

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
THE BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
REGULAR MEETING
August 19, 2025
6:30 P.M.**



*SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
9300 WEBER PARK PLACE
SKOKIE, IL 60077-4200*





**BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
TUESDAY, AUGUST 19, 2025 - 6:30 P.M.
REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

AGENDA

- I. CALL THE MEETING TO ORDER
- II. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
- III. ROLL CALL
- IV. APPROVAL OF REMOTE PARTICIPATION, IF REQUESTED
- V. COMMENTS FROM CITIZENS
- VI. CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL
- VII. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - *A. Minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of July 15, 2025
- *VIII. BILLS PAYABLE FOR THE MONTH OF JULY/AUGUST 2025
- IX. TREASURER'S ACTION ITEMS
- *X. TREASURER'S REPORT
- XI. ATTORNEY'S REPORT – NO REPORT
- XII. STAFF ACTION ITEMS
 - A. Comprehensive Plan Update
 - B. Channelside South Survey Results and Board Input
 - C. Approval of Compressor Repair and Replacement at the Skatium Ice Arena
 - D. Approval of Purchasing Bid Limit Increase
 - E. Authorization for Business Related Travel for Park Board Commissioners
 - F. Approval of Devonshire Chiller Replacement
- *XIII. STAFF REPORTS
 - A. Parks Division Report
 - B. Recreation and Facility Divisions Report
 - C. Marketing and Sponsorship Report
 - D. Information Technology
 - E. Staff and Community Committee Reports

- XIV. PRESIDENT'S REPORT
A. Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, September 16, 2025 – 6:30 p.m.
B. Commissioner Comments
C. Director Comments
- XV. OLD BUSINESS
- XVI. NEW BUSINESS
- XVII. ADJOURNMENT
- *Consent Agenda

Vision Statement

The Skokie Park District envisions a community where all of its residents enjoy a high quality of life through leisure time pursuits, beautiful open spaces, and first rate facilities.

Mission Statement

The Skokie Park District will realize its vision through teamwork, community partnerships, sound fiscal management, and creativity in every area of its operation.

Core Values

The Skokie Park District will fulfill its mission through:

•Commitment• Integrity• Innovation• Service •Openness•Environmental Stewardship •Inclusiveness

**MINUTES OF THE
REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF PARK COMMISSIONERS
SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
JULY 15, 2025
6:30 P.M.**

ATTENDANCE AT THE MEETING

Board Members Present: President Susan Aberman
Vice President Ezra Jaffe
Commissioner Elsa Fischer
Commissioner Antonia Kasalo-Terihaj
Commissioner Courtney Williams

Others Present: Executive Director/Secretary Michelle J. Tuft
Superintendent of Business Services William G. Schmidt
Superintendent of Parks, Planning & Facilities Corrie Guynn
Superintendent of Recreation Breanne Labus
Marketing and Communications Director Jim Bottorff
Executive Administrative Assistant Ann Perez

CALL TO ORDER

President Aberman called the regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners to order at 6:30 p.m. President Aberman called for the recitation of the Pledge of Allegiance.

CITIZEN COMMENTS

Ms. Bobbie Newman, President of the Barcelona Condo Association, attended the meeting to express concerns regarding the Weber Park Golf Course. She reported that in recent years, residents have experienced frequent incidents involving stray golf balls landing on their lawns and in the parking lot—some narrowly missing people. She shared that a golf ball recently missed hitting her head while she was standing on her porch. According to Ms. Newman, residents are finding golf balls on their property nearly every day.

She noted that while there is a sign near the third hole reminding golfers not to hit balls over the fence, the residents living on the south side of the building are requesting a tall net be installed, similar to the netting on the west side of the course.

Ms. Newman also presented an agreement she drafted for golfers to sign, outlining their responsibility for any physical damage or medical expenses caused by errant golf balls. Ms. Tuft will share the document with the board. President Aberman thanked Ms. Newman and assured her the matter would be looked into further.

Mr. David Dalka addressed the board on behalf of residents on the 9300 block of Lorel Avenue, where his parents reside. He expressed concerns regarding the parking lot at

Sequoia Park, which is adjacent to Jane Stenson School. Mr. Dalka stated that the self-park lot, established by the Park District several years ago, is now being misused by two main groups.

First, he noted that individuals are congregating in the lot to eat, loiter, and leave behind significant amounts of litter. Second, he explained that Jane Stenson School is using the lot as a pickup and drop-off zone. Since school bus service has not resumed post-pandemic, the volume of cars has created congestion, preventing emergency vehicles such as police and ambulances from accessing nearby homes.

Mr. Dalka requested that Jane Stenson School be prohibited from using the parking lot for pickup and drop-off and be required to utilize their own property or reinstate bus transportation. He also mentioned an increase in rat activity in the area and asked for assistance from the Park District.

President Aberman thanked Mr. Dalka for bringing these concerns to the board's attention and stated that the district would look into the matter and follow up with him.

CONSENT AGENDA APPROVAL

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve the Consent Agenda. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried. The Consent Agenda consisted of the minutes of the Regular Board Meeting of June 17, 2025, bills payable for the month of June/July 2025, Treasurer's Report, and Staff Reports.

ADOPTION OF SUPPLEMENTAL ORDINANCE #25-008 PROVIDING FOR THE ISSUANCE OF APPROXIMATELY \$2,500,000 OF GENERAL OBLIGATION BONDS (ALTERNATE REVENUE SOURCE), SERIES 2025 A, OF THE SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT

Mr. Schmidt introduced Mr. Aaron Gold from Speer Financial to present the results of the recent bond sale. Mr. Gold reported that three bids were received, with the lowest bid submitted by Stifel Financial of Birmingham, Alabama, at a net interest rate of 4.0864%. The proceeds from the bond sale will be used to fund various capital improvement projects and cover the associated issuance costs. Mr. Gold also said the district's AA2 Moody rating was confirmed.

Mr. Gold recommended that the bonds be purchased from Stifel Financial at a cost of \$2,507,359.65.

Vice President Jaffe moved to approve the Supplemental Ordinance #25-008 authorizing the issuance of \$2,507,359.65 of General Obligation Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2025A of the Skokie Park District. Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj seconded the motion. On a roll call vote, all Commissioners voted aye. Motion carried.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

The next regular meeting of the Board of Park Commissioners is Tuesday, August 19, 2025, at 6:30 p.m.

COMMISSIONER'S COMMENTS

Commissioner Fischer thanked everyone for the fun Fourth of July parade. President Aberman said the weather cooperated and it was really nice.

Vice President Jaffe raised a question regarding the Voucher Payables Report and asked if any other Commissioners had similar questions during their review. President Aberman emphasized that it is the board's responsibility to understand how the Park District's funds are being spent, noting that the report provides a detailed listing of payments made and to whom.

Ms. Tuft offered to meet with Vice President Jaffe—and any other Commissioners who are interested—to review the report in detail and address any questions they may have.

DIRECTOR'S COMMENTS

Ms. Tuft distributed an email she received from Village Manager, John Lockerby regarding the potential purchase of property located at 7854 Lincoln Avenue, at the corner of Babb and Lincoln Avenues, for use as park land. The property is situated across from Lincoln Junior High School. Ms. Tuft stated she would follow up with the individual who contacted Mr. Lockerby and, if there is genuine interest, she will bring the matter forward as a future agenda item.

Ms. Tuft reported that the second property under consideration is located at 4811 Oakton Street, across from Crafty Beaver. She noted that the Village of Skokie has long expressed interest in establishing a downtown park and recently informed her that the property is now for sale at a price of \$1.5 million. Ms. Tuft stated that if the board is interested, the item could be added to a future agenda for discussion.

President Aberman recalled that the board had previously walked the area and noted complications involving ComEd, who had not responded to inquiries at the time. Commissioner Williams added that there are overhead lines and wires on the site, which could present challenges.

Ms. Tuft shared, for informational purposes, that Village Manager, John Lockerby informed her the Holiday Inn had requested a meeting with both the Park District and the Village to discuss baseballs entering their parking lot from the Laramie Park ball field. Ms. Tuft declined the meeting, stating that there is no reason for the Village to be involved in the matter at this time.

Mr. Guynn reported that since the installation of the new netting, there have only been two incidents, representing a significant decrease. In one case, a car was hit, and the individual who hit the ball took responsibility and paid for the damage.

Commissioner Kasalo-Terihaj asked whether the Holiday Inn had ever permitted the Park District to install signage warning about baseballs. Mr. Guynn confirmed that they have not allowed any signage to be posted.

Ms. Tuft shared that District 72 Fairview School is interested in building an inclusive tot lot designed for children with disabilities and has asked if the Park District would be interested in partnering on the project and submitting a joint proposal.

Ms. Tuft noted that the Park District has already finalized its budget for the current fiscal year but could consider the project for the next fiscal year. The initiative involves a matching grant, where District 72, the Park District, and the Skokie Community Foundation would share the cost.

Ms. Tuft reminded staff that next week the Hot Dogs in the Park will be at Pawnee Park.

Mr. Guynn asked the Commissioners to schedule public hearing dates for renovations at Gleiss and Lyon Parks. The dates selected were August 28 for Gleiss Park and September 3 for Lyon Park, both at 6:30 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business.

NEW BUSINESS

There was no new business.

ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Williams moved to adjourn the regular meeting. Commissioner Fischer seconded the motion. On a roll call vote all Commissioner voted aye. Motion carried. The regular meeting adjourned at 7:07 p.m.

Susan Aberman
President

Michelle J. Tuft
Secretary

August 19, 2025

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**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
August 19,**

The status of the cash balances and investments as of July 31, 2025, is in the board packet.

The summary of these funds is attached.

As of June 30, 2025, \$6,723,905 of levy year 2024 money has been collected.

Tax bills have not been issued yet due to financial system software issues at the County. My understanding is that the earliest possible due date is October 2025.

The details of the accounts are available on request.

At the bottom of the Cash Balances and Investments is the listing of tax collections by year.

If you have any questions, please let me know.

William G. Schmidt
Treasurer, Skokie Park District

**SKOKIE PARK DISTRICT
TREASURER'S REPORT
CASH BALANCES AND INVESTMENTS
August 19, 2025
(As of 07/31/2025)**

GENERAL FUND

<u>CASH CHECKING ACCOUNTS CHASE/BANK ONE: 2.30%</u>	\$11,406,095.11
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INVESTMENTS WITH JPMORGAN CHASE/BANK ONE

Savings: 0.8%	208,402.42
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 11/14/25 - 4.7% MV	245,222.04
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 4/6/26 - 4.1% MV	244,677.16
CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Renewal due 5/26/26 - 4.25% MV	244,932.43

INVESTMENT WITH NORTH SHORE COMMUNITY BANK & TRUST

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT: Due 1/23/26 – 3.75%	632,508.35
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INVESTMENT WITH FIRST BANK CHICAGO

CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/20/26 4.10%	275,642.63
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CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT RENEWAL DUE 6/20/26 4.10%	263,108.97
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TOTAL CASH AND INVESTMENTS:	\$13,520,589.11
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TAX COLLECTIONS BY TAX YEAR (AT 07/31/2025)

YEAR	\$ COLLECTED	% OF LEVY
2019	10,875,847.93	96.68%
2020	11,042,255.46	97.24%
2021	11,465,833.78	98.19%
2022	12,414,361.70	99.03%
2023	12,677,035.17	98.18%
2024	6,723,904.50	--



Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: August 19, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Michelle Tuft, Executive Director

RE: Comprehensive Plan Update

Summary: Hitchcock Design Group will attend the board meeting to present the "analyze" and "connect" phases of the comprehensive plan update, and to solicit feedback from the board. The presentation is provided as an attachment.

Recommendation: Informational only.

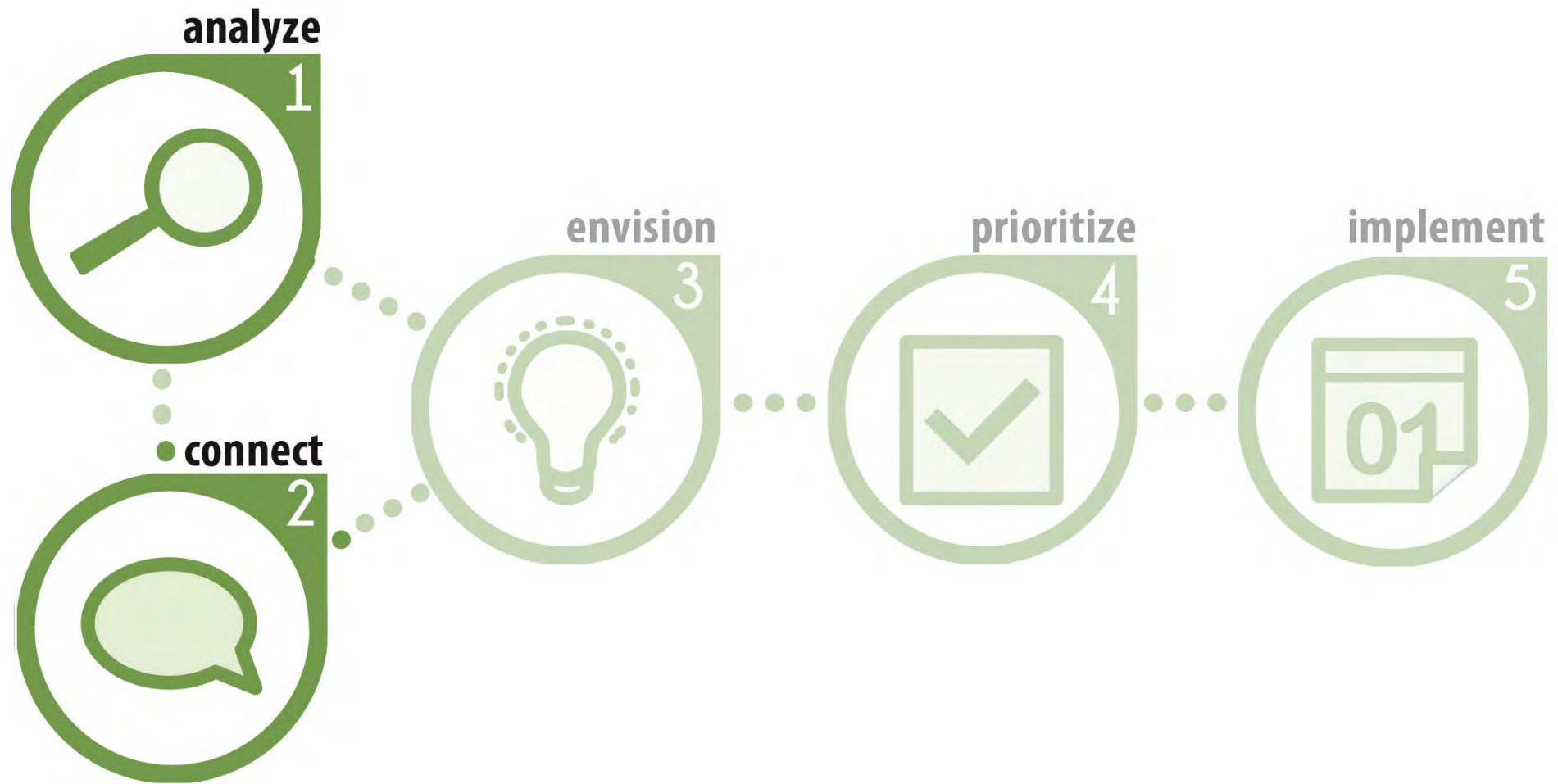
Motion: Informational only.

Skokie Park District Comprehensive Master Plan: Park District Board Meeting

Analyze Phase and
Connect Phase
Review

process update
analyze phase review
connect phase review
next steps
discussion

agenda



the process

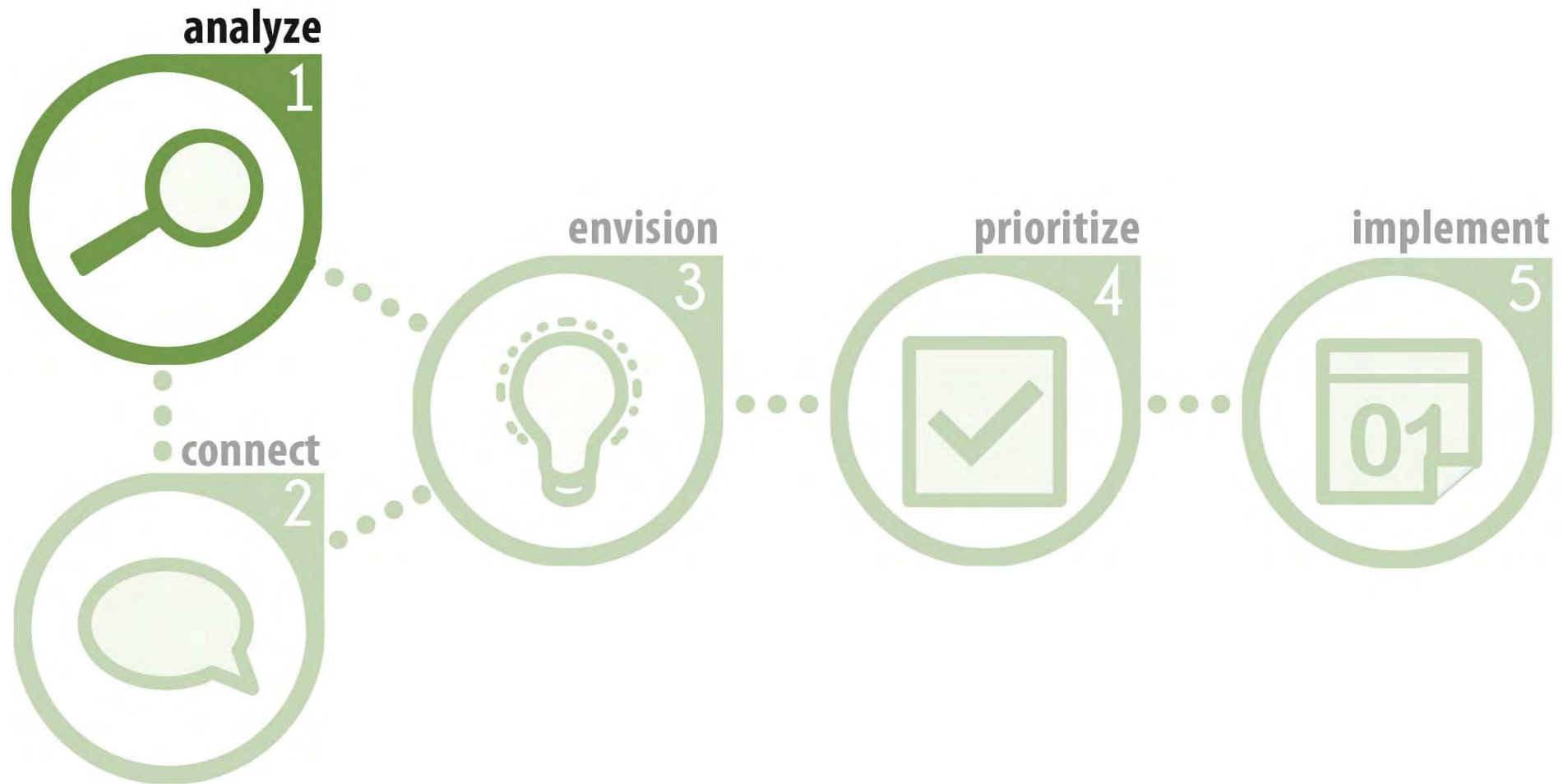
- **analyze phase (January - March):**

- demographic & data collection
- park inventory & analysis
- inventory & analysis maps prepared
- Inventory and Analysis review

- **connect phase (April - August):**

- staff workshop
- stakeholder interviews
- community outreach
- **board input**

planning progress



analyze

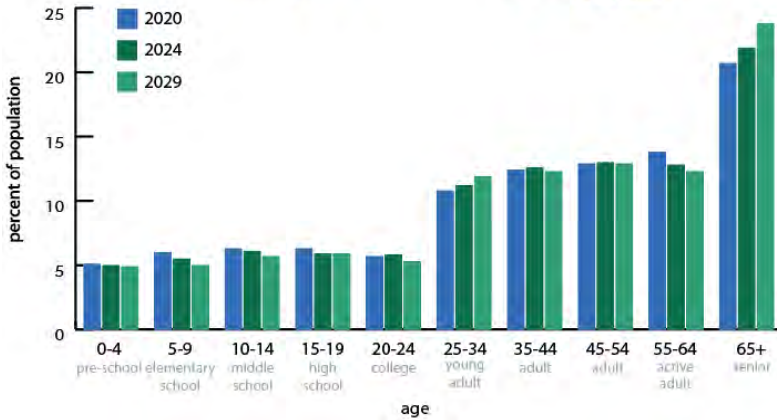
demographics

AGE DISTRIBUTION

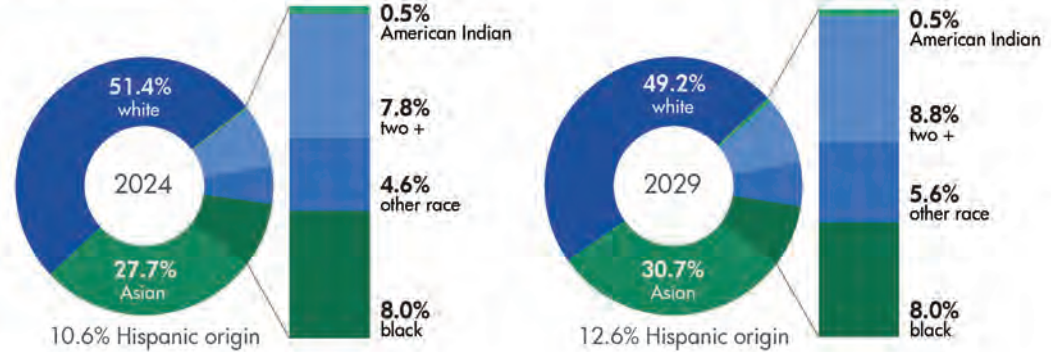


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median age

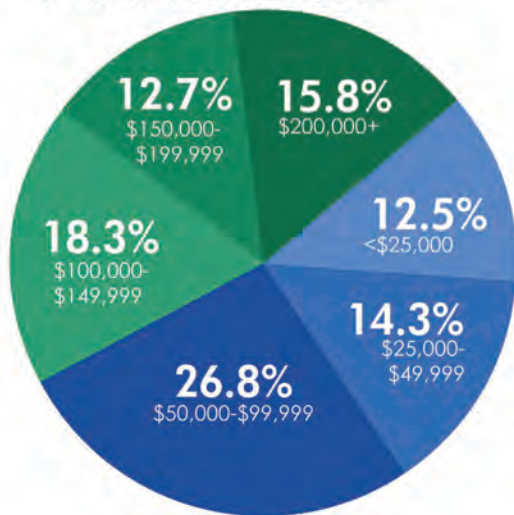
65+
age segment will grow 1.9% by 2029



RACE / ETHNICITY



INCOME DISTRIBUTION



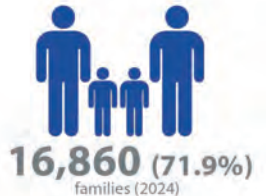
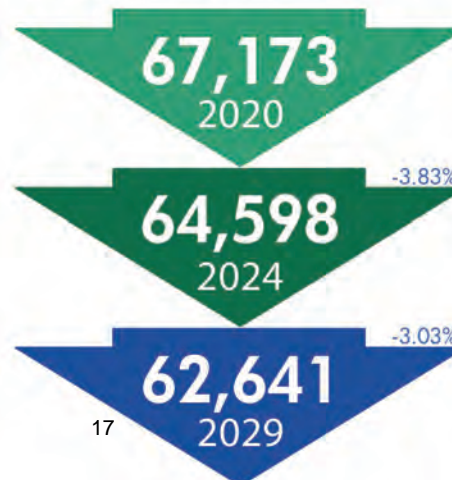
\$91,648
Skokie Park District
2024 median HH income

\$106,169
Skokie Park District
2029 median HH income

\$81,015
state median
HH income

\$79,068
national median
HH income

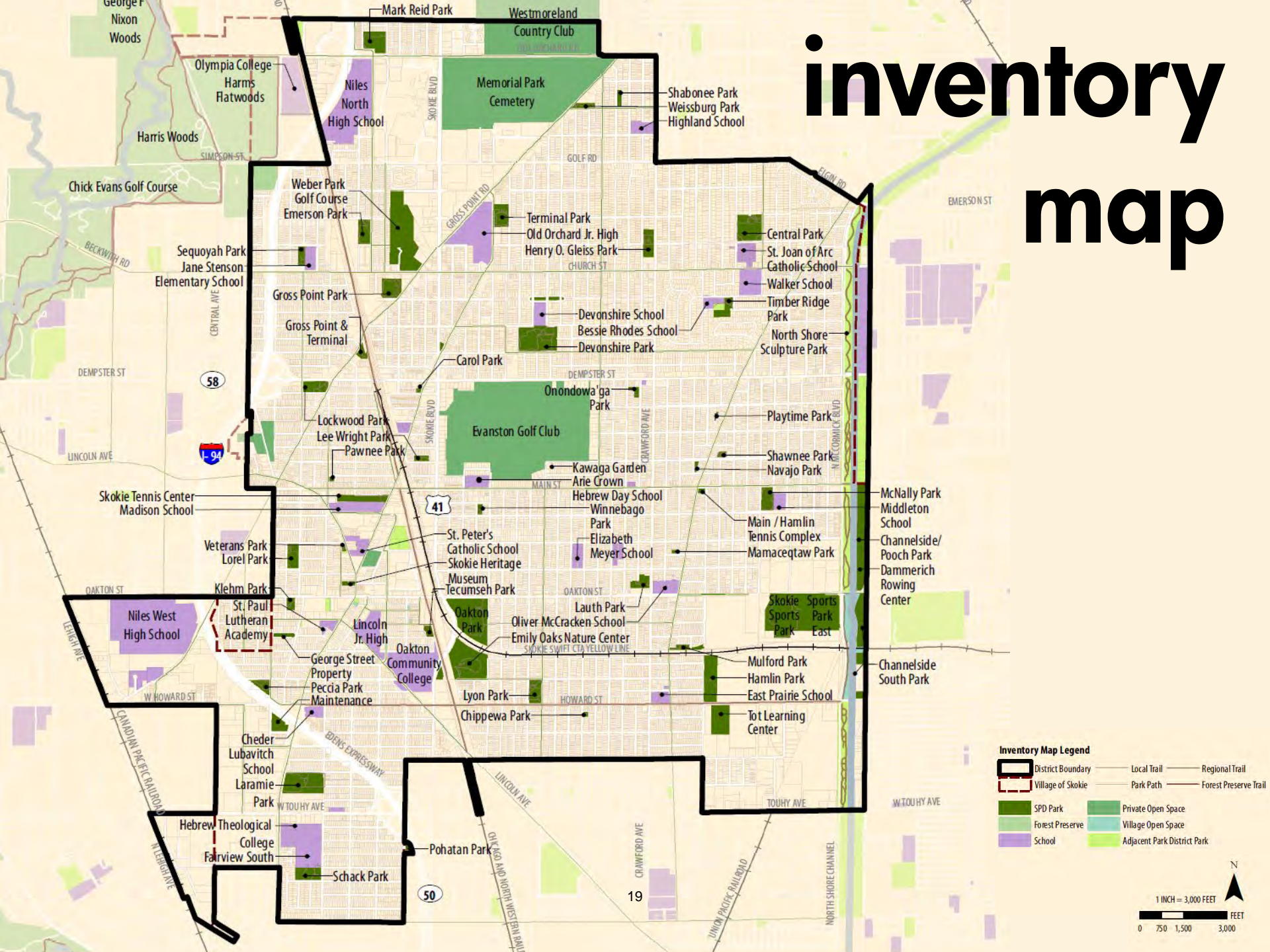
TOTAL POPULATION





parks and facilities

inventory map



Trails, Corridors, and Linear Parks / Greenways		Acreage - Own	Acreage - Lease / Manage	Regional Trail Access	Multi-Use Trails	Nature / Interpretive Trails	Indoor Program / Support Facility	Permanent Restrooms	Concessions	Little Free Libraries	Fitness Stations	Dog Park	Picnic Shelter	Playground	Basketball - Full Court	Basketball - Half Court	Basketball - Millred and Repaved	Volleyball Court	Pickleball Court	Pickleball Court - Millred and Repaved	Tennis Court	Tennis Court - Millred and Repaved	Tennis Court with Pickleball Overlay	Tennis Court with Pickleball Overlay
Skekin Valley Trail Exercise Station											4													
George Street Parkway		1.3																						
Trail, Corridor and Linear Park Acreage		1.3	0.0																					
		1.3																						
Undeveloped Park																								
Channelside South Park																								
Undeveloped Park Acreage		0.0	0.0																					
		0.0																						
		188.3	59.5																					
TOTAL DISTRICT HOLDINGS		247.8		2	8.1	4	9	14	2	19	16	1	19	40	28	10	23	1	13	2	25	24	13	8

BEYOND USEFUL LIFE AMENITIES AT CURRENT STANDARDS

Acreage information was derived from GIS data obtained from the District's recognized park acreage standards.

*all text in red indicates an amenity is beyond its useful life.

0	0	0	0	0	0	10	9	18	4	0	0	0	0	6	5	4	0
9	14	2	19	16	1	9	31	10	6	23	1	13	2	19	19	9	8

Indoor Program / Support Facility	Restrooms	Concessions
Little Free Libraries	Fitness Stations	Dog Park
Picnic Shelter	Playground	
Basketball - Full Court	Basketball - Half Court	Basketball - Millred and Repaved
Volleyball Court	Pickleball Court	Pickleball Court - Millred and Repaved
Tennis Court	Tennis Court - Millred and Repaved	Tennis Court with Pickleball Overlay
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INDOOR FACILITIES	DAY USE AMENITIES	SPORTS COURT
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park matrix

park inventory summary

amenities (notable items):

- *Numbered text in red are amenities that are beyond their useful life*
- *10 out of 19 picnic shelters are beyond useful life (25 years)*
- *9 out of 40 playgrounds are beyond useful life (15 years)*
- *1 out of 10 half basketball courts are beyond useful life and have not been milled and resurfaced (12 years)*

Level of Service Analysis: 10 acres / 1,000 population

OWNED / LEASED ACTIVE RECREATION AREAS

Classification	SPD Acreage (Total)	SPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (%)
Mini Park	12.81	0.20	32.30	0.50	-19.49	39.66%
Neighborhood Park	63.40	0.98	129.20	2.00	-65.80	49.07%
Community Park	58.60	0.91	484.49	7.50	-425.89	12.10%
Total Active Recreation Areas	134.81	2.09	645.98	10.00	-511.17	20.87%

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 64598

ALL SPD MANAGED OPEN SPACE

Classification	SPD Acreage (Total)	SPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (%)
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Community Park	58.60	0.91	484.49	7.50	-425.89	12.10%
Natural Areas	14.50	0.22	0.00	0.00	14.50	N/A
Special Use	97.20	1.50	0.00	0.00	97.20	N/A
Greenways	1.30	0.02	0.00	0.00	1.30	N/A
Total SPD Open Space	247.81	3.84	645.98	10.00	-398.17	38.36%

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 64598

ALL PUBLIC OPEN SPACE

Classification	SPD Acreage (Total)	SPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Acreage	IAPD/NRPA Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (%)
SPD Total Parks & Open Space	247.81	3.84	645.98	10.00	-398.17	38.36%
School Open Space	306.60	4.75	0.00	0.00	306.60	N/A
Forest Preserve Open Space	9.70	0.15	0.00	0.00	9.70	N/A
Total Public Open Space	564.11	8.73	645.98	10.00	-91.87	87.33%

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 64598

Level of Service Analysis: Park Metrics Benchmark

OWNED / LEASED ACTIVE RECREATION AREAS

Classification	SPD Acreage (Total)	SPD Existing Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Park Metrics Recommended Acreage	Park Metrics Average Recommended Level of Service (acres / 1,000 population)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (acre)	Acreage deficiency / surplus (%)
Total Active Recreation Areas	134.81	2.09	645.98	10.00	-511.17	-7.91
Total SPD Managed Open Space	247.81	3.84	645.98	10.00	-398.17	-6.16

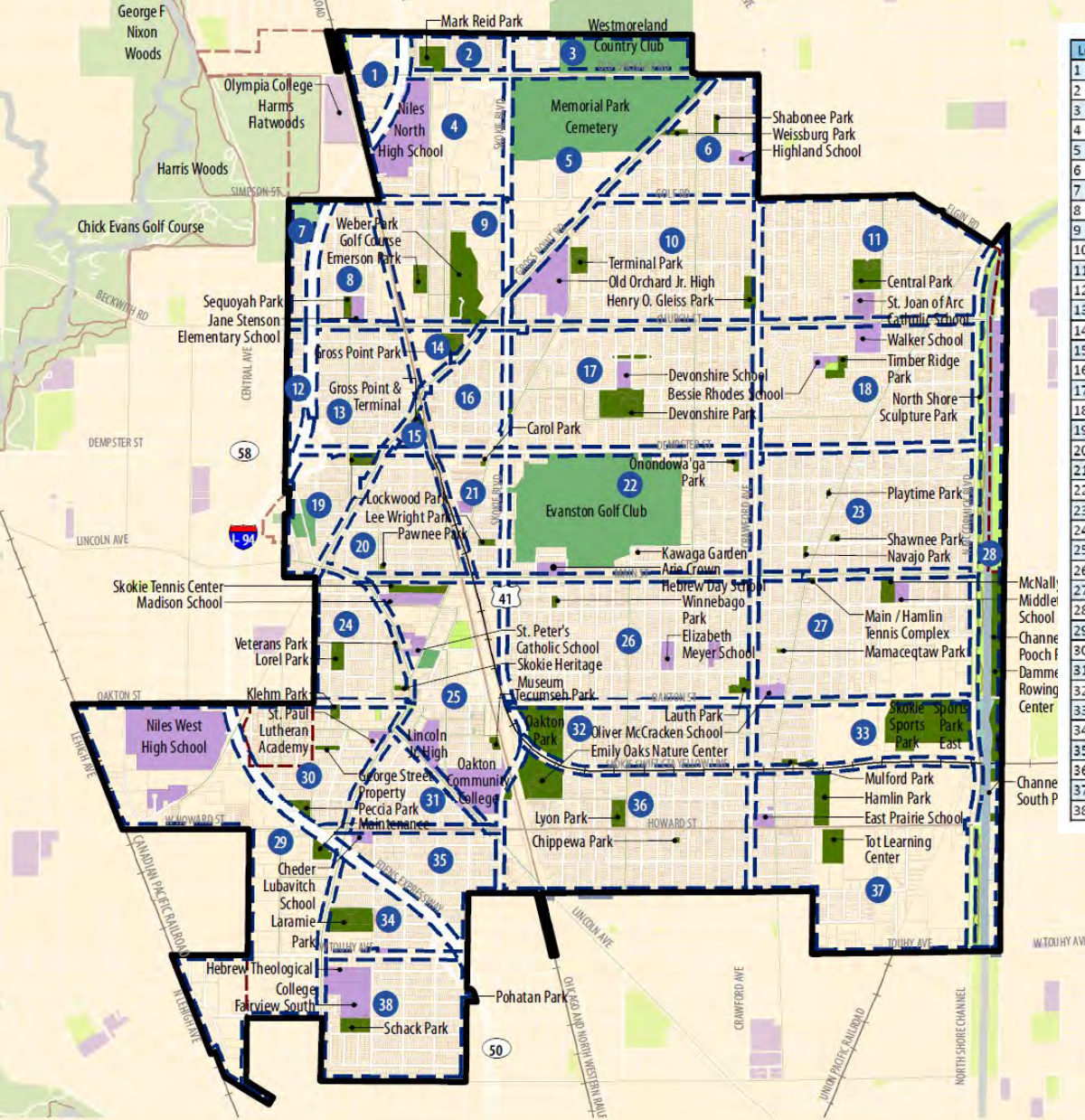
Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 64598

parks level of service

level of service summary

- Active Recreation Area
 - = Below benchmark by 511.17 acres
- SPD Open Space:
 - = Below benchmark by 398.17 acres
- Public Open Space
 - = Below benchmark by 81.87 acres
 - *Recommendations based off total population*

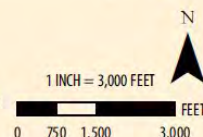
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parks level of service



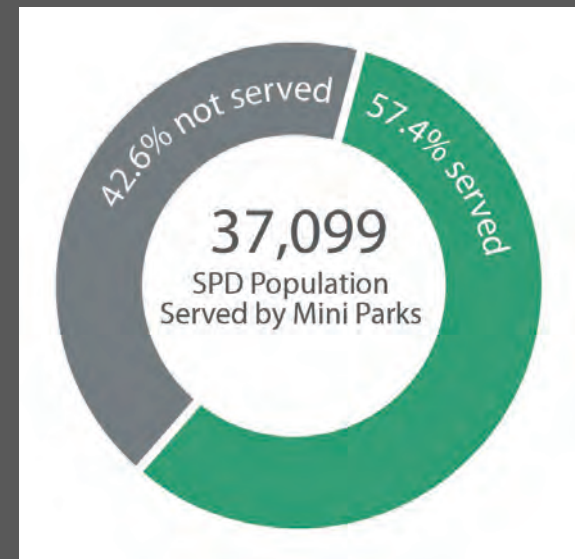
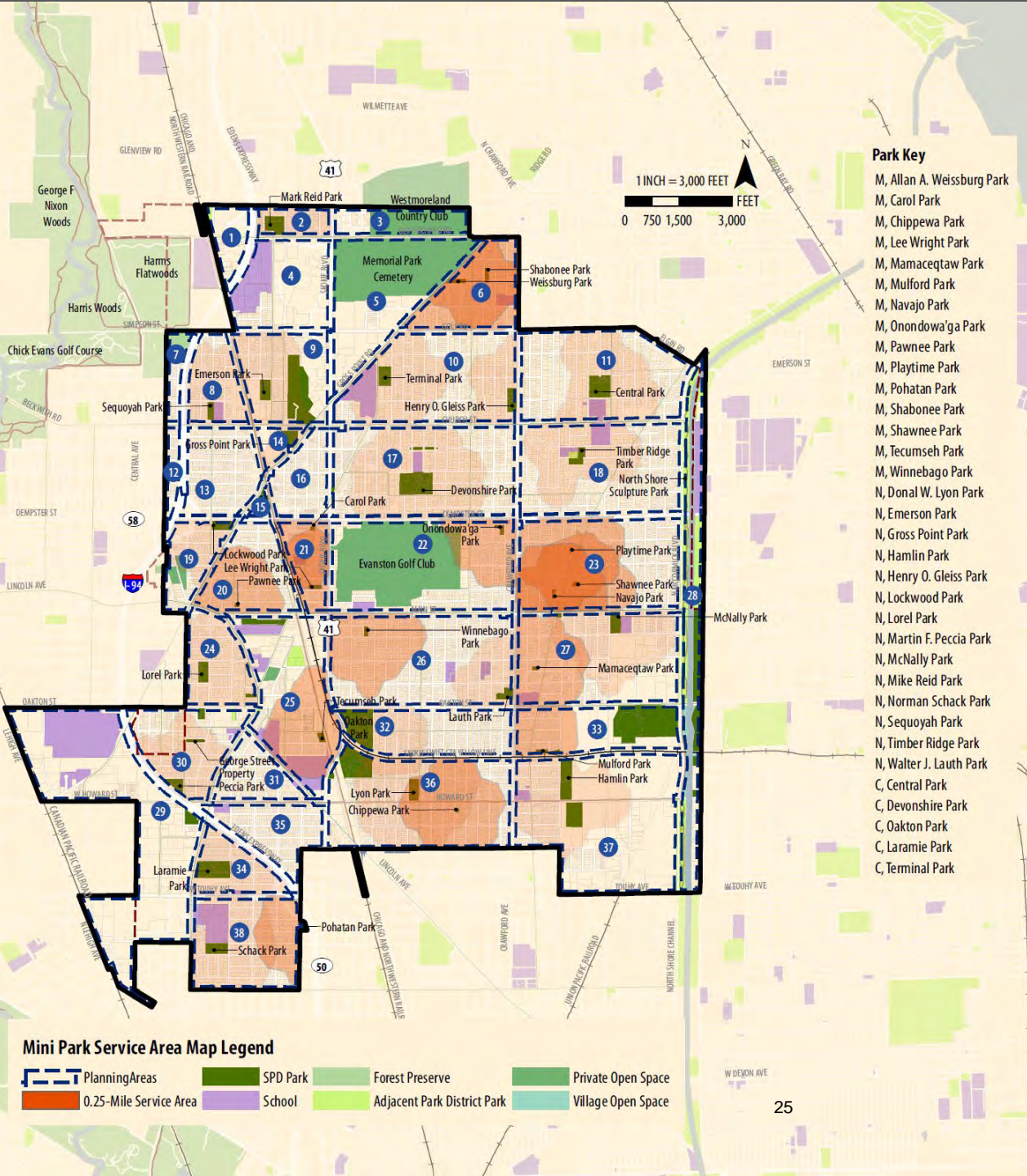
Planning Area Map Legend

- District Boundary
- Planning Areas
- Forest Preserve
- Private Open Space
- Adjacent Park District Park
- SPD Park
- School
- Village Open Space

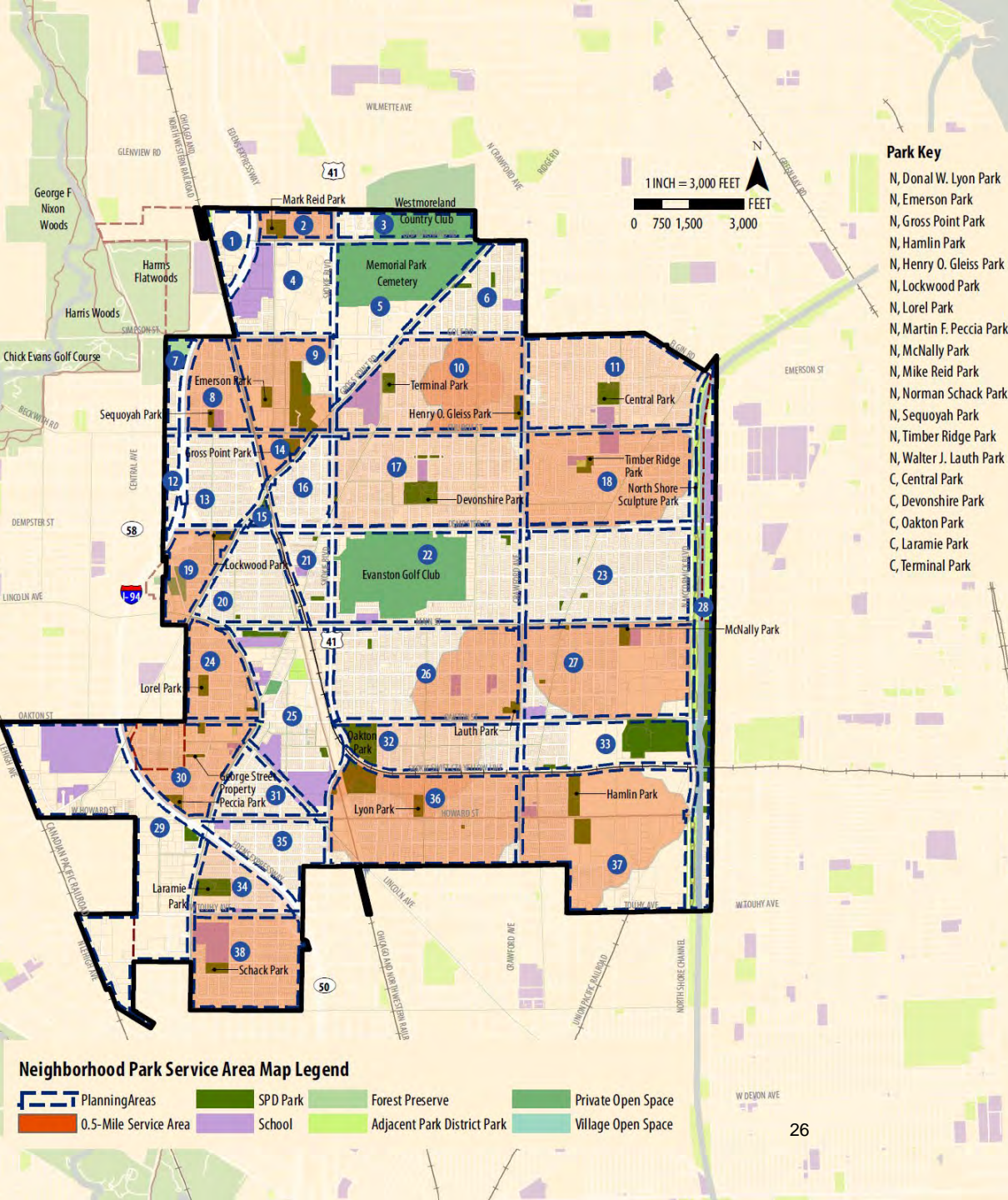
Location	2024 Total Population	2029 Total Population	2024-2029 Growth Rate: Population
1	101	97	-0.80%
2	721	692	-0.82%
3	772	750	-0.58%
4	226	217	-0.81%
5	513	499	-0.55%
6	1,227	1,196	-0.51%
7	213	206	-0.67%
8	829	800	-0.71%
9	2,090	2,012	-0.76%
10	3,161	3,078	-0.53%
11	2,738	2,639	-0.73%
12	266	257	-0.69%
13	1,319	1,276	-0.66%
14	526	514	-0.46%
15	0	0	0.00%
16	3,635	3,511	-0.69%
17	3,983	3,854	-0.66%
18	3,018	2,918	-0.67%
19	841	817	-0.58%
20	1,488	1,489	0.01%
21	2,363	2,280	-0.71%
22	1,549	1,492	-0.75%
23	4,296	4,155	-0.67%
24	1,785	1,759	-0.29%
25	3,400	3,332	-0.40%
26	6,186	5,989	-0.65%
27	2,341	2,252	-0.77%
28	74	72	-0.55%
29	128	124	-0.63%
30	1,816	1,739	-0.86%
31	1,169	1,190	0.36%
32	1,803	1,750	-0.59%
33	612	595	-0.56%
34	672	653	-0.57%
35	1,191	1,151	-0.68%
36	4,407	4,258	-0.69%
37	1,155	1,110	-0.79%
38	1,984	1,918	-0.67%



planning
area map

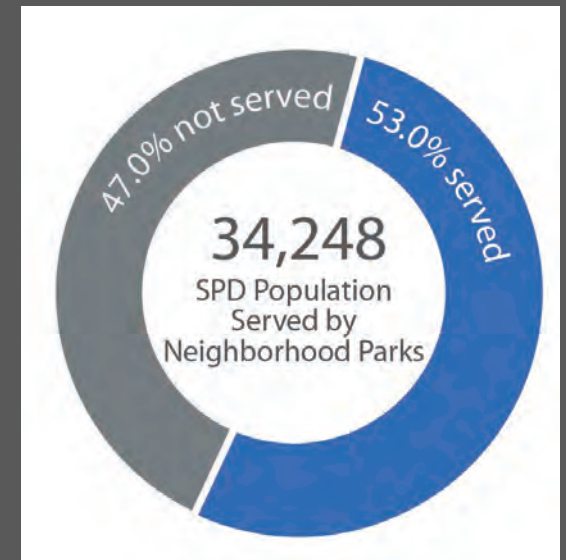


mini park distribution analysis

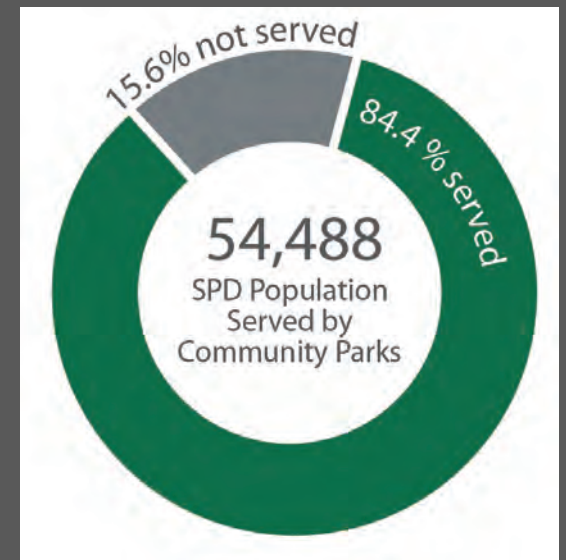
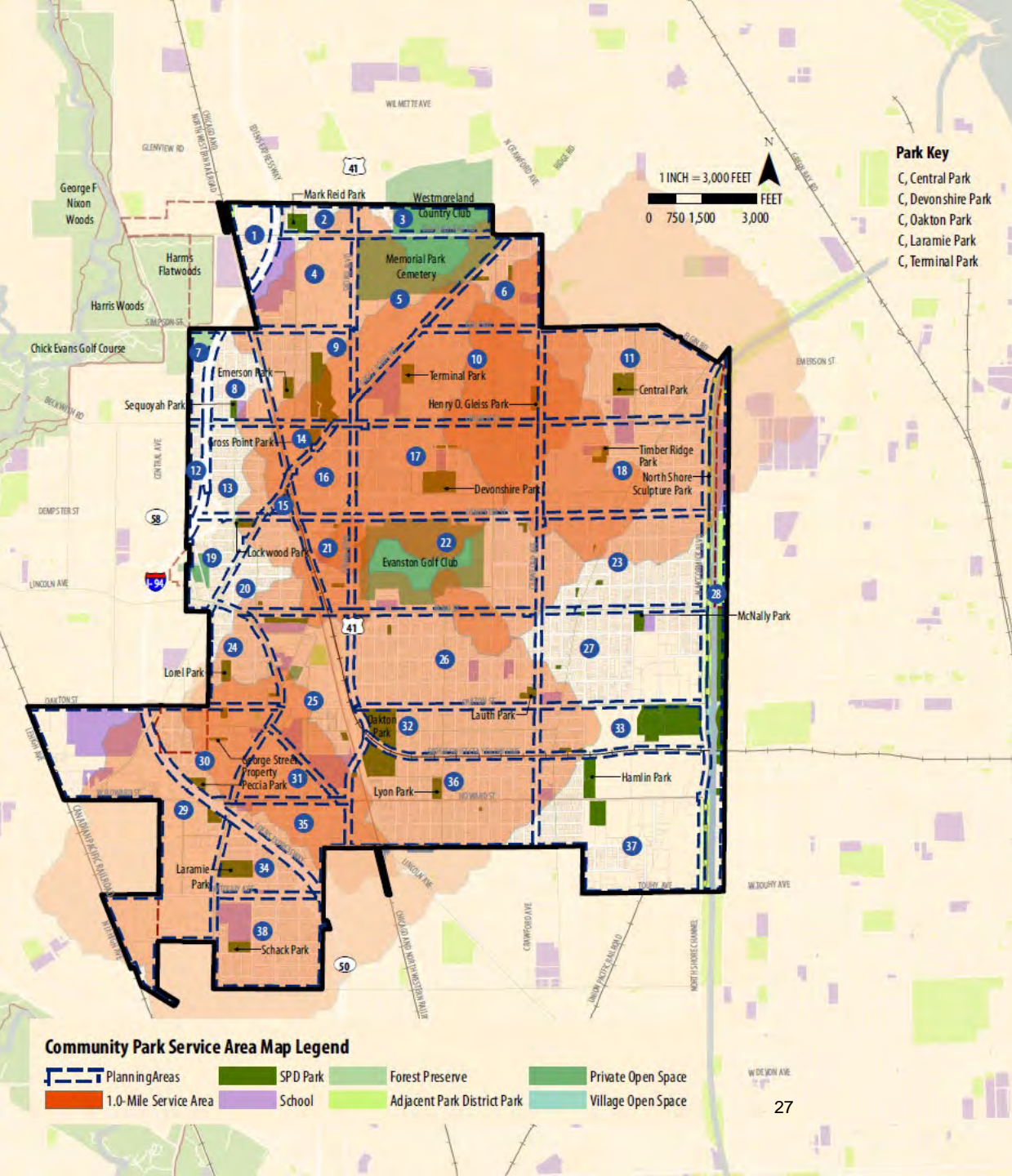


Park Key

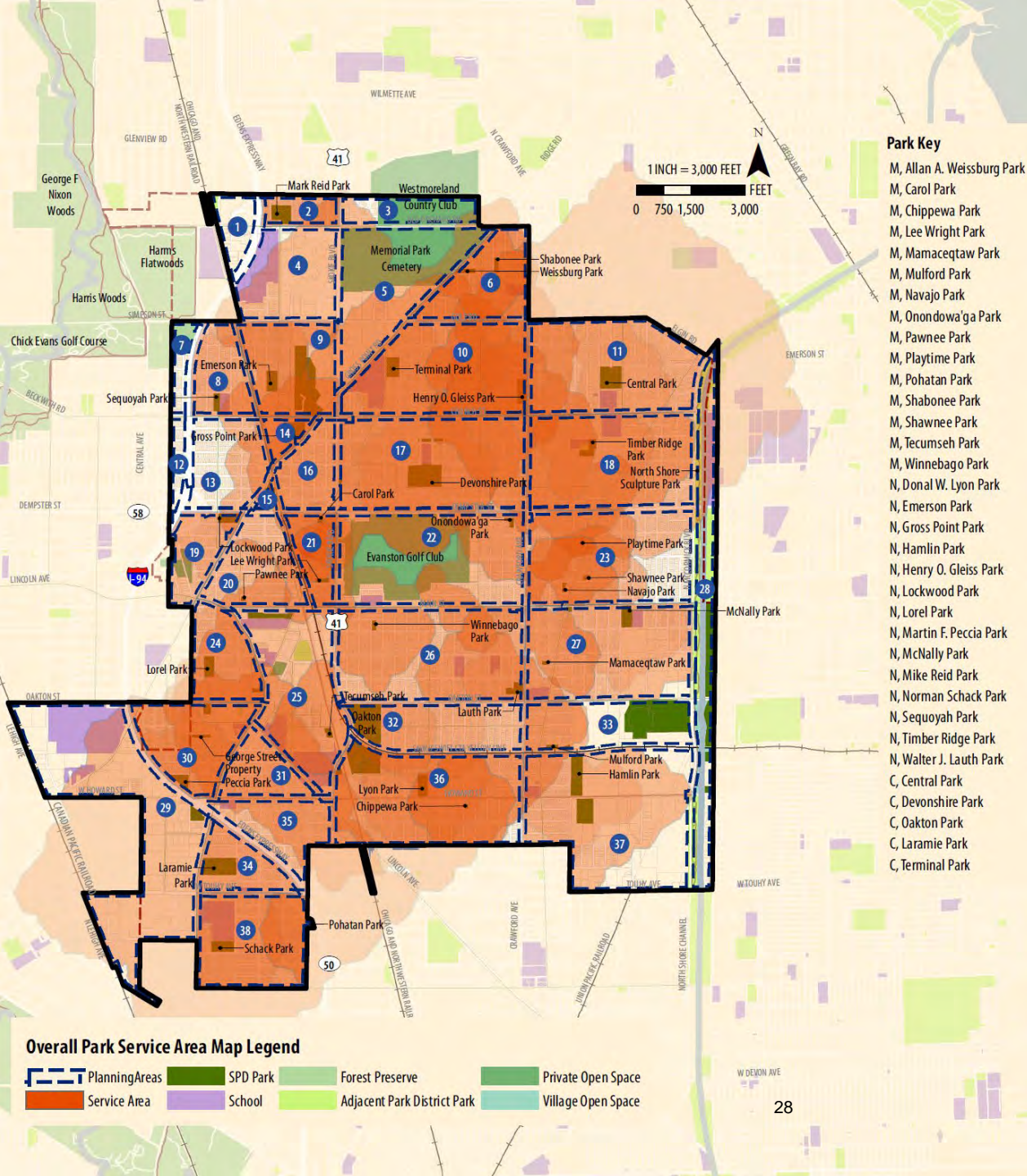
N, Donal W. Lyon Park
 N, Emerson Park
 N, Gross Point Park
 N, Hamlin Park
 N, Henry O. Gleiss Park
 N, Lockwood Park
 N, Lorel Park
 N, Martin F. Peccia Park
 N, McNally Park
 N, Mike Reid Park
 N, Norman Schack Park
 N, Sequoyah Park
 N, Timber Ridge Park
 N, Walter J. Lauth Park
 C, Central Park
 C, Devonshire Park
 C, Oakton Park
 C, Laramie Park
 C, Terminal Park



neighborhood park distribution analysis

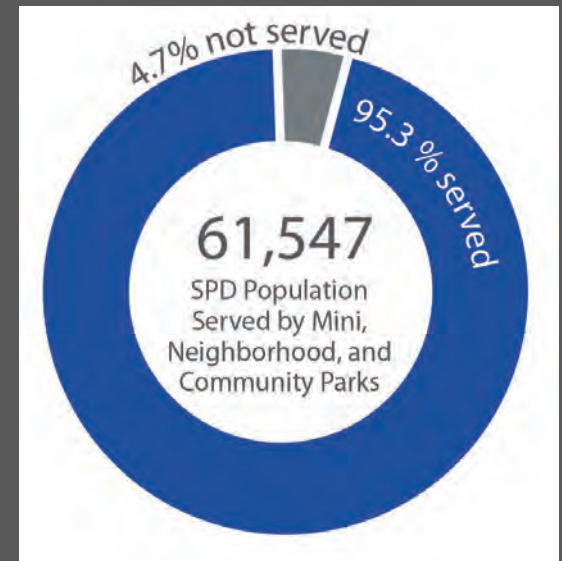


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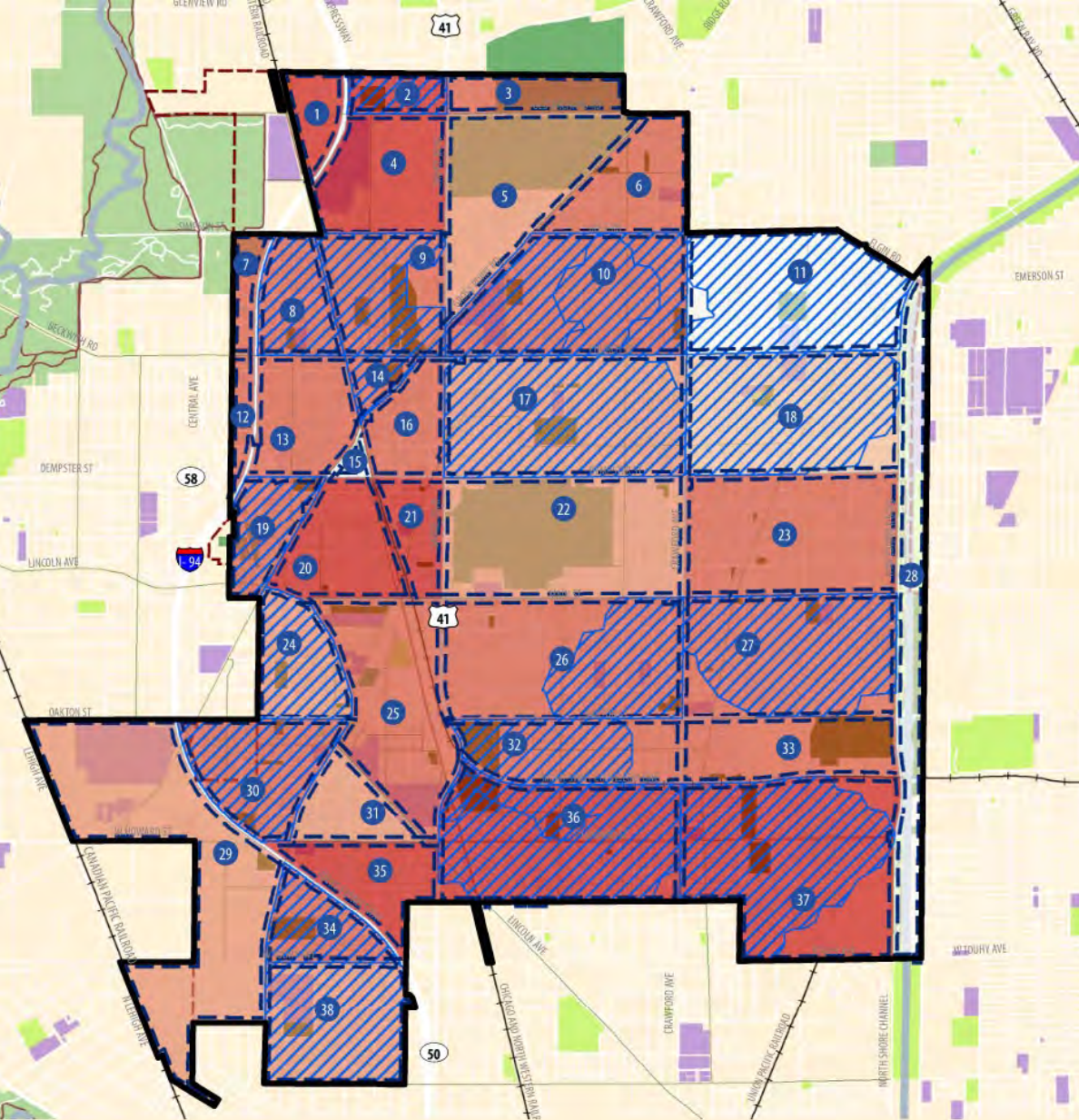


Park Key

M, Allan A. Weissburg Park
M, Carol Park
M, Chippewa Park
M, Lee Wright Park
M, Mamaceqtaw Park
M, Mulford Park
M, Navajo Park
M, Onondowa Park
M, Pawnee Park
M, Playtime Park
M, Pohatan Park
M, Shabonee Park
M, Shawnee Park
M, Tecumseh Park
M, Winnebago Park
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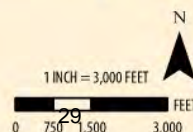
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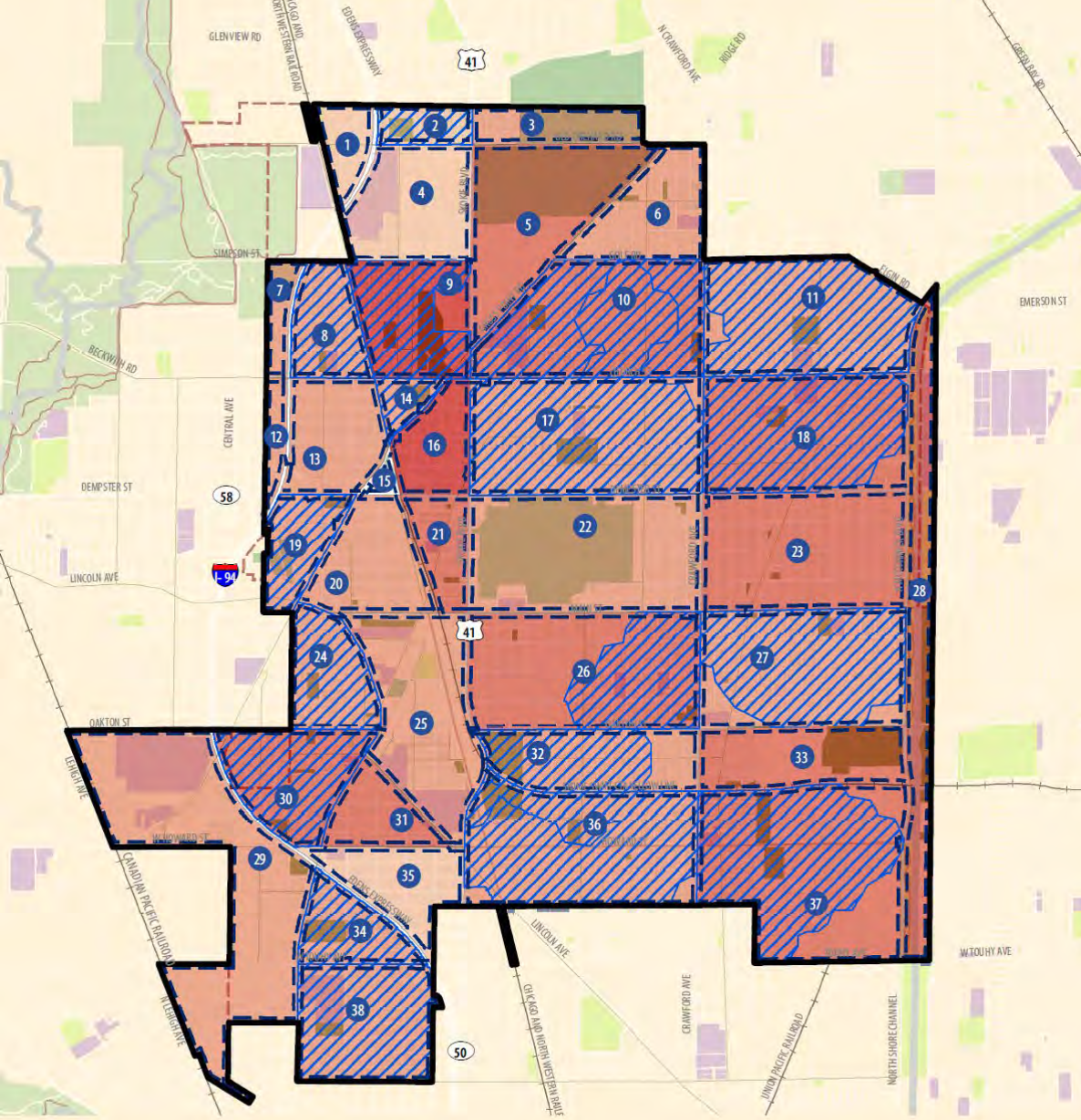
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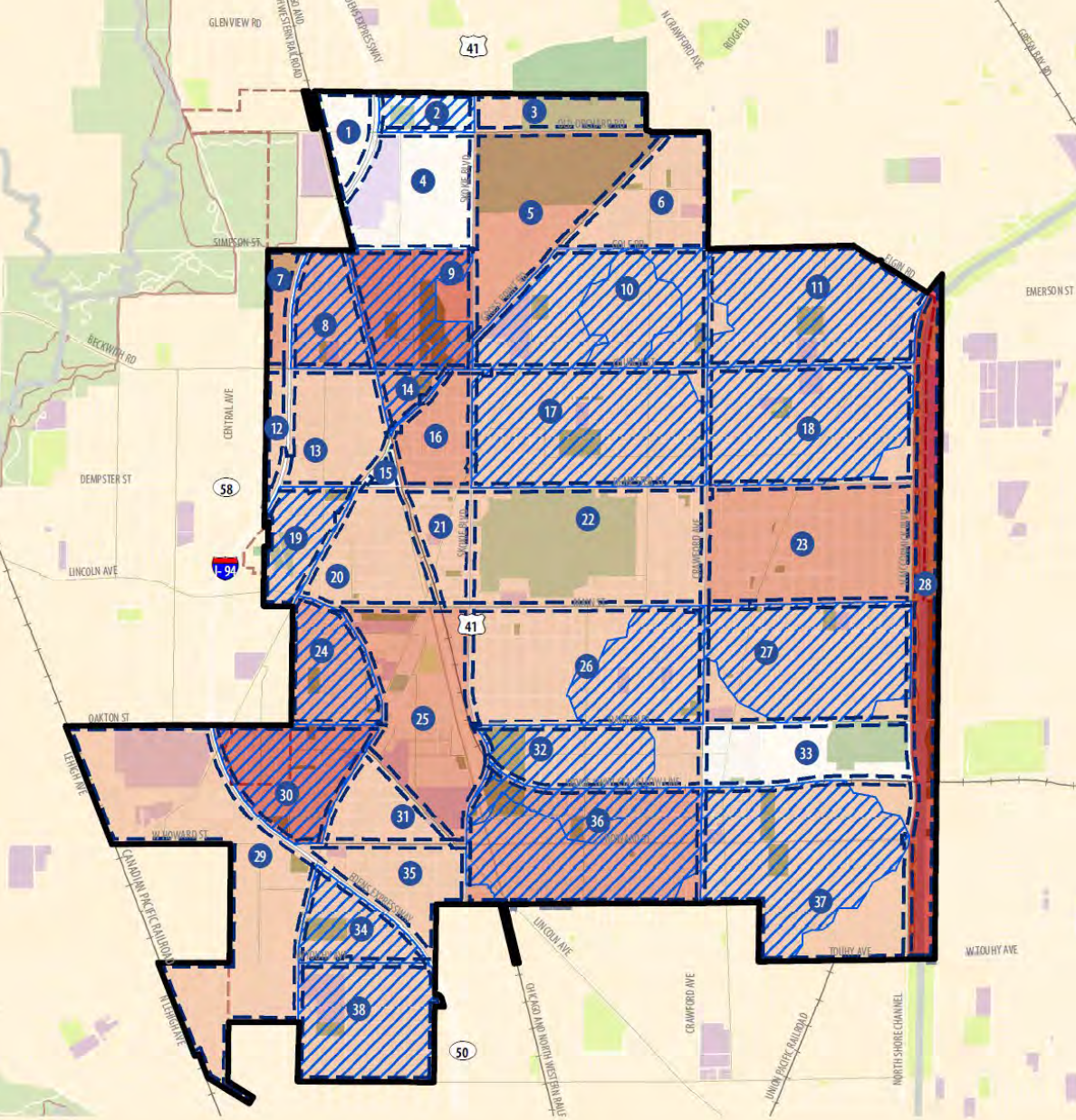
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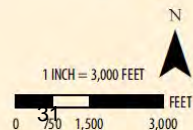
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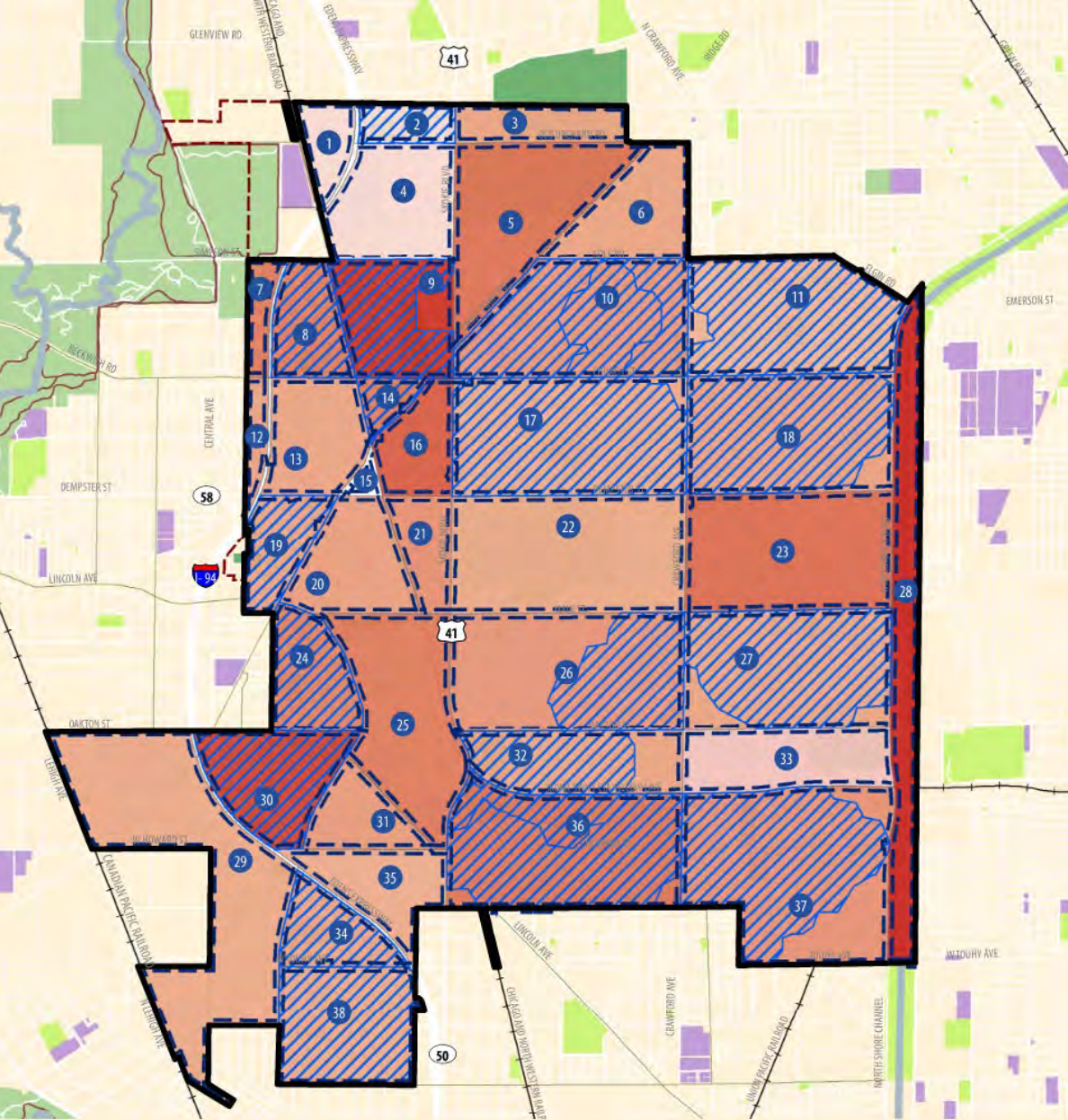
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Households Below the Poverty Line Concentration Map Legend



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Existing Population 2024

Skokie Park District			Illinois Facility Average		Surplus / Deficit	Ranking
Existing # of Facilities (total)	Existing # of Facilities at current standards	Existing # of Facilities per 1,000 population	Total # of Facilities needed to meet IL Average	IL Average # of Facilities per 1,000 population	Surplus / Deficit	Highest to Lowest Need

WATER-BASED FACILITIES

Fishing Pier / Docks / Access	0	0	0.00	26.4	0.41	-26.4	3
Boat Launch Ramps / Access	1	1	0.02	7.8	0.12	-6.8	11
Canoe only access areas	2	2	0.03	2.5	0.04	-0.5	28
Marina Slips	0	0	0.00	17.6	0.27	-17.6	5
Swimming Pools	2	2	0.03	1.8	0.03	0.2	32
Swimming Beaches (linear ft.)	0	0	0.00	1094.3	16.94	-1,094.3	1
Spray Grounds / Splash Pads	1	1	0.02	1.9	0.03	-0.9	22

TRAILS

Multi-Use Trails (Miles)	8.12	8.12	0.13	10.5	0.16	-2.4	19
Hiking Trails	0	0	0.00	29.7	0.46	-29.7	2
Bicycle Trails	0	0	0.00	6.6	0.10	-6.6	12
Physical Fitness Trails (Stations)	16	16	0.25	14.2	0.22	1.8	38
Nature / Interpretive Trails (Miles)	4	4	0.06	3.5	0.05	0.5	33
Cross-Country Trails	0	0	0.00	25.8	0.40	-25.8	4
Snowmobile Trails	0	0	0.00	7.1	0.11	-7.1	10
Ski Trails	0	0	0.00	11.6	0.18	-11.6	8

DAY USE FACILITIES

Dog Parks	1	1	0.02	0.5	0.01	0.5	34
Picnic Shelters	19	9	0.14	13.3	0.21	-4.3	13
Playgrounds	40	31	0.48	26.1	0.40	4.9	41
Interpretive Centers	0	0	0.00	0.6	0.01	-0.6	23

SPORTS COURTS AND FACILITIES

Basketball Courts (full depth replacement)	38	15	0.23	16.1	0.25	-1.1	21
Basketball Courts (mill and resurfaced)	38	23	0.36	16.1	0.25	6.9	42
Volleyball Courts	1	1	0.02	11.0	0.17	-10.0	9
Pickleball Courts (full depth replacement)	13	13	0.20	ISD	ISD	ISD	
Pickleball Courts (mill and resurfaced)	13	13	0.20	ISD	ISD	ISD	
Tennis Courts (full depth replacement)	38	28	0.43	31.7	0.49	-3.7	14
Tennis Courts (mill and resurfaced)	38	33	0.51	31.7	0.49	1.3	37
Baseball / Softball Fields	20	20	0.31	16.8	0.26	3.2	40
Football Fields	0	0	0.00	3.5	0.05	-3.5	15
Soccer Fields	14	14	0.22	11.5	0.18	2.5	39
Field Hockey	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	30
Running Tracks	0	0	0.00	3.2	0.05	-3.2	16
Golf Driving Range	1	1	0.02	0.0	0.00	1.0	36
Golf Course (9-Hole Course)	1	1	0.02	0.3	0.01	0.7	35
Golf Course (18-Hole Course)	0	0	0.00	0.5	0.01	-0.5	26
Frisbee Golf	0	0	0.00	0.5	0.01	-0.5	27
Skate Park	1	1	0.02	1.1	0.02	-0.1	29
Ice Rinks	0	0	0.00	2.6	0.04	-2.6	18
Bocce Court	0	0	0.00	0.0	0.00	0.0	30
Horseshoe Pits	0	0	0.00	15.6	0.24	-15.6	6
Shuffleboard courts	0	0	0.00	2.9	0.05	-2.9	17
Archery Ranges	0	0	0.00	1.3	33 0.02	-1.3	20
Rifle Pistol Ranges	0	0	0.00	0.6	0.01	-0.6	23

SCORP
comparison
(parks)

benchmarking summary

- Below Benchmark:
 - Volleyball Courts (-10.0)
 - Picnic Shelters (-4.3)
- Above Benchmark:
 - Basketball Courts-Mill & Resurface (+6.9)
 - Playgrounds (+4.9)
 - Baseball Fields (+3.2)

** Compared against Illinois state average
numbers per 1,000 population*

SCORP ³⁴ comparison (parks)

Existing Population 2024

Skokie Park District			Park Metrics Facility Median	Surplus / Deficit	Ranking
Existing # of Facilities (total)	Existing # of Facilities at current standards	Existing # of Facilities per population	Total # of Facilities needed to meet Park Metrics median	Surplus / Deficit	Highest to Lowest Need

Population per Facility
Population Per Facility (per the NRPA Park Metrics)

INDOOR FACILITIES						
Recreation Center	1	1	0.02	1.1	-0.1	13
Community Center*	2	2	0.03	1.0	1.0	21
Senior Center	0	0	0.00	1.0	-1.0	8
Teen Center	0	0	0.00	1.1	-1.1	5
Stadium	0	0	0.00	1.0	-1.0	9
Ice Skating Rink (Indoor)	2	2	0.03	1.0	1.0	22
Arena	0	0	0.00	0.9	-0.9	10
Performing and / or Visual Arts Center*	1	1	0.02	1.0	0.0	16
Nature / Interpretive Center	2	2	0.03	1.0	1.0	20

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WATER-BASED FACILITIES						
Aquatic Centers**	2	2	0.03	1.1	0.9	19
Swimming Pools (Outdoor)**	2	2	0.03	2.1	-0.1	12
Spray Grounds / Splash Pads	1	1	0.02	1.0	0.0	14

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DAY USE FACILITIES						
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ISD
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SPORTS COURTS AND FACILITIES						
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Basketball Courts (mill and resurfaced)	38	23	0.36	7.4	15.6	33
Volleyball Courts	1	1	ISD	3.4	-2.4	3
Pickleball Courts (full depth replacement)	13	13	0.20	6.4	6.6	26
Pickleball Courts (mill and resurfaced)	13	13	0.20	6.4	6.6	26
Tennis Courts (full depth replacement)	25	19	0.29	11.3	7.7	30
Tennis Courts (mill and resurfaced)	24	19	0.29	11.3	7.7	30
Tennis Courts with Pickleball Overlay (full depth replacement)	13	9	0.14	6.3	2.7	23
Tennis Courts with Pickleball Overlay (mill and resurfaced)	13	13	0.20	6.3	6.7	28
Diamond Fields	20	20	0.31	13.8	6.2	25
Rectangular Fields	14	14	0.22	16.6	-2.6	2
Rectangular Fields - Synthetic Turf	0	0	0.00	2.9	-2.9	1
Golf Driving Range	1	1	0.02	1.9	-0.9	11
Golf Course (9-Hole Course)	1	1	0.02	1.0	0.0	15
Golf Course (18-Hole Course)	0	0	0.00	1.0	-1.0	6
Disc Golf (Course)	0	0	0.00	1.0	-1.0	7
Skate Parks	1	1	0.02	1.0	0.0	17
Ice Rinks (Outdoor)	0	0	0.00	1.9	-1.9	4

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*Devonshire Cultural Center is included in both categories because it serves both functions
 **Devonshire and Oakton (Skokie Water Playground) pools are included in both categories because they serve both functions

benchmarking summary

- Below Benchmark:
 - Synthetic Turf Fields (-2.9)
 - Rectangular Fields (-2.6)
 - Volleyball Courts (-2.4)
- Above Benchmark:
 - Basketball Courts-mill & resurface (+15.6)
 - Fitness Stations (+14.0)
 - Tennis Courts (+7.7)
 - Diamond Fields (+6.2)
 - Playgrounds (+5.9)

** Compared against U.S. agencies of similar size*

park metrics comparison

SQUARE FOOTAGE		RESTROOMS		ADMIN		ACTIVITY ROOMS				RECREATION AND FITNESS							OTHER					
Total Square Footage		Restrooms	Locker Rooms	Reception Desk	Office	Kitchen	Concessions	Banquet / Community	Classroom / Multipurpose	Art Room	Teen Room	Auditorium	Gymnasium	Indoor Turf	Fitness / Weight Room	Aquatics	Indoor Activity Courts	Dance	Storage	General	Greenhouse	Maintenance

INDOOR FACILITIES

Recreation & Fitness Programming

Devonshire Cultural Center	21,665	2		1	3			6	1							1	7			2
Devonshire Playhouse		2									1						4			
Devonshire Preschool		5															3			
Oakton Community Center	28,270	7		1	7	2	1	3									4			2
Exploratorium		3		1	1															1
Weber Leisure Center	69,242	6	4	2	14	1		1				2	1			2	6	2		2
Recreation & Fitness Programming	129,177																			

Single-Use

Dammrich Rowing Center	9,138	2		1													2	1		1
Emily Oaks Nature Center	12,485	4		1	2	1	1	5									3		1	2
Skatium	48,891		8	1	5	1		1									4			2
Skokie Sports Park Tea Structure	4,400																			
Club House	2,450	2		1	1	1	1										1			
Skokie Heritage Museum	2,838	2		1			1	1									1			
Log Cabin	345							1												
Tot Learning Center	14,350	10		1	2	1	1	7												2
Single-Use	94,897																			

Aquatics

Devonshire Aquatic Center	5,150	2	2	1	1	1											2			1
Skokie Water Playground	12,053	2	2	1	1	1	1	2	2								2			2
Aquatics	18,205																			

Maintenance

Service Center	10,431	2	2	1	1	1											3			2
Shop (Skokie Sports Park)	3,000	1															1			1
Maintenance	14,031																			

TOTAL SQUARE FOOTAGE	256,311	52	18	11	37	10	4	7	27	1	0	1	2	0	1	0	0	3	46	3	1	20
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SQUARE FOOTAGE	RESTROOMS		ADMIN		37	ACTIVITY ROOMS										RECREATION AND FITNESS							OTHER			
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Level of Service Analysis: Chicagoland Benchmark

INDOOR RECREATION SPACE

Classification	SPD Square Feet (Total)	SPD Existing Level of Service (SF / population)	Recommended Square Footage	Recommended Level of Service (SF / population)	Square Footage deficiency / surplus (SF)
Indoor Recreational Space	224074.00	3.47	96897.00	1.50	127177.00
Indoor Aquatics	18205.00	0.28	32299.00	0.50	-14094.00
Total Square Feet	242279.00	3.75	129196.00	2.00	113083.00

Recommended acreage is based off the existing population of 64598

chicagoland benchmark (indoor)

benchmarking summary

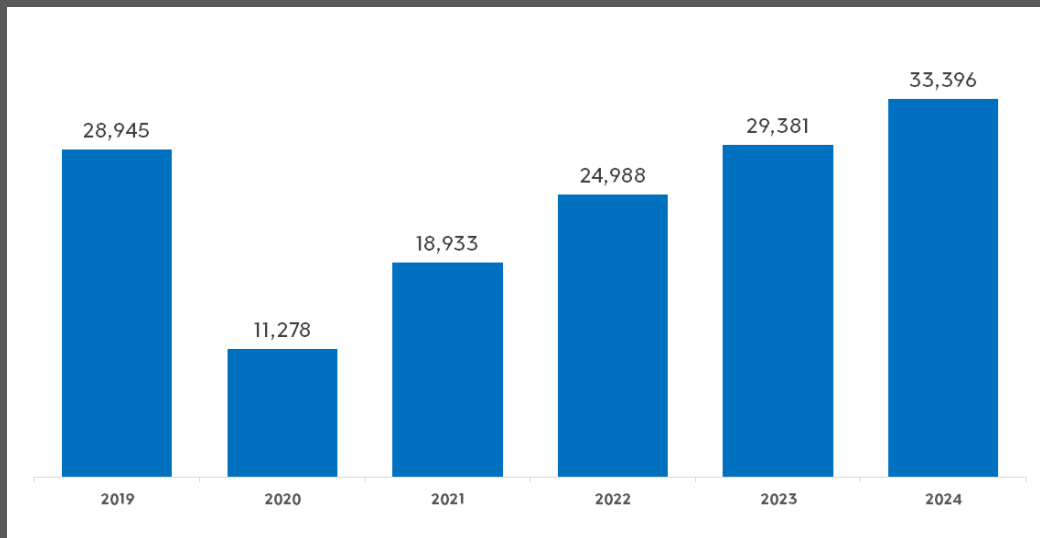
- Indoor Recreational Space:
 - Recommended 96,897 SF
 - 224,074 SF offered
 - = **Above** benchmark by 127,177 SF
- Indoor Aquatics:
 - Recommended 32,299 SF
 - 18,205 SF offered
 - = **Below** benchmark by 14,094 SF
 - *Recommendations based off total population*

chicagoland benchmark (indoor)



Programming

registrations & sales trends



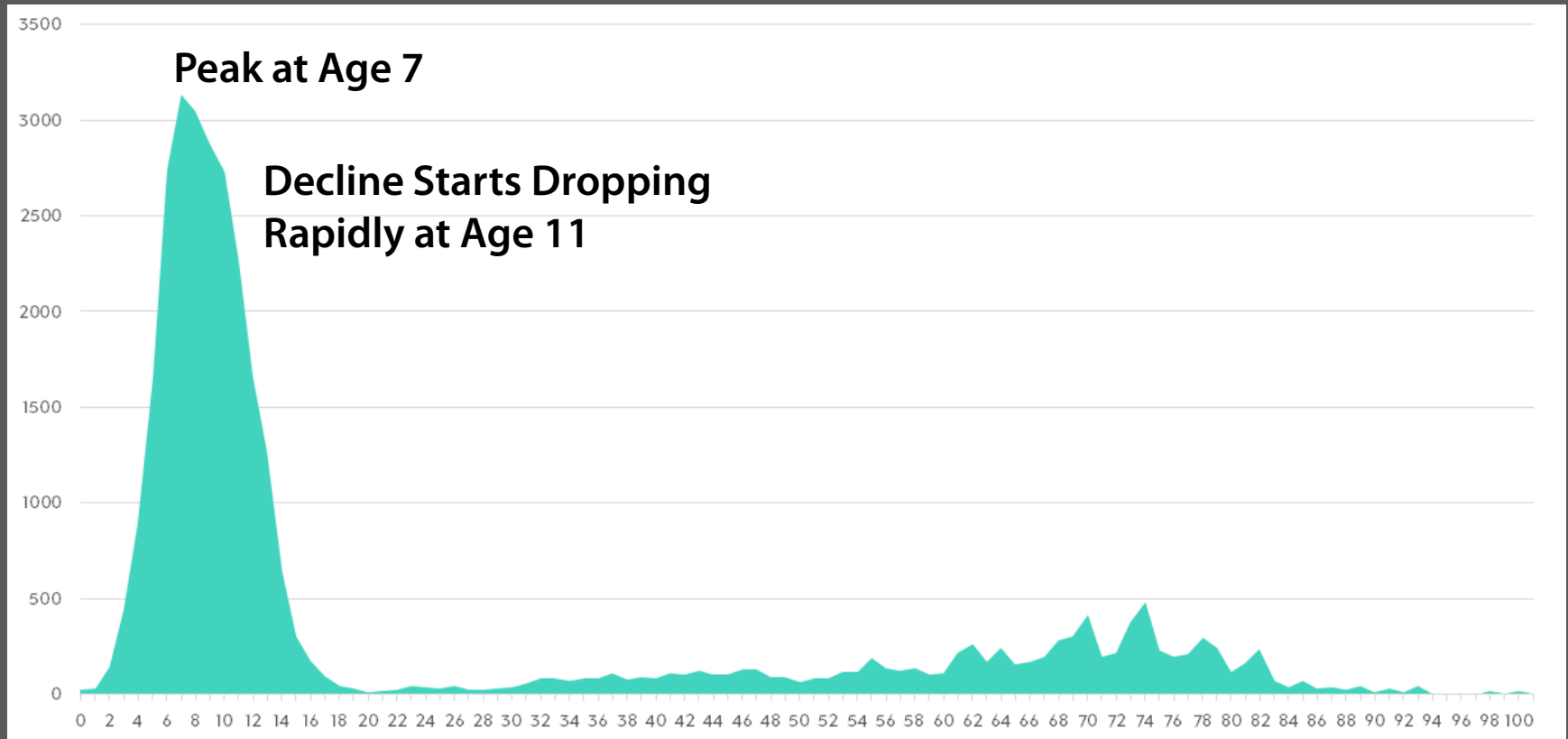
Growing:

- Camps
- School Days Off
- Fitness
- Cultural Arts
- Museum
- Active Adults

Declining:

- Youth
- Childcare
- Homeschool

registrations by age



registrations & sales trends

3.8

registrations
per person

55%

household
retention rate

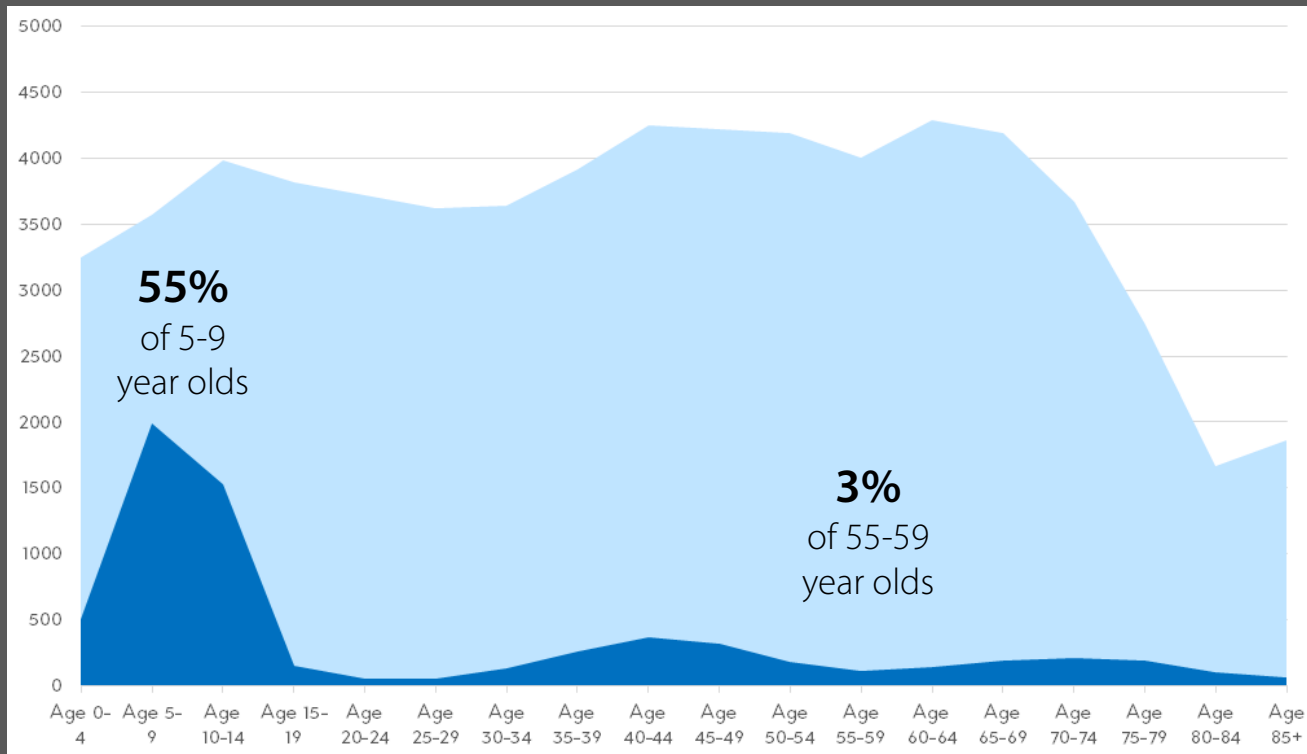
15%

resident households
making a program or
event purchase

39%

resident households
completing a transaction
of any type

resident reach through programs



Residents
Participants

registrations & sales trends

1,551

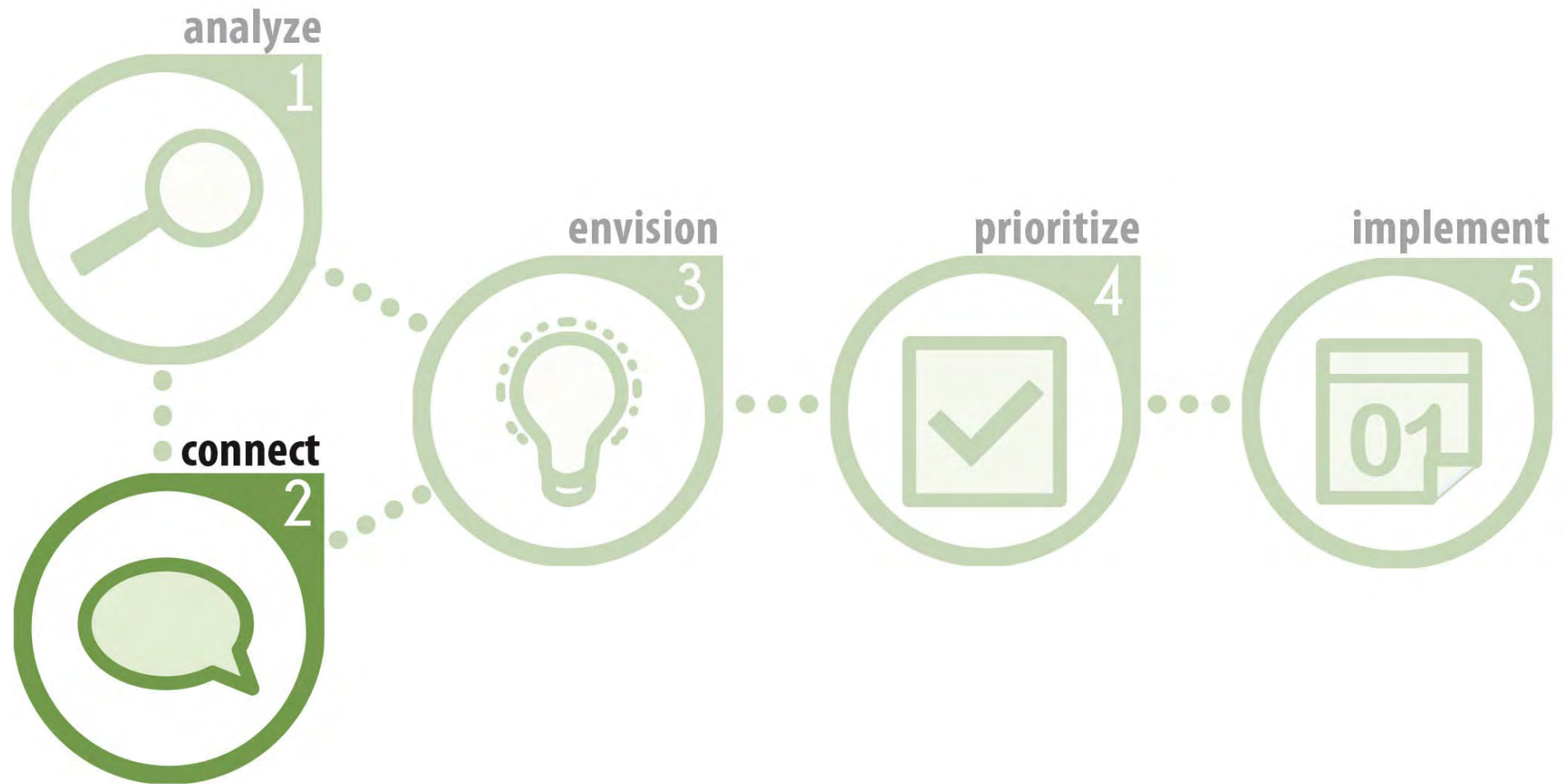
new households
registered for
programs in past year

3,840

programs

Top Programs Attracting New Households:

- North Pole Express
- Breakfast with Bunny
- Princess Ball
- Breakfast with Santa
- Groundhog Day Fireside
- Solar Eclipse Watch Party
- CBL Boys (K-2nd)
- Glow Gnomes Campfire
- Basic Skating 1
- AARP Smart Driver Course



connect



community events

Festival of Cultures

Attendees welcomed by an HDG booth and were given four options to record feedback

- Comment cards – write ideas
- Whiteboards – questions related to SPD
- Voting – community poll
- Kids cards – children input

community event

comment cards

Key Themes:

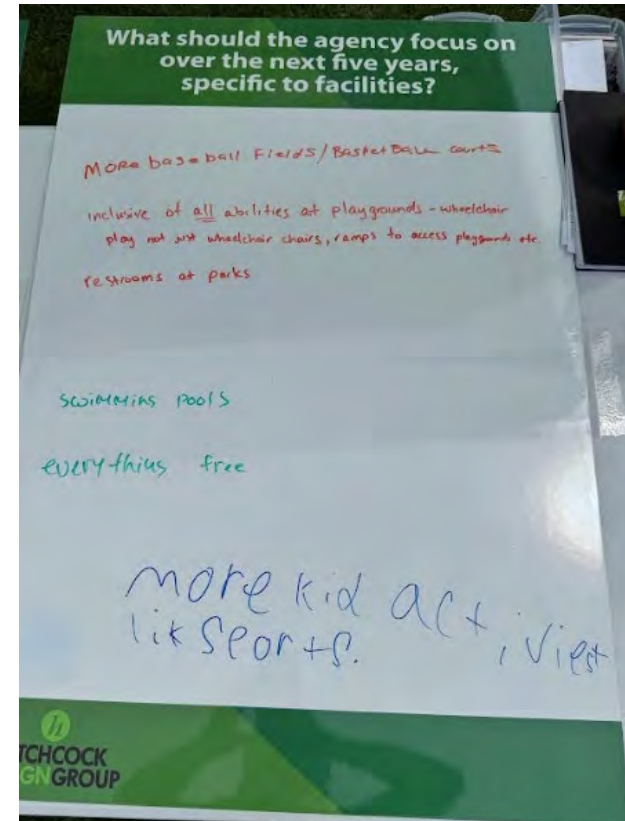
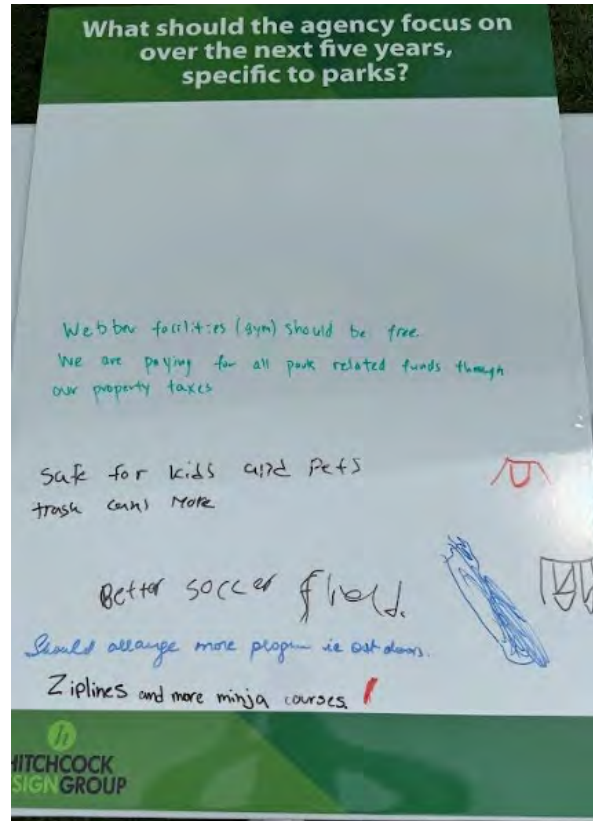
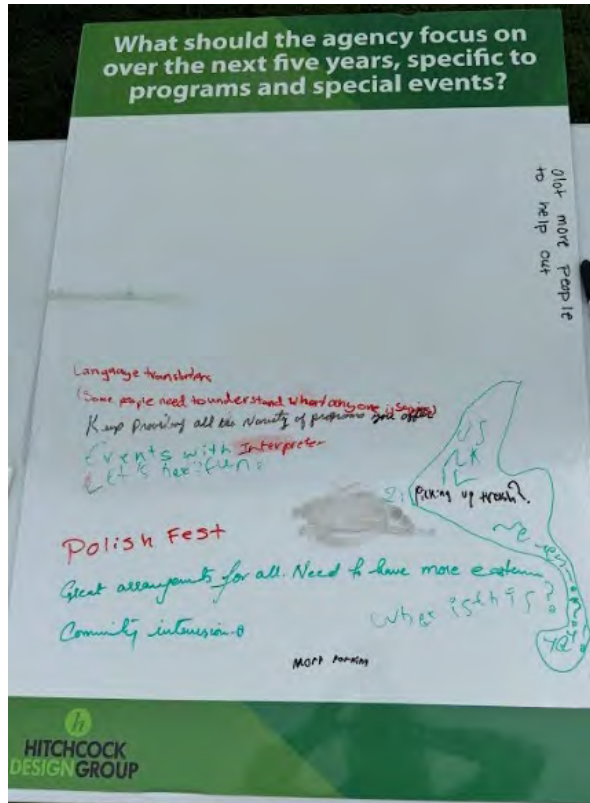
- Continue special events (x5)
- Indoor swimming pool (x3)
- More senior programs (x2)
- Better marketing for special events (x2)
- Maintain park district cleanliness (x2)

comment cards – cont.

Key Themes:

- Inclusivity (x2)
 - More inclusion of cultures, specifically Indian (the Indian culture did not participate at Festival of Cultures in 2025)
 - More inclusion of age groups, fitness related
- Facility improvements (x2)
 - Lower and maintain affordable costs
 - Improve crowding
- Expand indoor fitness opportunities (x2)
 - Indoor walking tracks
 - Larger room at Weber

whiteboards



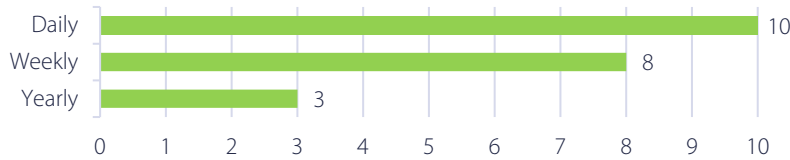
whiteboards

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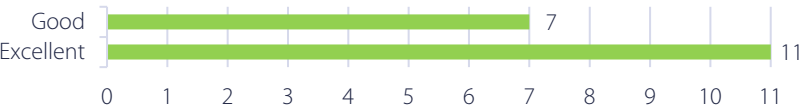
- Programs and Special Events
 - Events with interpreters for language barriers (x2)
 - Keep providing the variety of programs
 - Polish Fest
 - Need to have more community inclusion
 - More parking
 - More staff/volunteers
 - Picking up trash
 - More programs outdoors
 - More kids activities like sports
- Parks
 - Picking up trash
 - Safety for kids and pets
 - Better soccer fields
 - Ziplines and more ninja course
 - More swings
 - More baseball fields/basketball courts
 - Inclusive at all abilities at playgrounds – wheelchair play not just ramps
 - Restrooms at parks
- Facilities
 - Weber facilities should be free
 - Swimming pool
 - Everything free

community poll

How often have you or members of your household visited Park District parks and/or recreational facilities in the past 12 months?



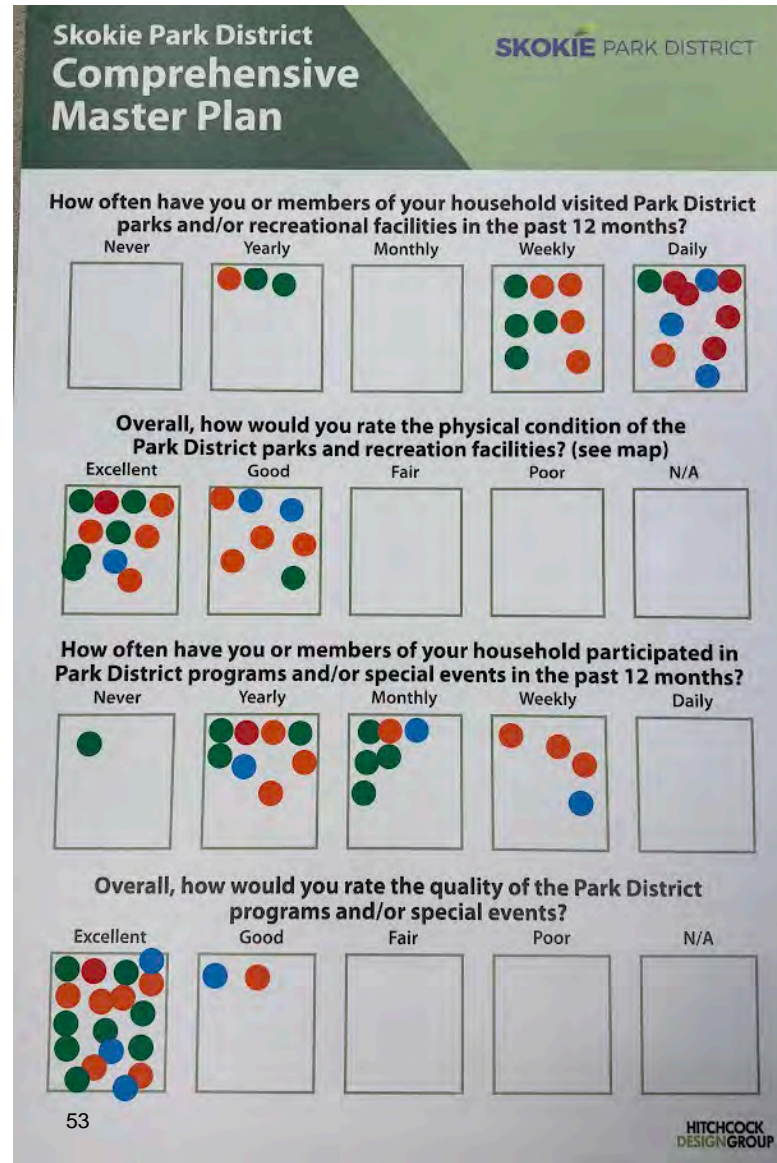
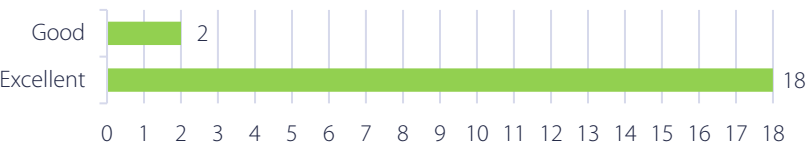
Overall, how would you rate the physical condition of the Park District parks and recreation facilities?



How often have you or members of your household participated in Park District programs and/or special events in the past 12 months?

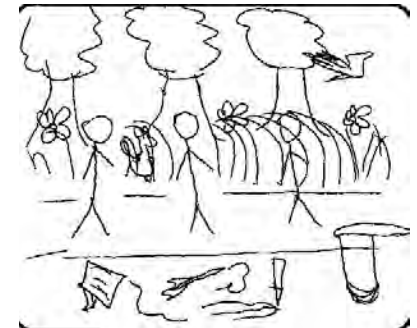
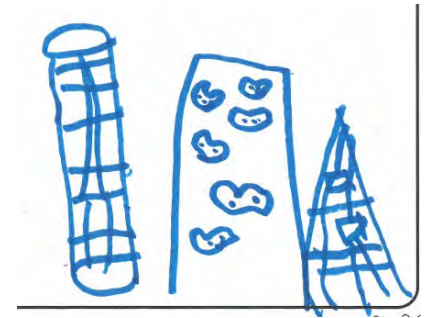


Overall, how would you rate the quality of the Park District programs and/or special events?



kids cards

Younger participants were given the option to record their input via colors sheets with a front or back side to color the play equipment they use most or draw what comes to mind when asked How do you like to play?



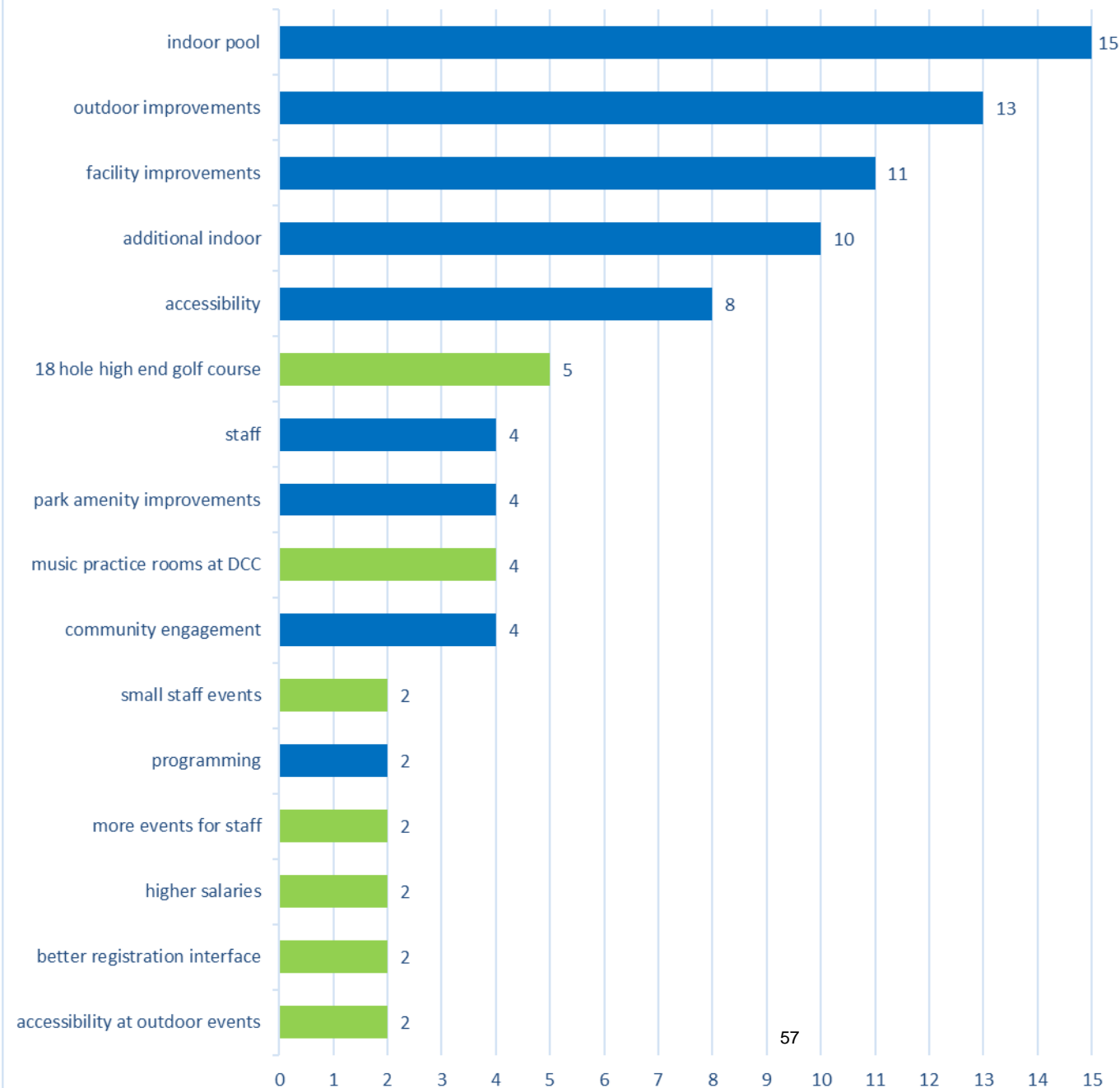


staff workshop

staff workshop



Staff Workshop Top Priorities



Category – Blue
Item – Green

May 18, 2025

staff workshop summary

Key Themes:

- Accessibility
 - Improve access across parks, facilities, and programs
- Outdoor Improvements
 - (DRC South, Sports Park East, Channelside South)
- Facility Upgrades
 - Renovate aging buildings, and expand existing
- Park Amenities
 - Promote native plantings and sustainability
- Programming
 - Broaden inclusive offerings
- Staff Support
 - Boost morale, pay, benefits, development opportunities
- Community Events
 - Expand across more locations
- Indoor Facility Needs
 - Add and expand space
- Storage
 - Increase and better organize
- Community Engagement
 - Strengthen outreach with schools and new residents
- Indoor Pool
 - Strong request for indoor pool facility



stakeholder interviews

Overview

The stakeholder interviews were conducted through virtual meetings and were facilitated by HDG with focus questions to solicit input. Stakeholder participants included:

- Village of Skokie
- Skokie Public Library
- Skokie Community Foundation
- School Districts 68, 69, 72, 73
- Skokie Historical Society
- AYSO Soccer

stakeholder interviews summary

Key Themes:

- Improve and Expand Existing Facilities
 - Desire for indoor pool
 - Additional bathrooms in parks
 - Additional indoor sport space
 - Early childhood playground at Fairview
 - Destination park in downtown
 - Support for new amenities (BMX pump track, skatepark, indoor pool)
- Expand access and inclusivity
 - Additional programming for low-income families
 - Inclusion of more languages
 - Emphasize parks' benefits for the community's mental health

stakeholder interviews summary

Key Themes:

- **Agency Collaboration**
 - Plan and communicate with differing agencies (Village, School Districts, etc.)
 - Share use of school facilities and allow public use to school grounds recreation
 - Continue strong partnerships
 - Allocate staff for better aligned use (History museum staff)
- **Strengthen Security**
 - Allow access to Park District facilities for voting locations to move out of schools
 - Additional security measures at Schack Park restroom facility

recap

- **Community event:**
 - Strong desire for indoor pool, more inclusive programs, and better facility access across age groups and cultures
 - Emphasis on improved park cleanliness, outdoor activities, and enhanced accessibility at events
- **Staff Workshop:**
 - Prioritized accessibility upgrades, expanded indoor space, and upgrade to facilities
 - Better community outreach, unique and inclusive programming, and stronger internal support systems for staff
- **Stakeholder Interviews:**
 - Emphasized the need for interagency collaboration, shared use of school spaces, and improved security
 - Highlighted accessibility in communication and programming for underserved and low-income families



Programming

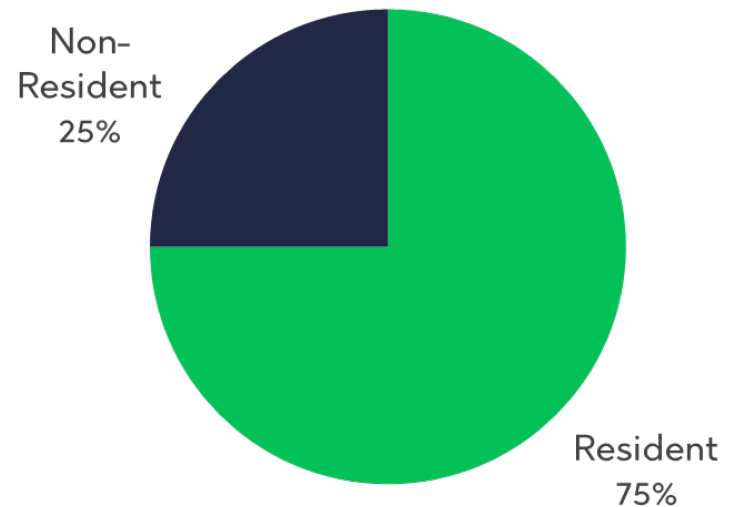
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Rec Trac in 2024

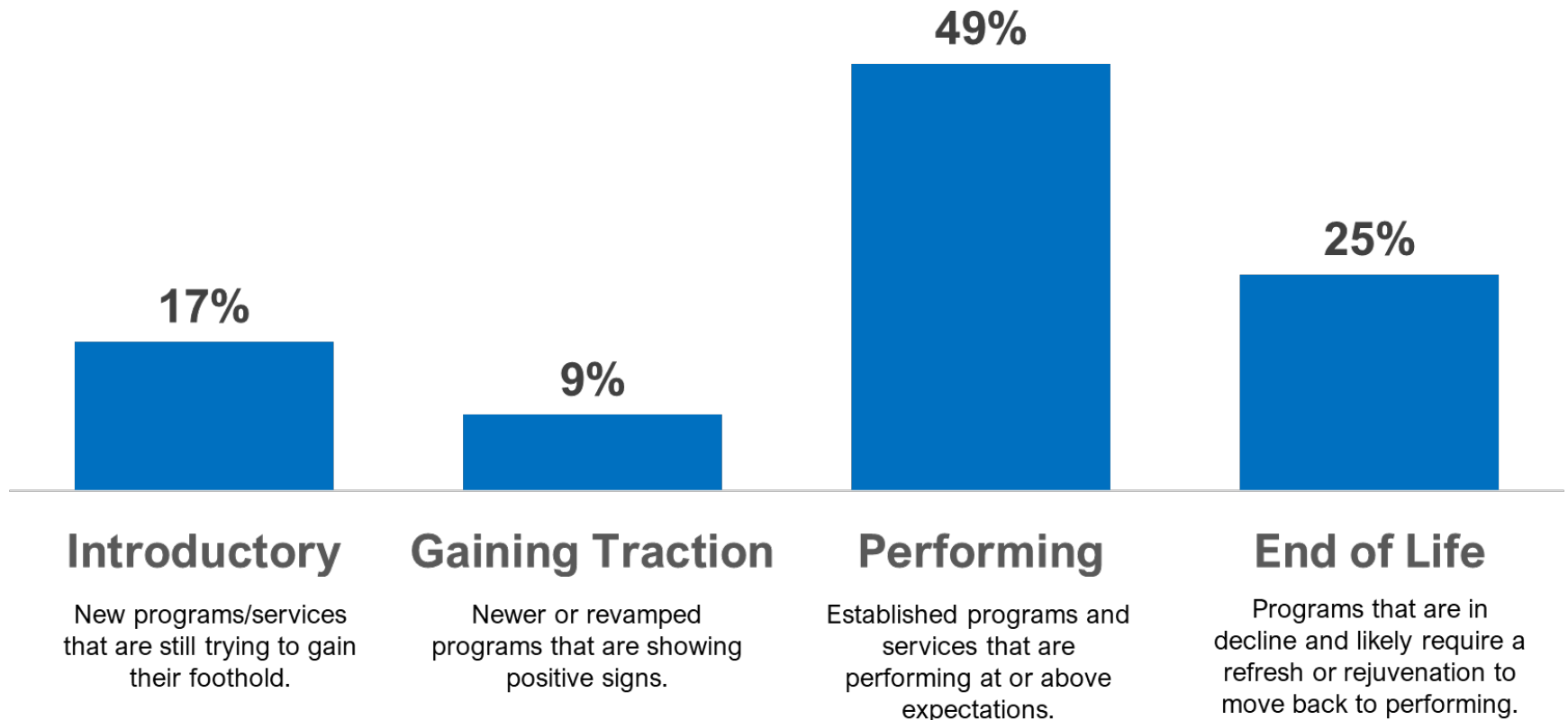
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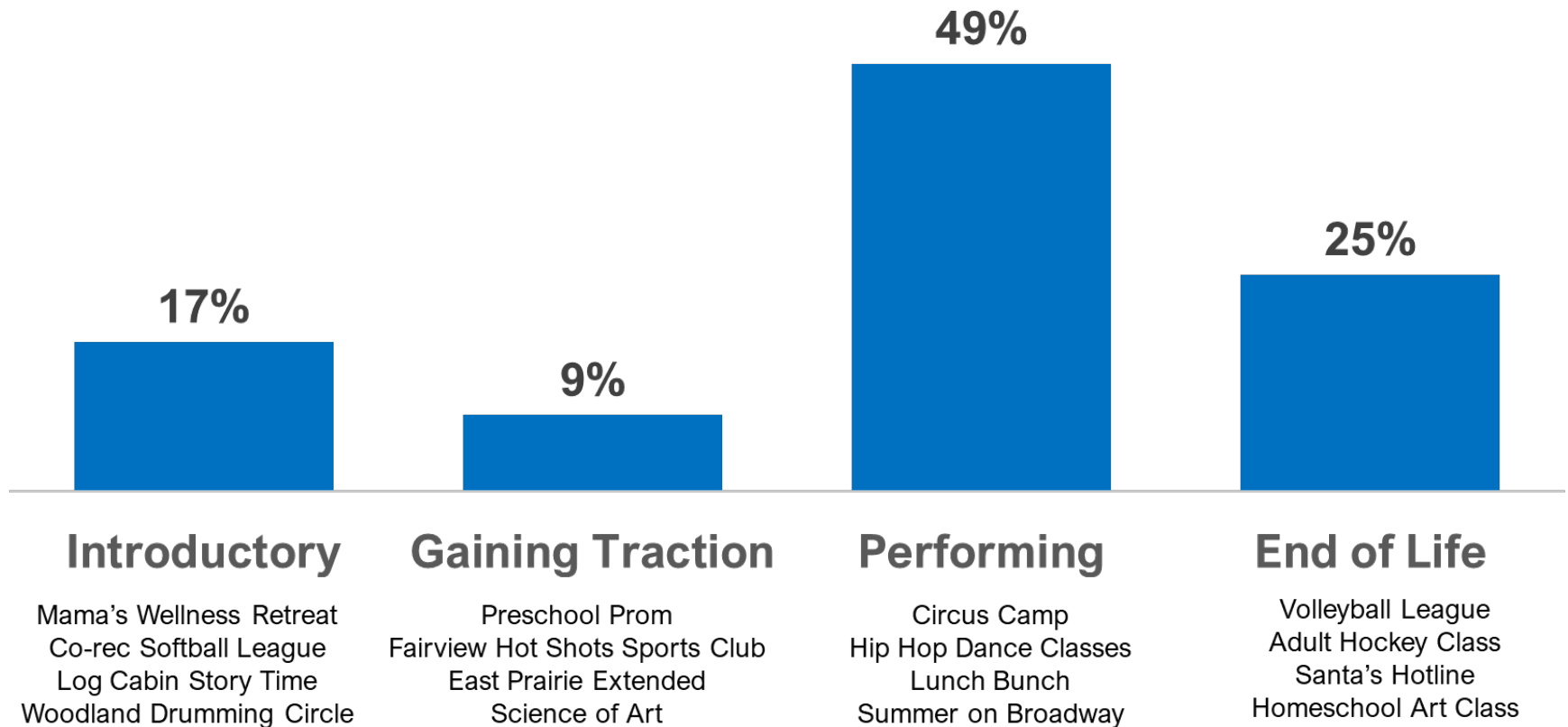
Strong Participation in Programs & Events by Non-Residents



staff program assessment



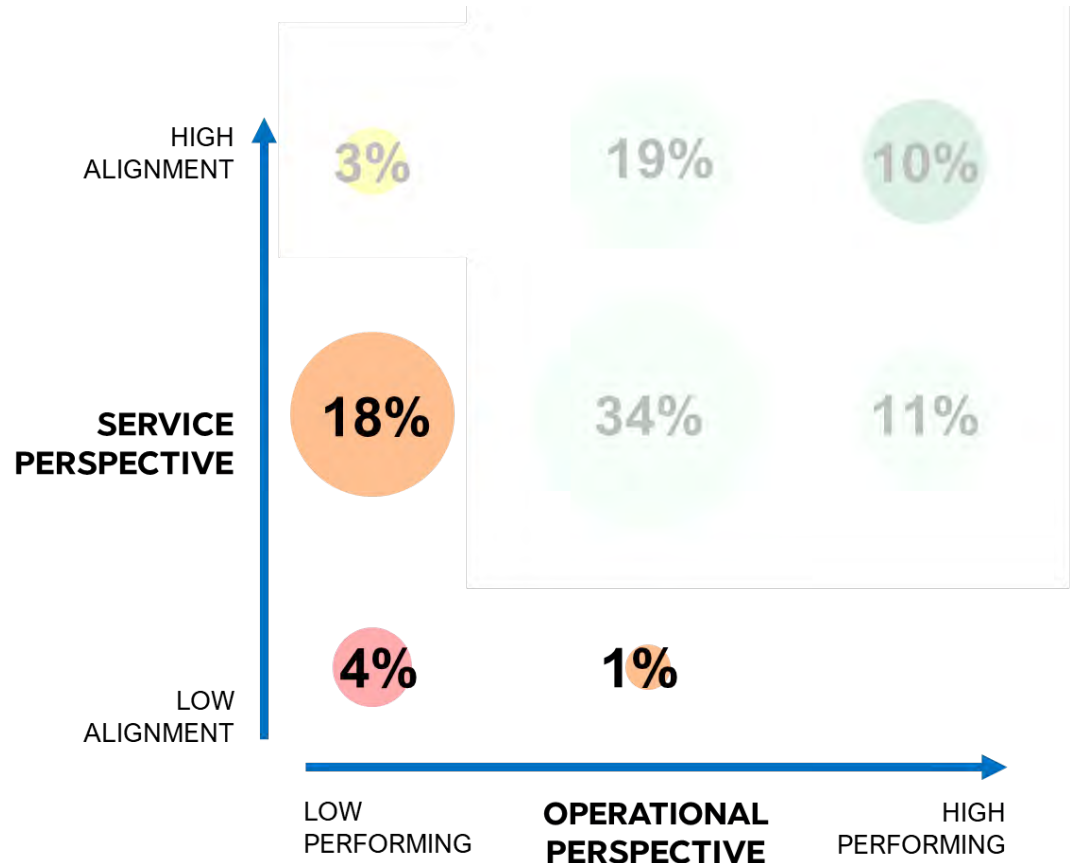
staff program assessment



staff program assessment

Lower Performing and Lower Alignment Examples:

- Cooking Workshops
- Adult Drawing & Painting
- Devonshire Playhouse
- Rag Rug-Style Coasters Workshop
- Hockey Skills Clinics
(12u-14u, Girls 10u+)
- Holiday Gift Market
- Santa's Hotline



staff program assessment

High Performing and High Alignment Examples:

- Hip Hop Dance Classes
- Volleyball Skills Clinics
- Youth Karate
- Day Camps
- Pee Wee Private/Semi-Private
- Active Adult Day Trips

Lower Performing and Lower Alignment Examples:

- Cooking Workshops
- Adult Drawing & Painting
- Devonshire Playhouse
- Rag Rug-Style Coasters Workshop
- Hockey Skills Clinics
(12u-14u, Girls 10u+)
- Holiday Gift Market
- Santa's Hotline

staff workshop

Current Challenges and Anticipated Hurdles

- Lack of/Limited Space
- Funding/Revenue needs required for growth, especially with economic concerns
- Coordination with Schools
- Ramifications of Facility-Specific Programming
- Staff Capacity

Top Goals & Aspirations

- Increased athletic & aquatic facilities/access
- Better serving/reaching adults in community
- Better coordination/cooperation with schools and partners
- Improved program performance & reach
- Streamlined internal systems/processes and communication

A paved path winds through a forest. The trees are covered in autumn foliage, with leaves in shades of green, yellow, and orange. The path is dark and appears to be made of asphalt or concrete. The overall scene is bright and sunny, with light filtering through the trees.

next steps

analyze

1

connect

2

envision

3

prioritize

4

implement

5

envision

Schedule

- Analyze Phase - complete
- Connect Phase - complete
- **Board Review #1 – August 19, 2025**
 - **Analyze and Connect Phase review**
- Envision Phase – August and September
- Prioritize Phase – September and October
- Implement Phase – September - January
- *Booklet complete & Board adoption – January 2026*

next steps

discussion



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GROUP**
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thank you!





Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: August 19, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Michelle Tuft, Executive Director

RE: Channelside South Survey Results

Summary: Wight & Company will attend the board meeting to present the results of the Channelside South Survey and gather input from the board. The presentation is attached.

Recommendation: Informational only.

Motion: Informational only.



SURVEY SUMMARY

PROJECT NAME: Channelside Park South
CLIENT: Skokie Park District
WIGHT PROJECT NO.: 240216
DATE: August 12, 2025

SURVEY OUTLINE

OVERVIEW: Separate online surveys were conducted with residents and Park District staff between Monday, July 21 and Monday, August 4.

PARTICIPANTS:

- Staff: 44
- Residents: 1,332
 - 1,181 Skokie Residents
 - 151 Other Participants (Mainly from Chicago & Evanston)

SURVEY INTRODUCTION:

- A project overview was given along with an existing conditions map.
- Residents were asked to complete the following demographic questions:
 - enter their zip code
 - how far away from the site they live
 - how they would travel to the site
- Participants were asked how important the following sustainability was to them (rated from Strongly Disagree to Strongly Agree):
 - Use renewable energy
 - Reduce water usage
 - Increase habitat & biodiversity
 - Increase social gathering spaces
 - Maximize accessibility and inclusion

PROGRAMMING OVERVIEW:

- Park District and Wight & Co. staff brainstormed programming elements that would benefit the Park District and would fit the site and surrounding area. These elements were broken into 5 categories for participants to vote on.
- Participants were given 100 points for each category and asked to allocate spend them on what is most important to them.
- Participants were then asked to rank the 5 categories by importance.
- Participants were able to add any additional program ideas that were not included at the end of survey.

PROGRAMMING ELEMENTS:

- Outdoor Entertainment
 - Festival / Gathering Space
 - Food Truck Court
 - Bandshell / Stage
 - Picnic Pavilion for Rent

- Outdoor Adventure & Play
 - Inclusive & Accessible Playground
 - Rope Climbing Course
 - Splash Pad
 - Zip Line
 - Cross-country Skiing
 - Skate Park
 - Disc Golf Course
 - BMX Pump Track
- Health & Fitness
 - Walking, Running, & Biking Trail
 - Ninja Warrior Course
 - Fitness Stations Along Trail
 - Outdoor Yoga & Fitness Space
- Renovated Building Amenities
 - Public Restrooms
 - Classroom / Studio Space / Programs
 - Rentable Space for Events
 - Space for Summer Camp / Childcare
- Landscaping & Environmental
 - Prairie / Pollinator Garden
 - Children's Maze
 - North Shore Channel Overlook
 - Educational Garden
 - Community Garden Plots
 - Bird Watching

ADDITIONAL RESIDENT COMMENTS

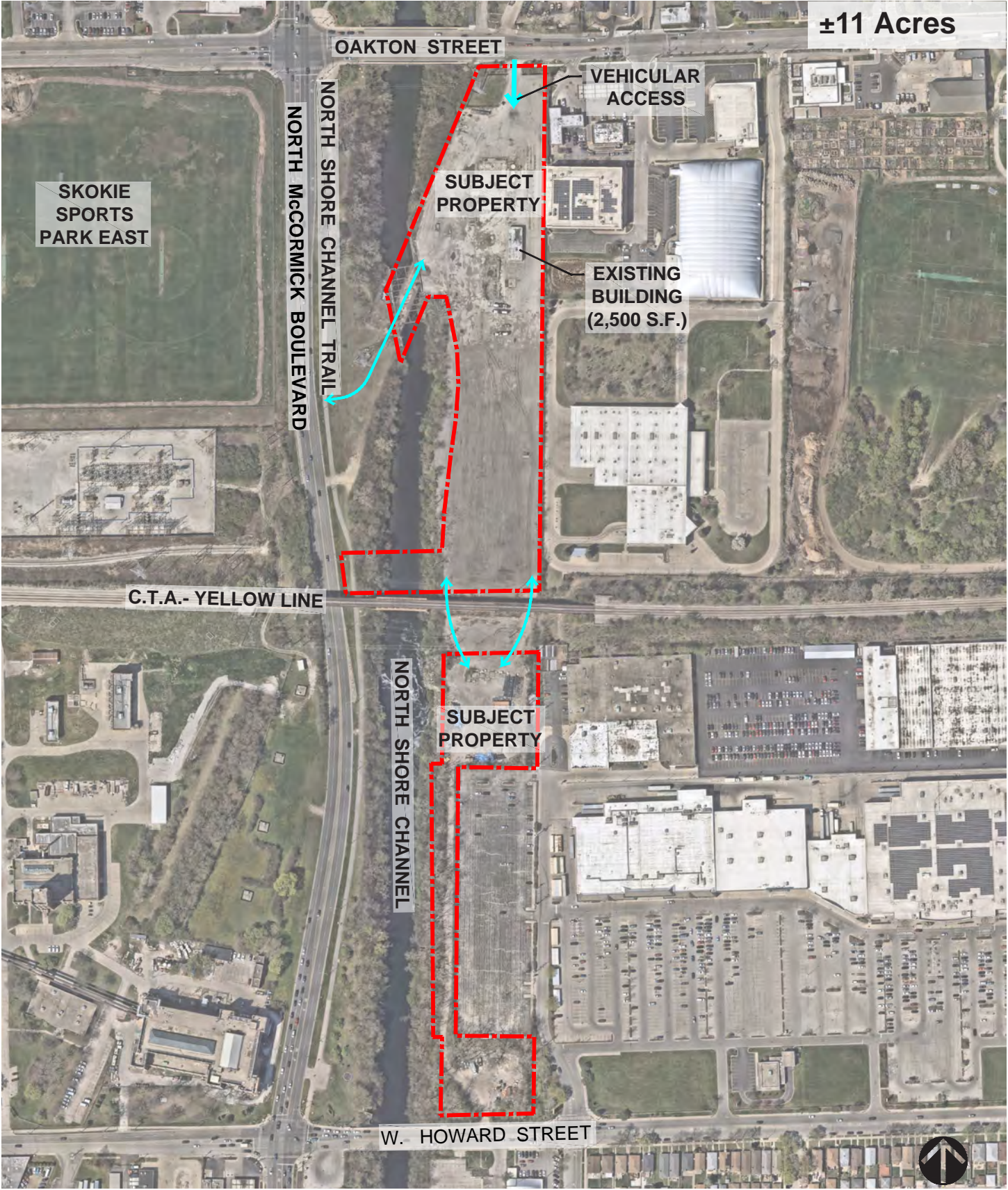
- 459 additional comments were received from residents. The most common elements included:
 - Pickleball
 - Dog Park
 - Indoor Swimming Pool

CHANNELSIDE PARK SOUTH **BOARD INPUT MEETING**

August 19, 2025



EXISTING CONDITIONS



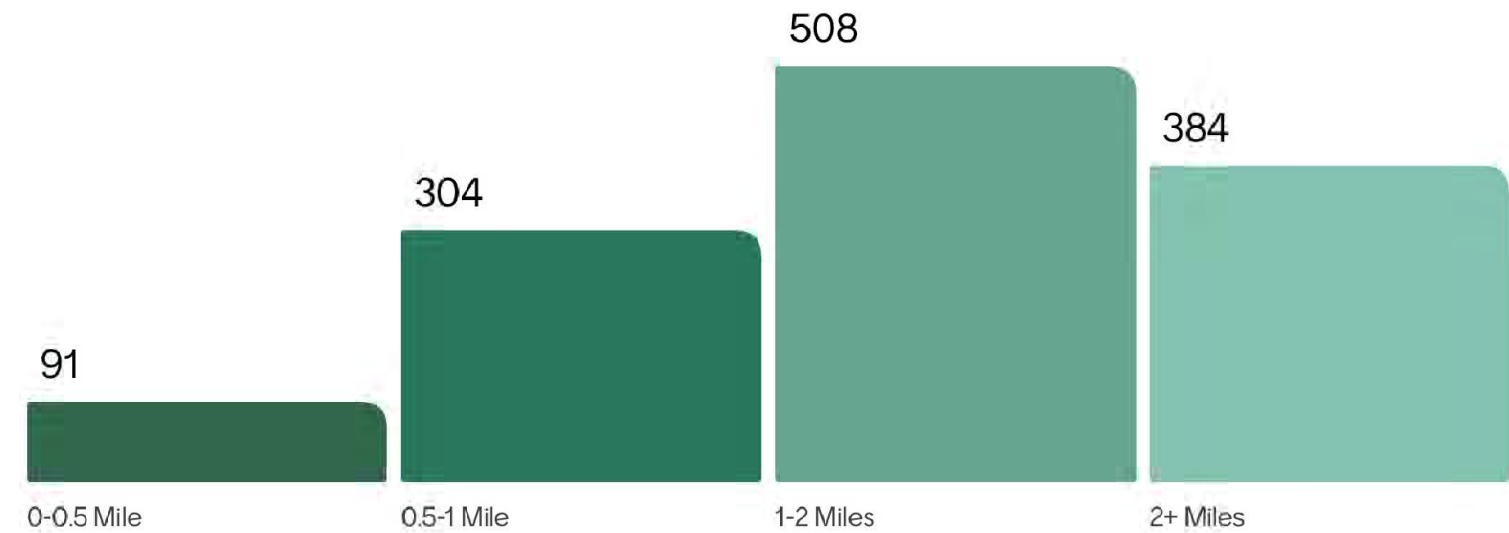
PUBLIC & STAFF SURVEY RESULTS

Mentimeter Surveys open from Monday, July 21 to Monday, August 4

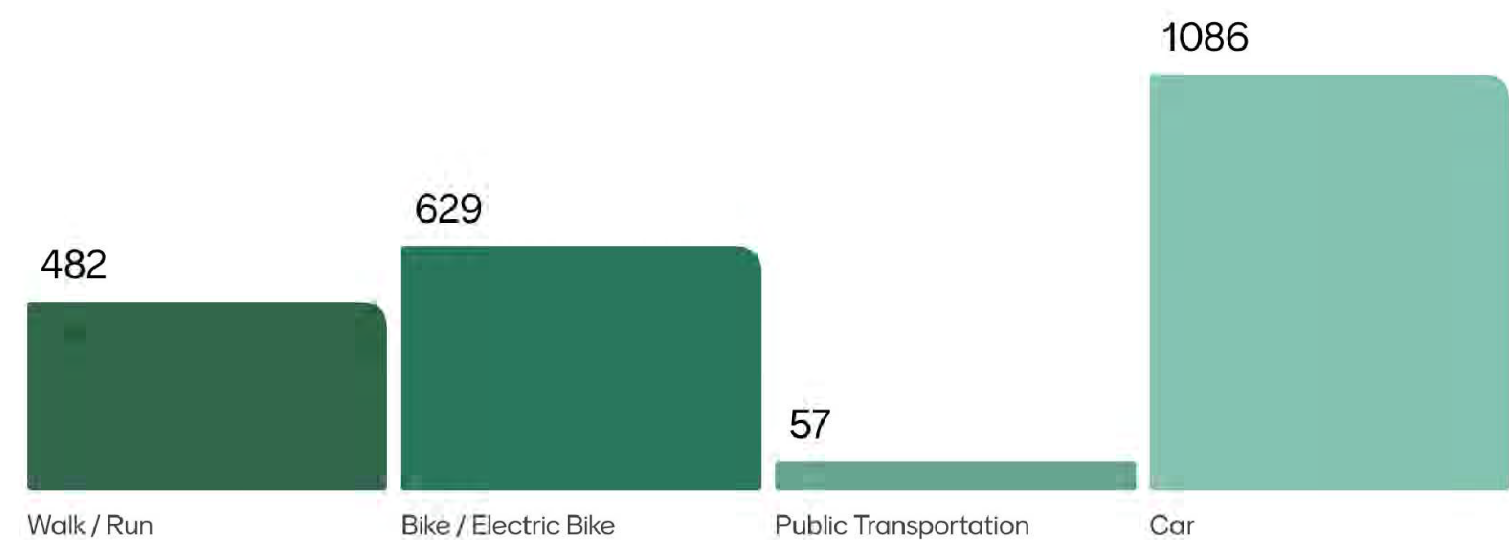
Staff survey responses: 44

Resident survey responses: 1,332 (1,181 Skokie Residents + 151 Other)

Approximately how far away from the site participants lived:



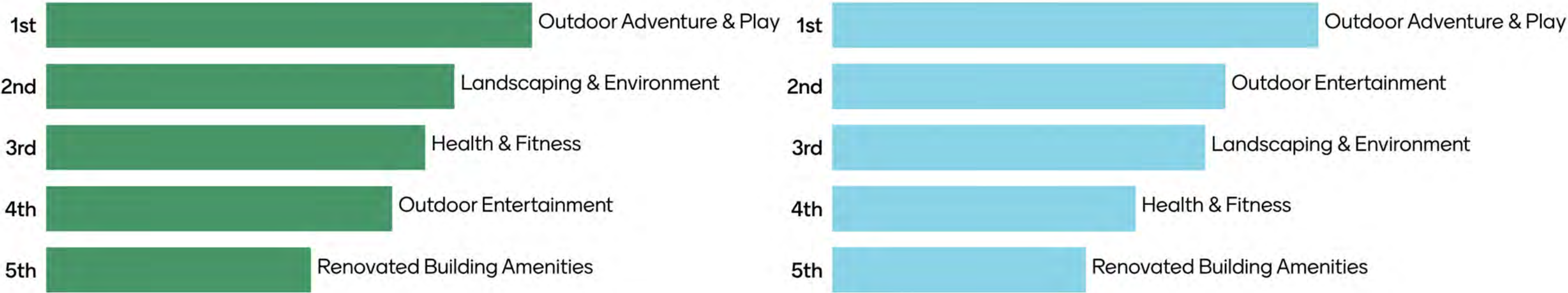
How participants would travel to the site: (select all)



SITE PROGRAMMING OVERVIEW

- **Park District & Wight staff brainstormed possible site amenities that the Park District may need and would fit on the site.**
- **Program elements were put into 5 categories for survey participants to vote on.**
- **Additional comments were allowed at the end of the survey for programming elements not included in the categories.**
- **Survey participants were given 100 points to spend on each category to prioritize which proposed element was most important to them.**
- **Survey participants were then asked to rank the categories 1-5 based on what was included.**
- **The results provided are ranked by resident survey input with staff results being a tie-breaker.**

PROGRAMMING OVERVIEW

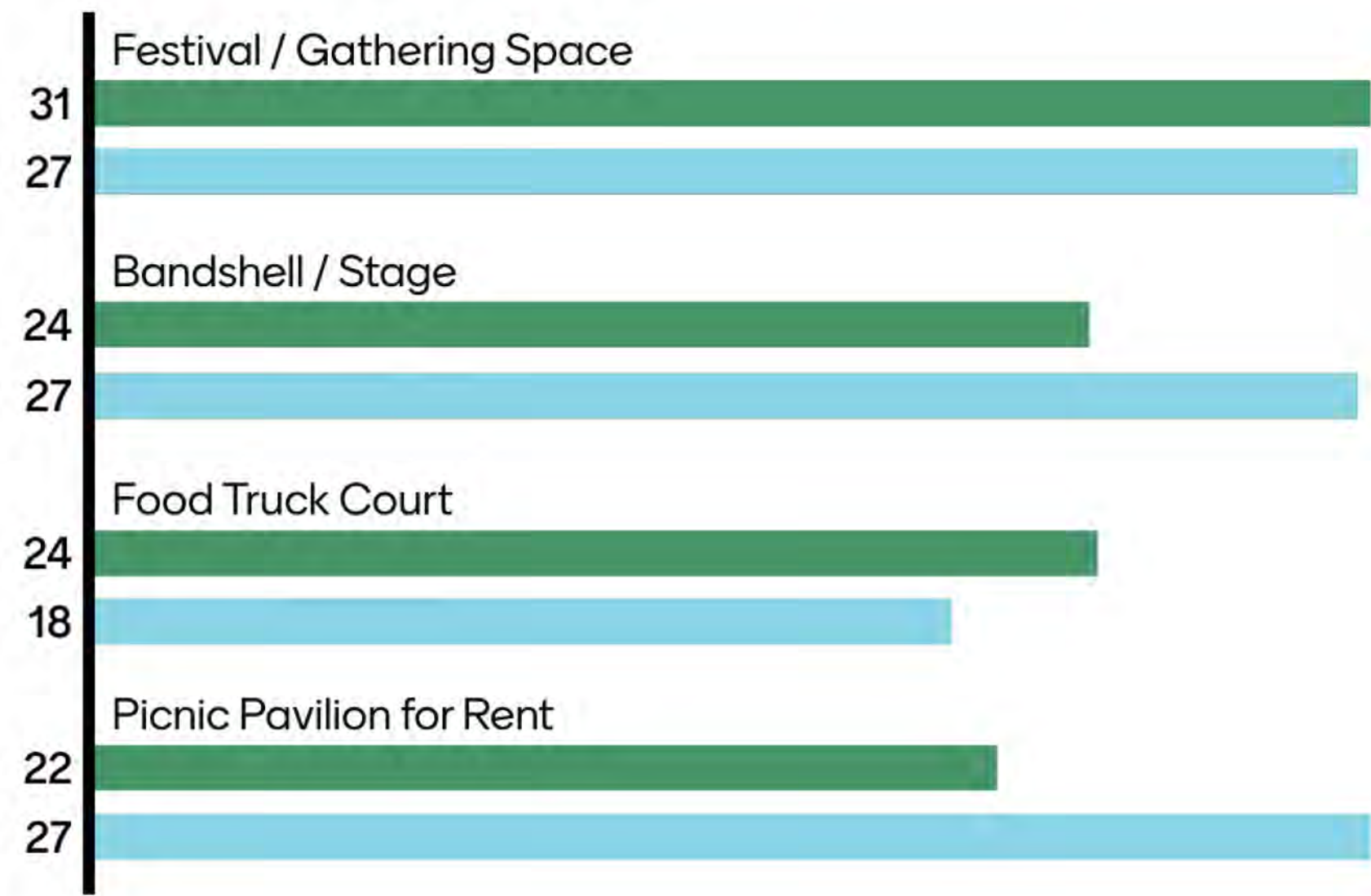


LEGEND

RESIDENT

STAFF

PROGRAMMING: OUTDOOR ENTERTAINMENT



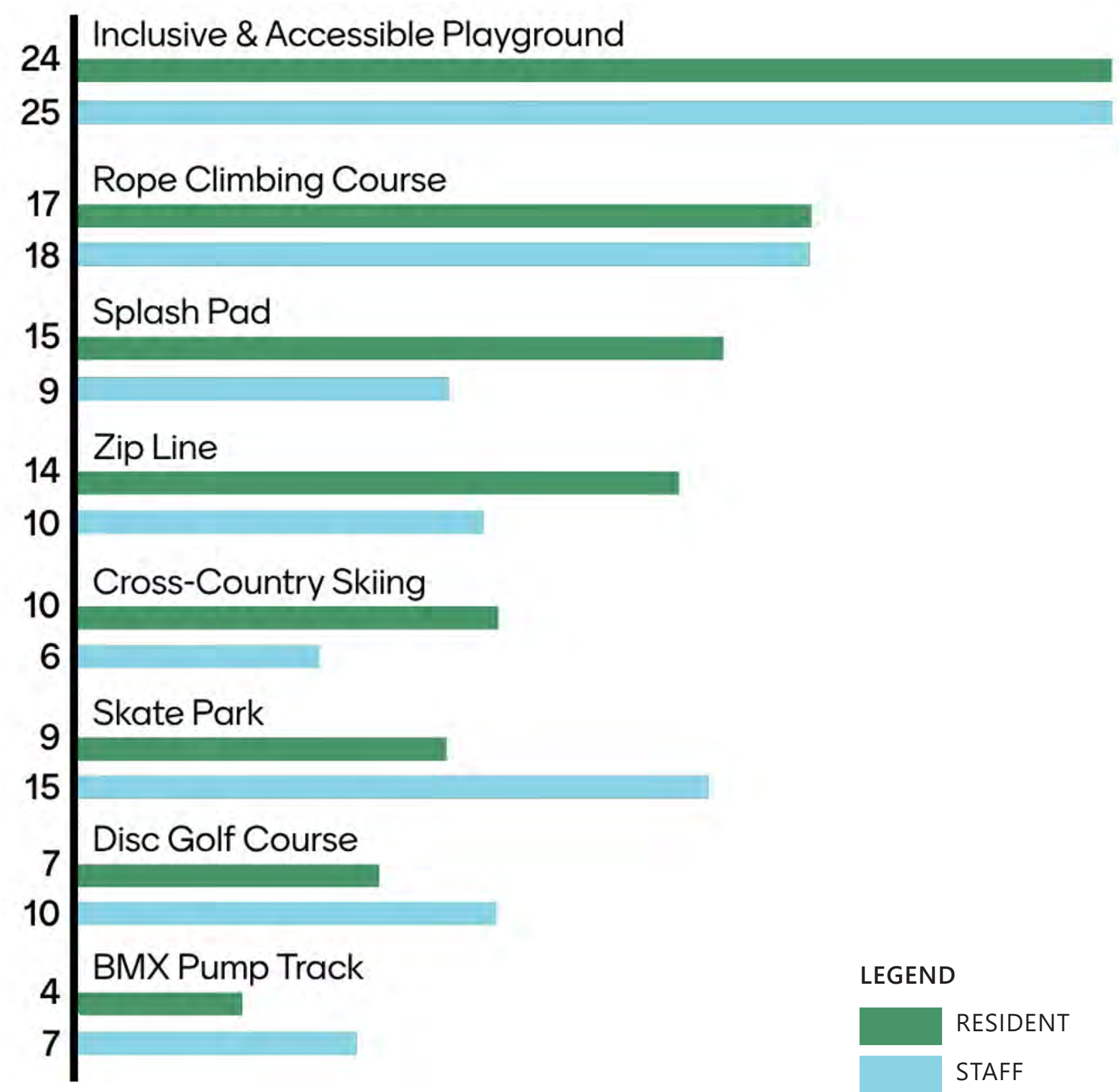
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RESIDENT

STAFF



PROGRAMMING: OUTDOOR ADVENTURE & PLAY



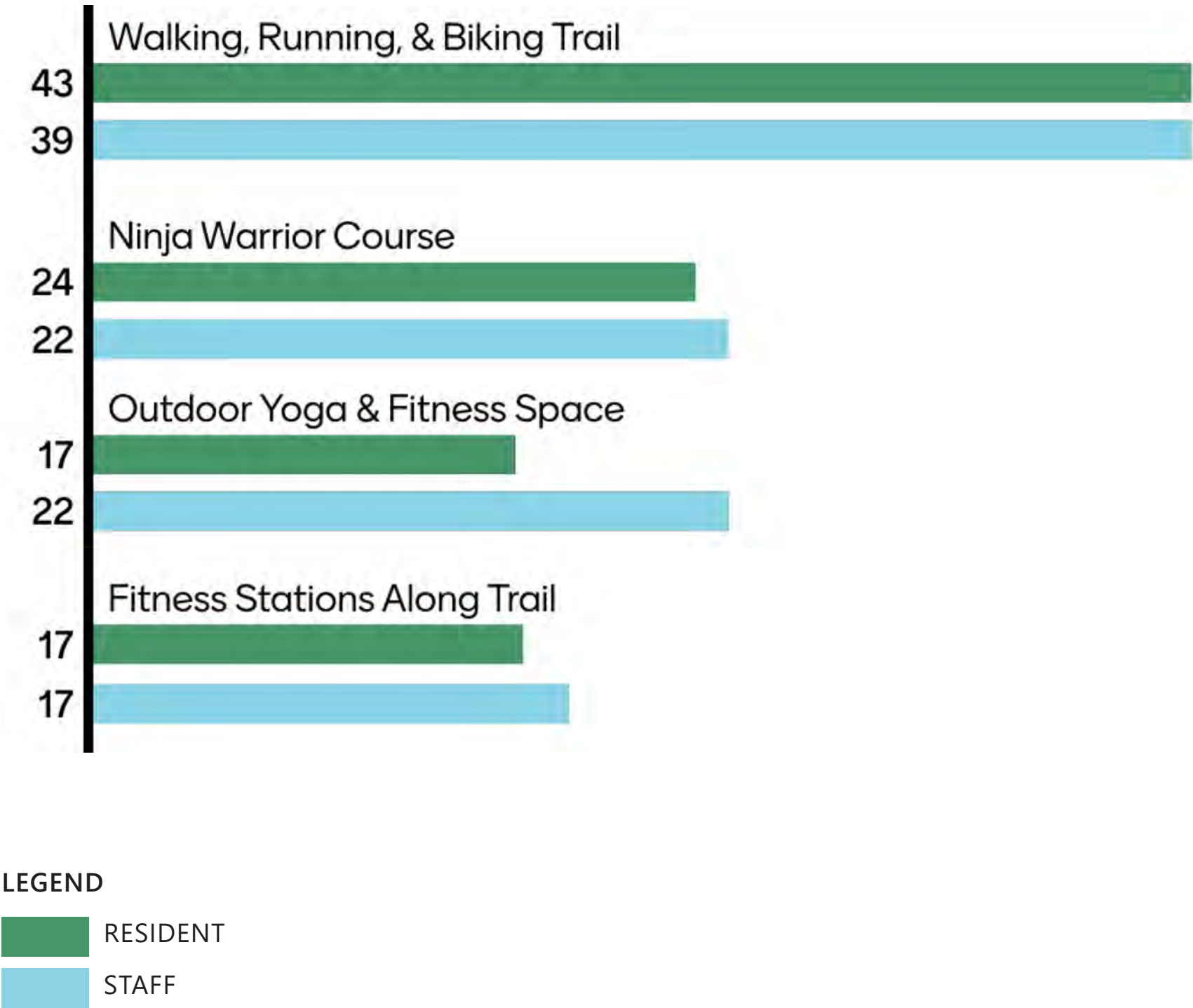
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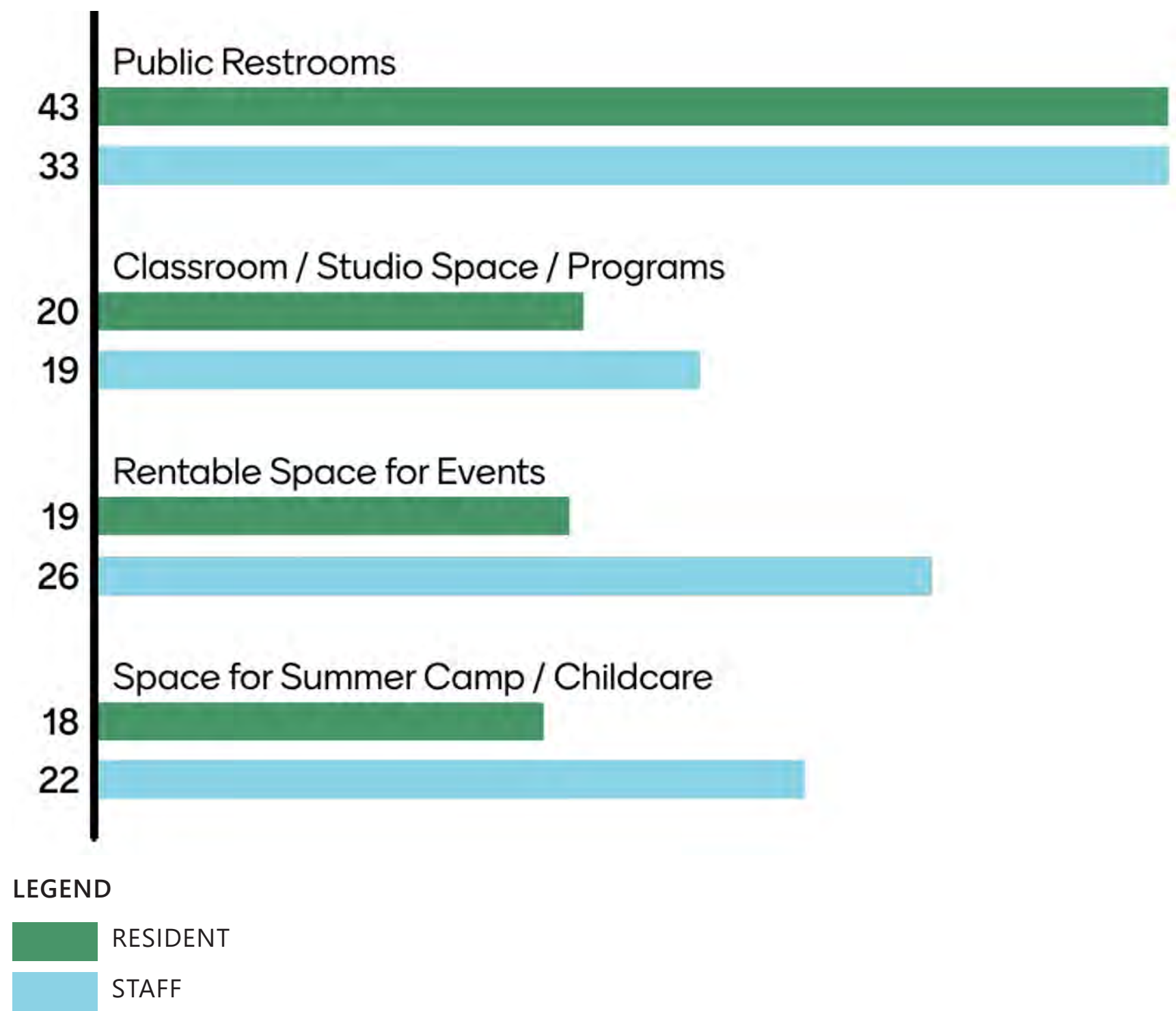
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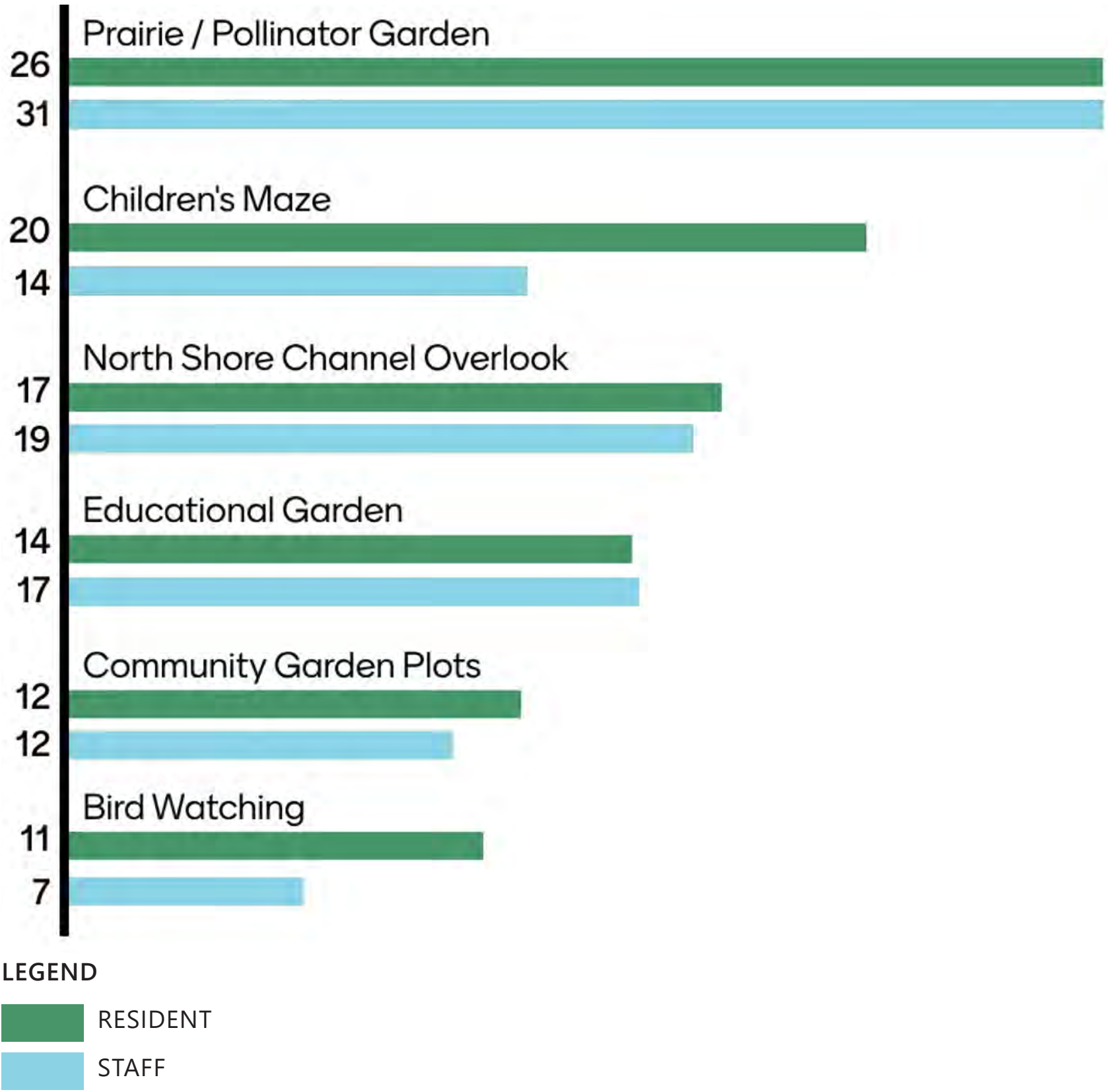
PROGRAMMING: HEALTH & FITNESS



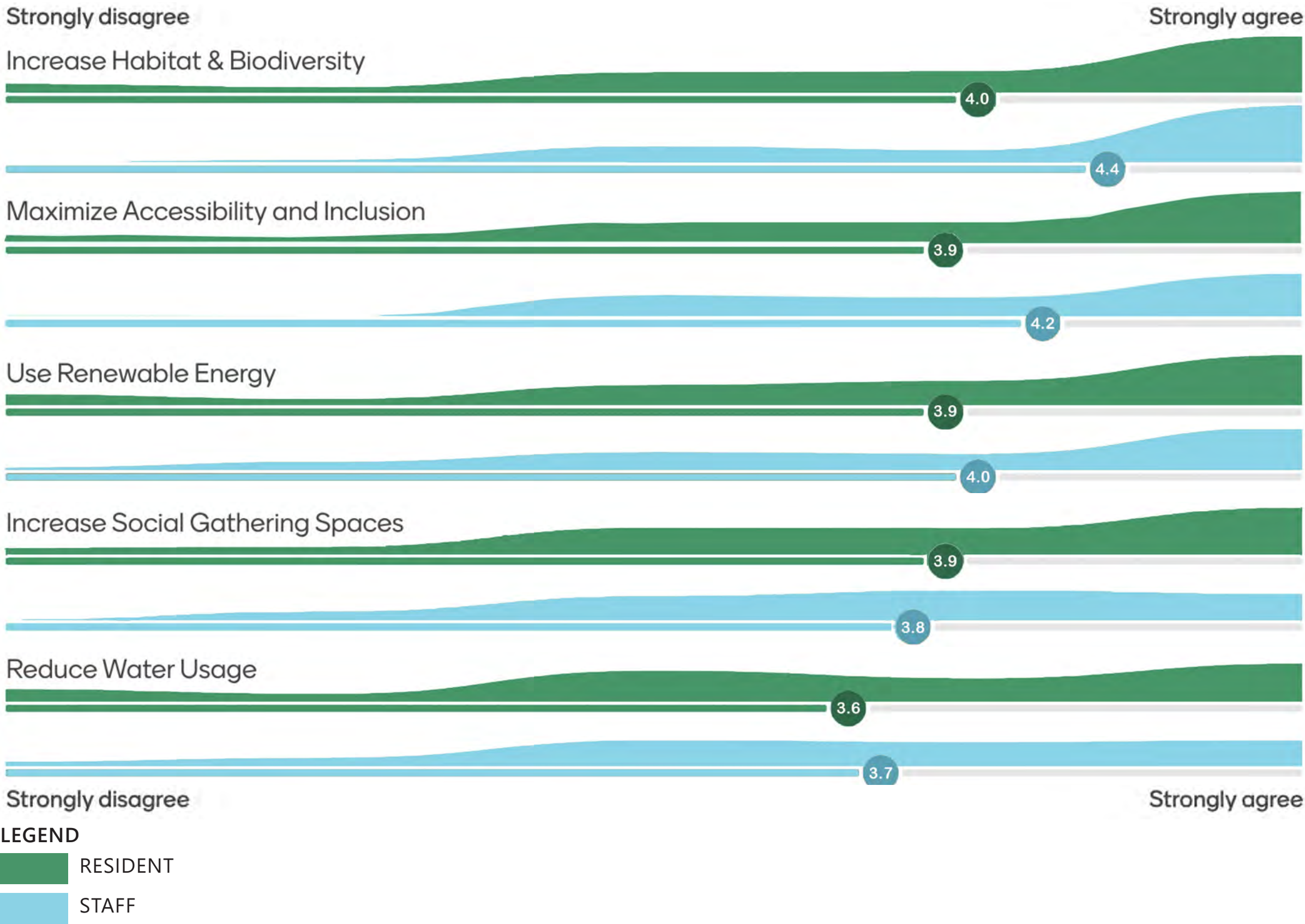
PROGRAMMING: RENOVATED BUILDING AMENITIES



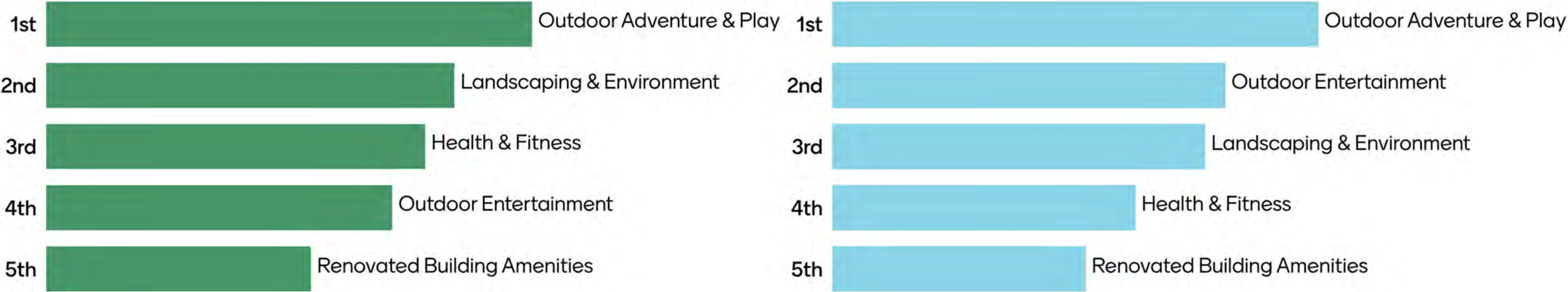
PROGRAMMING: LANDSCAPING & ENVIRONMENTAL



HOW IMPORTANT IS SUSTAINABILITY TO YOU?



PROGRAMMING SUMMARY



LEGEND

RESIDENT

STAFF



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: August 19, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Breanne Labus, Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities

Re: Approval of Compressor Repair and Replacement at the Skatium Ice Arena

Summary: As a result of the compressor failure on August 7, it is necessary to restore both compressors at the Skatium to operational status.

The quote from Premistar, the Skatium's maintenance contractor, to rebuild one compressor and buy one new compressor is approximately \$125,998. The cost for the rebuild parts and new compressor is \$99,928 with labor estimated at \$26,000. The parts and new compressor are being expedited, and shipping costs are unknown at this time.

As a reminder, a second new compressor is not available and has a lead time of 24 weeks to manufacture, thus the decision was made to rebuild the second compressor.

President Aberman approved the emergency expenditure so parts could be ordered, but the board now needs to formally approve the expense.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board approve the rebuild of one compressor and the purchase of one new compressor.

Motion: Move to authorize Premistar to rebuild one compressor and purchase one new compressor for \$99,998 plus labor which is estimated at \$26,000 and shipping costs.

Proposal



Customer Information

Name Skokie Park District

Address 9300 Weber Park Place

City, State ZIP Skokie IL 60077

Phone/Email 847 674 1500

ATTN Kurt VanHelms

Project name Compressor cost

Contractor Information

Company PremiStar

Name Chuck Caporale

Address 700 District Drive

City, State ZIP Itasca IL 60143

Phone 630 595 8032

Email ccaporale@premistar.com

Completion date TBD

Scope of Work **Note: New Compressor**

Provide the following:

One new V700 single stage compressor to replace existing compressor.

_____ Price for the above parts tax excluded shipping excluded \$59,998.00
note: Shipping cost will be added TBD.

note : Labor to install parts will be invoiced seperately.

Clarifications

Work Not Included

Qualifications

Overtime, other repairs, parts, permit/fees, code corrections, patching, painting, asbestos testing or removal. Due to the nature of the work involved Labor to install is additional on time and material basis.

Terms Warranty

On Acceptance of this Proposal Premistar. requires a 33% down payment per invoice terms for goods services followed by 100% at time of completion of the project. Note: This proposal is valid for 30 days and is also subject to price revision at time of order. Premistar is not responsible for shipping or lead time delays out of our control. Note- parts are non returnable per manufacturer. Parts warranty is per vendor terms and conditions.

Chuck Caporale ccaporale@premistar.com
Sr. Sales Engineer

8/14/2025
Date

Customer/Purchaser Acceptance

Submitted by (authorized representative)
PO # _____

Date

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF PROPOSAL

NO MODIFICATIONS

The contract arising by acceptance of your offer pursuant to this proposal shall not be amended, modified or rescinded except by written agreement signed by an authorized official of each party, expressly referring to this contract. The Purchaser understands that no sales person or other representative of the Seller has the authority to make any agreement, contract, warranty, term, promise, condition or understanding, express or implied, which is not expressed herein or in a written modification of this contract signed by authorized officials of each party.

REMEDIES OF SELLER

Prior to the installation of the equipment and materials to be furnished and sold pursuant to this contract, title to said equipment and materials shall remain with the Seller, and, in the case of non-payment, Seller shall be entitled to any and all remedies of an unpaid of an unpaid seller under the Illinois Uniform Commercial Code, including the right of the seller to repossess said equipment and materials with or without legal process. After any or all of said equipment and materials have been installed pursuant to this contract, then as to that part of said equipment and materials which have been installed, and the labor and service related thereto, the Seller shall have the right to place a mechanic's lien against the premises where said equipment and material have been installed pursuant to the applicable statutes and law relating to mechanic's liens for the furnishing of labor and materials. Any payment due Seller under this contract is payable on receipt of Seller's invoice. A late payment charge of 1½% per month (annual percentage rate of 18%) shall be added to the unpaid past due balance after 30 days and purchaser agrees to bear any legal expense incurred including cost of correction.

WARRANTIES

The Seller, replacement parts of the machinery and apparatus sold hereunder that may become defective in workmanship or material within thirty days from the date of installation. Parts shall be covered under warranty for the length of the manufacturer's warranty which is typically one year from the date of purchase subject to vendor terms and conditions. The Seller's obligation shall be merely to furnish duplicate parts as provided herein, and the Seller shall not be liable for defects arising from normal wear and tear, or breakage caused by carelessness or negligence in operation, nor is Seller responsible for any alterations that may be made in the machinery and equipment without its consent. THE FOREGOING WARRANTIES ARE IN LIEU OF ALL OTHER WARRANTIES, EXPRESS OR IMPLIED, INCLUDING, WITHOUT LIMITATION, WARRANTIES OR MERCHANTABILITY, AND FITNESS FOR ANY PARTICULAR PURPOSE.

LIMITS OF LIABILITY

The Seller shall in no event be held liable or accountable to the Purchaser and/or to any other party whatsoever for the actual, incidental and/or consequential damages or losses due to, but not limited to, any one of the following: interruption in use of equipment, or stoppage of production, failure to maintain desired temperatures or humidity levels, electrical power surge or loss, high or low voltage, inadequate power, blown or burned out main or branch fuses, open circuit breaker, lack of adequate natural gas or fuel supply or pressure, inadequate or excessive water supply or pressure, inadequate or excessive hot water or steam supply or pressure, water in oil, contamination of water supply or atmosphere, accident, freezing, flooding, lightning, storms, malicious mischief, willful damage, misuse, abuse, negligence, fire, explosion, theft, clogged filters, delays in installation and/or services, time or manner of service of any equipment, failure to meet completion dates, engineering and/or design defects, improper installation, operation of equipment beyond design conditions, labor disturbances, strikes, riot, civil commotion, lockouts, commercial delays, spoilage, loss of business, asbestos, rust or corrosion, the inability to procure materials and/or parts from the usual source of supply, war conditions, Acts of God or for any contingencies that are unavoidable or beyond the control of the Seller. Seller is not responsible for conforming to any governmental codes, laws and/or regulations. Under no circumstances shall Seller be responsible or liable for any indirect, incidental or consequential damage or alleged personal injury of any kind relating to or arising out of the existence, effect, removal or treatment of an Organic Pathogen (i.e., any type of bacteria, virus, fungus, mildew, wet or dry rot, mold or mycotoxin, as well as their spores, odors and byproducts, along with any reproductive body they produce, and any material containing them). In no event, shall the Seller be liable to the Purchaser and/or to any party whatsoever for actual, incidental and/or consequential damages or losses. Seller shall not be required to identify, detect, encapsulate, or remove asbestos, or products or materials containing asbestos or similarly hazardous substances. Seller shall not be liable for any losses or damages due to inability of the building structure to properly support the equipment installed. It is expressly agreed that the seller assumes no liability for negligence or failure whatsoever. All labor is to be performed during Seller's regular working hours unless so specified otherwise in writing.

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Proposal



PremiStarSM

Customer Information

Name	Skokie Park District
Address	9300 Weber Park Place
City, State ZIP	Skokie IL 60077
Phone/Email	847 674 1500
ATTN	Kurt VanHelms
Project name	Compressor Parts

Contractor Information

Company	PremiStar
Name	Chuck Caporale
Address	700 District Drive
City, State ZIP	Itasca IL 60143
Phone	630 595 8032
Email	ccaporale@premistar.com
Completion date	TBD

Scope of Work **Note: Compressor Parts - revised for one compressor**

Provide the following parts per technician recommendation.

1x service kit b.
1x seal assembly
1x oil strainer
1x relief valve
4x cylinder liners
4x connecting rod assemblies
4x piston assemblies
Misc O rings for relief valve and discharge manifold.

Price for the above tax excluded \$39,930.00 * plus shipping cost.

note : Labor to install parts will be invoiced seperately.

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Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: August 19, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: William G. Schmidt, Superintendent of Business Services

RE: Approval of Purchasing Bid Limit Increase

Summary: In August 2025, Governor Pritzker enacted legislation to raise the Park District's bid limit for supplies and materials that require board approval for projects. The new law increases the limit from \$30,000 to \$60,000, effective immediately. The bidding threshold for labor remains unchanged at \$30,000.

Recommendation: Staff recommend that the Board of Park Commissioners approve the increase in the bid limit from \$30,000 to \$60,000 for supplies and materials only. This will also change the purchasing policy.

Motion: Move to approve the increase in the bid limit from \$30,000 to \$60,000, for supplies and materials only, effective immediately.



Skokie Park District **BOARD SUMMARY**



Date: August 19, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: William G. Schmidt, Superintendent of Business Services

RE: Authorization for Business Related Travel for Park Board Commissioners

Summary: Based on Public Act 99-0604 and the District's Travel Policy Ordinance # 16-013, Park Board Commissioners participating in official business-related travel must have travel approved in advance by a roll call vote of the Board.

For the September 16-19, 2025, National Recreation and Parks Association (NRPA) annual conference in Orlando Florida. Commissioners Aberman, and Kasalo -Terihaj will be attending.

Recommendation: Recommend approval of travel for Commissioners Aberman, and Kasalo-Terihaj to the NRPA annual conference in Orlando, Florida, September 16-19, 2025.

Motion: Move to approve business related travel for Commissioners Aberman, and Kasalo-Terihaj to the NRPA annual conference in Orlando, Florida September 16-19, 2025.



Skokie Park District BOARD SUMMARY



Date: August 19, 2025

To: Board of Park Commissioners

From: Corrie Guynn, Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

Re: Approval of the Devonshire Chiller Replacement

Summary: The Devonshire Chiller Replacement Project is being furnished through the OMNIA cooperative purchase program. Illinois statutes allows the district to purchase through cooperative purchase programs to take advantage of the savings on items already bid.

The existing chiller is the original unit from the building construction in 1996. The replacement of the equipment was included in the capital improvement budget for the next fiscal year, 2026-27, but due to a major mechanical failure in one of the three compressors, staff is recommending moving up the timeline to this fiscal year. Several solutions were evaluated and operating the system temporarily with two compressors at 70% of normal capacity while accelerating the chiller replacement was identified as the most cost-effective option.

The project is budgeted at \$195,000 in FY 2026/27. Funds will be moved from next year to this year. The district issues capital project bonds biennially and schedules projects over two years. Since this is the first year of the bond cycle, the capital funds can easily be reallocated to FY 2025-26

The costs associated with this project include disconnection, removal and disposal of the current equipment, installation of the new equipment, and the crane rental costs for completing both. The new chiller has a 16–20 week lead time, so installation should be completed before it is needed next spring/summer.

ComEd efficiency rebates are available and may result in approximately \$50,000 in savings for the park district on this

project. One of these rebates is scheduled to expire at the end of the current calendar year, and the installer has expressed confidence in their ability to complete the work within this period.

Recommendation: Staff recommends the board approve the Devonshire chiller replacement through the OMNIA cooperative purchase program with Thermo Systems, Inc. for \$195,150.

Motion: Move to approve the Devonshire chiller replacement through the OMNIA cooperative purchase program with Thermo Systems, Inc. for \$195,150.

EQUIPMENT QUOTATION

Customer:	All Bidders	Project:	Skokie Park District Chiller Replacement
Attn:	Estimating Department	Location:	Skokie, IL
Date:	7/21/2025	Proposal #:	82926MPrev2
Engineer:	Design Build	Terms:	Net 30 days, F.O.B. Origin & Freight Allowed

We are pleased to present the following quote:

SCOPE OF WORK:

- Equipment: Qty (1) – Daikin Applied “Trailblazer” Packaged Air-Cooled Scroll Compressor Chiller:
 - Nominal capacity: 80 Tons
 - 460/60/3 single point power as scheduled with disconnect (65 kAIC SCCR)
 - 115v convenience outlet
 - Phase failure and voltage protection
 - Staged scroll compressors (**R-32 Refrigerant**)
 - Single layer 0.75" insulation on the evaporator
 - Across-the-line starter
 - Liquid and discharge line shutoff valves
 - Suction shut off valve
 - High stage relief valve
 - Microchannel condenser coil
 - Factory mounted and wired Microtech III DDC controls for standalone operation
 - Condenser coil wire grilles and base frame wire grilles
 - Factory installed inlet strainer and water flow switch, thermal dispersion type
 - RIS vibration isolators (shipped loose for field installation)
 - Factory startup
 - 1-year entire unit **parts and labor** warranty
 - 5-year compressor **parts only** warranty
- Provide disconnection of existing Carrier 80-ton air cooled chiller and prep for removal.
 - Includes disconnection of all electrical connections.
 - Includes recovery of all existing refrigerants to be recycled per EPA guidelines.
- Provide removal and disposal of existing chiller.
- Provide disconnection of all existing piping.
- Provide installation of new 80-ton Daikin Applied “Trailblazer” air cooled scroll chiller. **(New chiller to be provided for installation by Thermosystems. Delivery to be provided by Daikin and Thermosystems)**
 - Includes installation of new spring isolators for new chiller.
- Provide and install all new required chilled water piping to adapt from new to existing.
- Provide reworking of existing electrical connections required to adapt to new chiller footprint.
 - Existing electrical breaker will be reused.
 - Provide and install new fused disconnect for new chiller.
- Crane rental is included in the base price of this proposal.
- Permit and structural review included in the base price.
- Provide start-up of the new chiller with Daikin factory assistance.
- Provide Licensed Electrical subcontractor work:
 - Provide labor to disconnect the chiller from the existing electric feed. The chiller will be removed from the roof by others.
 - Replace the existing 400 Amp disconnect switch with a new 200 Amp fused disconnect switch. We will install 200 Amp rated fuses in the new disconnect switch, which will be acceptable for the new chiller.
 - Reroute the chiller electrical feed (*480v 200-amp feed*) from the southeast corner of the chiller to the northwest corner of the new chiller. We will install new pipe and wire around the new chiller. The roof penetration will remain as is.
 - Reroute the existing 120 volt electrical feed (*for low voltage*) from the southeast corner of the chiller to the northwest corner of the new chiller. We will install new pipe and wire around the new chiller. The roof penetration will remain as is.



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- o Crosstown will extend new wiring into the new chiller electrical cabinet and terminate all wiring.

EXCEPTIONS AND EXCLUSIONS:

- No control wiring or connections in the BMS is included (to be provided by owner)
- This proposal does not include applicable taxes.
- This proposal includes applicable permits and/or associated fees.
- All work to be completed from 7:00 AM to 4:30 PM (Monday – Friday)
- Any unforeseen and/or additional items beyond this scope of work will be quoted for additional review/approval.
- An onsite dumpster will be supplied as part of this proposal.
- No extended warranties beyond that which is listed will be provided, no refrigerant warranties, no maintenance/service agreements, no storage, no louvers/grilles beyond that which is listed, no structural design, no occupancy adjustments, no field testing, and no hot gas bypass will be provided in this proposal.
- No over time, no fire life safety, no roof flashing, no conduit, no electrical breakers, no electrical or power outlets, no repairs to existing equipment, no floor coring or x-rays, no drawings or blueprints, no thermostats, and no work other than what is specifically state above are to be provided in this proposal.

TOTAL NET PRICE (EXCLUDES TAX): \$195,150.00

Thank you for the opportunity,

Marly Benner



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Governance Clause for National Cooperative Contract Proposals

OMNIA

This proposal for the sale of Daikin Applied's services, parts, and/or equipment, including the pricing and scope of work as described herein, is subject to the terms and conditions of and will be governed exclusively by Region 4 ESC Contract # R200401 ("OMNIA"), incorporated herein by reference. Any other terms and conditions, including those that may be contained in customer's Purchase Order or other customer documents, will have no force or effect unless mutually agreed to by the Parties. The OMNIA contract is available through OMNIA Partners at: <https://www.omniapartners.com/suppliers/daikin-applied/public-sector/contract-documents#contract-375>

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Skokie Park District Parks Board Report August 2025



PARK SERVICES

Corrie Guynn

Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities

- The renovation at Lee Wright Park has been completed, and the playground is now open. Operations staff installed the play surfacing, horticultural staff finished the surrounding landscaping, and landscape staff placed the remaining benches and a picnic table. This project was the fourth and final park renovation of the season, and it was the third of three parks renovated using a grant from the office of Jan Schakowsky.
- The tennis court replacement project at Lorel Park was completed. The new fencing was installed, and the court was color coated. Minor landscaping remains around the court, but the court is complete and open.
- Tennis court replacement work at Gleiss Park is ongoing and has encountered a minor issue. The court was replaced to a depth of 14 inches, repaved, and new fencing was installed. While preparing to install the new tennis posts, the contractor found concrete footings at a greater depth, remaining from a previous court installation. To proceed, the concrete will be cored, and an alternative type of post will be used for the footings. Once this is completed, the courts will be color coated and reopened.
- Concrete projects were completed along the tennis courts at Terminal Park, near the entrance at the Devonshire Aquatic Center (DAC), and around the playground at Gleiss Park. The sign bed was replanted, and new bike racks were installed at DAC.
- The basketball court at Terminal Park was milled and repaved. The horticulture department added topsoil around the court area, and staff will repaint the basketball lines after the asphalt has finished curing.
- The Weber track replacement project began, and the existing surfacing has been completely removed. An extensive amount of leveling is needed per the surfacing manufacturer's installation specifications.
- The Oakton pickleball room flooring has been installed, and the bar has been delivered. Staff is working to assemble and install the bar. Once that is completed the countertops will be ordered and installed. Tables, chairs, and lighting fixtures will be selected and ordered shortly. The hope is to have the room open for rentals sometime in September.
- The operations staff assembled the shade structure at the Devonshire Aquatic Center, and the space has opened.
- The operations staff painted the court lines at Shabonee Park and Shawnee Park. Both sites were repaved in June.
- The horticulture staff made landscape improvements at Terminal Park, which included the removal of shrubs to open up the central area adjacent to the playground and basketball courts.
- The landscape staff continue to keep up with mowing and athletic field needs throughout the district.
- The drive-in movie was held at SSPE with all departments assisting in the setup. Several staff and I oversaw the operation of the event.
- Operations staff assisted with the setup and installation of the new screen and A/V in the Oakton multi-purpose room.

Skokie Park District Recreation and Facilities Board Report August 2025

Superintendent of Recreation and Facilities – Breanne Labus
Assistant Superintendent of Recreation - Mary Amato
Superintendent of Parks, Planning and Facilities – Corrie Guynn

Highlights- Special Events and Programs

- Curt Evans will start as the full-time Athletics Manager on August 18.
- Summer Concerts at Devonshire Park featured *Miss Jamie*, *Rosie & The Rivets*, and *No Turn on Red* in July.
- Water Fun Run took place on July 12 with 27 participants and three new water features.
- On July 22 at Pawnee Park, Hot Dogs in the Park distributed 1,000 hot dogs, chips, and bottles of water.
- Art Sparks camper's work is heading to Sports Park's mini golf course for display later this month.
- A new screen, projector, and sound system were installed in the Multi-Purpose Room at the Oakton Community Center. This was a budgeted capital project for FY 2025/26.
- The museum launched a new social media campaign this summer, building on a story-sharing activity developed by museum staff for the America booth at this year's Festival of Cultures. The campaign has seen a lot of engagement (reaching 2,000-5,500 people per post in July, compared to 500-1,200 average) and received compliments from the Skokie Community Foundation and the Skokie Public Library. The story-sharing activity is ongoing at the museum and will be featured during Backlot Bash as well.

Facility Rentals and Birthday Parties

Aquatics

Type	2024	2025
Pool Passes	\$325,459	\$347,328
Birthday Parties	\$14,050	\$17,195
Private Rentals	\$16,430	\$18,320
Daily Fees -DAC	\$20,108	\$25,058
Concessions - DAC	\$11,290	\$10,980
Daily Fees - SWP	\$162,326	\$171,828
Concessions - SWP	\$40,578	\$37,355

Devonshire

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	9	7
Birthday Parties	4	0

Emily Oaks Nature Center

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	5	3
Birthday Parties	2	4
Shelter Rentals – Non-profit	2	0

Exploritorium/Oakton

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	7	12
Exploritorium Birthday Parties	34	30
Exploritorium Group Visits	5	13

Park Services

Type	2024	2025
Birthday Parties	N/A	3

Skatium

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	0	0
Birthday Parties	6	6

Skokie Heritage Museum

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	0	0

Weber Center

Type	2024	2025
Room Rental	4	4
Birthday Parties	4	5

Admissions and Visits

Exploritorium

Type	2024	2025
Admissions	2,985	2,903

Skokie Heritage Museum

Type	2024	2025
Visits	821	1,146

Skokie Sports Park

TYPE	2024	2025
Range	\$166,341	\$170,646
Simulator	\$3,230	\$3,532
Grass Tees	\$3,285	\$4,025
Mini Golf	\$57,611	\$49,117
Batting Cages	\$11,832	\$9,646
Concessions	\$6,308	\$6,092
Alcohol	\$5,027	\$5,077
Totals	\$253,634	\$248,135

Weber/Athletics

Type	2024	2025
Open Gym	109	100
Late Night	855	710
Table Tennis	157	71
Private Tennis/Pickleball	14	20

Weber Golf Course

Revenues	2024	2025
Greens Fees	\$38,388	\$35,807
Rentals	\$1,806	\$1,627
Concessions	\$2,114	\$1,439
Alcohol	\$1,332	\$1,409
Total	\$43,640	\$40,282

Devonshire Aquatics Center – Claudia Bidstrup

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Winter in July was held on July 12 with over 100 people in attendance.
- The new party area canopy was installed and opened.
- The sidewalk outside the pool entrance was expanded and new bike racks were installed.

Devonshire Cultural Center – Robin Horwitz

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Speakeasy Theatre performed in July with 15 audience members.
- A partner performance of *The Musical Offering* entertained 27 audience members.
- *Patchwork, The Little House Life of Laura Ingalls Wilder*, historic show attracted 27 to auditions and cast 17.
- The Brush with Nature Plein Air Art event attracted 64 spectators and artists.

Emily Oaks Nature Center – Lee Hansen

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Pancake Breakfast in the Woods July 13 had 348 people. Two sponsors supported the Pancake Breakfast financially. The event generated \$2,653 in gross revenues, plus sponsorship fees.

Drop-in Programming	Groups
School Group Self-guided	2
Scout/Youth Group Self-guided	3
Total	5

Volunteer Workdays	Hours
Weekday Crafters	81
Land Management	22.5
Kawaga Garden Workday	6.25
Wildflower Workday	12
Facility Support	5.5
Special Events (Pancake Breakfast)	84
Total Hours	211.25

Oakton Community Center – Aryn Fletcher

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Storybook Corner: 40 participants
- Paint & Play: 37 participants
- Playdough Playtime: 35 participants
- Parent/Tot Yoga: 15 participants

Skatium Ice Arena – Kurt von Helms

Facility Updates and Highlights

The compressors at the Skatium are currently not operational, which required the removal of the ice. Staff and contractors are addressing the issue and developing plans for either repairing or replacing the compressors. All programs and rentals are cancelled until further notice. Updates will be provided as progress is made toward resuming normal operations.

Hockey

- The Skatium started a new Powerskating class this summer with two sections. The 6–12-year-old section had 13 participants, six of them brand new to the hockey program.

Figure Skating

- The Skatium's Symmetry Ice Theatre Novice team has been invited to compete at Nations' Cup next April in Lansing, Michigan. This competition is held every other year and features international competitors. The team was selected by U.S. Figure Skating to represent Team USA!

Skokie Heritage Museum– Emily England

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Museum staff assisted with seven research inquiries, including Cook County's Historic Archives and Records Office looking at the last 200+ years of Cook County history, a research fellow at DePaul University's Chaddick Institute for Metropolitan Development investigating suburban development through subdivisions, the Morton Grove Historical Museum, and Endeavor Health/Skokie Hospital. The museum also received several requests for archival images, including one from the Simon Wiesenthal Center's Mobile Museum of Tolerance in Illinois.
- Ten volunteers contributed over 35 hours of history research, digitization, and collections documentation.
- The museum guided tour on July 10 had five participants.

Skokie Sports Park – Tom Hejnowski

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The first rental of the new party pavilion was held on July 12.

Skokie Water Playground – Scott Runkle

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The slide mat at the bottom of the green slide was successfully anchored to the pool floor.

Tot Learning Center – Fouzia Khan

Facility Updates and Highlights

- Children enrolled in the Preschool, Pre-K, and 2/3s classroom enjoyed off-site field trips to Wagner Farm; Chuck E Cheese; Pirates' Cove and watched a fun play "Chicken Little" at the Chicago Kids Theatre
- On-site presentations and activities included the summer reading program from the Skokie Library, Fun in the Sun and a Giant Bubble Show. TLC also hosted a family fun night at Oakton Pool; the weather was perfect, which made it fun for all.

Weber Golf Course – Tom Hejnowski

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The second Night Golf Scramble of the year was held on Thursday, July 24 and hit max capacity at 36 participants.

- The second annual Two-Club Tournament was held on Saturday July 26 and had 23 participants. The overall winner of the tournament shot a 26.

Weber Center/Fitness First – Ethan Bontly

Facility Updates and Highlights

- The walking track is being replaced and should be completed by August 29.

Fitness First

Memberships

Type	2024	2025
Active Members	4,005	4,264



Skokie Park District Communications & Marketing and Sponsorship Board Report August 2025



Jim Bottorff
Director of Communications & Marketing

Status of Publications

- Winter Guides (in pre-production)
- Fall '25 Online Program Guide (now online)
- Fall '25 Skatium Guide (now in homes in Skokie, Chicago and other area zip codes)
- Fall '25 Printed Program Spotlight Guide (now in all Skokie homes)
- Fall '25 Prime Times *for Active Adults 60+* (in Skokie 60+ homes)
- School Year 25-26 Fun Guide (in homes)
- August Happenings (online)
- September Happenings (in production)

Projects

- New DEI facility “Welcome” signs are in production.
- New Welcome video released
- With IT, developing an SPD app
- Developed a new publication production schedule for Recreation/Facility/Admin staff
- C&M staff all working on Backlot Bash promotions, and in their various roles at the Bash (managing the information booth, backstage area, social media, photography and band transportation)

Social Media and Photos

This month's social media posts, events and ads include Backlot Bash, End of Summer Camp, Night Golf, National Night Out, Concert in the Park, Story Stroll, and many more.

Sponsorship

The sponsorship coordinator is currently working on sponsorships for summer 2025, with a primary focus on the Skokie's Backlot Bash. To date, she has secured \$28,000 in sponsorships.



Skokie Park District Information Technology Board Report August 2025



INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY

Milestone Upgrade

A new Milestones server has been installed to support all the security camera needs of the district.

Switch Upgrade

New network switches have been ordered for Park Services. This is the last set of switches to be implemented across the entire district. Implementation will be completed in the coming 30 days.

Skokie Sports Park Cameras

Configured and deployed 20 new cameras at Skokie Sports Park.



Skokie Park District Staff and Community Committee Reports August 2025



Backlot Bash Committee Breanne Labus
The final Backlot Bash committee meeting was held on August 12. The event will be held August 22-24 with set-up beginning on August 20-21.
Community Schools Steering Committee Breanne Labus
No report.
DEI Committee Mary Amato
The committee met on August 6 to finalize goals for the 25/26 fiscal year. Goals include providing translation services for internal and external customers, staff training on accessibility, and auditing ADA accessibility for events and programs. The next meeting is October 1.
Environmental Action Team Lee Hansen
No report.
4th of July Parade Committee Jim Hallm
No report.
Festival of Cultures Committee Aryn Fletcher
No report.
Friends of Fitness First Jennie Bever
No report.
Juneteenth Mary Amato
No report.
Maine-Niles Association of Special Recreation Michelle Tuft
The next meeting is Tuesday, August 26.

Niles Township Youth Coalition Breanne Labus
No report.
Safety Committee Amanda Green
The committee met on August 6 to review summer incidents and do status updates on safety related projects and reporting needs.
Skokie Chamber of Commerce Michelle Tuft
No report.
Skokie Pride Cassie Schaeffer
No report.
Skokie's Spring Greening Lee Hansen
The 2026 Skokie's Spring Greening is scheduled for April 12 from 10 a.m. to 1:45 p.m. at the Westmoreland lot and the Niles North High School north lot.
Staff Appreciation Committee Stephenie Gualano
The committee held an employee appreciation party on July 26 at Skokie Water Playground, open to employees and their families. 110 people attended and enjoyed swimming, pizza and beautiful weather.