



# Parks and Recreation Master Plan

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View of Griffin's Grove Park

## 1.0 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

### 1.1 PURPOSE OF THE MASTER PLAN

The City of Rohnert Park’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) is a comprehensive guide designed to shape the future of the City’s parks, recreation facilities, and programs. It provides actionable recommendations to enhance the City’s parks and recreation facilities system. Developed through a detailed process, the PRMP assesses existing conditions, identifies the community’s desires and needs, generates and prioritizes recommendations, and offers funding strategies and an Action Plan for future implementation. This Parks and Recreation Master Plan reflects the City’s evolving strategic goals and plans for future development and should be considered as Rohnert Park continues with its General Plan update. The PRMP planning process includes the following steps:

- » Assess the existing conditions of Rohnert Park’s parks and recreation facilities system, identifying deficiencies and opportunities for growth.
- » Evaluate the community’s needs through a comprehensive engagement process, including community meetings and surveys.
- » Align with and incorporate Rohnert Park’s updated strategic goals from the Draft General Plan 2040.
- » Prepare a Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis based on the existing conditions and the expressed needs of the community.
- » Establish recommendations to address deficiencies and meet community needs.
- » Estimate potential costs and create a timeline for prioritizing recommendations based on short-, medium-, and long-term feasibility.
- » Develop an action plan with potential funding sources for implementation of recommendations.

### 1.2 SCOPE

#### DOCUMENT REVIEW

The PRMP builds on and supports prior work by the City, including a review of the Draft Rohnert Park General Plan 2040, the 2008 Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (2008 Plan), and Comprehensive Audit Summaries conducted by the Parks and Recreation Commission. A complete document review is available in the PRMP Appendix.

## **PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM ASSESSMENTS**

The PRMP includes an evaluation of 28 parks and 9 facilities within the City’s parks and recreation facilities system. Site visits assessed the quantity, condition and compliance of amenities, furnishings, facilities, and pathways as well as estimated maintenance. Observations from these assessments and discussions with the Community Services and Public Works departments helped identify potential improvements, which were aligned with the needs assessment and led to park-specific recommendations. Detailed existing park inventories and assessments can be found in the Appendix.

## **COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

The community engagement program was designed to reach as many community members as possible. The process included a Statistically Valid Survey, a Community Needs Survey, a community workshop, and stakeholder interviews.

- » The Statistically Valid Survey (SVS) used voter registration information, as well as a City-provided list of residents to source responses. The SVS reached out to a sample of residents reflective of Rohnert Park’s demographic makeup to gather statistically accurate results reflective of the community. The survey was conducted in English and Spanish over the telephone and online. The SVS collected 626 responses between May 3 and May 9, 2023.
- » A Community Needs Survey was available online in English and Spanish from June 2023 to October 2023, collecting 702 responses. The survey ranked answers to a series of questions regarding demographics, parks,



*View of Honeybee Park*



*Community Workshop group presentations*

facilities, and open-ended responses, and ranked questions. The City shared a link and promoted the SurveyMonkey survey through social media accounts, the City website, at City recreation facilities, at meetings, and stakeholder events.

- » A Community Workshop in June of 2023 was attended by 20 community members. It presented information about the Parks and Recreation Master Planning process. Community members participated in an activity in which they opined about and suggested improvements to the parks and recreation facilities system. Community members also filled out and shared additional feedback on notecards.
- » The following stakeholders identified by the City of Rohnert Park were contacted via email and phone (when available) to participate in a short survey and a stakeholder interview:
  - Rohnert Park Cal Ripken Baseball
  - Rohnert Park Baseball Club
  - Rohnert Park Girls Softball Association
  - Rohnert Park Warriors
  - Rancho Cotati Lacrosse
  - Rohnert Park Soccer Club
  - Rohnert Park FC
  - Rohnert Park G Section (Gold Ridge Community)
  - Chamber of Commerce
  - Rohnert Park Library
- » Of these, the following organizations expressed interest and participated in a meeting: Rohnert Park Cal Ripken Baseball, Rohnert Park Girls Softball Association, Rancho Cotati Lacrosse, Gold Ridge Community (Rohnert Park G Section), Chamber of Commerce, and Rohnert Park Library.

### **NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAP ANALYSIS**

The Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis for the City of Rohnert Park’s Parks and Recreation Master Plan Update identifies unmet community needs in the City’s parks and recreation facilities system. This input was gathered through various outreach methods, including the Statistically Valid Survey, Community Needs Survey, the Community Workshop, and stakeholder interviews. This analysis also includes needs mentioned more than three times in the open responses.

The overall feedback reflects general satisfaction with Rohnert Park’s parks and recreation facilities system, though the community responses highlighted several areas for improvement. Preferences included increased opportunities for walking, hiking, jogging, fitness, and swimming. Visiting a park to

leisurely enjoy nature, attending cultural activities, and wellness also ranked highly in importance. The community also expressed a strong desire for improved restroom maintenance, additional restroom facilities, and enhanced lighting for safety and usability.

A full list of identified needs can be found in the Appendix.

Community responses to questions related to the importance of various parks and recreation facilities amenities were ranked in four tiers.

<b>Table 1. Tiers</b>	
<b>Tier 1: Very Important</b>	Over 50% of respondents rated the activity or amenity as “Very Important” to them.
<b>Tier 2: Fairly Important</b>	The combined responses of “Very Important” and “Fairly Important” equaled or exceeded 50%.
<b>Tier 3: Slightly Important</b>	The combined responses of “Very Important”, “Fairly Important”, and “Slightly Important” equaled or exceeded 50%.
<b>Tier 4: Not at All Important</b>	More than 50% of respondents rated this amenity as “Not at all Important.”

Once identified, the community needs were compared to the current inventory and recreational services available. Areas where needs were not met were considered gaps in the system.

**RECOMMENDATIONS**

The recommendations for the parks and recreation facilities system derive from insights determined in the Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis. These recommendations address policies, deficiencies, and added amenities requested by the community. The PRMP provides general recommendations for the overall park system, as well as specific suggestions for each park.

The City and the Parks and Recreation Commission reviewed these recommendations and their prioritization in September of 2024. Each recommendation falls into one of three categories:

<b>Table 2. Recommendation Types</b>	
<b>Deficiency Improvement</b>	These recommendations focus on addressing existing deficiencies, such as replacing or enhancing aging amenities, or ensuring compliance with ADA standards.
<b>Added Amenity</b>	These recommendations propose adding new amenities to the parks system to meet community needs and expand the recreation system.
<b>Policy</b>	These recommendations involve administrative or policy changes to support the City’s delivery of parks and recreation services

For a complete list of recommendations and a detailed explanation, see Chapter 5 The Plan.

## **VISION AND GOALS**

The Draft General Plan 2040 envisions “an integrated and well-maintained system of parks, trails, and recreation facilities throughout the city to meet the community’s recreational needs.” (Goal PFS-2). To achieve this goal the Draft General Plan prioritizes an update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan:

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan is guided by the following goals from the 2008 Plan and the Draft 2040 General Plan:

- » Provide a high quality of life and memorable community experiences by offering a varied range of year-around recreation programs, activities, classes, camps and special events.
- » Provide safe, clean, and well-maintained parks and facilities to meet the diverse needs of a changing and growing community.
- » Create and enhance a positive community image to strengthen livability and sense of place.
- » Ensure the financial health and funding feasibility for Rohnert Park’s comprehensive recreation, parks and open space system, including special purpose facilities.
- » Provide inclusive amenities and programming that focus on accessibility and a variety of experiences.
- » Address challenges to sustainability and environmental stewardship through proposing updates for the parks and recreation facilities system.

### **1.3 PRIORITY SETTING**

Given the limited resources in terms of funding, staffing, and park space, it is not feasible to implement all recommendations simultaneously. Therefore, prioritization is necessary to guide the phased implementation of the recommendations.

Each recommendation was evaluated against a series of prioritization categories, each with a designated point value. The total score for each recommendation was calculated, and the recommendations were sorted by their scores, with higher scores indicating higher priority.

The categories are as follows:

<b>Code and Regulation Compliance (5 points)</b>	This category evaluates whether park amenities and facilities meet required standards for issues of public health (sanitation), physical safety (i.e. tripping hazards), and urgency (repair deferral impacts amenity use and public access). A score indicates that the issues (i.e. public health, physical safety, urgency) are non-compliant with local, state, and national codes, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act, and should be addressed.
<b>Safety and Security (5 points)</b>	This category evaluates the need for lighting infrastructure that improves safety and security within the parks and recreation facility system. High priority parks have a need for lighting at an existing building or parking lot. Mid-level priority parks need lighting but currently lack it. Low priority parks have some existing lighting.
<b>Fulfills Unmet Needs (3 points)</b>	Recommendations in this category address new elements, amenities, or policies that meet identified gaps in the community’s needs. These unmet needs are based on the Gap Analysis, identified by the City, or described in Inventory and Assessment completed during the Parks and Recreation Master Planning process.
<b>Potential Revenue Generation (2 points)</b>	This category evaluates recommendations on their potential to generate long-term revenue (e.g., field rentals) or short-term revenue (e.g., one-time picnic rentals).
<b>Included in Previous Planning Efforts (2 points)</b>	The recommendations in this category have already been identified as goals, priorities, or actions in prior planning documents for the City of Rohnert Park. Planning efforts include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Draft Rohnert Park General Plan 2040</li> <li>2. Hazard Mitigation Plan</li> <li>3. Priority Development Area Plan</li> <li>4. Master Plan Revisions to City Council</li> <li>5. Comprehensive Audit Summary By Park</li> <li>6. Community Services Recreation Program Cost Recovery Policy</li> </ol>
<b>Operational Efficiency (1 point)</b>	This category highlights recommendations that will lead to significant savings in City staff time and resources.

For a detailed explanation of the points breakdown, refer to the Appendix.

## 1.4 ACTION PLAN

### IMPLEMENTATION

A comprehensive set of recommendations has been identified, addressing both the parks system as a whole and individual parks. The prioritization strategy developed aims to create a practical and implementable Action Plan for the Community Services and Public Works departments, offering a framework to guide informed decision-making over time.

The estimated Rough Order of Magnitude (ROM) costs for park and recreation facility improvements, including deferred maintenance, have been identified.

- » 247 recommendations are estimated to cost \$98,945,200 (2024 dollars) which include some deferred maintenance. Future projects should factor in cost escalation and a contingency until a detailed and accurate cost estimate is prepared.
- » 39 policy or program recommendations are not yet sufficiently defined to estimate a cost at this stage.
- » When possible, it's recommended to group related improvements to minimize scope overlap and reduce overall costs.

Each recommendation has been assigned an estimated timeline for completion.

- » Near-Term: Potentially achievable within 0 to 5 years
- » Medium-Term: Potentially achievable within 5 to 10 years
- » Long-Term: Potentially achievable in 10 or more years

Further details on the recommendations and their timelines are provided in Chapter 5.



*View of children on play equipment*



View of Sunrise Park

## 2.0 INTRODUCTION

### 2.1 REGIONAL SETTING

The City of Rohnert Park is located in Sonoma County in Northern California, approximately 49 miles north of San Francisco and 9 miles south of Santa Rosa. Situated along Highway 101 in the Cotati Valley, the city is bordered by coastal hills to the west and the Sonoma Mountains to the east. Rohnert Park is home to over 45,000 residents.

Rohnert Park lies within the traditional homelands of the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria, which includes the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo peoples. As outlined in the Draft General Plan 2040:

*The relationship with the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria (Tribe) is of particular importance to the City. The lands Rohnert Park occupies are within the ancestral territory of Tribal members, which also includes large portions of Sonoma and Marin counties. While the Coast Miwok and Southern Pomo peoples were subjected to genocide, forced removal from lands, and other atrocities, the Tribe is a vibrant and thriving tribal government, with their own laws and policies governing their citizens. The City seeks to work cooperatively with the Tribe on important shared interests.*

Rohnert Park is characterized by its proximity to historic rural landscapes, with many neighborhoods featuring redwood-lined streets. The City is based on the twentieth century “neighborhood unit” planning concept, where each neighborhood is organized around a park and a school.

### 2.2 PROJECT HISTORY

Since the adoption of the City’s last General Plan in 2000, Rohnert Park has experienced significant growth and development. The City’s strategic goals and vision have been re-evaluated and are now being incorporated into the Draft General Plan 2040. This update calls for a revision of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan (PRMP) to align with updated and newly implemented policies and future plans.

In March 2022, The City of Rohnert Park issued a Request for Proposals (RFP) to select a consultant team to prepare a Parks and Recreation Master Plan update. In May 2022, the City selected Royston Hanamoto Alley & Abey (RHAA) to lead the project. This PRMP builds on the 2008 Plan, which was further revised in 2017 with targeted updates that addressed several recommendations identified in the 2008 Plan. Those updates were acknowledged by the City and reviewed as part of this planning process.

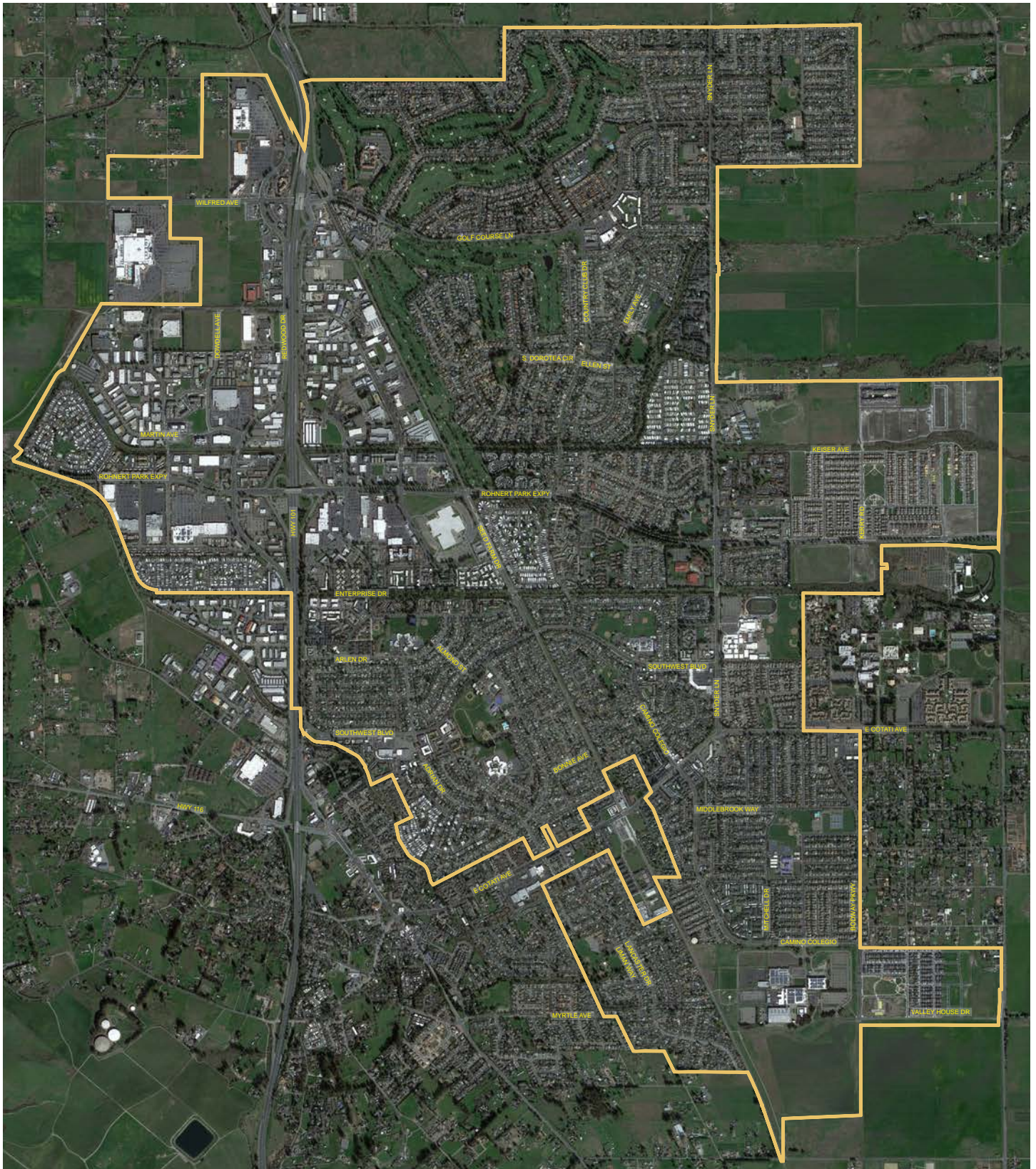


Figure 1: Rohnert Park Site Aerial

## 2.3 PLANNING PROCESS

### PROCESS OVERVIEW

The PRMP provides a series of recommendations designed to enhance the City’s parks and recreation facilities system. These recommendations address both the overall system and specific parks within it, offering suggestions for improvements and expansions to existing parks, facilities, programs, and recreation amenities. Through a prioritization process of the recommendations, the final plan provides actionable steps for implementation and future use.

The planning process included:

1. Inventory and Analysis
2. Community Engagement
3. Needs Assessment & Gap Analysis
4. Recommendations
5. Prioritization of Recommendations
6. Action Plan & Implementation

## 2.4 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Community Outreach is a central element of the PRMP process, as community feedback is an essential component in meeting the current and future needs of the community. A community engagement plan was created to collect feedback and hear the community’s opinions and needs regarding parks, facilities, and programming offered by the Community Services Department.

### STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY

A Statistically Valid Survey (SVS) was conducted to ensure a representative sample of the community’s views. The SVS was based on voter registration information, together with a City-provided list of residents over the age of 18. The goal of the SVS was to gather responses from a demographically accurate group of residents, proportionate to the population.

The survey was carried out through a hybrid model of both internet and telephone responses, available in English and Spanish to maximize inclusivity. A total of 626 responses were collected between May 3 and May 9, 2023.

### COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY

A Community Needs Survey was designed to gather opinions on the parks and recreation facilities in Rohnert Park through a combination of nineteen open-ended and ranked questions. These questions mirrored those in the Statistically Valid Survey to ensure consistency. The survey was hosted on SurveyMonkey and made accessible to the community through multiple platforms, including the community meeting, social media, and the Rohnert Park website. Additionally, the City provided paper copies and access to the survey link at the Summer Kid’s Camp, the Callinan Sports and

Fitness Center front desk, the Community Center front desk, and City Hall. The survey was open to all residents and non-residents, spanning all age groups, to capture a comprehensive understanding of the needs of all park and facility users. The survey ran from June 2023 through October 2023 and a total of 702 responses were collected by the close of the survey in October 2023.

The data from the Community Needs Survey was compared to the Statistically Valid Survey to identify similar or conflicting results in the community's responses. Combined with the data collected during the inventory and assessment process, this information helped inform the Gap Analysis.

### **COMMUNITY MEETING**

An in-person community engagement workshop was held on June 15, 2023, with 20 community members in attendance. The community heard the initial findings from the Inventory and Assessment of Rohnert Park's parks and facilities. The presentation explained the process of developing the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and the intent to use collected data to inform the Gap Analysis.



*Photo of Community Workshop group exercises*

## **STAKEHOLDER INTERVIEWS**

The City of Rohnert Park identified key stakeholder groups to interview as part of the planning process. Each group received a list of specific questions to gather their perspectives on issues related to Rohnert Park’s parks and recreation system. The stakeholder groups interviewed included:

- » Chamber of Commerce
- » RP G Section - Gold Ridge Community
- » Rohnert Park Library
- » Sports Clubs: Rohnert Park Cal Ripken Baseball, Rohnert Park Girls Softball Association, Rohnert Park Lacrosse

## **COLLABORATION WITH THE CITY – INCLUDING THE PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**

The Community Services Department and Public Works provided input throughout the development of the PRMP. Following a presentation of the proposed recommendations and priorities, the Parks and Recreation Commission also provided feedback to verify the plan accurately reflected the community’s needs and to confirm the direction of the recommendations.

## **2.5 REVIEW OF RELEVANT PLANNING EFFORTS**

As part of the PRMP, a review was conducted of Rohnert Park’s previous planning documents related to the City’s parks and recreation facilities system. This review ensures that the goals and recommendations of the PRMP align with and build upon previous planning projects. The following documents’ planning policies are relevant to the PRMP:

1. Rohnert Park DRAFT General Plan 2040
2. Parks and Facilities Master Plan
3. Parks and Facilities Master Plan Addendum
4. Priority Development Area Plan 2016
5. Update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Cultural Arts Report 2017
6. Update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Cultural Arts Report 2018
7. Comprehensive Audit Summary, 2021

Below is a summary of these planning efforts, with a full list of relevant policies from each document in the Appendix.

## **ROHNERT PARK DRAFT GENERAL PLAN 2040**

The Rohnert Park Draft General Plan 2040 (General Plan 2040) outlines the City’s long-term vision for physical and economic development, providing a set of policies, strategic implementations, and guidelines to ensure projects align with community objectives. Presented in 2022, the General Plan 2040 envisions Rohnert Park as a thriving, family-friendly community that is a safe and enjoyable place to live, work, and play. This vision strongly influenced the PRMP and the recommendations that will guide future City projects.

To achieve this vision, the General Plan 2040 is grounded in several guiding principles, including Social and Environmental Justice, Community Development, Economic Development, Climate Change, Circulation, Public Facilities and Services, Health and Safety, Resource Conservation, and Housing. Each principle includes specific goals, actions, and policies designed to help the City achieve its objectives.

The General Plan 2040 principles directly relevant to the PRMP include:

- » Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice
- » Community Development
- » Public Facilities and Services
- » Resource Conservation

The goals and policies in these sections of the General Plan 2040 have directly influenced the recommendations in this PRMP. A full list of the relevant goals and policies can be found in the Appendix.

## **FACILITIES ASSESSMENT REPORT**

The Facilities Assessment Report focused on addressing deferred maintenance needs for all City-owned recreational facilities that are more than five years old. It provides a detailed breakdown of each recreation facility, including the cost to resolve outstanding maintenance issues. Additionally, the assessment offers recommendations for each facility to “contribute” to support future replacements and upgrades as necessary.



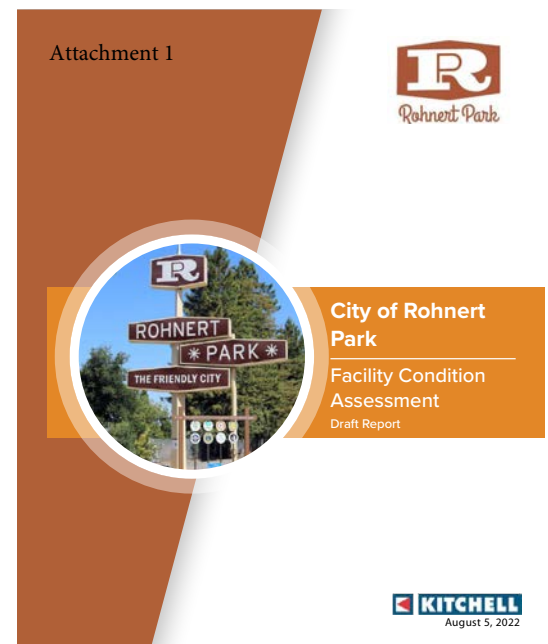
Rohnert Park is a central Sonoma County city along US Highway 101 in the northern San Francisco Bay Area. Sonoma County is characterized by rolling hills and valleys, and Rohnert Park lies within the broad Cotati Valley, which is bounded by the coastal hills to the west and the Sonoma Mountains to the east. Several creeks run through the city, originating in the Sonoma Mountains and draining to the Laguna de Santa Rosa. The mountains, hills, and surrounding fields and wetlands provide a rural backdrop to the city.

From the start, the City of Rohnert Park was based on the planning concept of the “neighborhood unit,” which clustered homes around local schools and parks. Each of the original neighborhoods consisted of 200 to 250 homes centered on a 10-acre school and 5-acre park site. The idea behind this design was that no child would have to walk more than one-third of a mile to school, and the school would be the center of a cohesive neighborhood. Commercial and industrial development would be large enough and diverse enough to support the entire community. Rohnert Park became one of the earliest master-planned communities in the country and was developed without a traditional “downtown.” Recently, there has been more focus on creating a downtown core with an interconnected public realm, to support the traditional neighborhoods.

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Facilities Condition Assessment Draft Report

## **PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES MASTER PLAN**

The Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (2008 Plan), was developed over two years together with a community-led Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Committee. The 2008 Plan updated existing guidelines and recommendations to enhance the existing Rohnert Park's parks and recreation facilities, building on guidelines established in the City's original Community Plan.

The 2008 Plan highlighted three primary goals to guide the City's future parks and recreation efforts, including the development of new parks and the maintenance of existing ones:

- » Provide safe, clean and well-maintained parks and facilities to meet the diverse needs of a changing and growing community.
- » Create and enhance a positive community image to strengthen livability and sense of place.
- » Ensure the financial health and funding feasibility for Rohnert Park's comprehensive recreation, parks and open space system, including special purpose facilities.

For each of these goals, the 2008 Plan included a policy framework to support implementation. A complete list of relevant policies can be found in the planning efforts review in the Appendix.

Following the adoption of the 2008 Plan, the Parks and Recreation Commission made three updates to refine the goals and policies, including adding and removing goals as necessary and once completed.

## **PARKS AND FACILITIES MASTER PLAN ADDENDUM**

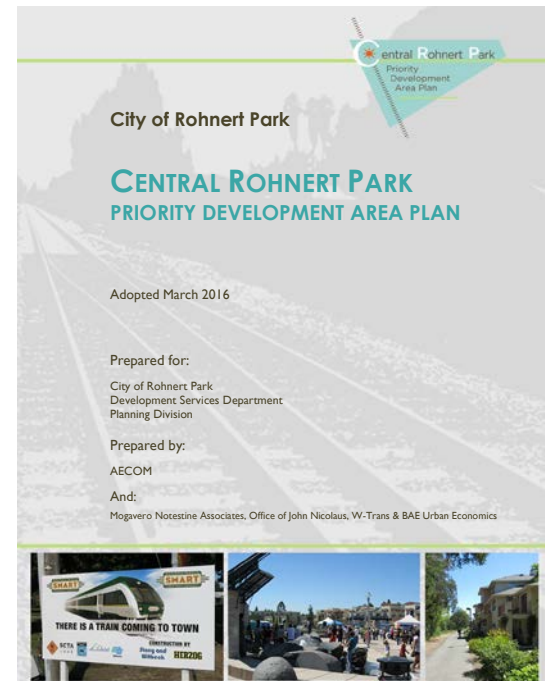
The Parks and Facilities Master Plan Addendum (2016) was developed eight years after the adoption of the 2008 Plan. Completed by City staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission, the Addendum incorporates updates to reflect changes in the community that affect the original plan's goals and progress. Key changes addressed in the Addendum include:

- » The restructuring of the City's departments: the former Recreation Department was renamed Community Services and incorporated with Public Works to form the Public Works and Community Services Department.
- » An increase in land incorporated into the parks and recreation facilities system, including the addition of the Gold Ridge Multi-Use Building and site.
- » Changes in community demographics.
- » New funding opportunities and changes in funding approach.
- » A call for a comprehensive analysis of aquatic facilities and programming.

### **PRIORITY AREA DEVELOPMENT PLAN 2016**

The Priority Area Development Plan (PDA) provides design guidelines, requirements, and policies for the creation of a walkable downtown “Heart of the Community” within Rohnert Park. It proposes a mixed-use area bordered by Highway 101 to the east, Santa Alicia Drive to the south, the Rail Line to the west, and just north of Golf Course Drive.

The PDA includes goals and policies that are relevant to the PRMP, particularly its proposal to add 8.5 acres of parkland to the parks and recreation facilities system. This proposed parkland would help meet the standard of 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents which is required by new development. In addition to the parkland, the PDA provides guidelines and policies for community design, utilities and community services, and park, open space, and recreational facilities. These elements will contribute to the ongoing development of the parks and recreation facilities system, and future development and implementation of the PRMP may need to comply with the PDA guidelines.



*Priority Development Area Plan*

### **UPDATE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN AND CULTURAL ARTS REPORT 2017**

The April 25, 2017 Master Plan Update to Council highlights goals accomplished during the 2016-2017 fiscal year. These goals were added to the Master Plan during the 2016 revision period and include:

- » Providing multilingual facility and program materials (English and Spanish)
- » Adding new staff positions
- » Completing a comprehensive aquatic report
- » Establishing annual park audits
- » Implementing park-specific developments, including the installation of an all-weather turf field at Sunrise Park

### **UPDATE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN AND CULTURAL ARTS REPORT 2018**

The June 26, 2018 Master Plan Update to Council recognizes

the goals accomplished during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. These goals were also added to the Master Plan during the 2016 revision period and include:

- » Completing a comprehensive aquatic report, including a cost analysis
- » Resurfacing sport courts
- » Completing the annual park audit
- » Implementing future park-specific development plans
- » Adding park-specific recommendations for future amenities, policies, and improvements

### **COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT SUMMARY**

Prior to the start of the PRMP update, the Parks and Recreation Commission, alongside the General Services Manager and the Community Services Manager would conduct a comprehensive audit of the parks within the Rohnert Park parks and recreation facilities system every two to three years. This audit provides updates on the amenities at each park or facility, the condition of park equipment, and maintenance needs, while also offering recommendations for improvements. The 2021 audit took place in August.

During the audit, the team evaluates amenities and assigns scores from 1-5 for each one. These scores are averaged to determine the overall park score. Parks with scores of 2.5 or below are flagged for attention. In some cases, such as Alicia Park, a score above 3 may not necessarily indicate the full scope of renovations needed, or reflect the community's desires and complaints.

The 2021 Comprehensive Audit Summary assessed the following parks:

- » Alicia Park
- » Benicia Park
- » Benicia Park Pool
- » Colegio Vista Park
- » Dorotea Park
- » Eagle Park
- » Golis Park
- » Honeybee Park
- » Ladybug Park
- » Magnolia Park
- » Magnolia Park Pool

- » Maurice Fredericks Park
- » Rainbow Park
- » Sunrise Park
- » Twin Creeks Park

Park scores ranged from a low of 2.67 (Ladybug Park) to a high of 4.61 points (Twin Creeks Park, the newest park at the time). All other parks scored above 3.0.

#### **ADDITIONAL RELEVANT PLANNING EFFORTS**

In addition to the above documents, the following resources were reviewed as part of the PRMP:

- » Rohnert Park General Plan 2020
- » Community Services Recreation Program Cost Recovery Policy 8.01.002
- » Five-Year Capital Improvement Plan Budget FY 2021-22 through FY 2025-26



*View of Lydia Court*

## 3.0 EXISTING FRAMEWORK

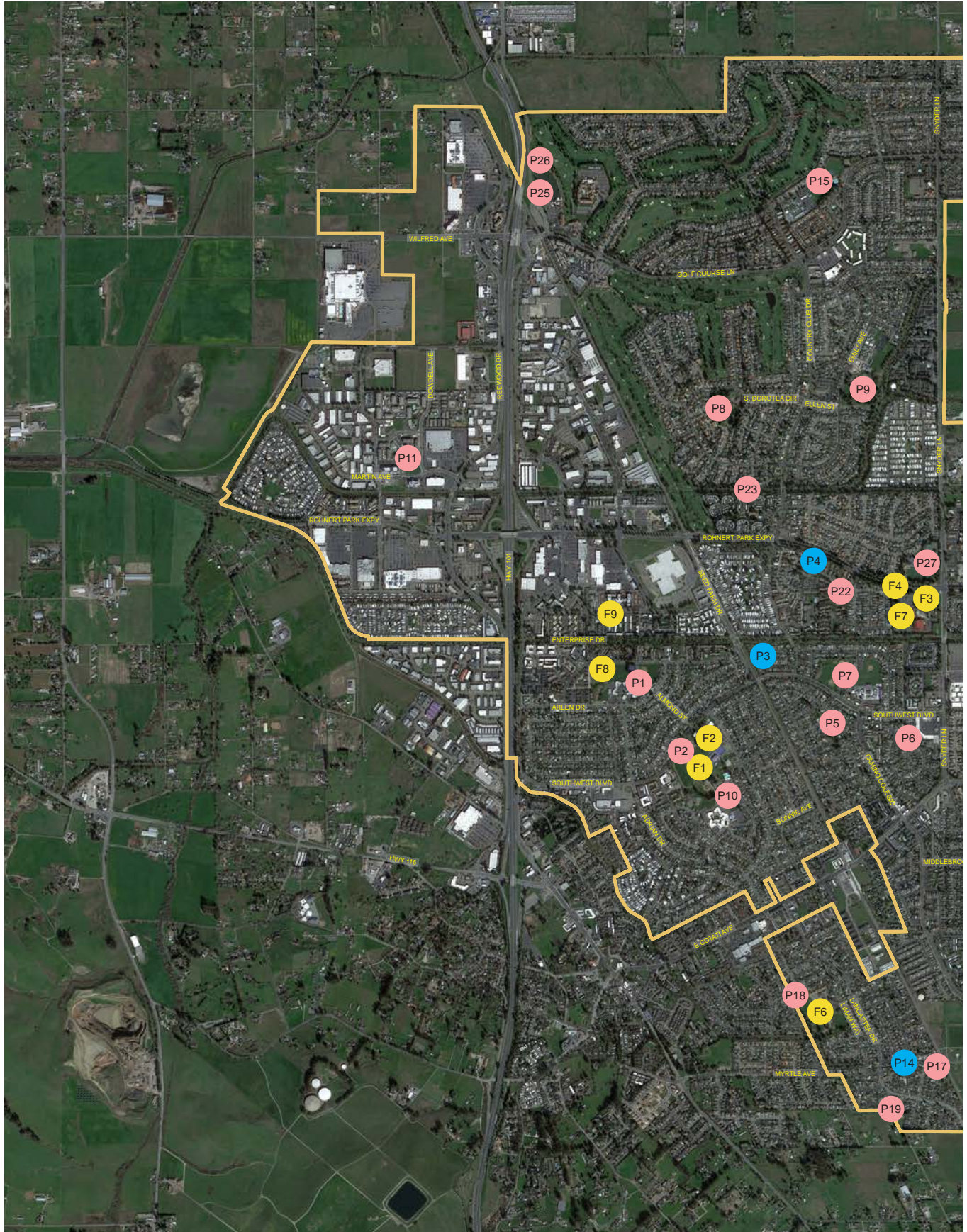
### 3.1 PARK SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Rohnert Park’s parks and recreation facilities system is characterized by a well-balanced variety of parks and facilities, offering a diverse range of recreational activities. With 28 parks and 9 facilities, the system offers an assortment of spaces designed to serve the community’s needs. The system provides opportunities for self-guided recreation, organized sports, social gathering, and community programming. Many of the system’s neighborhood parks, such as Magnolia Park and Golis Park, provide a wider array of amenities for the community to enjoy. As the City continues to develop, the parks system has grown. The newest park, Griffin’s Grove Park, is in the northeast corner of town and provides walking trails, bocce ball, passive recreation, and picnicking opportunities.

The City was initially developed with the planning concept of “neighborhood units,” where each neighborhood was conceived near a park and a school. As the City has developed and evolved away from this concept, the core principle of providing adequate parks and open space has remained a priority in urban planning.



*View of multi-use field at Sunrise Park*



## ROHNERT PARK PARKS AND FACILITIES

### PARKS

- P1 ALICIA PARK
- P2 BENICIA PARK
- P3 CARLITA CIRCLE TOT LOT
- P4 CIVIC CENTER TOT LOT
- P5 CATERPILLAR PARK
- P6 CIELO PARK
- P7 COLLEGIO VISTA PARK
- P8 DOROTHEA PARK
- P9 EAGLE PARK
- P10 FIELD OF FRIENDS DOG PARK
- P11 FIVE CREEK PARK
- P12 GOLIS PARK
- P13 GRIFFIN'S GROVE PARK
- P14 LILAC TOT LOT
- P15 HONEYBEE PARK
- P16 JASMINE TOT LOT
- P17 LACROSSE MINI PARK
- P18 LADYBUG PARK
- P19 LYDIA MINI PARK
- P20 MAGNOLIA PARK
- P21 MAURICE FREDERICKS PARK
- P22 MEADOW PINES MINI PARK
- P23 HINEBAUGH CREEK PARK
- P24 RAINBOW PARK
- P25 ROBERTS LAKE PARK
- P26 ROHNERT BARK
- P27 SUNRISE PARK
- P28 TWIN CREEKS PARK

### FACILITIES

- F1 BENICIA PARK RECREATION CENTER
- F2 BURTON AVE RECREATION CENTER
- F3 COMMUNITY CENTER
- F4 CALLINAN SPORTS & FITNESS CENTER
- F5 GOLD RIDGE RECREATION BUILDING
- F6 LADYBUG PARK RECREATION CENTER
- F7 SPRECKELS PERFORMING ARTS CENTER
- F8 SCOUT HUT
- F9 SENIOR CITIZEN CENTER

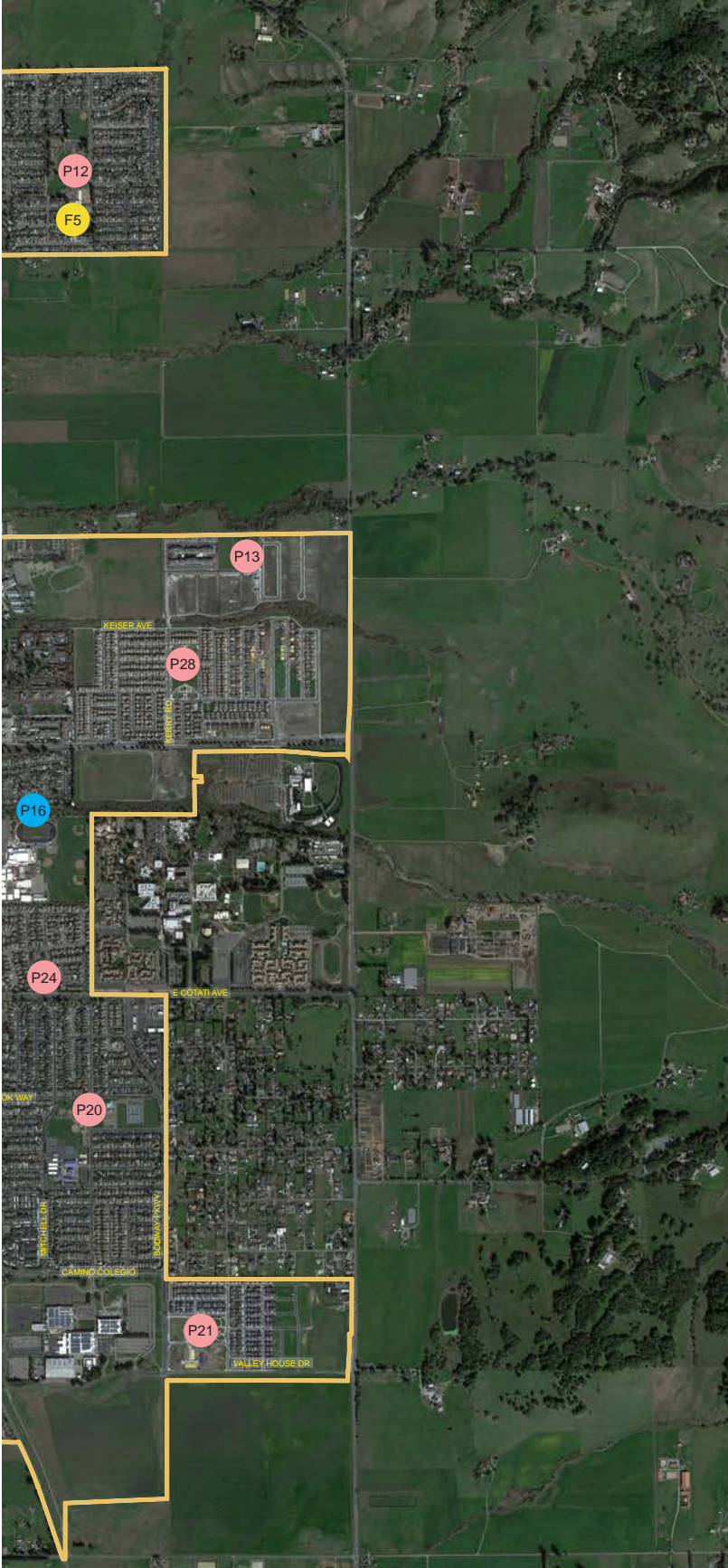


Figure 2: Existing Parks and Facilities Plan

**SERVICE STANDARD**

Rohnert Park adheres to the service standard of providing 5 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents. As the City continues to grow and develop, it is essential to maintain this standard and incorporate new parks and open space into future projects to meet the growing population’s needs.

**PARKS CLASSIFICATION**

The parks within the park system have been classified into five distinct categories and are outlined as follows:

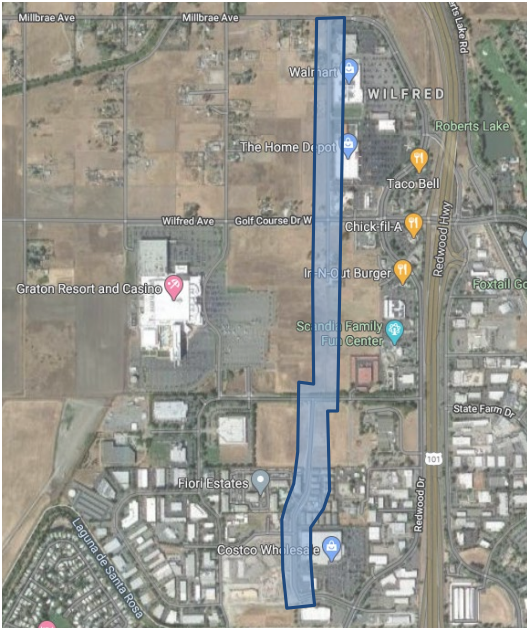
<b>Table 4. Parks Classification</b>	
<b>Mini-Parks</b>	Small public spaces found in neighborhoods, often with a small amenity.
<b>Neighborhood Park</b>	Parks typically smaller than 5 acres that provide a variety of amenities, including multi-purpose turf areas, playgrounds, hard courts, picnic areas, craft activities, and features that express the unique identity of the neighborhood and address local residents’ needs.
<b>Community Park</b>	Parks designed to serve the greater community with amenities for active recreation and organized events. These parks often include structures, parking areas, lighting, as well as features found in neighborhood parks. They are often larger in size, ranging up to 25 acres and are designed to offer a broad selection of recreational activities.
<b>Open Space</b>	Park lands that preserve habitats, provide buffers for development, and offer sweeping vistas of natural landscapes.
<b>Special Purpose Parks and Facilities</b>	Parks with a single purpose that serve the community such as golf courses and sports complexes.

**REVIEW OF ACREAGE**

The City’s parks and recreation facilities system includes 163.5 acres of parks and recreational facilities. This translates to 2.9 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents, and 1.1 acres of facilities per 1,000 residents.<sup>1</sup> In addition, the City’s golf courses span 310 acres, bringing the total acreage for neighborhood and community parks, golf courses, and recreational facilities to 473.5 acres, or 10.9 acres per 1,000 residents. This meets the service standard of 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Note that this report does not include an evaluation of the City’s golf courses.

The City is currently planning several Planned Development Districts to accommodate a growing population, which will include the creation of parks and open spaces. The park system will expand to meet the increased demand from these developments, as stated in the General Plan 2040:

<sup>1</sup> Data taken from the City of Rohnert Park Community Services Parks and Facilities Webpage: [https://www.rpcity.org/city\\_hall/departments/community\\_services/parks\\_\\_\\_facilities](https://www.rpcity.org/city_hall/departments/community_services/parks___facilities)



Dowdell/Labath Corridor

**Dowdell/Labath Corridor:**

- » This area is expected to experience population growth, necessitating the planning of additional parks. This corridor currently includes Five Creek Park.

**Central Rohnert Park/Priority Development Area Plan**

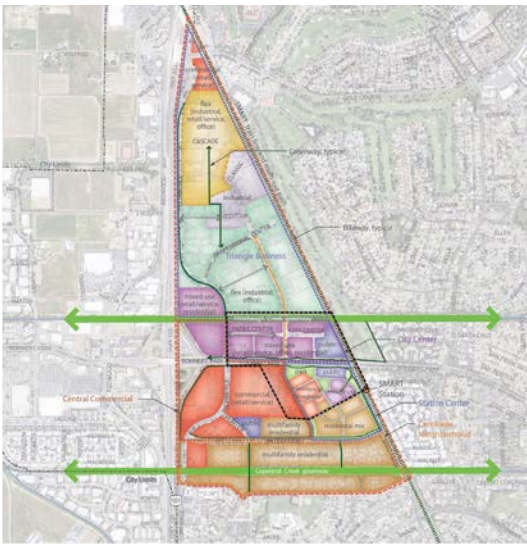
- » As part of revitalizing and creating a Downtown Core, this plan includes the potential for 8.5 additional acres of parkland.

**Northeast Specific Plan Area (NESP)**

- » According to the General Plan 2040, the NESP “proposes the development of a residential community of over 1,000 dwelling units in a variety of housing densities and types, in addition to over 50 acres of parks, open space, and bikeways.”

**SOMO Village/ Willowglen Area**

- » This is a planned development for the southwest section of Rohnert Park. A mixed-use pedestrian-oriented community, this area includes Maurice Fredericks Park and will provide additional housing, as well as commercial and retail support services.



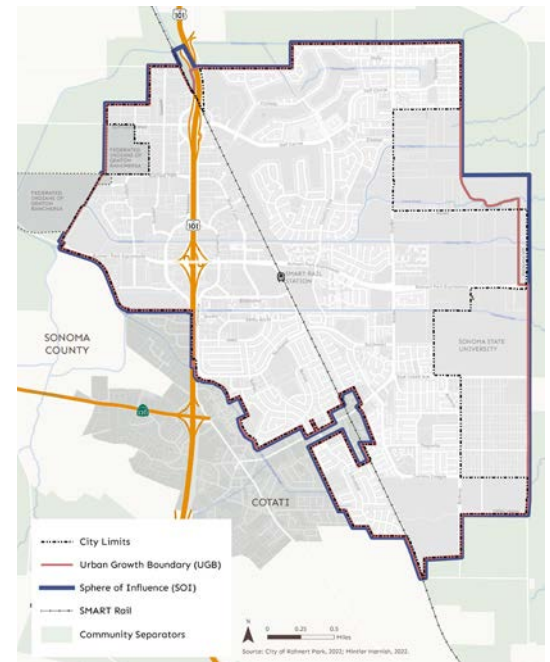
Priority Development Area Concept Plan

## **PLANNING AREA/ SERVICE AREA**

The planning area for the PRMP aligns with the boundaries of the City of Rohnert Park. While the PRMP focuses on evaluating the existing park system and how it meets community needs, it also acknowledges planned developments that will impact the parks and recreation facilities system. The adjacent Sphere of Influence Planning Boundaries map identifies the service area and future developments.

Although the planning area is defined by the City boundary, the parks and recreation facilities serve a broader region, extending beyond the City limits. This larger area is designated as the Sphere of Influence (SOI) in the General Plan 2040.

While the park system includes open space and trails, the PRMP does not provide an open space or trail-specific plan, nor does it assess the urban canopy. The City is currently preparing an Urban Forest Management Plan (UFMP) which will address urban canopy issues. The UFMP will become an important resource for the PRMP once it is published, as it overlaps with several PRMP recommendations.



*Sphere of Influence Planning Boundaries*

## **PARK INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT**

In January and February of 2023, the consultant team, together with City staff from the Community Services and Public Works Departments, conducted an evaluation of the existing parks and recreation facilities system. The team toured 28 parks and 9 facilities as designated by the City. This evaluation assessed their condition, use by the community, code compliance, condition, and opportunities for improvement. The following information was collected:

- » Park Name
- » Park Location
- » Park Size
- » Current Condition:



View of Roberts Lake



View of Rohnert Bark Dog Park

- Poor: Significant issues with code compliance, deferred maintenance, outdated equipment, sport court updates, and maintenance of fields.
  - Fair: Some issues with code compliance and deferred maintenance, with older equipment that will soon need replacement.
  - Good: Minimal issues with code compliance and deferred maintenance. Amenities are in working order, but not at the end of their lifecycle.
  - Excellent: Often assigned to newly built parks with no code compliance issues or deferred maintenance. The amenities are in good condition.
- » Inventory:
    - Amenities
    - Furnishings
    - Facilities
    - Pathway Paving
  - » Recreation Provided
  - » Constraints
  - » Estimated Maintenance
  - » Code Compliance
  - » Opportunities
  - » Additional Observations

The gathered information informs the recommendations and prioritization process, highlighting areas in need of immediate attention.

Overall, the evaluation found that most parks and facilities were ranked between “Fair” and “Good,” with several newly constructed parks rated as ‘Excellent’ and a few of the older parks rated as ‘Poor’.

The parks are categorized as follows:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Category</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Assessment Condition</b>
Alicia Park	Neighborhood Park	5 Acres	Poor
Benicia Park	Neighborhood Park	6 Acres	Fair
Carlita Circle	Mini Park	<1/4 Acre	Good
Caterpillar Park	Neighborhood Park	3 Acres	Fair
Cielo Park	Mini Park	<1 Acre	Fair
Civic Center Park	Mini Park	<1/4 Acre	Poor
Colegio Vista Park	Neighborhood Park	5 Acres	Fair
Dorotea Park	Neighborhood Park	6 Acres	Good
Eagle Park	Community Park	10 Acres	Good
Field of Friends	Special Purpose Park	<1/4 Acre	Fair
Five Creek Park	Mini Park	2/3 Acre	Excellent
Golis Park	Community Park	13 Acres	Good
Griffin's Grove Park	Neighborhood Park	6 Acres	Excellent
Hinebaugh Creek Park	Mini Park	<1/4 Acre	Good
Honeybee Park	Community Park	10 Acres	Fair
Jasmine Tot Lot Park	Mini Park	<1/4 Acre	Good
Lacrosse Mini Park	Mini Park	<1 Acre	Poor
Ladybug Park	Neighborhood Park	5 Acres	Fair
Lilac Tot Lot Park	Mini Park	<1/4 Acre	Poor
Lydia Court Mini Park	Mini Park	<1 Acre	Good
Magnolia Park	Community Park	19 Acres	Good
Maurice Fredericks Park	Neighborhood Park	5 Acres	Excellent
Meadow Pines Mini Park	Mini Park	< 1 Acre	Good
Rainbow Park	Neighborhood Park	2.68 Acres	Good
Roberts Lake	Special Purpose Park	8.5 Acres	Poor
Rohnert Bark Dog Park	Special Purpose Park	<1 Acre	Fair
Sunrise Park	Community Park	9 Acres	Good
Twin Creeks Park	Neighborhood Park	6.83 Acres	Good

Both Civic Center Park and Lydia Court Mini Park initially ranked as 'Poor' condition during the parks and facilities evaluation. By the time of this report, Civic Center has been in design for a newly installed playground and Lydia Court's play structure was updated with the entry pathway repaved.

### **3.2 RECREATION FACILITIES OVERVIEW**

In 2022, the City of Rohnert Park completed a comprehensive inventory and assessment of these

facilities to evaluate their age, size, condition, functionality, and alignment with current and future community needs. The Facility Condition Assessment (FCA) report includes capital needs to address deferred maintenance and recommended annual contributions to proactively address replacement needs prior to failure over a 20-year timeline. This FCA did not confirm compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act. Ultimately, the PRMP did not perform a new facilities assessment report and relies on the FCA findings when discussing the challenges and opportunities these structures present.

The delivery of parks and recreation services in the City of Rohnert Park is impacted by the facilities that are available to support recreation programs, the programs that take place in the community and how Community Services and Public Works is managed and operated.

Rohnert Park consists of 9 recreational facilities, each playing a vital role in supporting the City’s recreation goals and providing space for active sports, community engagement, programming, and special events. In addition to the city’s park system, these facilities serve as hubs for various social and recreational programs, making them integral to the daily lives of residents.

<b>Table 6. Recreation Facilities</b>		
<b>Name</b>	<b>Size</b>	<b>Assessment Condition<sup>2</sup></b>
Benicia Park Recreation Center	3,024 sf	Fair
Burton Ave Park Recreation Center	6,700 sf	Poor
Callinan Sports & Fitness Center	4,600 sf	Fair
Community Center	20,000 sf	Poor
Gold Ridge Recreation Building	16,500 sf	Poor
Ladybug Park Recreation Center	1,145 sf	Poor
Scout Hut	1,328 sf	Poor
Senior Citizen Center	8,000 sf	Poor
Spreckels Performing Arts Center	42,000 sf	Fair

**RECREATION BUILDINGS**

The city has six indoor recreation buildings that can be utilized for recreation activities and events.

**Rohnert Park Community Center**

This is an older center that has one large multiuse room that can be utilized for rentals and events, two activity rooms, dance room, a garden room, and a pottery/craft studio.

- » The center is located on the same campus as the Callinan Sports and Fitness Center and the Spreckels Performing Arts Center.
- » One of the activity rooms houses a preschool that is operated by an independent contractor.

<sup>2</sup> Assessment Condition based on the Facility Condition Assessment Draft Report from August 5, 2022.

- » The building is reasonably well maintained and well used.
- » The center allows alcohol for rentals.
- » There is very little recreation programming directly provided by Community Services staff with most being offered by contract providers.
- » Rentals of the Multipurpose Room are a major use of the space and a source of considerable revenue.
- » There is limited direct full-time staff assigned to the building (Coordinator) but several full-time administrative staff (Director, Recreation Manager, Management Analyst and an Administrative Assistant) are housed in the facility.

### **Callinan Sports and Fitness Center**

This 46,000 SF center features a large gymnasium, sizeable cardio room, free weight equipment area, and two racquetball/handball courts. There are also locker rooms and an office area.

- » The center receives high use and is well maintained.
- » Currently the center has over 2,100 members. This is a 28% increase over the low experienced coming out of the pandemic in March 2022. However, this is still down almost 10% from the start of the pandemic and 16% down since the historic high in July of 2019.
- » There are three different membership packages available to the public, two of which include access to the pools and discounts on fitness and sports classes.
- » There are a range of fitness and sports programs offered at the center.
- » There is a seven-year fitness equipment replacement schedule and \$3 from each monthly membership is utilized to fund the program.



*Rohnert Park Community Center*



*Callinan Sports and Fitness Center*



*Spreckels Performing Arts Center*



*Rohnert Park Senior Center*

- » The center does a great job of tracking membership on an annual basis based on specific membership categories.
- » The center has two full-time staff assigned directly to the facility.
- » With a strong emphasis on fitness, the center would benefit from having a dedicated group exercise room as part of the facility.
- » The two racquetball/handball courts receive limited use.
- » The Child Care Room is underutilized.
- » The Activity Room is vacant and has the potential to be converted into a revenue-generating space.

### **Spreckels Performing Arts Center**

The 41,000 SF building has two theaters built exclusively for dance, music, and theatrical performances. The Nellie W. Coddington Theatre seats 550 and the Bette Condiotti Experimental Theatre (black box) seats up to 125. There is also a box office, a full fly and set shop to support the facility. The center is also the home of the Spreckels Theatre Company.

- » This is a first-class facility that is one of the real gems of the Community Services Department and the City of Rohnert Park.
- » The center is in good condition and is well maintained. There is a lifecycle analysis on theater equipment with a corresponding replacement schedule.
- » The facility is a production-based theater with 4 shows annually in the Coddington Theatre and 3 in the Condiotti Experimental Theatre. There are also presentations held in each theatre through rentals to other performing arts groups.
- » In addition to performances, the center also offers some contract classes for youth.
- » The Center does an excellent job tracking ticket sales and revenue per event/program.
- » The Center also rents space for benefits, festivals, meetings, lectures, receptions, parties, dinners, and seminars.
- » The long-term goal is to increase the number of youth programs and camps that are offered and increase the utilization of the Condiotti Experimental Theatre.
- » There are three full-time staff at the center plus a three-quarter-time marketing person.
- » The center has an established marketing plan for the facility and its performances.
- » There is an endowment fund in place that helps to fund the operation of the center.

## **Rohnert Park Senior Center**

The center is a converted office building that has a large activity room, dining room, craft shop, pool room, classroom, kitchen, and computer lab.

- » Since the building was not designed as a public facility it does not have the most efficient layout or organization of spaces for a senior center.
- » The center has a focus on the older age senior market and focuses on less active recreation pursuits.
- » The building is in fair condition and is reasonably well maintained.
- » Mornings are the most popular time for use and programs and there are efforts to expand more afternoon opportunities. Programs are not currently being offered during the evenings or on weekends.
- » The center has a limited level of in-house programming with much of it being offered by contract with Santa Rosa Community College. These programs are free, but registration is handled directly by the college.
- » A daily lunch (5 days a week) is provided by Sonoma County Council on Aging. They serve 15-20 meals at the center a day but also have an extensive Meals on Wheels program as well.
- » Volunteers are critical to the operation of the center as there are only two full-time staff and a part-time front desk person.
- » The gift shop is operated as a non-profit with 10% of the proceeds going back to the center.
- » There is not adequate space for the program and service demands that are in place.

## **Burton Avenue Recreation Center**

This is a small, older building, which has one large space and a smaller room that is available for recreation programs and rentals.

- » During the summer, Community Services runs camps out of the center and offers a number of contract programs during the school year that take place after school or in the evening.
- » Due to the size and layout of the facility which is fully utilized, it is not feasible to expand youth camp registration.
- » The center is rented out for other community uses and programs.
- » The facility is on the same campus as the Benicia Pool, and it shares its grounds and parking with the neighboring school.
- » The building is only in fair condition, and it does not have a strong appeal from the outside.



Burton Ave Recreation Center

### Gold Ridge Recreation Center

This is part of an old school and is only an elementary school sized gym that is in a larger park.

- » The gym has a vinyl tile floor and there is a raised stage along one side. The facility lacks any support amenities (lobby, locker rooms, storage, etc.) and does not have the benefit of being located with other indoor amenities.
- » Community Services does not provide programs at this location and the gym is mostly rented to community sports groups. The facility is underutilized as a result.
- » The building is in fair condition and is reasonably maintained.



Gold Ridge Recreation Center

### Ladybug Recreation Center

- » In addition to the facilities noted above, the Ladybug Recreation Center is a very small older building that is no longer a public facility and is rented to Alcoholics Anonymous.

### AQUATIC FACILITIES

The City once had five swimming pools but now has three. Two of the pools are seasonal and one operates year-round.

- » Honeybee Pool – This is a Z shaped pool with 6 lanes, a diving wing, and a shallow depth wing.
- » Magnolia Pool – This is also a Z shaped pool with 6 lanes and deeper wing and a shallow depth end.
- » Benicia Pool – This is the City’s smallest pool with an irregular shape, several lap lanes, and a diving board.
- » In 2022 the city renovated the Magnolia Pool and in 2023 the Honeybee Pool. In 2024 the City will have all three pools operational again.
- » Honeybee serves as the City’s only year-round pool and Magnolia and Benicia operate seasonally (June to Labor Day).



Benicia Pool

- » The pools serve competitive swim teams, lap swimming, and recreational swim needs of the community.
- » Swim lessons are offered during the summer when the weather is good, and staff and participants are available. Currently lessons are offered at two pools, one in the morning, and one in the afternoon. Staffing and pool space limit the ability to increase the amount of programming right now.
- » None of the existing pools have a strong recreational orientation, with a lack of slides, interactive features, or other amenities. This limits the appeal to recreational swimmers.
- » The operation of the pools is the responsibility of one full-time Community Services Supervisor. Public Works handles pool mechanical maintenance.

### **ATHLETIC FIELDS**

The city has twenty-seven athletic fields (this includes multi-use overlays) that are spread throughout the community. The following chart notes the number of fields by type and location.

<b>Table 7. Athletic Fields Inventory</b>			
<b>Park</b>	<b>Field</b>	<b>Shape</b>	<b>Notes</b>
Alicia Park	Baseball field	Diamond	
Benicia Park	Baseball field	Diamond	
Caterpillar Park	Open lawn w/ soccer goal posts	Rectangular	Used as soccer field
Colegio Vista Park	Baseball field	Diamond/field	
Colegio Vista Park	Open lawn w/ soccer goal posts	Rectangular	Baseball outfield could be used as multipurpose
Dorotea	Softball field	Diamond	
Eagle Park	Softball field	Diamond	
Eagle Park	Soccer field	Rectangular	Overlaps with softball outfield. Also used for some recreation classes
Golis Park	Baseball field	Diamond	
Golis Park	Soccer field	Rectangular	Overlaps with softball outfield
Golis Park	Softball field	Diamond	Overlaps with Soccer
Ladybug Park	Soccer field	Rectangular	City indicated that field has holes, drainage issues, and poor irrigation
Magnolia Park	Softball field	Diamond	2 fields, one overlaps with soccer so cannot be used simultaneously
Magnolia Park	Soccer field	Rectangular	Overlaps with softball so cannot be used simultaneously

**Table 7. Athletic Fields Inventory**

Park	Field	Shape	Notes
Magnolia Park	Practice field	Rectangular	
Maurice Fredericks Park	Soccer field/open lawn	Rectangular/curved	
Sunrise Park	All-weather artificial turf field	Rectangular	Soccer and Lacrosse
Sunrise Park	Softball field	Diamond	
Twin Creeks Park	Soccer field	Rectangular	Overlaps with baseball field
Twin Creeks Park	Baseball field	Diamond	Sized for youth groups only, no adult leagues

- » Youth sports are by far the largest user of city fields. Overall, there is a total of 21,318 hours of use annually with an average of about 15 hours per week, per field.
- » Many of the athletic fields are multi-use. When this is considered the number of different fields is only 15 with an average usage of 27 hours per week.
- » There is one synthetic turf rectangular athletic field at Sunrise Park.
- » Most fields are in use year-round with no scheduled maintenance period (extended period of no usage for turf repairs and regeneration).
- » Athletic field use and hours are tracked by each field as well as rental revenue received per field.
- » There is an athletic field use policy and priorities of use by different tiers of eligibility.
- » The demand for athletic fields (especially rectangular fields) is higher than can be accommodated with existing fields.

#### **RECREATION FACILITIES SUMMARY**

- » The city has several great indoor facilities, these include:
  - Rohnert Park Community Center
  - Callinan Sports and Fitness Center
  - Spreckels Performing Arts Center
- » These three facilities are located on a single campus that maximizes the cross use of these amenities and provides a focal point for indoor recreation and the arts.
- » The Rohnert Park Senior Center is a serviceable facility at the present time but in the long-term needs improvement or replacement.



*View of outdoor event at Callinan Sports and Fitness Center*

- » The two small centers (Burton and Gold Ridge) are older and in need of upgrades and/or renovation. Neither of these facilities support a high level of programming.
- » There are three outdoor pools in the community, two of which are seasonal and one year-round. All the pools are conventional in nature.
- » The facilities are operated at a high level and there are strong management practices in place.
- » The facilities are generally well maintained and there have been on-going improvements to the larger facilities and the pools.
- » Safety and security are a concern at the indoor facilities and pools and additional safety protocols and equipment are required.
- » There are 27 multiuse athletic fields in the city but only 15 individual field sites. There is a need for additional fields (especially rectangular athletic fields) to support the growing demand. The lack of athletic field availability impacts the level of year-round field-based sports that can be accommodated in the City.
- » The athletic fields need an increased focus on maintenance and turf management. Most of this is a result of overuse.

- » Facility and athletic field rentals are an important service offered by all facilities.
- » Twenty percent of all facility rental revenue goes into a separate account to be used for facility maintenance and upkeep.
- » Public input indicated a high level of satisfaction with existing facilities, but they also are requesting cleaner facilities as well as continued facility improvements.

### 3.3 RECREATION PROGRAMS OVERVIEW

The Community Services Department has limited available in-house programming. Most programming is the responsibility of contract providers or other organizations in the community. In-house and contract programs include:

**Table 8. In-house and Contracted Programming**

Area	Focus	Programs
Sports	Youth Sports	Basic Gymnastics, Jr. Racquetball, All Sorts of Sports Junior Academy, Hit & Run T-Ball, All Sorts of Sports Academy, Basketball Camps, Tennis, Portuguese Futbol Academy, Tee Ball Club, Soccer Club, All Sports Break Camp, Dodgeball, Jr. Giants Baseball/Softball, Volleyball Camp, Flag Football Camp, Cheer/Dance Camp, Soccer Stars
Sports	Adult Sports	Pickleball Clinic, Pickleball Fundamentals, Coed Softball, Women’s and Men’s Softball, Men’s Basketball, Women’s Basketball, Tennis Clinics, Tennis Lessons
Fitness	Youth	N/A
Fitness	Adult	Yoga, Warrior Rhythm, War on Sags and Bulges, Dancercise, Zumba, Ray’s Annihilation
Cultural Arts	Youth	Beginning Ballet, Beginning Ballet and Tap, Watercolor Painting, Cultural Arts Camps, Jr. Jewelers Workshop, Wire Wrapping, Wire Wrapping & Chain Making
Cultural Arts	Adult	Pottery, Watercolor, Fused & Kiln Formed Glass, Improv Tribal Style Belly Dancing, Theater Productions, Acting Instruction, Dancing Instruction, Vocal Training, Jewelry
Aquatics	Youth	Swim Lessons, Lifeguard Training, Private Swim Lessons
Aquatics	Adult	Endurance & Technique, Swim Lessons
Youth		Community Center Tot Time, Summer Camps, Preschool Camp
Education	Youth	N/A
Education	Adult	Spanish
General Interest	Youth	N/A
General Interest	Adult	Voice-Overs
Special Needs	Youth	N/A
Special Needs	Adult	N/A

Table 8. In-house and Contracted Programming		
Area	Focus	Programs
Special Events		Halloween Carnival, The Haunt: Brew and Scare Fest, Pumpkin Splash, Veterans Day Celebration, Holiday Arts & Crafts Faire, Letters to Santa, Rec the Halls, Senior Prom, I Heart Rohnert Park, Summer Kick-Off Brunch & BBQ, Memorial Day, RP Jubilee, Party on the Plaza & Farmers Market
Outdoor Recreation		N/A
Seniors		Special Events, Excursions, Fitness, Self-Improvement, Social Services (see below)
Teens		Leader-in-Training, Teen Excursion Camp
Self-Directed	Youth	Drop-in Swimming
Self-Directed	Adult	Lap/Drop-in Swimming, Fitness, Open Basketball, Open Pottery Studio, Senior Drop-in, Open Volleyball, Challenge Courts-Handball/Racquetball
Social Services		Senior Congregate Dining/Meal Packs, Senior Transportation, Senior Health Seminar, Understanding Medicare

The following highlights summarize important program use statistics.

- » Swim Lessons - Over 1,600 registered last year with an 86% fill rate in 2022. Staffing and pool space limit the ability to increase the amount of programming currently.



View of Dorotea Park

- » Summer Camps - Last year there were almost 1,000 registered participants with a 59% fill rate. This includes the in-house Camp Burton, Teen Camp, and Preschool camp programs with 609 registered at a fill rate of 86%.
- » Fitness Classes - In 2022 there were more than 775 participants in fitness classes. There are 8 different fitness classes offered at a variety of different times Monday through Saturday, in the evenings, on weekdays, and Saturday mornings.
- » Tot-Time Program - This contracted preschool program runs 9 months out of the year with an average of 10 or fewer kids enrolled year-round. The School District recently added TK for 4-year olds which alleviates pressure placed on Tot-Time.

Beyond city programs, other regional public agencies, non-profit organizations, and commercial groups with a relationship with Community Services provide recreation programs in the community.

**GENERAL PROGRAM CATEGORIES**

The following is a list of general program categories where programs are often offered by full-service parks and recreation agencies. It is unusual for an agency to directly offer programs in all these areas, but there are usually either agreements with other providers for some of these activities or a referral to them.

<b>Area</b>	<b>General Description</b>
<b>Sports</b>	Youth and adult team and individual sports. Also includes adventure/non-traditional sports.
<b>Fitness/Wellness</b>	Group fitness classes, personal training, education, and nutrition.
<b>Cultural Arts</b>	Performing arts classes, visual arts classes, music/video production and arts events.
<b>Aquatics</b>	Learn to swim classes, aqua exercise classes, competitive swimming/diving.
<b>Youth</b>	Before and after school programs, summer/school break camps, and preschool.
<b>Education</b>	Language programs, tutoring, science (STEM) classes, computer, and financial planning.
<b>General Interest</b>	Personal development classes.
<b>Special Needs</b>	Programs for the physically and mentally impaired. Also, inclusion programs.
<b>Special Events</b>	City-wide special events that are conducted throughout the year.
<b>Outdoor Recreation</b>	Environmental education, hiking, camping, kayaking, and other activities.
<b>Seniors</b>	Programs and services that are dedicated to serving the needs of seniors.
<b>Teens</b>	Programs and services that are focused on serving the needs of teens.
<b>Self-Directed</b>	This includes the opportunities for individuals to recreate on their own.
<b>Social Services</b>	This can include nutrition and feeding programs, job training, life skills training, and other activities such as health screenings.

**PROGRAM OPPORTUNITIES**

When the recreation services that the city/contract providers and the other organizations are offering are analyzed, only a few of the general program areas do not have at least some basic level of programming being offered.

**Table 10. Program Areas Offered**

Program Areas	City/Contract Providers	Other Organizations
Sports	YES	YES
Fitness/Wellness	YES	YES
Cultural Arts	YES	YES
Aquatics	YES	
Youth	YES	YES
Education	YES	YES
General	YES	YES
Special Needs		YES
Special Events	YES	YES
Outdoor Recreation		YES
Seniors	YES	YES
Teens	YES	YES
Self-Directed	YES	YES
Social Services	YES	YES

For the program areas that the city or organizations are not providing, the community must be reliant on other agencies or private providers in the area for these services. However, many of these program opportunities require the recipient to leave Rohnert Park (other cities, etc.).

**Recreation Programming Summary:**

- » Community Services has identified core recreation functions for recreation to include:
  - Programs/services for all ages
  - Summer camps
  - Performing arts
  - Community events
  - Parks
- » Community Services has identified discretionary recreation functions as:
  - Youth and adult sports (softball, baseball, football, cheer, soccer, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, swimming).



View of food truck event



View of soccer camp

- Specialty recreation classes (fitness, music, dance, sports, martial arts, cooking, crafting).
- Senior Center excursions and special events.
- » Program strengths and areas of focus for in-house recreation programs and services are in the following areas:
  - Cultural arts, especially the performing arts
  - Youth programs, primarily summer camps
  - Special events
  - Aquatics
  - Self-directed
- » Program areas where there are limited in-house recreation programs and services include:
  - Education
  - General interest
  - Special needs
  - Outdoor recreation
  - Teens
- » Due to the presence of the Spreckels Performing Arts Center, the Community Services Department has an outstanding performing arts program that is a key foundational aspect of the overall recreation program offerings of the city.
- » Senior programming has a focus on the older and more sedentary senior with less of an emphasis on the younger more active senior.
- » There are limited recreation programs being offered directly by Community Services. Approximately 80% of recreation programs are contracted. These are primarily individual contracts. Gross revenue is split anywhere from 65%/35% to 70%/30% and even 80%/20%.

- » Most of the youth sports camps are offered by the National Academy of Athletics.
- » Parent-run youth sports organizations provide most of the team-based youth sports programs in the city.
- » A significant number of senior programs are offered by contract with Santa Rosa Junior College.
- » Program offerings that are negatively impacted by a lack of space include:
  - Swim lessons
  - Summer camps
  - Youth sports
- » Even when the programs being offered by other organizations in the community are included, there are still program areas that appear not to be well covered. These include:
  - Special Needs
  - Teens
- » Most Community Services and contract programs emanate out of the city's four primary indoor centers (Community Center, Callinan Sports and Fitness Center, Spreckels Performing Arts Center, and the Senior Center) and three aquatic facilities (Magnolia, Honeybee and Benicia).
- » There is not a formal program plan in place to guide the delivery of services by the City and other organizations and ensure that the needs of the community are being met in all program areas.
- » The Community Services Department has an established fee schedule for recreation programs and services and utilizes the City Council adopted Cost Recovery Policy to guide fee setting for internal programs and facility use.
- » There are existing program metrics that detail the number of people being served by in-house programs or ones offered by contract providers. Community Services utilizes a recreation software system to track basic performance characteristics including activity, location, program dates, instructor, minimum/maximum registration, method of registration, number enrolled, waitlists and revenue collected.
- » The Spreckels Performing Arts Center does a good job of tracking event/program attendance and revenue per event/program.
- » A printed recreation brochure is distributed 3 times a year winter/spring, summer, and fall. The brochure is mailed to each household in the city and is posted on the city web site.
- » Some recreation programs do not have the benefit of having an established marketing plan beyond the seasonal program brochure or web site. Community events have an

established marketing plan. Spreckels Performing Arts Center does have a plan in place to promote their programs and events.

- » There is an athletic field use policy to guide field allocation priorities.
- » Recreation staff has identified the following recreation programs as being in high demand.
  - Swim Lessons
  - Summer Camps
  - Youth Sports - run by others but use city fields
  - Fitness

### **3.4 MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS OVERVIEW**

With limited staff and planning time, the city still has a reasonably strong approach to managing operations and maintenance of parks and facilities as well as providing recreation programs and operating facilities.

#### **ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE AND STAFFING**

Staffing for parks and recreation services is separated into two departments, Community Services and Public Works. Community Services is responsible for the delivery of recreation programs and services as well as the operation of community centers, senior center, pools, and the performing arts center.

Community Services focuses on four major areas and nine full-time staff:

- » Administration – This area relies upon three full-time staff (Director, Recreation Manager, and Management Analyst) and is responsible for the overall operation and management of recreation facilities and programs. The Director also oversees the Performing Arts Center and the City’s Animal Shelter.
- » Aquatics and Sports Center – The area relies upon two full-time staff (Supervisor and Member Services Specialist) and two part-time positions. It is responsible for the operation of the Callinan Sports and Fitness Center, Gold Ridge and Burton as well as adult and youth sports programs and the aquatics program, including the three pools.
- » Community Center – This area overseen by the Recreation Manager and an administrative assistant handles the operations and management of the Community Center. A Coordinator oversees all in-house programs and the facility rental program including their respective part-time staff.
- » Senior Center – This area is overseen by the Supervisor and a Coordinator. The Senior Center handles operation and recreation programming of the Senior Center as well as many of the City’s special events.

Staffing levels in Community Services (primarily in Recreation) are at a minimum level and if facility operations and recreation programming are to expand, additional staffing will be required.

The Spreckels Performing Arts Center staff has three full-time positions, Manager (who reports to the Community Services Director), Box Office Coordinator, and Tech Director. There is also a three-quarter-time Marketing Specialist.

Public Works is responsible for the maintenance of the City's parks as well as the maintenance of the community centers, performing arts center, and pools. Staffing consists of 11 full-time staff, that includes 9 Parks Maintenance Workers, an Arborist and the Public Works Operations Manager. Together the staff maintain 180 acres – a high ratio of acres to staff. Given the extensive list of specific maintenance tasks that need to be completed without a comprehensive maintenance plan, staffing is only at an adequate level.

Facilities Maintenance has six full-time staff and one Facilities Maintenance Supervisor. The staff are responsible for handling maintenance tasks, cleaning recreation buildings, and maintaining the Aquatic Center. There is no assignment of staff based on specific facilities or square footage per employee. For the facilities that must be maintained the current staffing is at a minimal level.

#### **BUDGETS AND FUNDING**

The City has a number of budget accounts that cover recreation programming, recreation facilities operations, and parks and facilities maintenance.

Community Services has a significant number of budget accounts that allow for a basic level of cost center accounting to be in place to track expenditures. These accounts come from fees collected at Gold Ridge, Senior Center, Aquatics, Sports Center, Community Centers, Performing Arts, Program and Events, and Parks and Rentals. There are also some unique special accounts in Community Services that generate small revenue amounts that help lower other budget account expenditures. These include the following:

- » Community Services Facility Fee – 20% of all rental fees go to renovation of the facilities.
- » PAC Facility Fund – \$2 per ticket sold is allocated for capital replacement.
- » Spreckels Endowment Fund – This fund helps to pay a portion of the operation of the Spreckels Performing Arts Center operations on an annual basis.
- » Senior Center Fund – Proceeds from bingo are deposited in this account for special programs and facility needs.
- » Sports Center Facility Fund – \$3.00 of each center membership/admission goes to a fund fitness equipment in the center.

Together though, the current level of funding for Community Services is only at an adequate level.

Public Works has a specific budget for Park Maintenance and an account for Facilities Maintenance. While facility expenses are tracked separately, it is not possible to account for the individual park

maintenance costs, nor are there separate budgets for specific parks or facilities maintenance. This is now considered as a best practice for parks and recreation agencies. Parks and Facilities Maintenance has a 5-year CIP plan that is updated yearly, and the Public Works Department receives considerable capital funding. However, for facilities, in the future this needs to be directly tied to the facilities assessment study that has been completed. The current level of funding for parks and facilities maintenance is only at an adequate level to do minimal work and is insufficient to address deferred maintenance.

The general fund provides most of the funding Community Services and Public Works management and operations. Additional funds come from Measure M. Measure M is a 1/8 of a cent sales tax assessed in Sonoma County and a percentage is distributed back to the city for parks and recreation operations.

#### **MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS SUMMARY:**

- » The Recreation Division has a minimal level of full-time staffing in place and there is only a basic level of staffing for the Performing Arts Center.
- » The level of staffing for Parks Maintenance is at a minimal level only and does not meet the industry standard of one staff person per 15 acres, and Facilities Maintenance is understaffed for the facilities it maintains.
- » The general level of maintenance for parks is strong but needs to be increased in some areas such as athletic field maintenance.
- » Parks maintain 180 acres of park land and there are three maintenance zones within the city, north, south, and west, with staff being assigned to each zone.
- » There needs to be a capacity/use analysis completed to determine the acceptable level of use for athletic fields to minimize turf damage.
- » The general level of maintenance of recreation facilities, including pools, is strong.
- » Facilities maintenance has a strong preventative maintenance program in place.
- » There is a strong need for a comprehensive overall maintenance plan.
- » Current operations and maintenance funding is only at an adequate level.
- » Operational budgets need to better reflect the true costs of providing services and maintaining facilities. At present, facility expenses, including maintenance, likely exceed the revenues generated. There needs to be a greater focus on cost center budgeting practices.
- » There are strong operational policies and procedures to ensure a uniform and consistent approach to providing programs and facilities.

- » Key performance indicators need to be established for all aspects of the department’s operation.
- » There is no coordinated marketing of recreation (beyond the Performing Arts Center) opportunities to the community.

### 3.5 DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

When analyzing the needs of the community, it is important to understand who the parks and recreation system serve. To that end, Ballard\*King conducted a demographics analysis of Rohnert

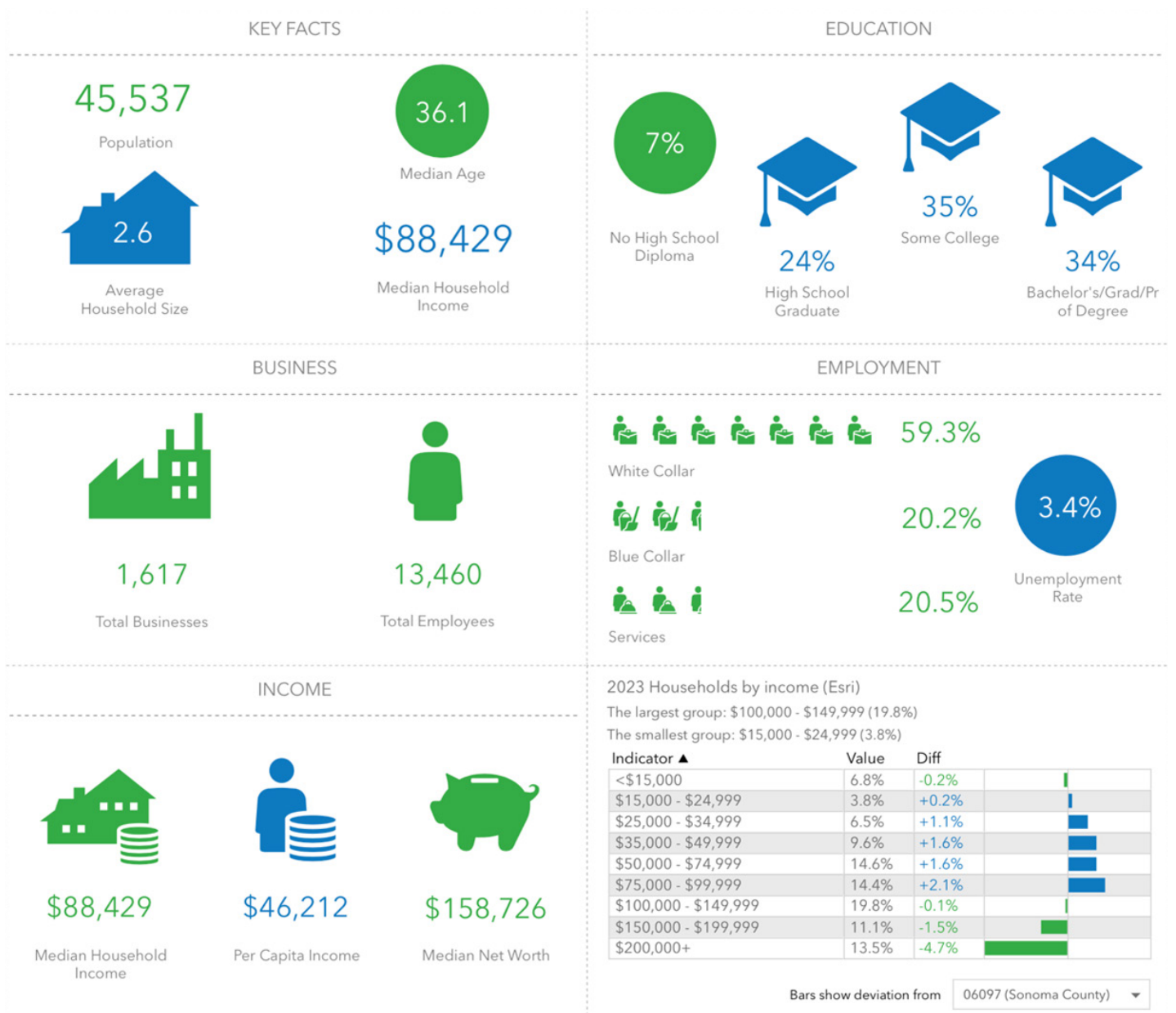


Figure 3: Rohnert Park Key Facts

Park. The following data<sup>3</sup> not only provides an overview of the current community that utilizes the parks and recreation facilities but also helps predict future needs based on factors like age and family size.

**POPULATION**

As of 2023, the Population of Rohnert Park was reported at 45,537, reflecting a growth from 44,390 in 2020. The City’s population is projected to reach 46,000 in 2028 with continued growth anticipated. The 2040 General Plan Buildout (GPB) predicts that Rohnert Park’s population will reach nearly 60,000 residents by 2040. This growth will impact the GPB, calling for additional housing and services. The PRMP must also consider this expansion, as it will impact the parks and recreation facilities required to support an increased population.

**Table 11. 2023 City of Rohnert Park Age Comparisons**

Ages	2020 Census	2023 Projection	2028 Projection	Percent Change	Percent Change Nat'l
-5	2,481	2,261	2,346	-5.4%	-9.1%
5-17	6,769	6,022	6,000	-11.4%	-8.2%
18-24	7,511	4,836	4,714	-37.2%	-7.7%
25-44	11,919	14,784	14,733	23.6%	+3.6%
45-54	6,592	4,911	4,970	-24.6%	-16.5%
55-64	5,025	5,618	5,026	0.0%	+1.7%
65-74	2,180	4,410	4,639	112.8%	+61.3%
75+	1,926	2,695	3,572	85.5%	+51.1%

**AGE**

Rohnert Park has a median Age of 36.1 years, which is lower than the state of California and national medians. A younger median age suggests a community with a high presence of families with children. This is a key consideration as the needs of families will be a critical factor in planning the City’s parks and facilities over the next 20 years.

<sup>3</sup> Data gathered by Ballard\*King is sourced from the Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI). ESRI utilizes 2020 Census data and their demographers for 2023-2028 projections. ESRI also provides data on housing, recreation, entertainment spending, and adult participation in activities.

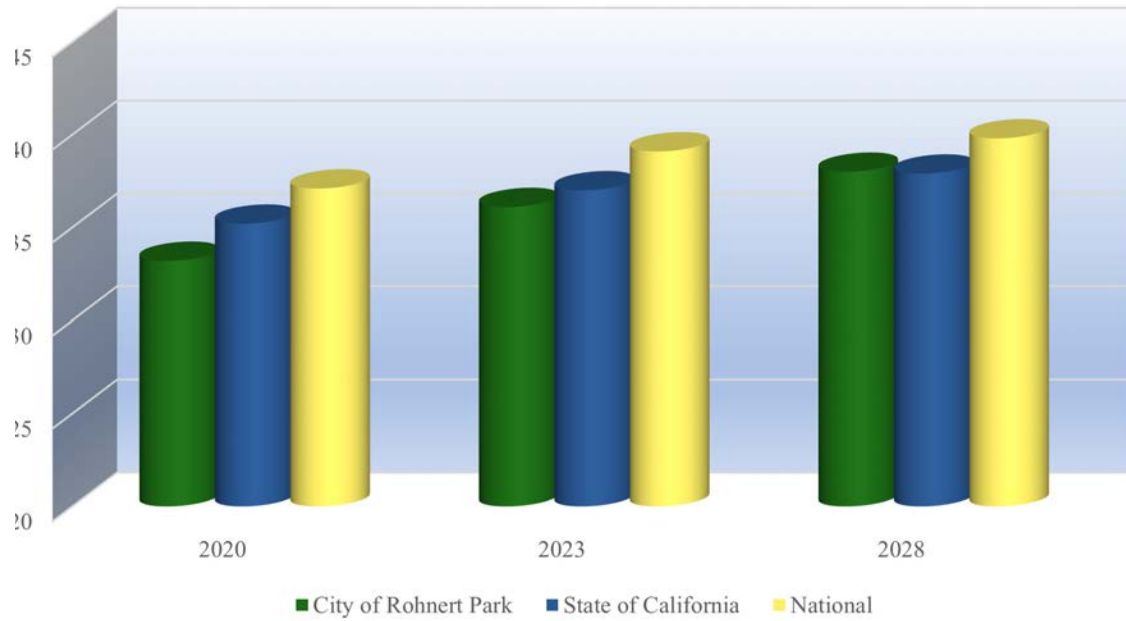


Figure 4: Rohnert Park median age

	2020 Census	2023 Projection	2028 Projection
City of Rohnert Park	33.2	36.1	38.0
State of California	35.2	37.0	37.9
Nationally	37.1	39.1	39.8

**ETHNICITY AND RACE**

The ethnic and racial makeup of a city offers insight into the community’s diversity. Rohnert Park is a predominantly non-Hispanic city, with a large White population (57.6%) and a notable percentage of people identifying with multiple races (15.2%). The city’s ethnic and racial makeup is somewhat less diverse than the broader state population, especially in terms of Hispanic and Asian residents. The community is relatively younger compared to the state’s median age, particularly among Hispanic and mixed-race populations, which will be important in shaping the types of parks and recreation facilities needed for families and younger residents in the coming years.

Ethnicity	Total Population	Median Age	% of Population	% of CA Population
Hispanic/Latino	13,937	30.2	30.6%	40.6%
Non-Hispanic	31,600		69.4%	59.4%

**Table 14. City of Rohnert Park by Race and Median Age 2023**

Race	Total Population	Median Age	% of Population	% of CA Population
White	26,237	43.0	57.6%	39.6%
Black	1,010	41.0	2.2%	5.7%
American Indian	724	38.8	1.6%	1.6%
Asian	3,204	39.1	7.0%	16.0%
Pacific Islander	180	38.2	0.4%	0.4%
Other	7,271	30.7	16.0%	21.8%
Multiple	6,911	26.1	15.2%	14.9%

**HOUSEHOLD INCOME**

Rohnert Park’s median household income is \$88,429, which is greater than both the state of California and national averages. This figure is estimated to grow to \$101,089 by 2028.

**Table 15. Median Household Income**

	2023 Projection	2028 Projection
City of Rohnert Park	\$88,429	\$101,089
State of California	\$65,081	\$76,713
Nationally	\$72,603	\$82,410

This information is used to calculate the Spending Potential Index (SPI) of Rohnert Park which measures the likelihood of households spending on recreation activities.<sup>4</sup> The SPI considers spending

<sup>4</sup> Consumer Spending data are derived from the 2019 and 2021 Consumer Expenditure Surveys, Bureau of Labor Statistics. ESRI forecasts for 2023 and 2028.

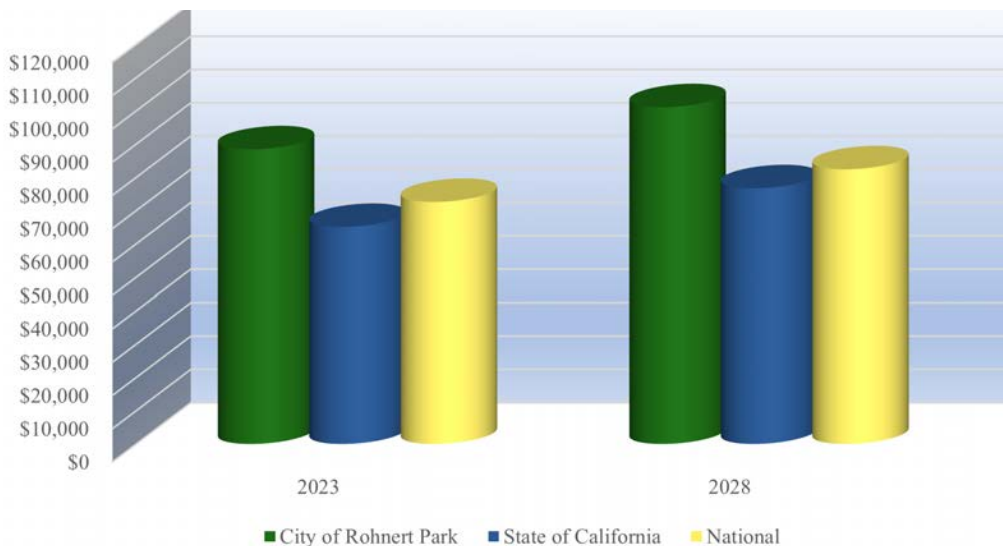


Figure 5: Rohnert Park median household income

across five categories:

- » Participant Sports
- » Recreational Lessons
- » Social, Recreational, Club Membership
- » Exercise Equipment/Game Tables
- » Other Sports Equipment

<b>Table 16. Recreation Expenditures Spending Potential Index</b>		
<b>City of Rohnert Park</b>	<b>SPI</b>	<b>Average Spent</b>
Fees for Participant Sports	114	\$135.80
Fees for Recreational Lessons	111	\$160.37
Social, Recreation, Club Membership	111	\$308.72
Exercise Equipment/Game Tables	121	\$117.99
Other Sports Equipment	104	\$11.63
<b>State of California</b>	<b>SPI</b>	<b>Average Spent</b>
Fees for Participant Sports	123	\$146.85
Fees for Recreational Lessons	136	\$197.29
Social, Recreation, Club Membership	122	\$337.92
Exercise Equipment/Game Tables	126	\$122.60
Other Sports Equipment	112	\$12.52
Average Amount Spent: The average amount spent on the service or item in a year.		
SPI: Spending potential index as compared to the national number of 100.		

Rohnert Park’s SPI is lower than the California average but higher than the National average, with the highest SPI in the categories of Exercise Equipment and Participant Sports. Ballard\*King’s analysis indicates a strong correlation between median household income, household budget expenditures, and recreation and spending potential.

Overall, the analysis shows a family-oriented city with a growing median income and an SPI higher than the national average. This context supports the expressed needs and desires of the community discussed in Chapter 4, Needs Assessment.

**TAPESTRY SEGMENTATION**

Tapestry segmentation represents the 4th generation of market segmentation systems that began 30 years ago. The 67-segment Tapestry Segmentation system classifies U.S. neighborhoods based on

their socioeconomic and demographic compositions. While the demographic landscape of the U.S. has changed significantly since the 2000 Census, the tapestry segmentation has remained stable as neighborhoods have evolved.

There is value including this information for the City of Rohnert Park. The data assists the organization in understanding the consumers/constituents in their service area and supplies them with the right products and services.

The Tapestry segmentation system classifies U.S. neighborhoods into 65 market segments. Neighborhoods are sorted by over 60 attributes including income, employment, home value, housing types, education, household composition, age and other key determinates of consumer behavior.

The following pages and tables outline the top 5 tapestry segments in the primary service area and provide a brief description of each. This information combined with the key indicators and demographic analysis of each service area help further describe the markets that the City of Rohnert Park looks to serve with programs, services, and special events.

**Table 17. Rohnert Park Tapestry Segment Comparison**

	City of Rohnert Park		Demographics	
	Percent	Cumulative Percent	Median Age	Median HH Income
Bright Young Professionals (8C)	26.4%	26.4%	33.0	\$54,000
Home Improvement (4B)	12.6%	39.0%	37.7	\$72,100
Down the Road (10D)	8.6%	47.6%	35.0	\$38,700
Old and Newcomers (8F)	8.0%	55.6%	39.4	\$44,900
Pleasantville (2B)	6.3%	61.9%	42.6	\$92,900

- » Bright Young Professionals (8C) – This is a large market with young well-educated professionals. Physically active and up to date with technology where they get all their information.
- » Home Improvement (4B) – Families that spend the majority of the time on the go. They eat out regularly and weekends are consumed with remodeling projects and chasing children.
- » Down the Road (10D) – Young diverse communities with highest proportion of American Indians. Family-oriented consumers with traditional values. Prefer convenience.
- » Old and Newcomers (8F) – Singles living on a budget. Just beginning careers or taking college/adult education classes. Strong supporters of environmental organizations.
- » Pleasantville (2B) – Transitioning into empty nests, residents spend their spare time with sports and home improvement. Willing to spend money on quality and brands. This demographic enjoys the outdoors and frequents museums.



View of Dorotea Park

## 4.0 NEEDS ASSESSMENT

### 4.1 OVERVIEW

The Needs Assessment and Gap Analysis for the Parks and Recreation Master Plan compares the City of Rohnert Park’s existing recreation offerings with the identified needs of the community. This comparison highlights opportunities for park and facility improvements and identifies maintenance initiatives that will address the community’s needs.

This assessment is informed by data gathered during the Inventory and Analysis, as well as the Community Outreach of the PRMP process. Additionally, the analysis considers the City’s demographic profile and current recreational trends.

### 4.2 SUPPLY

The City provides a robust parks and recreation facilities system that includes 28 parks, 9 facilities, a network of walking and hiking trails, and open space. This report focuses on the parks and facilities within the system. Currently, the parks and facilities provide adequate access to recreational space for each neighborhood.

The Inventory and Analysis assessed the conditions of the parks and their amenities. Overall, the evaluation reveals a good variety of parks and amenities, with a relatively equitable distribution of parks across neighborhoods.

Key findings include:

- » Restroom maintenance: More frequent restroom maintenance is needed.
- » Field maintenance: Rohnert Park has 27 multi-use athletic fields across 15 parks. Additional fields, especially rectangular athletic fields, are needed to meet the growing demand. The lack of availability limits year-round field-based sports.
- » Code compliance: Various amenities require updates to be ADA-compliant.
- » Mini parks and tot lots: Future evaluation is needed to determine how to most effectively use these spaces.

#### EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

The assessment of recreation facilities highlighted the following:

- » Rohnert Park Senior Center: This is a serviceable facility currently, but long-term improvement or replacement will be needed.
- » Burton and Gold Ridge Centers: These smaller and older buildings require upgrades or

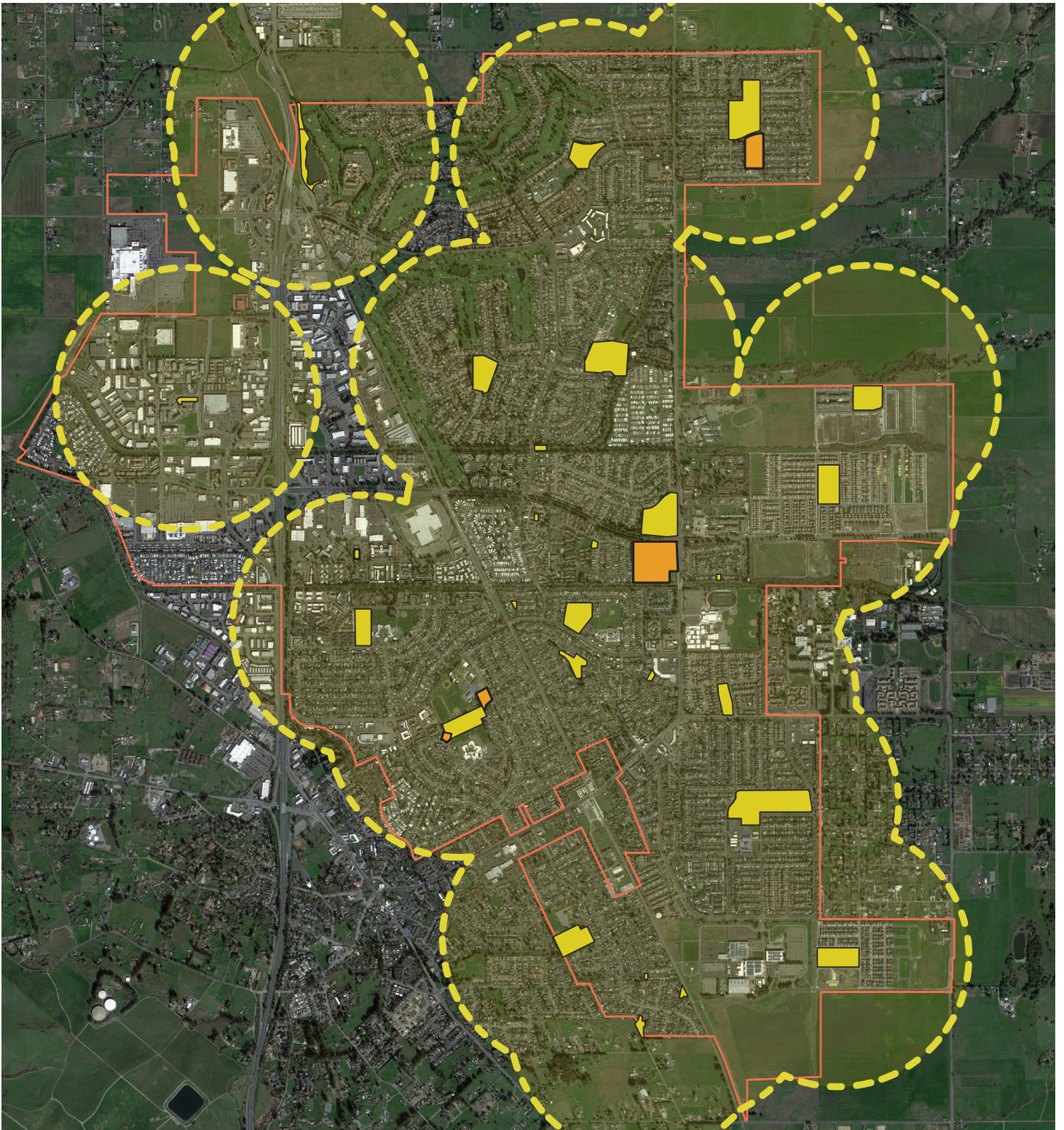


Figure 7: Rohnert Park 1/2-mile radius from parks and facilities

renovations. Neither facility supports a high level of programming.

- » Outdoor pools: There are three outdoor pools, two of which are seasonal and one year-round. All are conventional pools.
- » Facility operations: The facilities are operated at a high level and there are strong management practices in place. The facilities are generally well maintained and there have been on-going improvements to the larger facilities and the pools.
- » Safety concerns: There are safety and security concerns at indoor facilities and pools, and additional safety protocols and equipment are required.
- » Athletic fields: An increase in maintenance and turf management are increasingly important due to overuse.

### RECREATION PROGRAM ASSESSMENT

Community Services has identified the following core recreation functions:

- » Programs and services for all ages
- » Summer camps
- » Performing arts
- » In-house live theater
- » Education
- » Rentals
- » Community events
- » Parks
- » Volunteer programs
- » Courts and picnic rentals

Community Services has identified discretionary recreation functions as:



*View of community event*

- » Youth and adult sports (softball, baseball, football, cheer, soccer, lacrosse, basketball, volleyball, swimming)
- » Specialty recreation classes (fitness, music, dance, sports, martial arts, cooking, crafting)
- » Senior Center excursions and special events

The City's strengths include cultural and performing arts programming, youth programs, special events, aquatic programs, and self-directed programming. The presence of the Spreckels Performing Arts Center allows the Community Services Department to offer an outstanding performing arts program, which is a foundational aspect of the overall recreation program.

However, the City's in-house programs and services in education, general interest, special needs, outdoor recreation, and teen services are limited. Some programs in these areas are offered by contract providers, but gaps still exist, particularly for special needs and teen programs.

Senior programming focuses on older, more sedentary seniors, with less emphasis on younger, more active seniors. A significant number of senior programs are contracted through Santa Rosa Junior College.

Most youth sports camps are offered by the National Academy of Athletics, while parent-run organizations manage most team-based youth sports programs.

A lack of available space limits the capacity for high-demand programs, including swim lessons, summer camps, and youth sports. Fitness and tot-time programs also face space constraints.

Currently, there is no formal program plan to guide the delivery of services by the City and other organizations, which would ensure that the community needs are met across all program areas.

## **4.3 DEMAND**

### **DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE**

In the previous section, the demographic profile of Rohnert Park described a population of 45,537 in 2023 that is experiencing steady growth and projected to reach 60,000 by 2040. This growth will impact the demand for parks and recreation facilities, necessitating the expansion of services to accommodate the increasing number of residents. The city's median age of 36.1 years indicates a young, family-oriented population. A large proportion of these families have children, making the needs of youth and families critical in shaping decisions about future park and recreation facility improvements. Furthermore, as Rohnert Park grows in population, it is essential to plan for diverse community needs across different age groups, particularly considering the growth in older residents (ages 65+), which will influence the types of recreational activities required.

Rohnert Park is predominantly White (57.6%), with Hispanic (30.2%) and mixed-race populations (15.2%). The city's ethnic makeup, along with its younger median age, emphasizes the need for

inclusive park spaces that serve both active youth and multi-generational households. These trends must be reflected in park designs, ensuring accessibility and relevance to all cultural and age groups, especially with the projected increase in population diversity by 2040.

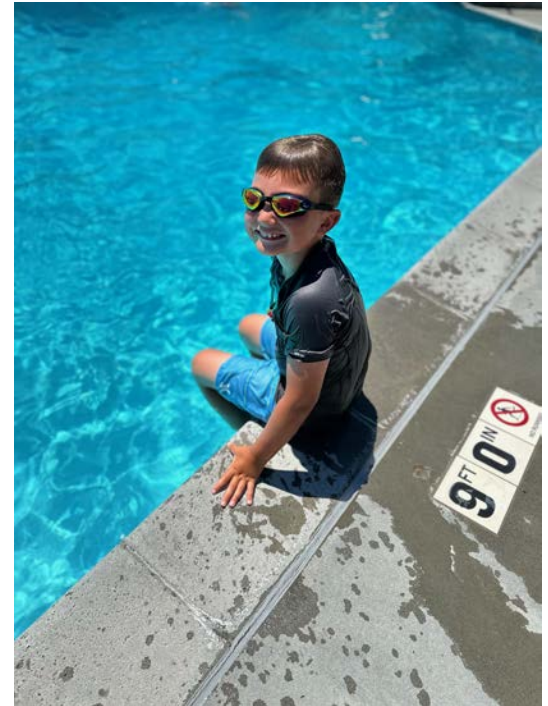
Finally, Rohnert Park’s median household income of \$88,429 is higher than both state and national averages, with an expected increase by 2028. The City’s Spending Potential Index (SPI), which measures the likelihood of households spending on recreational activities, indicates a strong inclination toward participation in sports, recreational lessons, and social memberships. Many individuals will likely seek high-quality, well-maintained park facilities and recreation programs. The PRMP should account for these spending habits, appealing to both family-focused and professional populations, while also balancing active and passive recreation needs across various socioeconomic groups.

## COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

In collaboration with the City, an engagement process was developed to gather feedback on the recreational needs of residents and users of the Rohnert Park parks and recreation facilities system. This process included a Statistically Valid Survey (SVS), a Community Needs Survey (CNS), an in-person community workshop, and a series of stakeholder interviews.

### Key Findings:

- » Residents and users are generally satisfied with Rohnert Park’s parks and recreation facilities. They are satisfied with both the available facilities as well as the activities and programs offered.
- » Respondents largely ranked the quality of the facilities as Excellent/Good.
- » Residents expressed a preference to renovate existing amenities, parks, and facilities, rather than adding new ones.
- » The highest ranked sports and athletic activities are walking/hiking/jogging and swimming.



*View of aquatic activity*



*View of open space*

- » The most popular leisure and cultural activities are visiting local parks to enjoy nature, reading, and attending live performances.
- » The community prefers self-directed activities, community events, and nature-based programming.
- » The community engagement process identified the following recreation program/activities priorities:
  - More programs for children aged 3-7
  - More teen-oriented programs
- » Adults prefer the following sports and athletic activities:
  - Walking, hiking, jogging
  - Fitness
  - Swimming
  - Cycling
  - Soccer
- » The community ranked highly the following leisure and cultural activities for adults:
  - Visiting a local park and enjoying nature
  - Reading
  - Attending cultural activities
  - Self-help and wellness
- » The most important sports activities include:
  - Walking, hiking, jogging
  - Fitness-yoga, weightlifting, cardio, dance
  - Cycling
  - Golf
- » Leisure activities of high value to the community include:
  - Online gaming
  - Going to a local park/enjoying nature
  - Cooking/baking

- Reading
- Gardening

These community preferences align with current national trends in recreation which highlight the growing importance of nature-based activities, fitness, and self-directed leisure.

## RECREATIONAL TRENDS

Understanding current trends in recreation, finances, and demographics is essential for shaping the future of Rohnert Park’s parks and recreation facilities system. The PRMP not only factors in general trends within the parks and recreation field but also aligns with key themes of the City’s General Plan 2040, including Racial and Environmental Justice and Sustainability. These themes are reflected in national recreation trends and should be factored into the City’s decision-making process about park and facility improvements.

Below are relevant trends observed between 2023 and 2024 that inform the PRMP:

### Outdoor Participation<sup>1</sup>

Since 2016, the Outdoor Foundation has reported an increase in participants in outdoor activities. The foundation writes in their Outdoor Participation Report that this number grew exponentially during the COVID-19 pandemic, and in 2023 the research still finds growing interest in outdoor events.

While the total number of Americans participating in outdoor recreation increased, the frequency of outings per participant decreased. Casual outdoor participants participate in outdoor activities 4 to 24 times a year, and are likely to be either 24 or younger, or 55 and older. These participants are motivated by reasons such as spending time with friends, building community, boosting mental health, connecting with nature, and having shared experiences.

The five most popular outdoor recreation activities in 2023 by participation rate were:

- » Bicycling 17.2%
- » Camping 17.7%
- » Running, Jogging, Trail Running 17.9%
- » Fishing 18.2%
- » Hiking (Day) 20%

Overall, the report states that gauging need and increasing outdoor access is vital. This includes the creation of programs that are inclusive of and engaging to underrepresented groups, as well as advocating for resources to increase diversity in the outdoors. This includes accounting for both frequent and casual participants of services and programs.

<sup>1</sup> Outdoor Foundation, & Outdoor Industry Association. (n.d.). 2024 Outdoor Participation Trends Report Executive Summary . Boulder; Colorado. <https://outdoorindustry.org/article/2024-outdoor-participation-trends-report/>

## Art & Cultural Event Trends

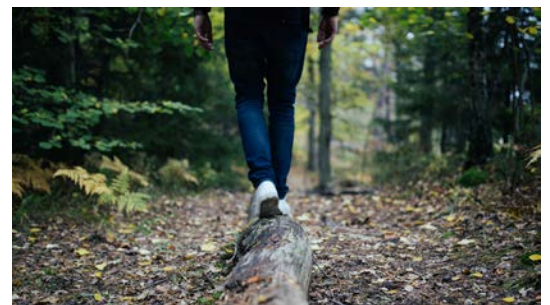
The National Arts Statistics and Evidence-Based Reporting Center (NASERC) crafted a 2022 report<sup>2</sup> that analyzed attendance trends for Arts & Cultural Events in the United States. The report finds that 52% of adults reported creating or performing any art in 2022, as well as 38% of adults reported attending a live arts performance. Of the report indicators, data on who is attending in-person art events, and how much time Americans spend on arts activities has relevance to the PRMP.

Rohnert Park is home to a unique performing arts scene, with the Spreckels Theater Company operating through one of the City-owned facilities. Community feedback indicates an interest from residents in cultural activities, including music and live performance.

The NASERC report gathers information on the attendance of adults aged 18 and older at live performing arts events, art museums, places with historical or design value, attending craft fairs, and going to the movies. This report shows a decrease in in-person attendance at art events or venues between 2017 and 2022. This may be attributed to the COVID-19 pandemic and the subsequent shift in interests of American adults. Of all selected art and cultural activities, most adults reported going to the movies (43.0% in 2022) or attending any live performance (37.6% in 2022).

Also, of relevance to the PRMP is the report’s findings on how much time Americans spend on arts activities. Pulling from the American Time Use Survey, the report shows a slight increase in writing for personal interest and doing arts and crafts as a hobby between 2009-11 and 2022-23. This portion of the study shows a decrease in attending in-person events such as performing arts, movies, or dancing, and an increase in individual activities such as reading, listening to, or playing music, or arts and crafts as a hobby. This may also be attributed in part to the COVID-19 pandemic.

Of the individuals who reported spending at least some time pursuing an arts activity (ages 15 and older), respondents reported spending the most time attending museums, followed by performing arts, and movies or films.



Five most popular outdoor activities

<sup>2</sup> Measuring the Arts: Arts participants. National Endowment for the Arts. (n.d.). <https://www.arts.gov/impact/research/NASERC/arts-participants>

## State of the Managed Recreation Industry

A study conducted by Recreation Management, a national organization focused on recreation and sports and fitness facilities, shows an optimistic outlook for the industry. With gathered input from public and private recreation service providers throughout the United States their 2024 report<sup>3</sup> predicts stability and growth. Additional findings include:

- » Respondents are optimistic about revenue growth in 2025.
- » The top 3 industry challenges are: staffing, maintenance, and safety/risk management. Additional challenges include increasing participation, programming, and general fitness.
- » The 10 most commonly planned program additions are:
  - Environmental education programs
  - Education programs
  - Holiday events and other special events
  - Fitness programs
  - Mind-body balance programs
  - Adult sports teams
  - Teen programming
  - Programs for active older adults
  - Group exercise programs
  - Special needs programs
- » The 10 most common initiatives that organizations are involved in are:
  - Wellness initiatives
  - Inclusion initiatives for those with physical disabilities
  - Inclusion initiatives for those with developmental disabilities
  - Outreach to economically disadvantaged populations
  - Outreach to underserved populations
  - Programs to connect people with nature
  - Outreach to minority populations

<sup>3</sup> Our 2024 report on the state of the managed recreation industry. Recreation Management. (2024, June 6). <https://recmanagement.com/articles/154521/our-2024-report-state-managed-recreation-industry>

- Disaster recovery assistance
- Initiatives to reduce hunger and improve nutrition
- Resource conservation and green initiatives

These responses provide additional information for the shaping of trends and direction of similar jurisdictions in the regional area. The identified planned programs and initiatives are supported by the feedback given in the Statistically Valid Survey and Community Surveys.

### **Inclusivity by Design<sup>4</sup>**

As national trends towards encouraging inclusivity of historically underrepresented groups gains traction, this shapes the unique needs of communities to provide more inclusive spaces. An inclusive space accounts for differences and recognizes that discrimination based on race, sexuality, gender, ability, and age, has historically occurred in public spaces. Parks and recreation facilities are no exception towards such behavior and can be designed and programmed to be more inclusive of all. Embracing universal design, designing for gendered dynamics and gender inclusion, providing spaces for cultural activities, or embracing the historical cultural story of a space can help create environments that are welcoming to all residents.

### **Technology and Social Media**

As mobile technology continues to assert its importance in the habits and lives of our communities, the use of apps and the internet reveal opportunities to engage users in activities and programming. Information provided via the internet regarding the parks and recreation facilities network must be accurate, accessible, and easy to understand. Additionally, there is growing interest in having wireless internet available in parks, reflecting the widespread use of the internet as a primary source of information.

### **Trends in Play<sup>56</sup>**

In the United States, there is a growing trend toward inclusivity in play spaces. This shift recognizes that playgrounds should go beyond the minimum standards set by the Americans with Disabilities Act, which focuses primarily on physical access. Play areas should also accommodate children with developmental and/or sensory disabilities. This can be achieved through designs that provide tactile, visual, auditory, and calming experiences.

Furthermore, inclusive play spaces encourage interaction across different ages and abilities. Creating play areas that are not separated by age or ability helps everyone feel welcome and included. Inclusive design also provides opportunities for multi-generational play, allowing adults and older individuals to participate alongside children, fostering cross-generational bonds.

4 Oakleaf, Linda. "Social Equity in Parks for the Transgender Community." Parks & Recreation Magazine. October 2015. <http://www.parksandrecreation.org/2015/October/Social-Equity-in-Parks-for-the-Transgender-Community/>

5 Top trends in playground equipment for 2024 | AAA state of play. (n.d.). <https://www.aaastateofplay.com/top-trends-in-playground-equipment-for-2024/>

6 Project for Public Spaces. (2006). Health and Community Design, Project for Public Places. Retrieved November 20, 2024 from [http://www.pps.org/info/placemakingtools/issuepapers/health\\_community](http://www.pps.org/info/placemakingtools/issuepapers/health_community)



*View of shared swing at playground*



*View of trail and walking activity*

Sustainability is another important factor. Communities are increasingly looking for playground manufacturers to use recycled materials and reduce carbon use. As playground equipment wears out over time, sustainability and unnecessary waste becomes a concern. By using sustainably sourced materials, cities can reduce their environmental impact while still providing fun and engaging play spaces. Opting for modular and adaptive designs- where individual pieces can be updated without replacing an entire play structure – ensures that playgrounds remain flexible, sustainable, and in line with evolving trends and safety standards.

### **Gap Identification**

The community engagement process made evident gaps between the existing parks and recreation system and identified needs. These gaps fall into eight categories as follows:

### **Walking/Biking/Hiking**

The community ranked the activity of walking, biking, and hiking as high (Tier 1). Together, they are essential components to the parks and recreation facilities system. One maintenance gap identified is the need to repair existing pathways, together with improvements to wayfinding and signage. As Rohnert Park continues to grow, enhancing pedestrian and bike connections to different parks will become increasingly important. Additionally, there is a need to improve pedestrian and safety lighting and plan for future bike routes to address current gaps in the system.

### **Parks**

The community expressed a clear preference for renovating and improving maintenance of existing parks rather than adding new parks and amenities to the park system. Maintenance of athletic fields and infrastructure is also a significant gap identified in the system. The community also highlighted the need for fire-resistant landscapes and maintenance, as well as improvements to and increased maintenance of dog parks.



*View of organized team sports activity*

The community suggested several new amenities including a splash pad or water park, although these come with high operational and maintenance costs. Shade in parks is an area of concern, as well as the need for additional site furnishings such as trash receptacles, drinking fountains, and benches.

The community also expressed interest in more fitness opportunities, such as par courses and outdoor fitness parks. There is a need for accessible picnic areas and an easier, more transparent system for reserving these spaces. Additionally, there were requests for bocce ball courts and fishing opportunities.

### **Team and Organized Sports**

The most critical gap for team and organized sports is the repair and maintenance of sport courts and athletic fields to address unsafe conditions. This aligns with the community's preference to maintain and improve existing amenities.

The community also expressed a need for additional amenities including skate parks, sand volleyball courts, and pickleball courts (with sound-proofing). There is also a demand for more opportunities to play soccer, badminton/tennis, and basketball.

### **Communications and Booking**

Sports organizations identified a need for better communication with City staff to help maintain and improve parks and facilities. They also seek easier access and transparency when reserving facilities, athletic fields, and courts. The organizations asked for more equitable distribution of playing areas to ensure fair access for all groups. The objective is to balance facility use between in-season and year-round sports.

Increasing the number of available field spaces could help alleviate some of the challenges related to booking and field availability.

### **Safety and Lighting**

Improved lighting for sports fields and walking/biking trails is a need to enhance safety and usability, particularly along essential pathways where safety is a concern. It is important that the lighting solutions consider the environmental impact on wildlife.

### **Facilities**

Maintaining restrooms and pool facilities is a significant community need, and critical to ensuring these facilities remain functional and accessible for visitors. The City is currently updating and repairing pool facilities, but ongoing deferred maintenance must be addressed.

There is also a need to add new restroom facilities in targeted parks where none currently exist. Expanding and updating hours of operation at existing pools could help meet demand and reduce the need for additional pool facilities.

### **Accessibility/ADA Requirements**

Adhering to ADA standards is a requirement for the parks and recreation facilities system. Accessibility deficiencies in all parks include, but are not limited to, non-compliant pathways, parking lots, playgrounds, ball fields, bleachers, and picnic tables. All park facilities, restrooms, and buildings must also be ADA-compliant.

While ADA compliance is the baseline, the City should adopt universal design principles, which go beyond ADA standards to accommodate individuals with developmental, sensory, and physical disabilities. Universal design benefits not only those with disabilities but also older adults and younger children. It's recommended that future park improvements integrate these principles.

### **Expanded Programming**

The community has expressed interest in a wider range of programming options. This includes fitness classes with a variety of scheduled class times, as well as low-impact and low-mobility options that cater to multiple demographics. There are also gaps in programming for all age groups, from toddlers, to youth, teens, adults, and seniors. Programs that appeal to multiple age ranges can create a more inclusive community atmosphere.

Additionally, there is a gap and need for cultural classes, including both visual and performing arts, as well as food and language classes.

The community has expressed enthusiasm for the current special event programming and would like to see more of them. There is also an interest in opportunities for social engagement and community volunteering. These could help address some of the identified programming gaps, specifically related to intergenerational and inclusive events.



View of Sunrise Park

## 5.0 THE PLAN

### 5.1 GOALS, POLICIES, PROGRAMS

The PRMP follows a series of goals, policies, and programs designated in the City of Rohnert Park’s Draft General Plan 2040, as well as in the Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (2008). These goals, policies and programs serve as the framework for the recommendations presented in the PRMP described in detail later in this chapter.

The development of the PRMP aligns with Goal PFS-2, Policy PFS-2.1: Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which states: The City shall update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan to accommodate the evolving needs of the community.

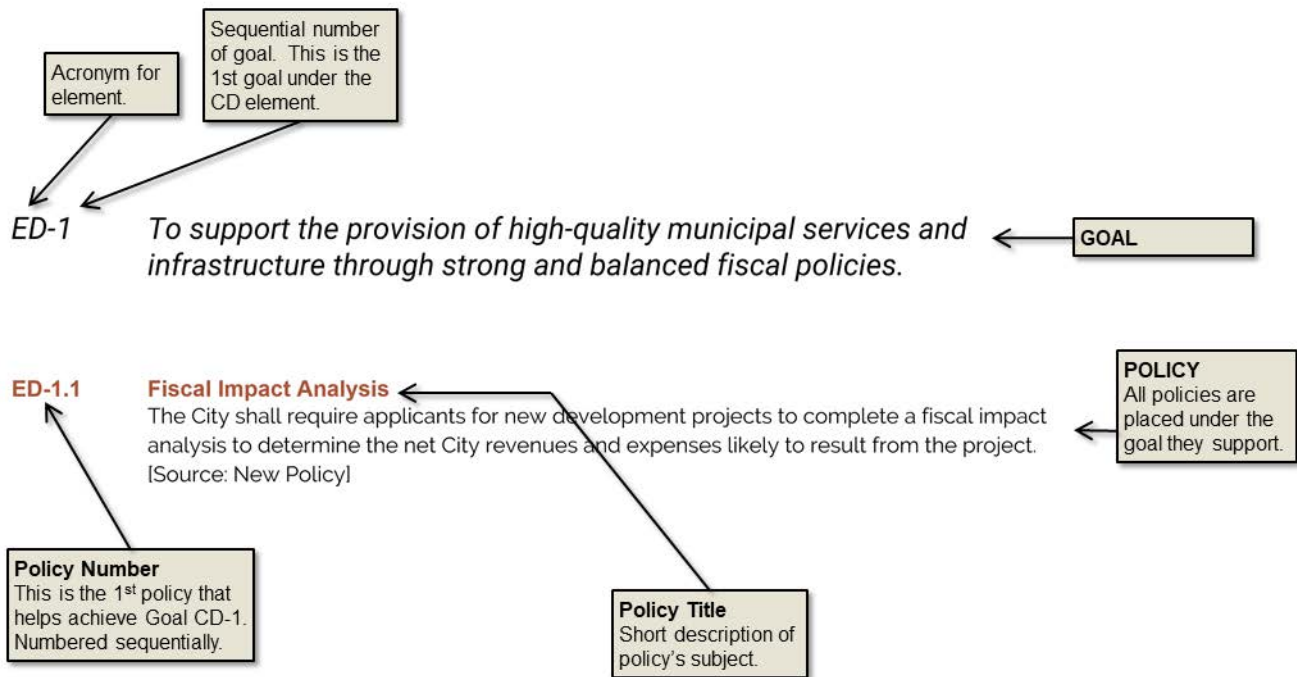


Figure 8: How to read goals and policies, draft 2040 General Plan (to be adopted)

## **GENERAL PLAN 2040 GOALS, POLICIES, AND PROGRAMS**

### **Environmental Justice Element**

- » Goal: RSEJ-4: To ensure that all land use decisions benefit Rohnert Park residents and do not create a disproportionate burden to any resident based on location, income, race, color, educational status, or national origin.
  - Policy: RSEJ-4.1: Equitable Public Services: The City shall equitably provide public services and infrastructure, including parks, recreational facilities, community gardens, and public safety facilities, to all Rohnert Park residents.
- » Goal: RSEJ-5: To ensure all residents have access to healthy foods, education, green spaces, and medical services.
  - Policy: RSEJ-5.3: Access to Community Assets: The City shall identify and address gaps in access to residential, commercial, recreation facilities, natural open space areas, and physical and mental health resources, to help ensure that these resources are equitably available to all residents.

### **Public Facilities and Services Element**

- » Goal: PFS-2: Provide an integrated and well-maintained system of parks, trails, and recreation facilities throughout the city to meet the community's recreational needs:
  - Policy: PFS-2.1: Parks and recreation Master Plan: The City shall update the Parks and recreation Master plan to accommodate the evolving needs of the community. The update shall include an evaluation of the type and location of amenities, including urban style parks and amenities, to serve existing and new residents and workers.
  - Policy: PFS-2.3 Safe and Secure: The City shall ensure that parks, trails, and recreation facilities are safe and secure areas. New parks should generally include direct access and visibility from a public street.
  - Policy: PFS-2.4 Park Dedication: The City shall require new development to dedicate land to the City in the appropriate amount and location for parks and recreational space, in accordance with the General Plan Diagram, and the City's Park dedication requirements. The City shall seek to acquire and develop new park land at a rate of approximately five acres or equivalent with improvements or in-lieu fees per 1,000 new residents. When developed in conjunction with new developments, parks will be fully improved before dedication to the City.
  - Policy: PFS-2.5 Passive Recreation Space: The City shall include primarily passive recreation on an approximately 50-acre area north of Crane Creek west of Petaluma Hill Road within the city's Urban Growth Boundary. The City shall ensure that use of the land for passive recreation as a priority and that this land will not be used for any other use for the life of the General Plan. The City shall ensure that the recreation area is designed to have minimal impacts on adjacent residential uses to the west and have

ingress and egress from several roads to maximize visibility and access for public safety.

- Policy: PFS-2.6 Gold Ridge Site Maximization: The City shall ensure that future uses of the Gold Ridge campus include community recreational use.

» Program:

- 8.12.C: Update Parks and Recreation Master Plan. The City shall update the Parks and Recreation Master Plan every five years to address the precise location of parks and financial planning to improve undeveloped park land and trails; maintain existing facilities; develop new trails; and acquire land for new parks. The Master Plan will also establish standards and identify funding for both specific park facilities and City-owned, non-park open space areas, such as street medians and open space buffers. Applies to PFS-2.1, PFS-2.2, PFS-2.5, PFS-2.6.

**PARKS AND RECREATION FACILITIES MASTER PLAN GOALS, POLICIES AND PROGRAMS**

» Goal: Provide safe, clean and well-maintained parks and facilities to meet the diverse needs of a changing and growing community.

- Policy 1.2: Maintain the parkland development standard of 5 acres/1,000 for active, multi-use recreation needs of the community, typically found in neighborhood and community parks.
- Policy 1.3: Ensure new development meets the 5 acres/1,000 parkland dedication standards for active recreation needs.

Program 1.3.2: Expand the development of park lands to increase the variety of park types.

Program 1.3.3: Include Parks and Recreation staff in park development and design review.

- Policy 1.4: Renovate existing parks to improve safety and security, enhance park use, and increase sense of place.



*View of organized team sports*



*View of children playing together*

Program 1.4.1: Develop criteria for renovation, such as age of facility, safety conditions, access, multi-age use, and community need.

Program 1.4.2: Enhance safety and security in all parks by upgrading lighting, access, and surveillance methodology in partnership with enforcement.

Program 1.4.3 Develop a transition plan for all parks to meet access needs and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) guidelines.

Program 1.4.4: Incorporate new features and amenities into the design of parks to respond to trends and changing community preferences, and consider revising the specific plan process to support this integration.

- Policy 1.5: Develop park maintenance standards and resource management plans consistent with professional best practices.

Program 1.5.1: Create Levels of Service (LOS) for park maintenance tasks that are compatible with park functions, use, and visibility in the community.

Program 1.5.2: Create a dedicated funding source for park maintenance services.

Program 1.5.3: Place park maintenance and recreation services under one department to improve service delivery and operate efficiently.

- » Goal: Create and enhance a positive community image to strengthen livability and sense of place.

- Policy 2.1: Provide recreation experiences to meet a diverse and changing community.

Program 2.1.1: Support aging well in Rohnert Park by recognizing interests and needs of various older adult populations.

Program 2.1.2: Maximize community connection to the outdoor environment; serve as environmental stewards of green space.



*View of tot lot playground*



*View of open space*

Program 2.1.3: Continue serving youth and families; track regional, state and national trends related to this demographic.

Program 2.1.4: Partner with other service providers to enhance community activities such as arts and culture, gardening, and special events.

Program 2.1.5: Collaborate with schools and public agencies like the Open Space District to create partnerships, leverage resources and link green spaces.

Program 2.1.6: Collaborate with community organizations to leverage park and recreation resources, improve operations and enhance maintenance of parks and facilities.

- Policy 2.2: Provide health and wellness opportunities for residents of all ages.

Program 2.2.1: Expand the Callinan Sports Center to provide additional opportunities for health and fitness activities.

Program 2.2.2: Partner with health care organizations to develop new programs.

Program 2.2.3: Connect and expand trails and pathways to promote walking, bicycling, and alternative transportation.

- Policy 2.3: Support opportunities for neighborhood-based social gathering.

Program 2.3.1: Partner with community organizations and neighborhood groups to provide programs and events in neighborhood parks.

Program 2.3.2: Increase after-school activities for youth.

Program 2.3.3: Increase volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups.

Program 2.3.4: Develop multi-generational programs; encourage older adults to participate and volunteer in neighborhood activities and city events.

- Policy 2.4: Create a unified identity for parks and programs.

Program 2.4.1: Enhance park and facility signage to improve sense of place and visibility

Program 2.4.2: Develop a citywide vision and mission for parks, recreation, arts and culture.

- » Goal: Ensure the financial health of Rohnert Park's comprehensive recreation, parks, and open space system, including special purpose facilities.

- Policy 3.1: Develop a comprehensive funding approach.

Program 3.1.1: Establish cost recovery goals for each major facility or line of business.

Program 3.1.2 : Develop business plans for facilities and special purpose features.

Program 3.1.3: Prioritize revenue-generating potential when identifying renovation projects

Program 3.1.4: Set and adjust fees annually.

Program 3.1.5: Incorporate performance based on cost recovery goals into program evaluation and future planning.

- Policy 3.2: Develop new sources of revenue for development, renovation, maintenance and operations of parks and facilities.

Program 3.2.1: Consider a ballot measure to support renovations and improve park maintenance; explore alternatives such as Landscape and Lighting Assessment Districts, sales tax or parcel tax.

Program 3.2.3: Seek Council approval to allow revenue generated through parks and recreation to be dedicated to parks and recreation operations or improvements.

Program 3.2.4: Dedicate staff time to support revenue generating initiatives.

Program 3.2.5: Evaluate the level of community support for revenue generation methods such as locating cell towers in parks, instituting banner programs, and selling advertisements.

- Policy 3.3: Develop funding policies for future development.

Program 3.3.1: Create park development ordinances to meet the standards for specific plans and infill development.

- Policy 3.4: Review regional, state and national grant funding programs regularly to identify potential funding sources.

Program 3.4.1: Identify guidelines for selecting grant opportunities; focus on funding programs for youth facilities, integrating conservation practices into park projects, environmental stewardship and open space preservation, watersheds and greenways.

Program 3.4.2: Develop partnerships to strengthen community involvement and leverage resources for grant applications.

- Policy 3.5: Provide for the donation of land, facilities, equipment, services and monies to support parks and programs.

Program 3.5.1: Accept only land and facilities that meet the goals of this plan.

Program 3.5.2: Dedicate staff time to seeking donations and in-kind support.

Program 3.5.3: Consider establishing a foundation or partnership with other 501(c)(3) organizations to encourage donations to the park and recreation system.

- Policy 3.6: Adopt a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) project to identify a plan for capital and replacement at City Facilities / Recreation facilities that will address the following:

Program 3.6.1: Develop guidelines for ranking and prioritizing capital projects.



View of aquatic activity



View of social event

Program 3.6.2: Incorporate CIP planning into annual budget reviews.

Program 3.6.3: Approve short-term projects within a six-year timeframe; long-term projects six years and longer.

A complete list of the goals, policies, and programs from the City of Rohnert Park’s prior planning efforts is included in the Appendix.

## 5.2 RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations are based on identified deficiencies and city and community desires for improvements to Rohnert Park’s parks and recreation facilities.

These recommendations are categorized into three types:

- » **Addresses Deficiency:** Recommendations that improve existing conditions that are deemed deficient, such as replacing or enhancing amenities at the end of a lifecycle or removing accessibility barriers to ensure ADA compliance.
- » **Added Amenity:** Recommendations that propose new amenities to expand the City’s recreation offerings and overall park system.
- » **Policy:** Administrative recommendations that support the City’s ability to deliver park and recreation services.

The PRMP includes 194 recommendations to address deficiencies, 55 recommendations for added amenities, and 39 policy recommendations.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS OVERVIEW**

The community of Rohnert Park has expressed a preference for addressing existing infrastructure issues rather than adding new amenities to the parks and recreation facilities system.<sup>1</sup> While the PRMP provides several recommendations for additional amenities, with probable ROM costs, these

<sup>1</sup> Based on results of the Community Needs Survey, see Appendix.

may be given a lower priority or designated as long-term actions to reflect the community's priorities. Further details on this can be found in Chapter 6 – Implementation.

## **PARKS**

Recommendations related to parks focus on both new developments and improvements to existing parks. New developments typically include the installation of new parks, and some of the recommendations may suggest adding new parks to meet the growing needs of the community. However, the primary focus remains on improving and maintaining existing park infrastructure.

## **FACILITIES**

Recommendations for facilities are largely focused on addressing deferred maintenance, which was outlined in the Facilities Conditions Assessment Report. Specific recommendations for each facility are included in the detailed facility pages that follow. These recommendations address the current state of existing facilities and offer guidance on necessary improvements and upgrades to ensure they remain safe and accessible for the public.

## **POLICY**

Policy recommendations aim to help the City of Rohnert Park enhance the quality of service offered within the parks and recreation facilities system. These policies focus on programming, the operation of the Community Services department, and operation and park maintenance practices.

Key policy recommendations include:

- » **Shade:** Planting trees to comply with the City of Rohnert Park's (in progress) Urban Forest Management Plan. Providing shade is essential for protecting visitors, especially during the summer months. This effort benefits all age groups, making outdoor spaces more comfortable year-round.
- » **Mini Park Evaluation:** Rohnert Park has ten mini parks. Based on feedback from the Parks and Recreation Commission, this PRMP recommends conducting a survey and assessment of these parks to determine their best ways to serve the community. Several mini parks lack amenities, and the installation of amenities may be less desirable due to their small size, proximity to housing, and low frequency of use. An assessment will help determine ways to improve these spaces and enhance the park system for the community.
- » **Facilities Access:** Expanding restroom access and increasing hours of operation to better serve park visitors.

## **GOLD RIDGE RECREATION CENTER – FACILITY AND PARK RECOMMENDATIONS**

This PRMP also includes a conceptual plan for the Gold Ridge Recreation Center. The plan has been reviewed in collaboration with the City to ensure that it aligns with the needs of the Community Services Department, the local neighborhood group, and the community input received during the community engagement process.

### **5.3 SYSTEM**

#### **PARK AND CITYWIDE RECOMMENDATIONS**

This section describes the recommendations for each park, including potential ROM costs. Each recommendation is identified as either a deficiency improvement, added amenity, or policy.

Recurring themes across both individual parks and citywide recommendations include:

- » Repairing and enhancing amenities to be ADA-compliant
- » Updating and/or repairing irrigation systems
- » Focusing on inclusive play amenities that serve all ages and abilities
- » Improving drainage systems throughout the parks

## Alicia Park

Alicia Park is a five-acre park located on Arlen Drive. It includes a baseball field, horseshoe pits, an open lawn with interspersed shade trees, playgrounds, two parking lots, and a picnic area. The park also has a futsal area separate from the rest of the park.

**Table 18. Alicia Park**

Recommendation <sup>2</sup>	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$74,400 - \$149,400
Join existing footprint of elementary age and tot lot playgrounds, replace existing equipment to include all ages/all abilities. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$530,340
Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Evaluate existing baseball field lighting for replacement and/or repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Add and replace benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, bike racks. Replace trash cans/recycling and park signage. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$176,000
Repair and replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$653,400
Either convert existing baseball field to all-weather surfacing, or repair and replace baseball field turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards. Create plan for capital replacement if using synthetic turf.	Addresses Deficiency	\$451,900-\$1,019,500
Provide outdoor fitness equipment in Alicia Park - evaluate if par course or fixed cardio/weight equipment is desired by community.	Added Amenity	\$75,000
Add a basketball court.	Added Amenity	\$200,000
Provide new restroom facilities at futsal court. Address deferred maintenance for existing restrooms near south parking lot.	Added Amenity	\$389,230
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Improve and increase frequency of bathroom custodial services.	Policy	TBD
Provide expanded hours of operations for restroom facilities.	Policy	TBD
Update existing picnic area including providing a new shelter, picnic tables, a bbq and counter, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$215,000

<sup>2</sup> The recommendations have been ordered by priority. For a further discussion of prioritization, see Chapter 6 – Implementation.



## Benicia Park

Benicia Park is a six-acre park located on Bernice Avenue. It is adjacent to a pool facility, Field of Friends Dog Park, and the Burton Avenue Recreation Center, as well as the Benicia Recreation Center. The park’s amenities include a baseball field, elementary and tot lot playgrounds, and a basketball court. The tot lot and basketball court are separated from the rest of the park, located next to the Benicia Recreation Center. There is currently no path that joins both sides of the park.

**Table 19. Benicia Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete, including adding a pathway between the Benicia Recreation Center and the Burton Pool facility. Ensure paving provides access to all amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$96,600 - \$193,200
Build out elementary aged playground to a larger footprint, and include all-ages all-abilities equipment, remove existing tot lot and consider replacing with alternative amenity. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$367,230
Evaluate existing baseball field lighting for replacement and/or repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Add and replace benches, drinking fountains, and barbecues. Replace existing picnic tables to include ADA-compliant tables, as well as the bike rack and trash cans/recycling. Place all equipment on an equipment schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$126,000
Increase offerings for rec swim, swimming lessons, and aquatics programs, including updating hours for increased access.	Policy	TBD
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$784,100
Provide outdoor fitness equipment. Evaluate desire for par course equipment or fixed weight and cardio equipment.	Added Amenity	\$75,000
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Either convert existing baseball field to all-weather surfacing, or repair and replace baseball field turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards. Create plan for capital replacement if all-weather surfacing is installed.	Addresses Deficiency	\$651,960 - \$1,128,000
Repair and replace surfacing and equipment for basketball court.	Addresses Deficiency	\$87,360
Add sand volleyball court, either as a replacement for the tot lot or behind Benicia Recreation Center.	Added Amenity	\$50,000

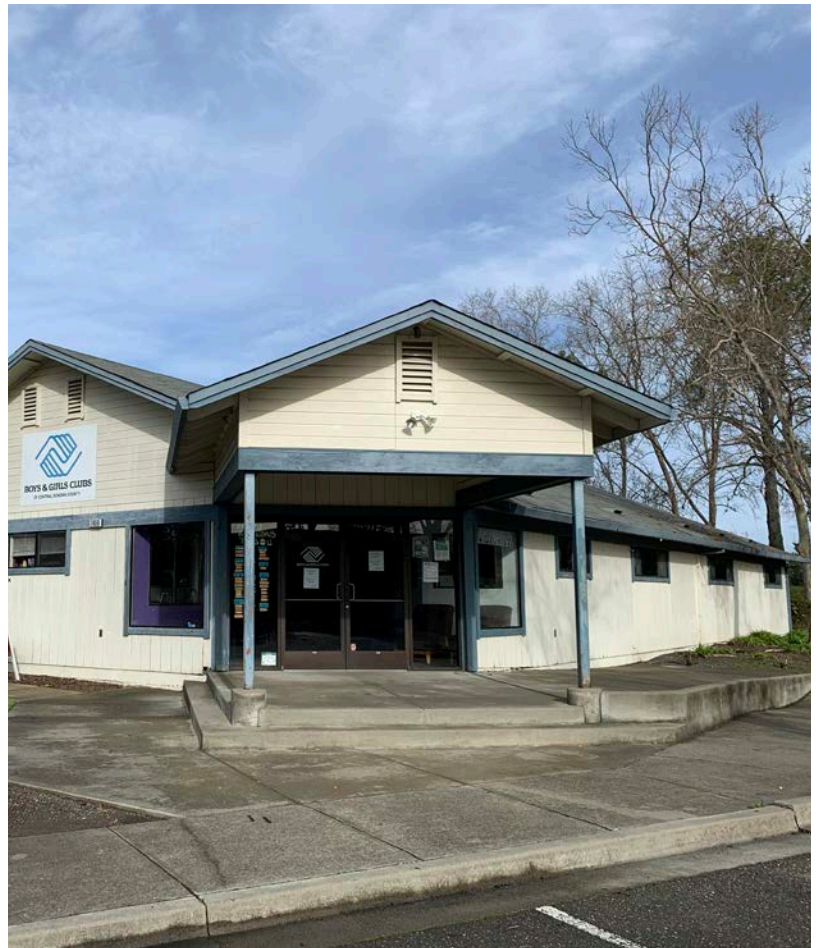


### Benicia Park Recreation Center

Benicia Park Recreation Center is an approximately 3,000 square foot facility that is located on the west entrance to Benicia Park. The center has a community garden and a small open lawn, and is next to a parking lot. It is currently leased to the Boys and Girls Club.

**Table 20. Benicia Park Recreation Center**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Evaluate need to repair/replace existing lighting in parking lot. There is a potential need for pathway lighting to the parking lot. The Park and Recreation committee is addressing this need. Action taken on this recommendation shall be in line with their efforts.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$9,000 - \$1,800
Address deferred maintenance on building.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,020,600
Add and replace benches in the garden area outside of the recreation center.	Addresses Deficiency	\$12,000
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD



### Burton Ave Recreation Center

Burton Avenue Recreation Center is located to the northeast of Benicia Park. It is a 6,700 square foot facility with rental space, storage, and a peace garden installed by the Rotary Club. It is adjacent to El Camino High School. The facility hosts a summer camp program as well as evening programs during the school year. It is available for community rentals.

**Table 21. Burton Ave Recreation Center**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$43,360 - \$86,760
Address deferred maintenance on both the recreation center and the adjacent storage building.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,755,910
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$199,950
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Redesign front entry, including adding a nice photo opportunity space to use during rentals.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD



## Callinan Sports & Fitness Center

Callinan Sports & Fitness Center is part of the community complex that also includes the Community Center and Spreckels Performing Arts Center. It is a 4,600 square foot facility with indoor basketball courts, locker rooms, weight rooms, a cardio room, racquetball/handball courts, and childcare on evenings and weekends. The center requires a membership for use, and is contracted out to camp programs, adult league sports, and several large gymnastics events every year.

**Table 22. Callinan Sports & Fitness Center**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Address deferred maintenance per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report. <sup>3</sup> Address issues of no heating, ventilation, or air conditioning. Lighting renovation. Roof leaks.	Addresses Deficiency	\$3,147,810
Replace benches throughout the Community Center Complex Courtyard. Add and replace picnic tables, ensuring ADA-compliance. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$79,000
Increase fitness class offerings including scheduling evening classes as well as low-impact classes.	Policy	TBD
Repair/replace irrigation system for the field south of the Center. Complete this recommendation as part of any redesign efforts for the field space.	Addresses Deficiency	\$229,500
Provide clear access to the Copeland Creek Trail from the center.	Addresses Deficiency	\$13,200
Dedicate a room to group exercise which would result in a full service fitness center and increase membership revenue.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Evaluate need to repair and replace the field to the south of the Center.	Addresses Deficiency	\$382,500
Re-design a portion of the south field as an event space capable of accommodating vendors, stages, and programmable space.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD

<sup>3</sup> See Appendix.



### Carlita Circle

Carlita Circle is a small park with a tot lot playground located on Carlita Circle. It is less than a quarter of an acre in size, and serves the neighborhood. In addition to the tot equipment, the park also has swings and a small open lawn.

**Table 23. Carlita Circle**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete from sidewalk to play equipment and benches.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,000 - \$2,000
Update existing play equipment in existing footprint, ensuring that it provides for all ages and abilities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$137,340
Add site furnishings: benches, picnic table (ADA-compliant), a drinking fountain, and a trash can.	Addresses Deficiency	\$26,000
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$32,670
Include in overall evaluation of tot lot and mini-parks to determine the best use of park space.	Policy	N/A



## Caterpillar Park

Caterpillar Park is a three-acre park on Circle Drive. It has a playground, swing set, and open lawn with soccer goal posts. The park has multiple entrances within the neighborhood.

**Table 24. Caterpillar Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$67,960 – 135,960
Replace existing play equipment. Ensure a new equipment is for all ages and abilities. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$378,870
Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$120,000
Add and replace benches and picnic tables, ensuring ADA-compliance. Replace trash cans/recycling. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$40,000
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$392,100
Add a group picnic pavilion, including a shade structure, two picnic tables, a barbecue and counter, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$200,000
Repair drainage in play area and along pathways. Repair play drainage during play area update.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD
Repair and replace turf at soccer field area to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage. Ensure compliance with the turf management/replacement plan in progress.	Addresses Deficiency	\$27,000

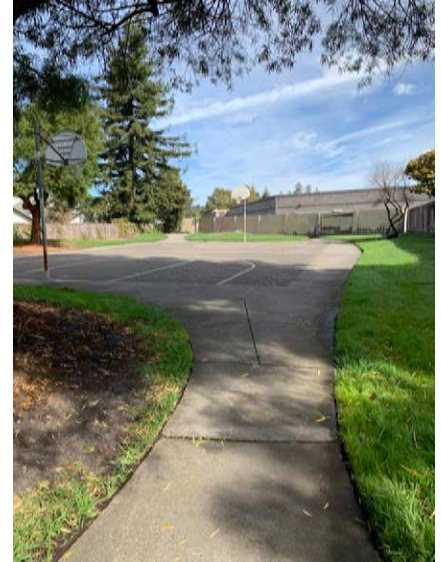


## Cielo Park

Cielo Park is located on Cielo Circle, directly south of the University Square shopping center. It is a small park, roughly a third of an acre, with a basketball court and grassy hill. Another amenity has been removed from the north side of the park, and a patch of concrete remains.

**Table 25. Cielo Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$18,200 - \$36,360
Add benches, picnic table (ensure ADA-compliance), drinking fountain, and bike rack. Replace existing trash can/recycling. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$36,000
Re-surface basketball court.	Addresses Deficiency	\$35,000
Evaluate and add an amenity to replace the removed picnic area/play structure.	Added Amenity	TBD
Include in overall evaluation of tot lot and mini parks to determine the best use of park space.	Policy	N/A



## Civic Center

Civic Center Park is a mini-park that is less than a quarter of an acre in size. It has tot lot play equipment and an open lawn. It is located very close to residential units.

**Table 26. Civic Center**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$11,100 - \$22,200
Proceed with efforts to redesign and replace the existing play equipment with appropriated funding. Ensure new equipment provides opportunities for all ages and abilities. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	N/A
Add and replace picnic tables, ensuring ADA-compliance. Replace trash can/recycling. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$19,000
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$32,670
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD
Add a group picnic pavilion, including a shelter, ADA-compliant picnic tables, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$195,000
Include in overall evaluation of tot lot and mini parks to determine the best use of park space.	Policy	N/A



### Colegio Vista Park

Colegio Vista Park is a five-acre park located on Southwest Boulevard. It has an elementary playground, a picnic area, a baseball field, and a large open lawn. There are multiple entries to the park from Southwest Boulevard and the residential neighborhood to the north. While there are paths to the baseball field and restroom, the picnic area and playground do not have an accessible path from the parking lot.

**Table 27. Colegio Vista Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete from sidewalk to play equipment and benches. May be completed in conjunction with a new concept plan.	Addresses Deficiency	\$62,400 - \$124,800
Evaluate the need to replace and/or repair the existing pedestrian lighting.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Redesign, expand, and replace existing playground footprint to accommodate all age groups, providing all-abilities equipment. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$400,870
Either replace the baseball field surfacing with synthetic turf, or repair and replace turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage. If replacing with synthetic turf, it will require capital improvement plan.	Addresses Deficiency	\$679,100 - \$790,500
Evaluate the need to provide sports lighting as part of redesign/conceptual design efforts.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Add benches, trash cans/recycling, and drinking fountains. Add and replace benches, picnic tables (ensuring ADA-compliance), and barbecues. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$148,500
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$673,400
Add sheltered group picnic area including a shelter, picnic tables, barbecues and counters, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$230,000
Address deferred maintenance for restroom.	Addresses Deficiency	\$108,180
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas. Address drainage as part of park updates generated from conceptual plan/redesign efforts.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Improve and increase frequency of bathroom custodial services.	Policy	TBD

**Table 27. Colegio Vista Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD
Create a concept plan for the redesign of the park that focuses on providing athletic fields, connectivity to amenities, new sports field and pathway lighting, an updated playground footprint, additional group picnic area, and potential sport courts.	Added Amenity	TBD



## Community Center

The Community Center is part of the complex on Snyder Lane that also hosts the Callinan Sports & Fitness Center and Spreckels Performing Arts Center. It is a 20,000 square foot building with a ceramics studio, a pond in the atrium, and a multi-use room with a full commercial kitchen. It is often used for community classes taught by independent contractors, private rentals, and city-organized community events. A private preschool also operates out of the center.

**Table 28. Community Center**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Address deferred maintenance per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report. Roof leaks, gas line issue, and atrium renovation. Address bar sink in multi-use room that does not drain.	Addresses Deficiency	\$3,095,120
Replace existing benches, bike racks, and trash/recycling. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$46,000
Increase fitness class offerings including scheduling evening classes as well as low-impact classes.	Policy	TBD
Repair/replace irrigation system for the lawn northwest of the Community Center.	Addresses Deficiency	\$282,000



## Dorotea Park

Dorotea Park is a six-acre park with an elementary playground, tot lot, swings, tennis court, basketball court, picnic area, softball field, restrooms, labyrinth, and walking path with fitness equipment. This is a well-used park with four entrances into the adjacent neighborhoods. The community has painted murals at both playgrounds.

**Table 29. Dorotea Park**

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Provide ADA parking at the north entrance to the park (2 stalls and shared aisle.)	Addresses Deficiency	\$20,000
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$101,700 - \$203,400
Add and replace benches, picnic tables (ensure ADA-compliance), drinking fountains, trash cans/recycling, and park signage. Add bike racks and barbecues. Place all equipment on an equipment schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$169,000
Evaluate existing lighting for replacement or repair.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$784,100
Either convert existing softball surfacing to synthetic turf or repair existing turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage. If converting to synthetic turf, will need to plan for capital replacement.	Added Amenity	\$257,500 - \$1,287,500
Replace existing fitness equipment along the walking path.	Added Amenity	\$75,000
Evaluate use of expansive lawn area/softball field-including potential for alternative uses.	Added Amenity	TBD
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Improve and increase frequency of bathroom custodial services.	Policy	TBD
Maintain, repair, and/or replace surfacing of the basketball and tennis courts. Consider replacing them with multi-use courts.	Addresses Deficiency	\$90,400



## Eagle Park

Eagle Park is a ten-acre park that boasts a gently sloping meadow surrounded by redwoods. The park also has a tennis court, tot lot, soccer field, softball field, and picnic area. The soccer and softball fields are rented by local leagues, while some recreation classes take place on the lawn.

**Table 30. Eagle Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Provide curb ramps for ADA-compliance at street parking.	Addresses Deficiency	\$7,500
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$92,550 - \$185,100
Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Add and replace benches and drinking fountains. Replace trash cans/recycling, existing park rules signage, barbecues, and existing picnic tables, ensuring ADA-compliance. Add bike racks. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$120,000
Evaluate existing sports lighting for replacement and/or repair.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Repair and/or replace irrigation system.	Policy	\$1,306,800
Repair and replace soccer and softball field turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,049,300
Evaluate use of tennis courts and address need to repair surfacing, or consider an alternative amenity or multi-use court.	Added Amenity	TBD
Improve and increase frequency of bathroom custodial services.	Policy	TBD
Address drainage issues at baseball/soccer field.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD



### Field of Friends Dog Park

Field of Friends is a dog park located at Benicia Park, directly south of the baseball diamond. It is a fenced-off area with a picnic table, bulletin board, dog bag dispenser, and trash receptacles. The park has drainage issues.

**Table 31. Field of Friends Dog Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Add benches, drinking fountain with pet bowl, and bark mulch. Replace trash cans, park signage. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$87,100
Improve drainage in dog park.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Improve maintenance for dog park.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD

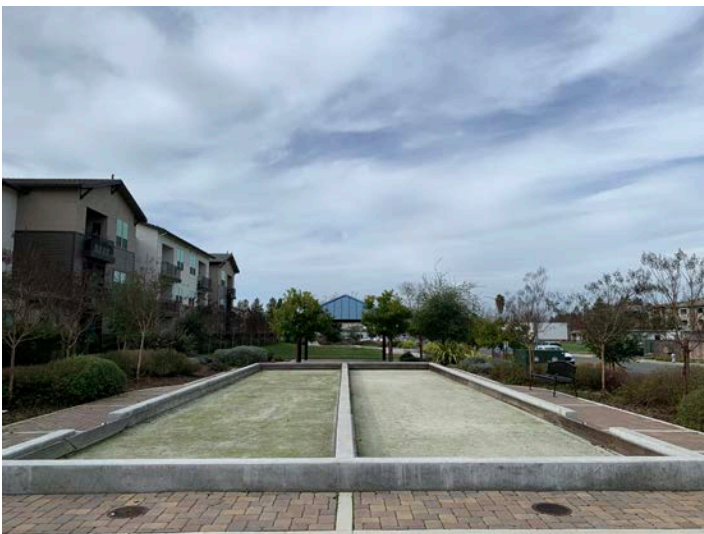


## Five Creek Park

Five Creek Park is a newly installed mini-park on Carlson Avenue that is approximately two-thirds of an acre in size. It has skate park equipment, a shade structure, a lawn, plantings, a bocce ball court, and a small children’s play area. As one of the newest parks it is in excellent condition.

**Table 32. Five Creek Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Minor irrigation maintenance.	Addresses Deficiency	\$10,000
Create a group picnic area: use existing shade structure, add picnic tables and barbecue.	Added Amenity	\$30,000
Include in the overall evaluation of tot lot and mini parks to determine the best use of park space.	Policy	N/A



## Gold Ridge Recreation Complex

The Gold Ridge Recreation Complex consists of both an existing recreation building and park on Golf Course Drive directly across the street from Golis Park. The recreation building is currently not in use, but has a kitchen, stage, basketball court, and kitchen. The park has a soccer practice field, outdoor stage, basketball court, tetherball poles, and an open lawn. This PRMP includes a conceptual plan for an updated Gold Ridge Recreation Complex.

## Gold Ridge Recreation Building

**Table 33. Gold Ridge Recreation Building**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Address deferred maintenance for the recreation center building per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment Report.	Addresses Deficiency	\$2,421,640
Add 2 curb ramps and ADA-accessible parking (2 stalls and shared aisle).	Addresses Deficiency	\$35,000
Offer fitness class offerings at this facility including scheduled evening classes and low-impact classes.	Policy	TBD



## Gold Ridge Park

Gold Ridge Park sits adjacent to the Gold Ridge Recreation Building. The following recommendations are part of a conceptual plan that was specifically developed during this PRMP process. A plan rendering of the conceptual design follows the recommendations.

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Provide pathway lighting as part of the redesign of the park.	Added Amenity	\$210,000
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Added Amenity	\$705,000 - \$1,410,000
Add benches, picnic tables (including ADA-compliant tables), drinking fountains, bike racks, trash cans/recycling, and park signage.	Addresses Deficiency	\$175,000
Provide new lighting for proposed sport fields and courts as part of the redesign of the park.	Added Amenity	TBD
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$767,100
Expand soccer field to 11 v 11 sizing.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Build inclusive/all abilities destination playground.	Added Amenity	\$2,000,000
Evaluate options to either repair and replace soccer field turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage, or convert to synthetic turf. Conversion to synthetic turf will provide higher use fees and more frequent use – will need to plan for capital replacement. Repairing and replacing turf will reduce maintenance costs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$290,000 - \$1,450,000
Provide outdoor fitness equipment – fixed cardio and strength training. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Added Amenity	\$75,000
Add bocce ball courts.	Added Amenity	\$100,000
Provide a restroom facility for park users.	Added Amenity	\$300,000
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan	Policy	TBD
Add basketball courts	Added Amenity	\$400,000

Table 34. Gold Ridge Park		
Recommendation	Type	Cost
Add volleyball courts.	Added Amenity	\$100,000
Add a splash pad.	Added Amenity	\$400,000
Add a walking/fitness track.	Added Amenity	TBD
Provide a dog park.	Added Amenity	\$78,224
Add a youth fitness challenge course.	Added Amenity	\$61,904



Figure 9: Gold Ridge Recreation Complex Concept Plan

## Golis Park

Golis Park is a thirteen-acre park located on Golf Course Drive. It has several sports fields, an elementary playground and tot lot, sport courts, a parking lot, and a picnic area. It is used frequently for sports rentals, as well as by the Best Friends Canine Club.

**Table 35. Golis Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$196,500 - \$393,000
Add and replace benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, and trash cans/recycling. Replace bike racks and barbecues. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement plan.	Addresses Deficiency	\$174,000
Evaluate pedestrian lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Evaluate baseball field and tennis/basketball court lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Repair and/or replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,698,900
Consider replacing baseball field, soccer field, and softball fields with synthetic turf for year-round use. Otherwise, repair and replace athletic fields to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage. Address need to repair open lawn turf.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,724,990 - \$5,752,000
Improve and increase the frequency of bathroom custodial services.	Policy	TBD
Evaluate need to resurface tennis, pickleball, basketball, and multi-sport courts.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD
Provide expanded hours of operations for restroom facilities.	Policy	TBD



### Hinebaugh Creek Park

Hinebaugh Creek Park is a very small park just off Country Club Drive. It is less than a quarter of an acre in size and is adjacent to a running/walking path. It has a picnic table, a trash receptacle, and a dog bag dispenser.

**Table 36. Hinebaugh Creek Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete, to connect the pathway from the trail to the picnic table. This also includes the new concrete pad for the table.	Addresses Deficiency	\$2,830 - \$5,686
Replace existing picnic table to make it ADA-compliant and accessible.	Addresses Deficiency	\$16,000

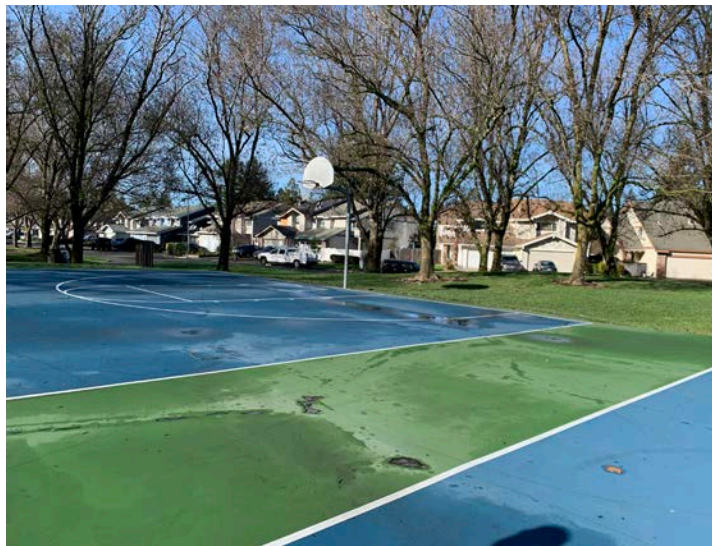
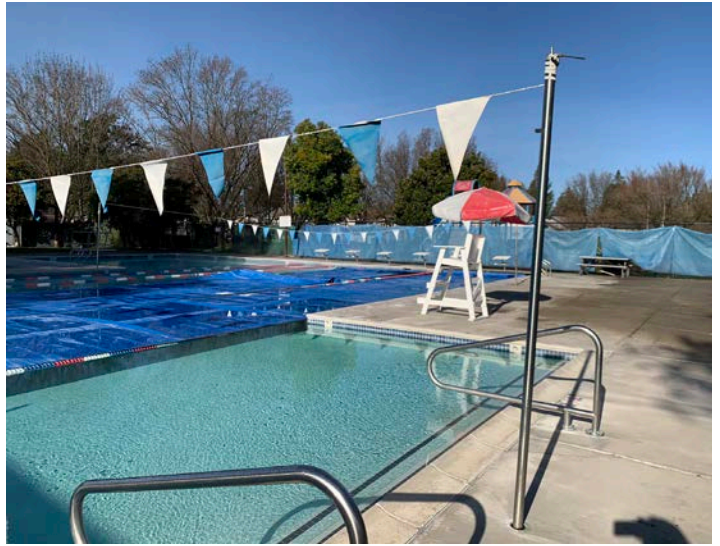


## Honeybee Park and Pool

Honeybee Park is a ten-acre park located on Golf Course Drive. It has an open lawn with rolling mounds, some plantings, and interspersed trees. Amenities include sport courts, an elementary and tot playground, a picnic area, and a pool. The picnic area is rentable, and the park has many opportunities for updated and/or added amenities.

**Table 37. Honeybee Park and Pool**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Evaluate pedestrian lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$121,125 - \$242,250
Expand existing elementary aged playground footprint to accommodate new equipment for all age groups. Cost is for new equipment and surfacing. Place equipment on a replacement schedule. Consider replacing tot lot footprint with alternative amenity.	Addresses Deficiency	\$364,120
Add and replace benches, bike racks, and trash cans/ recycling. Replace playground picnic tables, barbecues. Add park signage. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$128,000
Evaluate tennis court and basketball lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Address mechanical room pool improvements.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Increase offerings for rec swim, swimming lessons, and aquatics programs, including updating hours for increased access.	Policy	TBD
Repair and/or replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,306,800
Repair lawn surfacing.	Addresses Deficiency	\$545,000
Provide new restroom facility for park users.	Added Amenity	\$300,000
Evaluate ability/desire to regrade mounding turf for youth soccer fields or dog park. Mound removal excluded from costs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Improve and increase frequency of bathroom custodial services.	Policy	TBD
Evaluate need to resurface tennis and basketball courts.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD
Update group picnic area with shade shelter, picnic tables (ADA-compliant), barbecue and counter (2) and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$210,490

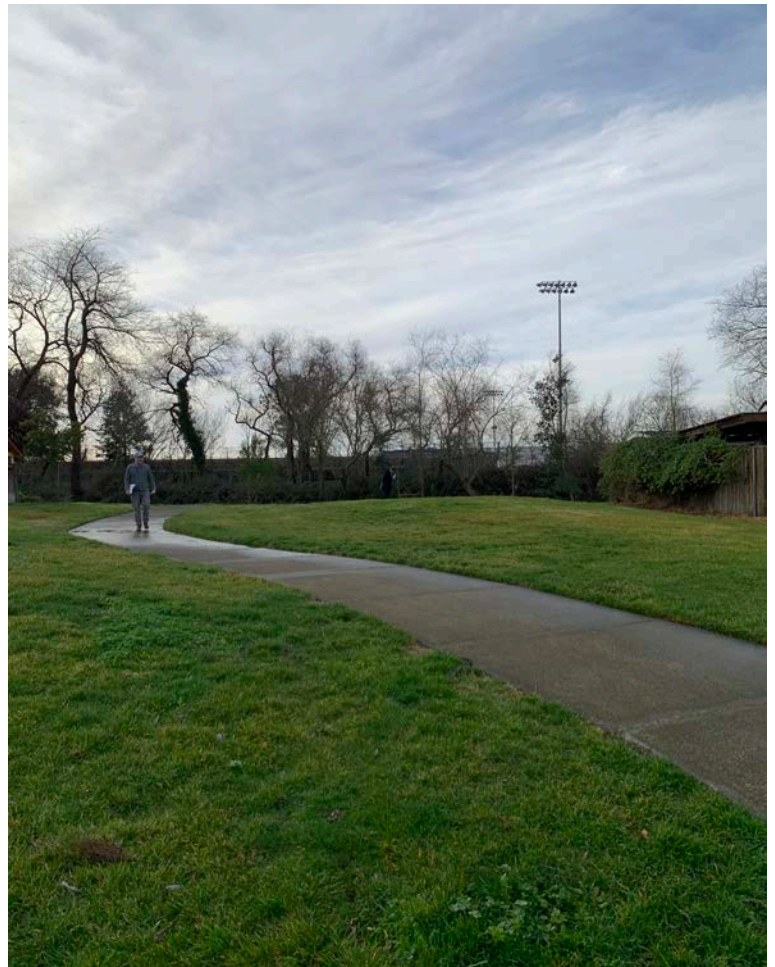


### Jasmine Tot Lot and Park

Jasmine Tot Lot is a less-than-a-quarter acre park located on Jasmine Circle. It is connected to a walking and running trail along Copeland Creek. The park has a lawn with two small trees, a bench, and park signage.

**Table 38. Jasmine Tot Lot and Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$34,800 - \$69,600
Add and replace benches and park signage. Add trash can/recycling. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$22,000
Repair and/or replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$32,700
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD
Include in overall evaluation of tot lot and mini parks to determine the best use of park space.	Policy	N/A



### Lacrosse Mini-Park

Lacrosse Mini Park is a small park, less than an acre in size, that is located between houses and the railroad just off Lacrosse Court north. The park has a tire swing, swing set, half basketball court, open lawn with trees, ornamental planting, and benches.

**Table 39. Lacross Mini-Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$26,640 - \$53,280
Replace benches and park signage. Add trash can/ recycling. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$22,000
Repair and/or replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$111,100
Repair lawn surfacing.	Addresses Deficiency	\$100,000
Replace half-court basketball court, ensure ADA-compliant access.	Addresses Deficiency	\$100,000
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Include in overall evaluation of tot lot and mini parks to determine best use of park space.	Policy	N/A



## Ladybug Park

Ladybug Park is a five-acre park on Liman way with an elementary playground, tennis courts, picnic area, sports fields, and creek connection. A large swale divides the park, which often inhibits access to the picnic area and creek trail. The park is home to the Ladybug Park Recreation Building.

**Table 40. Ladybug Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Replace and expand playground equipment and footprint to accommodate all age groups and abilities. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Added Amenity	\$429,000
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$90,600 - \$181,200
Update picnic area to include shelter structure, replacement of picnic tables (for ADA-compliance), barbecue and counter, concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$130,000
Add and replace benches, drinking fountains, and trash cans/recycling. Replace park signage. Add bike racks. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$115,000
Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for repair/replacement needs. Consider moving or removing lighting that is currently in the middle of the playground.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Repair and/or replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$653,400
Provide updated connection to creek trail.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Consider replacing soccer field with synthetic turf. Alternatively, repair and replace the field park grounds to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage.	Addresses Deficiency	\$158,700 - \$793,125
Provide outdoor fitness equipment. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Added Amenity	\$75,000
Add sand volleyball court.	Added Amenity	\$100,000
Provide new restroom facility for park users.	Added Amenity	\$300,000
Repair tennis court surfacing.	Addresses Deficiency	\$159,600
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD



### Ladybug Park Recreation Center

Ladybug Park Recreation Center is a less than 2,000 square foot facility with a gathering area, small sink and kitchenette, and restrooms. It used to have an attached pool, which has been filled in and has recently been used as a community garden. The pool area is scheduled for renovation.

**Table 41. Ladybug Park Recreation Center**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$24,100 - \$48,360
Address deferred maintenance for the recreation center per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report.	Addresses Deficiency	\$437,240
Add and replace picnic tables. Add benches, drinking fountain, trash/recycling, and park signage. Place all equipment on an equipment schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$56,000
Evaluate recreation center for best amenity to replace drained pool/community garden.	Added Amenity	TBD
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD



## Lilac Tot Lot Park

Lilac Tot Lot is a small park less than a quarter-acre in size. It has an open and sloping lawn and one entry from Lilac Way. The other entrance at the south of the park has been blocked by a fence.

**Table 42. Lilac Tot Lot Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Remove fence restricting southern entrance.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$8,400 - \$16,800
Add benches.	Addresses Deficiency	\$6,000
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$32,670
Create a habitat garden.	Added Amenity	TBD
Improve drainage along pathways.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD
Include in overall evaluation of tot lot and mini parks to determine the best use of park space.	Policy	N/A



### Lydia Court Mini Park

Lydia Court Mini Park is a less-than-an-acre park located on Lydia Court South. It has a newly installed playground and path, the Lydia Commons Community Garden, a little free library, benches, and a few picnic tables.

**Table 43. Lydia Court Mini Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Add new and replace existing benches. Replace picnic tables, ensuring ADA compliance. Add bike rack and park signage. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$25,000
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Include in overall evaluation of tot lot and mini parks to determine best use of park space.	Policy	N/A



## Magnolia Park

Magnolia Park is a well-used nineteen-acre park with an inclusive elementary playground, sport courts, a picnic area, sports fields, an open lawn, and a pool. Sports leagues and the Rohnert Park Tennis Club often use the facilities. The inclusive elementary playground was installed in 2020. The park is adjacent to Monte Vista Elementary School.

**Table 44. Magnolia Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$315,300 - \$630,600
Add and replace benches, drinking fountains, trash cans/recycling. Add bike racks. Replace park signage.	Addresses Deficiency	\$200,000
Evaluate existing lighting at baseball/soccer fields and tennis courts for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Increase offerings for rec swim, swimming lessons, and aquatics programs, including updating hours for increased access.	Policy	TBD
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$2,482,920
Consider converting baseball, soccer, and softball fields to synthetic turf, or repair and replace athletic fields and to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage. Repair and replace park grounds.	Addresses Deficiency	\$2,462,370-\$6,935,625
Provide fitness equipment. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Added Amenity	\$75,000
Add a splash pad.	Added Amenity	\$400,000
Improve and increase frequency of bathroom custodial services.	Policy	TBD
Evaluate need to resurface and/or relocate basketball courts. Cost is for relocation.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD
Provide expanded hours of operations for restroom facilities.	Policy	TBD
Update group picnic area, include shelters, picnic tables, barbecues, and concrete surfacing. Ensure in ADA compliance.	Added Amenity	\$435,000



## Maurice Fredericks Park

Maurice Fredericks Park is a five-acre park on Wisdom Lane. It is a heavily used neighborhood park and is one of the most recently built parks in the city. It has an elementary and tot lot playground, a basketball court, picnic area, soccer field/open lawn, and a dog park.

**Table 45. Maurice Fredericks Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Repair soccer field (plan in place to replace as part of turf maintenance program). Alternatively, consider converting soccer field to synthetic turf.	Addresses Deficiency	\$158,625 - \$739,150
Provide new sheltered picnic area with ADA-compliant tables and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$200,000
Provide a restroom facility for park users.	Added Amenity	\$300,000
Repair poor drainage in dog park.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Improve park drainage.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD



### Meadow Pines Mini Park

Meadow Pines Mini Park is a small park located on Civic Center Drive. It has a tot lot and open lawn.

**Table 46. Meadow Pines Mini Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,500 - \$3,000
Add and replace benches, trash/recycling. Add drinking fountain and park signage. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$38,000
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$111,100
Add a half-court basketball court or another teen-friendly amenity.	Addresses Deficiency	\$100,000
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD
Include in overall evaluation of tot lot and mini parks to determine best use of park space.	Policy	N/A



## Skate Park

The skate park parcel is located on Snyder Lane and is adjacent to Copeland Creek and the Community Center complex. This parcel would make an ideal place for a skate park.

**Table 47. Skate Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Add a skate park	Added Amenity	TBD



## Rainbow Park

Rainbow Park is a just under three-acre park located on Rosana Way. Amenities include an elementary playground, sport courts, a picnic area, and an open and mounding lawn with interspersed trees.

**Table 48. Rainbow Park**

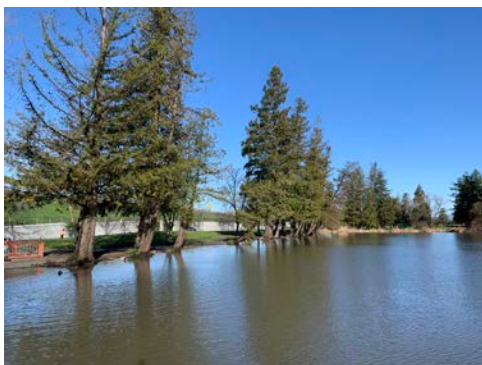
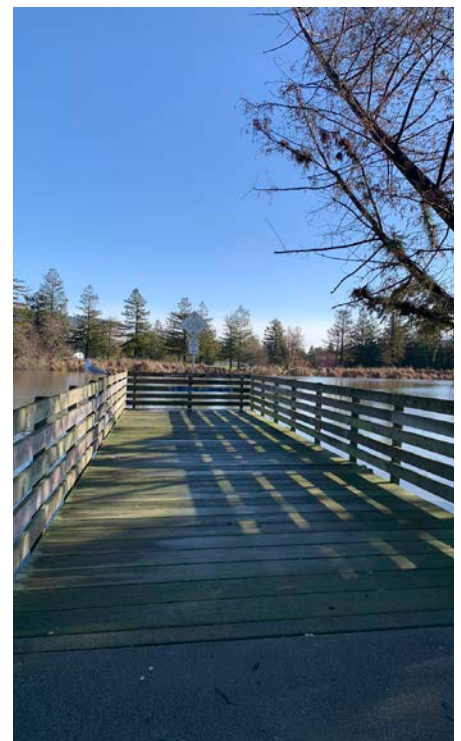
Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$90,600 - \$181,200
Add and replace benches, drinking fountains. Replace picnic tables, trash/recycling. Add bike racks, park signage. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$139,000
Evaluate tennis court lighting for repair and/or replacement need.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$350,200
Repair and replace turfs to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage.	Addresses Deficiency	\$60,318
Provide a new sheltered picnic area with replaced picnic tables (ensuring ADA-compliance), barbecue and podium, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$215,000
Provide restroom facility.	Added Amenity	\$300,000
Expand footprint of existing playground and update equipment for all ages and abilities. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$373,300
Evaluate resurfacing of basketball and tennis courts or consider conversion to a multi-use court.	Addresses Deficiency	\$164,000



## Roberts Lake Park

Roberts Lake Park is an eight-and-a-half-acre park and walking trail on the east side of Roberts Lake. The park has an open and mounding lawn, piers, picnic areas, and a memorial space. The park is in poor condition and experiences issues with erosion.

<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Repair lake edge to address erosion.	Addresses Deficiency	\$207,000
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$288,000 - \$369,000
Replace benches and picnic tables, ensuring ADA-compliance. Add and replace drinking fountain and trash cans/recycling. Add and park signage. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$125,400
Evaluate pedestrian lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Provide a sheltered picnic area with picnic tables (ADA-compliant), barbecue and counter, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$210,000
Consider aeration improvement for lake.	Added Amenity	TBD
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD

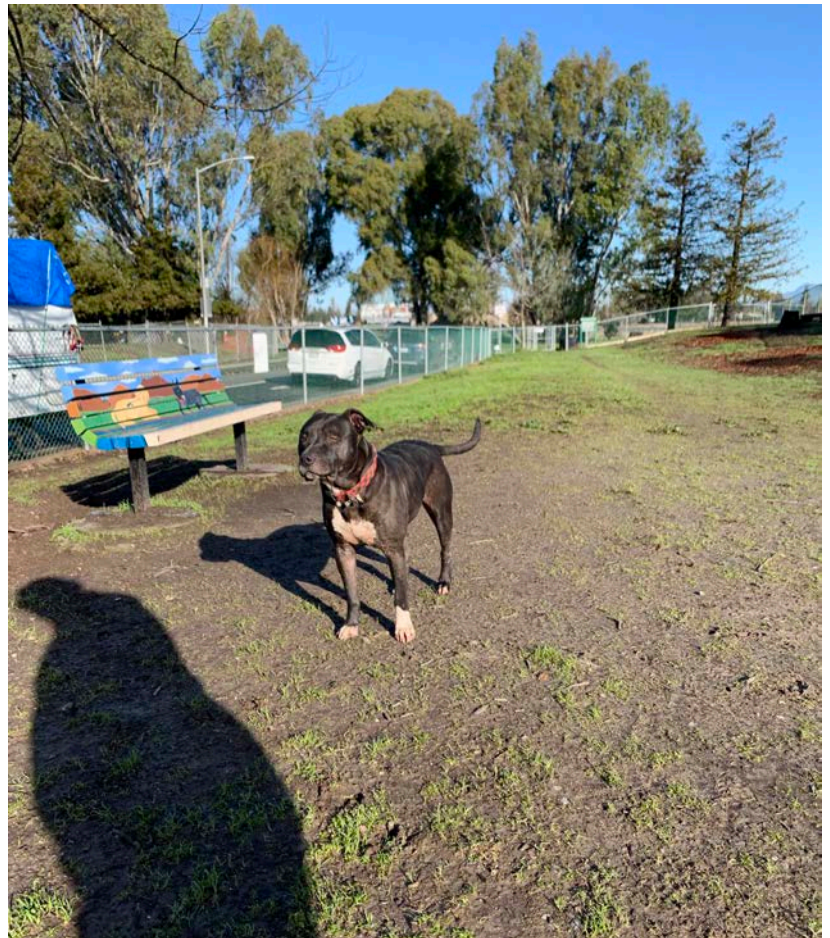


## Rohnert Bark Dog Park

Rohnert Bark Dog Park is a less-than-an-acre park located just north of Robers Lake Park on Roberts Lake Road. The Dog Park has two fenced areas: one for small dogs, and one for large dogs. Both parks have benches, picnic tables, dog drinking fountains, trash receptacles, and dog bag dispensers. The challenge for both parks is that they are not ADA-compliant.

**Table 50. Rohnert Bark Dog Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Create an ADA-accessible entrance to the dog park.	Addresses Deficiency	\$28,200
Bark mulch refresh, add benches, shelters, picnic tables with ADA-compliance, and drinking fountains with pet bowls.	Addresses Deficiency	\$56,400
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$108,500
Provide maintenance vehicle access to park.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD



## Scout Hut

The Scout Hut is a 1,300 square foot facility located at Alicia Park on Santa Alicia Drive. It is currently leased to the Girl Scouts. The facility is worn out due to age and is surrounded by trees and planters. There is some outdoor lighting, and a mural painted on the side of the building.

**Table 51. Scout Hut**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Evaluate pedestrian lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$30,000
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,000 - \$2,000
Address deferred maintenance per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report.	Addresses Deficiency	\$435,060



## Senior Citizen Center

The Senior Citizen Center is an 8,000 square foot facility in good condition. Amenities include a lobby, offices, indoor gym, and a dining area. The center provides classes and rentals, and hosts bingo run from a local nonprofit organization. The center is constrained by a lack of outdoor space for Seniors.

**Table 52. Senior Citizen Center**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$50,400 - \$100,800
Address deferred maintenance per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report.	Addresses Deficiency	\$2,322,020
Increase fitness class offerings including scheduling evening classes as well as low-impact classes.	Policy	tbd
Create a plan for a long-term replacement of the Senior Center that focuses on the full spectrum of senior needs.	Addresses Deficiency	tbd
Add a small outdoor patio space to the center.	Added Amenity	\$21,200

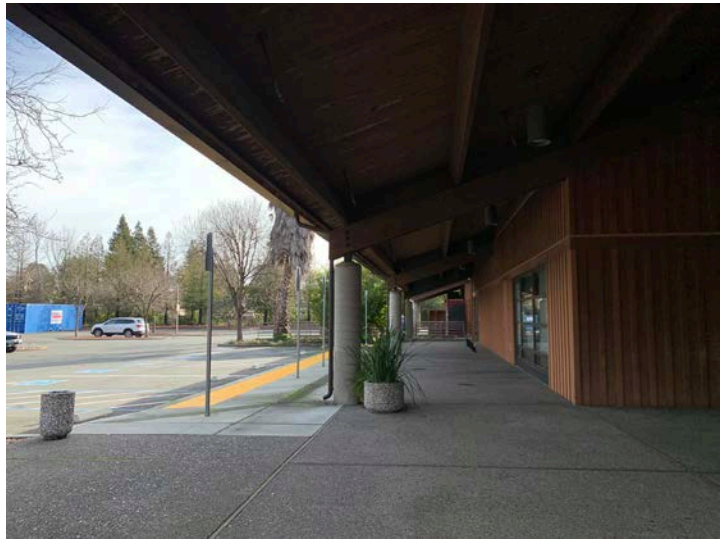


### Spreckels Performing Arts Center

Spreckels Performing Arts Center is a 42,000 square foot facility that is part of the Community Center Complex. It has two theaters, offices, props and costume storage, a stage shop, green room, and orchestra pit. The center hosts professional theatre performances, dance company recitals, and is open for event rentals. Some constraints include a lack of ADA access to the offices, and flooding in the orchestra pit.

**Table 53. Spreckels Performing Arts Center**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Address deferred maintenance per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report. Address flooding in the orchestra pit. Upstairs offices not ADA compliant	Addresses Deficiency	\$5,228,530
Replace existing bike racks. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$4,000



## Sunrise Park

Sunrise Park is a heavily used nine-acre park on Snyder Lane. It is across the Rohnert Park Expressway from the Community Center Complex. The park has an all-weather synthetic turf field, pickleball courts, a softball field, elementary playground and tot lot, basketball courts, and a picnic area. The park is frequently used by soccer and lacrosse leagues. Additionally, a pickleball league uses the pickleball courts. As one of the few parks with all-weather turf in the area, it is in high demand for field rentals.

**Table 54. Sunrise Park**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$102,000 - \$204,000
Replace existing playground equipment to create an all-ages all-abilities playground. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$415,400
Add and replace benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, bike racks, trash/recycling, and park signage. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$178,000
Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$135,000
Evaluate existing tennis court lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$108,500
Convert softball infield to all-weather surfacing.	Addresses Deficiency	\$432,500
Update two group picnic areas with shelters, concrete surfacing, and ADA-compliant tables and barbecues, and provide maintenance storage.	Added Amenity	\$430,000
Improve and increase frequency of bathroom custodial services.	Policy	TBD
Resurface basketball courts.	Addresses Deficiency	\$456,000
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Provide expanded hours of operations for restroom facilities.	Policy	TBD



## Twin Creeks

Twin Creeks Park, located on Kerry Road, is just under seven acres in size. It is one of the City’s highest used parks. With basketball half-courts, an elementary playground and tot lot, and a soccer field and baseball field, a picnic pavilion, and restrooms, this neighborhood park is frequently used by residents. The park is newer and presents challenges for maintenance. Additionally, the baseball diamond is not sized properly for league play.

**Table 55. Twin Creeks**

Recommendation	Type	Cost
Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$892,550
Update fields per the Turf Replacement Program.	Addresses Deficiency	\$606,225
Study sports field for potential reconfiguration.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Address restroom deferred maintenance.	Addresses Deficiency	\$30,490
Increase park staff presence to control noise, garbage, and park misuse.	Policy	TBD
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD
Replace and relocate existing oversize bleachers. If fields are redesigned, bleachers could be used.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD



## 6.0 IMPLEMENTATION

Chapter 6 provides guidelines for Rohnert Park to implement the recommendations. The process begins with prioritizing recommendations to ensure they align with the priorities and needs of the City and community. This section provides an overview of the prioritization criteria and the ranking process used to categorize these recommendations.

Once prioritization was complete, an Action Plan was developed that organizes recommendations into a timeline based on assessed need and available resources.

### 6.1 PRIORITIZATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS

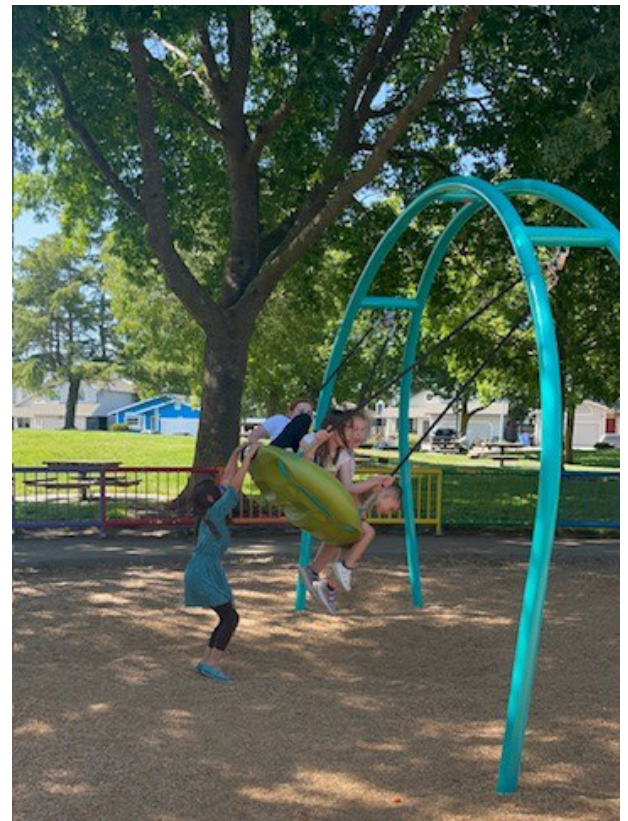
#### CRITERIA

Each park was evaluated based on a set of predefined categories to determine the ranking of each recommendation. Points were assigned to each park for each category, and these points were then totaled to calculate an overall score. Categories with higher scores indicate a higher priority.

The following table indicates the prioritization category and its description. Point allocation is presented in the Appendix.



*View of imaginative play*



*View of group play*

**Table 56. Recommendation of Prioritization Categories**

Prioritization Category	Description
Code and Regulation Compliance	This category evaluates whether park amenities and facilities meet required standards for issues of public health (sanitation), physical safety (i.e. tripping hazards), and urgency (repair deferral impacts amenity use and public access). A score indicates that the issues (i.e. public health, physical safety, urgency) are non-compliant with local, state, and national codes, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act, and should be addressed.
Safety and Security	This category addresses the need for improved lighting infrastructure that enhances safety and security within the parks and facilities recreation system. High priority parks have a need for lighting because of their association with an existing building or parking lot. Mid-level priority parks need lighting as none is present. Low priority parks have some existing lighting.
Fulfills Unmet Needs	Recommendations in this category address new elements, amenities, or policies that meet identified gaps in the community’s needs. These unmet needs are based on the Gap Analysis, identified by the City, or described in Inventory and Assessment completed during the Parks and Recreation Master Planning process. <sup>1</sup>
Potential Revenue Generation	This category indicates recommendations with potential to generate long-term revenue (e.g. field rentals), short-term funding sources (e.g. one-time picnic rentals), or both.
Included in Previous Planning Efforts	Recommendations in this category have already been identified as goals, priorities, or actions in prior planning documents for the City of Rohnert Park. Planning efforts include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The Draft Rohnert Park General Plan 2040</li> <li>2. Hazard Mitigation Plan</li> <li>3. Priority Development Area Plan</li> <li>4. Master Plan Revisions to City Council</li> <li>5. Comprehensive Audit Summary By Park</li> <li>6. Community Services Recreation Program Cost Recovery Policy</li> </ol>
Operational Efficiency	This category evaluates recommendations that will result in significant savings in staff time and City resources.

<sup>1</sup> For an explanation of tiers, please see the Appendix.

## 6.2 ACTION PLAN

An important component of the PRMP is the Action Plan.

The Action Plan categorizes the recommendations into three levels of priority: near-term, medium-term, and long-term, which are defined in the Recommendation Priorities Table below.

Future needs will change for the City, and the Action Plan will serve as a roadmap to address these changes.

### PRIORITY PARK RECOMMENDATIONS

#### Recommendation Priorities and Types

The table below identifies the total number of recommendations for new amenities and deficiencies, as included in the Action Plan.

Policies that apply to multiple parks are discussed separately later in this chapter.

**Table 57. Recommendation Priorities**

Timeline	Recommendations	Description	Total
Near-term	15 Adds Amenities	Potentially achievable in 0 to 5 years	108
	93 Addresses Deficiencies		
Medium-term	18 Adds Amenities	Potentially achievable in 5 to 10 years	111
	93 Addresses Deficiencies		
Long-term	21 Adds Amenities	Potentially achievable in 10+ years	28
	7 Addresses Deficiencies		
Policy	39 Policies	Policy (No timeline assigned)	39
	Total number of recommendations		286

**Table 58. Recommendation Types**

Recommendation Type	Description	Total
Addresses Deficiency	Recommendations that improve existing conditions identified as deficient, such as replacing or upgrading amenities at the end of their lifecycle, or removing accessibility barriers to ensure ADA Compliance.	193
Added Amenity	Recommendations focused on adding new amenities to expand and enhance the City of Rohnert Park’s parks and recreation offerings.	54
Policy	Administrative recommendations that support the City’s ability to effectively deliver parks and recreation services.	39

**NEAR TERM**

Categorization of near-term recommendations has primarily been determined by urgency and perceived ability for the City to provide funding. These are the highest priority projects that are potentially achievable within the next five years. Many recommendations that address deficiencies are identified as near-term. The following table lists the proposed near-term recommendations, their type, and opinion of probable cost.

<b>Table 59. Near-Term Recommendations</b>			
<b>Site</b>	<b>Recommendation</b>	<b>Type</b>	<b>Cost</b>
Alicia Park	Join existing footprint of elementary age and tot lot playgrounds, replace existing equipment to include all ages/all abilities. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$530,340
	Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$120,000
	Add and replace benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, bike racks. Replace trash cans/recycling and park signage. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$176,000
	Repair and replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$653,400
	Provide new restroom facilities at futsal court. Address deferred maintenance for existing restrooms near south parking lot.	Added Amenity	\$389,230
Benicia Park	Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$45,000
	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete, including adding a pathway between the Benicia Recreation Center and the Burton Pool facility. Ensure paving provides access to all amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$96,600 - \$193,200
	Add and replace benches, drinking fountains, and barbecues. Replace existing picnic tables to include ADA-compliant tables, as well as the bike rack and trash cans/recycling. Place all equipment on an equipment schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$126,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$784,100
	Update group picnic area with concrete surfacing, shelter, BBQ and counter. Ensure addition of ADA-compliant picnic tables.	Added Amenity	\$195,000
Benicia Park Recreation Center	Add and replace benches in the garden area outside of the recreation center.	Addresses Deficiency	\$12,000

**Table 59. Near-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
Callinan Sports & Fitness Center	Dedicate a room to group exercise which would result in a full-service fitness center and increase membership revenue.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Carlita Circle	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete from sidewalk to play equipment and benches.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,000 - \$2,000
	Add site furnishings: benches, picnic table (ADA compliant), a drinking fountain, and a trash can.	Addresses Deficiency	\$26,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$32,670
Caterpillar Park	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$67,980 - \$135,960
	Replace existing play equipment. Ensure new equipment is for all ages and abilities. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$378,780
	Add and replace benches and picnic tables, ensuring ADA-compliance. Replace trash cans/recycling. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$40,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$392,100
	Repair and replace turf at soccer field area to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage. Ensure compliance with the turf management/ replacement plan in progress.	Addresses Deficiency	\$27,000
Cielo Park	Add benches, picnic table (ensure ADA-compliance), drinking fountain, and bike rack. Replace existing trash can/recycling. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$36,000
Civic Center	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$11,100 - \$22,200
	Proceed with efforts to redesign and replace the existing play equipment with appropriated funding. Ensure new equipment provides opportunities for all ages and abilities. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	N/A
	Add and replace picnic tables, ensuring ADA-compliance. Replace trash can/recycling. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Added Amenity	\$19,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$32,670

**Table 59. Near-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
Colegio Vista Park	Evaluate need to provide sports lighting as part of redesign/conceptual design efforts.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Add benches, trash cans/recycling, and drinking fountains. Add and replace benches, picnic tables (ensuring ADA-compliance), and barbecues. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$148,500
	Address deferred maintenance for restroom.	Addresses Deficiency	\$108,180
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas. Address drainage as part of park updates generated from conceptual plan/redesign efforts.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Create a concept plan for the redesign of the park that focuses on providing athletic fields, connectivity to amenities, new sports field and pathway lighting, an updated playground footprint, additional picnic group area, and potential sport courts.	Added Amenity	TBD
Community Center	Replace existing benches and bike racks, and trash/recycling. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$46,000
Dorotea Park	Provide ADA Parking at the north entrance to the park (2 stalls and shared aisle).	Addresses Deficiency	\$20,000
	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$101,700 - \$203,400
	Add and replace benches, picnic tables (ensure ADA-compliance), drinking fountains, trash cans/recycling, and park signage. Add bike racks and barbecues. Place all equipment on an equipment schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$169,000
	Evaluate existing lighting for replacement or repair.	Addresses Deficiency	\$75,000
	Replace existing fitness equipment along walking path.	Added Amenity	\$75,000
	Evaluate use of expansive lawn area/softball field - including potential for alternative uses.	Added Amenity	\$420,000

**Table 59. Near-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
Eagle Park	Provide curb ramps for ADA-compliance at street parking.	Addresses Deficiency	\$7,500
	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$92,550 - \$185,100
	Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$60,000
	Evaluate existing sports lighting for replacement and/or repair.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Repair and replace soccer and softball field turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,049,300
	Address drainage issues at baseball/soccer field.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Field of Friends	Add benches, drinking fountain with pet bowl, and bark mulch. Replace trash cans, park signage. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$87,100
	Improve drainage in dog park.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Improve maintenance in dog park.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Five Creek Park	Minor irrigation maintenance.	Addresses Deficiency	\$10,000
	Create a group picnic area: use existing shade structure, add picnic tables and barbecue	Added Amenity	\$30,000
Golis Park	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Update paving that is cracking and uneven. Provide an ADA-compliant path to the softball and soccer fields.	Addresses Deficiency	\$196,500 - \$393,000
	Add and replace benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, and trash cans/recycling. Replace bike racks and barbecues. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement plan.	Addresses Deficiency	\$174,000
	Repair and replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,698,900
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD

**Table 59. Near-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
Hinebaugh Creek Park	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. This is an 8’ pathway from the trail to the picnic table. This also includes the new concrete pad for the table.	Addresses Deficiency	\$2,830 - \$5,686
	Replace existing picnic table to make it ADA-compliant and accessible.	Addresses Deficiency	\$16,000
Honeybee Park	Add and replace benches, bike racks, and trash cans/recycling. Replace playground picnic tables, barbecues. Add park signage. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$128,000
	Address mechanical room pool improvements.	Addresses Deficiency	\$386,510
	Repair and replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,306,800
	Provide new restroom facility for park users.	Added Amenity	\$300,000
Jasmine Tot Lot Park	Add and replace benches and park signage. Add trash can/recycling. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$12,000
Lacrosse Mini-Park	Replace benches and park signage. Add trash can/recycling. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$12,000
	Repair and replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$111,100
	Repair lawn surfacing.	Addresses Deficiency	\$100,000
	Replace half-court basketball court, ensure ADA-compliant access.	Addresses Deficiency	\$100,000
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Ladybug Park	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$90,600 - \$181,200
	Add and replace benches, drinking fountains, and trash cans/recycling. Replace park signage. Add bike racks. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$115,000
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD

**Table 59. Near-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
Ladybug Park Recreation Center	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$24,100 - \$48,360
	Add and replace picnic tables. Add benches, drinking fountain, trash/recycling, and park signage. Place all equipment on an equipment schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$56,000
Lilac Tot Lot Park	Remove fence restricting southern entrance.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$8,400 - \$16,800
	Add benches.	Addresses Deficiency	\$6,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$32,670
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Lydia Court Mini Park	Add new and replace existing benches. Replace picnic tables, ensuring ADA compliance. Add bike rack and park signage. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$25,000
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Magnolia Park	Add and replace benches, drinking fountains, trash cans/recycling. Add bike racks. Replace park signage.	Addresses Deficiency	\$200,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$2,482,920
Maurice Fredericks Park	Repair soccer field (plan in place to replace as part of turf maintenance program. Alternatively, consider converting soccer field to synthetic turf.	Addresses Deficiency	\$158,625 - \$793,150
	Provide new sheltered picnic area with ADA-compliant tables and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$200,000
	Provide a restroom facility for park users.	Added Amenity	\$300,000
	Repair poor drainage in dog park.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Improve park drainage.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD

**Table 59. Near-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
Meadow Pines Mini-Park	Add and replace benches, trash/recycling. Add drinking fountain and park signage. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$38,000
	Add a half-court basketball court or another teen-friendly amenity.	Addresses Deficiency	\$122,000
Parcel adjacent to Spreckels	Add a skate park	Added Amenity	\$150,000
Rainbow Park	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$90,600 - \$181,200
	Add and replace benches, drinking fountains. Replace picnic tables, trash/recycling. Add bike racks, park signage. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$139,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$350,200
	Repair and replace turfs to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage.	Addresses Deficiency	\$60,318
	Provide a new sheltered picnic area with replaced picnic tables (ensuring ADA-compliance), barbecue and podium, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$215,000
	Provide restroom facility.	Added Amenity	\$300,000
Roberts Lake	Repair lake edge to address erosion.	Addresses Deficiency	\$207,000
	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$288,000 - \$369,000
	Replace benches and picnic tables, ensuring ADA-compliance. Add and replace drinking fountain and trash cans/recycling. Add and park signage. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$125,400
	Provide a sheltered picnic area with picnic tables (ADA-compliant), barbecue and counter, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$210,000
	Consider aeration improvement for lake.	Added Amenity	TBD
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD

**Table 59. Near-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
Rohnert Bark Dog Park	Create an ADA-accessible entrance to dog parks.	Addresses Deficiency	\$28,200 - \$56,400
	Bark mulch refresh, add benches, shelters, picnic tables with ADA-compliance, and drinking fountains with pet bowls.	Addresses Deficiency	\$248,800
	Provide maintenance vehicle access to park.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas. - Improve Park Drainage	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Spreckels Performing Arts Center	Replace existing bike racks. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$4,000
Sunrise Park	Add and replace benches, picnic tables, drinking fountains, bike racks, trash/recycling, and park signage. Place all equipment on an equipment replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$178,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$108,500
	Convert softball infield to all-weather surfacing	Addresses Deficiency	\$432,500
Twin Creeks Park	Update fields per the Turf Replacement Program.	Addresses Deficiency	\$606,225
	Address restroom deferred maintenance	Addresses Deficiency	\$30,490
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD

**MEDIUM-TERM**

Medium-term recommendations are considered second-priority projects for the City of Rohnert Park. These projects are potentially implementable within the next five to ten years. These recommendations align with City and community priorities identified in the Needs Assessment. The following table identifies the medium-term priority projects and estimated ROM costs.

**Table 60. Medium-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
<b>Alicia Park</b>	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$74,700 - \$149,400
	Evaluate existing baseball field lighting for replacement and/or repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Either convert existing baseball field to all-weather surfacing, or repair and replace baseball field turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards. Create plan for capital replacement if using synthetic turf.	Addresses Deficiency	\$451,900 - \$1,019,500
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
<b>Benicia Park</b>	Build out elementary aged playground to a larger footprint, and include all-ages all-abilities equipment, remove existing tot lot and consider replacing with alternative amenity. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$ 367,230
	Evaluate existing baseball field lighting for replacement and/or repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Provide outdoor fitness equipment. Evaluate desire for par course equipment or fixed weight and cardio equipment.	Added Amenity	\$75,000
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Either convert existing baseball field to all-weather surfacing, or repair and replace baseball field turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards. Create plan for capital replacement if all-weather surfacing is used.	Addresses Deficiency	\$651,960 - \$1,128,000
	Repair and replace surfacing and equipment for basketball court.	Addresses Deficiency	\$87,360

**Table 60. Medium-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
<b>Benicia Park Recreation Center</b>	Evaluate need to repair/replace existing lighting in parking lot. There is a potential need for pathway lighting to the parking lot. The Park and Recreation committee is addressing this need. Action taken on this recommendation shall be in line with their efforts.	Addresses Deficiency	\$30,000
	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$9,000 - \$18,000
	Address deferred maintenance on building.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,020,600
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
<b>Burton Ave Park Recreation Center</b>	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$43,360 - \$86,760
	Address deferred maintenance on both the recreation center and the adjacent storage building.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,755,910
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$199,950
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Redesign front entry, including adding a nice photo opportunity space to use during event rentals.	Added Amenity	TBD
<b>Callinan Sports &amp; Fitness Center</b>	Address deferred maintenance per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report. Address issues of no heating, ventilation, or air conditioning. Lighting renovation. Roof leaks	Addresses Deficiency	\$3,147,810
	Replace benches throughout the Community Center Complex Courtyard. Add and replace picnic tables, ensuring ADA-compliance. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$79,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system for the field south of the Center. Complete this recommendation as part of any redesign efforts for the field space.	Addresses Deficiency	\$229,500
	Provide clear access to the Copeland Creek Trail from the center.	Addresses Deficiency	\$13,200
	Evaluate need to repair and replace the field to the south of the Center.	Addresses Deficiency	\$382,500
	Re-design a portion of the south field as an event space capable of accommodating vendors, stages, and programmable space	Addresses Deficiency	TBD

**Table 60. Medium-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
<b>Carlita Circle</b>	Update existing equipment, ensuring that it provides for all-abilities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$137,340
	Repair drainage in play area when replacing play equipment.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
<b>Caterpillar Park</b>	Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$120,000
	Repair drainage in play area and along pathways. Repair play drainage during play area update.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
<b>Cielo Park</b>	Re-surface basketball court	Addresses Deficiency	\$34,932
	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$18,180 - \$36,360
	Evaluate and add an amenity to replace the removed picnic area/play structure.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
<b>Civic Center</b>	Add a group picnic pavilion, including a shelter, ADA-compliant picnic tables, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$195,000
<b>Colegio Vista Park</b>	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities. May be completed in conjunction or under creation of a concept plan.	Addresses Deficiency	\$62,400 - \$124,800
	Evaluate the need to replace and/or repair the existing pedestrian lighting.	Addresses Deficiency	\$18,000
	Redesign, expand, and replace existing playground footprint to accommodate all age groups, providing all-abilities equipment. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$400,870
	Either replace the baseball field surfacing with synthetic turf, or repair and replace turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage. If replacing with synthetic turf, requires capital improvement.	Addresses Deficiency	\$679,100
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$653,400
	Add sheltered group picnic area including a shelter, picnic tables, barbecues and counters, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$430,000

**Table 60. Medium-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
<b>Community Center</b>	Address deferred maintenance per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report. Roof leaks, gas line issue, and atrium renovation. Address bar sink in multi-use room that does not drain	Addresses Deficiency	\$3,095,120
	Repair/replace irrigation system for the lawn northwest of the community center.	Addresses Deficiency	\$282,000
	Repair and replace turf lawn northwest of the community center.	Addresses Deficiency	\$470,000
<b>Dorotea Park</b>	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$784,100
	Either convert existing softball surfacing to synthetic turf or repair existing turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage. If converting to synthetic turf, will need to plan for capital replacement.	Added Amenity	\$257,500 - \$1,287,500
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Maintain, repair, and/or replace surfacing of basketball court and tennis courts. Consider replacing with multi-use courts.	Addresses Deficiency	\$90,400
<b>Eagle Park</b>	Add and replace benches and drinking fountains. Replace trash cans/recycling, existing park rules signage, barbecues, and existing picnic tables, ensuring ADA-compliance. Add bike racks. Place all equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$120,000
	Repair and replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,306,800
	Evaluate use of tennis courts and address need to repair surfacing, or consider an alternative amenity or multi-use court.	Added Amenity	TBD or \$660,800
<b>Field of Friends</b>	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$20,100 - \$40,200

**Table 60. Medium-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
<b>Golis Park</b>	Evaluate pedestrian lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$75,000
	Evaluate baseball field and tennis/basketball court lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Consider replacing baseball field, soccer field, and softball fields with synthetic turf for year-round use. Otherwise, repair and replace athletic fields to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage. Address need to repair open lawn turf. Synthetic turf will have higher use fees and more frequent use, will need to plan for capital replacement.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,724,990 -\$5,752,000
	Evaluate need to and resurface tennis, pickleball, basketball, and multi-sport courts.	Addresses Deficiency	\$423,780
<b>Honeybee Park</b>	Evaluate pedestrian lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$120,000
	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$121,125 - \$242,250
	Expand the existing elementary aged playground footprint to accommodate new equipment for all age groups. The cost is for new equipment and surfacing. Place equipment on a replacement schedule. Consider replacing tot lot footprint with alternative amenity.	Addresses Deficiency	\$364,120
	Evaluate tennis court and basketball lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Repair lawn surfacing.	Addresses Deficiency	\$545,000
	Evaluate ability/desire to regrade mounding turf for youth soccer fields or dog park. Mound removal excluded from costs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,213,920
	Evaluate need to resurface tennis and basketball courts.	Addresses Deficiency	\$316,620
	Update group picnic area with shade shelter, picnic tables (ADA-compliant), barbecue and counter (2), and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$200,420
<b>Jasmine Tot Lot Park</b>	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$34,800 - \$69,600
	Repair and replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$32,700

**Table 60. Medium-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
<b>Lacrosse Mini-Park</b>	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$26,640 - \$53,280
<b>Ladybug Park</b>	Update picnic area to include shelter structure, replacement of picnic tables (for ADA-compliance), barbecue and counter, concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$130,000
	Replace and expand playground equipment and footprint to accommodate all age groups and abilities. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Added Amenity	\$429,000
	Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for repair/replacement needs. Consider moving or removing lighting that is currently in the middle of the playground.	Addresses Deficiency	\$90,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$653,400
	Provide updated connection to creek trail.	Addresses Deficiency	\$24,000
	Consider replacing the existing soccer field with all-weather turf. Alternatively, repair and replace the field park grounds to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage.	Addresses Deficiency	\$158,700 - \$793,125
	Provide outdoor fitness equipment. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Added Amenity	\$75,000
	Add sand volleyball court.	Added Amenity	\$100,000
	Provide new restroom facility for park users.	Added Amenity	\$300,000
	Repair tennis court surfacing.	Addresses Deficiency	\$159,600
<b>Ladybug Park Recreation Center</b>	Address deferred maintenance for the recreation center per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report.	Addresses Deficiency	\$437,240
	Evaluate recreation center for best amenity to replace drained pool/community garden.	Added Amenity	TBD
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
<b>Lilac Tot Lot Park</b>	Create a habitat garden.	Added Amenity	TBD

**Table 60. Medium-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
<b>Magnolia Park</b>	Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$240,000
	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$315,300 - \$630,600
	Evaluate existing lighting at baseball/soccer fields and tennis courts for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Consider converting baseball, soccer, and softball fields to synthetic turf, or repair and replace athletic fields and to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage. Repair and replace park grounds.	Addresses Deficiency	\$2,462,370 - \$6,935,625
	Provide fitness equipment. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Added Amenity	\$75,000
	Evaluate need to resurface and/or relocate basketball courts. Cost is for relocation.	Addresses Deficiency	\$135,660
	Update group picnic area with shelters, picnic tables (including ADA-compliant), barbecue and podium, concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$435,000
<b>Meadow Pines Mini-Park</b>	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,500 - \$3,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$111,100
<b>Rainbow Park</b>	Evaluate tennis court lighting for repair and/or replacement need.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Expand footprint of existing playground and update equipment for all ages and abilities. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$373,300
	Evaluate resurfacing of basketball and tennis courts or consider conversion to a multi-use court.	Addresses Deficiency	\$164,000
<b>Roberts Lake</b>	Evaluate pedestrian lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$60,000
	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,110,800
<b>Rohnert Bark Dog Park</b>	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$108,500

**Table 60. Medium-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
<b>Scout Hut</b>	Evaluate pedestrian lighting for repair and/or replacement needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$30,000.00
	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$1,000 - \$2,000
	Address deferred maintenance per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report.	Addresses Deficiency	\$435,060.00
<b>Senior Citizen Center</b>	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$50,400 - \$100,800
	Address deferred maintenance per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report.	Addresses Deficiency	\$2,322,020
	Add a small outdoor patio space to the center.	Added Amenity	\$21,200
<b>Spreckels Performing Arts Center</b>	Address deferred maintenance per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report. Address flooding in the orchestra pit. Upstairs offices not ADA compliant.	Addresses Deficiency	\$5,228,530
<b>Sunrise Park</b>	Install new ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	Addresses Deficiency	\$102,000 - \$204,000
	Replace existing playground equipment to create an all-ages all-abilities playground. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	Addresses Deficiency	\$415,400
	Evaluate existing pedestrian lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	\$135,000
	Evaluate existing tennis court lighting for replacement/repair needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
	Update two group picnic areas with shelters, concrete surfacing, and ADA-compliant tables and barbecues, and provide maintenance storage.	Added Amenity	\$430,000
	Resurface basketball courts.	Addresses Deficiency	\$456,000
	Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD

**Table 60. Medium-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
Twin Creeks Park	Repair/replace irrigation system.	Addresses Deficiency	\$892,550
	Study sports field for potential reconfiguration.	Addresses Deficiency	\$550,000
	Replace and relocate existing oversize bleachers. If fields are redesigned, bleachers could be used.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD

**LONG TERM**

Long-term recommendations are third priority projects in the PRMP, and potentially achievable in ten or more years. These projects address gaps in the existing recreation system but may not be as urgent as the near-term and medium-term recommendations.

**Table 61. Long-Term Recommendations**

Site	Recommendation	Type	Cost
Alicia Park	Provide outdoor fitness equipment in Alicia Park - evaluate if par course or fixed cardio/weight equipment is desired by community.	Added Amenity	\$75,000
	Add a basketball court.	Added Amenity	\$200,000
	Update existing picnic area including providing a new shelter, picnic tables, a barbecue and counter, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$215,000
Benicia Park	Add sand volleyball court, either as a replacement for the tot lot or behind Benicia Recreation Center.	Added Amenity	\$50,000
Burton Ave Recreation Center	Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Policy	TBD
Caterpillar Park	Add a group picnic pavilion, including a shade structure, two picnic tables, a barbecue and counter, and concrete surfacing.	Added Amenity	\$200,000
Senior Citizen Center	Create a plan for a long-term replacement of the Senior Center that focuses on the full spectrum of senior needs.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD
Twin Creeks Park	Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Addresses Deficiency	TBD

### **ADDITIONAL PARK RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Gold Ridge Recreation Complex has been addressed separately from other park recommendations due to the development of a conceptual plan. The completion of the Gold Ridge Recreation Building and park redesign will require significant resources, time, and community input. All recommendations related to the Gold Ridge Complex are identified as long-term. While these recommendations address identified gaps in the parks and recreation facilities system, priority has been given to updating and maintaining existing parks and recreation facility amenities before embarking on a redesign of the Gold Ridge Complex. During the community outreach process, maintaining and improving existing amenities was identified as a key priority over adding new ones.

The concept design of the Gold Ridge Recreation Complex reflects needs identified by the community that will strengthen the parks and recreation facilities system. The following table outlines the added amenities included in the concept design.

While the recommendations can be categorized into Added Amenity, Addresses Deficiency, and Policy, the majority of recommendations focus on adding new amenities.



Figure 10: Gold Ridge Recreation Complex Concept Plan

**Table 62. Gold Ridge Recreation Building Recommendations**

Recommendation	Cost
Address deferred maintenance for the recreation center building per the Rohnert Park Facility Condition Assessment report.	\$2,421,640
Add 2 Curb ramps and ADA accessible parking (2 stalls and shared aisle).	\$35,000

**Table 63. Gold Ridge Park Recommendations**

Recommendation	Cost
Provide pathway lighting as part of the redesign of the park.	\$210,000
Install 4' wide ADA-compliant paving, either AC or concrete. Ensure paving provides access to all park amenities.	\$705,000 - \$1,410,000
Add benches, 21 picnic tables (including ADA-compliant), drinking fountains, bike racks, trash cans/recycling, and park signage.	\$175,000
Provide new lighting for proposed sport fields and courts as part of the redesign of the park.	TBD
Repair/replace irrigation system.	\$767,100
Expand soccer field to 11 v. 11 size.	\$290,000
Build inclusive/ all abilities destination playground.	\$2,000,000
Evaluate options to either repair and replace soccer field turf to address holes, uneven surfaces, and trip hazards to maximize usage, or convert to synthetic turf. Conversion to synthetic turf will provide higher use fees and more frequent use - will need to plan for capital replacement. Repairing and replacing turf will reduce maintenance costs.	\$2900,00 - \$1,450,000
Provide outdoor fitness equipment - fixed cardio and strength training. Place equipment on a replacement schedule.	\$75,000
Add bocce ball courts.	\$780,000
Provide a restroom facility for park users.	\$300,000
Improve drainage along pathways, fields, and play areas.	TBD
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	TBD
Add Basketball Courts.	\$400,000
Add Volleyball courts.	\$100,000
Add a splash pad.	\$400,000
Add a walking/fitness track.	\$21,853,440.00
Provide a dog park.	\$78,224
Add a youth fitness challenge course.	\$62,000 - \$105,000

## **POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS**

The policy recommendations apply to multiple parks and/or the entire parks and recreation facility system. These have been separated and detailed in the following table. Many of the policies do not yet have associated costs. The table lists each policy along with the parks affected by it. These recommendations are in addition to those policies identified in the General Plan.

Policy recommendations should apply to future added amenities.

**Table 64. Policy Recommendations**

<b>Policy</b>	<b>Park Locations</b>	<b>Total Recommendations per Policy</b>
Improve and increase frequency of bathroom custodial services.	Alicia Park, Colegio Vista Park, Dorotea Park, Eagle Park, Golis Park, Honeybee Park, Magnolia Park, Sunrise Park.	8
Improve Maintenance for Dog Parks.	Field of Friends	1
Evaluate tot lot and mini parks to determine best use of park space. Current mini parks are often underutilized, difficult to maintain and sometimes missing equipment. Possible future uses could focus on passive gardens where neighbors can sit, where habitat gardens can be created, picnic tables added, or similar.	Carlita Circle, Civic Center, Five Creek Park, Jasmine Tot Lot Park, Lacrosse Mini-Park, Lilac Tot Lot Park, Lydia Court Mini Park, Meadow Pines Mini-Park	8
Increase Fitness Class offerings including scheduling evening classes as well as low-impact classes.	Burton Avenue Park Recreation Center, Callinan Sports & Fitness Center, Community Center, Gold Ridge Recreation Building, Senior Citizen Center	5
Increase offerings for rec swim, swimming lessons, and aquatics programs, including updating hours for increased public access.	Benicia Pool, Honeybee Park, Magnolia Park	3
Increase park staff presence to enforce park rules.	Twin Creeks Park	1
Provide expanded hours of operation for restroom facilities.	Alicia Park, Golis Park, Magnolia Park, Sunrise Park	4
Provide more shade by planting additional trees to align with the Urban Forest Management Plan.	Caterpillar Park, Civic Center, Colegio Vista Park, Golis Park, Honeybee Park, Jasmine Tot Lot Park, Lilac Tot Lot Park, Magnolia Park, Meadow Pines Mini-Park, Roberts Lake, Twin Creeks Park	11
<b>Total number of Policy Recommendations</b>		<b>39</b>

## 6.3 FUNDING PLAN

The funding strategy reviews the City’s existing funding sources and proposes a strategic approach to secure future funding sources that are relevant to the recommendations presented.

### ESTIMATED PLAN IMPLEMENTATION COSTS

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan has identified several one-time investments in capital improvement projects as well as ongoing investments in operations and maintenance that would enhance the quality of parks and recreation opportunities for the residents of Rohnert Park. These potential projects and investments and their estimated costs are summarized below. As noted in the subsequent funding sections, the ability of and timing for implementation of these additional investments will depend on funding availability.

#### **Capital Improvement Costs**

The Plan has identified proposed capital improvements to 26 parks and 9 facilities, for a total of cost of about \$99 million in 2024 dollars. The following table provides a summary of these capital improvements by type. For park-specific priorities, refer to Chapter 5 – The Plan.



*Photo of children enjoying nature*

**Table 65. Master Plan Capital Improvements by Improvement Type**

Install new ADA-compliant infrastructure <sup>2</sup> .	\$8,331,700
Convert existing fields to synthetic turf.	\$19,591,400
Repair and replace irrigation system.	\$15,127,900
Repair and replace athletic fields and park grounds.	\$10,075,500
New amenities to skate park, pickleball courts, picnic areas, basketball courts, soccer fields, dog park, splash pad.	\$8,970,600
Address deferred facilities maintenance.	\$19,864,000
Address outdated and deteriorating play equipment.	\$3,765,900
Maintain, repair, replace site furnishings and sport courts <sup>3</sup> .	\$5,303,000
Update existing or provide new restroom facilities.	\$2,436,500
Build inclusive/all-abilities destination playground.	\$2,000,000
Add and improve pedestrian lighting in parks and trails.	\$1,458,000
Provide outdoor fitness equipment in parks.	\$1,200,000
Other costed improvements <sup>4</sup> .	\$920,700
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$99,045,200</b>

## Existing Funding Sources

The Public Works Department and the Community Services/ Recreation Departments oversee the critical components of ongoing parks and facilities operations and management. The Public Works Department conducts the parks and facilities maintenance, and the Community Services/ Recreation Department coordinates and runs the recreational programs.

Ongoing City parks maintenance, operations, and recreation program management is primarily funded by the City's General Fund along with Measure M funding that provides additional resources for both operations and maintenance and capital investments. In addition to these two primary funding sources, the City receives some funding from service charges/user fees as well as indirect support from the activities of the Rohnert Park Foundation. New development also contributes funding in the form of the payment of the City's Parkland In-Lieu Fees and/or through direct development of public parks and the establishment of Community Facilities Districts (CFDs) to help fund maintenance of those parks.

These sources of funding create a foundation for the City's current approach to parks and recreation capital and operations/ maintenance funding and are described as follows:

### General Fund

The City's General Fund covers a broad range of ongoing public service expenditures, including City

<sup>2</sup> Includes exterior paving improvements and interior facility improvements.

<sup>3</sup> Includes sport courts (\$2.6 million) and site furnishings (\$2.7 million).

<sup>4</sup> Includes pool facility improvements, additions to athletic fields, lake erosion management, trail system improvements.

administration, police, fire, and parks expenditures among others. In the FY 2024-25 budget, the City's General Fund expenditures totaled \$62.5 million with about \$3.0 million allocated to the Public Works Department. About \$900,000 of this budget was provided for parks maintenance, a division of the Public Works department. The amount of General Fund revenue provided to the Public Works Department to support park maintenance has varied over the last three years, based on need, between \$800,000 to \$1.5 million.

### Measure M

Measure M is a county-wide measure approved by voters in 2018 that adds a 0.125 percent sales tax on purchases in Sonoma County. Tax revenue supports local and regional parks across the County and generated around \$15.9 million in FY 2022-2023. Measure M applies for a 10-year period through 2028.

Around one-third of tax revenue is allocated to local jurisdictions based on population. In 2023, Rohnert Park received \$516,000 in Measure M revenue and has received approximately \$2.2 million in Measure M revenue since 2019. The City's current Measure M fund balance is about \$440,000.

The use of the funds is flexible as long as it is spent on parks and recreation projects and programming. Rohnert Park's Measure M funding has been used to increase park maintenance staffing, organize community events, and upgrade park benches citywide.

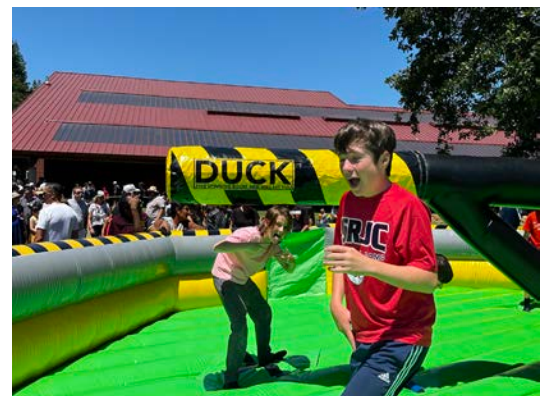
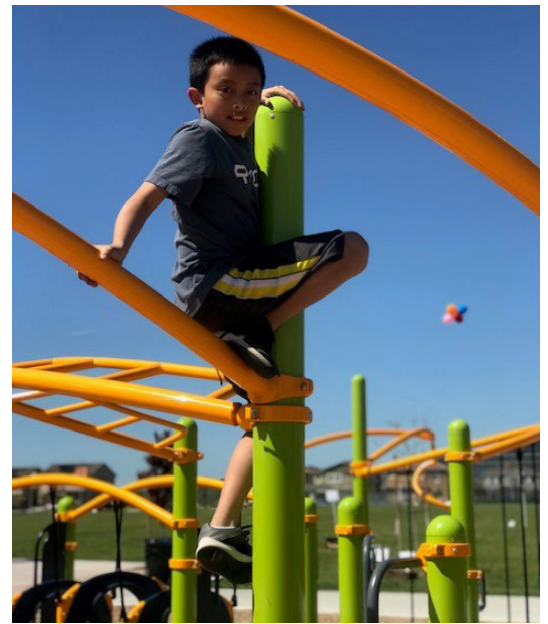
If County sales tax receipts and the City's proportion of Countywide population remains relatively consistent, Rohnert Park can expect to receive around \$500,000 annually for the remaining four years of the measure (2025 – 2028), or \$2.0 million in total. As with many similar measures, the County may ask the voters whether they are willing to renew the measure as its expiration date approaches.

### Service Charges/User Fees

Service charges are required for certain recreational activities and the use of facilities. Charges are for a range of activities, including park/facility rentals, adult and youth



*View of dog park*



*Photos of children playing and community outdoor events*

recreation camps and classes, and other event programming. Many of these charges accrue to the Community Services Department budget to help support the provision of these programs.

The City also has a special revenue fund for the Sunrise Park use fee, which is collected for use of facilities and fields at Sunrise Park. The collected fees are specifically used for maintenance of Sunrise Park fields. The budget indicates a current fund balance of \$231,000, which could also contribute to the proposed Sunrise Park’s capital improvements.

### **Rohnert Park Foundation**

The City of Rohnert Park Foundation is a non-profit foundation created to fund community projects in Rohnert Park. It operates as a unit within the City. The Foundation primarily receives most of its revenue in the form of charitable donations. The Foundation’s Small Grants program has funded several small-scale projects led by community organizations. For example, it has funded murals, community gardens, and sports equipment purchases at local parks. The awarded grants have been less than \$10,000. This fund requires initiative and coordination from community members and organizations rather than City staff.

### **Parkland Dedication, In-Lieu Fees, and Community Facilities Districts**

The City requires new residential subdivisions to dedicate land, or pay an in-lieu fee, for parks and open space, as authorized by the Quimby Act (California Government Code Sec. 66477). Rohnert Park’s General Plan currently requires new development to dedicate 5 acres per 1,000 new residents or pay an equivalent in-lieu fee. Many large projects in Rohnert Park have dedicated land as part of their project, though some projects choose to pay the in-lieu fees. Currently, there is a balance of around \$800,000 in in-lieu fees from recent development projects.

In addition to dedicating parkland, some large developments have also established Community Facilities Districts (CFDs) to support park maintenance services. Rohnert Park currently has four CFDs for specific areas of the city, where revenue is generated via either a special tax on residential units or through a development agreement. These special revenue funds provide maintenance services, including for parks, within the CFD boundary.

### **Grants Funding**

Grant funding can supplement current sources of funding. The City budget indicates that federal, state, and county grants have been a revenue source in the capital improvement projects infrastructure fund. However, obtaining grant funding for parks requires significant staff effort to seek out and apply for funding and, if successful, grant spending oversight and management. The City does not currently have any active grants for parks or specific plans to submit grant applications.

## **SUMMARY OF FUNDING FROM EXISTING SOURCES AND MASTER PLAN IMPROVEMENTS**

### **Plan Funding Options and Strategy**

The pace at which the City can implement its Master Plan will depend on funding availability. As described above, the City of Rohnert Park’s current funding system provides a base level of

parcs maintenance and recreational programming and supports periodic capital investments using Measure M funds or parkland in-lieu fees. The City has some existing funding balances and periodically applies for grants.

To accelerate the pace of progress on Master Plan implementation, the City may seek opportunities to:

- » Expand Funding from Existing Tools, and/or
- » Explore New Funding Options
- » Increase or Modify Existing Funding Options
- » Potential approaches are described below.

Measure M and Graton Rancheria Neighborhood Upgrade and Workforce Housing Fund are two sources that might be able to fund additional revenues for parks in the future.

- » Measure M
  - As noted above, Measure M provides an important source of funding for City parks of about \$500,000 annually. Given the current sunset of Measure M in 2028, there is a possibility of the loss of an important revenue source if County voters do not re-approve a version of Measure M.
  - To the extent that the County as a whole is supportive, it may be possible to increase the funding the City receives through Measure M or its future equivalent. Two illustrative examples are provided below:
    - Increased Proportion allocated to Cities. If the allocation of Measure M revenues to cities was increased by 50 percent, then Measure M distributions to the City would be expected to increase by 50 percent or \$250,000, providing an annual Measure M revenue of \$750,000.
    - Increase Measure M Tax Rate. The Measure M sales tax rate doubles from \$.0125 to \$.025. This would then double the total Measure M tax revenue. Assuming no change in relative populations, the City would be expected to receive \$1 million per year (double the current \$500,000 per year).
- » Graton Rancheria Neighborhood Upgrade and Workforce Housing Fund
  - This fund was created as part of an agreement between the City and the Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria to mitigate impacts from the Graton Casino's expansion. Funding is distributed at the discretion of the City Council for neighborhood upgrades and projects that promote workforce housing. While they are likely to be a number of requests for this funding, the City has the discretion to allocate a portion of this funding for parks projects that align with the Fund's objectives. For FY 2025, the adopted budget expects a contribution of \$1.4 million to the fund, increasing the projected fund balance to \$2.3 million.



Photos of children's play area



Photos of family walking on park trail



Photos of Rohnert Park open space and surrounding landscape

## Potential additional funding options

Cities often look to additional sources of funding to support investments in park capital investment and, where possible, operations and maintenance. These additional funding sources can be grouped into two categories, development-based funding and tax-based funding, as described below.

### » Development-based Funding

- The City currently charges parkland in-lieu fees on new development and in some cases larger developments dedicate land and pay CFD special taxes towards the operations and maintenance of those parks. Additional potential tools associated with new development include:
- Park Development Impact Fees. In addition to the parkland dedication/ in-lieu fee requirements, some cities also charge for development impact fees, established under the Mitigation Fee Act, for park improvements. These fees must be tied to the demand of the new development for park improvements and be focused on a distinct set of costs than those covered by other funding sources (such as the parkland dedication in-lieu fee). Several cities in Sonoma County charge these types of fees.

### » Enhanced Infrastructure Financing Districts (EIFDs)

- EIFDs are a form of infrastructure financing district that have sought to take the place of the former redevelopment agencies. Under EIFDs, cities can allocate all or a portion of the property tax increment they would typically receive to their General Fund towards specific infrastructure improvements, including parks. Because the City share of the 1 percent baseline property tax is relatively modest for most cities, this tool is often of limited benefit unless the City or other taxing

entities are willing to participate. Additionally, it shifts funding away from the City's General Fund, an important source for parks maintenance funding and other City services.

- In determining whether to pursue these types of additional funding sources, the City should consider the extent to which: (1) it expects to see large new developments in the coming years; (2) it expects this new development to be financially robust enough to make additional contributions to City public facilities; and, (3) it sees opportunities to engage and collaborate with the County around the formation of an EIFD.

» Tax-based Funding

- The adoption of new tax-based funding sources can provide a substantial and ongoing source of revenues for park capital improvements and, in some cases, ongoing park operation and maintenance. City residents already support parks through the Countywide Measure M sales and use tax (with potential enhancements discussed in the prior section). The City could also consider:

» Parcel Tax

- Adopting a new parcel tax on residential development to help pay for specified capital improvements and/or parks maintenance. Parcel taxes are a type of property tax that typically place a flat charge on each parcel of property. An example is the Cotati-Rohnert Park Unified School District's tax of \$89 per parcel, which funds educational services across the school district and collects an estimated \$1.3 million in revenue each year.
- Illustrative Scenario: For example, if a parcel tax of \$120 per year was placed on all developed residential parcels in Rohnert Park, then multiplying the existing 10,700 single-family housing units in Rohnert Park (a proxy for developed residential parcels) x \$120 per year could result in the collection of about \$1.3 million per year.<sup>5</sup> Parcel taxes can be used for capital improvements, operations and maintenance costs, or both.

» General Obligation (G.O Bond).

- The City could also consider the issuance of a General Obligation (G.O Bond) for parks capital improvements where the debt service on the bond would be funded through property tax assessments.

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<sup>5</sup> Source: California Department of Finance. E-5 Population and Housing Estimates for Cities, Counties, and the State, 2024.

- Illustrative Scenario: For example, if an ad valorem property tax of 0.01 percent was added in Rohnert Park to support issuance of a General Obligation bond, then multiplying the total assessed value in Rohnert Park of about \$6.2 billion (2022 Annual Comprehensive Financial Report) x 0.01 percent could raise about \$620,000 annually in property tax revenue to support debt service payments. Depending on interest rates and other factors, this revenue stream would be expected to raise net bond proceeds of \$6.2 million or more.
- All new tax-based measures require a vote of the people and a super-majority of more than two-thirds of the vote. As a result, such measures are typically only successful when it is clear how the funding will be spent and that the spending plans are of a high priority to most residents. In some cases, new parcel taxes and/or G.O. Bonds will provide funding across multiple categories – e.g. parks, schools, transportation etc. – to build a larger coalition of support.



Photo of Futsal Court at Alicia Park



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## **7.1 REVIEW OF RELEVANT PLANNING EFFORTS**

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A review of Rohnert Park’s previous planning efforts, related to the City’s parks and recreation network, is completed as a component of the *Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (PRMP)*. Reviewing these documents ensures that the goals and recommendations of the *PRMP* build upon and support previous planning projects. The following master planning documents provide guidance for the *PRMP* listed in order of adoption, below.

1. Rohnert Park DRAFT General Plan 2040
2. Rohnert Park General Plan 2020
3. Parks and Facilities Master Plan
4. Parks and Facilities Master Plan Addendum
5. Priority Development Area Plan 2016
6. Update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Cultural Arts Report 2017
7. Update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan and Cultural Arts Report 2018
8. Comprehensive Audit Summary 2021

Additional documents were provided by the City of Rohnert Park for review. The documents that are not listed were either used by consultants Ballard\*King and EPS and incorporated into their work or were reviewed and found not relevant during investigations.

## **1.2 ROHNERT PARK DRAFT GENERAL PLAN 2040**

The *Rohnert Park Draft General Plan 2040 (General Plan 2040)* is a document compiled by the City of Rohnert Park (The City) that provides a vision for long-range physical and economic development, as well as a set of policies, strategic implementation actions, and guidelines for pursuing projects that align with the objectives of the community.

The General Plan 2040 is comprised of nine elements identified by the City, organized to meet state law and required elements. These elements include:

- Racial, Social, and Environmental justice
- Community Development
- Economic Development
- Climate Change
- Circulation
- Public Facilities and Services
- Health and Safety
- Resource Conservation
- Housing

Together, these elements respond to the state mandated elements of: Land Use, Circulation, Housing, Conservation, Noise, Open Space, Safety, Air Quality, and environmental justice.

### **Introduction**

The *General Plan 2040* identifies a vision and guiding principles for The City that reflect the values and shared aspirations of the community.

Vision Statement 2040: Rohnert Park is a thriving, family-friendly community that is a safe, enjoyable place to live, work, and play.

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**Guiding Principles:**

- Social and Environmental Justice
- Community development
- Economic Development
- Climate change
- Circulation
- Public Facilities and Services
- Health and Safety
- Resource Conservation
- Housing

Additional key words from the Vision Statement and Guiding Principles that characterize the spirit of the document include:

- Family-oriented
- Friendly culture
- Balance growth with community resources

The *General Plan 2040* presents Goals and Policies that are intended to guide future land use, development, resource management, and environmental protection decisions.

Expanding on the previous plan's format of providing goals and policies, the 2040 Plan introduces Implementation Programs. The Plan states:

*"These programs identify the specific steps to be taken by the City to implement the policies...While some policies can be implemented as part of standard City operations, some policies require specific programs to assure their implementation."*

**Our Vision, Our Future**

The *General Plan 2040* presents Rohnert Park as a changing city that is moving away from its master-planned origins to become a "vibrant city that meets the full range of community and social needs of its residents". Through a comprehensive community engagement process, the City developed a community-driven vision statement and guiding principles to use in the General Plan process.

Definitions:

Vision Statement: an aspirational statement that sets the overall direction for the General Plan's goals, policies, and programs.

Guiding Principles: Central ideas that articulate the City's commitment to achieving the Vision Statement. They establish the framework for the ideas and concepts integral to the General Plan and served as touchstones during the process to develop and refine the goals, policies, and programs.

The 2040 Vision Statement reads:

*"Rohnert Park is a thriving, family-friendly community that is a safe, enjoyable place to live, work, and play."*

Guiding Principles:

- Environmental, Social, And Environmental Justice

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- Encourage and support efforts to increase participation in the local political process and to improve local conditions relative to racial, social, and environmental justice issues.
- Create a more equitable and inclusive city for all residents of Rohnert Park, with a focus on members of the community who have not been previously heard.
- Community Development
  - Support, foster, and enhance the family-oriented, friendly culture of Rohnert Park.
  - Create attractive spaces for residents to gather.
  - Ensure a sustainable Rohnert Park balances growth with community resources.
- Economic Development
  - Attract and retain unique local businesses as well as other businesses that would contribute to the fiscal sustainability of the city.
  - Build on existing assets.
  - Hold fiscal responsibility as an important factor in city decisions.
- Climate Change
  - Emphasize climate resiliency, sustainability, and adaptation as an integral part of the community.
- Circulation
  - Maintain a safe, efficient, and connected transportation system.
  - Embrace all modes of transportation (e.g. bus, transit, bike, auto) to provide flexibility in transportation options to residents, employees, and visitors in Rohnert Park.
  - Improve connection points between the different modes of transportation, including attention to last-mile connectivity.
  - Use transportation demand management to improve traffic congestion.
- Public Facilities and Services
  - Ensure that all Rohnert Park residents have access to well-maintained infrastructure and parks and quality services and programs.
- Health and Safety
  - Ensure that the city is prepared for foreseeable local hazards (e.g. earthquakes, flood, fire) and associated challenges (e.g., erosion, drainage, stormwater management) through up-to-date emergency management and notification procedures.
  - Promote continued reduction, reuse, and recycling within the city.
- Resource Conservation
  - Respect and preserve the historic, archaeological, and biological resources in Rohnert Park.
  - Invest in water and air quality improvement measures and programs.
- Housing
  - Provide housing that meets the needs of all current and future residents.

The following “Drivers of Change” have shaped the provided goals, policies, and programs. These drivers include external trends and internal changes, and span both local and regional factors of change.

- Adding two new elements to the General Plan to address current needs related to racial, social, and environmental justice issues and to address issues related to climate change and climate resiliency, sustainability, and adaptation:

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- Increasing need for higher-paying jobs;
- Shifting retail trends to more online shopping and implications for commercial centers and associated parking lots;
- Ensuring long-term balance between a solid employment base and adequate housing supply and choice;
- Developing a vibrant, walkable Downtown District;
- Enabling infill development to revitalize older parts of the community;
- Improving connectivity between the city and Sonoma State University
- Accounting for the impacts of California Tiger Salamander habitat on development in portions of the city; and
- Coordinating development efforts to overcome challenges of fragmented parcelization in undeveloped areas.

The Plan identifies eight “Focus Areas”, which are locations of particular interest to the continued growth and development of Rohnert Park as identified in the General Plan. These focus areas are meant to be conceptually discussed, rather than specifically planned for development or policy direction:

- Northwest Area
- Dowdell Avenue Corridor
- Rohnert Park Expressway Corridor
- Central Rohnert Park
- Southwest Boulevard Shopping Center
- University District
- SOMO Village/Willowglen Area
- Northeast Specific Plan

The following areas specifically relate to the *PRMP*:

- Dowdell/Labath Corridor (West side, 1.3 miles)
  - “Continuing the implementation of Stadium Lands design guidelines will invigorate the Dowdell Avenue Corridor with pedestrian-friendly features and green landscaping, emphasizing a more human-scale built environment. The corridor also has the potential to connect to the Hinebaugh Creek trail system.”
  - RP wants to enhance landscaping along the corridor using native and drought-tolerant plants
- The University District does not directly mention Parks- but discusses new development, which will need to account for accommodating the parks service standard.
- Northeast Specific Plan Area (Northeast, 268 Acres)
  - Noted as “an important opportunity site for future housing and neighborhood recreational amenities.”
  - “The NESP currently proposes the development of a residential community of over 1,000 dwelling units in a variety of housing densities and types, in addition to over 50 acres of parks, open space, and bikeways.”
  - Features- notes parks and open space areas to meet needs, also providing multi-modal connectivity between this area & RP

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**Racial, Social, and Environmental Justice Element**

While the outlined goals and policies in Section 3.1 Racial and Social Justice do not directly mention Parks and Open Space, Racial and Social Justice are important to consider when thinking about community engagement and access to parks. This element does reference cultural programs and services, which can be incorporated into the Parks and Recreation master Plan.

Section 3.2 Environmental Justice includes goals and policies that directly relate Parks and Recreation:

- RSEJ-4: To ensure that all land use decisions benefit Rohnert Park residents and do not create a disproportionate burden to any resident based on location, income, race, color, educational status, or national origin.
- RSEJ-4.1: Equitable Public Services: The City shall equitably provide public services and infrastructure, including parks, recreational facilities, community gardens, and public safety facilities, to all Rohnert Park residents.
- RSEJ-5: To ensure all residents have access to healthy foods, education, green spaces, and medical services.
- RSEJ-5.1: Healthy Food Providers: The City shall encourage farmers markets and healthier food options, particularly near child-oriented uses (e.g., schools, day care, parks).
- RSEJ-5.3: Access to Community Assets: The City shall identify and address gaps in access to residential, commercial, recreation facilities, natural open space areas, and physical and mental health resources, to help ensure that these resources are equitably available to all residents.
- The reviewed programs do not directly affect our current efforts of creating a Parks and Recreation and Open Space Master Plan.

**Community Development Element**

This element provides general outlines of land use, including a diagram that guides zoning, as well as specifying Park designations:

*This designation provides for parks for active and passive recreation, recreation complexes, community fields, public golf courses, stadiums, arboretums, and greenways. Ancillary facilities such as concession stands, clubhouses, and equipment rental are also allowed.*

*Residential Density: N/A*

*Floor Area Ratio: Maximum FAR: 0.10*

The following Goals and policies are relevant to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan:

- CD-3: To Foster a thoughtful balance and mix of land uses that support an overall high quality of life for Rohnert Park residents.
- CD-3.2: Accessibility to Resources: The City shall maintain and encourage land use patterns that maximize residents' accessibility to parks, open space, and shopping opportunities.
- CD-6: To maintain Rohnert Park's scale and character while strengthening a sense of place as the city changes.
- CD-6.5: Preserve open Space and Natural Features: The City shall ensure that the existing open spaces, parks, and creeks in Rohnert Park are preserved and maintained to reinforce the relationship between Rohnert Park and its natural setting.

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Section 4.9 details the Special Area Plans- plans that are meant to guide development in specific areas of the city, utilizing the same outlines set forth in the General Plan. There are three types of Special Area Plans, which are defined as such:

- Specific Plan: a tool that implements the goals and principles of the General Plan in defined areas of Rohnert Park.
- Planned Development: A zoning district intended to accommodate a wide range of residential, commercial, and industrial land uses.
- Priority Development Areas (PDAs): areas within existing communities that local governments have identified and approved for future growth.

The following goals and policies from section 4.9 are relevant to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan:

- CD-11.2: Northeast specific Plan: The City shall require the preparation of a Specific Plan prior to approval of any development in the Northeast Specific Plan Area. The Plan shall include the following land use program and elements:
  - Parks- Gross Acreage 12
  - Identified Program elements:
    - Approximately 8 acres of parkland with clear connections to both Snyder Lane and the proposed Five Creek greenway
    - A Greenway along Five Creek
- CD-11.4: Content of Specific Plans and Final Development Plans for Planned Developments- New and amended Specific Plans and Final Development Plans for Planned Developments will include the following components:
  - A program for park and open space in accordance with the General Plan designation, including access and connections to the bicycle system
- CD-12: To ensure appropriate study of Canon Manor Subdivision before any consideration of annexation.
- CD-12.1: Require Preparation of “special plan” if annexation is considered: Consider initiating annexation of Canon Manor Subdivision only if requested by the residents of the subdivision and the following conditions are met:
  - Adequate public facilities, meeting Rohnert Park’s Rural Estate Residential Standards, are fully funded or installed prior to annexation;

Section 4.10 Public Art has the goal CD-13 of promoting art and culture in Rohnert Park. While this goal and the associated policies do not directly mention utilizing Parks as a space for art integration, CD-13.1 states: “The City shall encourage the integration of art and cultural components in public places and facilities.” This does not exclude parks, which can work in conjunction with the stated goal, policy, and any future drafted or planned programs of implementation.

**Public Facilities and Services Element**

8.2 Parks and Recreation:

PFS-2: Provide an integrated and well-maintained system of parks, trails, and recreation facilities throughout the city to meet the community’s recreational needs:

- Additional policies begin on page 177 of the document:
- Parks and Rec Master Plan

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- Parks near Schools
- “Safe and Secure”
- Park Dedication
- Passive Recreation Space
- Gold Ridge Site Maximization
- Program C: Update to the Parks and Recreation Master Plan

The City shall update the parks and rec master plan every 5 years to address the precise location of parks and financial planning to improve undeveloped park land and trails; maintain existing facilities; develop new trails, and acquire land for new parks. Master Plan will also establish standards and identify funding for both specific park facilities and City-owned, non-park open space areas, such as street medians and open space buffers.

- PFS-2.1 Parks and Recreation Master Plan: The City shall update the Parks and recreation Master plan to accommodate the evolving needs of the community. The update shall include an evaluation of the type and location of amenities, including urban style parks and amenities, to serve existing and new residents and workers.
- PFS-2.2: Parks Near Schools: In the event of a new school opening, the City shall continue cooperating with the Cotati-Rohnert Park School District to develop parks near schools.
- PFS-2.3: Safe and Secure: The City shall ensure that parks, trails, and recreation facilities are safe and secure areas. New parks should generally include direct access and visibility from a public street.
- PFS-2.4: Park Dedication: The City shall require new development to dedicate land to the City in the appropriate amount and location for parks and recreational space, in accordance with the General Plan Diagram, and the City’s Park dedication requirements. The City shall seek to acquire and develop new park land at a rate of approximately five acres or equivalent with improvements or in-lieu fees per 1,000 new residents. When developed in conjunction with new developments, parks will be fully improved before dedication to the City.
- PFS-2.5: Passive Recreation Space: The City shall include primarily passive recreation on an approximately 50-acre area north of Crane Creek west of Petaluma Hill Road within the city’s Urban Growth Boundary. The City shall ensure that use of the land for passive recreation as a priority and that this land will not be used for any other use for the life of the General Plan. The City shall ensure that the recreation area is designed to have minimal impacts on adjacent residential uses to the west and have ingress and egress from several roads to maximize visibility and access for public safety.
- PFS-2.6 Gold Ridge Site Maximization: The City shall ensure that future uses of the Goldridge campus include community recreational use.
- PFS-3.1 Conjunctive Use Water Supply Management: The City shall continue to manage its Sonoma Water, groundwater, and recycled water supply with a conjunctive use strategy in order to maximize supply reliability and ensure adequate supply for existing and new development.
- PFS-3.3: Sustainable Development Practices: Promote sustainable development practices that result in more energy and water efficient development.
- PFS-3.4: Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance: The City shall promote efficient water use and reduced water demand by ensuring compliance with the State’s Model Water Efficient Landscape Ordinance.

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- PFS-3.6: Alternative Water Supplies: The City shall require the use of alternative water supplies, such as recycled water, for urban irrigation and landscaping in municipal buildings and new, private commercial and industrial development, where possible and feasible.
- PFS-3.7: Water Efficiency Measures in New Construction: The City shall require water efficiency measures in all new construction in compliance with or exceeding State and City building code requirements.
- PFS-5: Stormwater Management. To provide a stormwater management system that reduces excess runoff to the maximum extent practicable and minimizes flood potential from existing and future development.
- PFS-5.3 Natural Stormwater Drainage
- The City shall encourage the use of natural stormwater drainage systems in a manner that
- preserves and enhances natural features and water quality.
- PFS-5.4 Stormwater Detention Facilities
- The City shall consider the use of stormwater detention facilities, including green infrastructure
- elements, in frequently flooded areas of the city to mitigate drainage impacts and reduce
- storm drainage system costs in new development.
- PFS-6: To enhance the quality of surface water and groundwater resources and prevent their contamination.
- PFS-6.5 Impervious Surfaces: The City shall limit impervious surfaces in new development to reduce impacts to groundwater recharge.

**10 Habitat and Biological Resources**

Rohnert Park is surrounded by open space that is California Tiger Salamander Critical Habitat to the north, west, and south. (Figure 10-1)

There are several Creek Protection Zones that may overlap with the parks footprint (Figure 10-2)

- RC-5: To Preserve, enhance, and restore creeks and riparian corridors as habitat for wildlife and recreation areas for residents.
- RC-5.2: Creek Protection Zone Use: The City shall use creek protection zones for permanent public open space and compatible purposes including habitat conservation, bike and walking paths, wildlife habitat, and native plant landscaping.
- RC-5.3 Creek Bank Stabilization
- RC-5.4: Waterway Preservation
- RC-5.5: Repairing Riparian Corridors and Ecosystems
- RC-5.6: Recreational Use
- RC-6: To maintain existing native vegetation and encourage planting of native plants and trees
- RC6.1: Landscaping Vegetation
- RC-6.5: Protect Native and Heritage Trees: The City shall protect oaks, native, and heritage trees that meet the definition of a 'protected tree' as defined in the City's Municipal Code

Exempted trees: Any of the following trees: Acacia spp. (Acacia), Ailanthus spp. (Tree of Heaven), Eucalyptus spp., Ligustrum spp. (Privet), Liquidambar styraciflua (Liquidambar), Pinus radiata (Monterey Pine), or Populus lombardii (Lombardi poplar);

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### 1.3 PARKS AND FACILITIES MASTER PLAN (2008)

The *Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan (Master Plan, 2008)*, was completed by MIG in 2008 with the input from a citizen-led Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Committee. The Parks and Facilities Master Plan provided updated guidelines and recommendations to enhance the existing Parks and Recreational Facilities, building off guidelines established by the City's original Community Plan.

Following the adoption of the *Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, 2008*, the Parks and Recreation Commission completed three updates as required by City Council Resolution 2008-69, which mandates a yearly follow-up. These updates refined the goals and policies of the *Master Plan, 2008* including adding and deleting goals as necessary/as completed. This section includes the updates to the *Master Plan, 2008* that were adopted by the City, and as such indicates which goals, policies, and changes have been made.

The April 12, 2016 Master Plan Revisions to Council with Resolution (Revisions) is a document that indicates progress and changes to the originally produced Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, 2008. The Revisions are part of Resolution 2008-69, originally adopted by Rohnert Park in May 2008, which accepted and adopted the Parks and Recreation Facilities Plan, 2008, while also directing the Parks and Recreation Commission to provide an annual report to the City Council on progress made related to the Master Plan. The Revisions document indicates that among the changes, a lack of funding has slowed progress for implementing changes proposed in the Master Plan. This update implements revisions including updated lists of facilities and amenities, inclusion of the Gold Ridge recreational area and University District parks, a removal of completed goals, added goals, and an updated list of desired new park facilities and amenities.

The *April 25, 2017 and June 26, 2018 Master Plan Updates to Council* both reported on accomplished goals completed during the 2016-2017 and 2017-2018 fiscal years. Discussion of both updates follow the list of *Parks and Recreation Facilities Master Plan, 2008* policies.

The *Parks and Facilities Master Plan, 2008*, outlined three overarching goals to guide future parks and recreation efforts, including the development of new parks, and the care of existing parks and facilities:

- Provide safe, clean and well-maintained parks and facilities to meet the diverse needs of a changing and growing community
- Create and enhance a positive community image to strengthen livability and sense of place
- Ensure the financial health and funding feasibility for Rohnert Park's comprehensive recreation, parks and open space system, including special purpose facilities

For each established goal, the *Parks and Facilities Master Plan, 2008* provides additional policy framework:

**Goal one: Provide safe, clean and well-maintained parks and facilities to meet the diverse needs of a changing and growing community**

- Policy 1.1: Adopt the following park classification system:
  - Mini-parks, Plazas and Greenways: smaller public spaces that connect neighborhoods, parks and neighborhood centers
  - Neighborhood Parks: parks integrated into neighborhoods with informal green spaces, walking paths, play areas, and picnic amenities. One active recreation feature is highlighted in parks that are typically one to six acres.

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- Community Parks: parks designed to serve the greater community with features for active recreation and organized events. Structures, parking areas, and lighting are included as well as many neighborhood park type amenities. These parks can be larger in size, as many as 25 acres.
- Open Space: park lands that preserve habitats, provide buffers for development, and offer sweeping vistas of natural landscapes.
- Special purpose parks and facilities: parks with a single purpose that serve the community such as golf courses and sports complexes
- This policy also recommended reclassifying Alicia Park, Benecia Park, Eagle Park, Golis Park, Honeybee, Magnolia, and Sunrise parks as Community Parks.
- Policy 1.2: Maintain the parkland development standard of 5 acres/1,000 for active, multi-use recreation needs of the community, typically found in neighborhood and community parks.
- Policy 1.3: Ensure new development meets the 5 acres/1,000 parkland dedication standards for active recreation needs
  - 1.3.1 Encourage “turn-key” park development in lieu of accepting fees
  - Expand the development of park lands to increase the variety of park types
  - Include Parks and Recreation staff in park development and design review
  - Develop formula for in lieu developer fees that are used to improve the park land; Limit the amount of in-lieu fees for park development based on what improvements are eligible and/or not eligible for in-lieu fee credit and to limit the amount of land that can be used as in-lieu credit to improve the park.<sup>1</sup>
- Policy 1.4: Renovate existing parks to improve safety and security, enhance park use, and increase sense of place
  - 1.4.1 Develop criteria for renovation, such as age of facility, safety conditions, access, multi-age use, and community need
  - 1.4.2 Enhance safety and security in all parks by upgrading lighting, access, and surveillance methodology in partnership with enforcement
  - 1.4.3 Develop a transition plan for all parks to meet access needs and Americans with Disability Act (ADA) guidelines
  - 1.4.4 Incorporate new features and amenities into the design of parks to respond to trends and changing community preferences, and consider revising the specific plan process to support this integration
  - 1.4.5 Include unique play elements that reflect community values and history; a themed park<sup>2</sup>
- Policy 1.5 Develop park maintenance standards and resource management plans consistent with professional best practices
  - 1.5.1 Create Levels of Service (LOS) for park maintenance tasks that are compatible with park functions, use, and visibility in the community
  - 1.5.2 Create a dedicated funding source for park maintenance services

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- 1.5.3 Place park maintenance and recreation services under one department to improve service delivery and operate efficiently<sup>3</sup>

**Goal Two: Create and enhance a positive community image to strengthen livability and sense of place**

- Policy 2.1 Provide recreation experiences to meet a diverse and changing community
  - 2.1.1 Support aging well in Rohnert Park by recognizing interests and needs of various older adult populations
  - 2.1.2 Maximize community connection to the outdoor environment; serve as environmental stewards of green space
  - 2.1.3 Continue serving youth and families; track regional, state and national trends related to this demographic
  - 2.1.4 Partner with other service providers to enhance community activities such as arts and culture, gardening, and special events
  - 2.1.5 Collaborate with schools and public agencies like the Open Space District to create partnerships, leverage resources and link green spaces
  - 2.1.6 Collaborate with community organizations to leverage park and recreation resources, improve operations and enhance maintenance of parks and facilities
- Policy 2.2 Provide health and wellness opportunities for residents of all ages
  - 2.2.1 Expand the Callinan Sports Center to provide additional opportunities for health and fitness activities
  - 2.2.2 Partner with health care organizations to develop new programs
  - 2.2.3 Connect and expand trails and pathways to promote walking, bicycling, and alternative transportation
- Policy 2.3 Support opportunities for neighborhood-based social gathering
  - 2.3.1 Partner with community organizations and neighborhood groups to provide programs and events in neighborhood parks
  - 2.3.2 Increase after-school activities for youth
  - 2.3.3 Increase volunteer opportunities for individuals and groups
  - 2.3.4 Develop multi-generational programs; encourage older adults to participate and volunteer in neighborhood activities and city events
- Policy 2.4 Create a unified identity for parks and programs
  - 2.4.1 Enhance park and facility signage to improve sense of place and visibility
  - 2.4.2 Develop a citywide vision and mission for parks, recreation, arts and culture
  - 2.4.3 Develop design and placement standards for parks park signage to create uniformity and ensure level of quality and branding of parks<sup>4</sup>

**Goal Three: Ensure the financial health of Rohnert Park's comprehensive recreation, parks, and open space system, including special purpose facilities.**

- Policy 3.1 Develop a comprehensive funding approach
  - 3.1.1 Establish cost recovery goals for each major facility or line of business.

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- 3.1.2 Develop business plans for facilities and special purpose features
- 3.1.3 Prioritize revenue-generating potential when identifying renovation projects
- 3.1.4 Set and adjust fees annually
- 3.1.5 Incorporate performance based on cost recovery goals into program evaluation and future planning
- Policy 3.2 Develop new sources of revenue for development, renovation, maintenance and operations of parks and facilities
  - 3.2.1 Consider a ballot measure to support renovations and improve park maintenance; explore alternatives such as Landscape and Lighting Assessment Districts, sales tax or parcel tax
  - 3.2.2 Create a dedicated funding source to provide for future repairs and renovations of the Community Center and Callinan Sports Center
  - 3.2.3 Seek Council approval to allow revenue generated through parks and recreation to be dedicated to parks and recreation operations or improvements
  - 3.2.4 Dedicate staff time to support revenue generating initiatives
  - 3.2.5 Evaluate the level of community support for revenue generation methods such as locating cell towers in parks, instituting banner programs, and selling advertisements
  - 3.2.6 Develop a city-wide policy and planning effort to incorporate naming rights with special use and state of the art facilities
  - 3.2.7 Create an ordinance that allows for collection of fees without park development to be used on impacted community amenities for renovation and expansion within the parameters of the Quimby Act<sup>5</sup>
- Policy 3.3 Develop funding policies for future development
  - 3.3.1 Create park development ordinances to meet the standards for specific plans and infill development
- Policy 3.4 Review regional, state and national grant funding programs regularly to identify potential funding sources
  - 3.4.1 Identify guidelines for selecting grant opportunities; focus on funding programs for youth facilities, integrating conservation practices into park projects, environmental stewardship and open space preservation, watersheds and greenways
  - 3.4.2 Develop partnerships to strengthen community involvement and leverage resources for grant applications
- Policy 3.5 Provide for the donation of land, facilities, equipment, services and monies to support parks and programs
  - 3.5.1 Accept only land and facilities that meet the goals of this plan
  - 3.5.2 Dedicate staff time to seeking donations and in-kind support
  - 3.5.3 Consider establishing a foundation or partnership with other 501(c)(3) organizations to encourage donations to the park and recreation system
- Policy 3.6 Adopt a Capital Improvement Plan (CIP) to identify short- and long-term park development projects

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- 3.6.1 Develop guidelines for ranking and prioritizing capital projects
- 3.6.2 Incorporate CIP planning into annual budget reviews
- 3.6.3 Approve short-term projects within a six-year timeframe; long term projects six years and longer
- 3.6.4 Create a schedule of replacement and/or renovation for park amenities that includes estimated costs<sup>6</sup>
- 3.6.5 Develop and review annually a list of desire[d] amenities in the community, include the latest version as part of the Parks and Facilities Master Plan for consideration by developers<sup>7</sup>

#### 1.4 PARKS AND FACILITIES MASTER PLAN ADDENDUM

The Parks and Facilities Master Plan Addendum 2016 (Addendum) comes eight years after the adoption of the Parks and Facilities Master Plan 2008. The addendum was completed by City staff and the Parks and Recreation Commission to incorporate changes to the community that impact the plan and its progress. This includes a change to the structure of the departments, as the former Recreation Department, updated to Community Services, was incorporated into Public Works to form the Public Works and Community Services Department. Additional changes include an increase in land incorporated into the Parks and Recreation Facilities System, including the adoption of the Gold Ridge Multi-Use Building/site, demographics changes, funding opportunities/changes, and a call for a comprehensive analysis of aquatic facilities and programming.

#### 1.5 PRIORITY DEVELOPMENT AREA PLAN 2016

The *Priority Development Area Plan 2016 (PDA)* was developed as a response to community calls for a walkable downtown “Heart of the Community” destination for the City of Rohnert Park. The mixed-use area is bounded by Highway 101 to the East, Santa Alicia Drive to the South, the Rail Line to the West, and just north of Golf Course Drive.

The planning process for this report included public outreach to engage residents, businesses, property owners, regional agency representatives, non-profit organizations, City officials, City decision makers, and other stakeholders. The following qualities were identified through the process as important to the project:

- Distinctive
- Compact and Walkable
- Active and Mixed use
- Accessible
- Business Oriented

With regards to the *PRMP*, the *PDA* identifies additions to the Parks and Recreation Facilities System that specifically fill gaps in the trails and bicycle network, as well as an additional 8.5 acres of public parks/open space uses. The identified parks in the *PDA* are located within the Downtown District. Additionally, the *PDA* identifies the Hinebaugh Creek greenway and the Copeland Creek greenway as important roads that bisect the Development Area.

The *PDA* identifies placemaking priorities that relate to the *PRMP*:

- Green the Community:
  - Expand and Enhance Established Landscaping and Open Space Features

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- Existing open space and landscape features, including the creek open space corridors and trails; street corridors, with views to the Sonoma Mountains; and landscaped greenbelts at the edge of the community are existing assets that are integrated in the landscape and open space network of the community, as a unique feature enhancing the livability and identity of Central Rohnert park and expanding the green infrastructure in the city.
- Support the Creation of a Seamless Open Space Network Connecting the Region:
  - Central Rohnert Park is a stop providing for the recreational needs of the community along a seamless open space and bike and pedestrian trail network that will connect the City to the Sonoma and Marin County regions along the SMART multi-use path.
- Promote Sustainable Design
  - Sustainable landscaping and building design best practices, including repurposing/reusing existing buildings; orienting development for passive heating and cooling opportunities; employing climate-appropriate landscaping; and demonstrating low-impact development features, such as bioretention planters, permeable pavers, and green roofs are encouraged and rewarded.
- Encourage the development of new parks, plazas, and open space connections.

**Park and Open Space Concepts**

*“Park and open space features envisioned in the PDA include unified and landscaped roadway corridors with consistently spaced shade trees; new north-south and east-west landscape paseos and trails, connecting to the SMART multi-use path and regional trail networks; and new or improved public and private parks, plazas, and gathering spaces that contribute to the public character and livability of streets and community areas in the PDA.”*

The PDA references goals and policies from the *General Plan and Zoning Code* that are relevant to future development. As these goals are already reviewed in both the *General Plan 2020* and the *General Plan 2040*, they are not listed again.

**Community Design Guidelines**

- Policy CD-2.2: Promote sustainable development practices that result in more energy- and water efficient development, responsive to the mild climate conditions in the Sonoma Valley.
  - 6.2 Community-Wide Design Elements
  - 6.2.1: Parks and Open Space Design

The PDA proposes park, open space, and trail opportunities with the aim of further establishing a well-connected park and open space network, ensuring access to the community.

*“Additional parks, plazas, and open space, accessible to the public, should be added, conditioned with new development or encouraged within existing developments to expand the supply in the city, as addressed in Chapter 7.”*

This chapter proposes four conceptual locations for parks within the Priority Development Plan Area.

**Utilities and Community Services Goals and Policies**

Community Services

- Goal CS-1: Provide recreational and cultural facilities serving residents and visitors.
  - Policy CS-1.1: Condition new development to provide park and open space facilities, in accordance with parkland requirements in the City’s General Plan, or provide an in-lieu fee to

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- Policy CS-1.2: Allow development that provides additional community amenities and complies with PDA standards to density bonus incentives.
- Policy CS-1.3: Use the City's Capital Improvement Program, Public Facilities Fee Program, federal and state grant funds, and other funding sources to implement community-wide or area-wide improvements that cannot be conditioned as part of private development practices.
- Policy CS-1.4: Utilize business improvement districts or other types of land-secured financing districts to provide a long-term revenue source for maintaining PDA amenities.

Park, Open Space, and Recreational Facilities

"The PDA will add park and open space facilities that will fill gaps in the regional bicycle trail network in the city. An additional 8.5 acres of public parks/open space uses are proposed in the PDA based on opportunity site concepts that have been studied for the PDA. Approximately 6 acres have been assumed and recommended as part of the redevelopment of the Station Center subarea and 2.5 acres of open space are suggested for an approximately 25-foot-wide paseo between Professional Drive and Utility Court and for additional open space in the Triangle business subarea."

New development necessitates the installation of new parks and open spaces, based on the City standard of 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents.

**1.6 UPDATE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN AND CULTURAL ARTS REPORT (2017)**

The *April 25, 2017 Master Plan Update to Council* reports on goals accomplished during the 2016-2017 fiscal year. These goals were added to the *Master Plan* during the 2016 revisions period, and include:

- Providing multi-lingual facility and program materials (English and Spanish)
- Adding outlined staff positions
- A comprehensive aquatic report
- Establishing annual park audits
- Implementing park-specific developments including the all-weather turf field at Sunrise park

**1.7 UPDATE TO THE PARKS AND RECREATION MASTER PLAN AND CULTURAL ARTS REPORT (2018)**

The *June 26, 2018 Master Plan Update to Council* reports on the goals accomplished during the 2017-2018 fiscal year. These goals were added to the *Master Plan* during the 2016 revisions period, and include:

- A comprehensive aquatic report, including an analysis of costs
- Resurfacing sport courts
- Completion of the annual park audit
- Implementing park-specific future development plans
- Adding park-specific recommendations for future amenity additions, policy, etc.

**1.8 COMPREHENSIVE AUDIT SUMMARY, 2021**

In alignment with adopted Resolution 2008-69, the Parks and Recreation Commission, along with the General Services Manager and the Community Services Manager undertake an annual comprehensive audit of the parks within the Rohnert Park Parks and Recreation Facilities system. This audit produces updates on the amount of amenities for each park or facility, condition of park equipment, and maintenance, while also providing recommendations as necessary.

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The audit team assesses and assigns scores from 1-5 for the amenities at each park, then averages the scores to create an overall average score for each park. Scores falling at 2.5 and below are flagged to be addressed. In certain cases, as with Alicia Park, a higher score (3 and above) may not necessarily be indicative of larger efforts for park renovations, or reflect the desires and complaints expressed by the community.

The average scores for each park and facility assigned during the 2021 Comprehensive Audit Summary are organized into the following table:

Park, Pool, or Facility	Average Score
Alicia Park	3.15
Benicia Park	3.47
Benicia Park Pool	4.43
Colegio Vista park	3.06
Dorotea Park	3.86
Eagle Park	3.51
Golis Park	3.54
Honeybee Park	3.33
Ladybug Park	2.67
Magnolia Park	3.87
Magnolia Park Pool	4.27
Maurice Fredericks Park	4.56
Rainbow Park	3.58
Sunrise Park	4.23
Twin Creeks Park	4.61

## **7.2 PARKS AND FACILITIES INVENTORY AND ASSESSMENT**

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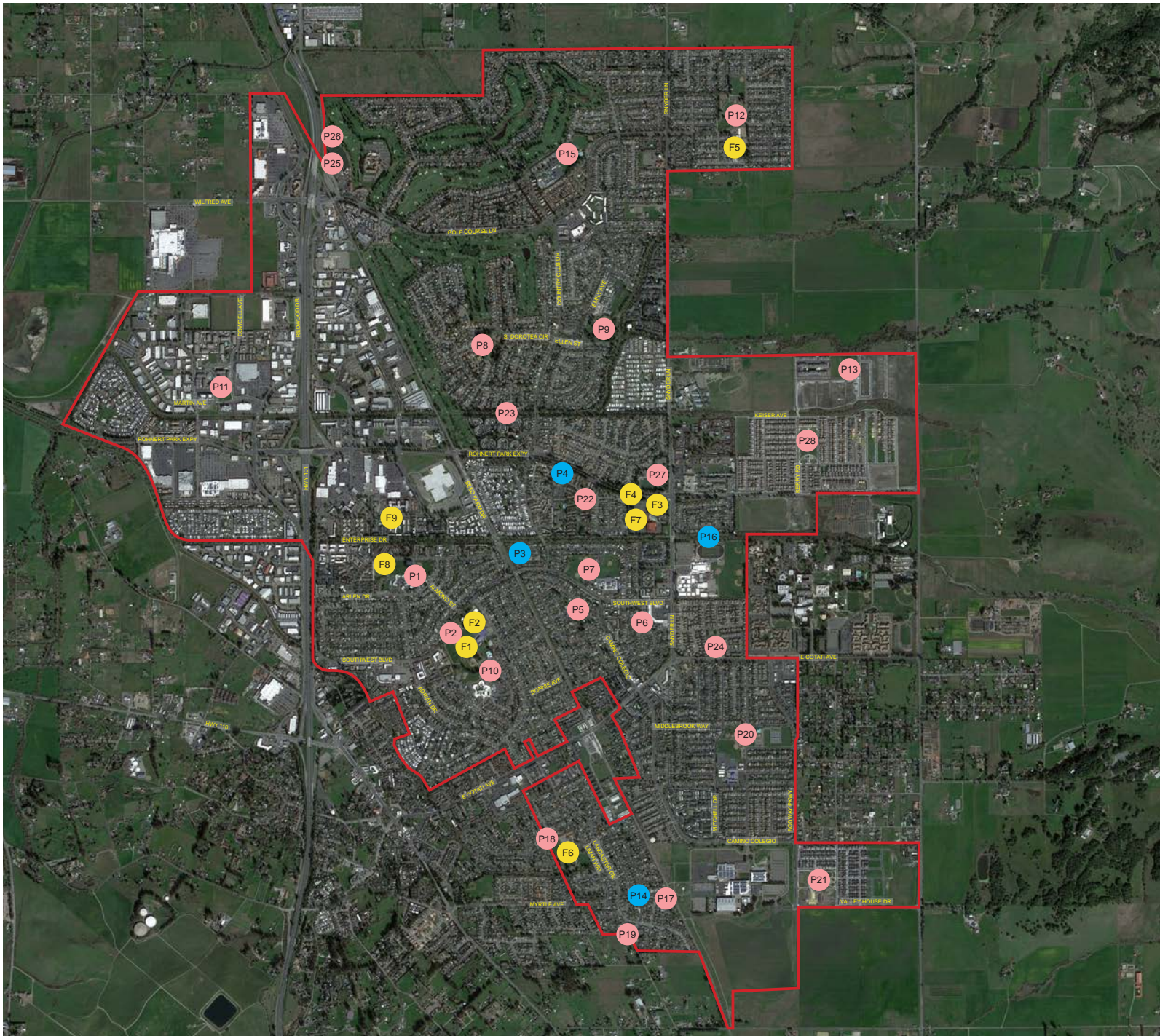
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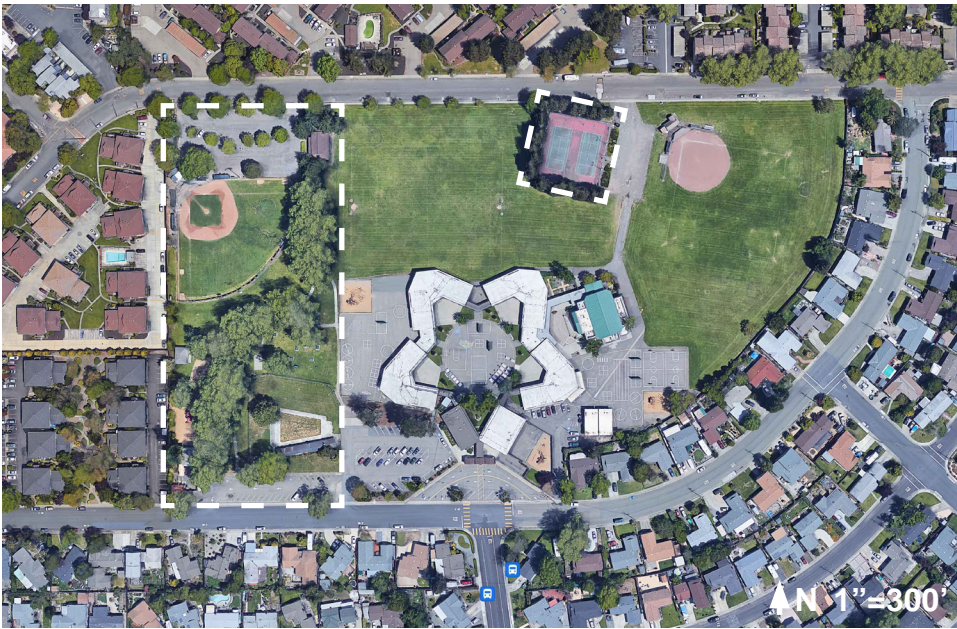
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# **PARK SYSTEM**

Inventory and Assessment

# Alicia Park



# Alicia Park

**Name:** Alicia Park

**Location:** 300 Arlen Drive

**Size:** 5 acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Baseball field
	Horseshoe pits
	Open lawn with interspersed shade trees
	Parking lots
	Tot lot and elementary playground
	Futsal courts
	Picnic area

FURNISHINGS	Bleachers
	Trash receptacles
	Picnic tables
	Barbecue
	Baseball field, pathway, and futsal court lighting
	Benches
	Drinking fountain
	Dog bag dispenser
	Flagpole
	Signage: park rules and name
	Teeball tables

FACILITIES	Scout Hut
	Restroom
	Snack shack

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete paving
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**Recreation Provided:**

- The Cal Ripken Youth Baseball League uses the baseball field
- Playground
- Picnic Tables

**Constraints:**

- Age and frequent use: amenities need replacement

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: recycled water. The wiring is bad, and the clock needs to be updated
- Drainage issues present at the paving and lawn
- Mowing
- Tree pruning
- Trash and barbecue coal removal
- Futsal court maintenance

**Code Compliance:**

- Playgrounds and picnic tables are not ADA-compliant

**Opportunities:**

- Add landscaping near the parking lot edge at futsal courts
- Add bleachers, trash receptacles, and bathroom to futsal courts
- Update the existing playground

**Additional Observations**

- Futsal area is separated from the rest of the park. The agreement with the donor is that the futsal courts are open to all and cannot be rented
- Futsal courts are highly used
- Half of Snack Shack is City-owned

# Benicia Park



# Benicia Park

**Name:** Benicia Park

**Location:** 7471 Bernice Ave

**Size:** 6 acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor **Fair** Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Elementary playground and tot lot
	Picnic areas
	Parking lot
	Basketball court
	Baseball diamond with storage
	Small open lawn areas with interspersed trees, large trees border the baseball diamond outfield

FURNISHINGS	Trash receptacle
	Drinking fountain
	Barbecue
	Benches
	Bike rack
	Signage: park rules

FACILITIES	Pool
	Restrooms
	Benicia Park Recreation Center
	Burton Ave Recreation Center
	Snack Shack

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete paving
	Asphalt parking lot

**Recreation Provided:**

- The Cal Ripken Youth Baseball League uses the baseball field
- Pool
- Basketball
- Playground
- Picnic Tables

**Constraints:**

- Benicia Park is nestled between Technology High School and El Camino High School
- The only restrooms for the park are located at the pool facility

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: recycled water
- Mowing
- Trash including garbage/dumpster
- Interior pool landscaping
- Removal of locks put on the baseball field gates by the baseball league

**Code Compliance:**

- Playground and picnic tables are not ADA-compliant
- Elements of the tot lot including the structure, ramp, and seating are not ADA-compliant

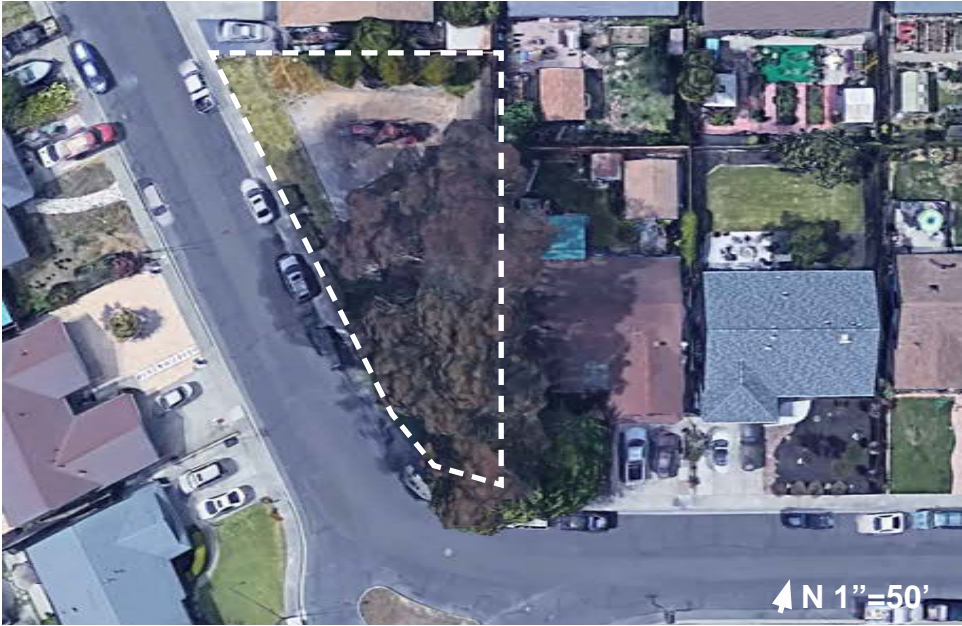
**Opportunities:**

- Resurface and stripe basketball court
- Pave path from baseball field through picnic area to playground
- Create an accessible walking path between the Benicia Park Recreation Center and the existing paths on the west side of the park

**Additional Observations**

- Elementary playground is not well used
- Pool restrooms open and close on a timer
- The fenced baseball field is often perceived as private space

# Carlita Circle



# Carlita Circle

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**Name:** Carlita Circle Park

**Location:** Opposite 772 Carlita Circle

**Size:** <1/4 Acre

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Tot lot playground
	Swings
	Open lawn
	Strip of planted shrubs along sidewalk
	Large row of trees along the park's back edge
PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete paving

**Recreation Provided:**

- Tot lot playground

**Constraints:**

- Small footprint: cannot fit larger amenities

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: potable water with pop-ups
- Mowing
- Tending to planter bed
- Tree branch clean-up

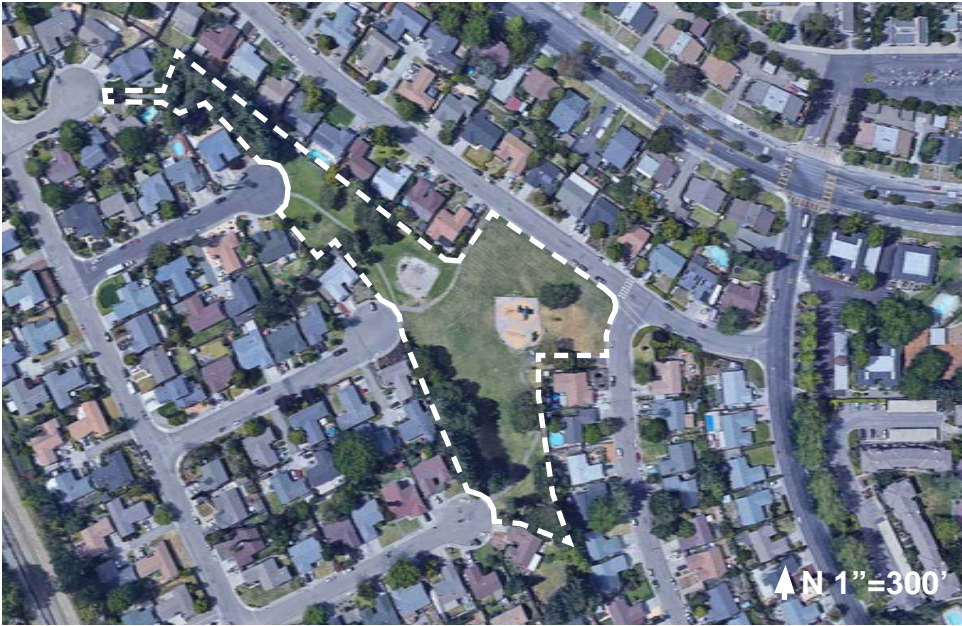
**Code Compliance**

- Playground and swings are not ADA-compliant

**Opportunities:**

- Pave an accessible path from the sidewalk to the playground

# Catepillar Park



# Catepillar Park

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**Name:** Caterpillar Park

**Location:** 7430 Circle Drive

**Size:** 3 Acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor **Fair** Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Playground
	Swing set
	Open lawn with interspersed trees

FURNISHINGS	Benches
	Soccer goal posts
	Trash receptacles
	Lighting

PATHWAY PAVING	Asphalt
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Playground
- Soccer
- Picnic tables

**Constraints:**

- Age of amenities

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: potable water
- Poor drainage
- Lawn mowing

**Code Compliance:**

- Playground is not ADA-compliant

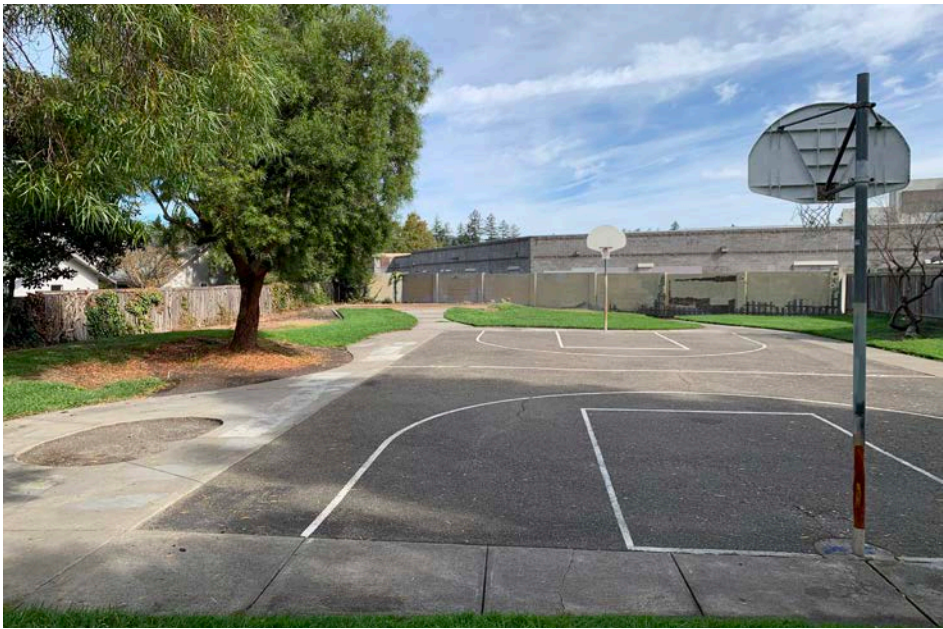
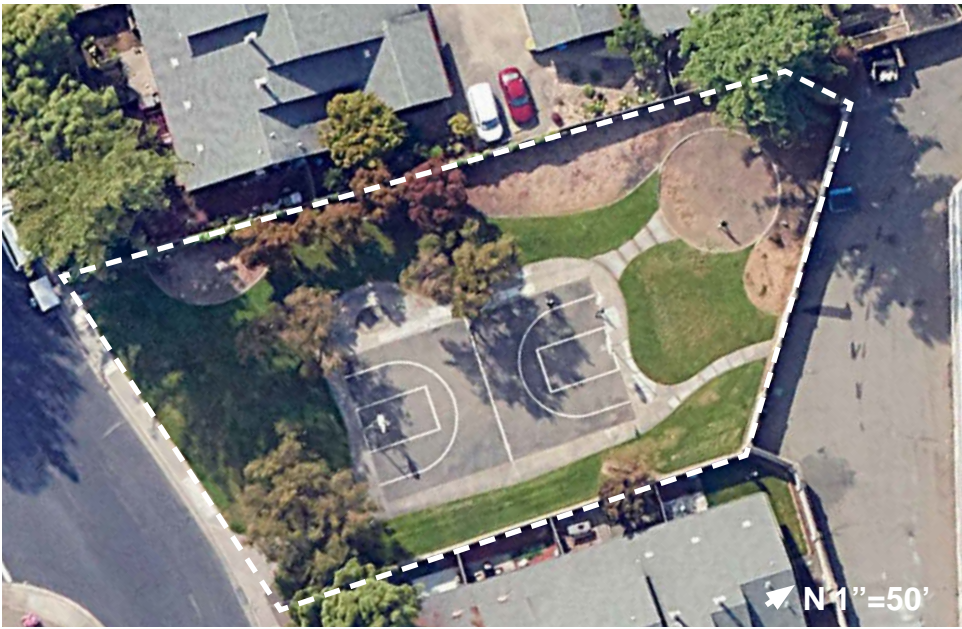
**Opportunities:**

- Create more circulation within the park
- Replace asphalt in poor condition with concrete
- Fix drainage issues at playground
- Install alternative amenity in the demolished playground footprint

**Additional Observations**

- Makeshift memorial in one tree
- Access from multiple sides of the park

# Cielo Park



# Cielo Park

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**Name:** Cielo Park

**Location:** 1123 Cielo Circle

**Size:** .4 Acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Basketball court
	Small shaded lawn and berm with interspersed trees

FURNISHINGS	Trash receptacles
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PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Basketball

**Constraints:**

- Concrete pathway breaks up lawn limiting use

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: potable water
- Lawn mowing
- Drainage issues near wall

**Code Compliance:**

- Playground is not ADA-compliant

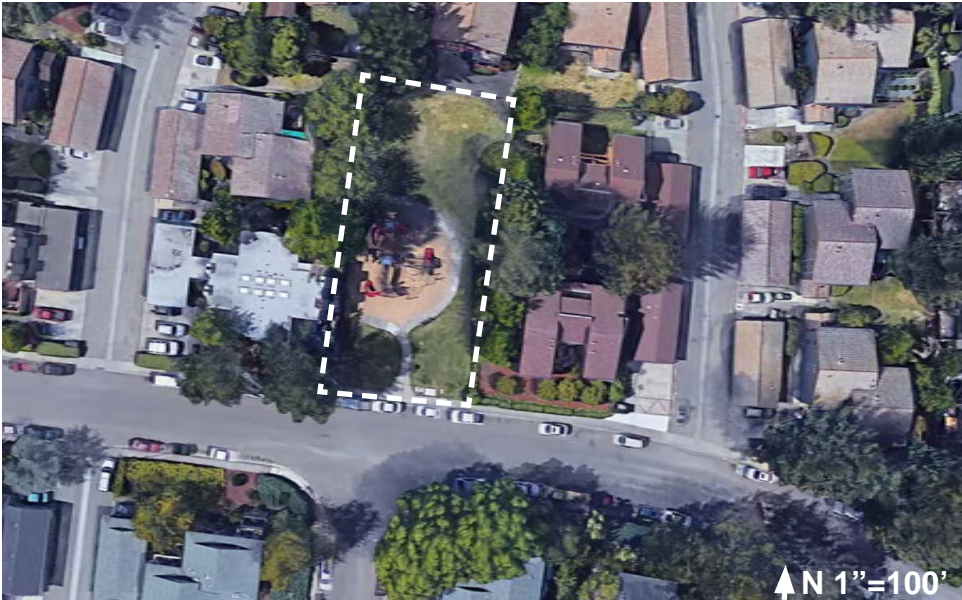
**Opportunities:**

- Create new mural on back wall
- Add new amenity where one was removed

**Additional Observations**

- There are extant post holes on the basketball court, which suggests there was once a volleyball net

# Civic Center



# Civic Center

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**Name:** Civic Center Park

**Location:** 945 Civic Center Dr

**Size:** <1/4 acre

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Tot lot
	Open lawn

FURNISHINGS	Signage: park rules
	Trash receptacle
	Bench
	Dog bag dispenser

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete paving
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Tot lot playground

**Constraints:**

- Small footprint
- Located in between residential units: noise may become a problem
- Tree roots extend into the play structure

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: potable system
- Mowing

**Code Compliance:**

- The concrete ramp that leads from the path into the tot lot is not ADA-compliant

**Opportunities:**

- Create seating areas
- Repave broken concrete

**Additional Observations**

- Not well used
- The play structure has questionable fall zones
- There are several breaks in fencing allowing for social trail connections from multiple sides of the lot
- Budget has been allocated for replacement, there are no designs or plans yet. Parks and recreation will decide how to proceed

# Colegio Vista Park



# Colegio Vista Park

**Name:** Colegio Vista Park

**Location:** 1200 Southwest Blvd

**Size:** 5 Acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor **Fair** Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Elementary playground
	Picnic area
	Baseball field
	Parking lot
	Open lawn with several large trees among the park's edges

FURNISHINGS	Picnic tables
	Benches
	Drinking fountain
	Barbecue
	Bleachers
	Signage: park name

FACILITIES	Public restroom attached to a concession stand
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PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete path
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Baseball field available for rental
- Playground
- Picnic tables

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: reclaimed water
- Drainage issues throughout park including puddling and ponding
- The parking lot has poor drainage
- Mowing

**Code Compliance:**

- Playgrounds and picnic tables are not ADA-compliant
- Accessible path needed to playground, picnic areas, and baseball field
- Drinking fountain does not have clearance for accessibility

**Opportunities:**

- Replace picnic tables, provide a sheltered picnic area
- Add pathways for better connectivity between amenities

**Additional Observations**

- Parking lot is owned by the adjacent school, but is shared between school and park use
- There are two entries to the park: one to the north from the residential area, and one at the parking lot next to the school

# Dorotea Park



# Dorotea Park

**Name:** Dorotea Park

**Location:** 895 Santa Dorotea Circle

**Size:** 6 acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Elementary playground, tot lot and swing set
	Tennis court
	Basketball court
	Picnic area
	Softball field
	¼ mile long walking path with fitness equipment
	Painted art wall
	Open and mounding lawn with interspersed trees
	Labyrinth
	Planting beds maintained by neighbors

FURNISHINGS	Park signage: park rules
	Drinking fountain
	Trash receptacles
	Pathway lighting
	Benches
	Dog bag dispensers
	Barbecue
	Picnic tables
	Bleachers

FACILITIES	Restrooms
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PATHWAY PAVING	Asphalt pedestrian path
	Concrete ramp with railings

**Recreation Provided:**

- Walking path with fitness equipment
- Playground
- Rentable picnic area
- Sports courts – tennis, basketball
- Softball field

**Constraints:**

- Drainage issues on pedestrian paths during heavy storms
- Street parking only
- Softball field experiencing low use. The league is unable to practice at this park

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation system: recycled water, repairs needed
- Some drainage issues, particularly at the field
- Mowing
- Park lighting maintenance
- Graffiti removal from restrooms and other amenities

**Code Compliance:**

- Sections of the pathway are cracking and not ADA-compliant

**Opportunities:**

- Update picnic area to include kitchen amenities, offer additional picnic areas
- Remove or reuse lumber from dead redwood trees
- Add Park name signage
- Replace asphalt paths with concrete
- Use expansive lawn area for picnic space, dogs, or events

**Additional Observations**

- There are four entrances to the park
- Community-painted murals at both playgrounds
- Skateboarders use tennis courts more than tennis players
- Basketball court recently repaved

# Eagle Park



# Eagle Park

**Name:** Eagle Park

**Location:** 1115 Eagle Avenue

**Size:** 10 acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Gently sloping meadow surrounded by redwoods
	Tennis court
	Tot lot
	Soccer field
	Softball field
	Picnic area

FURNISHINGS	Signage: park name and rules
	Drinking fountain
	Trash receptacles
	Sports field and pedestrian pathway lighting
	Benches
	Barbecue
	Dog bag dispenser
	Bleachers
	Picnic tables

FACILITIES	Restroom
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PATHWAY PAVING	Asphalt
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Soccer and softball fields rented by league
- Some recreation classes take place on the lawn
- Tennis
- Tot lot playground
- Picnic area

**Constraints:**

- Street parking only
- Softball field and Soccer field overlap: only one league can play at a time
- Asphalt paving in bad condition
- Drinking fountain in bad condition
- Some of the redwood trees are in poor condition and/or nearing the end of their lifecycle

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: recycled water
- Some drainage issues near trees and at softball field

**Code Compliance:**

- The tot lot and the picnic area are not ADA-compliant

**Additional Observations**

- Tennis courts don't see a lot of use
- Tot lot has bark mulch with decent drainage
- The trees block the lighting from the sports field, resulting in fewer neighbor complaints

# Field of Friends



# Field of Friends

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**Name:** Field of Friends Dog Park

**Location:** Benicia Park

**Size:** < ¼ Acre

**Current Condition:**

Poor **Fair** Good Excellent

## Inventory

AMENITIES	Fenced off-leash area
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FURNISHINGS	Picnic table
	Trash receptacles
	Logs
	Dog fire hydrant
	Signage: park name and rules
	Bulletin board
	Dog bag dispenser

PARK SURFACE	Bark mulch
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## Recreation Provided:

- Picnic table
- Dog amenities

## Constraints:

- Poor drainage

## Estimated Maintenance:

- Poor drainage
- Emptying trash receptacles

## Code Compliance:

- Picnic table is not ADA-compliant
- There is no path from the sidewalk to the dog park

## Additional Observations

- Bulletin board is not used

## Opportunities:

- Address drainage issues

# Five Creek Park



# Five Creek Park

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**Name:** Five Creek Park

**Location:** 501 Carlson ave

**Size:** 2/3 acre

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair Good **Excellent**

## Inventory

AMENITIES	Skate park
	Shade structure
	Lawn and additional planted areas
	Bocce ball court
	Small children's play area with resilient matting

FURNISHINGS	Signage: park name and rules
	Trash receptacle
	Bike racks
	Dog bag dispenser
	Drinking fountain

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete paving
	Permeable pavers

## Recreation provided:

- Skateboarding
- Bocce ball
- Small play area

## Constraints:

- Ornamental grasses are difficult to maintain

## Estimated Maintenance:

- Irrigation system: recycled, minor maintenance
- Mowing
- Weeding and plant maintenance

## Opportunities:

- Create a group picnic area

# Golis Park



# Golis Park

**Name:** Golis Park

**Location:** 1450 Golf Course Drive

**Size:** 13 acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Baseball field
	Soccer field
	Softball field
	Elementary playground and tot lot
	Basketball court
	Tennis court
	Multisport court
	Parking lot
	Connections to Laguna Creek trail
	Picnic area

FURNISHINGS	Baseball field, pathway, tennis, and basketball court lighting
	Park signage: park name and rules
	Drinking fountains
	Trash receptacles
	Benches
	Bike rack
	Picnic tables
	Barbecue
	Bridge connecting to Gaspar Ct
	Dog bag holder

FACILITIES	Restrooms
	Storage for baseball

PATHWAY PAVING	Asphalt and concrete paths
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Baseball, softball, and soccer field rentals
- The Best Friends Canine Club uses the baseball field every morning. They allow approved dogs to be off-leash on the field
- Playground
- Sports courts – tennis, basketball, and multisport
- Loop walking trail
- Picnic areas

**Constraints:**

- The soccer and softball fields share space. The fields cannot be booked at the same time

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: potable system. The system is in bad condition and requires extensive maintenance
- Weeds growing in the baseball infield

**Code Compliance:**

- AC paths are not ADA-compliant
- Entrance off of Golf Court Drive is not ADA-compliant
- Baseball bleachers not ADA-compliant
- No accessible path to the soccer field
- Playground and picnic tables are not ADA-compliant

**Opportunities:**

- Replace park irrigation system
- New fencing at multisport court

**Additional Observations**

- The City has planned maintenance for the tennis and basketball courts

# Griffin's Grove Park



# Griffin's Grove Park

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**Name:** Griffin's Grove Park

**Location:** 6200 Overlook Place

**Size:** 6.5 acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair Good **Excellent**

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Picnic area
	Bocce ball courts
	Walking path

FURNISHINGS	Benches
	Pedestrian lighting
	Trash and recycling receptacles
	Dog bag dispensers
	Picnic tables
	Shade structure
	Bike racks
	Drinking fountain with dog bowl

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete
	Decomposed granite

**Recreation Provided:**

- Walking path
- Picnicking
- Bocce

**Constraints:**

- N/A

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: reclaimed water

**Code Compliance:**

- No ADA parking
- Picnic table area and drinking fountain are ADA-compliant

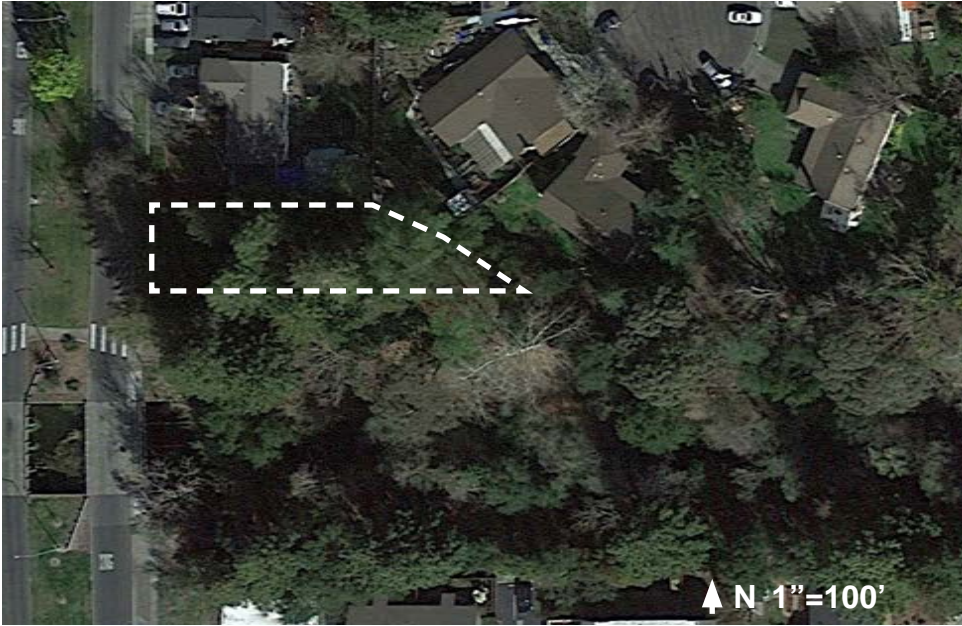
**Additional Observations:**

- Some plantings are struggling. Overall, the park is well maintained and in excellent condition.

**Opportunities:**

- Shade pavilion over picnic tables at the north of the bocce ball courts
- Potential for a bathroom facility

# Hinebaugh Creek Park



# Hinebaugh Creek Park

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Name: Hinebaugh Creek Park  
Location: 6098 Country Club Drive  
Size: < ¼ acre

## Current Condition:

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

## Inventory

AMENITIES	Connection to trail along creek
FURNISHINGS	Picnic table
	Trash receptacle
	Dog bag dispenser
PATHWAY PAVING	Asphalt

## Recreation Provided:

- Picnic table
- Walking path connection

## Constraints:

- No irrigation at site
- Seasonal creek flooding
- No adjacent parking

## Estimated Maintenance:

- Trash maintenance issues

## Code Compliance:

- Picnic table not ADA-compliant

# Honeybee Park



# Honeybee Park

**Name:** Honeybee Park

**Location:** 1170 Golf Course Drive

**Size:** 10 acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor **Fair** Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Open lawn with rolling mounds, some plantings, and interspersed trees
	Basketball courts
	Elementary playground and tot lot
	Tennis court
	Picnic area
	Parking lot

FURNISHINGS	Park signage
	Drinking fountains
	Trash receptacles
	Lighting
	Picnic tables
	Bike racks
	Benches
	Barbecue
	Memorial rocks in picnic area

FACILITIES	Pool
	Snack shack
	Restrooms

**Recreation Provided:**

- Tennis
- Basketball
- Playground
- Rentable picnic area

**Constraints:**

- Restrooms are provided at the pool. Park patrons must enter the pool area to use
- Families find it difficult to cross Golf Course Drive adjacent to the park

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: potable water

**Code Compliance:**

- The Basketball court lacks an accessible path
- The playgrounds are not ADA-compliant

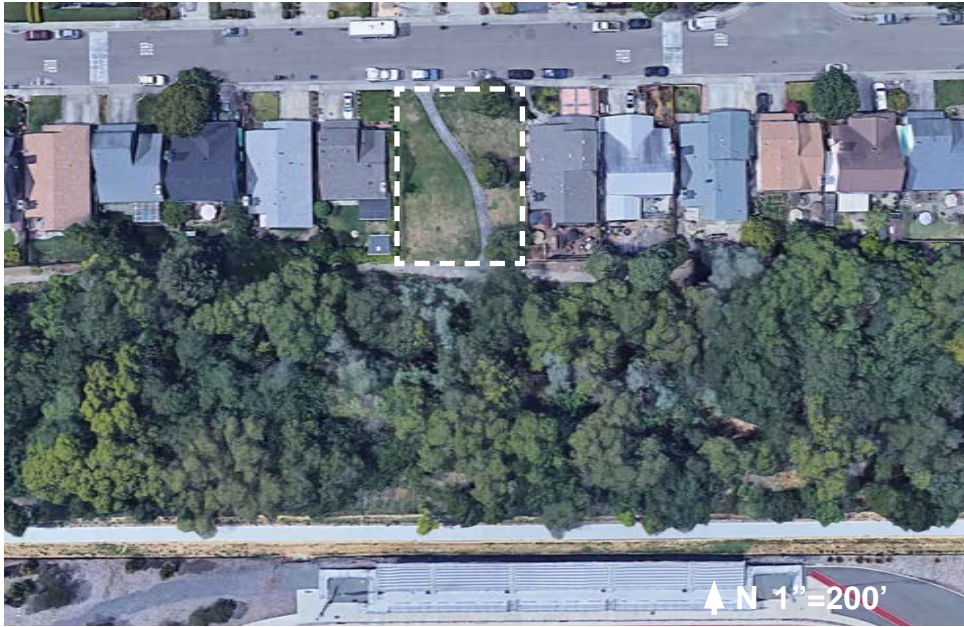
**Opportunities:**

- The lawn is underutilized: opportunity for events
- Potential space for a dog park
- Install safer crossing opportunities for park visitors on Golf Course Drive
- Provide additional restroom facility for non-pool visitors

**Additional Observations**

- Pool buildings are scheduled for renovation
- Basketball court received superficial repairs in 2021

# Jasmine Tot Lot Park



# Jasmine Tot Lot Park

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**Name:** Jasmine Park

**Location:** Next to 1455 Jasmine Circle

**Size:** < ¼ Acre

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Trail connection along Copeland Creek
	Open and mounding lawn with two small trees

FURNISHINGS	Bench
	Park signage

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete path
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**Recreation provided:**

- Adjacent creek viewing

**Constraints:**

- Small footprint
- In residential area, very close to adjacent houses
- Concrete path cracking

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: recycled water
- Mowing

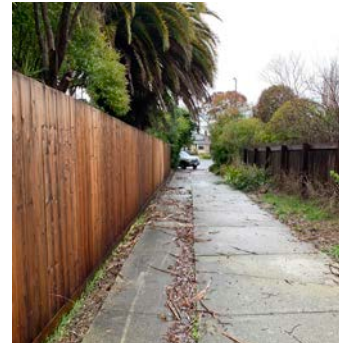
**Code Compliance:**

- Bench is not ADA-compliant

**Additional Observations**

- Three points of entry to the park

# Lacrosse Mini-Park



# Lacrosse Mini-Park

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**Name:** Lacrosse Park

**Location:** End of Lacrosse Court (North)

**Size:** <1 Acre

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Tire swing
	Swing set
	Half basketball court
	Open lawn with trees and ornamental planting

FURNISHINGS	Park signage: rules
	Benches

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete paving
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Basketball
- Swing sets

**Constraints:**

- Small footprint
- Proximity to adjacent houses
- Poor drainage
- No parking

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Weekly mowing

**Code Compliance:**

- Provide path access to basketball court and swings for ADA-compliance

**Opportunities:**

- Replace benches that are nearing the end of their lifecycle
- Replace swing sets that are nearing the end of their lifecycle
- Add play equipment to park
- Replace cracked and uneven concrete

**Additional Observations**

- Adjacent to train tracks

# Ladybug Park



# Ladybug Park

**Name:** Ladybug Park

**Location:** 8517 Liman Way

**Size:** 5 acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor **Fair** Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Elementary playground
	Tennis court
	Picnic area
	Baseball field
	Soccer field
	Creek connection
	Stormwater retention swale
	Picnic area
	Open lawn with minimal plantings, some small tree groves
	Laguna Creek trail connections for pedestrian and bike use

FURNISHINGS	Park signage: park name, rules, and amenities
	Picnic tables
	Drinking fountains
	Trash receptacles
	Benches
	Swing gate for vehicles

FACILITIES	Ladybug Park Recreation Facility
	Snack shack

PATHWAY PAVING	Asphalt
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Baseball field
- Soccer league
- Tennis
- Playground
- Picnicking

**Constraints:**

- Hardscape in poor condition
- No public restroom
- Soccer field has holes, drainage issues, and poor irrigation

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: has issues with asbestos
- Playground has poor drainage
- Removal of debris from drainage swale
- Monterey pines are at the end of their lifespan and are slowly being removed

**Code Compliance:**

- Picnic area, playground, and recreation facility entrance are not ADA-compliant

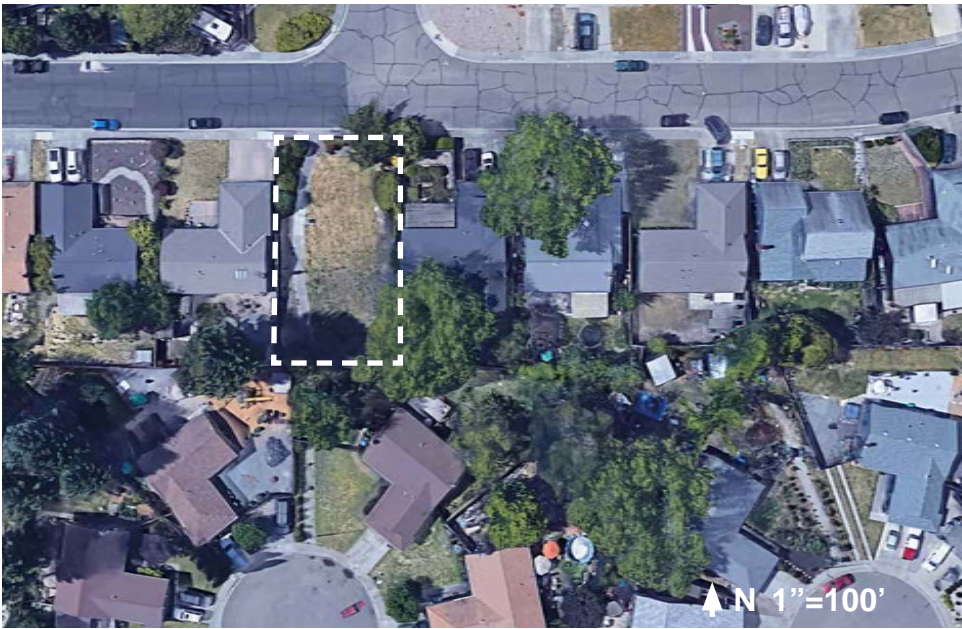
**Opportunities:**

- Add amenity such as pickleball or sand volleyball to replace soon-to-be-demolished pool/garden
- Add connecting paths to all amenities including picnic area and tennis courts

**Additional Observations**

- Pool/garden area next to Recreation Center are scheduled for demolition
- The irrigation system is shared with the adjacent school
- Swale divides the park. During a storm event it is difficult to access both sides of the park without taking a long route
- Tennis courts are not frequently used
- The adjacent elementary school owns the baseball field: Rohnert Park has a joint-use agreement
- The picnic area is within the city of Cotati boundary but Rohnert Park maintains it

# Lilac Tot Lot Park



# Lilac Tot Lot Park

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**Name:** Lilac Park

**Location:** 826 Lilac Way

**Size:** < ¼ Acre

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Open and sloping lawn
FURNISHINGS	Park signage: park name
	Drinking fountain remnant
PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete path

**Constraints:**

- Park entry sign obscured by plantings
- Poor visibility. There have been incidents of children racing their bikes onto the street into oncoming traffic
- Drinking fountain not functional

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: potable
- Backflow meter not visible
- Utilities may run through park

**Code Compliance:**

- Park entry and path are not ADA-accessible

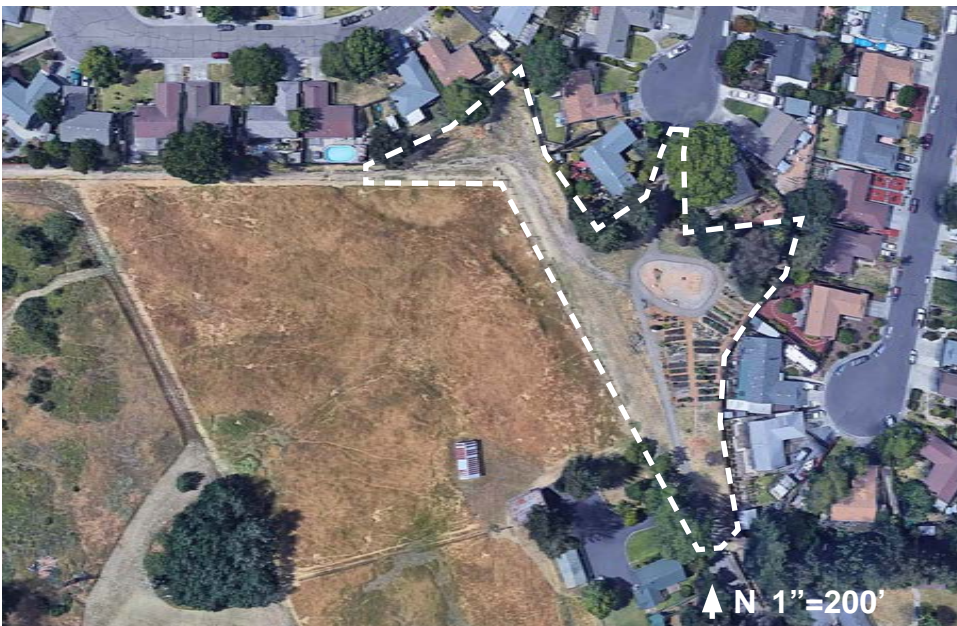
**Opportunities:**

- Provide amenity for use

**Additional Observations**

- Park has one entry. Secondary entry is fenced off

# Lydia Court Mini Park



# Lydia Court Mini Park

**Name:** Lydia Park

**Location:** 541 Lydia Court S

**Size:** < 1 Acre

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	New playground
	Lydia Commons Community Garden

FURNISHINGS	Park signage: park rules
	Benches
	Dog bag dispenser
	Picnic tables
	Storage shed
	Little Free Library
	Sculptural bench at community garden
	Community posting board
	Hose bibs
	Trash receptacles

PATHWAY PAVING	Asphalt
	Concrete entry path
	Dirt path

**Recreation Provided:**

- Playground
- Gardening and harvest sharing

**Constraints:**

- Path width needs to allow chipper vehicle to enter site for tree maintenance
- Poor drainage in lawn areas
- Entry is missing a gate, but has posts

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Mowing lawn
- Trees

**Code Compliance:**

- Playground is ADA-accessible

**Additional Observations**

- The new play structure construction was completed in March of 2024
- Lydia Commons Community Garden is onsite. It is City-owned but used by the community. There is no formal agreement for operation

# Magnolia Park



# Magnolia Park

**Name:** Magnolia Park

**Location:** 1401 Middlebrook

**Size:** 19 Acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Elementary playground
	Tennis court
	Basketball court
	Picnic area
	Softball field
	Soccer field
	Parking lot
	Practice field
	Open lawn with perimeter trees

FURNISHINGS	Park signage
	Drinking fountain
	Trash receptacles
	Lighting
	Picnic tables
	Bike racks
	Barbecues
	Bleachers
	Benches
	Trees in seat wall planters

FACILITIES	Pool facility
	Concession stand
	Restrooms

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Cal Ripken Baseball League
- Softball league
- Soccer league
- Rohnert Park Tennis Club
- Playground
- Basketball
- Picnic area

**Constraints:**

- Frequent complaints filed about the nighttime sports field lighting
- The softball field overlaps with the soccer field, so both sports cannot play at the same time
- Improvements to the softball field have been damaged because the field is not fenced
- Basketball court has drainage issues

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: recycled water
- Irrigation is in poor condition. The switch to recycled water lowered the pressure. There are many breaks in the main line
- Sports field lighting wiring has issues
- Gophers are a recurring problem

**Code Compliance:**

- Picnic area is not ADA-compliant
- Sections of the perimeter path are not ADA-compliant

**Opportunities:**

- Pool facility is currently under renovation
- Potential location for an artificial turf/all-weather field

**Additional Observations**

- New, inclusive elementary playground was installed in 2020
- Tennis courts are maintained by the Rohnert Park Tennis Club and are the City's most frequently used
- The community uses the softball field frequently
- Site is adjacent to Monte Vista Elementary School

# Maurice Fredericks Park



# Maurice Fredericks Park

**Name:** Maurice Fredericks Park

**Location:** 1000 Wisdom Lane

**Size:** 5 Acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair Good **Excellent**

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Elementary playground and tot lot
	Basketball court
	Picnic area
	Dog park
	Soccer field/open lawn
FURNISHINGS	Drinking fountain
	Lighting
	Picnic tables
	Entry sign monument
	Bioswale area
	Benches
	Concrete planter / seat wall node with benches
	Rock mulch strip at end of lawn for drainage
	Park signage
PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete pathways
	Vehicular-rated concrete

**Recreation Provided:**

- Soccer field rental by the charter school
- Playgrounds
- Open lawn
- Picnic areas
- Dog park
- Strolling perimeter path

**Constraints:**

- Dog park has drainage issues
- No restrooms

**Opportunities:**

- Additional shade opportunities

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: recycled water, all drip system, has some issues including with clock timer
- Homeowner association pays additional fee for daily maintenance
- Mowing
- Plant pruning
- Annual mulch additions to dog park
- Park has gopher issues

**Code Compliance:**

- Playground is ADA-compliant

**Additional Observations**

- Newest completed park, is heavily used
- Homeowner association is concerned about intensity of park use

# Meadow Pines Mini Park



# Meadow Pines Mini Park

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**Name:** Meadow Pines Mini Park

**Location:** Next to 6406 Civic Center Dr.

**Size:** < 1 acre

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Tot lot
	Open lawn

FURNISHINGS	Trash receptacle
	Benches
	Dog bag dispenser

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete
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**Recreation provided:**

- Playground

**Constraints:**

- Small footprint: it connects to a neighboring open lawn that is not owned by the City

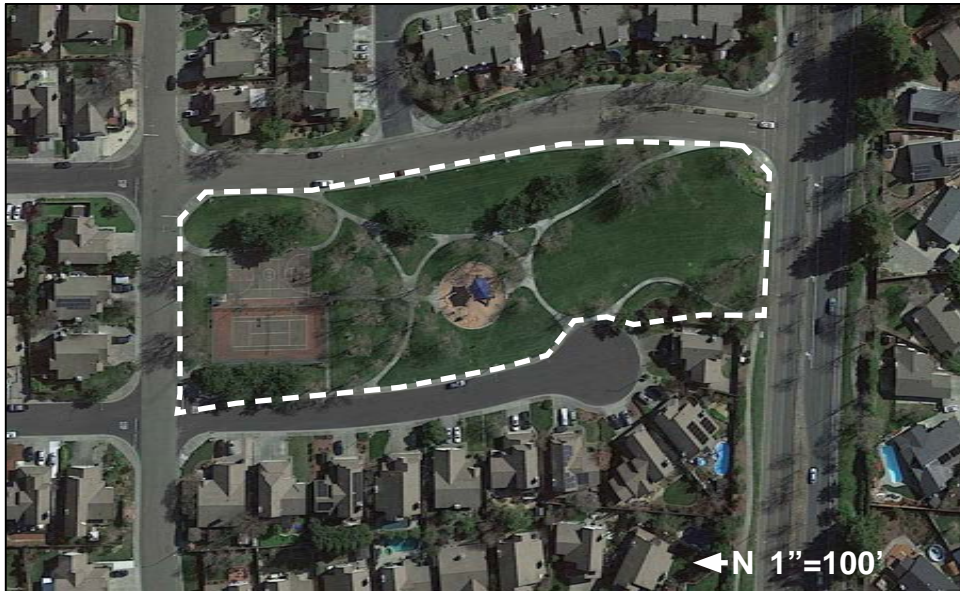
**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: potable
- Mowing

**Opportunities:**

- Consider adding teen-friendly amenities

# Rainbow Park



# Rainbow Park

**Name:** Rainbow Park

**Location:** 1345 Rosana Way

**Size:** 2.68 Acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Elementary playground
	Tennis court
	Basketball court
	Picnic area
	Open and mounding lawn with interspersed trees

FURNISHINGS	Park signage: park rules
	Drinking fountain
	Trash receptacles
	Basketball court lighting
	Barbecues
	Picnic tables
	Bike racks
	Wood benches
	Park commemoration plaque
	Welcome to Rohnert Park monument sign

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Tennis
- Basketball
- Playground
- Picnic area

**Constraints:**

- Basketball court needs re-surfacing and re-striping

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: recycled water, one line
- Disinfecting playground

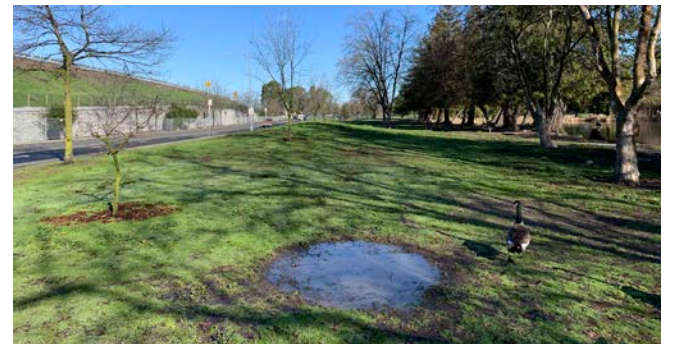
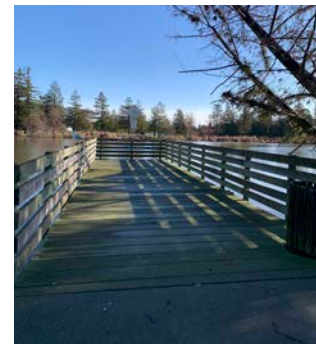
**Code Compliance:**

- Picnic areas are not ADA-compliant
- Concrete paths are not ADA-compliant in some places

**Additional Observations**

- The tennis courts are underutilized
- Elementary playground is in good condition with good drainage

# Roberts Lake



# Roberts Lake

**Name:** Roberts Lake Park

**Location:** 5010 Roberts Lake Rd

**Size:** 8.5 Acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Lake
	Open and mounding lawn
	Tree-lined lake edge
	Pier
	Picnic areas
	Poly Klass memorial with donor pavers in fenced area

FURNISHINGS	Park signage
	Picnic tables
	Trash receptacles
	Drinking fountain
	Benches

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete path
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Fishing derby event
- Picnic areas

**Constraints:**

- Street parking only
- Concrete path does not loop around lake, is lifting at one of the picnic areas
- Aggressive goose and duck population destroys lawn
- Erosion at the edge of the lake causes the trees to lean and risk falling
- Lack of aeration at lake has led to fish deaths
- Golf course irrigation line passes through Roberts Park. Some irrigation heads on the line are located within the park footprint

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: recycled
- Significant trash issues
- Vandalism and property damage issues, including booster pump issues
- The lake breaches the edge and floods both the path and park in severe storms

**Code Compliance:**

- Picnic areas and paths are not ADA-compliant

**Additional Observations**

- Lake is used to irrigate the park: two inlet pipes bring reclaimed water from the Santa Rosa system to the lake

**Opportunities:**

- Create concrete walking loop around lake

# Rohnert Bark Dog Park



# Rohnert Bark Dog Park

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**Name:** Rohnert Bark Dog Park  
**Location:** 5010 Roberts Lake Rd  
**Size:** 0.83 Acres

**Current Condition:**  
Poor **Fair** Good Excellent

## Inventory

AMENITIES	Small dog fenced park
	Large dog fenced park
	Some trees

FURNISHINGS	Dog and drinking fountains
	Bench
	Picnic tables
	Large tires
	Fire hydrant for dogs
	Trash receptacle
	Dog bag dispenser

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete paths
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## Recreation Provided:

- Dog run
- Picnic area

## Constraints:

- Lack of shade in both parks
- Street parking only
- Original lawn surfacing has not survived due to the irrigation being turned off
- The entrance is not large enough for large vehicles to enter and deposit mulch
- Aggressive goose and duck population

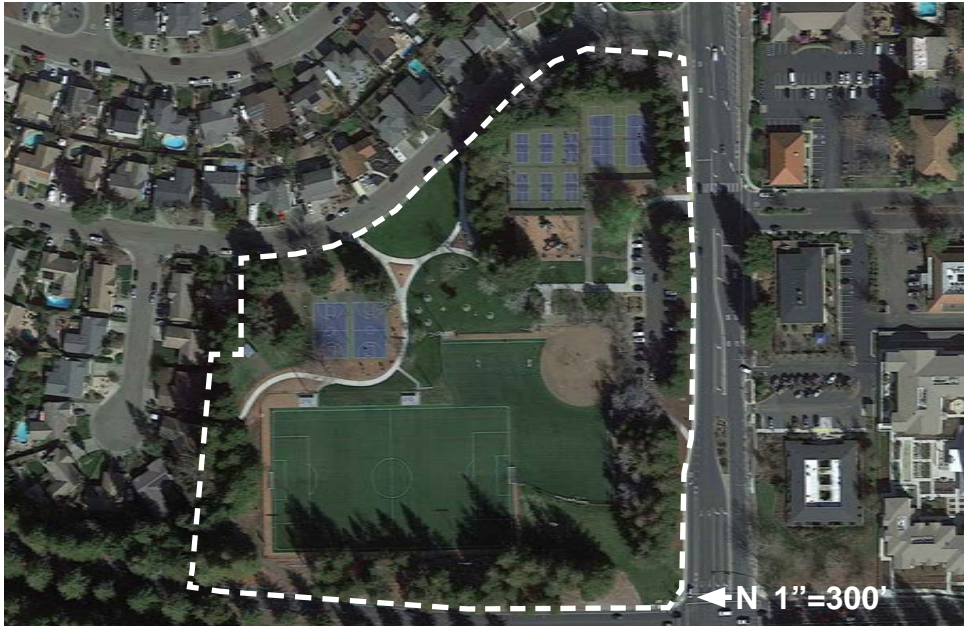
## Estimated Maintenance:

- Regular mulch replacement
- Mowing
- Dog bag refilling
- Picking up dog waste
- Dog waste does not get picked up
- Irrigation: reclaimed, shut off as non-potable water was being used by nearby unhoused population, creating unsanitary conditions
- Treating for ticks and foxtails

## Code Compliance:

- Concrete entrance is not ADA-compliant
- Concrete paths do not extend throughout the park
- Park interiors are not ADA-compliant

# Sunrise Park



# Sunrise Park

**Name:** Sunrise Park

**Location:** 5201 Snyder Lane

**Size:** 9 acres

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	All-weather artificial turf field
	Parking lot
	Pickleball courts
	Softball field
	Elementary playground and tot lot
	Basketball courts
	Picnic area
	Small lawns with a redwood perimeter
	Storage containers
FURNISHINGS	Bleachers
	Benches with shade structures
	Planters with magnolia trees
	Picnic tables
	Signage: park name and rules
	Lighting at sports field, basketball court, softball field, and pickleball court
	Benches
	Drinking fountain
	Bike rack
	Trash receptacles
	Barbecue
PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete path
	Perimeter asphalt path

**Recreation Provided:**

- Soccer and lacrosse leagues rent out the all-terrain artificial turf field
- Pickleball league
- Softball
- Basketball
- Playground
- Picnic area
- Walking path

**Constraints:**

- Sound issues from pickleball courts
- Softball and soccer fields overlap
- The elementary playground and tot lot have some drainage issues
- The basketball court has drainage issues

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: ½ potable, ½ recycled water
- Repairs due to vandalism and graffiti, particularly in the restrooms
- Sweeping all-weather artificial turf field weekly, with deep cleanings two times per year

**Code Compliance:**

- Picnic area is not ADA-compliant
- Perimeter asphalt path is not ADA-compliant in some sections

**Opportunities:**

- Connection to longer path along Rohnert Park Expressway

**Additional Observations**

- Park is highly used
- Tree removal planned
- Pickleball courts recently resurfaced but starting to crack
- All-weather artificial turf field reserved year-round by soccer and lacrosse. Priority is given to youth groups vs adult rentals
- The softball field is underutilized due to the infield not being all-weather surfacing
- Maintenance plans to store a gator cart near the storage containers

# Twin Creeks Park



# Twin Creeks Park

**Name:** Twin Creeks Park

**Location:** 6.83 acres

**Size:** 5530 Kerry Road

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Basketball courts
	Elementary playground and tot lot with poured-in place resilient matting
	Soccer field
	Baseball field
	Open lawn with some planted beds and trees
FURNISHINGS	Picnic tables
	Bleachers
	Bike racks
	Trash receptacles
	Lighting for the pedestrian pathway
	Drinking fountain
	Signage: park name and rules
	Benches
	Dog bag dispenser
FACILITIES	Picnic pavilion
	Restrooms
	Snack shack with mini kitchen
PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete sidewalks

**Recreation Provided:**

- Basketball court
- Soccer League rentals
- Picnic area

**Constraints:**

- Soccer field overlaps with baseball field
- Baseball field is sized for youth groups only. No adult leagues
- Complaints of high use from neighboring residents
- One of the newest parks as well as one of the hardest to maintain. Maurice Fredericks Park and Twin Creeks Park draw the most scrutiny

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: recycled water, some issues
- Baseball field has drainage issues
- Homeowner association pays fee for maintenance
- Mowing and weeding
- Selective vegetation removal

**Opportunities:**

- Consider relocating oversized bleachers to another park

**Additional Observations**

- The picnic pavilion is highly used and often rented
- Snack shack is not currently used
- The city plans to provide park staff in the future to help control noise, garbage, and park misuse
- This is the City's highest used park

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# **FACILITIES**

Inventory and Assessment

# Benicia Park Recreation Center



# Benicia Park Recreation Center

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**Name:** Benicia Park Recreation Center

**Location:** 7450 Santa Barbara Drive

**Size:** 3,024 sqft

**Current Condition:**

Poor **Fair** Good Excellent

**Inventory**

OUTDOOR AMENITIES	Parking Lot
	Community Garden
	Small open lawn

OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS	Parking lot lighting
	Trash and recycling bins
	Benches in the community garden

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete paths
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Leased by the Boys and Girls Club for \$1 per year

**Constraints:**

- No paving connection to the tot lot or to the other amenities at Benicia Park

**Outside Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: reclaimed water
- Mowing
- Tree pruning
- Recreation center landscape is maintained by a private company

**Code Compliance:**

- Concrete ramp not ADA-compliant
- Concrete ramp does not loop around the building
- Building should have a full architectural facility assessment for code compliance

**Opportunities:**

- Additional parking lot lighting needed

**Additional Observations**

- There is a PGE power building located between the recreation center and Benicia Park's baseball field

# Burton Ave Park Recreation Center



# Burton Ave Park Recreation Center

**Name:** Burton Avenue Recreation Center

**Location:** 7421 Burton Ave (Benicia Park)

**Facility Size:** 6,700 sqft

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Building rental space
	Storage
OUTDOOR AMENITIES	Parking lot
	Peace Garden installed by the Rotary Club
	Open lawn
OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS	Bike racks
	Trash receptacles
	Picnic tables
	Benches
PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete paving

**Recreation Provided:**

- Summer camp program
- Evening programs during the school year
- Rentals

**Outside Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: recycled water
- Drainage issues
- Mowing
- The Rotary Club maintains the peace garden

**Building Estimated Maintenance:**

- The roof leaks but otherwise there are no major problems

**Code Compliance:**

- Building should have a full architectural facility assessment for code compliance
- Sections of the surrounding concrete paving are not ADA-compliant

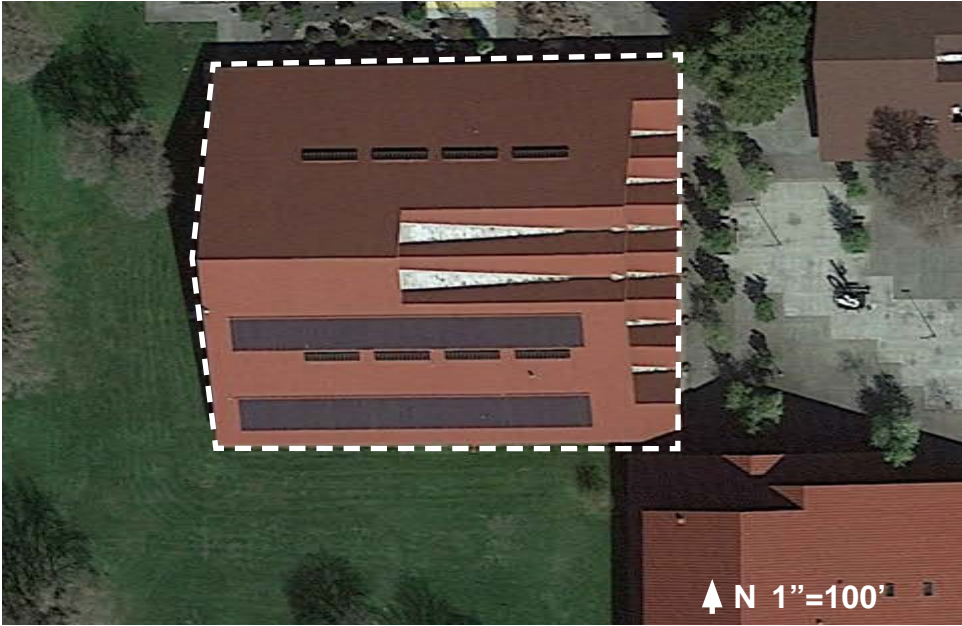
**Opportunities:**

- Redesign front entry for nice photo opportunity space to use during rentals

**Additional Observations**

- The facility is an evacuation shelter location
- Park is adjacent to El Camino High School

# Callinan Sports & Fitness Center



# Callinan Sports & Fitness Center

**Name:** Callinan Sports & Fitness Center

**Location:** 5405 Snyder Lane

**Size:** 4,600 sf

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Indoor basketball courts
	Locker rooms with saunas and bathrooms
	Weight rooms
	Cardio room with new padded floor and equipment
	Racquetball / handball courts
	Childcare on evenings and weekends

OUTDOOR AMENITIES	Open lawn with a few perimeter trees
	Rainwater collection system with adjacent garden

INDOOR FURNISHINGS	Retractable bleachers in basketball court
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OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS	Picnic tables
	Fixed tables in courtyard
	Garbage cans
	Catch basins from gutter downspouts
	Benches in center courtyard

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete courtyard
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Contracted out to camp programs
- Adult league sports
- Rented for a few large gymnastics events every year

**Constraints:**

- No heating, ventilation, or air conditioning. In the summer, the facility gets hot and humid
- Significant renovation of lighting needed

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Roof leaks

**Estimated Outdoor Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: on three timers
- Mowing and reseeding lawn

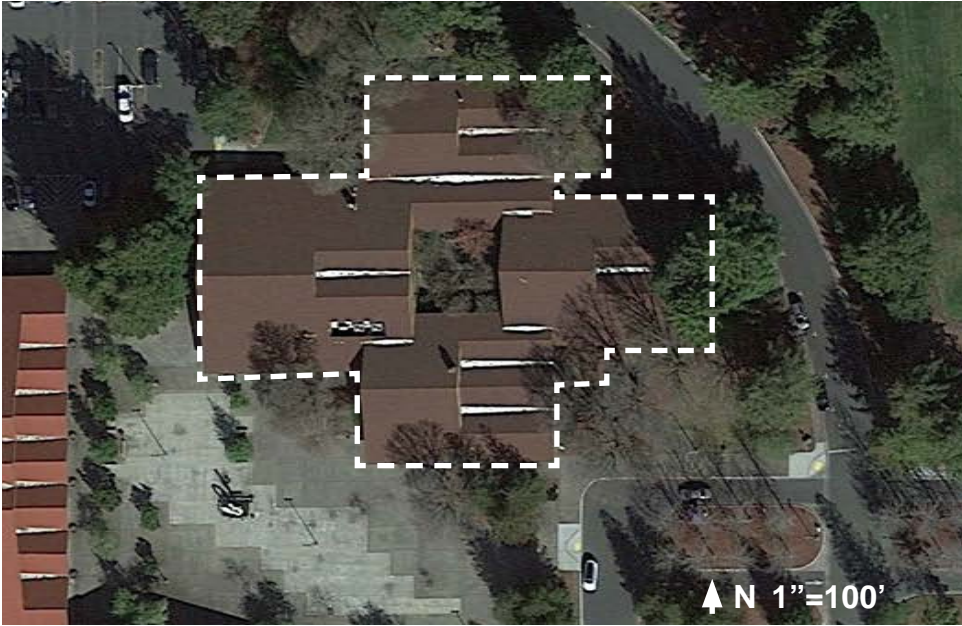
**Opportunities:**

- There is an empty room that can be put to additional recreational use

**Additional Observations**

- Not open to the public: membership-based
- Issues with youth driving and spinning donuts on facility's lawn

# Community Center



# Community Center

**Name:** Rohnert Park Community Center

**Location:** 5401 Snyder Lane

**Size:** 20,000 sf

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Parking lot
	Open lawn with some trees and occasional shrub plantings
	Pond in atrium
	Multi-use room with full commercial kitchen
	Ceramics studio

OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS	Trash receptacles
	Bike racks
	Dumpster
	Billboard sign
	Benches

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Community classes held here, most led by independent contractors
- Private rentals
- Gymnastics league rentals
- Private preschool
- City-organized community events
- Seating areas

**Constraints:**

- Gas line problem

**Outdoor Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: no valves

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Roof leaks in a couple places
- Bar in multi-use room has a sink that does not drain

**Opportunities:**

- Adding a pool to the facility complex
- Lawn space to be used for events

**Additional Observations**

- The Community Center generates a large amount of revenue from rentals
- Gas line problem slated for capital improvements project
- The city is considering a possible renovation of the pond in the atrium

# Gold Ridge Recreation Building



# Gold Ridge Recreation Building

**Name:** Gold Ridge Recreation Building and Surrounding Property

**Location:** 1455 Golf Course Drive

**Size:** 16,500 sf

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Restrooms
	Stage
	Projection capabilities
	Basketball court
	Kitchen

OUTDOOR AMENITIES	Basketball court
	Stage
	Parking lot
	Soccer practice field
	Tetherball poles
	Open lawn, including grass mound for watching outdoor stage

OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS	Benches
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FACILITIES	Restrooms
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Sports camps
- Soccer field used for league practice

**Constraints:**

- There is concern about noise complaints from large events
- The facility is too far from the freeway to become a larger destination, and there would be significant traffic impacts in this area
- No outdoor lighting
- No heating, ventilation, or air conditioning system in the building
- Kitchen is unusable

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Portables are scheduled to be demolished

**Code Compliance:**

- Sections of the paving are not ADA-compliant
- Recreation center parking is not ADA-compliant
- Stage is not ADA-compliant

**Additional Observations:**

- A preschool currently runs out of several portables

**Opportunities:**

- Potential area for bocce ball courts
- Skaters use the existing basketball and tennis courts
- Ample space for added amenities

# Ladybug Park Recreation Center



# Ladybug Park Recreation Center

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**Name:** Ladybug Park Recreation Center

**Location:** 8517 Liman Way

**Size:** 1,145 sf

**Current Condition:**

Poor **Fair** Good Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Gathering area (room)
	Small sink and kitchenette area

INDOOR FURNISHINGS	Storage
	Oven
	Chairs and tables
	Mini-fridge

FACILITIES	Restrooms
	Snack shack

**Recreation Provided:**

- Long-standing rentals by Alcoholics Anonymous and other community groups

**Constraints:**

- Age of facility

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Maintained by rental groups

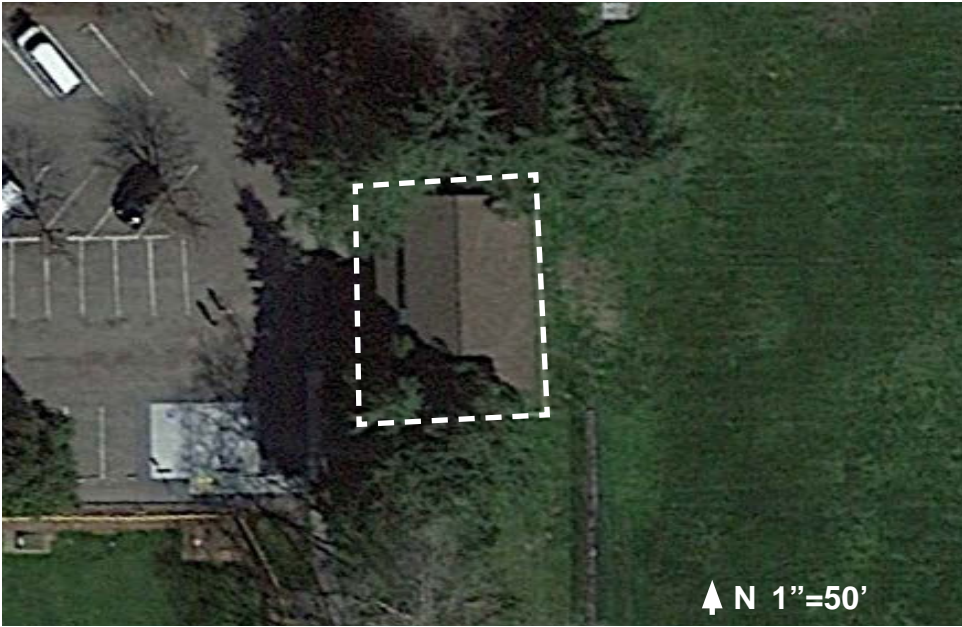
**Code Compliance:**

- Entry to the facility is not ADA-compliant

**Additional Observations**

- Restrooms are not open to the public
- The city repaired a roof leak within the last three years

# Scout Hut



# Scout Hut

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**Name:** Scout Hut

**Location:** 1,328 sqft

**Size:** 295 Santa Alicia Drive

**Current Condition:**

Poor **Fair** Good Excellent

**Inventory**

OUTDOOR AMENITIES	Surrounding trees
	Planters
OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS	Some outdoor lighting
	Mural
PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete paving

**Recreation Provided:**

- The City leases the Scout Hut to the Girl Scouts for \$1 per year

**Constraints:**

- Wear due to age
- Insufficient lighting approaching the building
- Crumbling exterior

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- N/A

**Code Compliance:**

- Ramped entry not ADA-compliant

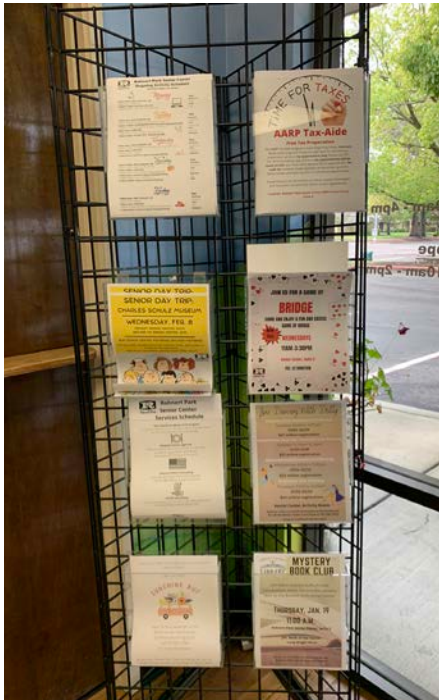
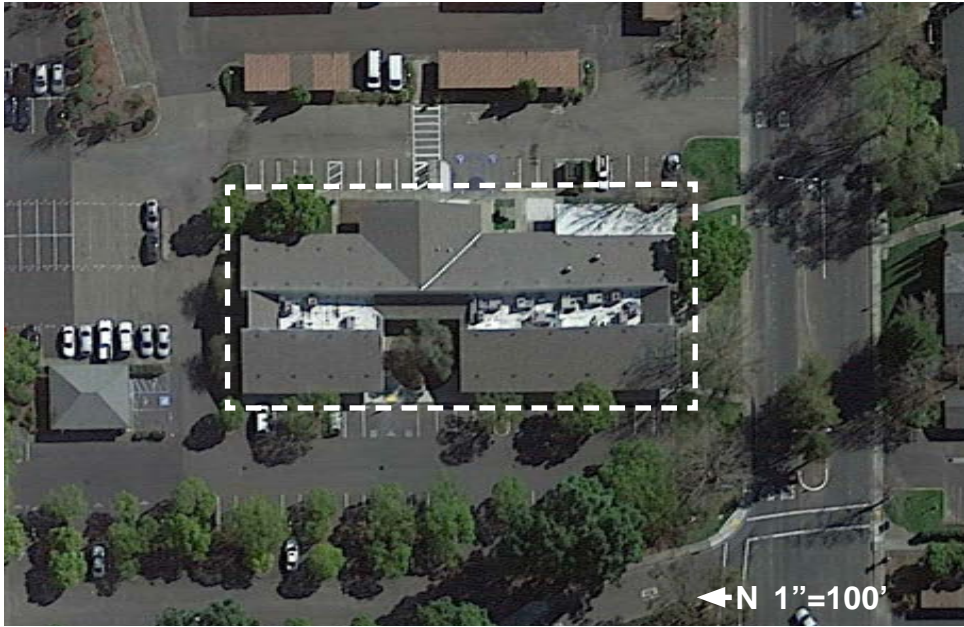
**Opportunities:**

- N/A

**Additional Observations**

- N/A

# Senior Citizen Center



# Senior Citizen Center

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**Name:** Senior Citizen Center

**Location:** 6800 Hunter Drive

**Size:** 8,000 SF

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Lobby
	Offices
	Indoor gym
	Dining area

OUTDOOR AMENITIES	Parking lot
	Small patches of lawn with a single olive tree in the courtyard

OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS	Bike rack
	Art bench

PATHWAY PAVING	Concrete
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Classes, including evening classes
- Bingo from a nonprofit senior organization
- Rentals

**Outdoor Constraints:**

- Lack of outdoor space

**Outdoor Estimated Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: potable

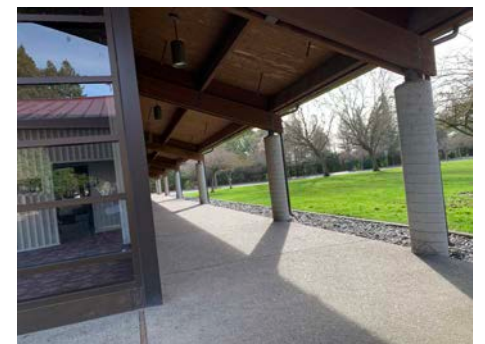
**Code Compliance:**

- Building should have a full architectural facility assessment for code compliance

**Outdoor Code Compliance:**

- Some concrete pathways are not ADA-compliant

# Spreckels Performing Arts Center



# Spreckels Performing Arts Center

**Name:** Spreckels Performing Arts Center

**Location:** 5409 Snyder Lane

**Size:** 42,000 sf

**Current Condition:**

Poor Fair **Good** Excellent

**Inventory**

AMENITIES	Nellie W. Coddington 500-seat theater
	Experimental 125-seat theater
	Offices
	Prop and costume storage
	Stage shop
	Green room
	Cat walk
Orchestra pit	

OUTDOOR AMENITIES	Open lawn
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INDOOR FURNISHINGS	Tables and chairs in lobby
	Drinking fountains

OUTDOOR FURNISHINGS	Bike rack
	Connection to trail along creek

FACILITIES	Restrooms
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**Recreation Provided:**

- Professional theatre performances
- Dance company recitals
- Event rentals
- Open lawn used for community events

**Estimated Maintenance:**

- Flooding in the orchestra pit

**Estimated Outdoor Maintenance:**

- Irrigation: reclaimed water

**Code Compliance:**

- The upstairs offices and prop/costume storage are not ADA-accessible

**Additional Observations**

- Bike parking by the entrance is used by electric scooters

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## **7.3 STATISTICALLY VALID SURVEY RESULTS**

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CITY OF ROHNERT PARK

2023 Park & Recreation Needs Assessment Survey

Topline Report

n=626

15 minutes

Residents / Registered Voters Hybrid Sample

Languages: English & Spanish (Spanish confirmed)

May 24, 2023

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## METHODOLOGY

**Sample Universe:**

- 35,441 Adult Residents 18+

**Sample Size:**

n=626

**Data Collection Methodology:**

n=61 Email Invitation to Online Survey

n=565 Text Invitation to Online Survey

**Margin of Error:**

- Adults 18 years or older  $\pm$  3.88%

**Interview Dates:** May 3 to 9, 2023

**Survey Length:** 15 minutes

## OVERALL SATISFACTION WITH PARK & RECREATION

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	$\Sigma$ or Mean
1. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the City of Rohnert Park, park and recreation facilities?	Very satisfied	18.2%	114	
	Somewhat satisfied	49.3%	309	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	18.9%	118	
	Very dissatisfied	4.9%	31	
	Not sure	8.7%	54	
	<b>Total Satisfied</b>	<b>67.5%</b>		
	<b>Total Dissatisfied</b>	<b>23.8%</b>		
	<b>Ratio Sat to Dissat</b>	<b>2.84</b>		
2. Overall, are you satisfied or dissatisfied with the City of Rohnert Park, park and recreation activities and programs?	Very satisfied	19.6%	123	
	Somewhat satisfied	45.2%	283	
	Somewhat dissatisfied	12.2%	76	
	Very dissatisfied	3.9%	25	
	Not sure	19.1%	120	
	<b>Total Satisfied</b>	<b>64.8%</b>		
	<b>Total Dissatisfied</b>	<b>16.1%</b>		
	<b>Ratio Sat to Dissat</b>	<b>4.03</b>		

## RATING OF PARK & RECREATION FACILITIES

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
<b>3. In the past 12 months, if you, or anyone in your household, have used one of the Rohnert Park, parks or recreation facilities, would you say that Rohnert Park, park and recreation facilities are excellent, good, fair, poor, or very poor?</b>	Excellent	8.9%	56	
	Good	47.8%	299	
	Fair	21.6%	135	
	Poor	8.3%	52	
	Very poor	2.1%	13	
	Not used Rohnert Park, parks or recreation programs	10.4%	65	
	Not sure	1.0%	6	
	Total Excel + Good	56.7%		
	Fair	21.6%		
	Total Poor + Very Poor	10.3%		
	Ratio Sat to Dissat	5.48		

## IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS OR ATHLETIC ACTIVIES

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
<b>4. Importance of sports or athletic activities:</b>				
4A.Tennis	Extremely Important	10.7%	67	56.8%
	Very Important	17.0%	107	
	Somewhat Important	29.1%	182	
	Not Too Important	17.6%	110	
	Not At All Important	23.9%	150	
	Not Sure	1.7%	11	
4B.Basketball	Extremely Important	16.9%	106	63.7%
	Very Important	19.5%	122	
	Somewhat Important	27.3%	171	
	Not Too Important	14.4%	90	
	Not At All Important	18.9%	118	
	Not Sure	3.1%	19	
4C.Softball	Extremely Important	11.8%	74	56.3%
	Very Important	15.9%	99	
	Somewhat Important	28.7%	180	
	Not Too Important	15.6%	98	
	Not At All Important	25.0%	157	
	Not Sure	3.1%	19	
4D.Baseball	Extremely Important	16.8%	105	64.5%
	Very Important	22.2%	139	
	Somewhat Important	25.4%	159	
	Not Too Important	13.2%	83	
	Not At All Important	19.7%	123	
	Not Sure	2.5%	16	
4E.Volleyball	Extremely Important	7.3%	46	53.6%
	Very Important	12.9%	81	
	Somewhat Important	33.4%	209	
	Not Too Important	18.5%	116	
	Not At All Important	23.4%	147	
	Not Sure	4.4%	28	
4F.Soccer	Extremely Important	19.0%	119	64.3%
	Very Important	21.6%	135	
	Somewhat Important	23.7%	149	
	Not Too Important	12.3%	77	
	Not At All Important	21.6%	135	
	Not Sure	1.9%	12	
4G.Football/flag football	Extremely Important	9.9%	62	49.5%
	Very Important	13.1%	82	
	Somewhat Important	26.5%	166	
	Not Too Important	17.8%	111	
	Not At All Important	29.3%	183	
	Not Sure	3.4%	21	

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
4H.Fishing	Extremely Important	12.1%	76	44.9%
	Very Important	12.3%	77	
	Somewhat Important	20.5%	128	
	Not Too Important	17.8%	111	
	Not At All Important	34.1%	214	
	Not Sure	3.2%	20	
4I.Swimming	Extremely Important	30.0%	188	83.9%
	Very Important	29.8%	186	
	Somewhat Important	24.2%	151	
	Not Too Important	8.1%	51	
	Not At All Important	7.0%	44	
	Not Sure	0.9%	6	
4J.Walking, hiking, jogging	Extremely Important	57.5%	360	96.3%
	Very Important	26.5%	166	
	Somewhat Important	12.3%	77	
	Not Too Important	2.4%	15	
	Not At All Important	1.3%	8	
	Not Sure	0.0%	0	
4K.Fitness (yoga, weightlifting, cardio, dance, etc.)	Extremely Important	38.7%	242	87.0%
	Very Important	31.6%	198	
	Somewhat Important	16.7%	105	
	Not Too Important	4.5%	28	
	Not At All Important	6.1%	38	
	Not Sure	2.5%	15	
4L.Roller hockey/roller skating	Extremely Important	6.9%	43	45.8%
	Very Important	10.5%	66	
	Somewhat Important	28.4%	178	
	Not Too Important	20.6%	129	
	Not At All Important	30.7%	192	
	Not Sure	2.8%	17	
4M.Lacrosse	Extremely Important	3.8%	24	32.3%
	Very Important	8.0%	50	
	Somewhat Important	20.5%	128	
	Not Too Important	22.8%	143	
	Not At All Important	40.7%	255	
	Not Sure	4.2%	26	
4N.Mountain or BMX biking	Extremely Important	11.8%	74	49.1%
	Very Important	9.8%	62	
	Somewhat Important	27.5%	172	
	Not Too Important	20.7%	130	
	Not At All Important	28.2%	176	
	Not Sure	2.0%	12	

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
4O.Cycling	Extremely Important	19.5%	122	71.0%
	Very Important	25.0%	157	
	Somewhat Important	26.5%	166	
	Not Too Important	13.4%	84	
	Not At All Important	13.6%	85	
	Not Sure	1.9%	12	
4P.Pickleball	Extremely Important	7.1%	45	41.7%
	Very Important	11.8%	74	
	Somewhat Important	22.7%	142	
	Not Too Important	22.0%	138	
	Not At All Important	28.3%	177	
	Not Sure	8.0%	50	
4Q.Skateboarding	Extremely Important	8.8%	55	44.3%
	Very Important	13.8%	86	
	Somewhat Important	21.7%	136	
	Not Too Important	17.6%	110	
	Not At All Important	36.1%	226	
	Not Sure	2.0%	12	
4R.Futsal	Extremely Important	2.0%	13	15.7%
	Very Important	3.9%	24	
	Somewhat Important	9.8%	61	
	Not Too Important	13.4%	84	
	Not At All Important	39.6%	248	
	Not Sure	31.3%	196	
4S.Bocce	Extremely Important	3.0%	19	39.8%
	Very Important	9.2%	58	
	Somewhat Important	27.5%	172	
	Not Too Important	21.5%	135	
	Not At All Important	31.2%	196	
	Not Sure	7.5%	47	
4T.Martial Arts	Extremely Important	11.1%	69	52.4%
	Very Important	15.2%	95	
	Somewhat Important	26.1%	164	
	Not Too Important	18.1%	113	
	Not At All Important	27.1%	170	
	Not Sure	2.4%	15	
4U.Golf	Extremely Important	13.8%	86	48.6%
	Very Important	12.1%	76	
	Somewhat Important	22.7%	142	
	Not Too Important	17.9%	112	
	Not At All Important	32.0%	200	
	Not Sure	1.4%	9	

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
4V.Gymnastics	Extremely Important	10.0%	63	52.9%
	Very Important	15.5%	97	
	Somewhat Important	27.4%	171	
	Not Too Important	17.2%	108	
	Not At All Important	26.4%	165	
	Not Sure	3.5%	22	
4W.Playing on a play structure	Extremely Important	35.2%	220	75.9%
	Very Important	22.0%	138	
	Somewhat Important	18.6%	117	
	Not Too Important	6.4%	40	
	Not At All Important	15.7%	98	
	Not Sure	2.0%	13	

## IMPORTANCE OF SPORTS OR ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES -- BY INTENSITY

	Sample Segment		
	Adults 18+		
	Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
4J.Walking, hiking, jogging			3.37
4K.Fitness (yoga, weightlifting, cardio, dance, etc.)			2.95
4I.Swimming			2.68
4W.Playing on a play structure			2.56
4O.Cycling			2.24
4F.Soccer			2.04
4D.Baseball			2.03
4B.Basketball			2.01
4C.Softball			1.73
4A.Tennis			1.73
4V.Gymnastics			1.64
4T.Martial Arts			1.64
4E.Volleyball			1.60
4U.Golf			1.57
4N.Mountain or BMX biking			1.55
4G.Football/flag football			1.55
4H.Fishing			1.49
4P.Pickleball			1.43
4L.Roller hockey/roller skating			1.41
4Q.Skateboarding			1.40
4S.Bocce			1.26
4M.Lacrosse			1.08
4R.Futsal			0.77

## IMPORTANCE OF LEISURE OR CULTURAL ACTIVIES

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
<b>5. Importance of spleisure or cultural activities:</b>				
<b>5A. Arts and crafts</b>	Extremely Important	24.1%	151	79.2%
	Very Important	26.6%	167	
	Somewhat Important	28.4%	178	
	Not Too Important	9.7%	61	
	Not At All Important	10.3%	64	
	Not Sure	0.8%	5	
<b>5B. Attending community events</b>	Extremely Important	19.8%	124	86.9%
	Very Important	32.8%	206	
	Somewhat Important	34.3%	215	
	Not Too Important	9.3%	58	
	Not At All Important	2.1%	13	
	Not Sure	1.6%	10	
<b>5C. Cooking/baking</b>	Extremely Important	27.8%	174	86.0%
	Very Important	28.1%	176	
	Somewhat Important	30.1%	189	
	Not Too Important	6.6%	41	
	Not At All Important	7.1%	44	
	Not Sure	0.3%	2	
<b>5D. Attending cultural activities, such as museums, theater programs, musical performances, or art exhibits</b>	Extremely Important	34.1%	213	91.1%
	Very Important	33.1%	207	
	Somewhat Important	23.8%	149	
	Not Too Important	5.7%	35	
	Not At All Important	2.8%	18	
	Not Sure	0.4%	3	
<b>5E. Gardening</b>	Extremely Important	30.7%	192	84.9%
	Very Important	30.5%	191	
	Somewhat Important	23.7%	148	
	Not Too Important	8.7%	54	
	Not At All Important	5.7%	36	
	Not Sure	0.7%	5	
<b>5F. Going to a local park/enjoying nature</b>	Extremely Important	63.8%	400	98.0%
	Very Important	24.4%	152	
	Somewhat Important	9.8%	61	
	Not Too Important	0.8%	5	
	Not At All Important	1.2%	7	
	Not Sure	0.0%	0	
<b>5G. Home projects/DIY</b>	Extremely Important	24.5%	154	85.7%
	Very Important	33.7%	211	
	Somewhat Important	27.5%	172	
	Not Too Important	9.6%	60	
	Not At All Important	3.5%	22	
	Not Sure	1.2%	8	

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
5H. Games (in-person/social), such as cards or bingo	Extremely Important	13.0%	82	67.0%
	Very Important	19.4%	121	
	Somewhat Important	34.5%	216	
	Not Too Important	17.2%	108	
	Not At All Important	15.0%	94	
	Not Sure	0.9%	6	
5I. Online gaming	Extremely Important	11.0%	69	34.2%
	Very Important	10.7%	67	
	Somewhat Important	12.5%	79	
	Not Too Important	14.7%	92	
	Not At All Important	49.2%	308	
	Not Sure	1.9%	12	
5J. Reading	Extremely Important	36.9%	231	90.4%
	Very Important	35.2%	220	
	Somewhat Important	18.2%	114	
	Not Too Important	6.4%	40	
	Not At All Important	2.9%	18	
	Not Sure	0.3%	2	
5K. Playing an instrument/singing	Extremely Important	20.2%	126	65.2%
	Very Important	23.4%	147	
	Somewhat Important	21.6%	135	
	Not Too Important	18.1%	113	
	Not At All Important	16.3%	102	
	Not Sure	0.5%	3	
5L. Picnics	Extremely Important	31.1%	194	88.9%
	Very Important	27.5%	172	
	Somewhat Important	30.3%	190	
	Not Too Important	7.7%	48	
	Not At All Important	3.2%	20	
	Not Sure	0.2%	1	
5M. Walking or exercising a dog at a dog park area	Extremely Important	41.7%	261	80.1%
	Very Important	20.4%	128	
	Somewhat Important	18.0%	112	
	Not Too Important	7.1%	44	
	Not At All Important	11.6%	73	
	Not Sure	1.1%	7	
5N. Self-help/wellness	Extremely Important	35.6%	223	90.4%
	Very Important	29.6%	185	
	Somewhat Important	25.2%	158	
	Not Too Important	4.5%	28	
	Not At All Important	4.1%	26	
	Not Sure	1.1%	7	

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
50. Volunteering/community service	Extremely Important	19.3%	121	88.2%
	Very Important	34.4%	215	
	Somewhat Important	34.6%	217	
	Not Too Important	8.5%	53	
	Not At All Important	2.8%	18	
	Not Sure	0.5%	3	

### IMPORTANCE OF LEISURE OR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES -- BY INTENSITY

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
5F. Going to a local park/enjoying nature			3.49	
5J. Reading			2.97	
5D. Attending cultural activities, such as museums, theater programs, musical performances, or art exhibits			2.90	
5N. Self-help/wellness			2.89	
5L. Picnics			2.76	
5M. Walking or exercising a dog at a dog park area			2.74	
5E. Gardening			2.72	
5G. Home projects/DIY			2.67	
5C. Cooking/baking			2.63	
5B. Attending community events			2.60	
5O. Volunteering/community service			2.59	
5A. Arts and crafts			2.45	
5K. Playing an instrument/singing			2.13	
5H. Games (in-person/social), such as cards or bingo			1.98	
5I. Online gaming			1.18	

## FREQUENCY OF PARTICIPATION -- SPORTS OR ATHLETIC ACTIVITIES

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
6A. Tennis	Once a week or more	15.4%	27	48.6%
	Few times a month	33.2%	58	
	Few times a year	29.2%	51	
	Not at all	20.7%	36	
	Not Sure	1.5%	3	
6B. Basketball	Once a week or more	31.4%	71	58.8%
	Few times a month	27.4%	62	
	Few times a year	25.5%	58	
	Not at all	15.5%	35	
	Not Sure	0.3%	1	
6C. Softball	Once a week or more	25.9%	45	40.3%
	Few times a month	14.4%	25	
	Few times a year	22.4%	39	
	Not at all	34.8%	60	
	Not Sure	2.5%	4	
6D. Baseball	Once a week or more	34.3%	84	43.6%
	Few times a month	9.3%	23	
	Few times a year	27.6%	68	
	Not at all	28.7%	70	
	Not Sure	0.1%	0	
6E. Volleyball	Once a week or more	14.6%	19	36.4%
	Few times a month	21.8%	28	
	Few times a year	21.8%	28	
	Not at all	41.1%	52	
	Not Sure	0.6%	1	
6F. Soccer	Once a week or more	31.0%	79	53.1%
	Few times a month	22.1%	56	
	Few times a year	21.1%	54	
	Not at all	25.0%	63	
	Not Sure	0.8%	2	
6G. Football/flag football	Once a week or more	24.7%	36	35.7%
	Few times a month	11.0%	16	
	Few times a year	25.1%	36	
	Not at all	37.6%	54	
	Not Sure	1.6%	2	
6H. Fishing	Once a week or more	17.9%	27	36.2%
	Few times a month	18.3%	28	
	Few times a year	45.7%	70	
	Not at all	17.1%	26	
	Not Sure	1.0%	2	
6I. Swimming	Once a week or more	26.4%	99	53.1%
	Few times a month	26.7%	100	
	Few times a year	35.4%	132	
	Not at all	10.9%	41	
	Not Sure	0.6%	2	

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
6J. Walking, hiking, jogging	Once a week or more	77.0%	405	95.5%
	Few times a month	18.5%	97	
	Few times a year	2.9%	15	
	Not at all	1.7%	9	
	Not Sure	0.0%	0	
6K. Fitness (yoga, weightlifting, cardio, dance, etc.)	Once a week or more	66.2%	291	89.5%
	Few times a month	23.3%	103	
	Few times a year	7.0%	31	
	Not at all	3.3%	15	
	Not Sure	0.2%	1	
6L. Roller hockey/roller skating	Once a week or more	11.1%	12	36.0%
	Few times a month	24.9%	27	
	Few times a year	39.1%	43	
	Not at all	24.5%	27	
	Not Sure	0.5%	1	
6M. Lacrosse	Once a week or more	13.1%	10	17.9%
	Few times a month	4.8%	4	
	Few times a year	18.4%	14	
	Not at all	53.4%	39	
	Not Sure	10.3%	8	
6N. Mountain or BMX biking	Once a week or more	31.5%	43	53.5%
	Few times a month	22.0%	30	
	Few times a year	26.6%	36	
	Not at all	18.9%	26	
	Not Sure	1.1%	1	
6O. Cycling	Once a week or more	39.5%	110	71.2%
	Few times a month	31.7%	88	
	Few times a year	18.5%	52	
	Not at all	9.3%	26	
	Not Sure	0.9%	3	
6P. Pickleball	Once a week or more	18.9%	23	45.5%
	Few times a month	26.6%	32	
	Few times a year	23.4%	28	
	Not at all	28.6%	34	
	Not Sure	2.5%	3	
6Q. Skateboarding	Once a week or more	20.8%	29	40.1%
	Few times a month	19.3%	27	
	Few times a year	25.5%	36	
	Not at all	32.7%	46	
	Not Sure	1.7%	2	
6R. Futsal	Once a week or more	18.0%	7	38.6%
	Few times a month	20.6%	8	
	Few times a year	16.2%	6	
	Not at all	38.0%	14	
	Not Sure	7.1%	3	

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
<b>6S. Bocce</b>	Once a week or more	15.9%	12	21.4%
	Few times a month	5.4%	4	
	Few times a year	32.3%	25	
	Not at all	46.3%	36	
	Not Sure	0.0%	0	
<b>6T. Martial Arts</b>	Once a week or more	32.2%	53	43.8%
	Few times a month	11.6%	19	
	Few times a year	15.1%	25	
	Not at all	37.3%	61	
	Not Sure	3.9%	6	
<b>6U. Golf</b>	Once a week or more	30.7%	50	64.9%
	Few times a month	34.2%	56	
	Few times a year	24.1%	39	
	Not at all	9.4%	15	
	Not Sure	1.6%	3	
<b>6V. Gymnastics</b>	Once a week or more	32.6%	52	44.7%
	Few times a month	12.1%	19	
	Few times a year	20.4%	32	
	Not at all	26.9%	43	
	Not Sure	8.0%	13	
<b>6W. Playing on a play structure</b>	Once a week or more	43.4%	156	65.1%
	Few times a month	21.7%	78	
	Few times a year	15.9%	57	
	Not at all	15.4%	55	
	Not Sure	3.5%	12	

## FREQUENCY OF PARTICIPATION -- LEISURE OR CULTURAL ACTIVITIES

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
7A. Arts and Crafts	Once a week or more	38.9%	124	64.6%
	Few times a month	25.7%	82	
	Few times a year	29.5%	94	
	Not at all	4.9%	15	
	Not Sure	1.0%	3	
7B. Attending community events	Once a week or more	10.5%	35	43.3%
	Few times a month	32.8%	108	
	Few times a year	52.3%	172	
	Not at all	4.4%	14	
	Not Sure	0.0%	0	
7C. Cooking/baking	Once a week or more	76.9%	269	87.0%
	Few times a month	10.1%	35	
	Few times a year	8.6%	30	
	Not at all	3.3%	11	
	Not Sure	1.2%	4	
7D. Attending cultural activities, such as museums, theater programs, musical performances, or art exhibits	Once a week or more	10.8%	45	42.5%
	Few times a month	31.7%	133	
	Few times a year	50.6%	213	
	Not at all	5.9%	25	
	Not Sure	1.1%	5	
7E. Gardening	Once a week or more	50.6%	194	75.2%
	Few times a month	24.6%	94	
	Few times a year	20.7%	79	
	Not at all	3.9%	15	
	Not Sure	0.2%	1	
7F. Going to a local park/enjoying nature	Once a week or more	65.0%	359	89.4%
	Few times a month	24.4%	135	
	Few times a year	10.1%	56	
	Not at all	0.1%	0	
	Not Sure	0.4%	2	
7G. Home projects/DIY	Once a week or more	41.8%	152	71.4%
	Few times a month	29.6%	108	
	Few times a year	25.4%	92	
	Not at all	2.1%	8	
	Not Sure	1.2%	4	
7H. Games (in-person/social), such as cards or bingo	Once a week or more	23.7%	48	55.5%
	Few times a month	31.8%	65	
	Few times a year	30.4%	62	
	Not at all	10.3%	21	
	Not Sure	3.8%	8	
7I. Online gaming	Once a week or more	73.6%	100	90.3%
	Few times a month	16.7%	23	
	Few times a year	5.0%	7	
	Not at all	4.7%	6	
	Not Sure	0.0%	0	

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
7J. Reading	Once a week or more	72.4%	327	85.9%
	Few times a month	13.5%	61	
	Few times a year	10.6%	48	
	Not at all	2.8%	13	
	Not Sure	0.7%	3	
7K. Playing an instrument/singing	Once a week or more	39.0%	106	63.2%
	Few times a month	24.3%	66	
	Few times a year	19.2%	52	
	Not at all	15.3%	42	
	Not Sure	2.3%	6	
7L. Picnics	Once a week or more	18.6%	68	55.5%
	Few times a month	36.9%	135	
	Few times a year	38.6%	142	
	Not at all	5.0%	18	
	Not Sure	0.9%	3	
7M. Walking or exercising a dog at a dog park area	Once a week or more	59.7%	232	72.0%
	Few times a month	12.3%	48	
	Few times a year	10.2%	40	
	Not at all	15.9%	62	
	Not Sure	2.0%	8	
7N. Self-help/wellness	Once a week or more	43.3%	177	65.5%
	Few times a month	22.2%	90	
	Few times a year	22.4%	91	
	Not at all	7.5%	31	
	Not Sure	4.6%	19	
7O. Volunteering/community service	Once a week or more	21.6%	73	47.2%
	Few times a month	25.6%	86	
	Few times a year	40.9%	137	
	Not at all	9.9%	33	
	Not Sure	2.0%	7	

## PARK OR FACILITY PREFERENCES & USAGE

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
8 (first choice). Thinking about the different activities that we have been discussing, which two Rohnert Park parks or recreation facilities have you and the members of your household used for these activities the most?	Magnolia Park	7.7%	48	
	Callinan Sports & Fitness Center	7.5%	46	
	Twin Creeks Park	7.2%	45	
	Sunrise Park	7.1%	44	
	Golis Park	6.2%	38	
	Alicia Park	5.7%	35	
	Dorotea Park	5.2%	32	
	Honeybee Park	4.6%	28	
	Eagle Park	3.5%	22	
	Spreckels Performing Arts Center	3.5%	22	
	Maurice Fredericks Park	3.1%	19	
	Benicia Park	3.0%	19	
	Roberts Lake	2.7%	16	
	Field of Friends Dog Park	2.5%	15	
	Community Center	2.4%	15	
	Ladybug Park	2.3%	14	
	Caterpillar Park	2.2%	13	
	Rainbow Park	1.8%	11	
	Senior Center	1.8%	11	
	Hinebaugh Creek Park	1.5%	10	
	Carlita Circle Tot Lot	1.1%	7	
	Civic Center Tot Lot	1.0%	6	
	Burton Ave Recreation Center	1.0%	6	
	Rohnert Bark Dog Park	0.4%	3	
	Lydia Mini Park	0.1%	1	
	Ladybug Park Recreation Center	0.1%	1	
	Collegio Vista Park	0.1%	1	
	Liliac Park	0.1%	1	
	Meadow Pines Mini Park	0.1%	1	
	Jasmine Tot Lot	0.1%	1	
	Burton Avenue Tot Lot	0.0%	0	
	Five Creek Park	0.0%	0	
Gold Ridge Recreation Building	0.0%	0		
LaCrosse Mini Park	0.0%	0		
Scout Hut	0.0%	0		
Other (please specify)	6.8%	42		
Not sure	7.6%	47		

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
8 (second choice). Thinking about the different activities that we have been discussing, which two Rohnert Park parks or recreation facilities have you and the members of your household used for these activities the most?	Sunrise Park	7.9%	45	
	Honeybee Park	7.8%	45	
	Callinan Sports & Fitness Center	6.7%	38	
	Magnolia Park	5.9%	34	
	Golis Park	5.4%	31	
	Alicia Park	5.2%	30	
	Spreckels Performing Arts Center	5.2%	30	
	Community Center	4.9%	28	
	Dorotea Park	4.8%	28	
	Eagle Park	4.5%	26	
	Benicia Park	4.2%	24	
	Twin Creeks Park	3.6%	21	
	Rohnert Bark Dog Park	2.8%	16	
	Collegio Vista Park	2.7%	15	
	Roberts Lake	2.5%	14	
	Hinebaugh Creek Park	2.3%	13	
	Burton Ave Recreation Center	2.0%	11	
	Ladybug Park	1.9%	11	
	Caterpillar Park	1.4%	8	
	Ladybug Park Recreation Center	1.3%	7	
	Senior Center	1.1%	6	
	Field of Friends Dog Park	1.0%	6	
	Rainbow Park	1.0%	6	
	Maurice Fredericks Park	0.9%	5	
	Lydia Mini Park	0.4%	2	
	Civic Center Tot Lot	0.3%	2	
	Scout Hut	0.3%	2	
	Five Creek Park	0.3%	2	
	Burton Avenue Tot Lot	0.2%	1	
	Gold Ridge Recreation Building	0.1%	1	
	Liliac Park	0.1%	0	
	Meadow Pines Mini Park	0.1%	0	
Carlita Circle Tot Lot	0.0%	0		
Jasmine Tot Lot	0.0%	0		
LaCrosse Mini Park	0.0%	0		
Other (please specify)	3.4%	19		
Not sure	7.9%	45		

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
9. Do you, or members of your household, use this local park or recreational facility once a week or more, a few times a month, a few times a year, or not at all?	Once a week or more	54.1%	309	
	A few times a month	22.5%	129	
	A few times a year	20.9%	119	
	Not at all	1.9%	11	
	Not sure	0.6%	3	
10. Do you, or members of your household, use this local park or recreational facility once a week or more, a few times a month, a few times a year, or not at all?	Once a week or more	35.7%	188	
	A few times a month	34.4%	181	
	A few times a year	28.0%	147	
	Not at all	0.6%	3	
	Not sure	1.3%	7	

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
11. Other than the sports, athletic, leisure or cultural activities we have been considering, what other recreational activity or program would you like to see offered in Rohnert Park?	Community rooms / Community clubs	4.9%	31	
	Swimming pool / Water park	2.5%	16	
	Sports complex / Fitness complex	2.4%	15	
	Dog park / Dog training	2.3%	15	
	Wine / Eateries	2.1%	13	
	Educational	2.0%	13	
	Nature / Environment friendly activities	2.0%	12	
	Tennis / Bocce / Badminton	1.8%	11	
	Swap meets / Farmer markets	1.8%	11	
	Musical activities / Musical instruction	1.8%	11	
	Family friendly activities	1.7%	11	
	Community garden	1.6%	10	
	Skate park	1.5%	9	
	Homeless	1.5%	9	
	Library	1.5%	9	
	Basketball	1.4%	9	
	Elderly support	1.3%	8	
	Dancing	1.2%	8	
	Art / Painting	1.2%	7	
	Running / Track and field	1.1%	7	
	Earlier hours of operations	0.8%	5	
	Board games	0.8%	5	
	Hiking	0.8%	5	
	Car show	0.7%	4	
	Clean up	0.7%	4	
	Golf / Disc golf	0.6%	4	
	Theater	0.6%	4	
	Walking events	0.5%	3	
	Baseball / Softball	0.4%	3	
	Outdoor events (Unspecified)	0.4%	3	
	More fields / More courts	0.4%	3	
	Equine activities	0.4%	2	
	Volleyball	0.3%	2	
	Drone racing / Drones	0.3%	2	
	Play structures	0.3%	2	
	Archery	0.3%	2	
	Yoga	0.2%	1	
	Downtown support	0.2%	1	
	Fireworks	0.2%	1	
	Sewing	0.2%	1	
Drugs	0.1%	1		
Camping / RV	0.1%	1		
Biking	0.1%	1		
Soccer	0.1%	0		

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
<b>11 (CONTINUED). Other than the sports, athletic, leisure or cultural activities we have been considering, what other recreational activity or program would you like to see offered in Rohnert Park?</b>	<b>Football</b>	0.0%	0	
	<b>Good (Not specified)</b>	0.5%	3	
	<b>None</b>	2.0%	12	
	<b>Not sure</b>	62.9%	393	

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
12. Other than the park or recreation facilities we have been considering, what other park or recreational facilities would you like to see offered in Rohnert Park?	Swimming pool / Water park	3.1%	20	
	Tennis / Bocce / Badminton	3.1%	19	
	Community rooms / Community clubs	2.5%	16	
	Sports complex / Fitness complex	2.3%	15	
	Hiking	1.9%	12	
	Skate park	1.8%	11	
	Educational	1.5%	9	
	Biking	1.4%	9	
	Family friendly activities	1.3%	8	
	Dog park / Dog training	1.2%	8	
	Wine / Eateries	1.2%	8	
	Basketball	1.2%	7	
	Volleyball	1.2%	7	
	Bathrooms	1.1%	7	
	Soccer	1.0%	6	
	Clean up	0.9%	6	
	Play structures	0.9%	6	
	Musical activities / Musical instruction	0.9%	6	
	Downtown support	0.8%	5	
	Art / Painting	0.7%	5	
	Homeless	0.7%	4	
	Board games	0.6%	4	
	More fields / More courts	0.6%	4	
	Nature / Environment friendly activities	0.5%	3	
	Library	0.4%	3	
	Swap meets / Farmer markets	0.4%	2	
	Drugs	0.4%	2	
	Community garden	0.4%	2	
	Baseball / Softball	0.4%	2	
	Security / Safety	0.3%	2	
	Yoga	0.3%	2	
	Elderly support	0.3%	2	
	Remote control car racing	0.2%	1	
	Theater	0.2%	1	
	Golf / Disc golf	0.2%	1	
	Running / Track and field	0.2%	1	
	Drone racing / Drones	0.1%	1	
	Fireworks	0.1%	1	
	Archery	0.1%	1	
	Dancing	0.1%	1	
Like another park	0.1%	0		
Open space	0.0%	0		
Equine activities	0.0%	0		
Fishing	0.0%	0		

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
12 (CONTINUED). Other than the park or recreation facilities we have been considering, what other park or recreational facilities would you like to see offered in Rohnert Park?	Night events	0.0%	0	
	Outdoor events (Unspecified)	0.0%	0	
	Walking events	0.0%	0	
	Camping / RV	0.0%	0	
	Sewing	0.0%	0	
	Football	0.0%	0	
	Earlier hours of operations	0.0%	0	
	Car show	0.0%	0	
	Good (Not specified)	1.0%	6	
	None	2.0%	13	
	Not sure	68.7%	430	

## DEMOGRAPHICS -- ENTIRE SAMPLE

		Sample Segment		
		Adults 18+		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
<b>A. What gender do you identify with:</b>	Male	46.8%	293	
	Female	52.0%	325	
	Non-binary	1.2%	7	
<b>B. What is your age?</b>	18 to 24	7.3%	46	
	25 to 29	17.5%	110	
	30 to 34	8.1%	51	
	35 to 39	9.6%	60	
	40 to 44	8.7%	54	
	45 to 49	6.1%	38	
	50 to 54	9.2%	58	
	55 to 59	5.9%	37	
	60 to 64	9.4%	59	
	65 to 69	5.2%	32	
	70 to 74	6.9%	43	
	75 and over	4.8%	30	
	Not sure	1.3%	8	
<b>C. Do you own or rent your home?</b>	Own	50.8%	318	
	Rent	47.7%	299	
	Not sure	1.5%	9	
<b>D. What ethnic group do you consider yourself a part of or feel closest to?</b>	African-American or Black	2.3%	15	
	American Indian or Alaska Native	0.3%	2	
	Asian	6.0%	38	
	Caucasian or White	55.0%	344	
	Hispanic or Latino	27.5%	172	
	Native Hawaiian or other Pacific Islander	0.9%	5	
	Two or more races	5.3%	33	
	Some other race	0.4%	2	
Not sure	2.4%	15		
<b>E. If you have children under the age of 18 living in your household, what are the ages of those children?</b>	0 to 4 years		90	
	5 to 11 years		121	
	12 to 13 years		38	
	14 to 17 years		75	
	None		384	
	Not sure / DK/NA		12	

## DEMOGRAPHICS -- VOTER SEGMENT

		Sample Segment		
		Registered Voters		
		Column N %	Count	∑ or Mean
F. Gender	Male	45.4%	209	
	Female	54.6%	251	
	Unknown	0.0%	0	
G. Age	18-29	18.8%	87	
	30-39	18.1%	83	
	40-49	16.4%	76	
	50-64	23.4%	108	
	65+	23.3%	107	
	Not coded	0.0%	0	
H. Broad Ethnic Groupings	East and South Asian	3.9%	18	
	European	61.6%	284	
	Hispanic and Portuguese	22.7%	104	
	Likely African-American	0.5%	2	
	Other	2.8%	13	
I. Marital Status	Single or Unknown	57.2%	263	
	Married	29.9%	138	
	Non-Traditional	12.9%	59	
J. Homeownership Status	Owner	44.6%	205	
	Renter	27.3%	126	
	Unknown	28.1%	129	
K. Estimated Income Range	\$1,000-\$14,999	1.7%	8	
	\$15,000-\$24,999	1.2%	6	
	\$25,000-\$34,999	2.6%	12	
	\$35,000-\$49,999	6.9%	32	
	\$50,000-\$74,999	17.3%	79	
	\$75,000-\$99,999	23.7%	109	
	\$100,000-\$124,999	15.2%	70	
	\$125,000-\$149,999	14.3%	66	
	\$150,000-\$174,999	6.2%	29	
	\$175,000-\$199,999	4.8%	22	
	\$200,000-\$249,999	2.5%	11	
	\$250,000 and up	2.8%	13	
Unknown	0.8%	4		

		Sample Segment		
		Registered Voters		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
<b>L. Estimated Home Value Range</b>	\$0K to \$19K	0.0%	0	
	\$20K to \$49K	0.0%	0	
	\$50K to \$99K	3.7%	17	
	\$100K to \$149K	0.1%	0	
	\$150K to \$174K	1.6%	7	
	\$175K to \$199K	2.2%	10	
	\$200K to \$249K	1.7%	8	
	\$250K to \$299K	4.5%	21	
	\$300K to \$399K	9.6%	44	
	\$400K to \$499K	15.7%	72	
	\$500K to \$749K	38.8%	179	
	\$750K to \$999K	19.2%	88	
	\$1000K to 1M and over	1.8%	8	
	Unknown	0.0%	0	
	Not coded	1.1%	5	
<b>M. Social Economic Ladder</b>	1	0.3%	1	
	2	7.2%	33	
	3	2.8%	13	
	4	14.2%	65	
	5	12.9%	59	
	6	5.1%	24	
	7	28.5%	131	
	8	17.3%	80	
	9	8.1%	37	
	10	2.2%	10	
	Unknown	0.0%	0	
	Not coded	1.5%	7	
	<b>N. Individual Party</b>	American Independent	4.4%	20
Democratic		54.9%	253	
Green		0.9%	4	
Libertarian		0.5%	2	
Natural Law		0.0%	0	
Non-Partisan		19.0%	87	
Other		1.2%	5	
Peace and Freedom		0.3%	1	
Reform		0.1%	1	
Republican		18.6%	86	
Unknown		0.0%	0	
No data		0.0%	0	

		Sample Segment		
		Registered Voters		
		Column N %	Count	Σ or Mean
<b>O. Household Party Type</b>	Dem	41.7%	192	
	Dem&Ind	16.8%	77	
	Dem&Rep	6.2%	29	
	Dem&Rep&Ind	2.3%	10	
	Ind	14.9%	68	
	Rep	11.6%	54	
	Rep&Ind	6.6%	30	
	No data	0.0%	0	
<b>P. Household Gender Composition</b>	Mixed Gender Household	52.5%	242	
	Female Only Household	29.3%	135	
	Male Only Household	16.2%	74	
	Cannot Determine	2.0%	9	
	No data	0.0%	0	
<b>Q. Registration Date</b>	2021-2023	38.6%	178	
	2017-2020	44.5%	205	
	2013-2016	6.7%	31	
	2009-2012	1.9%	9	
	2005-2008	2.3%	10	
	2001-2004	2.8%	13	
	1997-2000	1.0%	5	
	1993-1996	0.2%	1	
	1981-1992	1.4%	7	
	1980 or before	0.4%	2	
	Not coded	0.0%	0	

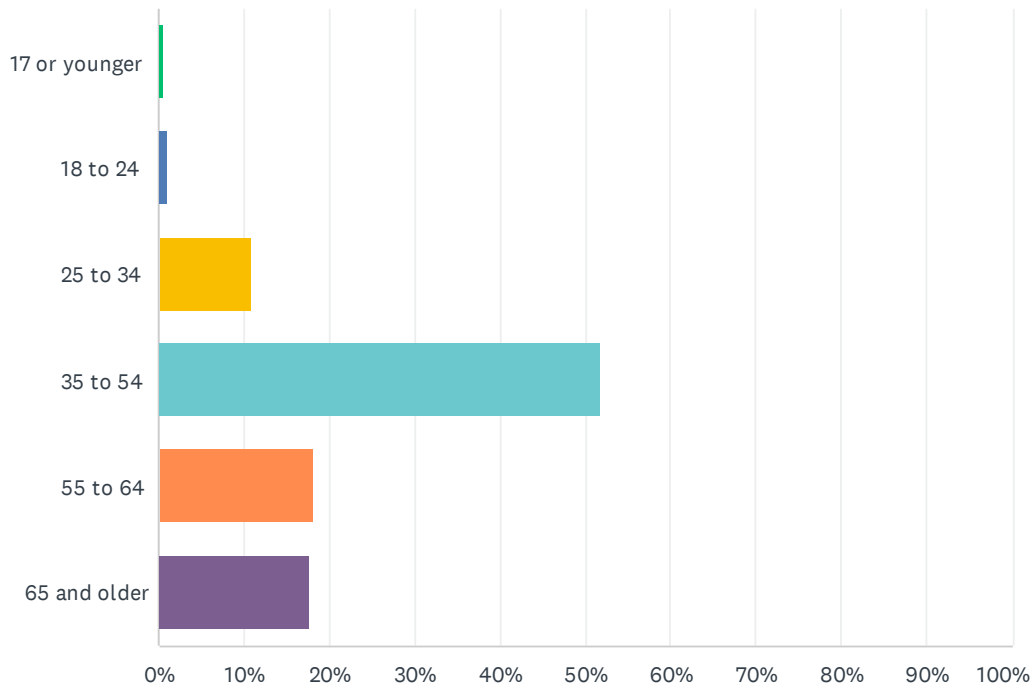
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## **7.4 COMMUNITY NEEDS SURVEY RESULTS**

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## Q1 What is your age?

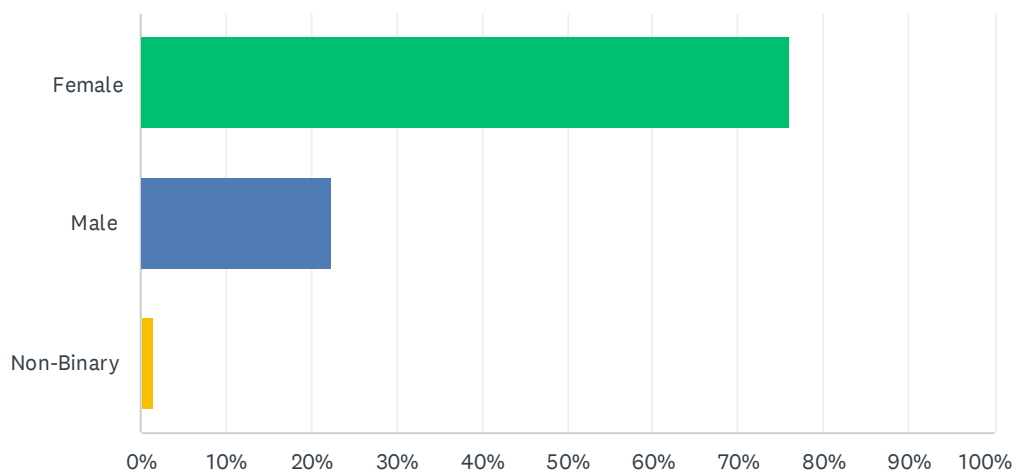
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES
17 or younger	0.57% 4
18 to 24	1.00% 7
25 to 34	10.83% 76
35 to 54	51.85% 364
55 to 64	18.09% 127
65 and older	17.66% 124
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>702</b>

## Q2 What is your gender?

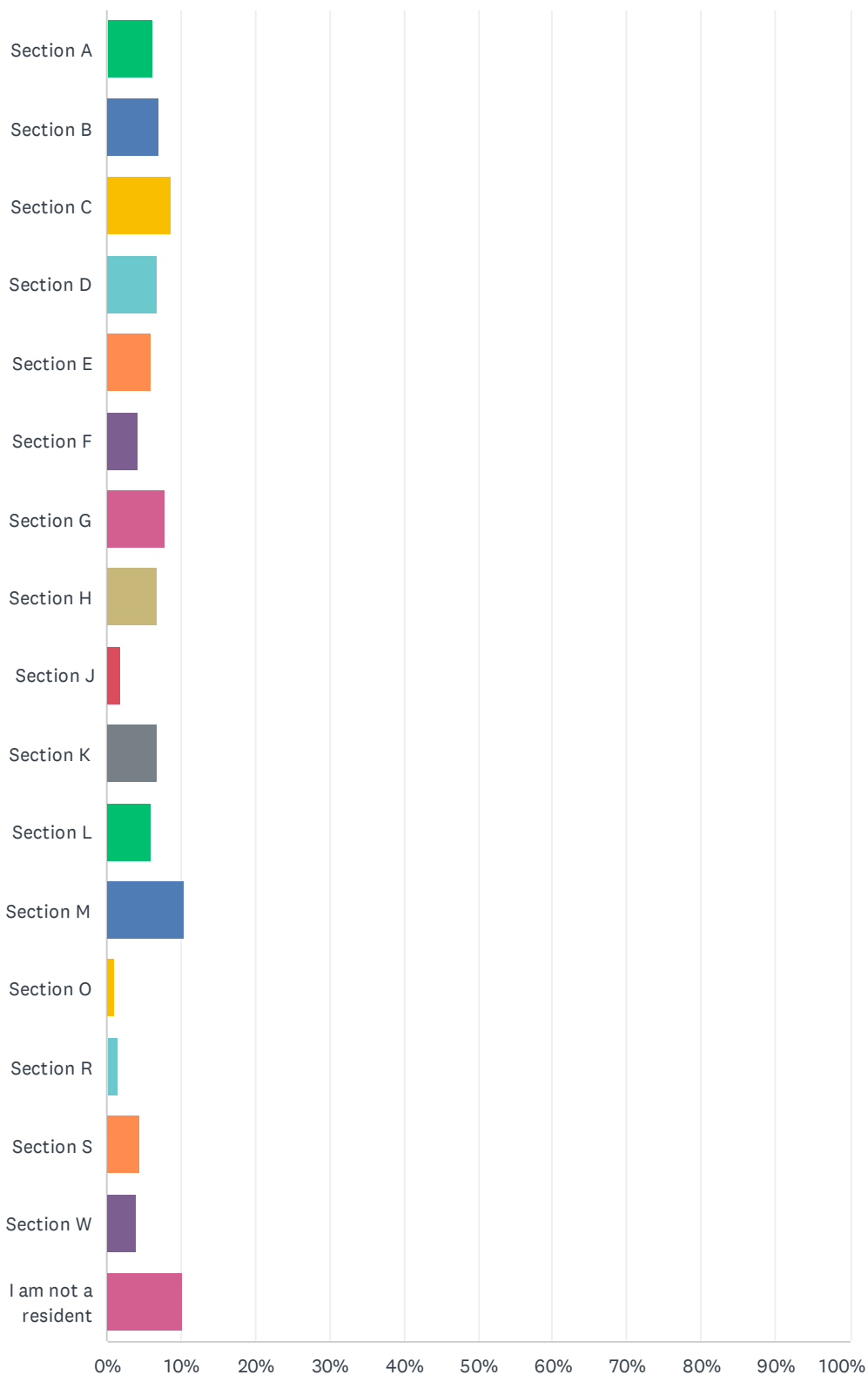
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Female	76.21%	535
Male	22.36%	157
Non-Binary	1.42%	10
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>702</b>

### Q3 In which neighborhood (section) do you live?

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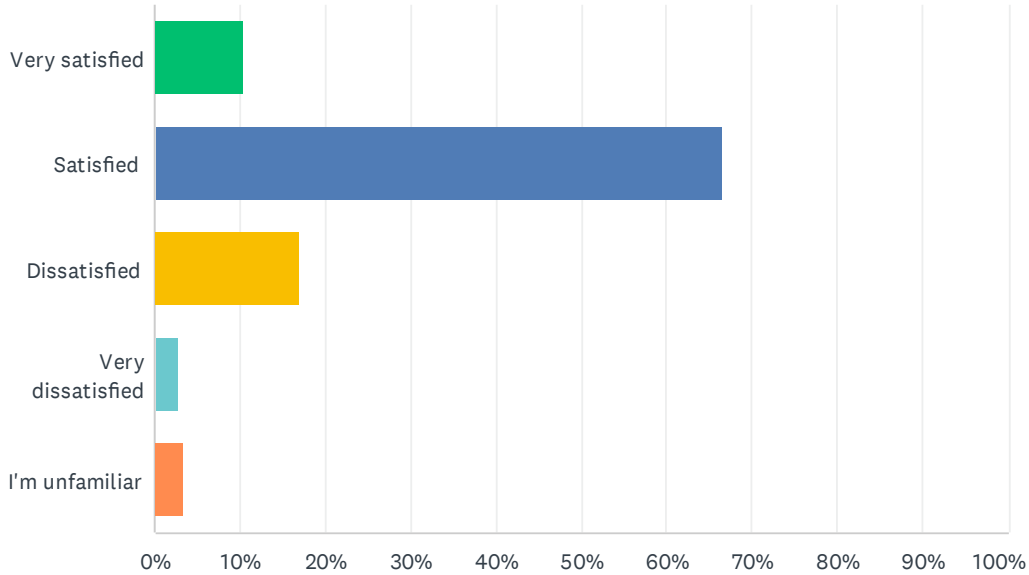


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Section A	6.13%	43
Section B	6.98%	49
Section C	8.69%	61
Section D	6.84%	48
Section E	5.98%	42
Section F	4.27%	30
Section G	7.83%	55
Section H	6.84%	48
Section J	1.85%	13
Section K	6.84%	48
Section L	5.98%	42
Section M	10.40%	73
Section O	1.14%	8
Section R	1.57%	11
Section S	4.42%	31
Section W	3.99%	28
I am not a resident	10.26%	72
Total Respondents: 702		

## Q4 In general, how satisfied are you with the City of Rohnert Park's parks and recreation facilities?

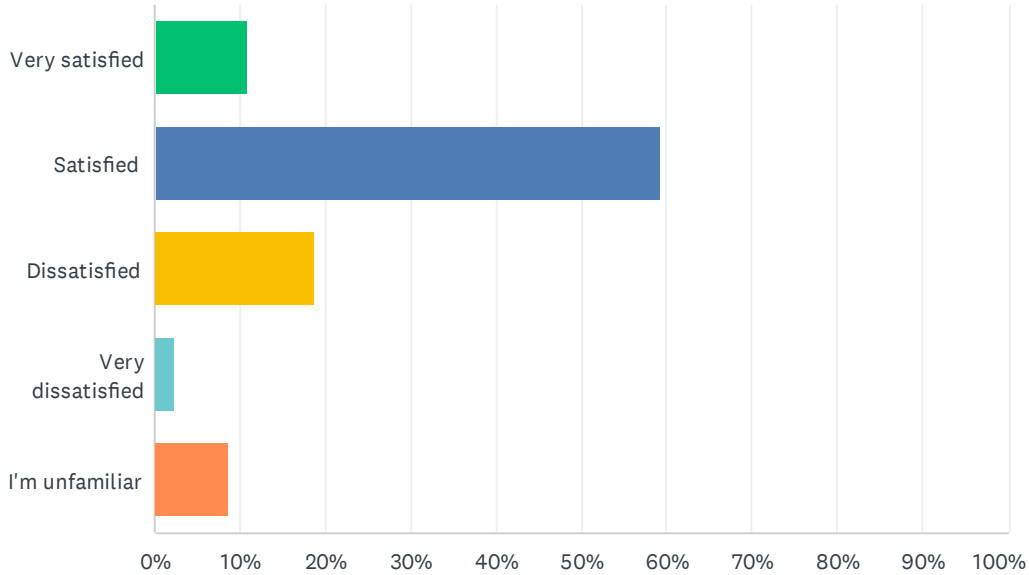
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	10.40%	73
Satisfied	66.52%	467
Dissatisfied	16.95%	119
Very dissatisfied	2.71%	19
I'm unfamiliar	3.42%	24
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>702</b>

## Q5 In general, how satisfied are you with the City of Rohnert Park’s recreation program offerings?

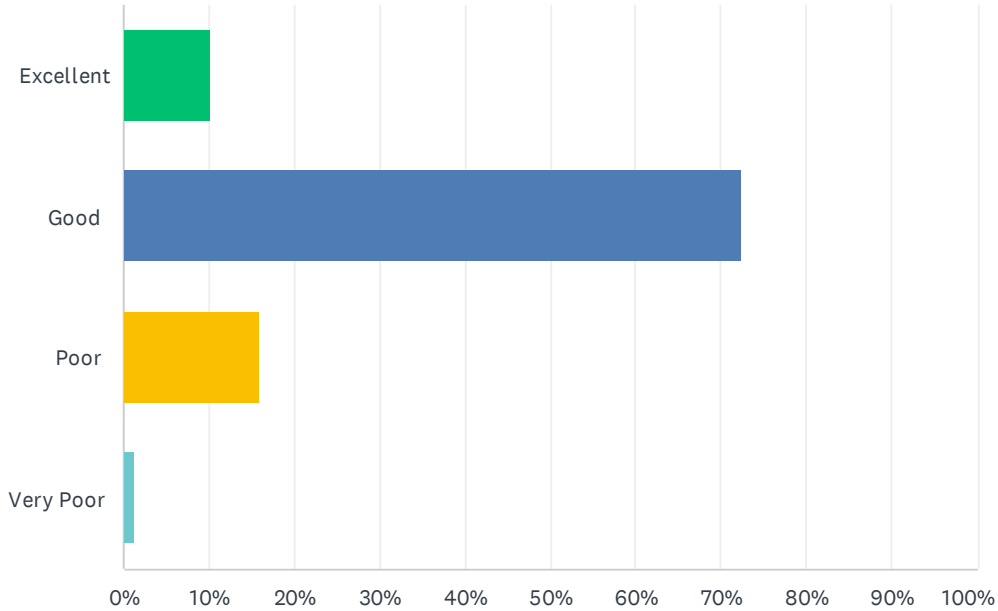
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Very satisfied	10.97%	77
Satisfied	59.26%	416
Dissatisfied	18.66%	131
Very dissatisfied	2.28%	16
I'm unfamiliar	8.83%	62
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>702</b>

## Q6 Would you say that Rohnert Park’s parks and recreation facilities are excellent, good, poor, or very poor?

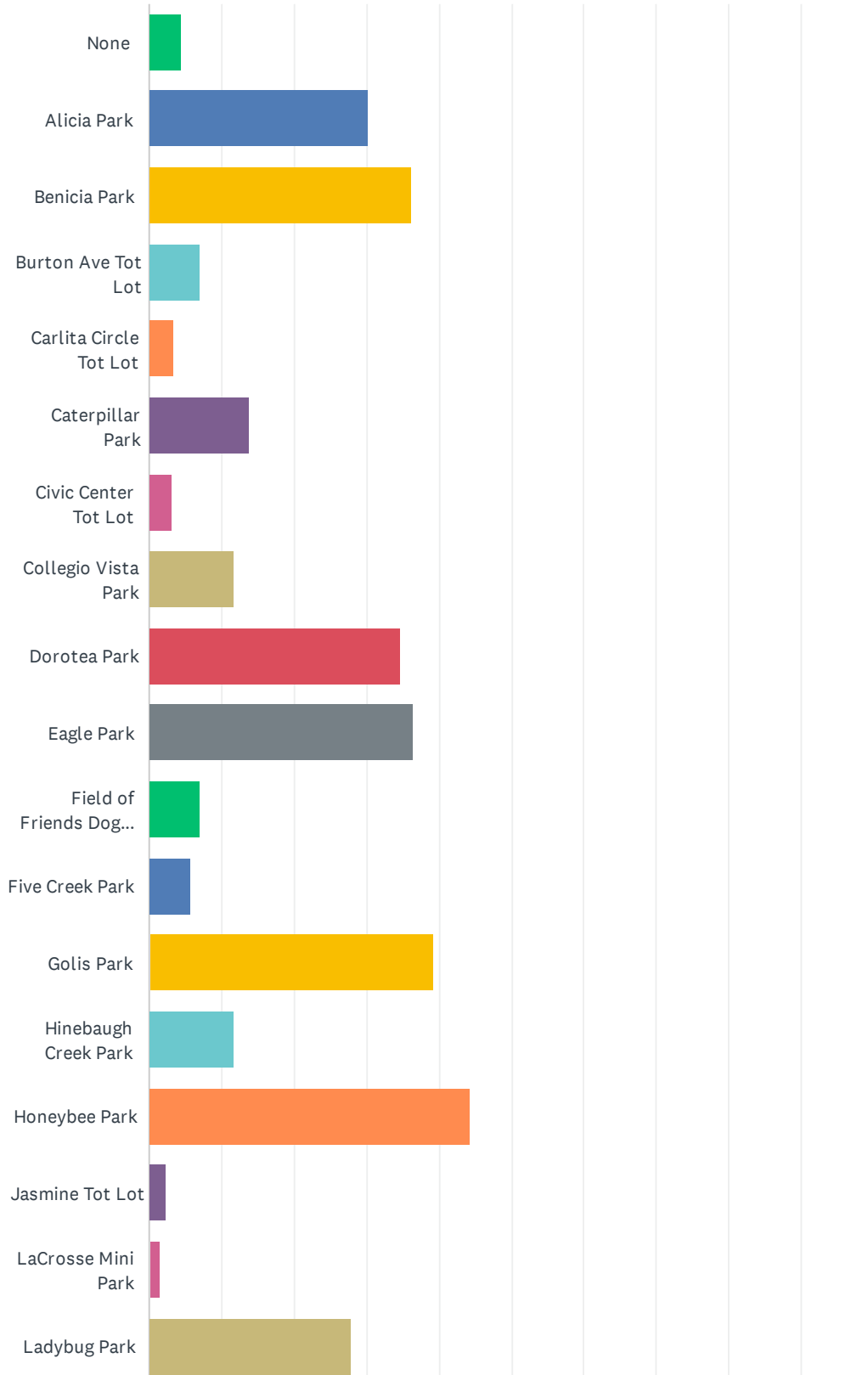
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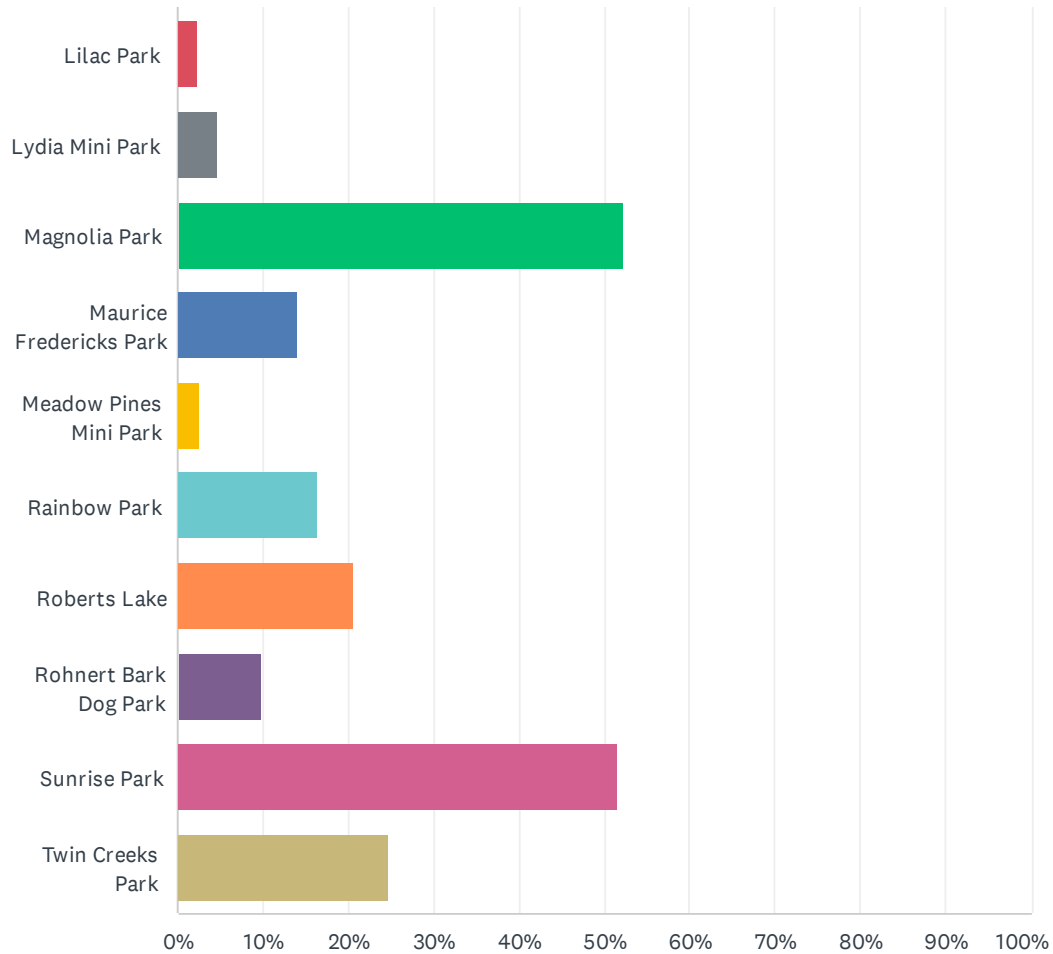
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Excellent	10.26%	72
Good	72.51%	509
Poor	15.95%	112
Very Poor	1.28%	9
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>702</b>

### Q7 Since 2022, which of the following City parks have you, or those in your household, visited? Select all that apply.

Answered: 702 Skipped: 0



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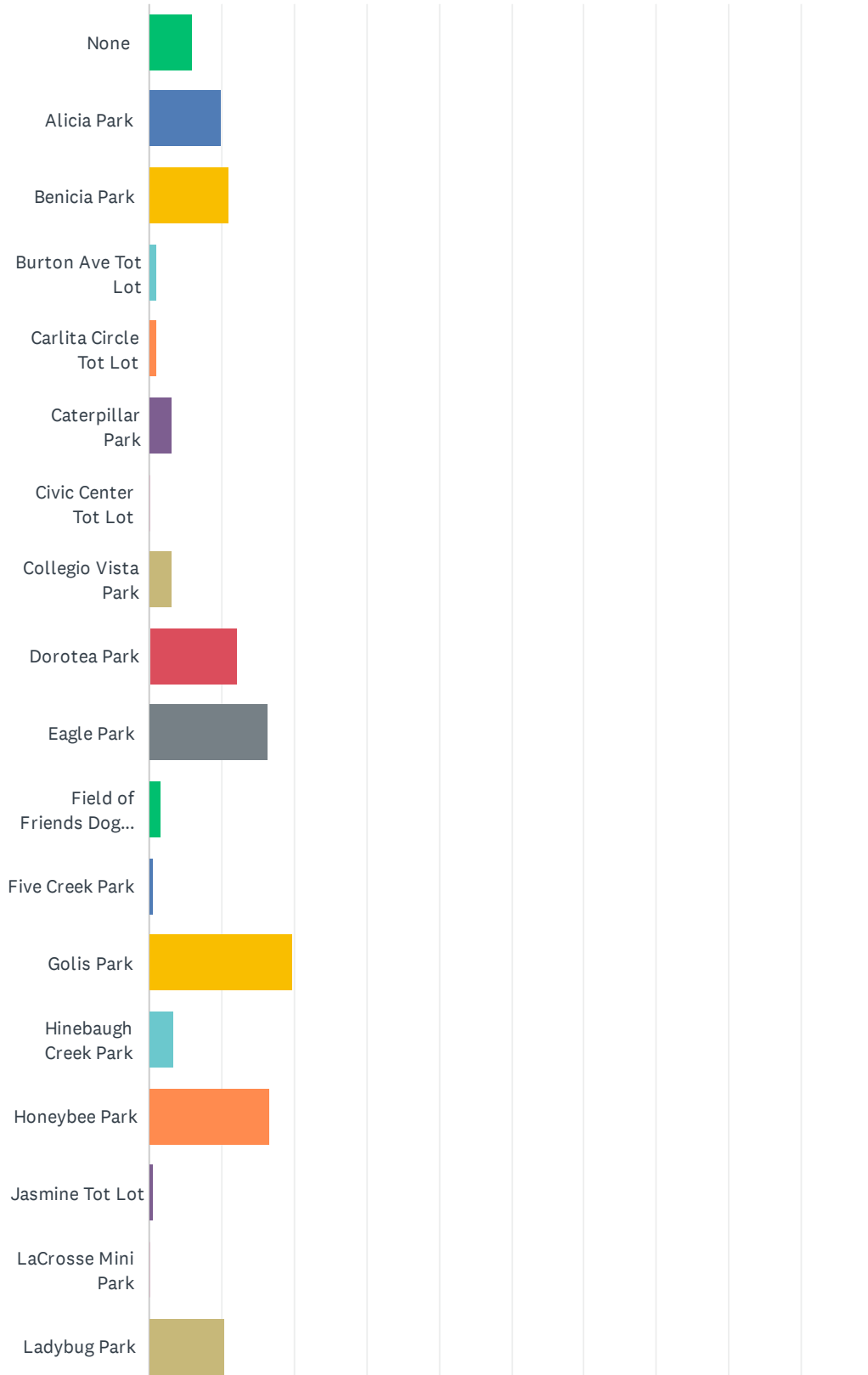


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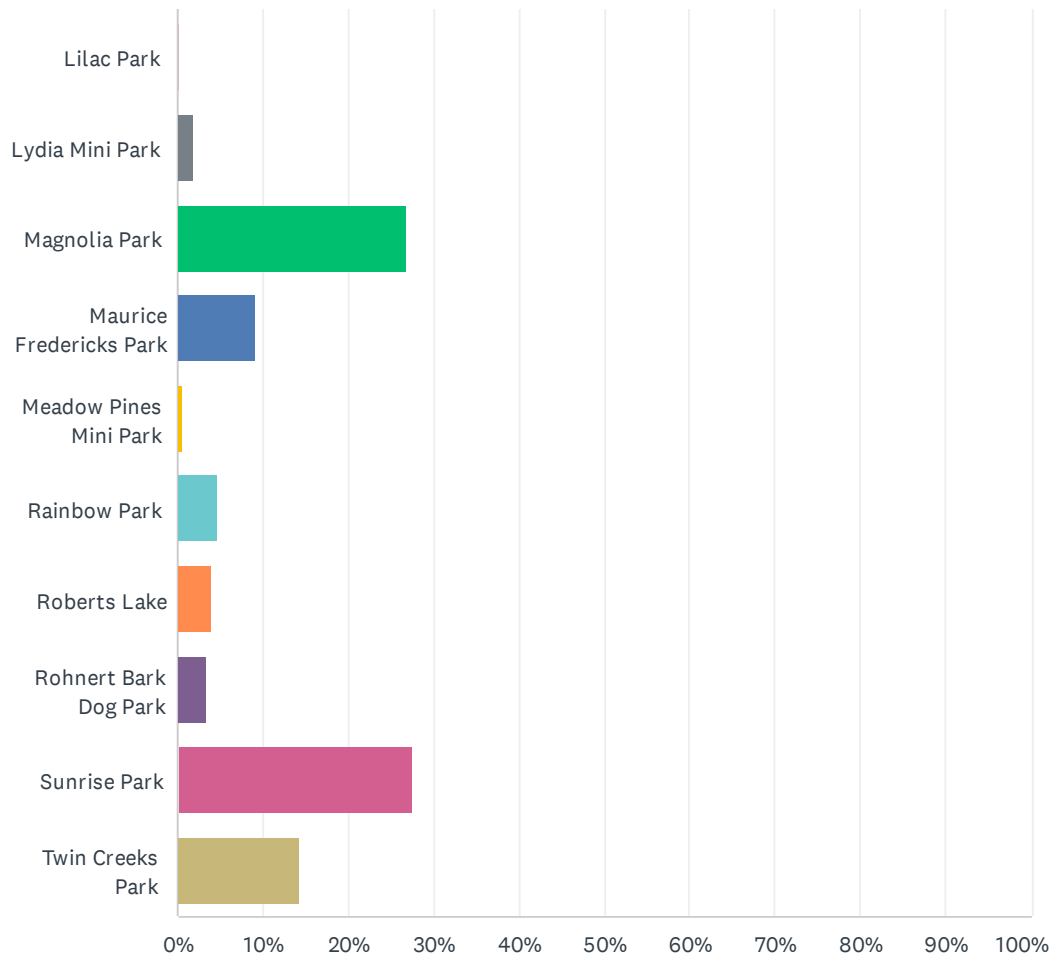
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	4.42%	31
Alicia Park	30.34%	213
Benicia Park	36.32%	255
Burton Ave Tot Lot	6.98%	49
Carlita Circle Tot Lot	3.42%	24
Caterpillar Park	13.96%	98
Civic Center Tot Lot	3.28%	23
Collegio Vista Park	11.68%	82
Dorotea Park	34.76%	244
Eagle Park	36.47%	256
Field of Friends Dog Park	6.98%	49
Five Creek Park	5.84%	41
Golis Park	39.32%	276
Hinebaugh Creek Park	11.82%	83
Honeybee Park	44.30%	311
Jasmine Tot Lot	2.28%	16
LaCrosse Mini Park	1.42%	10
Ladybug Park	27.92%	196
Lilac Park	2.42%	17
Lydia Mini Park	4.70%	33
Magnolia Park	52.14%	366
Maurice Fredericks Park	14.10%	99
Meadow Pines Mini Park	2.56%	18
Rainbow Park	16.38%	115
Roberts Lake	20.66%	145
Rohnert Bark Dog Park	9.83%	69
Sunrise Park	51.57%	362
Twin Creeks Park	24.64%	173
Total Respondents: 702		

### Q8 Since 2022, which of the following City parks have you, or those in your household, visited most frequently? Select up to 3.

Answered: 695 Skipped: 7



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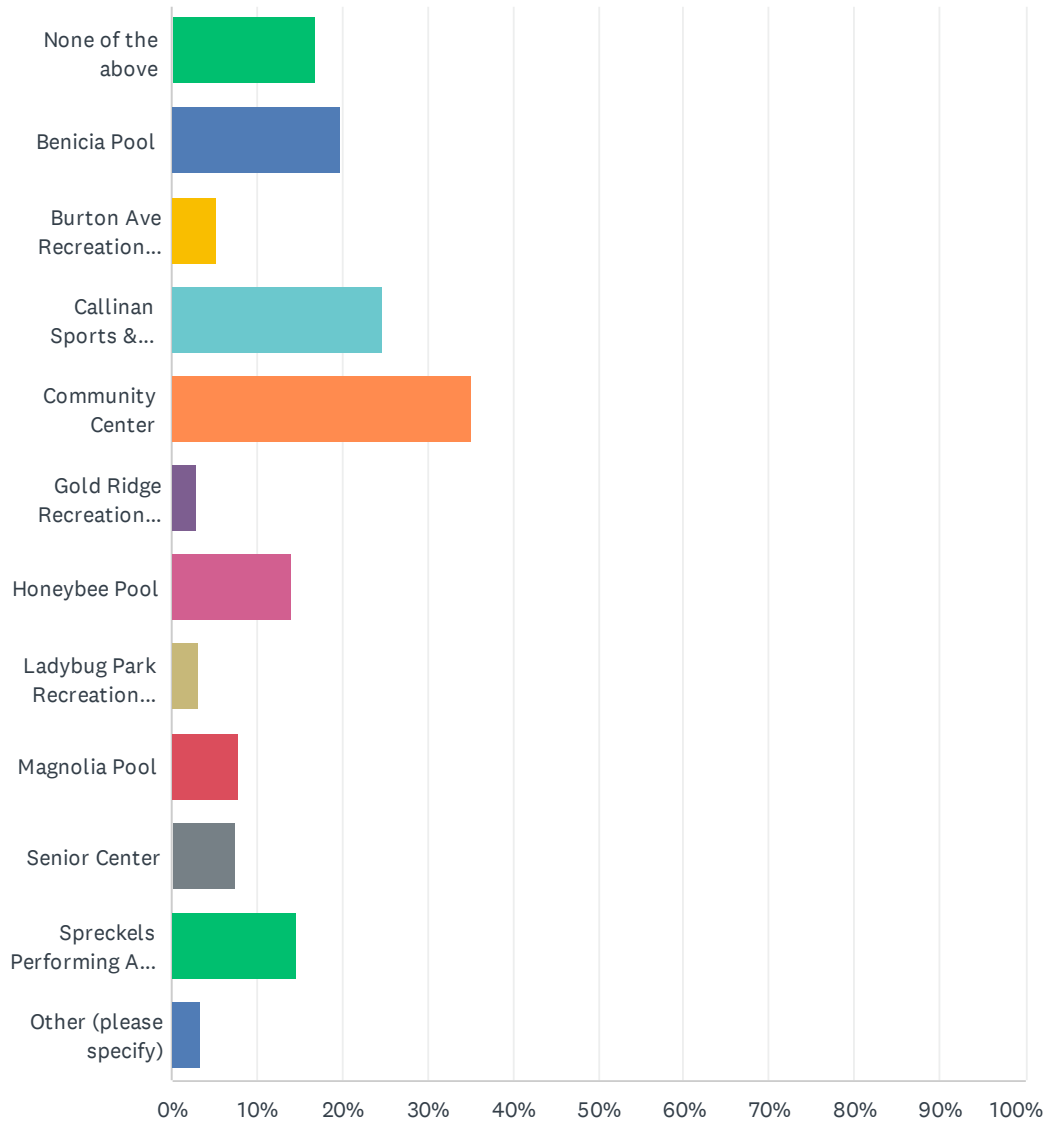


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None	5.90%	41
Alicia Park	10.07%	70
Benicia Park	11.08%	77
Burton Ave Tot Lot	1.15%	8
Carlita Circle Tot Lot	1.01%	7
Caterpillar Park	3.17%	22
Civic Center Tot Lot	0.29%	2
Collegio Vista Park	3.17%	22
Dorotea Park	12.09%	84
Eagle Park	16.40%	114
Field of Friends Dog Park	1.73%	12
Five Creek Park	0.58%	4
Golis Park	19.86%	138
Hinebaugh Creek Park	3.31%	23
Honeybee Park	16.55%	115
Jasmine Tot Lot	0.72%	5
LaCrosse Mini Park	0.14%	1
Ladybug Park	10.36%	72
Lilac Park	0.14%	1
Lydia Mini Park	2.01%	14
Magnolia Park	26.76%	186
Maurice Fredericks Park	9.21%	64
Meadow Pines Mini Park	0.58%	4
Rainbow Park	4.75%	33
Roberts Lake	4.03%	28
Rohnert Bark Dog Park	3.31%	23
Sunrise Park	27.48%	191
Twin Creeks Park	14.24%	99
Total Respondents: 695		

Q9 Since 2022, which of the following City recreation facilities have you, or those in your household, visited most frequently. Select up to 2.

Answered: 702 Skipped: 0

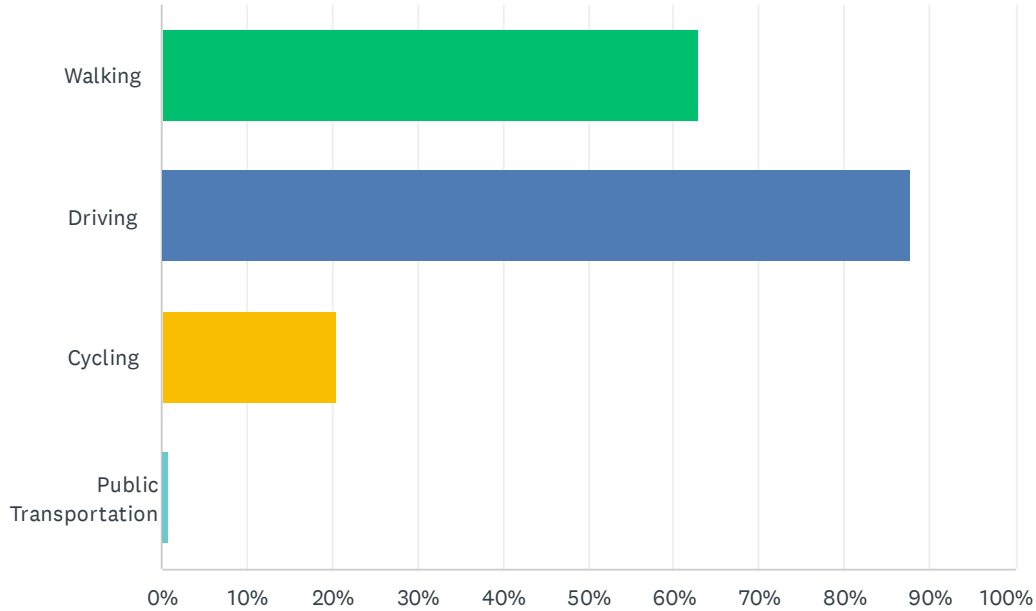


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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
None of the above	16.81%	118
Benicia Pool	19.80%	139
Burton Ave Recreation Center	5.27%	37
Callinan Sports & Fitness Center	24.64%	173
Community Center	35.19%	247
Gold Ridge Recreation Building	2.99%	21
Honeybee Pool	14.10%	99
Ladybug Park Recreation Center	3.13%	22
Magnolia Pool	7.83%	55
Senior Center	7.55%	53
Spreckels Performing Arts Center	14.67%	103
Other (please specify)	3.42%	24
Total Respondents: 702		

### Q10 How are you traveling to the City’s parks and/or recreation facilities? Select all that apply.

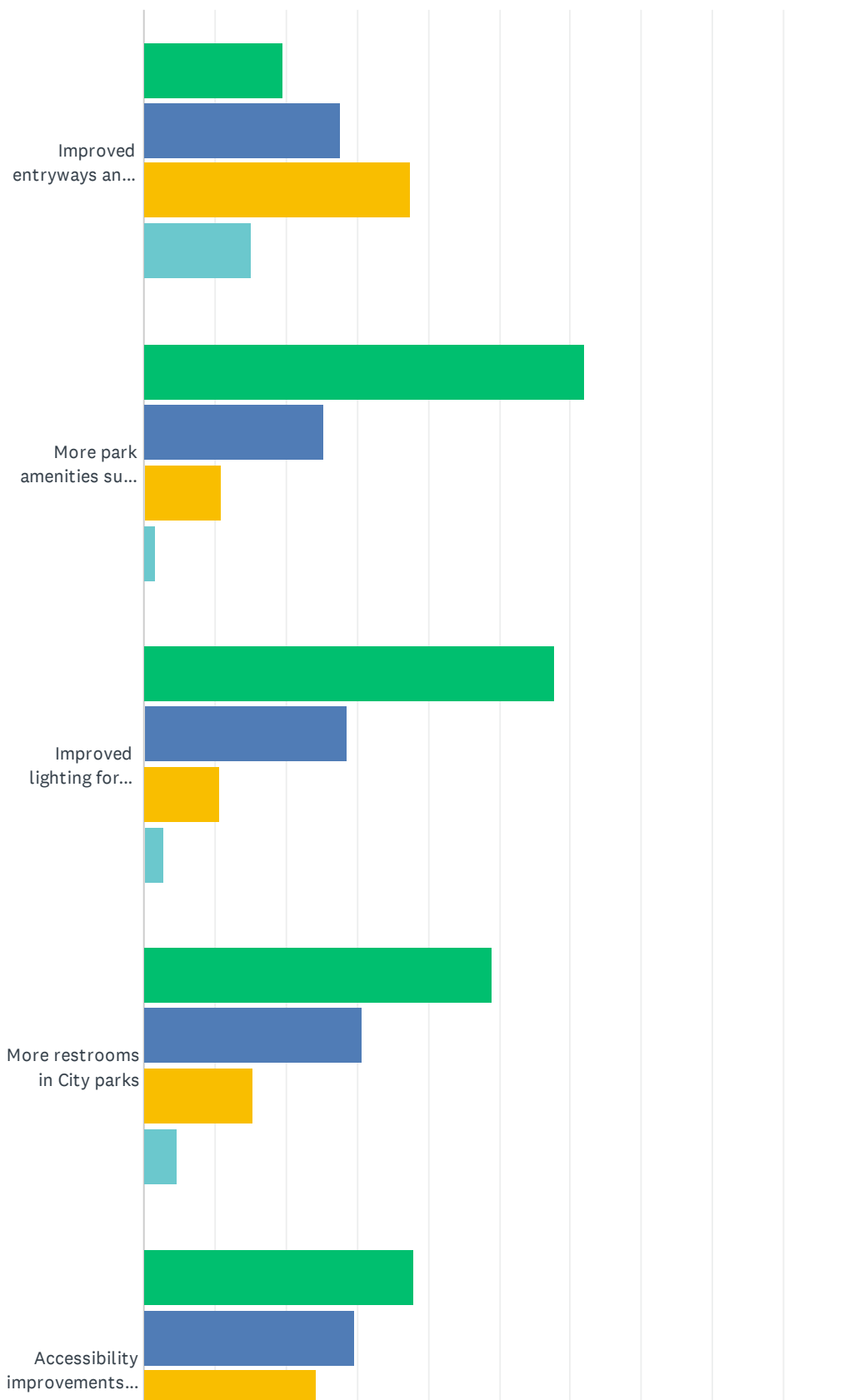
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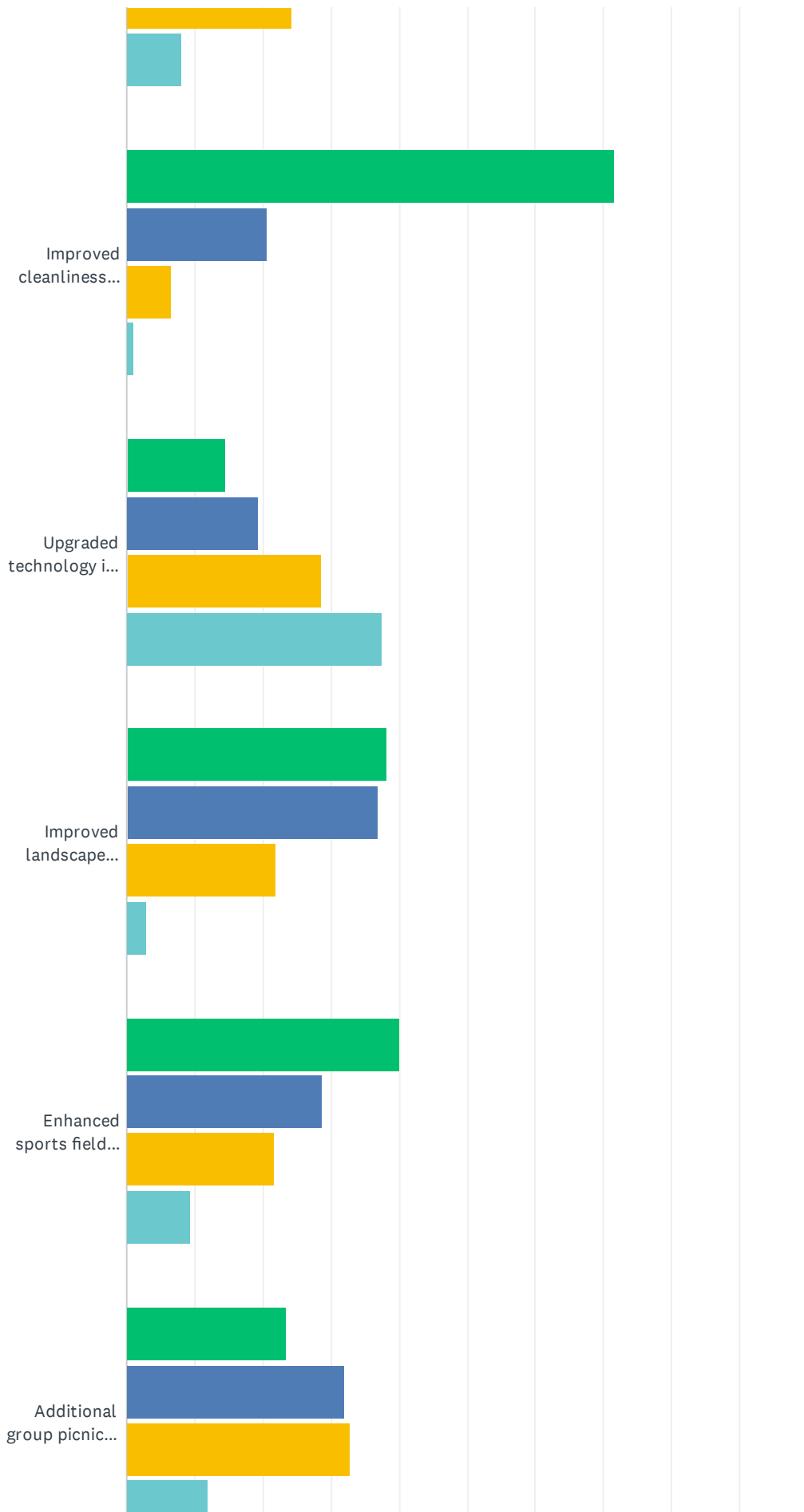
ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Walking	62.82%	441
Driving	87.75%	616
Cycling	20.51%	144
Public Transportation	0.85%	6
Total Respondents: 702		

# Q11 How important are the following park improvements in the City?

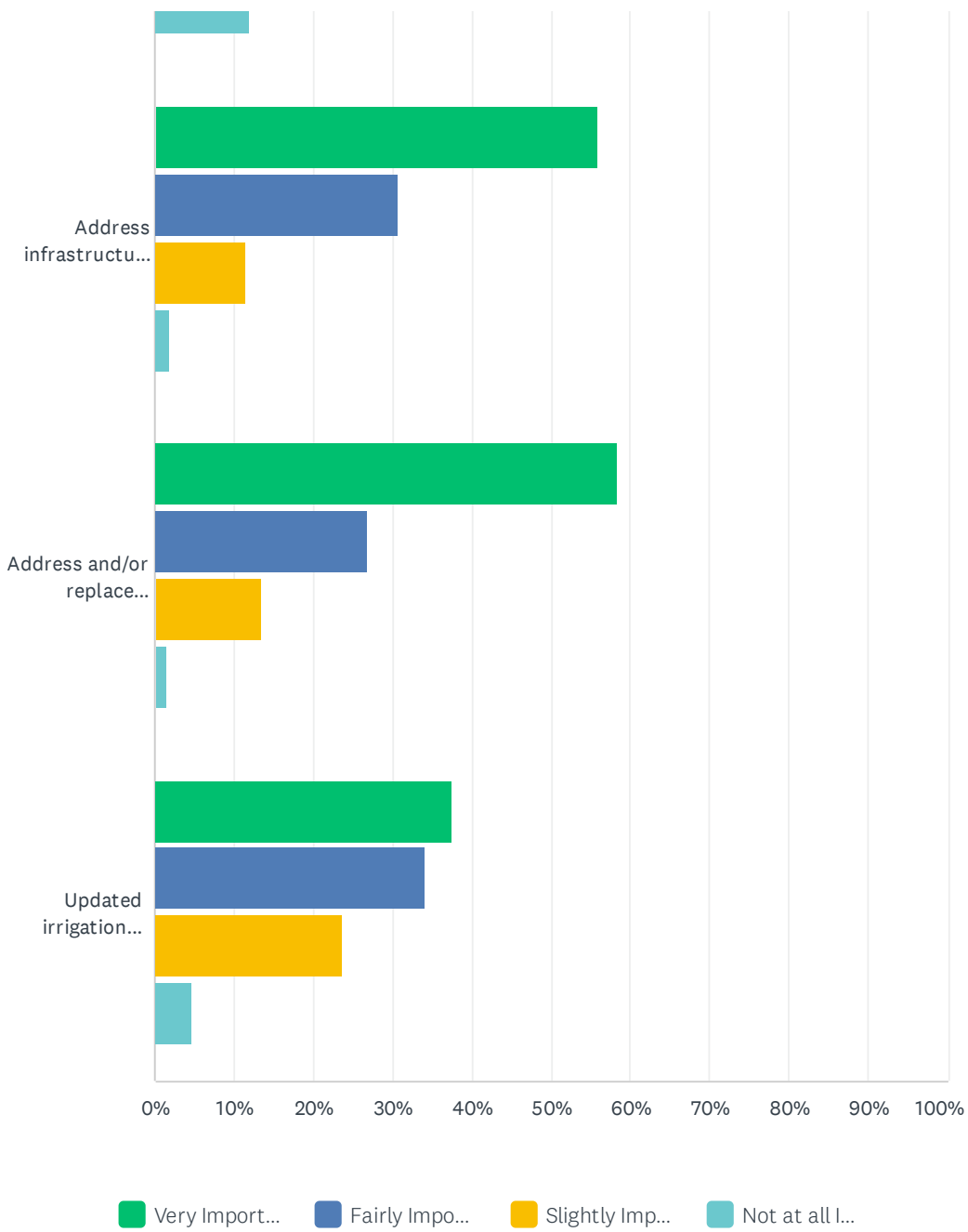
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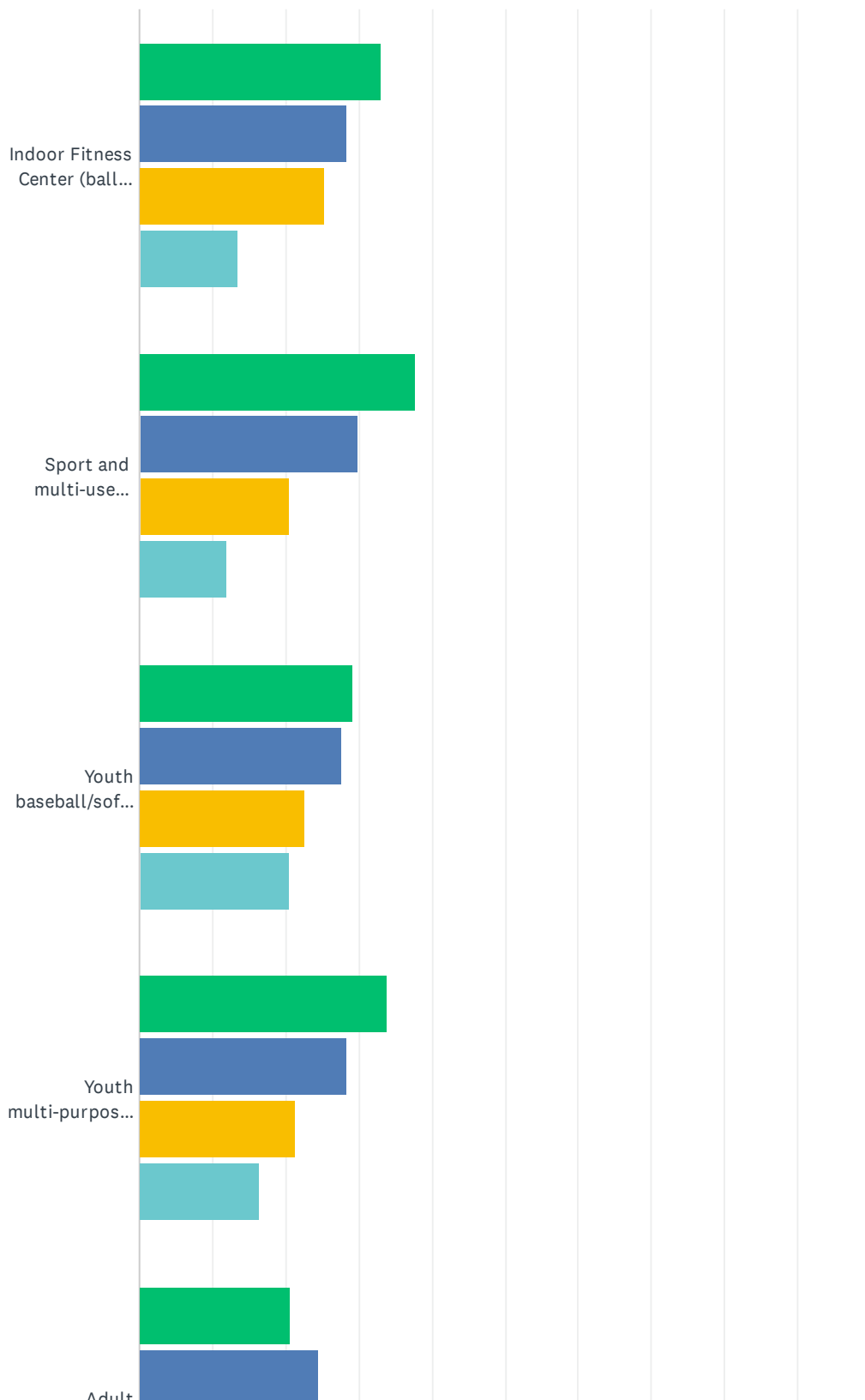


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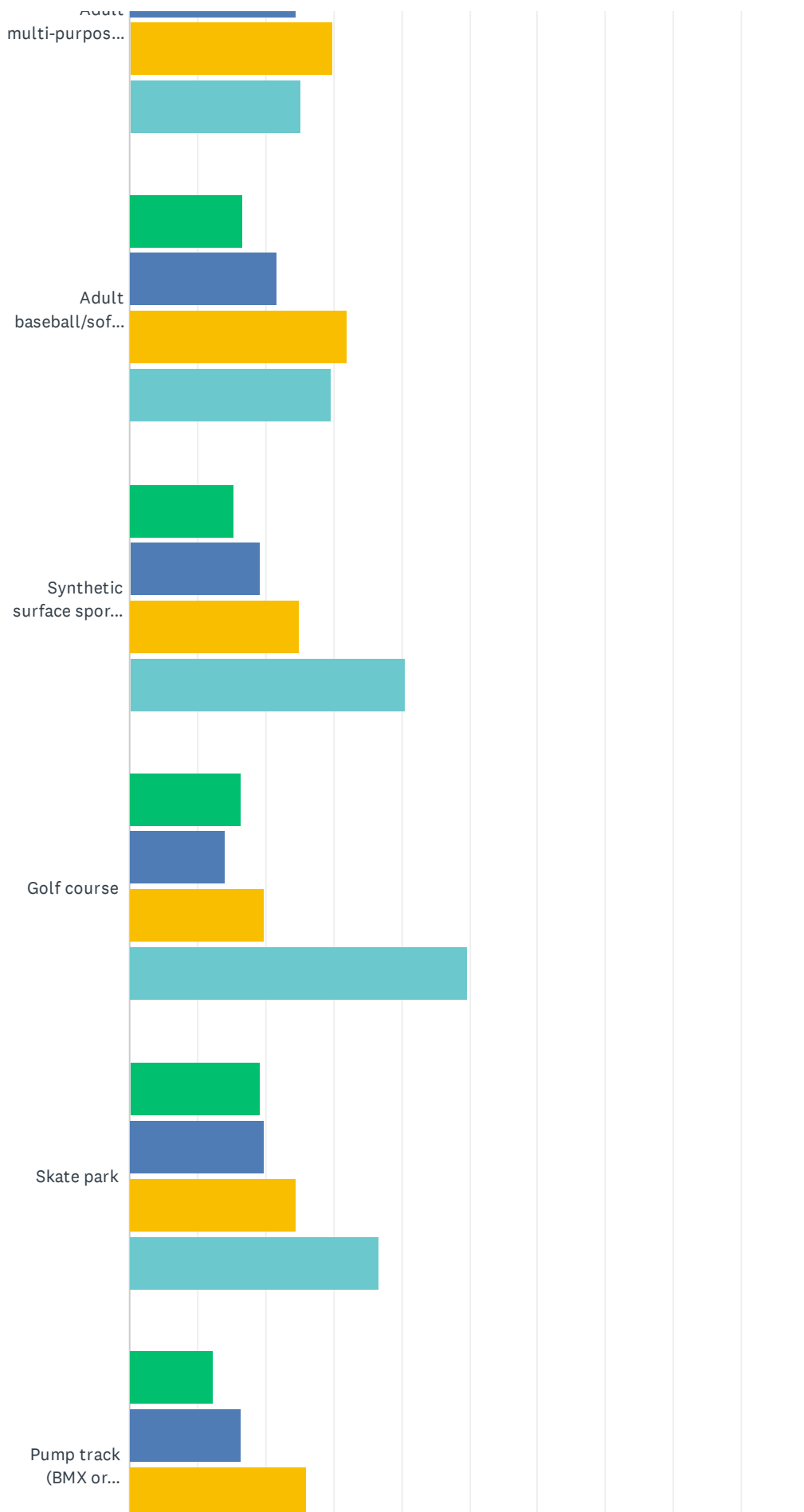
	VERY IMPORTANT	FAIRLY IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Improved entryways and signage to parks	19.52% 137	27.78% 195	37.46% 263	15.24% 107	702	2.48
More park amenities such as drinking fountains, playground features, shade structures, bike racks, benches, and trash/recycling/compost bins	61.97% 435	25.36% 178	10.97% 77	1.71% 12	702	1.52
Improved lighting for safety and pathways	57.83% 406	28.63% 201	10.68% 75	2.85% 20	702	1.59
More restrooms in City parks	49.15% 345	30.77% 216	15.38% 108	4.70% 33	702	1.76
Accessibility improvements (ADA)	37.89% 266	29.63% 208	24.36% 171	8.12% 57	702	2.03
Improved cleanliness including litter maintenance, restroom maintenance, refuse pick-up, playground maintenance, etc.	71.65% 503	20.66% 145	6.70% 47	1.00% 7	702	1.37
Upgraded technology in parks i.e. WiFi, digital media updates/alerts, electronic bulletin boards	14.53% 102	19.37% 136	28.63% 201	37.46% 263	702	2.89
Improved landscape maintenance including trees, turf, and planting	38.18% 268	36.89% 259	21.94% 154	2.99% 21	702	1.90
Enhanced sports fields to meet demand i.e. lighting, artificial turf, improved maintenance	40.17% 282	28.77% 202	21.65% 152	9.40% 66	702	2.00
Additional group picnic areas	23.36% 164	31.91% 224	32.76% 230	11.97% 84	702	2.33
Address infrastructure maintenance i.e. surface improvements (sport courts, picnic areas, pathways, and parking lots, etc.)	55.84% 392	30.77% 216	11.54% 81	1.85% 13	702	1.59
Address and/or replace outdated equipment such as benches, playgrounds, barbecues, picnic tables, etc.	58.40% 410	26.78% 188	13.39% 94	1.42% 10	702	1.58
Updated irrigation system(s) for efficient water use	37.61% 264	34.05% 239	23.65% 166	4.70% 33	702	1.95

# Q12 How important are the following recreation amenities to you, or your household?

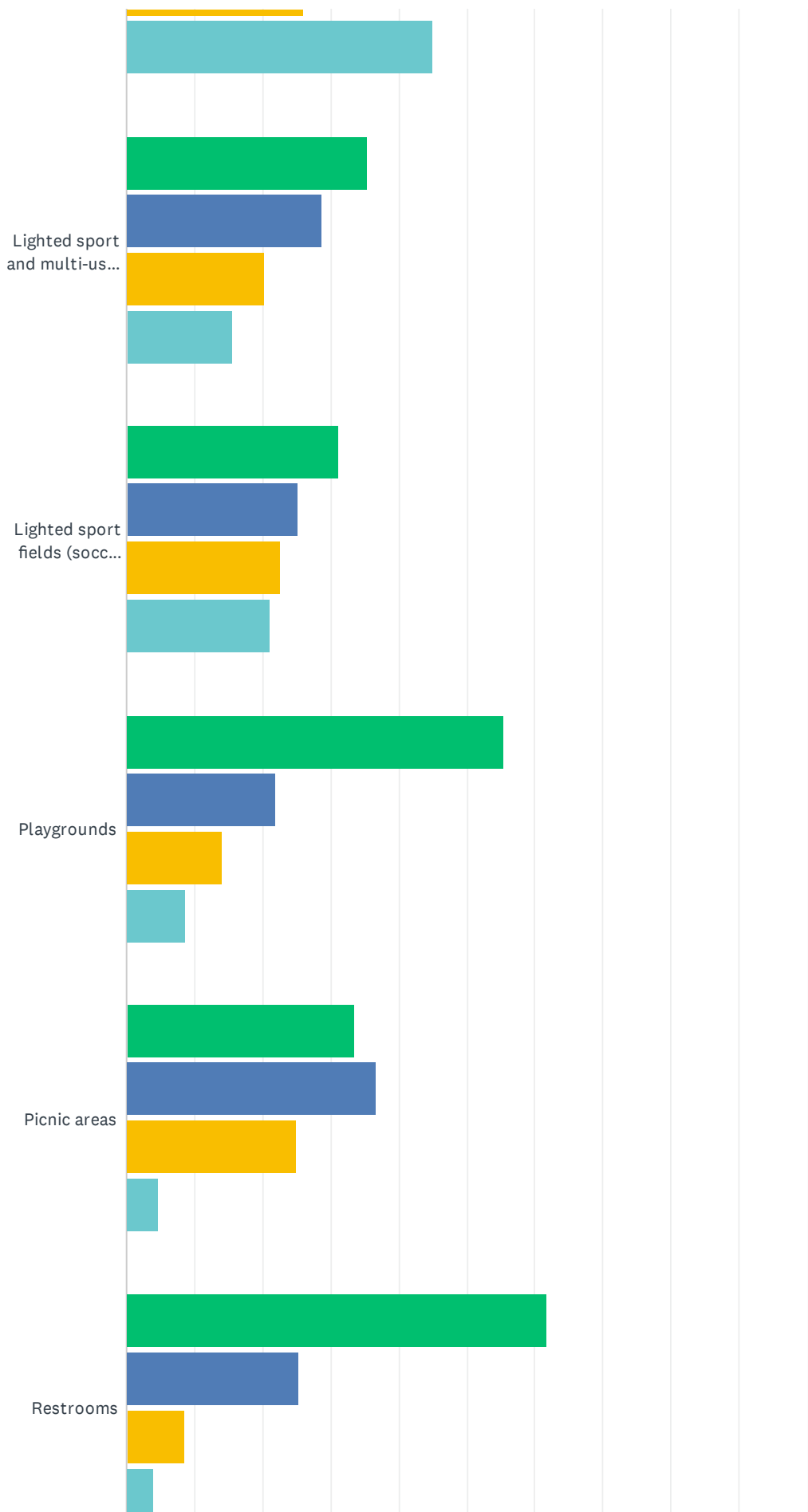
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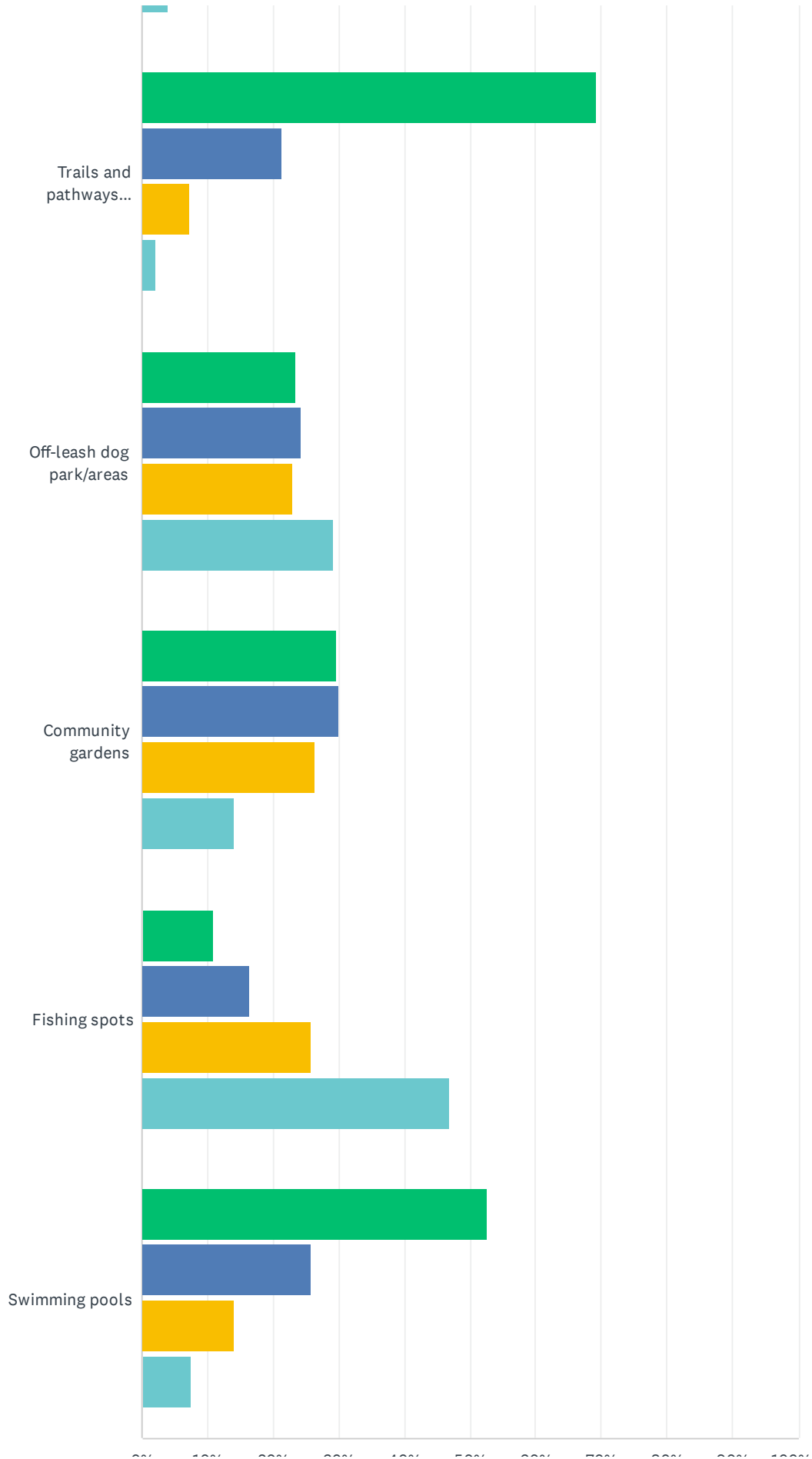
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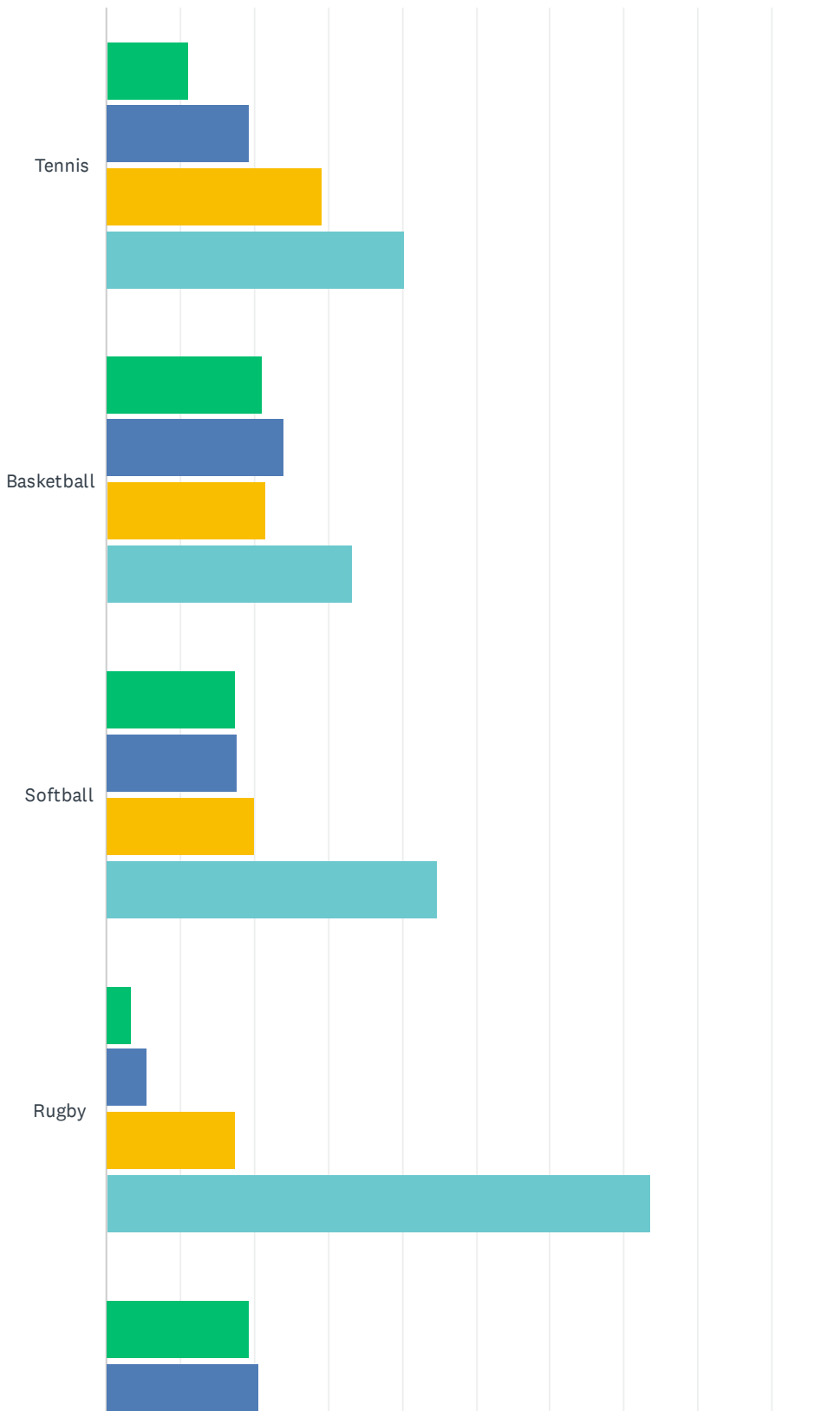
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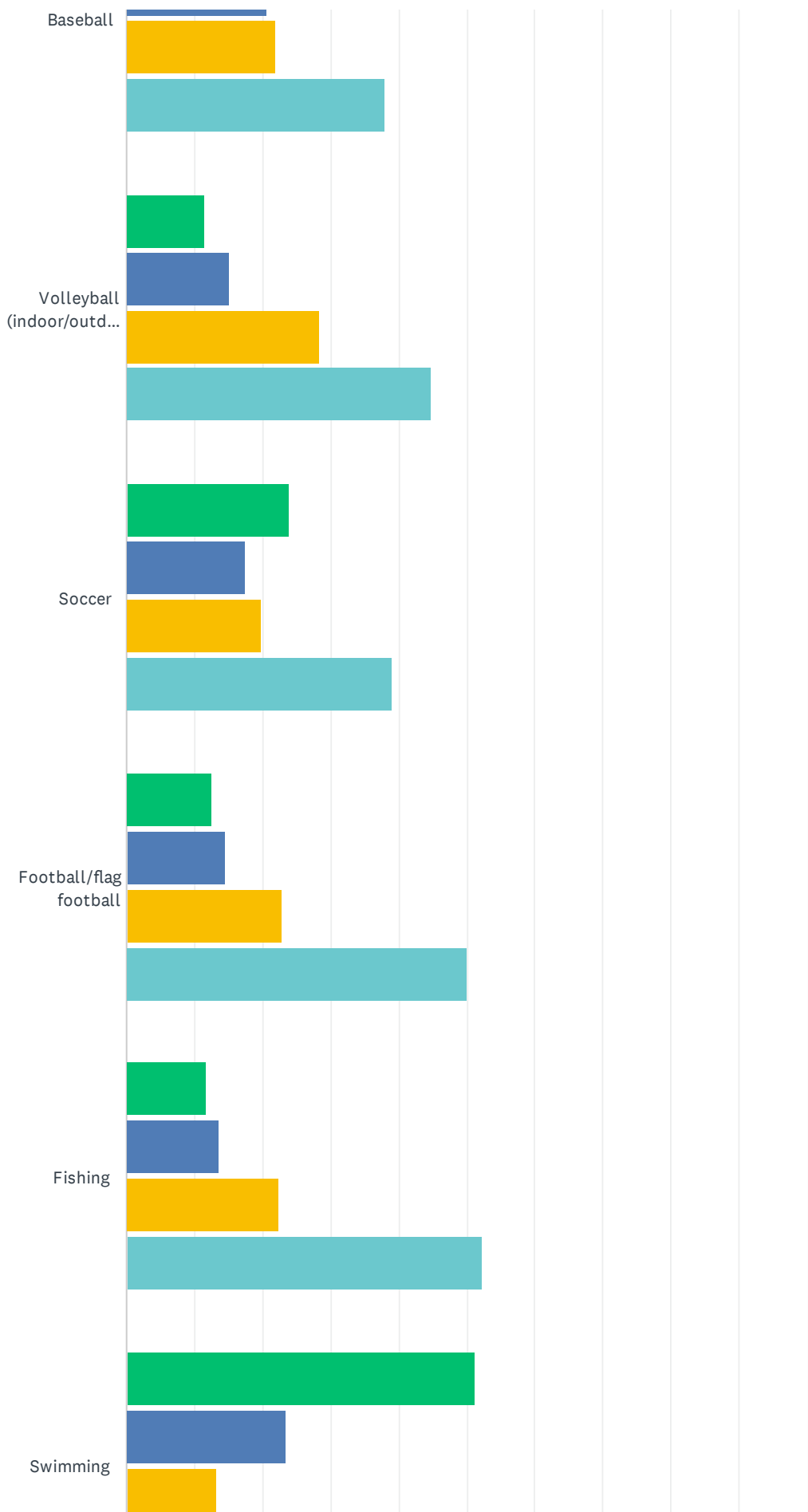
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Indoor Fitness Center (ball court, multi-use rooms, group fitness rooms, weight and exercise room, gymnastics facilities, locker rooms, saunas)	33.00% 230	28.26% 197	25.39% 177	13.34% 93	697	2.19
Sport and multi-use courts (tennis, basketball, futsal, pickleball, volleyball, outdoor sand volleyball, bocce ball, roller hockey, etc.)	37.79% 263	29.89% 208	20.40% 142	11.93% 83	696	2.06
Youth baseball/softball fields	29.19% 202	27.75% 192	22.54% 156	20.52% 142	692	2.34
Youth multi-purpose fields (soccer/football/rugby/lacrosse)	33.91% 235	28.28% 196	21.36% 148	16.45% 114	693	2.20
Adult multi-purpose fields (soccer/football/rugby/lacrosse)	20.66% 143	24.42% 169	29.77% 206	25.14% 174	692	2.59
Adult baseball/softball fields	16.64% 116	21.66% 151	31.99% 223	29.70% 207	697	2.75
Synthetic surface sport fields	15.34% 106	19.10% 132	25.04% 173	40.52% 280	691	2.91
Golf course	16.45% 114	14.14% 98	19.77% 137	49.64% 344	693	3.03
Skate park	19.16% 133	19.74% 137	24.50% 170	36.60% 254	694	2.79
Pump track (BMX or mountain biking)	12.45% 86	16.50% 114	26.05% 180	45.01% 311	691	3.04
Lighted sport and multi-use courts (tennis, basketball, pickleball, futsal/volleyball/outdoor sand volleyball/bocce ball, roller hockey etc.)	35.35% 245	28.86% 200	20.20% 140	15.58% 108	693	2.16
Lighted sport fields (soccer, football, baseball, rugby, lacrosse etc.)	31.17% 216	25.25% 175	22.51% 156	21.07% 146	693	2.33
Playgrounds	55.48% 385	21.90% 152	13.98% 97	8.65% 60	694	1.76
Picnic areas	33.57% 232	36.76% 254	24.89% 172	4.78% 33	691	2.01
Restrooms	61.94% 428	25.47% 176	8.54% 59	4.05% 28	691	1.55
Trails and pathways (walking, biking, hiking)	69.21% 481	21.29% 148	7.34% 51	2.16% 15	695	1.42
Off-leash dog park/areas	23.44% 162	24.31% 168	23.01% 159	29.23% 202	691	2.58
Community gardens	29.54% 205	30.12% 209	26.37% 183	13.98% 97	694	2.25
Fishing spots	10.81% 75	16.43% 114	25.79% 179	46.97% 326	694	3.09
Swimming pools	52.59% 366	25.86% 180	14.08% 98	7.47% 52	696	1.76

# Q13 How important are the following sports or athletic activities to you, or your household?

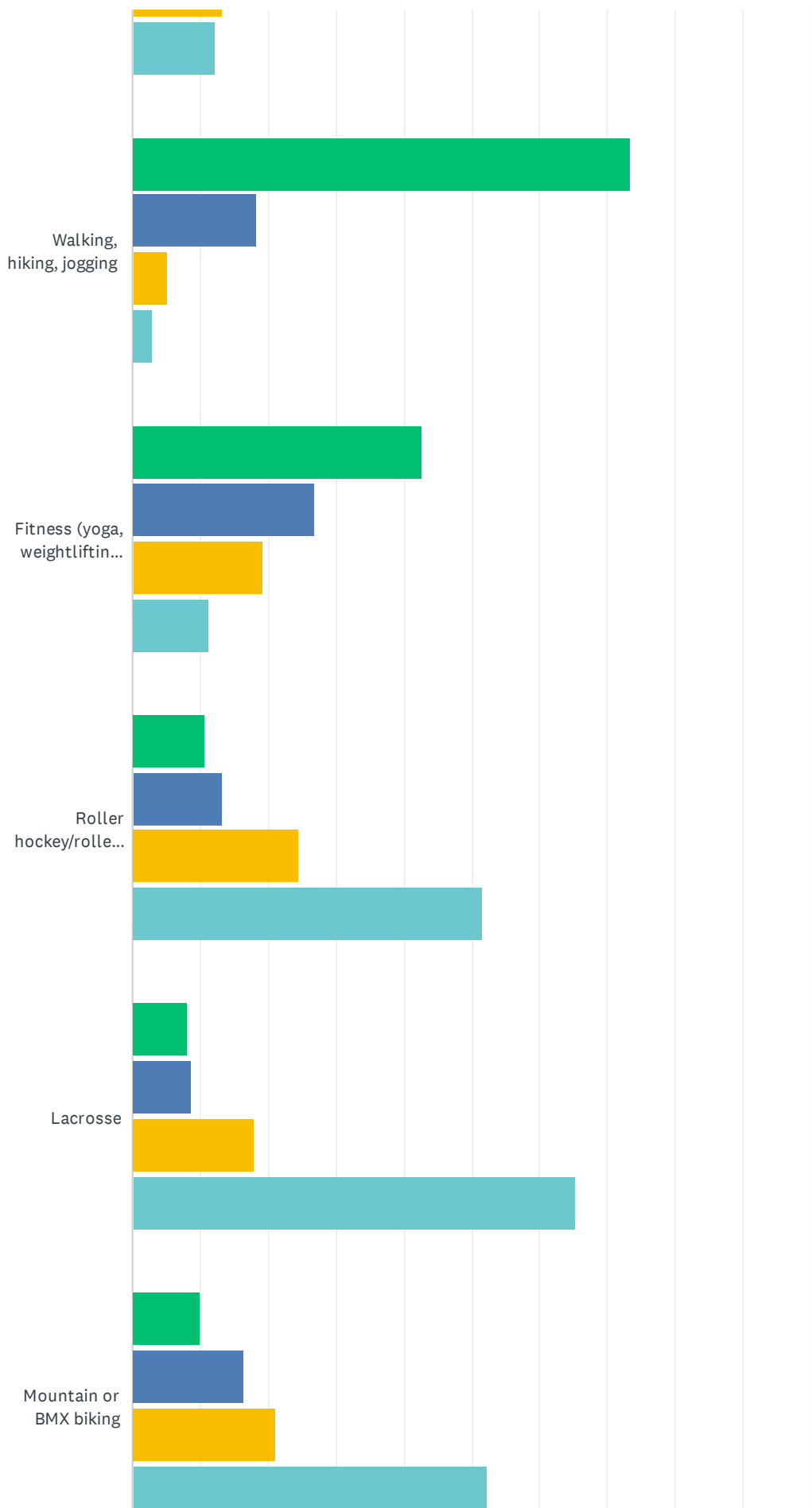
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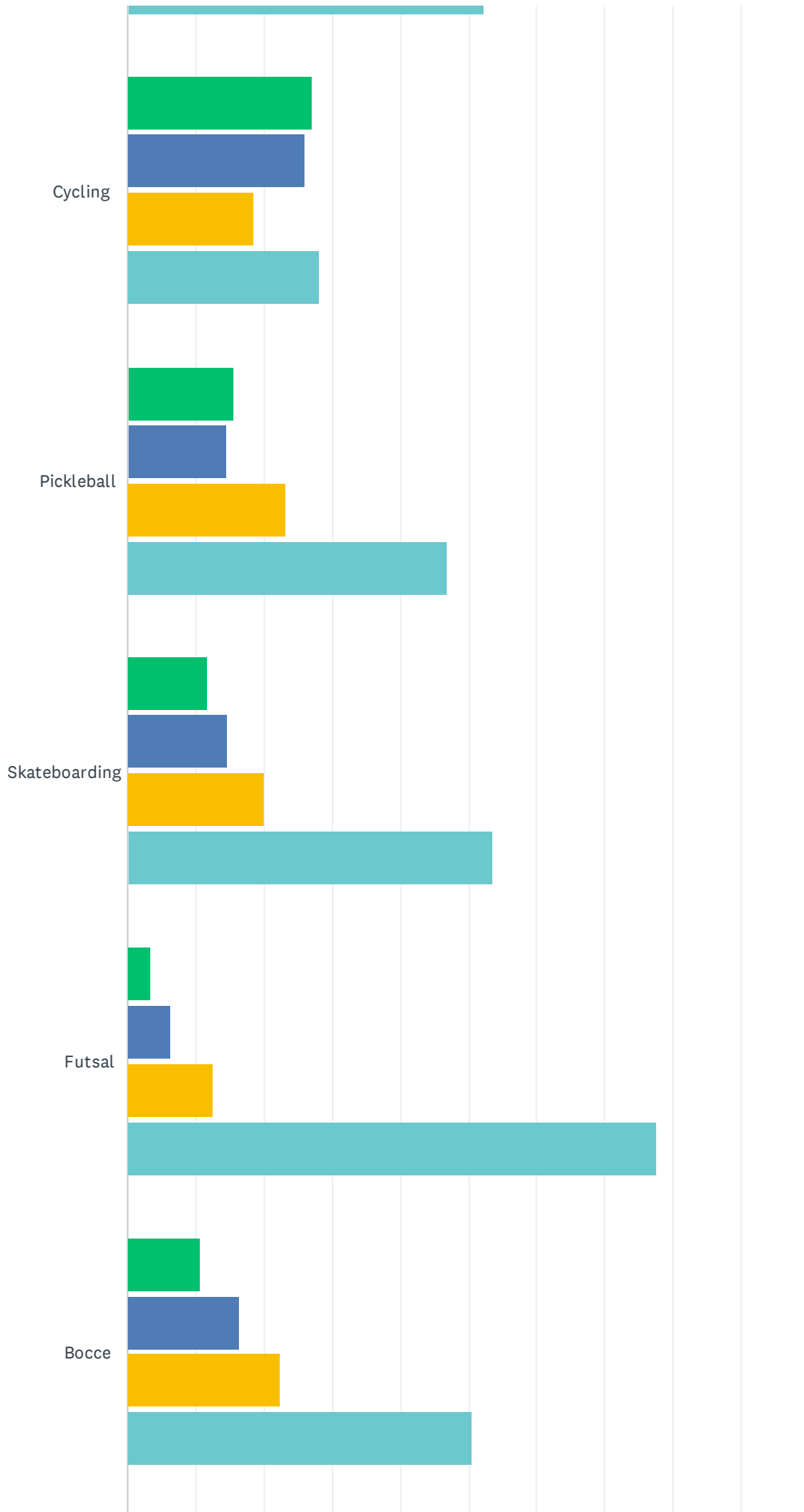
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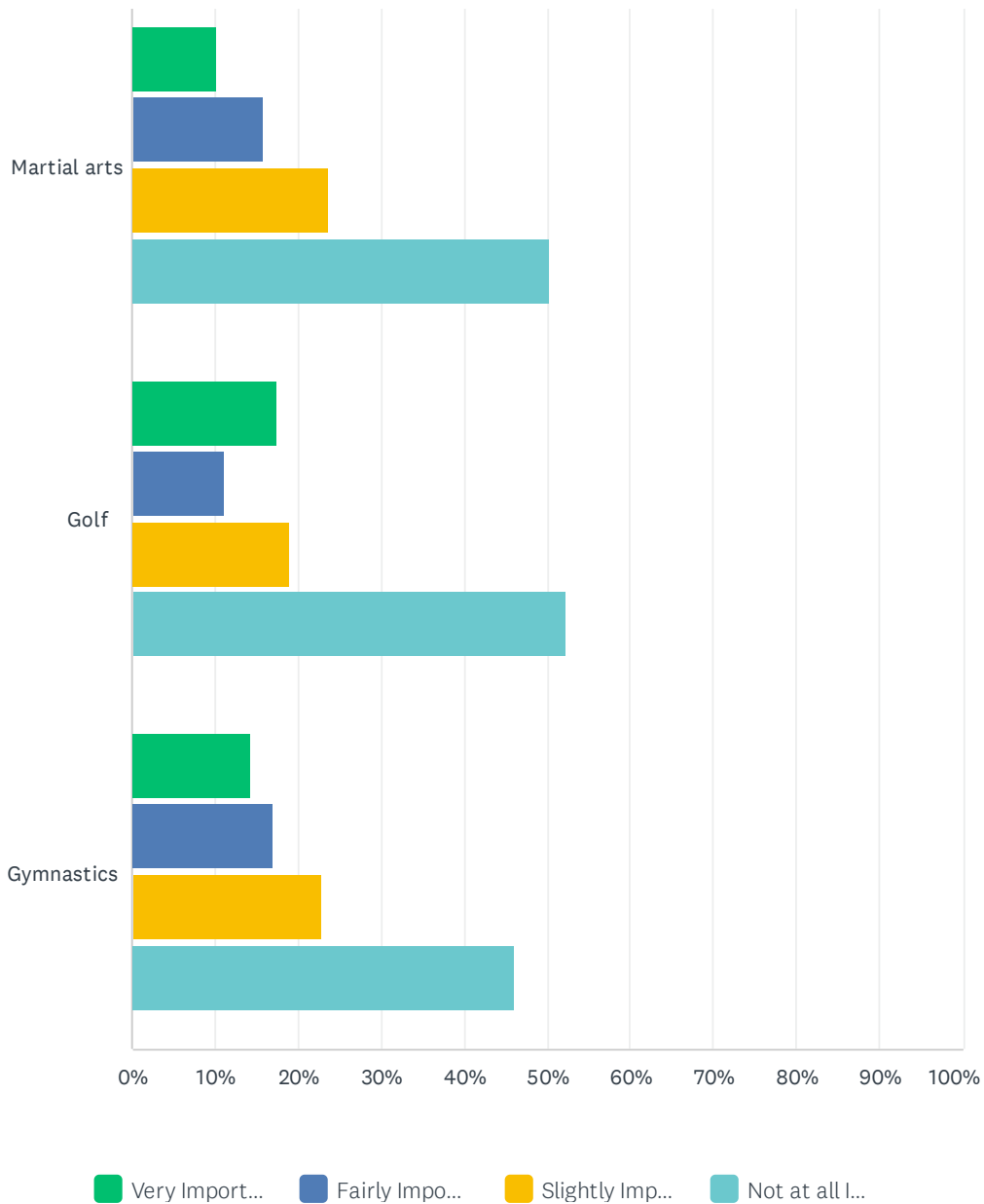
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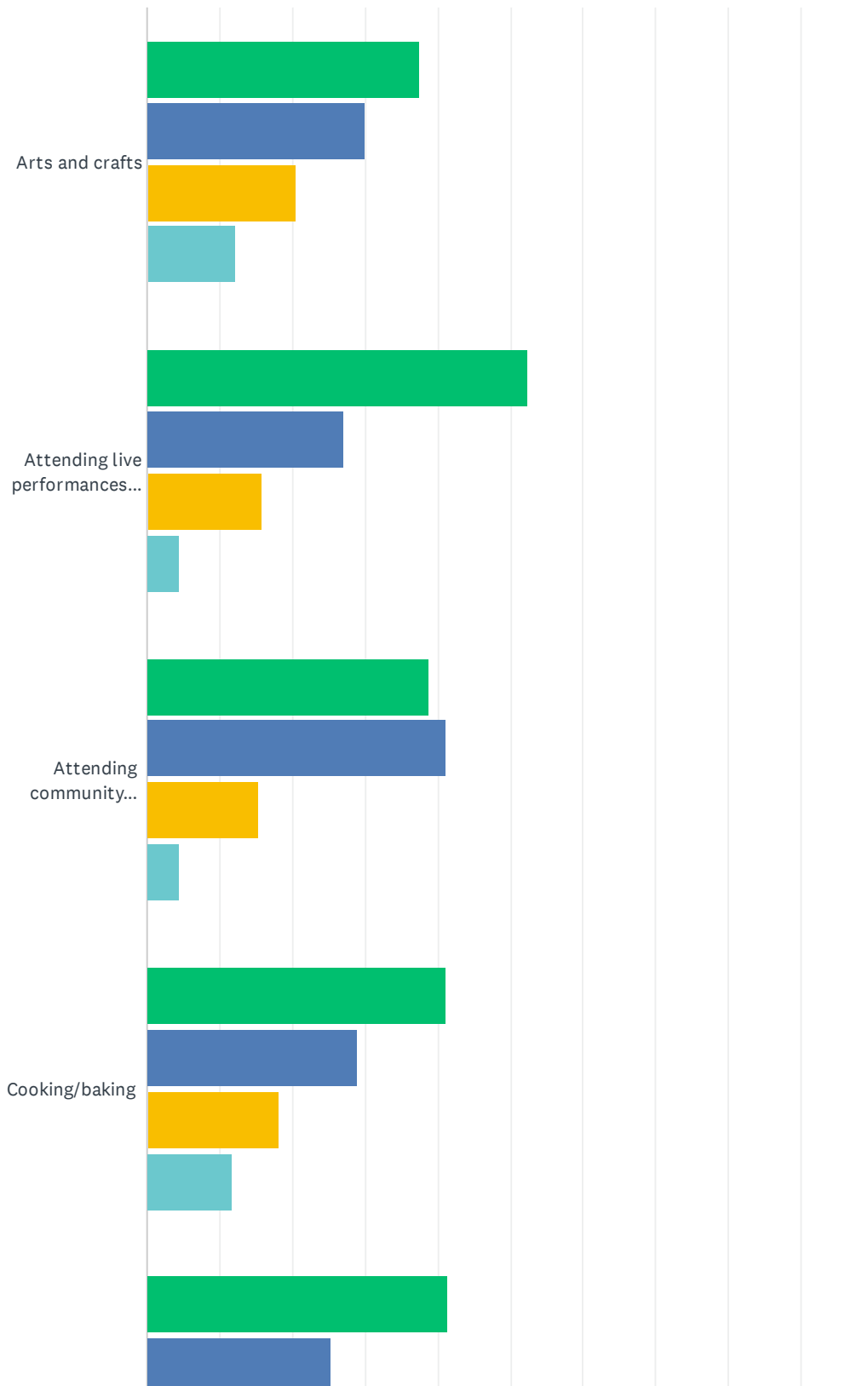


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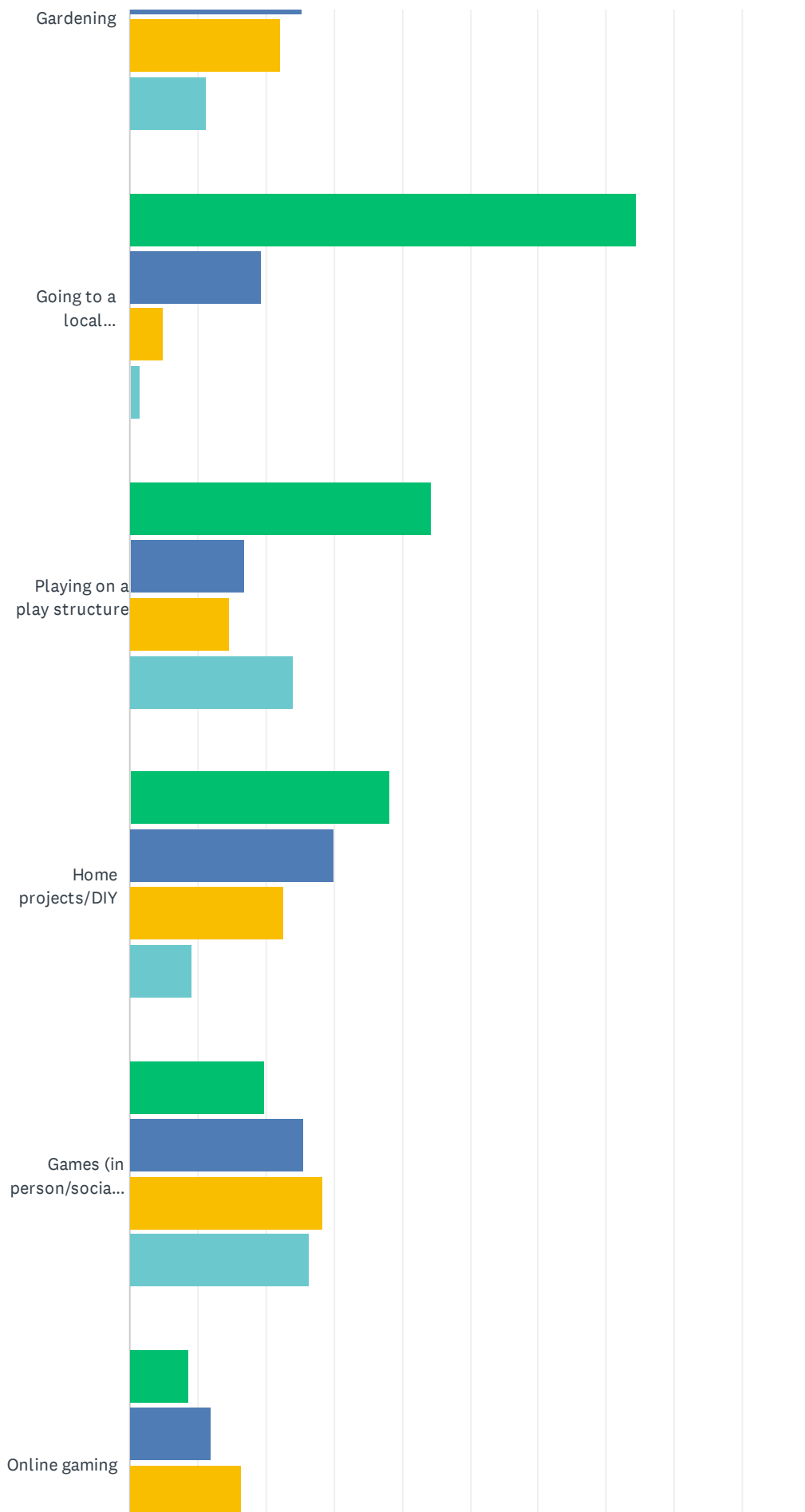
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Tennis	11.08% 76	19.39% 133	29.30% 201	40.23% 276	686	2.99
Basketball	21.19% 146	24.09% 166	21.48% 148	33.24% 229	689	2.67
Softball	17.47% 120	17.61% 121	20.09% 138	44.83% 308	687	2.92
Rugby	3.38% 23	5.59% 38	17.50% 119	73.53% 500	680	3.61
Baseball	19.48% 134	20.64% 142	21.95% 151	37.94% 261	688	2.78
Volleyball (indoor/outdoor sand)	11.61% 80	15.24% 105	28.45% 196	44.70% 308	689	3.06
Soccer	23.84% 164	17.44% 120	19.77% 136	38.95% 268	688	2.74
Football/flag football	12.54% 86	14.43% 99	22.89% 157	50.15% 344	686	3.11
Fishing	11.71% 80	13.62% 93	22.40% 153	52.27% 357	683	3.15
Swimming	51.16% 354	23.55% 163	13.15% 91	12.14% 84	692	1.86
Walking, hiking, jogging	73.38% 510	18.42% 128	5.18% 36	3.02% 21	695	1.38
Fitness (yoga, weightlifting, cardio, dance, etc.)	42.55% 294	26.92% 186	19.25% 133	11.29% 78	691	1.99
Roller hockey/roller skating	10.63% 73	13.25% 91	24.60% 169	51.53% 354	687	3.17
Lacrosse	8.03% 55	8.76% 60	17.96% 123	65.26% 447	685	3.40
Mountain or BMX biking	10.09% 69	16.52% 113	21.20% 145	52.19% 357	684	3.15
Cycling	27.18% 187	26.02% 179	18.60% 128	28.20% 194	688	2.48
Pickleball	15.46% 107	14.45% 100	23.27% 161	46.82% 324	692	3.01
Skateboarding	11.81% 81	14.72% 101	19.97% 137	53.50% 367	686	3.15
Futsal	3.37% 23	6.45% 44	12.61% 86	77.57% 529	682	3.64
Bocce	10.58% 73	16.52% 114	22.32% 154	50.58% 349	690	3.13
Martial arts	10.33% 71	15.87% 109	23.58% 162	50.22% 345	687	3.14
Golf	17.54% 121	11.16% 77	18.99% 131	52.32% 361	690	3.06
Gymnastics	14.18% 97	16.96% 116	22.81% 156	46.05% 315	684	3.01

# Q14 How important are the following leisure or cultural activities to you, or your household?

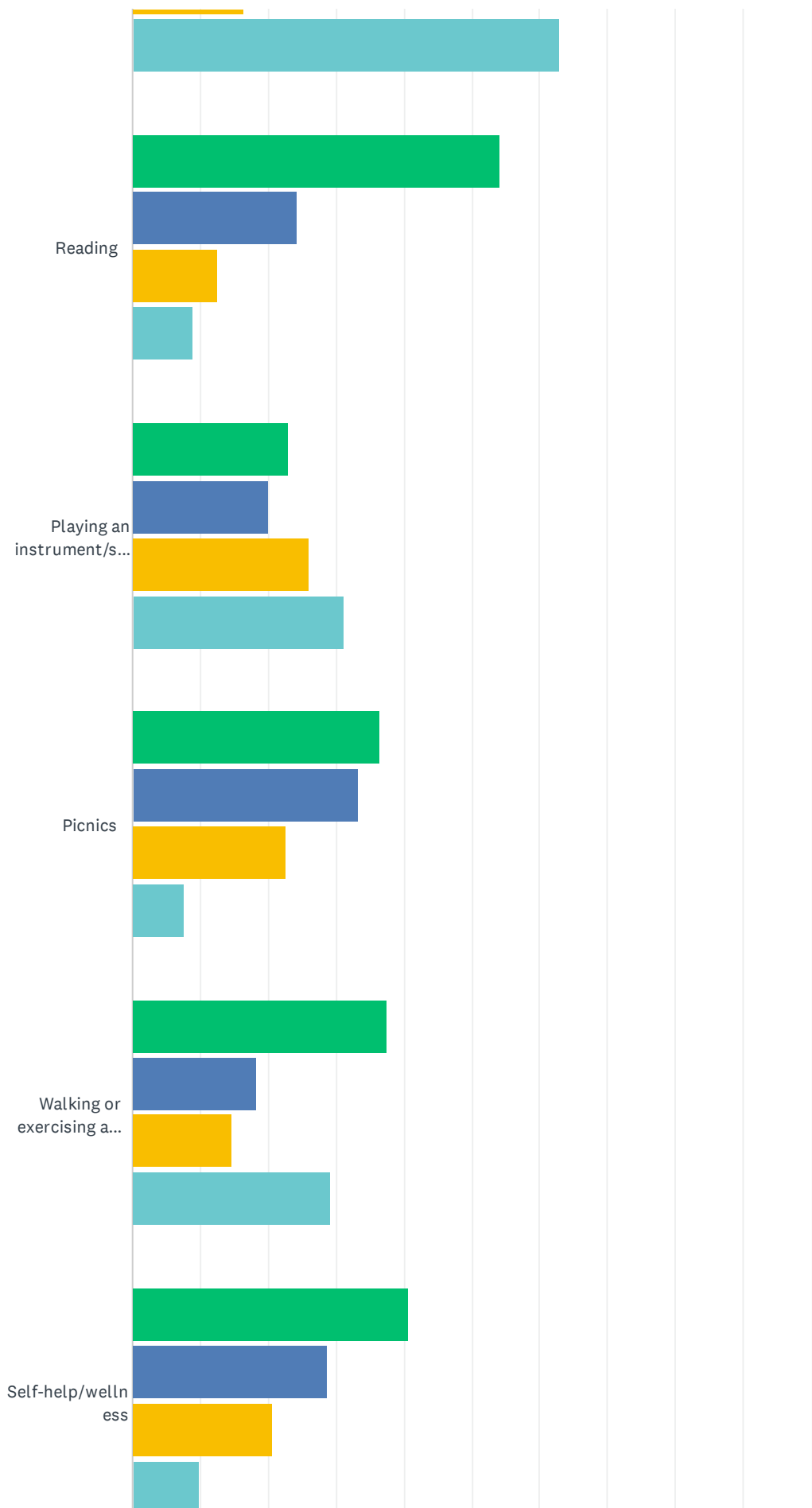
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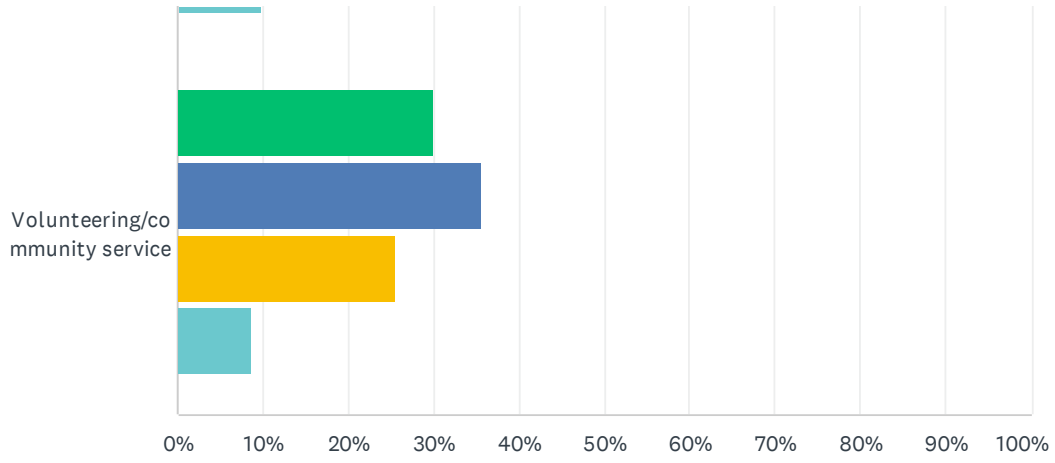
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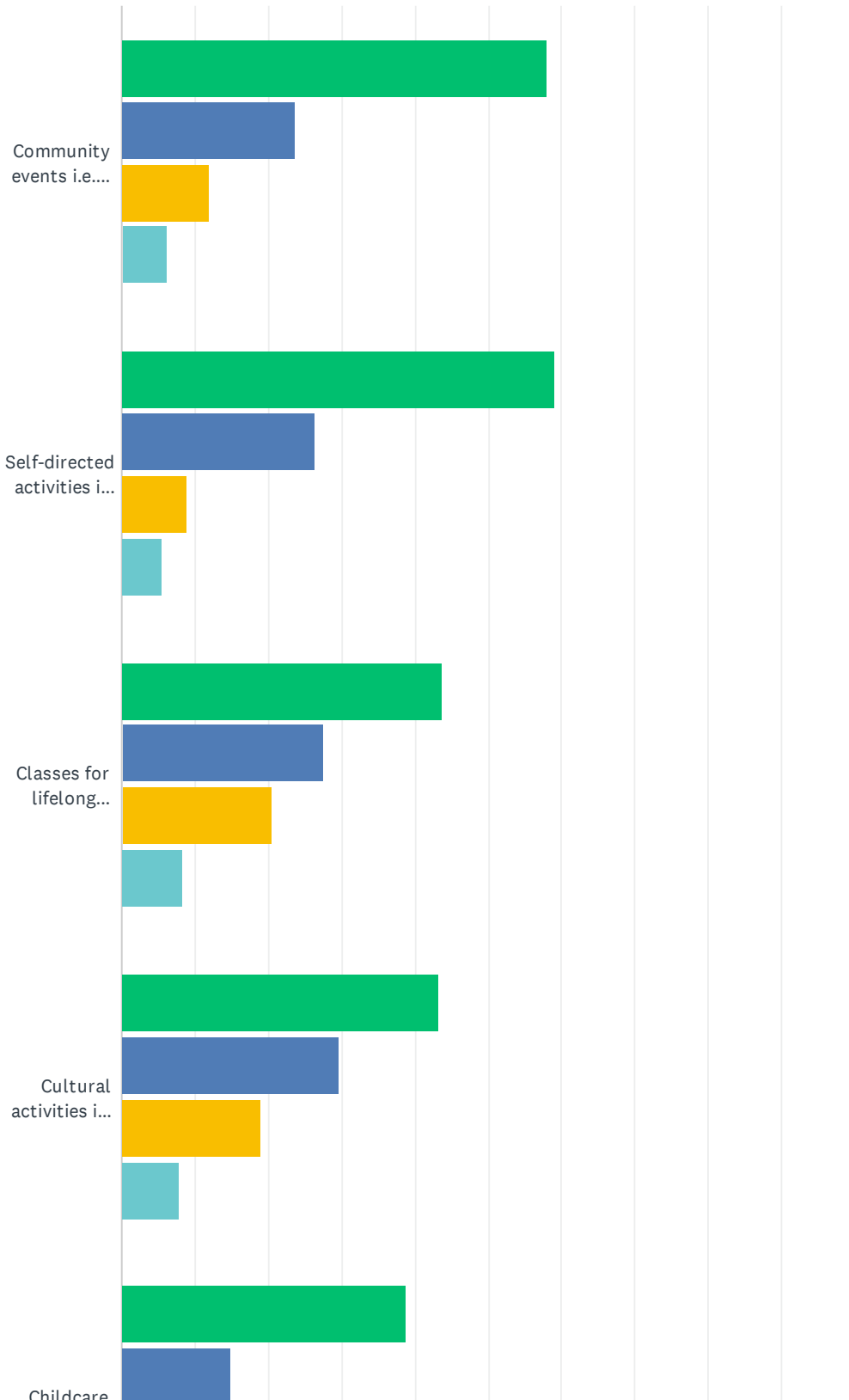
Very Important Fairly Important Slightly Important Not at all Important

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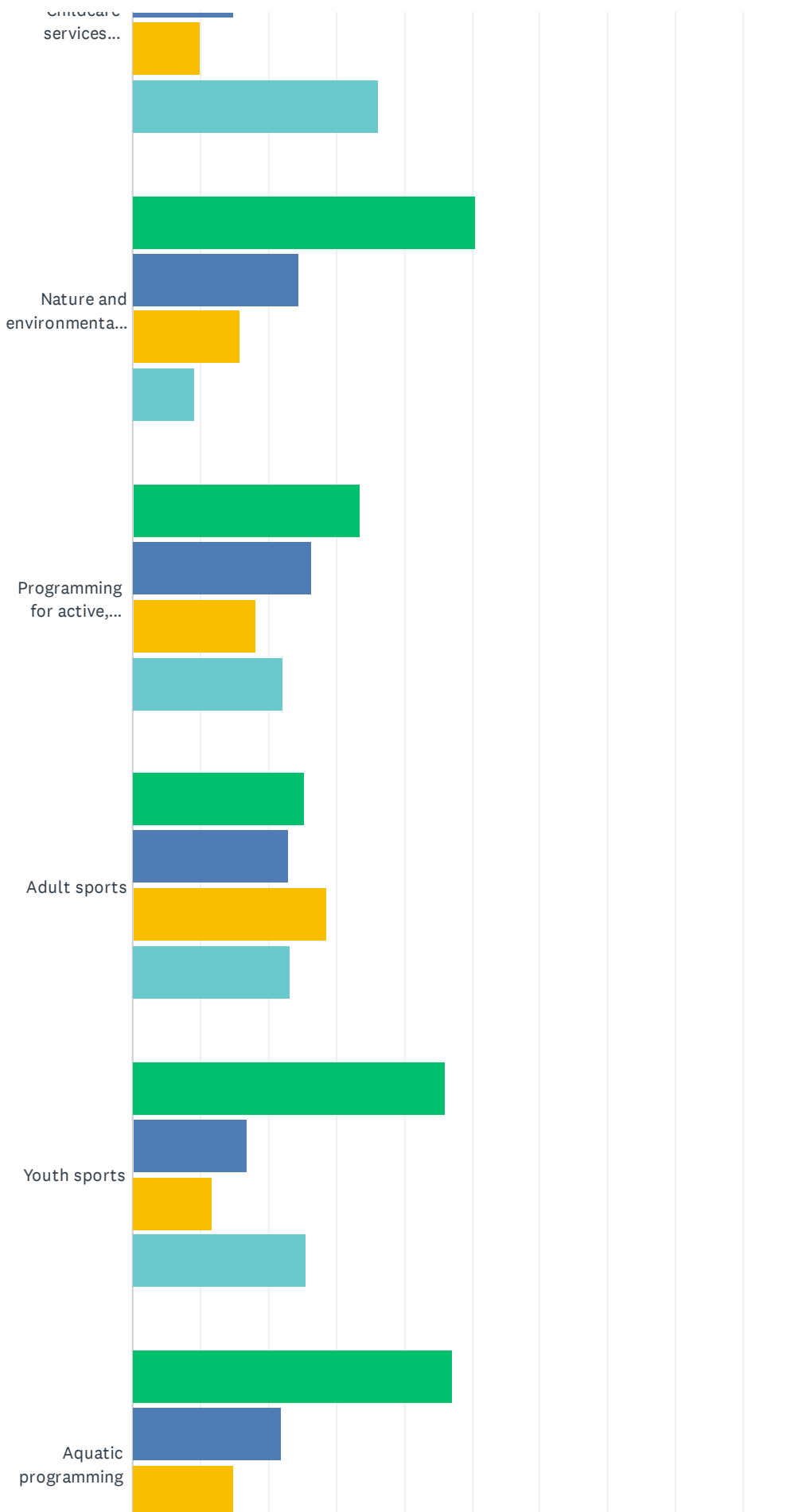
	VERY IMPORTANT	FAIRLY IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Arts and crafts	37.46% 260	29.97% 208	20.46% 142	12.10% 84	694	2.07
Attending live performances such as theater, concerts, speakers, talent show, etc.	52.36% 366	27.18% 190	15.88% 111	4.58% 32	699	1.73
Attending community events	38.90% 270	41.21% 286	15.42% 107	4.47% 31	694	1.85
Cooking/baking	41.13% 285	29.00% 201	18.18% 126	11.69% 81	693	2.00
Gardening	41.29% 287	25.32% 176	22.16% 154	11.22% 78	695	2.03
Going to a local park/enjoying nature	74.36% 519	19.34% 135	4.87% 34	1.43% 10	698	1.33
Playing on a play structure	44.30% 307	16.88% 117	14.72% 102	24.10% 167	693	2.19
Home projects/DIY	38.10% 264	30.16% 209	22.66% 157	9.09% 63	693	2.03
Games (in person/social) such as cards or bingo	19.74% 137	25.50% 177	28.39% 197	26.37% 183	694	2.61
Online gaming	8.68% 60	11.87% 82	16.50% 114	62.95% 435	691	3.34
Reading	54.18% 376	24.21% 168	12.68% 88	8.93% 62	694	1.76
Playing an instrument/singing	22.94% 159	20.06% 139	25.97% 180	31.02% 215	693	2.65
Picnics	36.40% 253	33.24% 231	22.59% 157	7.77% 54	695	2.02
Walking or exercising a dog at a dog park area	37.50% 261	18.39% 128	14.80% 103	29.31% 204	696	2.36
Self-help/wellness	40.64% 280	28.74% 198	20.75% 143	9.87% 68	689	2.00
Volunteering/community service	30.01% 208	35.64% 247	25.69% 178	8.66% 60	693	2.13

# Q15 How important is it for you, or members of your household, to be able to participate in the following recreation programs or services?

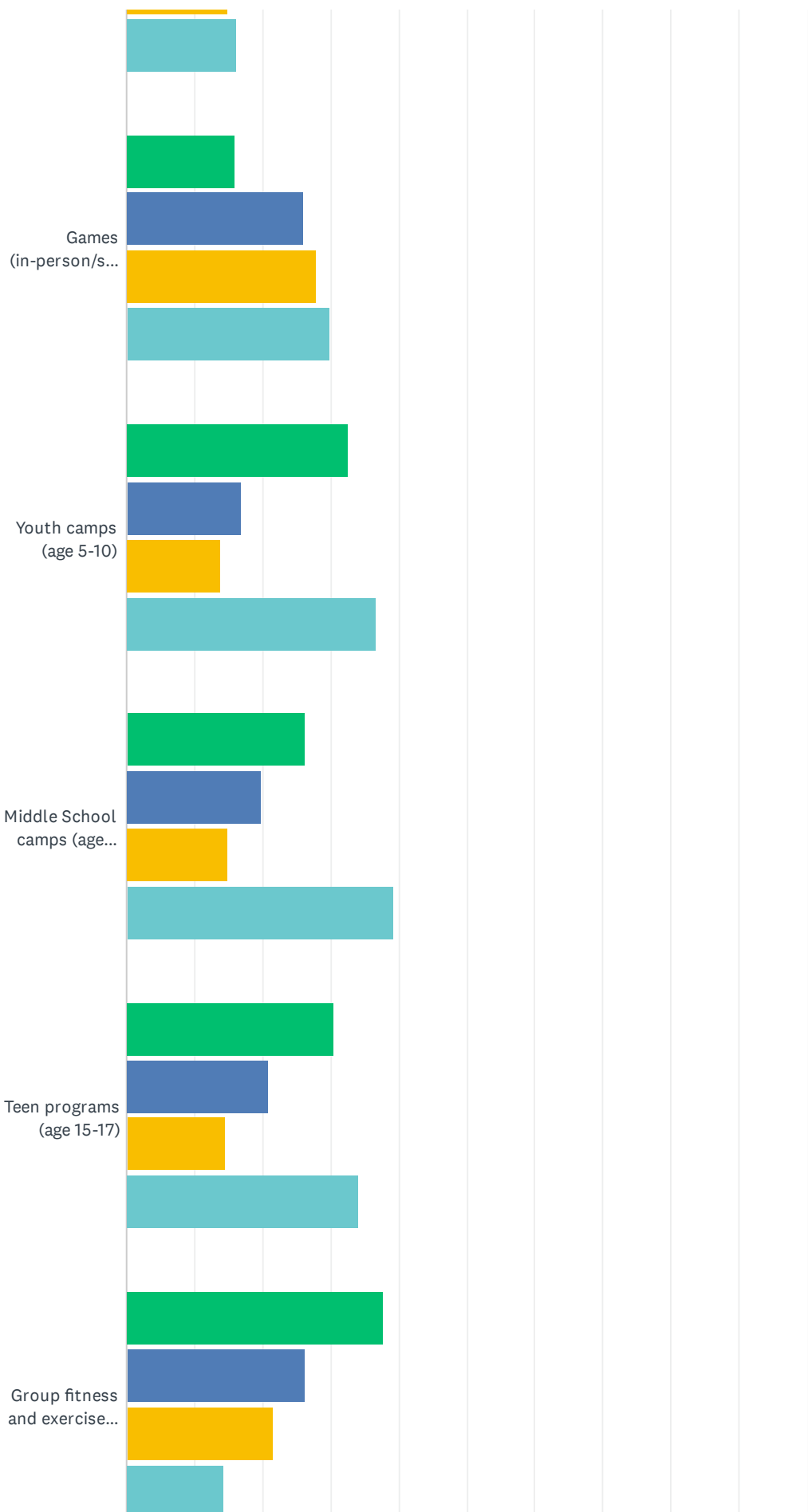
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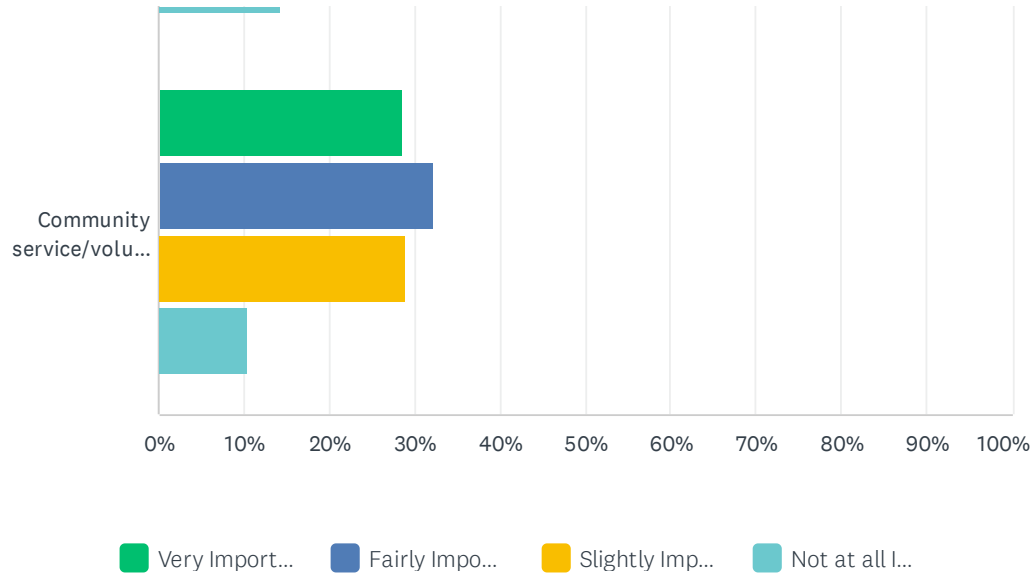
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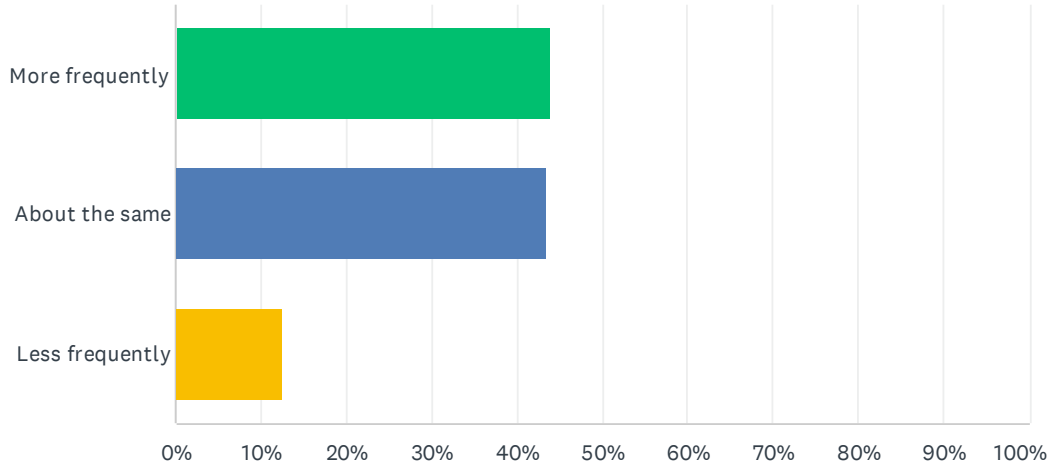


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	VERY IMPORTANT	FAIRLY IMPORTANT	SLIGHTLY IMPORTANT	NOT AT ALL IMPORTANT	TOTAL	WEIGHTED AVERAGE
Community events i.e. Halloween Carnival and el Dia de los Muertos, Holiday Arts and Crafts Fair, Movies in the Park, RP Jubilee, Party on the Plaza, Summer Kick-off Brunch and Barbeque, I <3 Rohnert Park, food trucks, etc.	58.08% 406	23.75% 166	12.02% 84	6.15% 43	699	1.66
Self-directed activities i.e. outdoor fitness courses, active play areas, pathways and creek trails	59.03% 412	26.50% 185	9.03% 63	5.44% 38	698	1.61
Classes for lifelong learning and enrichment i.e. gardening, languages, cooking/baking, music	43.72% 303	27.56% 191	20.49% 142	8.23% 57	693	1.93
Cultural activities i.e. museums, theater programs, art exhibits	43.29% 300	29.73% 206	19.05% 132	7.94% 55	693	1.92
Childcare services including before and after schools programming, preschool, and youth camps	38.87% 269	14.88% 103	9.97% 69	36.27% 251	692	2.44
Nature and environmental programming i.e. camping, hiking	50.57% 352	24.43% 170	15.80% 110	9.20% 64	696	1.84
Programming for active, older adults	33.43% 233	26.40% 184	18.08% 126	22.09% 154	697	2.29
Adult sports	25.29% 175	22.98% 159	28.47% 197	23.27% 161	692	2.50
Youth sports	46.00% 316	16.74% 115	11.64% 80	25.62% 176	687	2.17
Aquatic programming	47.05% 327	22.01% 153	14.82% 103	16.12% 112	695	2.00
Games (in-person/social) i.e. cards, bingo	16.04% 111	26.01% 180	28.03% 194	29.91% 207	692	2.72
Youth camps (age 5-10)	32.56% 225	16.79% 116	13.89% 96	36.76% 254	691	2.55
Middle School camps (age 11-14)	26.22% 182	19.74% 137	14.84% 103	39.19% 272	694	2.67
Teen programs (age 15-17)	30.49% 211	20.81% 144	14.60% 101	34.10% 236	692	2.52
Group fitness and exercise classes i.e. aerobics, yoga, karate, and tai chi	37.79% 263	26.29% 183	21.55% 150	14.37% 100	696	2.13
Community service/volunteering	28.49% 198	32.23% 224	28.92% 201	10.36% 72	695	2.21

## Q16 Are you using Rohnert Park parks, recreation programs, and recreation facilities more frequently, about the same, or less frequently than before the COVID crisis?

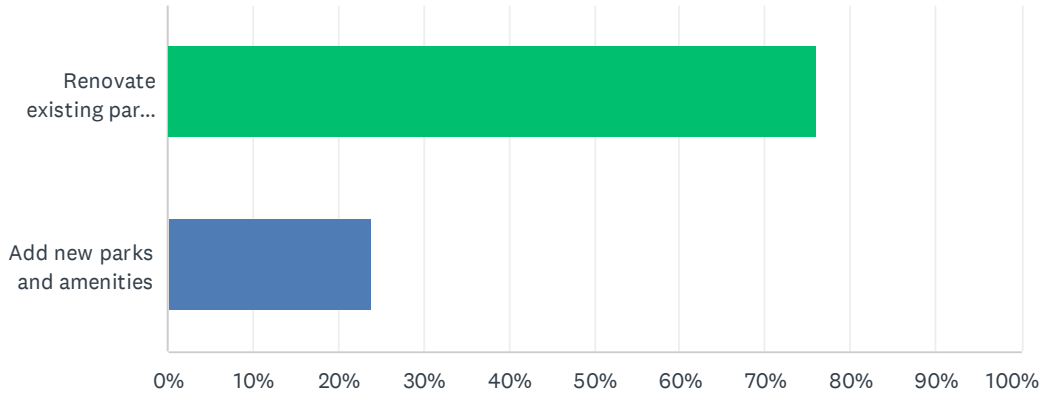
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ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
More frequently	44.02%	309
About the same	43.45%	305
Less frequently	12.54%	88
TOTAL		702

Q17 Is it more important to renovate existing parks to keep current (such as replacing degraded playgrounds, sport courts, fields, etc.) or add new parks and amenities (such as dog parks, an all-inclusive playground, pickleball courts, or a skate park)?

Answered: 702 Skipped: 0



ANSWER CHOICES	RESPONSES	
Renovate existing parks to keep current	76.07%	534
Add new parks and amenities	23.93%	168
TOTAL		702

**Q18 What other recreational activity or program would you like to see offered in Rohnert Park?**

Answered: 702 Skipped: 0

## Q19 What type of amenity or recreational service would you add to Rohnert Park?

Answered: 702 Skipped: 0

## **7.5 NEEDS ASSESSMENT AND GAP ANALYSIS SUMMARY**

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# CITY OF ROHNERT PARK PARKS MASTER PLAN UPDATE

## GAP ANALYSIS May 28, 2024

The Gap Analysis for the City of Rohnert Park Parks Master Plan Update identifies unmet community needs in the City’s parks and recreation services network. The needs expressed below are based on multiple responses from the community outreach process. This includes any need mentioned in two or more of the community outreach options (Community Survey, Statistically Valid Survey, Community Survey Open Response, Stakeholder Interviews, Community Workshop) or mentioned more than three times in the Community Survey open responses.

The outreach results show overall satisfaction with Rohnert Park’s parks and recreation system. Residents expressed a preference for walking/hiking/jogging opportunities, fitness, and swimming. Going to a park to enjoy nature, attending cultural activities, and wellness ranked high in importance of leisure and cultural activities. The community also expressed strong desires for updated restroom maintenance and additional restrooms, as well as lighting for safety and usability.

### IDENTIFIED NEEDS

WALKING, BIKING, AND HIKING TRAILS	
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Repairs to pathways, amenities along trails including wayfinding and signage.</li> </ul>
Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improvements to lighting (see “Safety and Lighting”). Consider the implications of lighting in creeks and its effects on habitat.</li> <li>○ Addition of bike trails for accessibility to parks and other neighborhoods.</li> </ul>

PARKS	
Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improved landscape, athletic field, and infrastructure maintenance.               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ The community workshop highlighted a need for fire-resistant landscapes (plant selection and maintenance) to improve safety.</li> <li>○ Improved maintenance of dog parks as well as new dog parks and dog-friendly open spaces.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ A preference for renovating existing parks, facilities, and amenities over adding new parks and amenities.</li> </ul>
Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fitness opportunities such as par course and outdoor fitness parks.</li> <li>○ Easier access and transparency in reserving group picnic areas/reservable areas.</li> <li>○ Renovated and new group picnic areas.</li> <li>○ Improved/updated amenities including shade, lighting (see “Safety and Lighting”), benches, trash receptacles, drinking fountains, and storage.</li> <li>○ Updates to play structures for accessibility, inclusion, and safety.</li> <li>○ A splash pad or water park.</li> <li>○ Bocce ball and fishing opportunities.</li> </ul>

**TEAM AND ORGANIZED SPORTS**

Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Repairs and maintenance to sport courts and athletic fields to manage unsafe conditions.</li> <li>○ Soundproofing existing pickleball courts.</li> </ul>
Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ A new skate park facility, sand volleyball courts, and pickleball courts.</li> <li>○ Soundproofing new pickleball courts.</li> <li>○ More opportunities to play soccer, tennis/badminton courts, and basketball.</li> </ul>

**COMMUNICATION/BOOKING RELATED TO ATHLETIC FACILITIES, SPORTS COURTS AND FIELDS**

Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improve relationship between the city staff and sports organizations to help maintain and improve parks and facilities.</li> </ul>
Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Easier access and transparency in reserving athletic facilities, athletic fields and courts/spaces.</li> <li>○ Equitable distribution of playing space between sports using athletic facilities, fields, and courts. Balance facility use between in-season and year-round sports.</li> </ul>

**SAFETY AND LIGHTING**

Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Repaired lighting at sports fields for usability</li> </ul>
Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Additional lighting to improve safety and security.</li> <li>○ Increased lighting at sports fields for usability.</li> <li>○ Supplemental and/or repaired trail and pathway lighting.</li> <li>○ Focus lighting recommendations on essential pathways where safety is a concern. Consider the environmental impact on habitat and creeks when making recommendations in these areas.</li> </ul>

**FACILITIES**

Maintenance	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Restrooms             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improved maintenance of existing restrooms.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Aquatics             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Pool maintenance and renovation.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Restrooms             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New additional restroom facilities.</li> </ul> </li> <li>○ Aquatics             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ New facilities and updated hours for increased access.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

**ACCESSIBILITY & ADA REQUIREMENTS**

Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ ADA-compliant updates to parking lots, playgrounds, ball fields, bleachers, tables, and paths in the parks.</li> <li>○ ADA-compliant improvements to restrooms, park buildings, and facilities.</li> </ul>
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EXPANDED PROGRAMMING	
Improvement	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Fitness classes that offer a variety of scheduled class times, low-impact, and low-mobility friendly options.</li> <li>○ Opportunities for all age ranges: toddler, youth, teen, adult, and senior.</li> <li>○ Arts-based programming: both visual and performing arts, as well as music.</li> <li>○ Cultural classes including food, language, etc.</li> <li>○ Additional events programming.</li> <li>○ Social engagement/community volunteering opportunities.</li> </ul>

Additional expressed needs mentioned in the community survey open response are below. These expressed needs are from the Open Response category of the Community Survey, and account for less than 1% of the given responses.

Additional needs identified by individuals included:

- Shooting range
- Camping opportunities
- Age signage for play structures
- Parking
- Motor racing
- Roads/Infrastructure
- Snack Bars

## COMMUNITY SURVEY RESULTS

For questions that dealt with the importance of various Parks and Recreation amenities to the public, we ranked resident responses in four Tiers based on the value of importance.

**Tier 1:** “Very Important”, over 50% of respondents indicated that the activity or amenity was very important to them.

- For Sports and Athletic Activities, *Walking, Hiking, and Jogging* and *Swimming* ranked in this tier.
- For Leisure and Cultural Activities, respondents indicated that *Going to a local park/enjoying nature, reading, and attending live performances* were the most important.
- Recreation Amenities: *Trails and Pathways, Restrooms, Playgrounds, and Swimming Pools.*
- Recreation Programs and Services: *Self directed activities (including outdoor fitness courses, active play areas, pathways, and creek trails), Community Events (i.e. the Halloween Carnival), and Nature and Environmental Programming* ranked in the highest tier.

**Tier 2:** Responses of “Very Important” and “Fairly Important” added together to equal to or greater than 50%.

- Sports and Athletic Activities: *Fitness (yoga, weightlifting, cardio, dance, etc.), and cycling.*
- Leisure and Cultural Activities: *Playing on a play structure, Gardening, Cooking/baking, self-help/wellness, attending community events, home projects/DIY, walking or exercising a dog at a dog park area, arts and crafts, picnics, volunteering/community service.*
- Recreation Amenities: *Sport and multi-use courts, lighted sport and multi-use courts, youth multi-purpose fields, Picnic areas, indoor fitness center, lighted sport fields, community gardens, youth baseball/softball fields.*

- Recreation Programs and Services: *Aquatic programming, youth sports, classes for lifelong learning and enrichment, cultural activities including museums, theater, and art exhibits, childcare services, and group fitness/exercise classes.*

**Tier 3:** Responses of “Very Important”, “Fairly Important”, and “Slightly Important” added together to equal or greater than 50%.

- Sports and Athletic Activities: *Soccer, Basketball, Baseball, Softball, Pickleball, Gymnastics, Volleyball, and Tennis.*
- Leisure and Cultural Activities: *Playing an instrument/singing, Games (in person/social) such as cards and bingo.*
- Recreation Amenities: *Off-leash dog park/areas, Adult multi-purpose fields, skate park, adult baseball/softball fields, Golf Course, Synthetic surface sport fields, Pump Track, and Fishing Spots.*
- Recreation Programs and Services: *Youth camps, Teen Programs, Community Service/Volunteering, Middle School Camps, Adult Sports, Games (in person/social)*

**Tier 4:** “Not at all important” accounted for 50% or greater of responses.

- Sports and Athletic Activities: *Football/Flag Football, Skateboarding, Fishing, Roller Hockey/Roller Skating, Bocce, Martial Arts, Mountain or BMX Biking, Lacrosse, Rugby, and Futsal.*
- Leisure and Cultural Activities: *Online Gaming*

Understanding the demographics of respondents is a key component in evaluating the identified needs. For example, there may be strong vocal support within the community for a Skate Park, which is an amenity most used by younger populations. But the number of respondents from that sector of the population was low: less than 2% of respondents identified themselves as younger than 24. As a result, the survey may not reflect a need from this younger population.

It is important to note that most responses for the Community Survey (51.85%) fell within the age range of 35-54 years, with 76.21% of respondents identifying as female. This is a specific demographic that has different priorities from other demographic groups and should be factored into the consideration when evaluating the low-ranking activities, amenities, programs, and services which may be important to other demographic groups.

Additionally, the Community Survey asked respondents to rank the importance of park improvements in the city. Using a similar tier system, the results are as follows:

**Tier 1:** “Very Important”, over 50% of respondents indicated that the improvement was very important to them.

- More park amenities such as drinking fountains, playground features, shade structures, bike racks, benches, and trash/recycling/compost bins.
- Improved lighting for safety and pathways
- Improved cleanliness including litter maintenance, restroom maintenance, refuse pick-up, playground maintenance, etc.
- Address infrastructure maintenance i.e. surface improvements (sport courts, picnic areas, pathways, and parking lots, etc.)
- Address and/or replace outdated equipment such as benches, playgrounds, barbecues, picnic tables, etc.

**Tier 2:** Responses of “Very Important” and “Fairly Important” added together to equal to or greater than 50%.

- More restrooms in city parks
- Accessibility improvements (ADA)
- Improved landscape maintenance including trees, turf, and planting
- Enhanced sports fields to meet demand i.e. lighting, artificial turf, improved maintenance
- Additional group picnic areas
- Updated irrigation system(s) for efficient water use

**Tier 3:** Responses of “Very Important”, “Fairly Important”, and “Slightly Important” added together to equal or greater than 50%.

- Improved entryways and signage to parks
- Upgraded technology in parks i.e. WIFI, digital media updates/alerts, electronic bulletin boards.

None of the responses indicated that the presented improvements were “Not at All Important”.

**COMMUNITY SURVEY OPEN RESPONSE DATA**

The Community Survey received open responses from 551 (78.5%) of participants. RHAA compiled the comments and organized them by category to note the percentage of importance for survey respondents.

The top two categories mentioned in the open response included *Sports and Gymnastics* (26%) and *Swimming* (21%).

Other categories of responses are as follows:

13-10% of Responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Walking, Biking, Hiking Trails (13%)</li> <li>- Fitness/Wellness (12%)</li> <li>- Skateboarding/Skate Park (12%)</li> <li>- New Facilities (12%)</li> <li>- Maintenance of Existing Parks and Facilities (12%)</li> <li>- Special Events/Entertainment (11%)</li> </ul>
9%-5%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Arts (Including craft/DIY) (9%)</li> <li>- Dog Parks &amp; Dog related (9%)</li> <li>- Park Amenities (7%)</li> <li>- Youth Needs including classes and programs (7%)</li> <li>- Playgrounds/Play (7%)</li> <li>- Restrooms (7%)</li> <li>- Activities including non-competitive sports (7%)</li> <li>- Culture: Language/food/dance/film (6%)</li> <li>- Teen needs including programs (6%)</li> <li>- Accessibility (6%)</li> <li>- Pump Track/Cycling (5%)</li> <li>- Performing arts (dance &amp; theater, not music) (5%)</li> </ul>
4%-2%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Community Gardening (4%)</li> <li>- Splash Pad (4%)</li> </ul>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Senior Related (4%)</li> <li>- Drinking Fountains (4%)</li> <li>- Toddler needs including classes and programs (3%)</li> <li>- Classes (General) (3%)</li> <li>- Safety (3%)</li> <li>- Existing Facilities (3%)</li> <li>- Shade (3%)</li> <li>- Adult Needs including Programs and Classes (3%)</li> <li>- Water Park (3%)</li> <li>- Volunteering/Community Service (2%)</li> <li>- Music Classes/jams (2%)</li> </ul>
1%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Sustainability</li> <li>- Roller Hockey/Hockey</li> <li>- Nature Programming</li> <li>- Lighting</li> <li>- Martial Arts</li> <li>- STEM</li> <li>- Rentable Event Space</li> <li>- Communication</li> <li>- Childcare</li> <li>- Roads/Infrastructure</li> </ul>
Less than 1% of Responses	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Camping</li> <li>- Motor Racing</li> <li>- Snack Bars</li> <li>- Trash Cans</li> <li>- Library</li> <li>- Shooting Range</li> <li>- Religious</li> <li>- Transportation</li> <li>- Parking</li> </ul>

**Special Events/Entertainment:**

The received data reflected a high importance for Live Performances (52%) and *Attending Cultural Activities (90.4%)*. It is important to note that the survey did not distinguish between theater, concerts, speakers, museums, and art exhibits. Two comments from the Community Survey Open Response specifically requested concerts.

## **7.6 PRIORITIZATION CATEGORIES WITH POINTS BREAKDOWN**

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City of Rohnert Park - Priorities Setting Category Descriptions		
Each park was evaluated based on the categories listed below to determine the ranking of recommendations. For each category, the park was allocated points which were then totaled to determine an overall score. These overall scores guided the prioritization of the recommendations, with higher scores indicating a greater priority.		
Categories		
Prioritization Category	Description	Point Allocation
<b>Code and Regulation Compliance (5)</b>	This category relates to existing park/recreation facility elements and amenities. This category recognizes issues of public health (sanitation), physical safety (i.e. tripping hazards), and urgency (continued repair deferral will lead to amenity closure or hinders public access to facilities and structures). The presence of a score indicates that the issue(s) (i.e. public health, physical safety, urgency) is non-compliant with city, state, and national codes, including but not limited to the Americans with Disabilities Act, and should be addressed.	<b>Maximum of 5 points:</b> -2 pts for public health -2 pts for physical safety -1 pt for urgency
<b>Safety and Security (5)</b>	This category addresses lighting infrastructure that promotes safety and security within the Parks and Recreation System. High priority parks include those that have a need for lighting at an existing building or parking lot. Mid-level priority parks include those that need lighting but do not already have it. Low priority parks already have some existing lighting.	<b>Maximum of 5 points:</b> -5 pts for high priority -3 pts for mid-level priority -1 pt for low priority
<b>Fulfills Unmet Needs (3)</b>	A score in this category indicates that the recommendation is for a new element, amenity, or policy, that directly addresses an unmet need. Unmet needs are those that have been identified in the gap analysis, by the City of Rohnert Park, or within the inventory and assessment phase of the Parks and Recreation Master Planning process. <b>*An explanation of tiers can be found below under "Tier Description".</b>	<b>Maximum of 4 points:</b> -4 pts for Tier 1 -3 pts for Tier 2 -2 pts for Tier 3 -1 pts for Tier 4 -2 pts if mentioned in two or more outreach efforts, but not in the survey -1 pt for City-identified needs
<b>Potential Revenue Generation (2)</b>	This category indicates that the recommendation has potential for long-term funding (such as field rentals) or short-term funding (one-time picnic rentals, etc.)	<b>Maximum of 3 points:</b> -3 pts for both long and short term revenue -2 pts for long term revenue -1 pt for short term revenue
<b>Included in Previous Planning Efforts (2)</b>	This category recognizes that the recommendation has been identified as a goal, priority, or action within an existing planning effort/report for the City of Rohnert Park. Planning efforts include: (1) The Rohnert Park General Plan 2040, (2) Hazard Mitigation Plan, (3) Priority Development Area Plan, (4) Master Plan Revisions to City Council, (5) Comprehensive Audit Summary By Park, (6) Community Services Recreation Program Cost Recovery Policy	<b>Maximum of 2 points:</b> -2 pts for if the recommendation appears in two or more plans -1 pt for inclusion in a previous plan
<b>Operational Efficiency (1)</b>	This category indicates that completing the recommendation will lead to significant savings in staff time and City resources.	<b>Maximum of 1 pt</b>

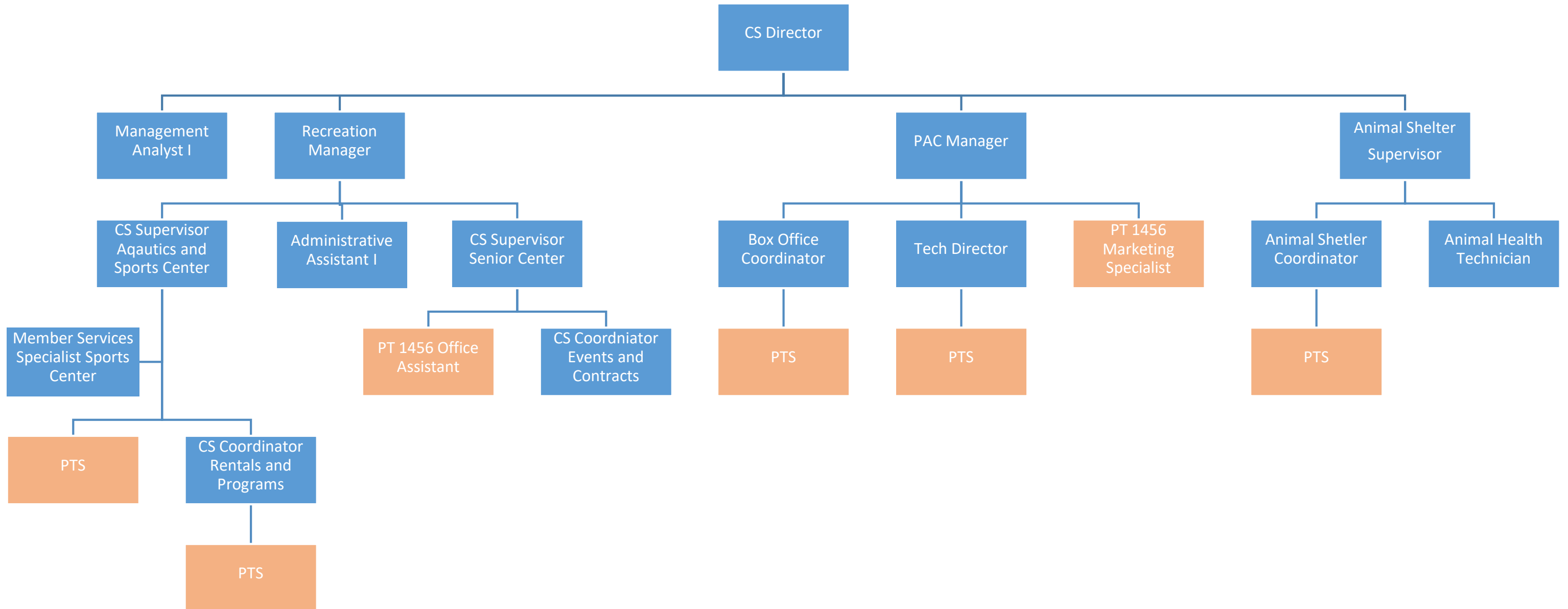
Tier Description		
As part of the gap analysis process, "Tiers" were created to qualify the value of a park and recreation offering's importance. Respondents were asked to rank a series of sports, leisure activities, and recreational activities by how important each was to them personally. Their responses are organized into Tiers, below.		
Tiers	Description	
Tier 1	Over 50% of respondents indicated that the activity or amenity was very important to them.	A full breakdown of tier designations can be found in the gap analysis documents.
Tier 2	Responses of "Very Important" and "Fairly Important" added together to equal or greater than 50%.	
Tier 3	Responses of "Very Important", "Fairly Important", and "Slightly Important" added together to equal or greater than 50%.	
Tier 4	"Not at all important" accounted for 50% or greater of responses.	

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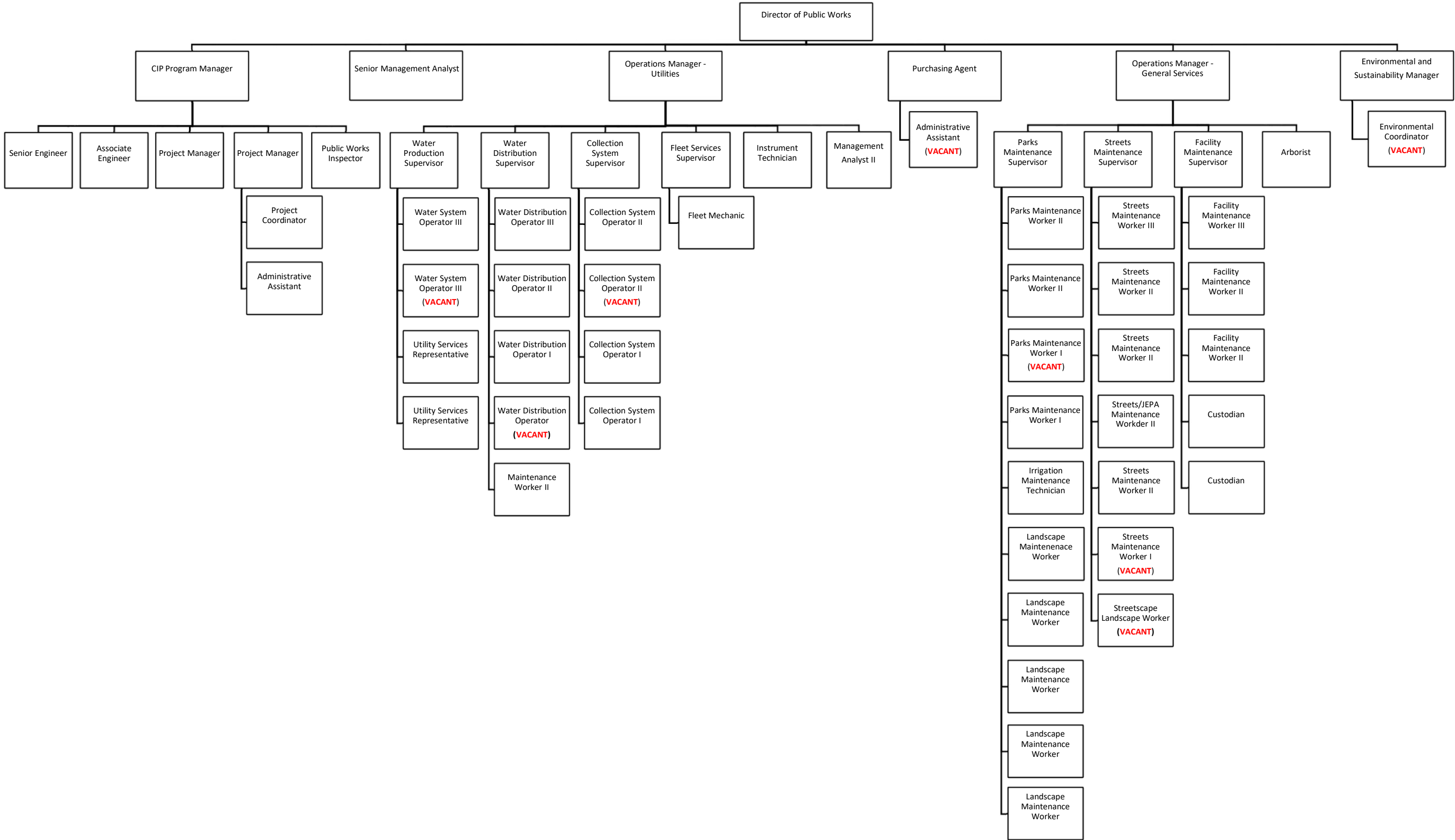
## **7.7 ORGANIZATION CHARTS**

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# Community Services Organization Chart (2024)



# Public Works Organization Chart (2024)



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