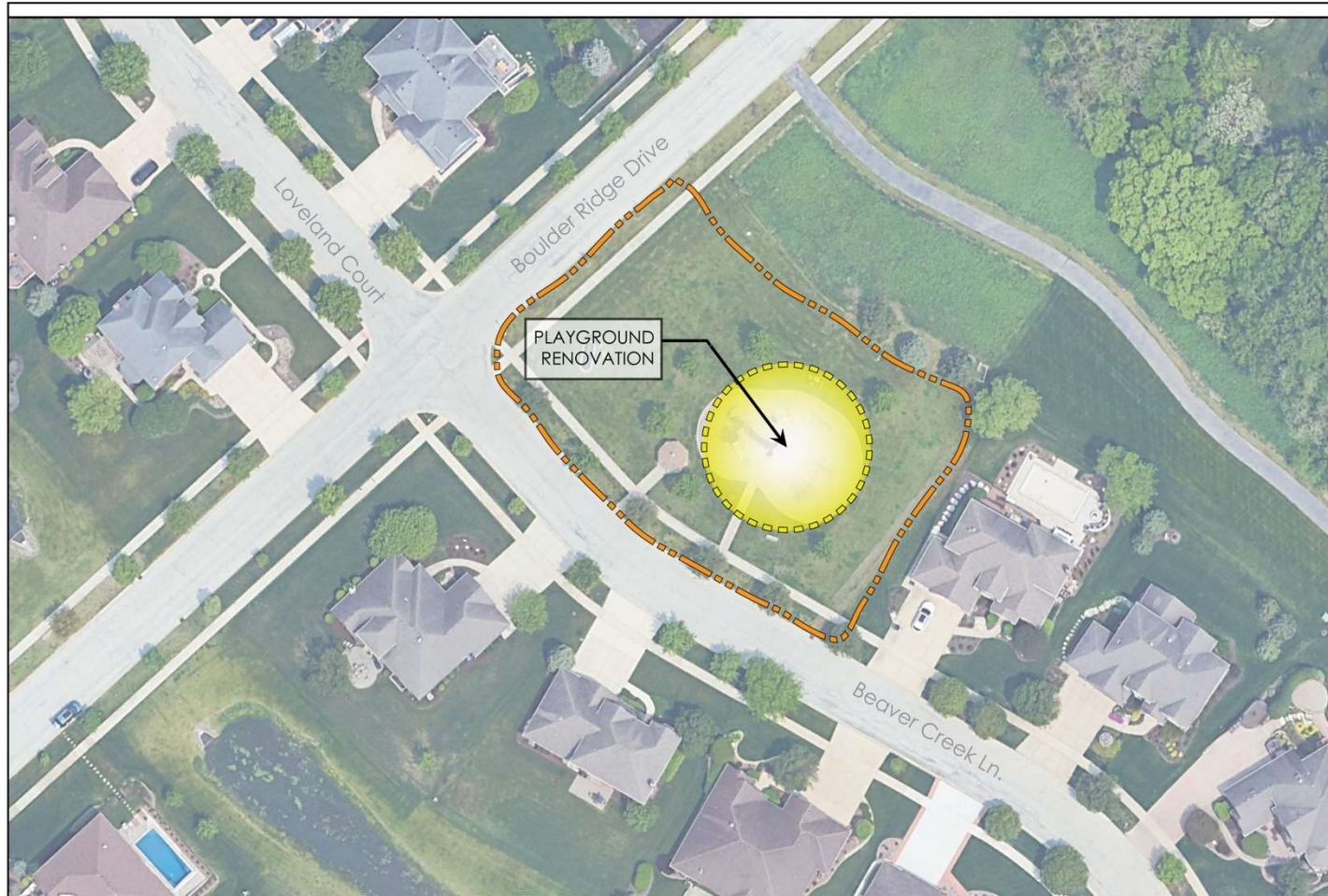
Park or Facility	Use	Cost	Level of Service	Impact	TCQ Score	QOS Score
Main Park	3	3	3	3	4	16
Hecht Park	3	3	3	3	3	15
Yunker Park	3	3	3	3	3	15
Fox Ridge Park	3	3	2	2	3	13
Grasmere Park	2	3	3	2	3	13
The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center	3	1	3	3	3	13
Prairie Ridge Park	3	2	2	2	3	12
Whisper Creek Park	3	1	2	2	4	12
Buske Park	2	2	2	2	3	11
Green Meadows Park	2	2	2	2	3	11
Heritage Park	2	1	2	2	3	10
Marley Creek Park	2	2	2	1	3	10
The Oaks Disc Golf Course	2	1	3	1	3	10
McGovney Park	2	1	2	1	3	9
Willowview Park	3	1	1	1	3	9
Boulder Ridge North Park	1	1	1	1	4	8
Tinley Gardens Park	1	1	1	1	4	8
London Bridge Park	1	1	2	1	2	7
Timbers Pointe Park	1	1	1	1	3	7
Acorn Park	1	1	1	1	2	6
Brookside Meadows Park	1	1	1	1	2	6
Manchester Cove Park	1	1	1	1	2	6
Rivendell Park	1	1	1	1	2	6
	1 - Low	1 - Low (\$300,000 & Under)	1 - Low (Tot Lot)	1 - Low	1 - Poor	
	2 - Medium	2 - Medium (\$300,000-\$800,000)	2 - Medium (Neighborhood Park)	2 - Medium	2 - Fair	
	3 - High	3 - High (\$800,000 & Up)	3 - High (Community Park/Special Use)	3 - High	3 - Good	
					4 - Excellent	

Mini Parks (Tot Lots)

Mini Parks are specialized facilities that serve a concentrated or limited population area, or that serve a specific function or age group. Examples of amenities found in mini parks include playground/tot lot equipment, benches, picnic tables, gazebos, ornamental landscape features, etc. Mini Parks could have amenities that draw people from a greater area but typically serve an area within a ¼ mile radius. Because of the specialized nature of these parks, they usually range in size up to 1 acre.

Mini Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Boulder Ridge North	EWF (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00			
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00			
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$300.00			\$300.00			
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-Total	\$200.00			\$200.00			
	Sub Total	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Timbers Pointe Park	Landscaping (Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00			
	EWF (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$1,750.00			\$1,750.00			
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$4,250.00			\$4,250.00			
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$510.00			\$510.00			
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-Total	\$340.00			\$340.00			
	Sub Total	\$5,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$5,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

Mini Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Tinley Gardens Park	EWF (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$1,750.00			\$1,750.00			
	Basketball Court Renovation (Repaving)	\$50,000.00			\$50,000.00			
	Playground Equipment Replacement (Target 2031)	\$125,000.00						\$125,000.00
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$176,750.00			\$51,750.00			\$125,000.00
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$21,210.00			\$6,210.00			\$15,000.00
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-Total	\$14,140.00			\$4,140.00			\$10,000.00
	Subtotal	\$212,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$62,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$150,000.00



Boulder Ridge North - Concept

North Scale: NTS

 Park Boundary



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Timbers Point - Concept
Scale: NTS



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Tinley Gardens Park - Concept

Scale: NTS

 Park Boundary



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Neighborhood Parks

These parks are generally under 10 acres in size and serve a fairly large portion of the community through their sheer numbers as they are spread throughout the Park District. Neighborhood parks are mainly focused on amenities that can be utilized within walking distance. They can provide a combination of active and passive uses, along with occasional special-use amenities. The neighborhood park improvements have been broken down into the target year of project and capital cost.

Neighborhood Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Acorn Park	Park Shelter Construction with Concrete Plaza & Tie into Playground	\$75,000.00		\$75,000.00				
	EWf (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$2,500.00				\$2,500.00		
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$77,500.00		\$75,000.00		\$2,500.00		
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$9,300.00		\$9,000.00		\$300.00		
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$6,200.00		\$6,000.00		\$200.00		
	Sub Total	\$93,000.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Brookside Meadows Park	Playground Plaza (Concrete Flatwork, Benches, Litter Can, Bike Rack)	\$35,000.00		\$35,000.00				
	Landscaping (Shade Trees)	\$5,000.00		\$5,000.00				
	Playground Equipment Replacement with Installation (Target 2027)	\$150,000.00		\$150,000.00				
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$190,000.00		\$190,000.00				
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$22,800.00		\$22,800.00				
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$15,200.00		\$15,200.00				
	Sub Total	\$228,000.00	\$0.00	\$228,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Neighborhood Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Buske Park	Playground Plaza (Concrete Flatwork, Benches, Litter Can, Bike Rack)	\$35,000.00						\$35,000.00
	Ballfield Improvements (Backstop, Dugout, Player Benches & Line Fencing Replacement)	\$100,000.00			\$100,000.00			
	Park Shelter Construction with Concrete Plaza & Tie into Playground	\$75,000.00						\$75,000.00
	Landscaping (Entry Sign, Pruning & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$4,500.00						\$4,500.00
	Playground Equipment Replacement with Installation (Target 2031)	\$175,000.00						\$175,000.00
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$389,500.00			\$100,000.00			\$289,500.00
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$46,740.00			\$12,000.00			\$34,740.00
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$31,160.00			\$8,000.00			\$23,160.00
	Sub Total	\$467,400.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$120,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$347,400.00

Neighborhood Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Fox Ridge Park	Park Shelter Construction with Concrete Plaza & Tie into Playground	\$75,000.00						\$75,000.00
	Off-Site Overflow 90 Car Parking Lot Construction with Access Road	\$175,000.00						\$175,000.00
	Playground Plaza (Concrete Flatwork, Benches, Litter Can, Bike Rack)	\$50,000.00						\$50,000.00
	Landscaping (Shade Trees, Rock & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$9,000.00						\$9,000.00
	Parking Lot & Pathway Maintenance (Sealcoat & Stripe)	\$15,000.00			\$15,000.00			
	Tennis Court Improvements (Crack Repair & Color Coat)	\$75,000.00				\$75,000.00		
	Ballfield Improvements (Backstop, Dugout, Player Benches & Line Fencing Replacement)	\$100,000.00					\$100,000.00	
	Court Games Renovation	\$100,000.00						\$100,000.00
	EWf (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00			
	Playground Equipment Replacement with Installation (Target 2028)	\$250,000.00			\$250,000.00			
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$851,000.00			\$267,000.00	\$75,000.00	\$100,000.00	\$409,000.00
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$102,120.00			\$32,040.00	\$9,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$49,080.00
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$68,080.00			\$21,360.00	\$6,000.00	\$8,000.00	\$32,720.00
	Sub Total	\$1,021,200.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$320,400.00	\$90,000.00	\$120,000.00	\$490,800.00

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Neighborhood Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+	
Green Meadows Park	Parking Lot Renovation (Repaving)	\$75,000.00				\$75,000.00			
	Restroom Construction (Prefabricated Building with Utilities)	\$125,000.00						\$125,000.00	
	Ballfield Improvements (Concrete Plaza & Bleacher Replacements for Two Diamonds)	\$100,000.00						\$100,000.00	
	Basketball Court Renovation (Repaving)	\$50,000.00	\$50,000.00						
	Parking Lot & Pathway Maintenance (Sealcoat & Stripe)	\$25,000.00						\$25,000.00	
	EWf (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$2,000.00						\$2,000.00	
	Landscaping (Entry Sign, Pruning, Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$4,500.00						\$4,500.00	
	Playground Equipment Replacement with Installation (Target 2026)	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00						
		Park Construction Sub-Total	\$556,500.00	\$225,000.00			\$75,000.00		\$256,500.00
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$66,780.00	\$27,000.00			\$9,000.00		\$30,780.00	
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$44,520.00	\$18,000.00			\$6,000.00		\$20,520.00	
	Sub Total	\$667,800.00	\$270,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00	\$0.00	\$307,800.00	

Neighborhood Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Heritage Park	Playground Plaza (Concrete Flatwork, Benches, Litter Can, Bike Rack)	\$35,000.00			\$35,000.00			
	Park Shelter Construction with Concrete Plaza & Tie into Playground	\$75,000.00			\$75,000.00			
	Parking Lot Renovation (Repaving)	\$75,000.00					\$75,000.00	
	Ballfield Improvements (Misc. Fencing Repairs & Dugout Roofs)	\$15,000.00						\$15,000.00
	EWf (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00			
	Landscaping (Entry Sign, Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00			
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$204,000.00			\$114,000.00		\$75,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$24,480.00			\$13,680.00		\$9,000.00	\$1,800.00
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$16,320.00			\$9,120.00		\$6,000.00	\$1,200.00
	Sub Total	\$244,800.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$136,800.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00	\$18,000.00

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Neighborhood Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
London Bridge Park	Parking Lot Maintenance (Sealcoat & Stripe)	\$12,500.00	\$12,500.00					
	Park Shelter Construction with Concrete Plaza & Tie into Playground	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00					
	EWf (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$1,750.00					\$1,750.00	
	Landscaping (Entry Sign, Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00					
	Playground Equipment Replacement with Installation (Target 2026)	\$175,000.00	\$175,000.00					
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$266,750.00	\$265,000.00				\$1,750.00	
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$32,010.00	\$31,800.00				\$210.00	
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$21,340.00	\$21,200.00				\$140.00	
	Sub Total	\$320,100.00	\$318,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$2,100.00	\$0.00

Neighborhood Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Manchester Cove Park	Playground Plaza (Concrete Flatwork, Benches, Litter Can, Bike Rack)	\$20,000.00			\$20,000.00			
	Park Shelter Construction with Concrete Plaza	\$75,000.00			\$75,000.00			
	EWf (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$1,750.00			\$1,750.00			
	Landscaping (Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$1,500.00			\$1,500.00			
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$98,250.00			\$98,250.00			
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$11,790.00			\$11,790.00			
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$7,860.00			\$7,860.00			
	Sub Total	\$117,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$117,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Marley Creek Park	Park Shelter Construction with Concrete Plaza	\$75,000.00			\$75,000.00			
	Ballfield Improvements (Infield, Concrete & Fencing Work)	\$100,000.00			\$100,000.00			
	Parking Lot Renovation (Repaving)	\$125,000.00			\$125,000.00			
	EWf (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$1,750.00			\$1,750.00			
	Landscaping (Entry Sign, Tree Removal, Pruning, Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00			
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$304,250.00			\$304,250.00			
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$36,510.00			\$36,510.00			
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$24,340.00			\$24,340.00			
	Sub Total	\$365,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$365,100.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00

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Neighborhood Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
McGovney Park	Park Shelter Construction with Concrete Plaza	\$75,000.00				\$75,000.00		
	Parking Lot Renovation (Repaving)	\$125,000.00						\$125,000.00
	EWf (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$1,750.00				\$1,750.00		
	Landscaping (Entry Sign, Tree Removal, Pruning, Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$4,000.00						\$4,000.00
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$205,750.00			\$0.00	\$76,750.00		\$129,000.00
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$24,690.00			\$0.00			\$15,480.00
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$16,460.00			\$0.00			\$10,320.00
	Sub Total	\$246,900.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$76,750.00	\$0.00	\$154,800.00
Prairie Ridge Park	Tennis Court Renovation (Repave & Fencing)	\$200,000.00				\$200,000.00		
	Entry Sign	\$3,000.00	\$3,000.00					
	Parking Lot & Pathway Maintenance (Sealcoat & Stripe)	\$25,000.00				\$25,000.00		
	Landscaping (Entry Sign, Tree Removal, Pruning, Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$2,500.00	\$2,500.00					
	Playground Poured in Place Safety Surface	\$100,000.00						\$100,000.00
	Playground Equipment Replacement with Installation (Target 2030)	\$275,000.00						\$275,000.00
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$605,500.00	\$5,500.00			\$225,000.00		\$375,000.00
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$72,660.00	\$660.00			\$27,000.00		\$45,000.00
Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$48,440.00	\$440.00			\$18,000.00		\$30,000.00	
Sub Total	\$726,600.00	\$6,600.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$270,000.00	\$0.00	\$450,000.00	

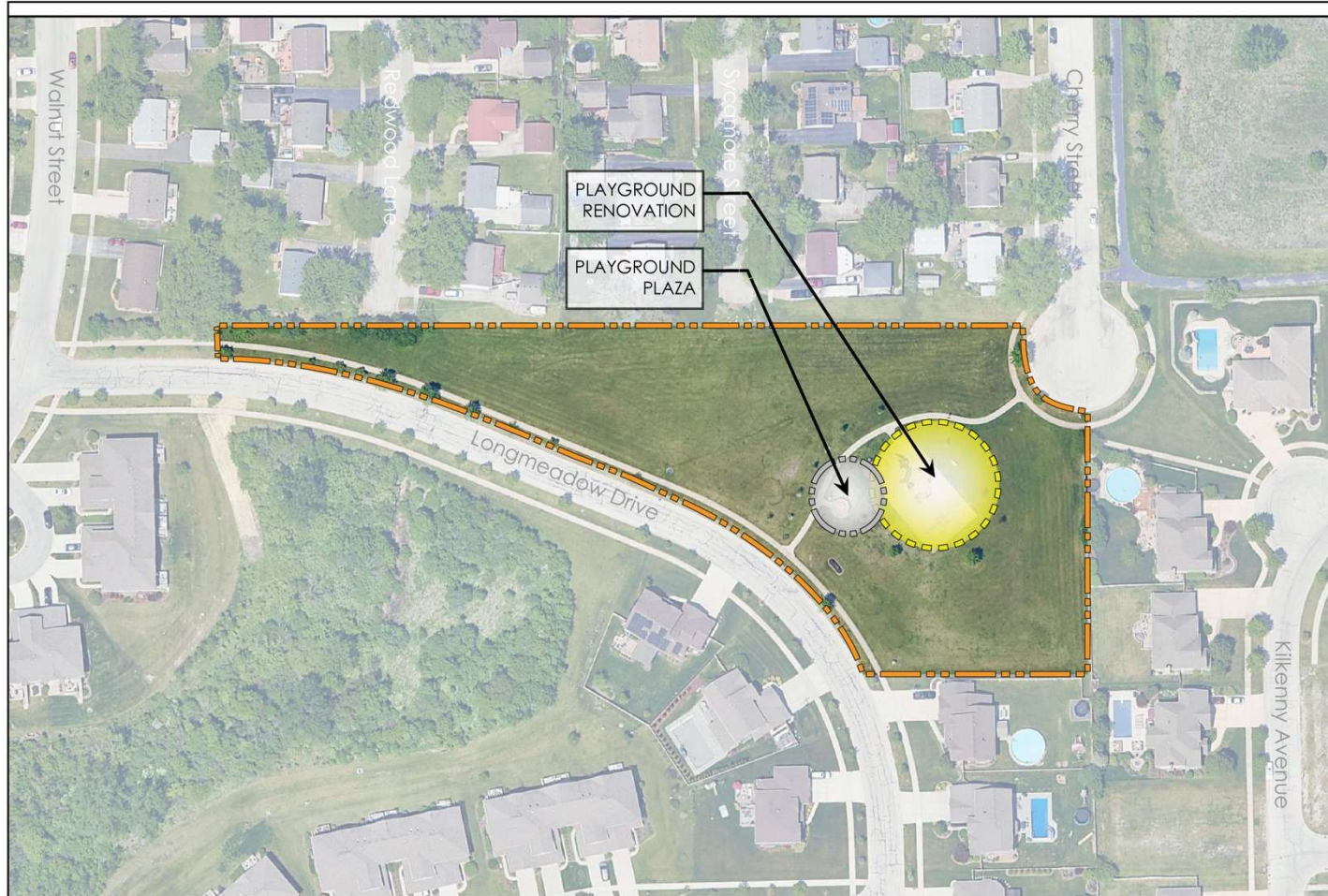
Neighborhood Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Riivendell Park	No Improvements							
	Sub Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Whisper Creek Park	No Improvements							
	Sub Total	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Willowview Park	Asphalt Trail Construction (Internal Loop)	\$75,000.00					\$75,000.00	
	Parking Lot Maintenance (Sealcoat & Stripe)	\$20,000.00						\$20,000.00
	Ballfield Improvements (Concrete Plaza & Bleacher Replacements for Two Diamonds)	\$100,000.00						\$100,000.00
	Pavilion Repairs (Roof)	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00					
	Landscaping (Tree Removal, Pruning, Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00			
	EWf (FIBAR) & Sand Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$2,000.00			\$2,000.00			
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$206,000.00	\$5,000.00		\$6,000.00		\$75,000.00	\$120,000.00
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$24,720.00	\$600.00		\$720.00		\$9,000.00	\$14,400.00
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$16,480.00	\$400.00		\$480.00		\$6,000.00	\$9,600.00
	Sub Total	\$247,200.00	\$6,000.00	\$0.00	\$7,200.00	\$0.00	\$90,000.00	\$144,000.00



Acorn Park - Concept
North Scale: NTS



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Brookside Meadows Park - Concept
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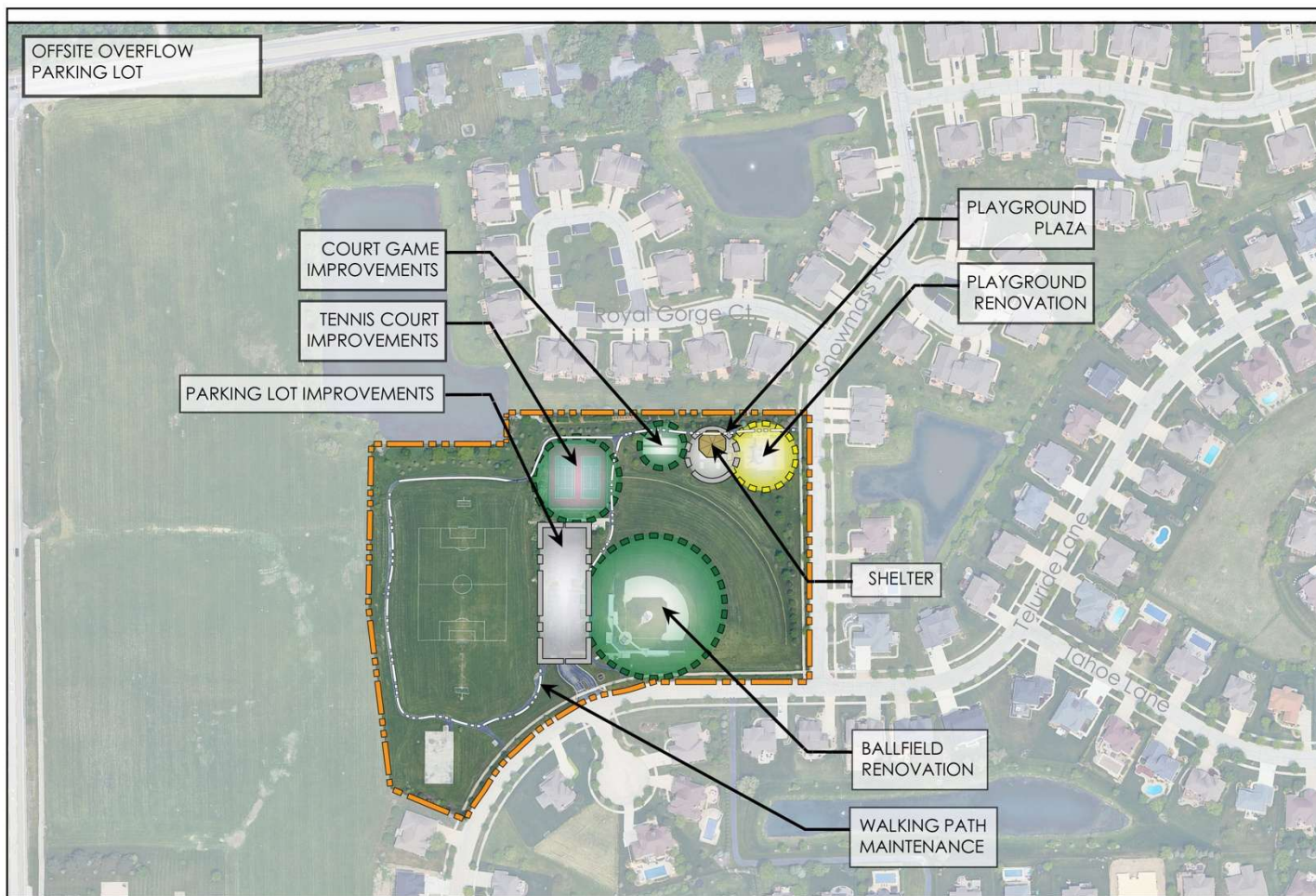
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Fox Ridge Park - Concept
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Green Meadows Park - Concept

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 Park Boundary



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Heritage Park - Concept
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 PE100 Park Feature



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London Bridge Park - Concept
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Manchester Cove - Concept
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Marley Creek - Concept

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McGovney Park - Concept
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Prairie Ridge Park - Concept

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Rivendell Park - Concept

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Whisper Creek Park - Concept

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Community Parks

Community parks are larger than 10 acres in size and serve the largest area of the community with more substantial and varied services and recreation opportunities than neighborhood parks. These parks provide many opportunities to the Park District for both active and passive use as well as high potential for community gathering spaces, events, sports programs, facilities and special use. Due to their larger size, they often provide easy access from long distances with proximity to major roads, trails, public transportation and adequate parking spaces. The community park improvements have been broken down into the target year of project and capital cost.

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Community Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Grasmere Park	Water Fountain Repairs & Maintenance	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00				
	Ballfield Improvements (Concrete Plaza & Bleacher Replacements for Two Diamonds)	\$125,000.00				\$125,000.00		
	Park Shelter Repairs (Powdercoat) & Concrete Plaza Improvements	\$100,000.00		\$100,000.00				
	Restroom Construction (Prefabricated Building with Utilities)	\$100,000.00				\$100,000.00		
	Parking Lot Maintenance (Sealcoat & Stripe)	\$7,500.00					\$7,500.00	
	Landscaping (Pruning, Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$4,500.00				\$4,500.00		
	Pathway Renovation (Repaving)	\$100,000.00				\$100,000.00		
	EWf (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$2,000.00				\$2,000.00		
	Playground Equipment Replacement with Installation (Target 2027)	\$250,000.00		\$250,000.00				
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$696,500.00		\$357,500.00		\$331,500.00	\$7,500.00	
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$83,580.00		\$42,900.00		\$39,780.00	\$900.00	
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$55,720.00		\$28,600.00		\$26,520.00	\$600.00	
	Sub Total	\$835,800.00	\$0.00	\$429,000.00	\$0.00	\$397,800.00	\$9,000.00	\$0.00

Community Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Hecht Park	Skate Spot Construction (Grinding Rails & Concrete Pad)	\$50,000.00				\$50,000.00		
	Pickleball Court Improvements (Crack Repair, Color Coat & Fencing Repairs)	\$75,000.00					\$75,000.00	
	Restroom Construction (Prefabricated Building with Utilities)	\$100,000.00				\$100,000.00		
	Ballfield Improvements (Infield, Concrete & Fencing Work)	\$250,000.00				\$250,000.00		
	Asphalt Trail Expansion (Loop Connections)	\$75,000.00				\$75,000.00		
	Primary Playground Equipment Replacement with Installation (Target 2031)	\$250,000.00						\$250,000.00
	Park Shelter Repairs (Powdercoat) & Concrete Plaza Improvements	\$50,000.00						\$50,000.00
	Landscaping (Entry Sign, Pruning, Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$4,500.00		\$4,500.00				
	Parking Lot Renovation (Repaving)	\$200,000.00					\$200,000.00	
	Pond Aerator	\$7,500.00		\$7,500.00				
	EWf (FIBAR) Playground Safety Surface Spot Touch Up	\$3,500.00					\$3,500.00	
	Nature Botanical Trail & Boardwalk	\$175,000.00				\$175,000.00		
	Small Ballfield Demolition	\$10,000.00				\$10,000.00		
	Concession Building Demolition	\$25,000.00					\$25,000.00	
	LED Sports Lighting	\$150,000.00					\$150,000.00	
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$1,425,500.00		\$12,000.00		\$660,000.00	\$453,500.00	\$300,000.00
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$171,060.00		\$1,440.00		\$79,200.00	\$54,420.00	\$36,000.00
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$114,040.00		\$960.00		\$52,800.00	\$36,280.00	\$24,000.00
	Sub Total	\$1,710,600.00	\$0.00	\$14,400.00	\$0.00	\$792,000.00	\$544,200.00	\$360,000.00

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Community Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Main Park	Tennis Court Renovation (Repave & Fencing)	\$200,000.00					\$200,000.00	
	Playground Plaza (Concrete Flatwork, Benches, Litter Can, Bike Rack)	\$35,000.00	\$35,000.00					
	Park Shelter Construction with Concrete Plaza	\$75,000.00	\$75,000.00					
	Basketball Court Improvements (Spot Crack Repair & Color Coat)	\$25,000.00					\$25,000.00	
	Landscaping (Tree Removal, Pruning, Shade Trees & Misc. Turf Restoration)	\$10,000.00	\$10,000.00					
	Playground Equipment Replacement with Installation (Target 2026)	\$400,000.00	\$400,000.00					
	Pre-School Playground Equipment Replacement with Installation (Target 2030)	\$125,000.00						\$125,000.00
	Volleyball Sand Touch Up	\$2,500.00			\$2,500.00			
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$872,500.00	\$520,000.00		\$2,500.00		\$225,000.00	\$125,000.00
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$104,700.00	\$62,400.00		\$300.00		\$27,000.00	\$15,000.00
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$69,800.00	\$41,600.00		\$200.00		\$18,000.00	\$10,000.00
	Sub Total	\$1,047,000.00	\$624,000.00	\$0.00	\$3,000.00	\$0.00	\$270,000.00	\$150,000.00

Community Parks	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Yunker Park	Grading & Excavation	\$1,000,000.00						\$1,000,000.00
	Storm Drainage Allowance	\$150,000.00						\$150,000.00
	Orchard	\$130,000.00						\$130,000.00
	Pathways	\$230,000.00						\$230,000.00
	Parking Lot Construction	\$560,000.00						\$560,000.00
	Farm Heritage Area	\$25,000.00						\$25,000.00
	Garden Area	\$215,000.00						\$215,000.00
	Site Furnishings	\$25,000.00						\$25,000.00
	Stage & Pavilion Building	\$1,500,000.00						\$1,500,000.00
	Utilities	\$400,000.00						\$400,000.00
	Landscape Planting	\$900,000.00						\$900,000.00
	Park Construction Sub-Total	\$5,135,000.00						\$5,135,000.00
	Contingency & Inflation Sub-Total	\$616,200.00						\$616,200.00
	Design Consultant Fees Sub-total	\$410,800.00						\$410,800.00
	Sub Total	\$6,162,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$6,162,000.00



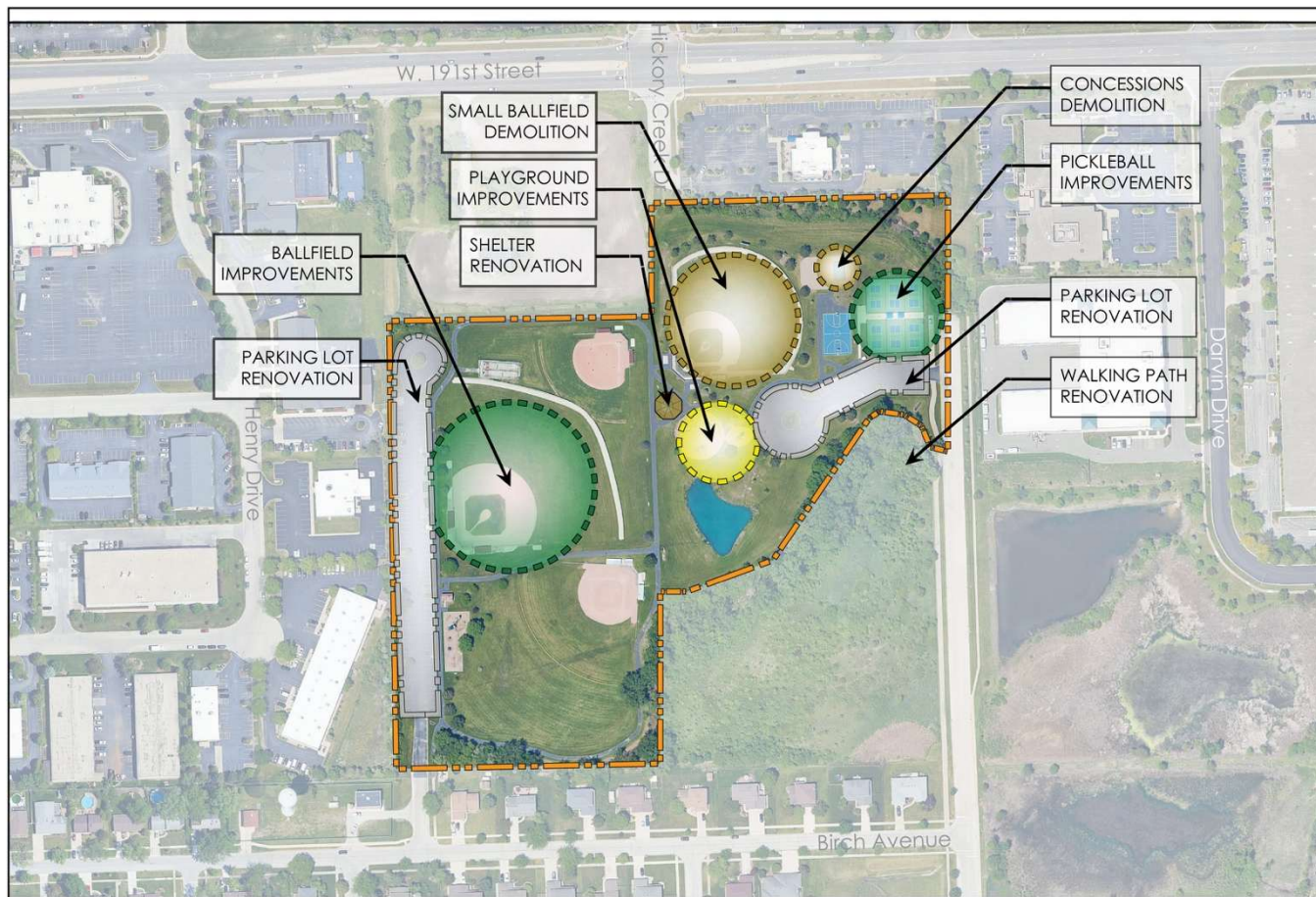
Grasmere Park - Concept

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 Park Boundary



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Hecht Park - Concept
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Main Park - Concept

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 PE100 Park Feature



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Legend

- 1: Parking
- 2: Dog Park
- 3: Orchard
- 4: Farm Demonstration
- 5: Gardens
- 6: Small Stage (South)
- 7: Large Stage (North)
- 8: Lake
- 9: Great Lawn
- 10: Pavilion
- 11: Homestead
- 12: Reforestation
- 13: Splash Pad
- 14: Community Gardens

(Multi-Use Paths Throughout Site)

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Facilities

The Park District has an abundance of parks, facilities, trails and open space that provide wonderful opportunities for the community to enjoy outdoor recreation. A general overview of the current state of the Park District Facilities and operations was completed and is intended to help the Park District meet the needs of current and future residents.

Facilities	Item	Cost	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031+
Administration Building	Roof Replacement	\$18,000.00					\$18,000.00	
	Sub Total	\$18,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$18,000.00	\$0.00
Cady Building	Repairs	\$25,000.00		\$25,000.00				
	Sub Total	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$25,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restroom/Concession Building	Renovation of Building	\$400,000.00		\$400,000.00				
	Roof Replacement	\$8,500.00		\$8,500.00				
	Sub Total	\$408,500.00	\$0.00	\$408,500.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Program Center	Flooring	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00					
	Sub Total	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
Restroom Building (Oaks Frisbee Golf Course)	Bathroom	\$200,000.00		\$200,000.00				
	Sub Total	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$200,000.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00
District Wide	Misc. Painting & Equipment Repairs	\$25,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
	Sub Total	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	\$0.00

District-Wide & Misc. Expenditures

Item	Location	Annual Cost
Technology Replacement & Upgrade	District Wide	\$7,500.00
Parking Lot Improvement & Expansion	District Wide	\$25,000.00
Vehicle Replacement	District Wide	\$65,000.00
Land Acquisition (United Methodist Church Property)	District Wide	\$400,000.00
Feasibility Study (Aquatics)	District Wide	\$15,000.00

Conclusion

The Mokena Community Park District is dedicated to *“Connecting Recreation, Inspiring Community, Shaping the Future.”* The Park District recognizes that while residents enjoy the many recreational opportunities it provides, the community must also play an active role in shaping future park and recreation investments. For decades, the Park District has enhanced the community’s quality of life—but like all organizations, it must continue to evolve to remain a vital part of the community it serves.

This Comprehensive Master Plan has been developed as a practical guide for informed decision-making and as a framework for managing change as the community grows and transforms. Meaningful progress will depend on strong cooperation and collaboration among partners and residents alike. Through this process, the community will see improvements to existing parks and facilities, greater attention to detail, continued public engagement on key issues, thoughtful planning for new recreational opportunities, and a shared vision for the long-term future of the Park District’s facilities.

In review of the questions posed in the very beginning of the planning process, they have been answered through the master plan update process with a summary response that follows:

- Is there a need for Facility Expansion & Modernization? Yes, there is a need — but primarily, for modernization through smart, purposeful renovations within our existing facilities.
- What types of Park & Site Development? The Yunker Park Farm project should advance into a signature community destination. Look to enhancements at Hecht & Main Park but still improve small Tot Lots & Neighborhoods Parks.
- How do we define Community vs. Neighborhood Park elements for clarity and consistency? Community parks are large, multi-use destinations designed to serve the entire community with a wide variety of amenities such as sports fields, walking trails, large playgrounds, picnic shelters, restrooms, parking, and spaces for community events or recreation centers. In contrast, neighborhood parks are smaller, providing everyday recreation opportunities with features like playgrounds, open lawns, picnic tables, small shelters, and short walking paths. While community parks support

organized activities and large gatherings, neighborhood parks focus on informal play, relaxation, and accessibility for local residents.

- Do we explore Strategic Growth & Partnerships? There are several points to consider that include pursuing targeted land acquisition, exploring partnerships and shared facilities (e.g. pool collaboration with Frankfort) and investment in new local collaborations to expand leisure opportunities.

In terms of the top survey, the top three things to understand are:

- What programs or events the community feels are missing? Residents expressed enthusiasm for additional festivals and community gatherings such as a “Taste of Mokena,” wine and food events, concerts, and seasonal celebrations like spring or summer festivals.
- What additional services or value-added offerings could enhance recreation experiences? The most frequent request was for a community pool or aquatic center, with many residents emphasizing the need for both indoor and outdoor options accessible year-round. Pickleball was another, including calls for more open play, leagues, and tournaments, some noting success with similar fundraisers elsewhere.
- Why residents choose to visit—or not visit—parks and facilities. The most visited are The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center and the larger community parks. The main barriers preventing residents from visiting Mokena Park District parks, facilities, or trails are a lack of interest in available elements (41%). In addition, lifestyle changes, busy schedules, and being new to the area reinforce limited reasons for non-use.

The challenge of limited financial resources makes it difficult to deliver the comprehensive community experiences the Park District aspires to provide. However, advancing our brand and reshaping the narrative about our future are essential steps in inspiring the community to continue investing in the Park District. We understand the importance of staying genuine, transparent, and connected with our residents. This Comprehensive Master Plan serves as a roadmap to strengthen that connection and guide the Park District toward a sustainable and vibrant future.

Appendices

Appendix A - Survey

Dear Park District Resident: Over the past 60 plus years the Mokena Community Park District has provided valuable and meaningful recreation programs, facilities, parks and service to our community. Your household was one of a limited number selected at random to receive this survey. The community input collected from this survey will be used in developing a new Comprehensive Park & Recreation Master Plan for the next 5 years which will identify parks and recreation needs and help establish priorities for the future development of Mokena Community Park District facilities, programs and services. The Park District has selected a local, independent consulting company, Public Research Group, to administer this survey. They will compile the data received and prepare a report for Park District use, which will be posted on the District’s website upon completion. Your responses to this survey are confidential and anonymous. Please take this opportunity to let your voice be heard! Your input is critical in helping set the future direction of the Mokena Community Park District. Thank you very much for your time and support. Please start with the survey now by clicking on the Next button below.

Please enter the unique code number provided on the back of your postcard:

Q1. How familiar are you with the Park District?

1. Very familiar
2. Somewhat familiar
3. Not at all familiar

Q2. How likely would you be to recommend the Park District to a friend or family member? (0 being not at all and 10 being very likely)

1. 0
2. 1
3. 2
4. 3
5. 4
6. 5
7. 6
8. 7
9. 8
10. 9
11. 10

Q2a. What is the most important reason for your score? (Please be as specific as possible)

Q3. Would you agree that the Park District contributes to your quality of life?

1. Agree
2. Disagree
3. No Opinion

Q4. How would you rate your overall satisfaction with the Park District?

1. Satisfied
2. Neutral
3. Unsatisfied
4. Not Applicable

Q5. What is the one thing you like most about the Park District?

Q6. How do you learn about the Park District? (Choose all that apply)

1. Conversations with Park District staff
2. Flyers/posters at Park District facilities
3. Friends and neighbors
4. Newspaper advertisement
5. Newspaper articles
6. Park District e-mail newsletters
7. Park District marquee signs
8. Park District newsletters
9. Park District program guide
10. Park District website
11. Promotions at Park District events
12. School flyers/newsletters
13. Social media
14. Other (Please specify) _____

Q7. Please rate the Park District in meeting your expectations for the following areas below.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion/Did not Participate
Knowledge of Staff about the Park District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Customer Service from the Administration Center/Recreation Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Customer Service from The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friendliness the Administration Center/Recreation Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Friendliness of The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center Staff	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Parks (Outdoor Spaces)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Facilities (Indoor Spaces)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Fees Charged for Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fees Charged for Rentals	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Taxes Paid to the Park District	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Types of Programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Types of Special Events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Types of Trips	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ease of Registration	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Transparency	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Community Involvement	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q8. Please rate the overall quality of the Park District recreation programs for the following specific age groups below.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion/Did not Participate
Early Childhood (0-4 years old)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Preschool (2-5 years old)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Recreation (6-12 years old)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Youth Sports (6-12 years old)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Camps (All Ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Teen Recreation (13-17 years old)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Recreation (18-54 years old)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Adult Sports (18-54 years old)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Trips (All ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Special Events/Community Events (All Ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oaks Fitness Classes (All ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oaks Personal Training (All ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oaks Open Pickleball (All ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Oaks Open Gym (All ages)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Active Adult/Senior (55+ years old)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q9. Please list one new program, special/community event that the Park District should consider for the future?

Q10. Do you use the Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center?

1. Yes
2. No

Q11. What type of activities do you use at the Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center?

1. Personal Training
2. Cardio Exercise Equipment
3. Weight Lifting Exercise Equipment
4. Open Gym
5. Fitness Classes
6. Open Pickleball
7. Leagues
8. Rentals
9. Walking Track
10. Other _____

Q12. Do you have a membership at the Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center?

1. Yes
2. No

Q12a. If you answered No, please tell us why?

Q13. Do you or members of your household go outside the Mokena Community Park District for recreation programs and/or services?

1. Yes
2. No

Q13a. Where do you or members of your household go for recreation programs and/or services? (Choose all that apply)

1. Local schools
2. Private fitness clubs
3. Neighboring Park Districts
4. YMCA
5. College/University
6. Local church/temple
7. Forest Preserves
8. Local sports organizations
9. Homeowners Association
10. Library
11. Other (Please specify) _____

Q13b. Why do you find it necessary to do so? (Choose all that apply)

1. Programs offered at inconvenient times
2. No interest in recreation programs
3. Lack of parking
4. Other providers have better facilities
5. Believed the program might be cancelled
6. Other providers have better staffing
7. Other providers have lower prices
8. Our friends go there, so we go there
9. Class was full
10. Registration process was difficult
11. Too far to travel
12. I did not know what was being offered
13. Other (Please specify) _____

Q14. How often do you visit the Mokena Community Park District parks?

1. Daily
2. Weekly
3. Monthly
4. Yearly
5. Never

Q14a. Did any of the following factors prevent you or a household member from visiting a Park District park? (Choose all that apply)

1. Transportation was difficult
2. Did not feel safe
3. Parking
4. No interest in the park elements
5. Did not know where park was
6. Poor park upkeep
7. Other (Please specify) _____

Q15. Which of the following Park District parks and facilities do you or other members of your household use? (Choose all that apply)

1. Acorn Park
2. Boulder Ridge North
3. Brookside Meadows Park
4. Buske Park
5. Fox Ridge Park
6. Grasmere Park
7. Green Meadows Park
8. Hecht Park
9. Heritage Park
10. London Bridge Park
11. Main Park
12. Manchester Cove
13. Marley Creek Park
14. McGovney Park
15. Prairie Ridge Park
16. Riivendell Park
17. The Oaks Disc Golf Course
18. Timbers Pointe Park
19. The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center
20. Tinley Gardens Park
21. Willowview Park
22. Whisper Creek Park
23. Yunker Park (Dog park, Splash pad, Band shell & Community garden)
24. Yunker Park Red Barn Indoor Facility
25. None

Q16. Which do you most often visit from this list?

- Acorn Park _____
- Boulder Ridge North _____
- Brookside Meadows Park _____
- Buske Park _____
- Fox Ridge Park _____
- Grasmere Park _____
- Green Meadows Park _____
- Hecht Park _____
- Heritage Park _____
- London Bridge Park _____
- Main Park _____
- Manchester Cove _____
- Marley Creek Park _____
- McGovney Park _____
- Prairie Ridge Park _____
- Riivendell Park _____
- The Oaks Disc Golf Course _____
- Timbers Pointe Park _____
- The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center _____
- Tinley Gardens Park _____
- Willowview Park _____
- Whisper Creek Park _____
- Yunker Park (Dog park, Splash pad, Band shell & Community garden) _____
- Yunker Fam Red Barn Indoor Facility _____
- None _____

Q17. Please rate your feelings about that park or facility from Question 16 for you and your household.

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	No Opinion
Cleanliness of the park/facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition of the park elements/facility amenities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Variety of park elements/facility amenities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Level of safety of the park/facility	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Condition of the turf and landscape of the park (Weed control, trimming, mulching, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Accessibility and access	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q18. Do you feel the Park District should design and construct the next phase of park improvements on the vacant portion of Yunker Park?

1. Yes
2. No

Q18a. Which of the following would be important to you and your household in the future improvements of Yunker Park? (Check all that apply)

1. Community Gardens
2. Farming Exhibits
3. Fishing Pond
4. Fruit Tree Orchard
5. Garden Plots
6. Great Lawn
7. Native Prairie & Trees
8. Park Shelters
9. Parking
10. Pathways
11. Playground
12. Sled Hill
13. Other _____

Q19. Please rate the following park amenities that are important for you and your household.

	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	No Opinion
Adaptive Play Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Athletic Fields (Soccer, Football, Lacrosse)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Baseball/Softball Diamonds	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Basketball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bike Paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Bocce Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cricket Pitch	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Cross Country Ski Trails	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drinking Fountains - Traditional	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Drinking Fountains - Bottle Filler	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fishing Pond	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Fitness Trail with Work Out Stations	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Garden Plots	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ice Skating Rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
In-Line Hockey Rink	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Landscaping	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Natural Areas	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ninja Type Playground	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Outdoor Pool	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pet Friendly Areas/Dog Parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pickleball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Picnic Areas with Park Shelter	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Ping Pong Tables	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pump Track (BMX Biking)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Restrooms	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sitting Areas with Park Benches	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Shade at Playgrounds (Trees & Covers/Canopies)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Skate Park	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sled Hill	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Splash Pad	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Tennis Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Traditional Playground Equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

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Volleyball Courts	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Walking Paths	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q20. Please rate each of the following Park District priorities which would be important to you and your household. (Choose all that apply)

	Very Important	Important	Neutral	Unimportant	No Opinion
Reduce recreation services that no longer have value to the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve recreation programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expand recreation programs	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Expand special events/community events	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduce recreational facilities that no longer have value to the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Reduce park amenities that no longer have value to the community	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Improve existing park/facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build new parks/facilities	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Build more pathways	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Acquire more land for parks	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Q21. How much of a tax increase would you be willing to pay to fund the costs to continue to build, operate and maintain our parks, trails and facilities?

1. \$1-5 per month
2. \$6-10 per month
3. No increase
4. Don't know

Q22. How long have you lived within the area serviced by the Park District?

1. Less than 5 years
2. 6-14 years
3. Over 15 years

Q23. What is your gender?

1. Female
2. Male
3. Other
4. Prefer not to say


Q24. Beginning with yourself, what are the ages of those in your household?

Q25. Please tell us from the map below the area of town you live in. (Area 1 is west of Wolf Road and Area 2 is east of Wolf Road)

1. 1 (West of Wolf Road)
2. 2 (East of Wolf Road)

Q26. Please make any additional comments that you think would be helpful.



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Appendix B - Survey Results Comparison (2018 vs. 2025 Random Sample Results)

Key Trend Highlights (2018 vs. 2025)

- The Oaks continues to anchor community satisfaction in both surveys.
- Desire for a pool is the *most consistent and repeated theme* across both decades.
- Cost/value perception has not improved — fees remain a top complaint.
- Program diversity needs to expand for adults, mid-age residents, and non-sport interests.
- Facilities are respected for cleanliness and staff quality, but modernization and amenity growth are expected.
- Community engagement and communication show improvement but remain an opportunity area.
- Yunker Park/Barn continues to be viewed as underdeveloped and ripe for more year-round activation.

Emerging Trends (2018 vs. 2025)

Theme	Change
Community Familiarity	Slightly higher — more residents aware of The Oaks and programs, though some new residents unaware.
Participation Barriers	Shifted from “don’t know about it” to “too expensive” or “doesn’t match my needs.”
Demographic Evolution	Aging community: more mentions of senior activities, fewer young family users.
Event Preferences	Desire for music, festivals, and social gatherings — beyond sports.
Technology Expectations	Residents now mention website usability and digital engagement.

Category	2018 Survey (Community Random Sample)	2025 Survey (Community Random Sample)
Conducted By	Public Research Group (PRG)	Public Research Group (PRG)
Sample Collected	416 total	323 total
Margin of Error	±4.7% @ 95% confidence	±5.1% @ 95% confidence
Overall Tone	Generally positive but fragmented	Balanced – appreciation for facilities but concerns remain
Promoters / Passives / Detractors	N/A	29.4% / 43.0% / 27.5%
Most Liked Feature	The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center	The Oaks Recreation & Fitness Center
Most Frequent Concerns	High costs, no pool, limited adult/senior programs	High costs, still no pool, limited adult/teen options
Most Requested New Amenity	Community pool/aquatic center	Community pool/aquatic center
Programming Gaps	Need more adult and senior programs	Need more mid-age/adult evening programs
General Summary	Good facilities, could offer more for taxes paid	Strong facilities, need modernization and expansion

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