



GRESHAMPARKS
2035

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Parks Task Force Meeting #2

December 17, 2024

6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

PARKS RECREATION TRAILS & NATURAL AREAS

Agenda

6:00 PM	Welcome
6:05 PM	Project Status
6:10 PM	Community Engagement
6:25 PM	Park and Trail Needs
6:50 PM	Recreation Facility & Program Needs
7:10 PM	Maintenance and Operations Needs
7:35 PM	ADA Assessment
7:55 PM	Next Steps



Project Status



ENGAGE

- Parks Task Force Meeting
- Targeted Community Member Meeting
- Project Webpage / Social Media
- Online Survey
- Pop-Up Event or Community Event
- Decision-Maker Meeting

Community Engagement Activities

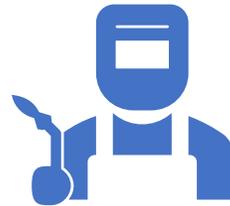
- Targeted outreach meetings (Russian, Spanish, Ukrainian language)
- Online questionnaire (hosted on Engage Gresham)
- In-person pop-up events
- Neighborhood meetings
- City Council interviews
- Technical Advisory Group meeting
- Parks Task Force meeting
- PRCAG Process



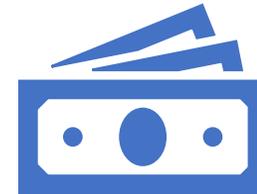
Community Engagement: Key Findings



Park System Usage



Safety, Maintenance,
and Amenities



Community Needs and
Funding Priorities

Community Engagement: Priority Needs

- Accessible walkways & paths
- Improvements to undeveloped parks
- Community Center
- Natural areas & nature parks
- Play structures
- Safety improvements
- Youth & teen programming



Engagement Results

Questions & Comments?

Park and Trail Needs



Service Area & Equity Analysis Approach

Service Area Analysis

- Access to parks & trails within ½ mile
- Used local street system; recognized barriers of large roads
- Parks with play and gathering space opportunities
- Developed & undeveloped park access shown separately
- Trail access focused on regional & community trails

Equity Analysis

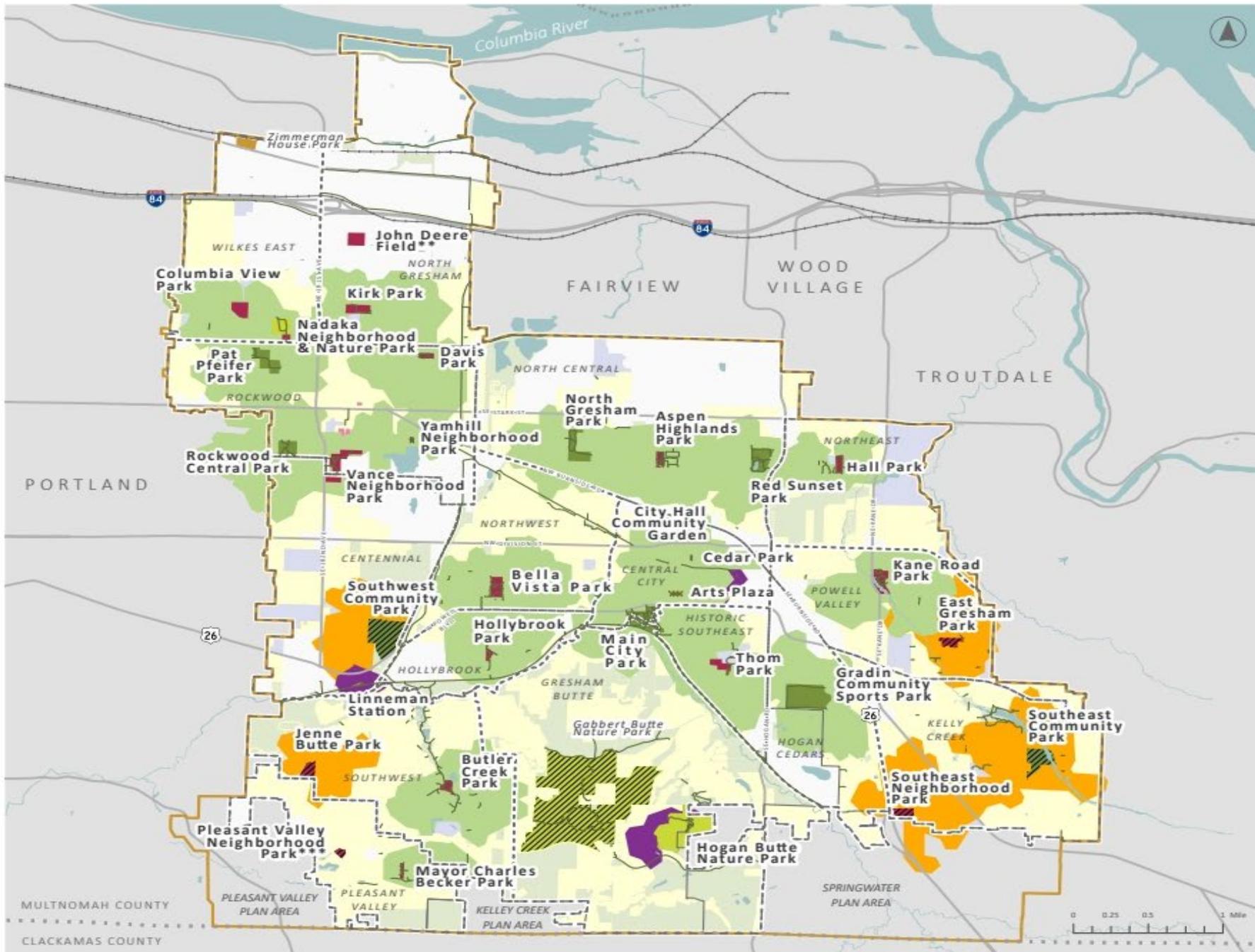
- Metro social vulnerability index
 - Disadvantaged demographic groups
 - Youth & older adults
 - People with health conditions
 - Renters & multi-family residents
- Areas lacking tree canopy



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MAP 3-1: ACCESS TO CITY PARKS WITH PLAY OR GATHERING OPPORTUNITIES

Via Regional Trails, Local Streets, and Collector Streets



Park Walksheds

- 1/2-mile Walkshed to Developed Neighborhood & Community Parks
- 1/2-mile Walkshed to Other Developed City Parks that Provide Social Gathering Space or a Place to Play
- 1/2-mile Walkshed to Undeveloped Neighborhood Parks & Community Parks

Gresham Parks and Facilities

- Community Park
- Nature Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Special Use Area
- Undeveloped Park

Base Map Features

- City Boundary
- County Boundary
- Urban Services Boundary
- Plan Area
- Major Arterial
- Water Body
- Trail
- Non-City Owned Park
- Other Green Space
- School
- Residential Area
- Neighborhood Boundary

* Parks that have labels with smaller, italic text were not included within the access analysis.

**John Deere Field was included in the analysis but lacks a walkshed due to its location on an arterial street.

***Pleasant Valley Park was included in the analysis but lacks a walkshed due to its location on a planned street which was not included in the access network. Once surrounding streets are developed this area will be served.

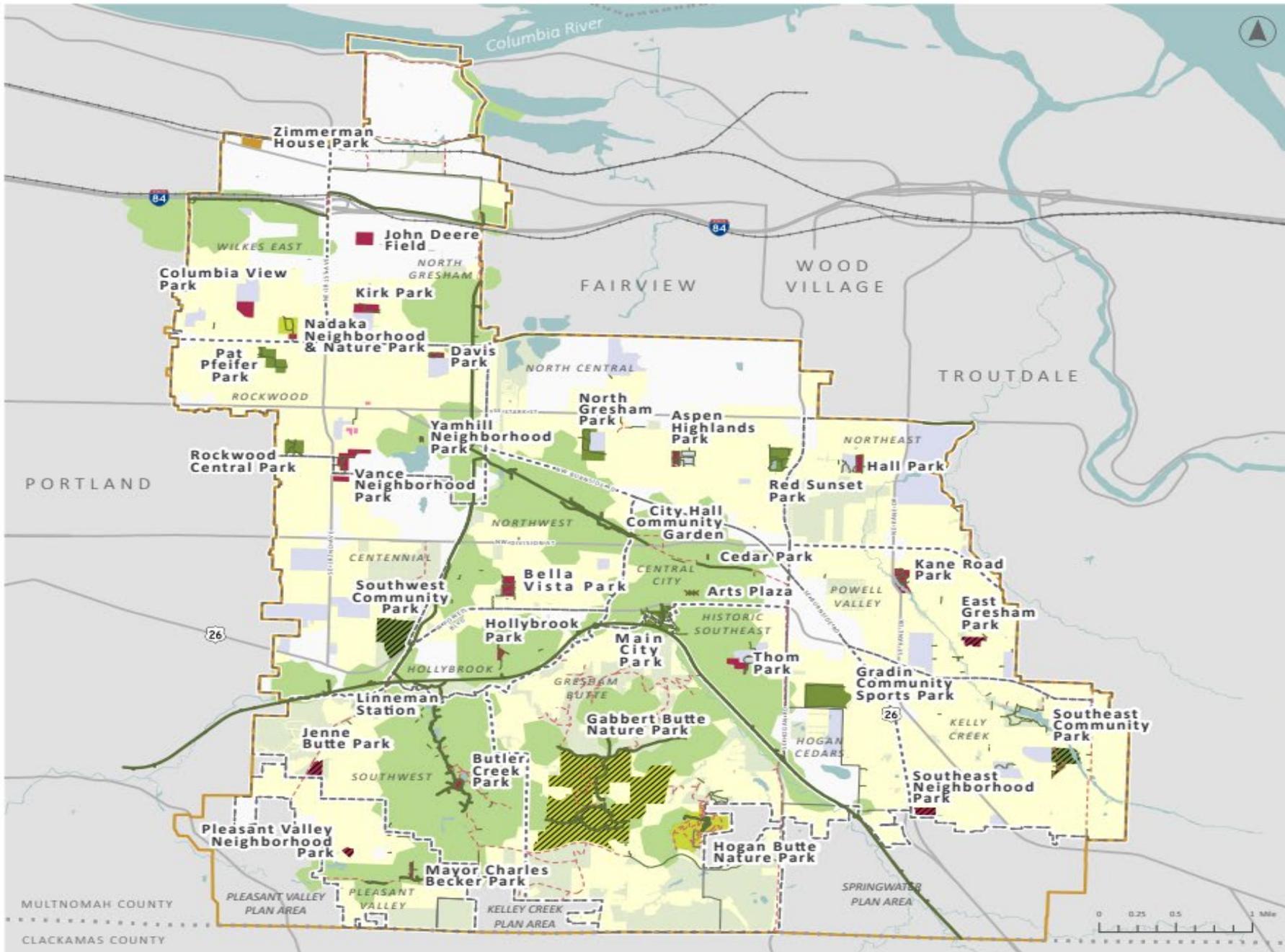
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MAP 3-2: ACCESS TO REGIONAL AND COMMUNITY TRAILS

Via Local and Collector Streets



Regional and Community Trail Walkshed

1/2-mile Walkshed to Regional & Community Trails

Gresham Trails

- Regional or Community Trail
- Other Trail
- Planned Regional or Community Trail

Gresham Parks and Facilities

- Community Park
- Nature Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Special Use Area
- Undeveloped Park

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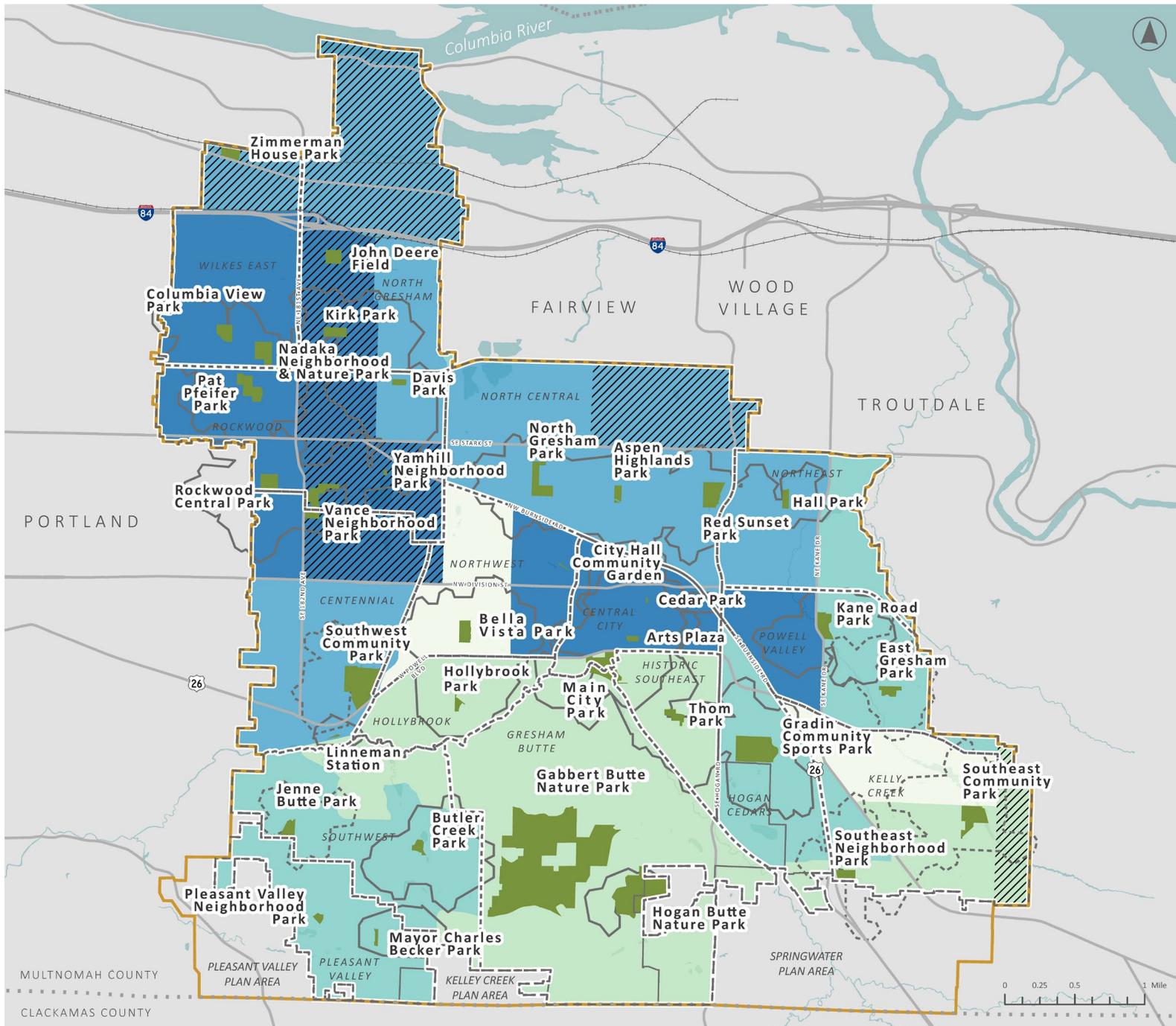
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MAP 3-3: EQUITY INDEX

Social Vulnerability and Low Tree Canopy



Equity Index

- Lowest Social Vulnerability
- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Highest Social Vulnerability
- Tree Canopy < 15%*

Park Walksheds

- 1/2-mile Walkshed to Developed City Park
- 1/2-mile Walkshed to Undeveloped City Park

Base Map Features

- Gresham Parks and Facilities
- Neighborhood Boundary
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*These areas represent areas of the city with less than 15% tree canopy utilizing data from the Growing Shade Gresham tool generated as part of the Neighborhood Tree Plan.

SOURCES: City of Gresham, Metro RLIS, Metro Social Vulnerability Index 2024, Growing Shade Gresham



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MAP 3-4: POPULATION DENSITY

2018-2022 American
Community Survey Estimates

Population Density

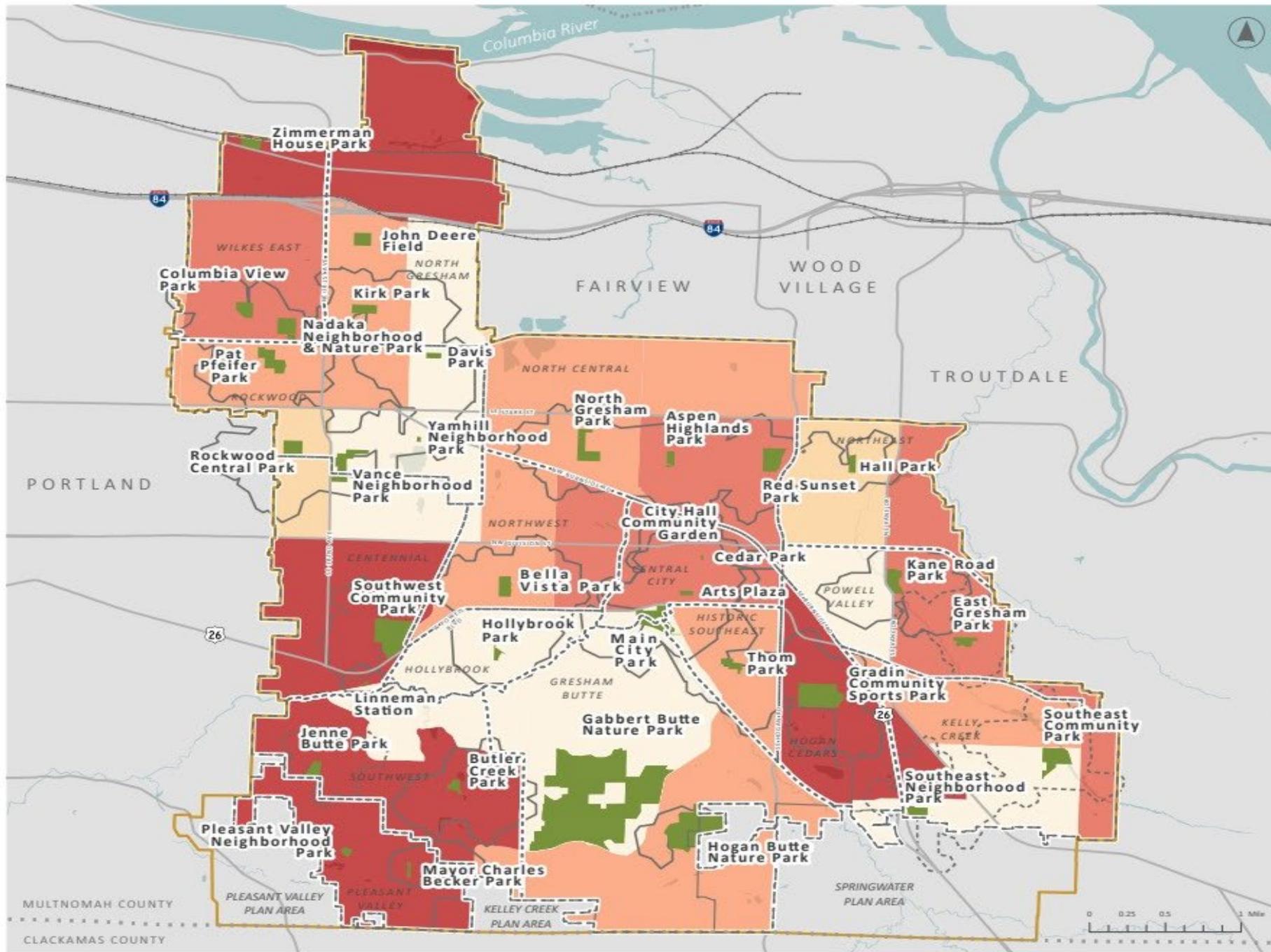
- Lowest Population Density
- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Highest Population Density

Park Walksheds

- 1/2-mile Walkshed to Developed City Park
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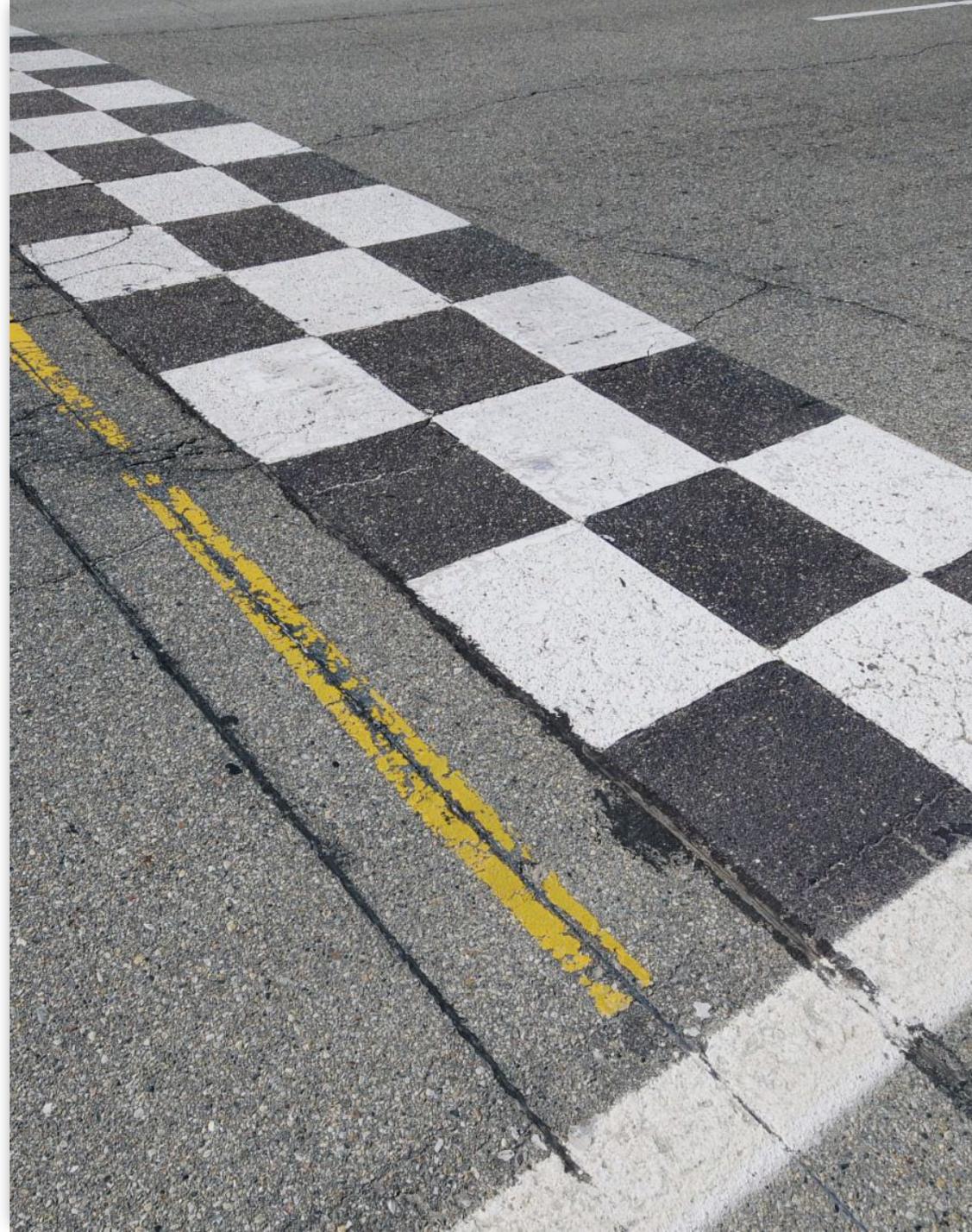
Park and Trail Needs - Opportunities

- Potential opportunities to improve equitable park and trail access:
 - Develop undeveloped parks and planned regional and community trails
 - Pursue potential partnerships with school sites, other providers in underserved areas
 - Acquire/develop vacant land in unserved areas where vacant land is available and future funding sources are available



Park and Trail Needs – Opportunities

- Improve access by:
 - Addressing sidewalk gaps
 - Adding more signalized pedestrian crossings
- Develop planned community & regional trails
- Pursue opportunities to develop additional trails in underserved areas
- Address ADA issues



Recreation Facility Needs

- Address deferred maintenance
- Develop undeveloped parks
- Add new amenities and facilities
- Make safety improvements
- Improve access to amenities and facilities
- Develop Community Center – long term



Recreation Program Needs

- Current Programming in three areas:
 - Access to Nature
 - Community Gatherings
 - Sports
- Programming primarily run by partner organizations with City support
- Desired need for more programming for youth, teens, and seniors

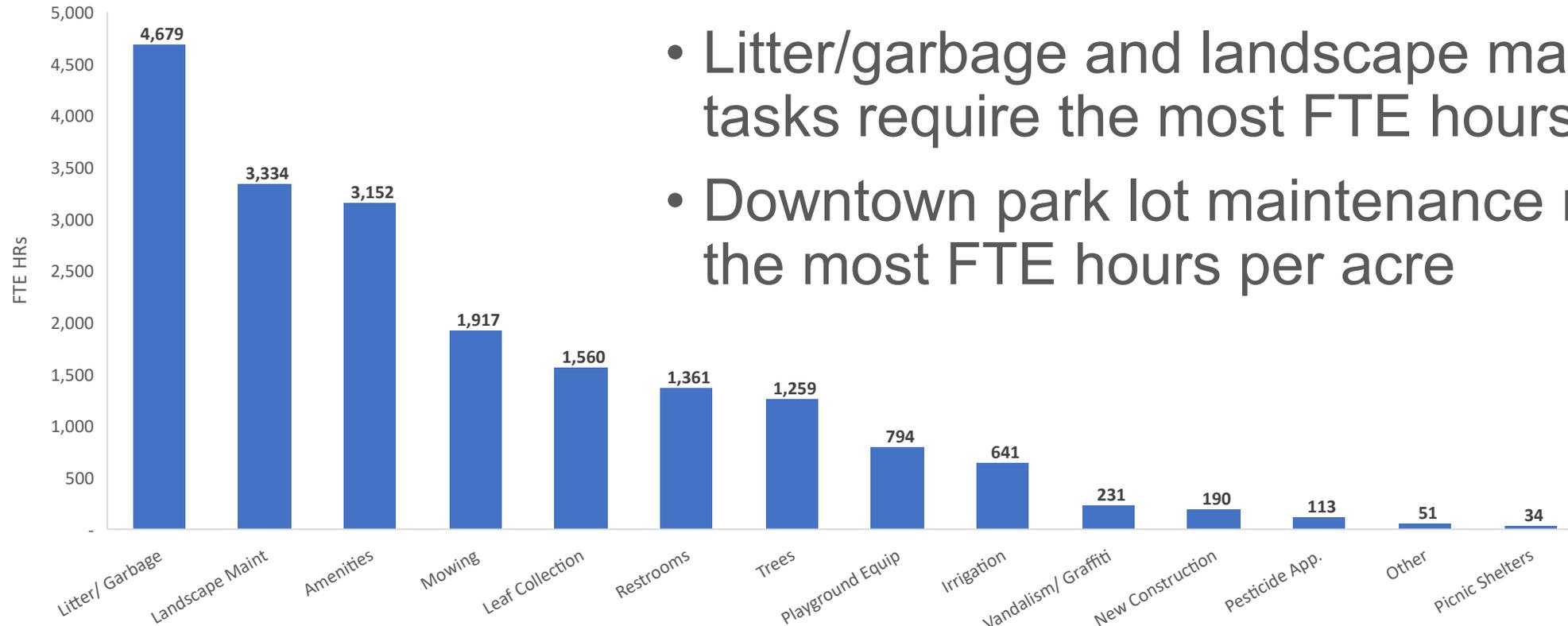


Park & Trail Facility & Programing Needs

What Else is Important?

Maintenance and Operations

- Community parks require significantly more FTE hours
- Red Sunset Park requires most FTE hours
- Litter/garbage and landscape maintenance tasks require the most FTE hours
- Downtown park lot maintenance requires the most FTE hours per acre



Maintenance and Operations Needs

Figure 3.2: Potential Maintenance Approaches

- Reallocate downtown parking lots FTE hours.
- Establish maintenance hubs throughout the City.
- Leverage best-suited staff.
- Improve asset management with scheduled maintenance.
- Improve asset quality.
- Establish tree team/arborists.
- Establish an Adopt-A-Park Program.
- Hire Park Rangers.
- Hire contractors for specific park maintenance.
- Establish Rapid Response team.
- Increase field grass areas.
- Use landscape fabric in shrub beds.

Maintenance & Operations

Questions & Comments?

Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) Assessment

- ADA Facility Assessment conducted as part of Gresham Parks 2035
- Detailed accessibility surveys conducted on seven (7) selected park facilities
- Site selection was based on park type, underserved populations, presence of deficiencies, lack of data
- Assessment conducted in conjunction with the City's ADA Transition Plan

ADA Assessment – Types of Barriers

1. Navigation
2. Participation
3. Comfort
4. Other elements
5. Opportunities/user experience



Table 3.3: ADA Barrier Counts by Category

Facility Name	Category 1	Category 2	Category 3	Category 4	Category 5
Bella Vista Park	15	8	8	-	1
Hall Park	-	3	6	-	-
Nadaka Nature Park	2	2	20	-	3
North Gresham Park	2	6	11	-	-
Pat Pfeifer Park	23	18	12	-	-
Red Sunset Park	43	12	16	-	-
Rockwood Central Park	21	10	8	-	-
Subtotals	106	59	81	0	4

ADA Assessment – Approaches

Suggested approaches to address needs uncovered in the ADA Assessment include:

- Regrading surfaces
- Sign installations
- Reduction or elimination of openings
- Adjustments to door kick plates
- Modifying operating mechanisms
- Increasing or providing clear floor areas
- Providing accessible routes

ADA Assessment

Questions & Comments?

Needs Assessment

Your Top Priorities?

Next Steps



Facility improvements



Systemwide goals and policies



Funding strategies analysis



More outreach and community engagement

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Thank you!



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