



**MT. PROSPECT PARK DISTRICT  
1000 W. CENTRAL ROAD  
MOUNT PROSPECT, ILLINOIS 60056**

**Board Packet for Special Meeting**

**September 13, 2022**

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## SPECIAL BOARD MEETING

MEMO TO: MT. PROSPECT PARK DISTRICT  
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS  
PRESS  
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FROM: STEVE KURKA, PRESIDENT

DATE: September 9, 2022

RE: SPECIAL PARK BOARD MEETING  
September 13, 2022 at 6:30 pm  
In Person & Virtual

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## A G E N D A

### CALL TO ORDER

### ROLL CALL

### PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### APPROVAL OF AGENDA

### PUBLIC COMMENT



## NEW BUSINESS

### A. 2022 COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN PROS CONSULTING REVIEW AND DISCUSSION

- Update on the Master Planning Process / Anticipated Completion
- Present Public Engagement Findings
- Overview of the Program Assessment
- Discuss the Level of Service Standards
- Discuss the Equity Maps
- Present a Summary of Facility Evaluations
- Present Preliminary Capital Improvement data

## ADJOURNMENT



# MEMORANDUM

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**To: Board of Park Commissioners**  
**From: Jim Jarog, Executive Director**  
**Date: 9/13/2022**  
**Re: Comprehensive Master Plan – Discussion of Findings**  
**C: Ben Kutscheid, Park Planner II**

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## **SUMMARY & BACKGROUND:**

For the last 8 months the Pros Consulting team has been working with District staff to gather the necessary information and data to formulate the District's Comprehensive Master Plan. At this point in the process, the Pros Team is in the beginning stages of developing a Master Plan draft. As part of this process the Pros Team wishes to present the following information to our Board:

- Update on the Master Planning Process / Anticipated Completion
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Leon Younger from Pros Consulting is with us tonight, as well as Terry Berkbuegler of Confluence and Ryan Murray from the ETC Institute. Together, they will review the data received during the Master Planning process and present their findings to our Board.

The Board's feedback is strongly encouraged during this exercise. The information received tonight will be a valuable resource used to formulate the final version of the District's Master Plan.

## **ATTACHMENTS:**

Master Plan Findings – Date September 13, 2022





# MASTER PLAN FINDINGS

MT. PROSPECT PARK DISTRICT

September 13, 2022







# AGENDA

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PRELIMINARY CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PLAN

# Community Engagement

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# Community Engagement

## Overview

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- Conducted 16 one-on-one stakeholder meetings
- Conducted 8 focus group meetings
- Conducted a statistically-valid survey
  - Received 434 responses
- Currently conducting an online survey that mirrors the statistically-valid survey

**2022**

**Mt. Prospect Park District**

**Needs Assessment Survey**

**Findings Report**



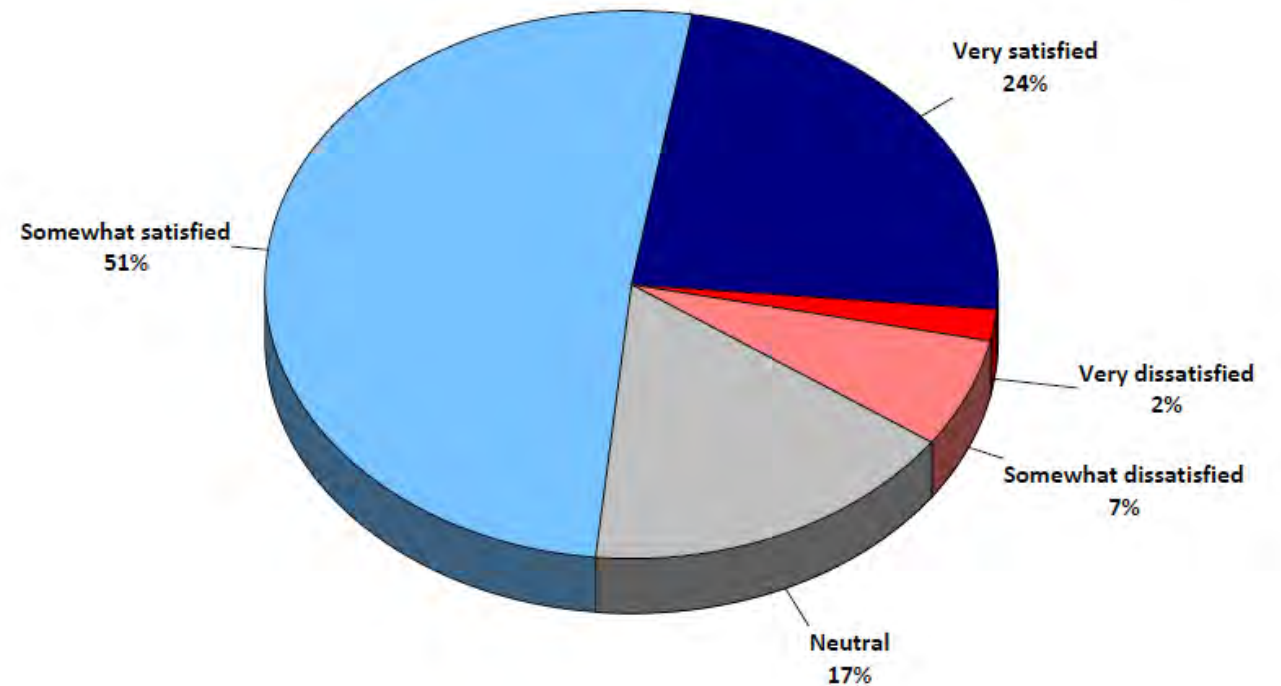
# Overall Value

- 75% are somewhat or very satisfied
- 17% are neutral
- 9% are somewhat or very dissatisfied

Mt. Prospect Parks District, IL 2022 Survey

## Q14. Please rate your level of satisfaction with the overall value your household receives from the Mt. Prospect Park District

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



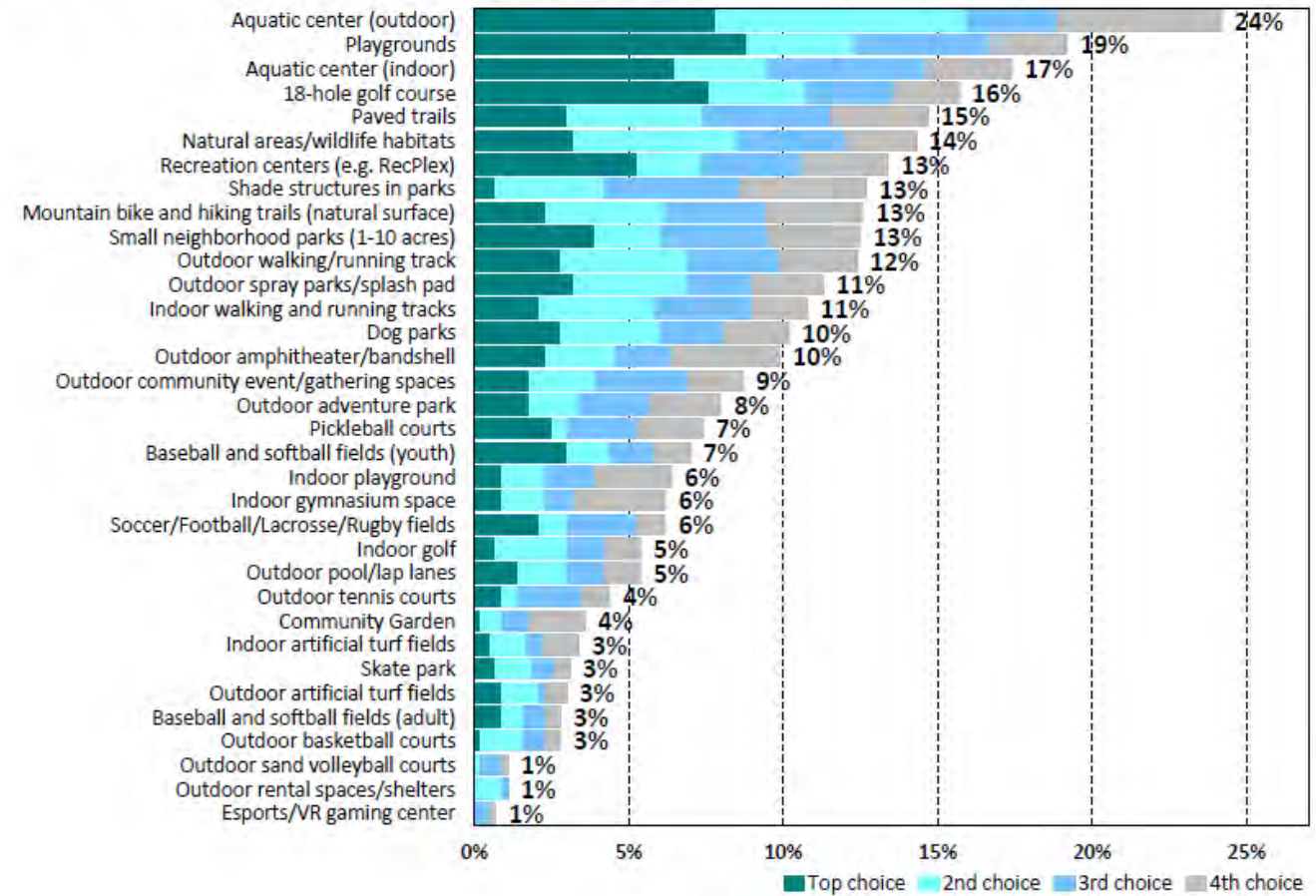
# Most Important Amenity/ Facility

- Outdoor Aquatic Center – 24%
- Playgrounds – 19%
- Indoor Aquatic Center – 17%
- 18-Hole Golf Course – 16%
- Paved Trails – 15%

Mt. Prospect Parks District, IL 2022 Survey

## Q8. Most Important Recreation Amenities/Facilities to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



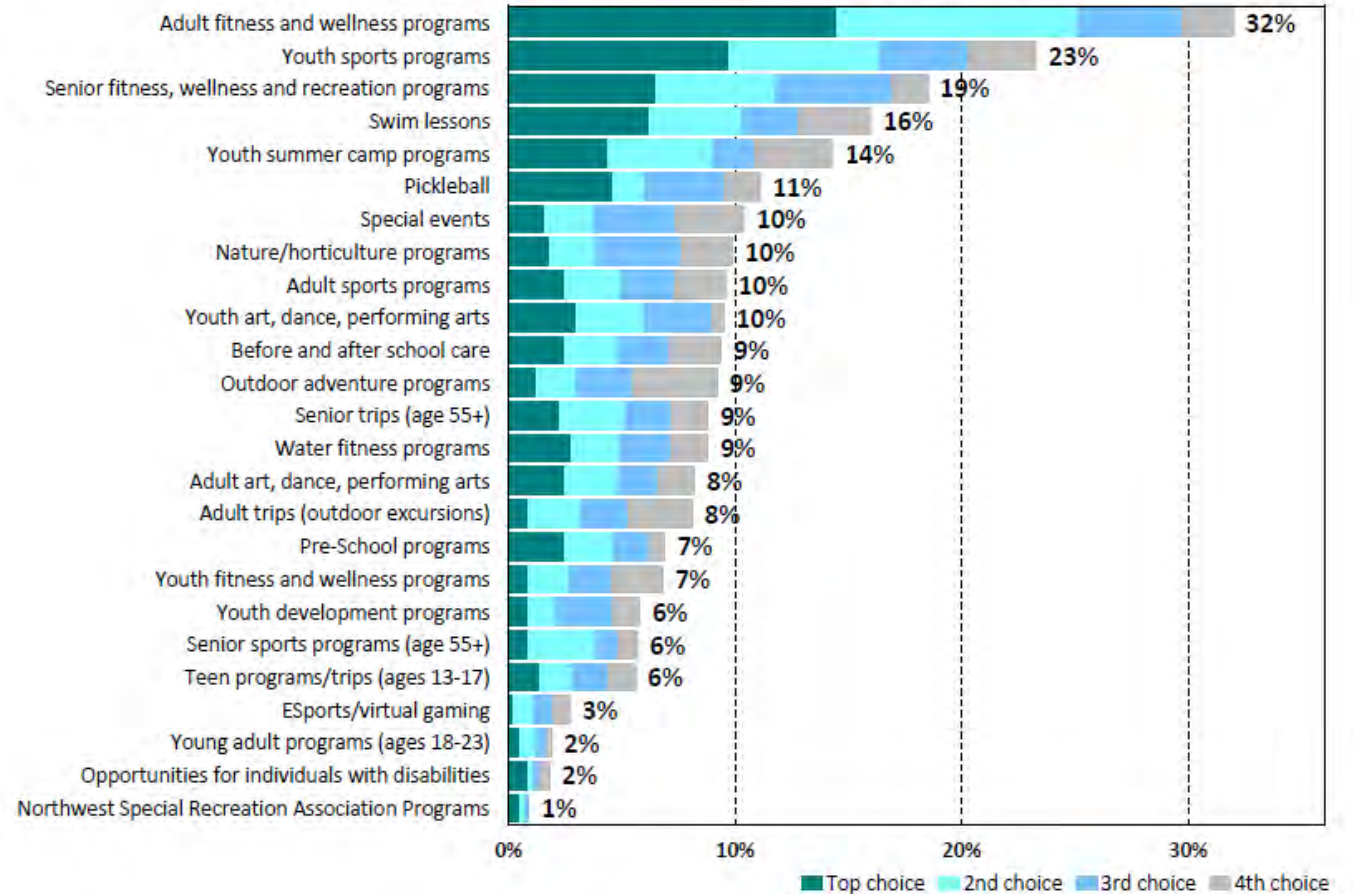
# Most Important Program

- Adult Fitness and Wellness Programs – 32%
- Youth Sports Programs – 23%
- Senior Fitness, Wellness, and Recreation Programs – 19%
- Swim Lessons – 16%

Mt. Prospect Parks District, IL 2022 Survey

## Q10. Most Important Recreation Programs to Households

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices





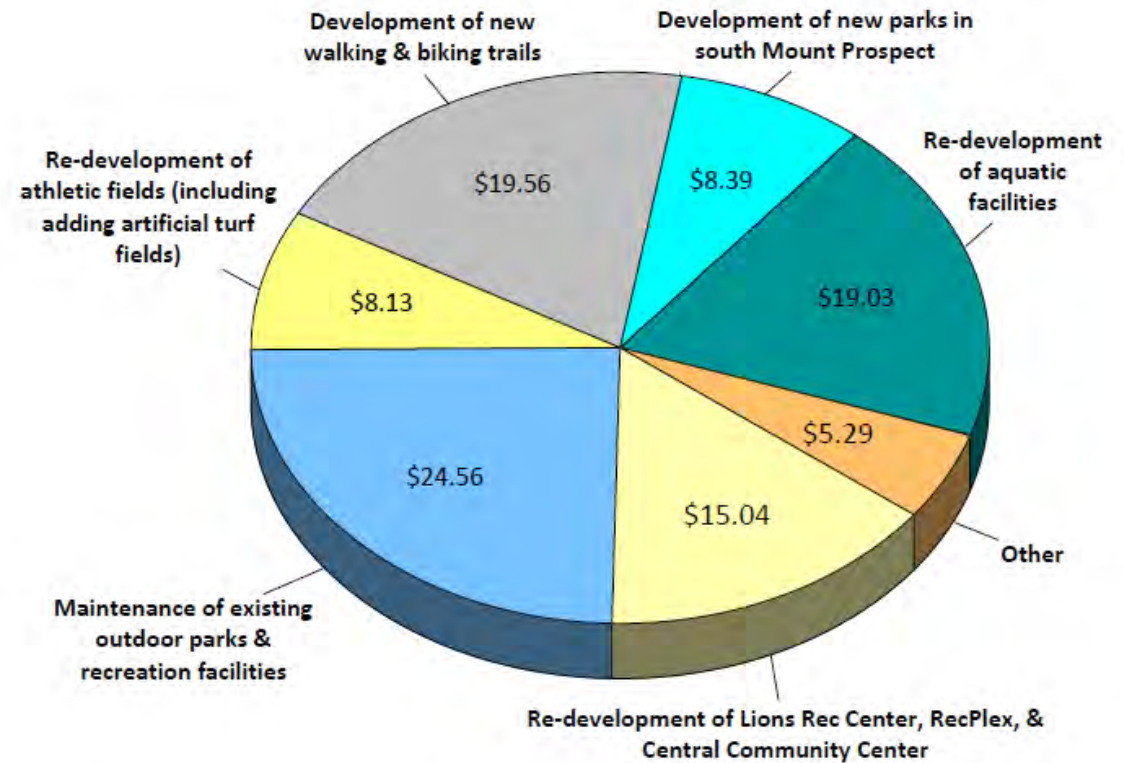
# Allocation of Funds

The highest amount of funding (\$24.56) went to improvements/maintenance to existing outdoor parks and recreation facilities, \$19.03 for redevelopment of aquatic facilities, and \$15.04 for redevelopment of Lions Rec Center, RecPlex, and Central Community Center.

Mt. Prospect Parks District, IL 2022 Survey

## Q17. With a Budget of \$100, How Would Respondents Allocate Funds for Parks and Recreation?

by average allocated per item



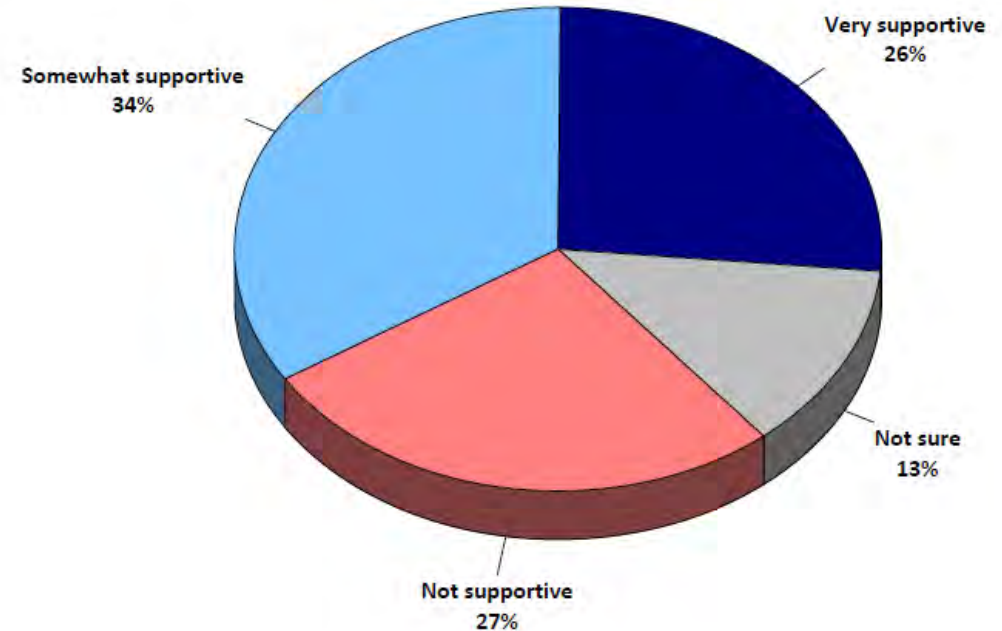
# Support of Tax Change

- 60% are somewhat or very supportive
- 13% not sure
- 27% are not supportive

Mt. Prospect Parks District, IL 2022 Survey

**Q18. If the Park District made the improvements that are most important to your household, how supportive would you be of a tax increase?**

by percentage of respondents (excluding "don't know")



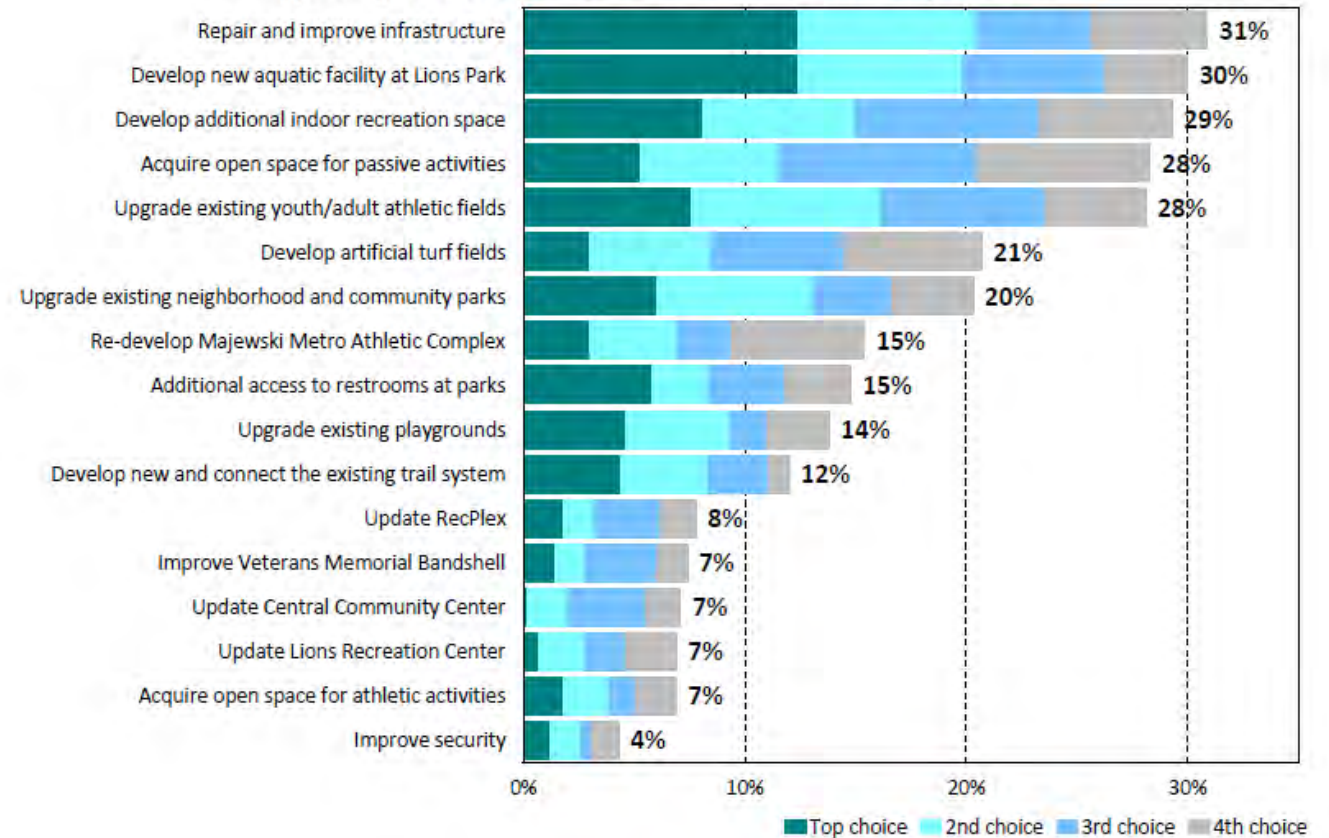
# Support for Improvements/ Developments

- Repair and improve infrastructure (31%)
- Develop new aquatic facility at Lions Park (30%)
- Develop additional indoor recreation space (29%)
- Acquire open space for passive activities (28%)
- Upgrade existing youth/adult athletic fields (28%)

Mt. Prospect Parks District, IL 2022 Survey

## Q12. Actions respondents would be most willing to fund with their tax dollars

by percentage of respondents who selected the items as one of their top four choices



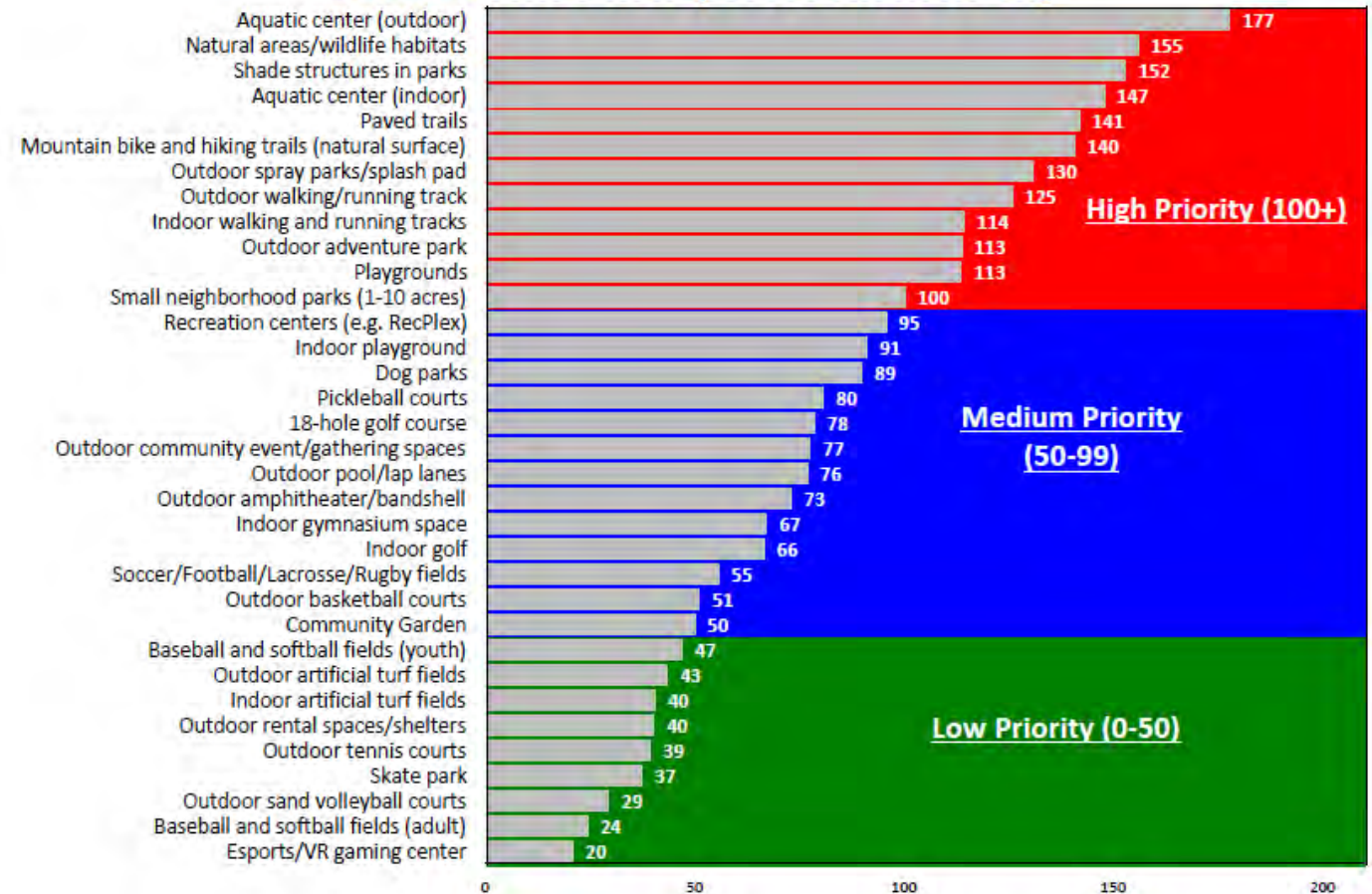


# Priorities for Investment

- **High Priority Areas** are those with a PIR of at least 100. A rating of 100 or above generally indicates there is a relatively high level of unmet need and residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas. Improvements in this area are likely to have a positive impact on the greatest number of households.
- **Medium Priority Areas** are those with a PIR of 50-99. A rating in this range generally indicates there is a medium to high level of unmet need or a significant percentage of residents generally think it is important to fund improvements in these areas.
- **Low Priority Areas** are those with a PIR below 50. A rating in this range generally indicates there is a relatively low level of unmet need and residents do not think it is important to fund improvements in these areas. Improvements may be warranted if the needs of very specialized populations are being targeted.

Mt. Prospect Parks District, IL 2022 Survey

## Top Priorities for Investment for Recreation Amenities Based on the Priority Investment Rating

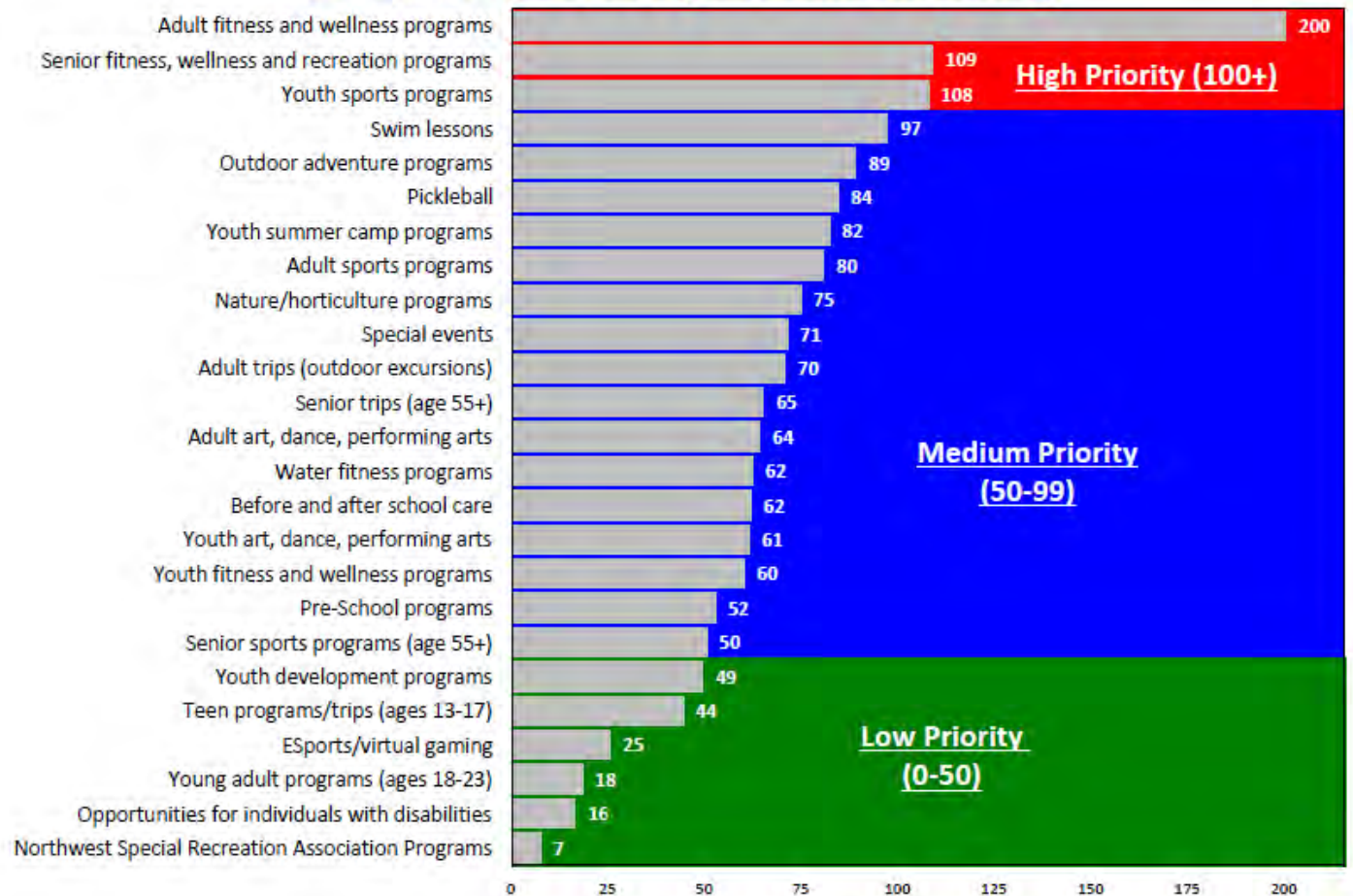


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## Top Priorities for Investment for Recreation Programs Based on the Priority Investment Rating



# Program Assessment

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# Core Program Areas

**Aquatics**



**Athletics**



**Conservatory**



**Cultural Arts-Performing**



**Cultural Arts-Visual**



**Early Childhood 0-5**



**Fitness**



**General Youth 5-12**



| Lifecycle Analysis |   |                              |     |                          |
|--------------------|---|------------------------------|-----|--------------------------|
| Stages             | Description   | Actual Programs Distribution |     | Recommended Distribution |
| Introduction       | New Programs; modest participation                      | 11%                          | 36% | 50%-60%<br>Total         |
| Take-Off           | Rapid participation growth                              | 3%                           |     |                          |
| Growth             | Moderate, but consistent participation growth           | 22%                          |     |                          |
| Mature             | Slow participation growth                               | 50%                          | 50% | 40%                      |
| Saturated          | Minimal to no participation growth; extreme competition | 8%                           | 14% | 0%-10%<br>Total          |
| Decline            | Declining participation                                 | 6%                           |     |                          |

# Lifecycle Analysis

It should be noted that even though the Park District's percentage of Saturated and Declining programs is slightly above the recommended level, the Covid-19 Pandemic has negatively affected participation numbers nationwide and should be taken into consideration when reviewing this Lifecycle Analysis

# Program Classification

## Value Added Services

Park District Could Provide; with additional resources, it adds value to community, it supports Essential & Important Services, it is supported by the community, it generates income, has an individual benefit, can be supported by user fees, it enhances the community, and requires little to no subsidy.

## Important Services

Park District Should Provide; if it expands & enhances core services, is broadly supported & used, has conditional public support, there is a economic / social / environmental outcome to the community, has community importance, and needs moderate subsidy.

## Essential Services

Park District Must Provide; if it protects assets & infrastructure, is expected and supported, is a sound investment of public funds, is a broad public benefit, there is a negative impact if not provided, is part of the mission, and needs significant to complete subsidy.

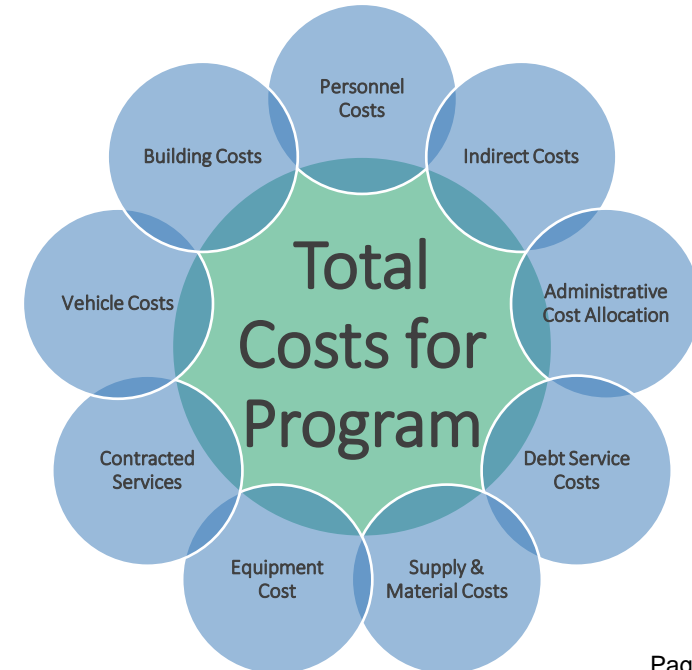
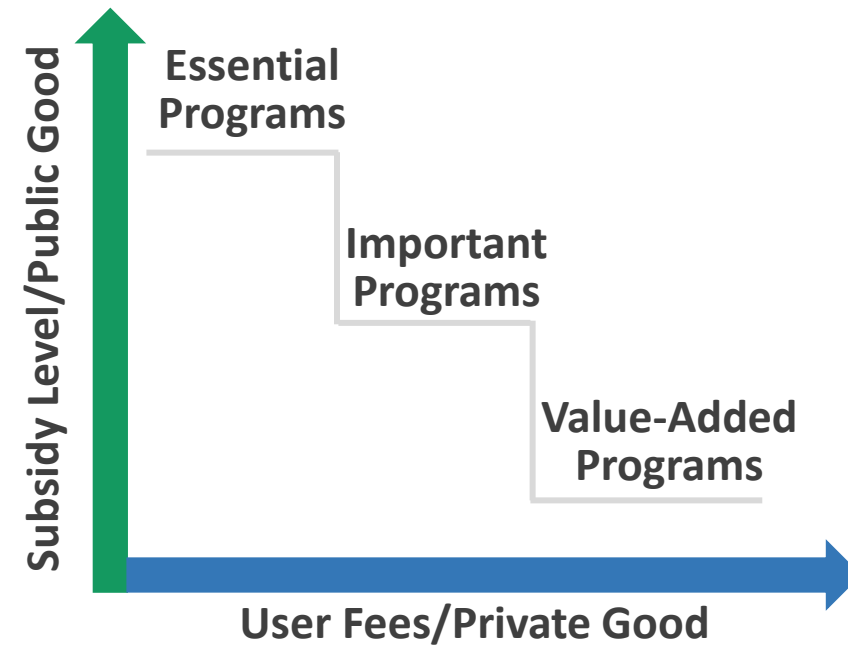
| Program Classification Distribution |           |             |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|-------------|
| Essential                           | Important | Value-Added |
| 15%                                 | 73%       | 12%         |



# Cost Recovery Model

## Cost Recovery Goal by Core Program Area

| Core Program Area        | Cost Recovery Goal | Actual Cost Recovery for Most Recent FY |
|--------------------------|--------------------|---|
| Aquatics                 | 30%                | 35%-40%                                 |
| Athletics                | 30%                | 35%-40%                                 |
| Conservatory             | 30%                | 32%                                     |
| Cultural Arts-Performing | 30%                | 35%-40%                                 |
| Cultural Arts-Visual     | 30%                | 40%-45%                                 |
| Early Childhood 0-5      | 30%                | 32%                                     |
| Fitness                  | 30%                | 15%                                     |
| General Youth 5-12       | 30%                | 36%                                     |



# Level of Service

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# Developed Acres



## Current Inventory

- MPPD has 477.31 developed acres with an additional 47.70 acres that are undeveloped located at the O’Hare Cup Site.

| Current Standards in Developed Acres of Parkland per 1,000 Residents |      | Survey Needs Assessment Priority | Current Needs (Acres) | Mt Prospect Will Need To Acquire and/or Developed By 2026 (Acres) |
|--|------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Mt Prospect  | 8.47 | High for                         | 30.06                 | 21  |
| NRPA Lower Quartile  | 4.7  | Neighborhood Parks               |                       |   |
| NRPA Median  | 9.2  | Medium for                       |                       |   |
| NRPA Higher Quartile   | 15.9 | Community Parks                  |                       |   |



# Trails



## Current Inventory

- MPPD has 7.41 miles of trails with an additional 0.80 provided by Arlington Heights Park District located at Melas Park.
  - MPPD also has an additional 4 miles of trail located at the golf course that is available during the off-season
- An additional 0.10 miles will be added to the inventory at Friendship Park.

| Current Miles of Trails |      | Survey Needs Assessment Priority | Current Needs (Miles) | Mt Prospect Will Need To Acquire and/or Developed By 2026 (Miles) |
|-------------------------|------|----------------------------------|-----------------------|---|
| Mt Prospect             | 8.21 | High                             | 3.06                  | 2.76  |
| NRPA Lower Quartile     | 7    |                                  |                       |   |
| NRPA Median             | 14   |                                  |                       |   |
| NRPA Higher Quartile    | 29   |                                  |                       |   |

# Facilities



## Current Inventory

- The Indoor Recreation Space number includes square footage from Central Community Center, RecPlex, Lions Park & Big Surf Aquatic Center, and The Studio
- The Special Use Facility number includes square footage from the Friendship Park Conservatory, Majewski Park & Athletic Complex (clubhouse) and Mt. Prospect Golf Course (clubhouse)

| Current Square Footage of Indoor Facilities |         | Survey Needs Assessment Priority | Current Needs (Sq. Ft.) | Mt Prospect Will Need To Developed By 2026 (Sq. Ft.) |
|---|---------|----------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Aquatic Space                               | 19,488  | High                             | 8,699                   | 8,186  |
| Recreation Space                            | 179,362 | Medium                           | 17,947                  | 14,356   |
| Special Use Facilities                      | 43,950  |                                  | -                       | -  |

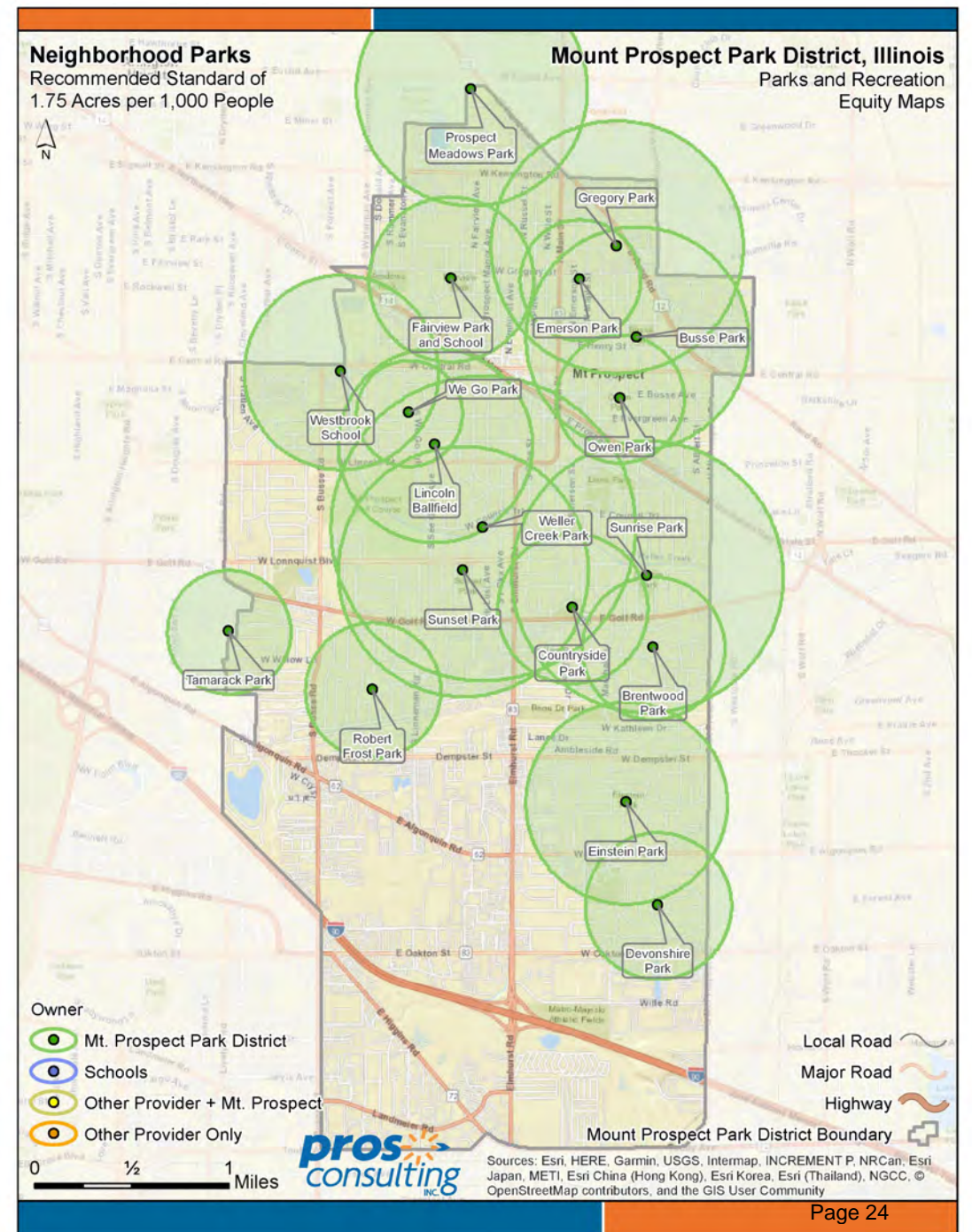
# Equity Maps

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# Neighborhood Parks

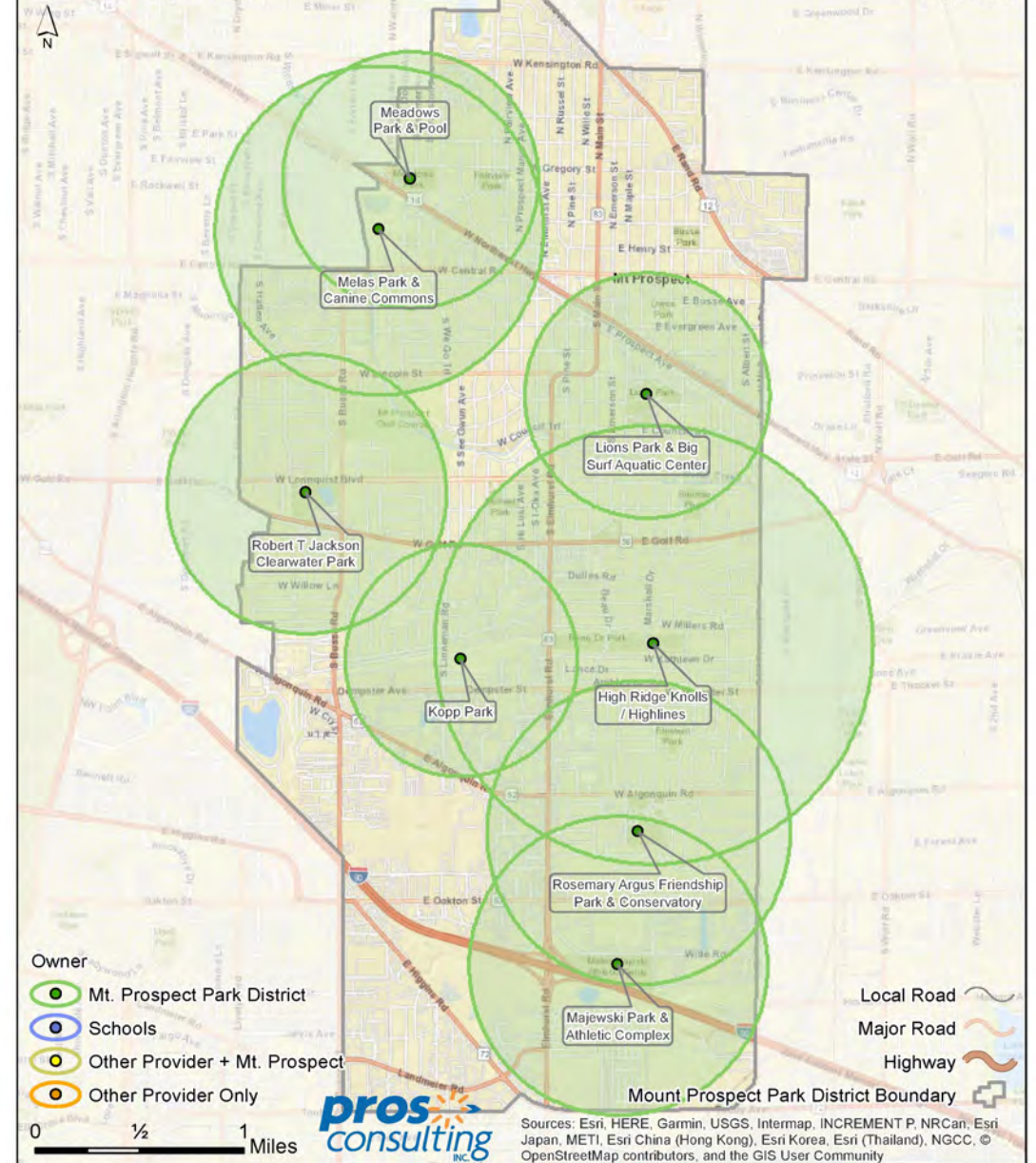




# Community Parks

**Community Parks**  
Recommended Standard of  
5 Acres per 1,000 People

**Mount Prospect Park District, Illinois**  
Parks and Recreation  
Equity Maps

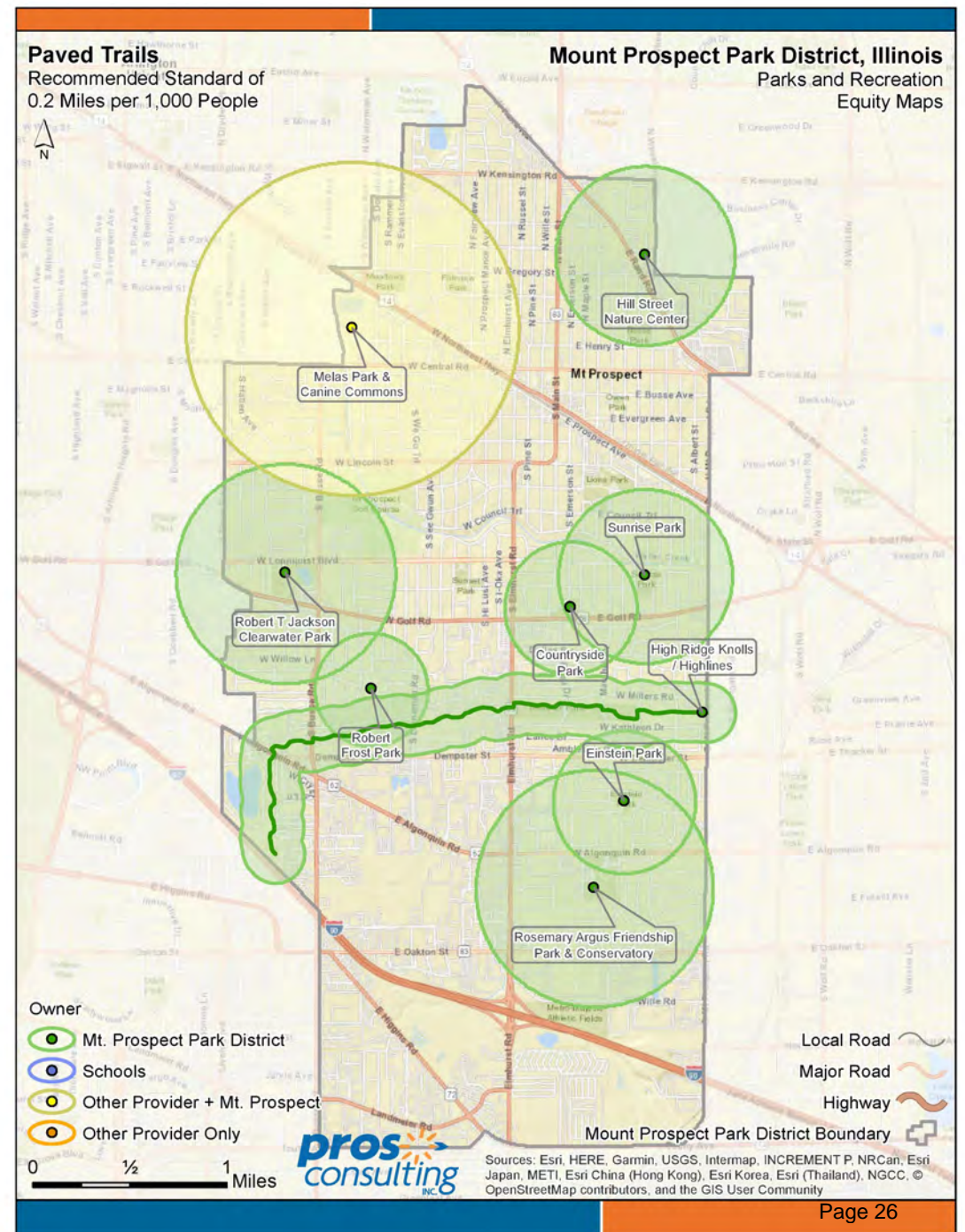






# Paved Trails

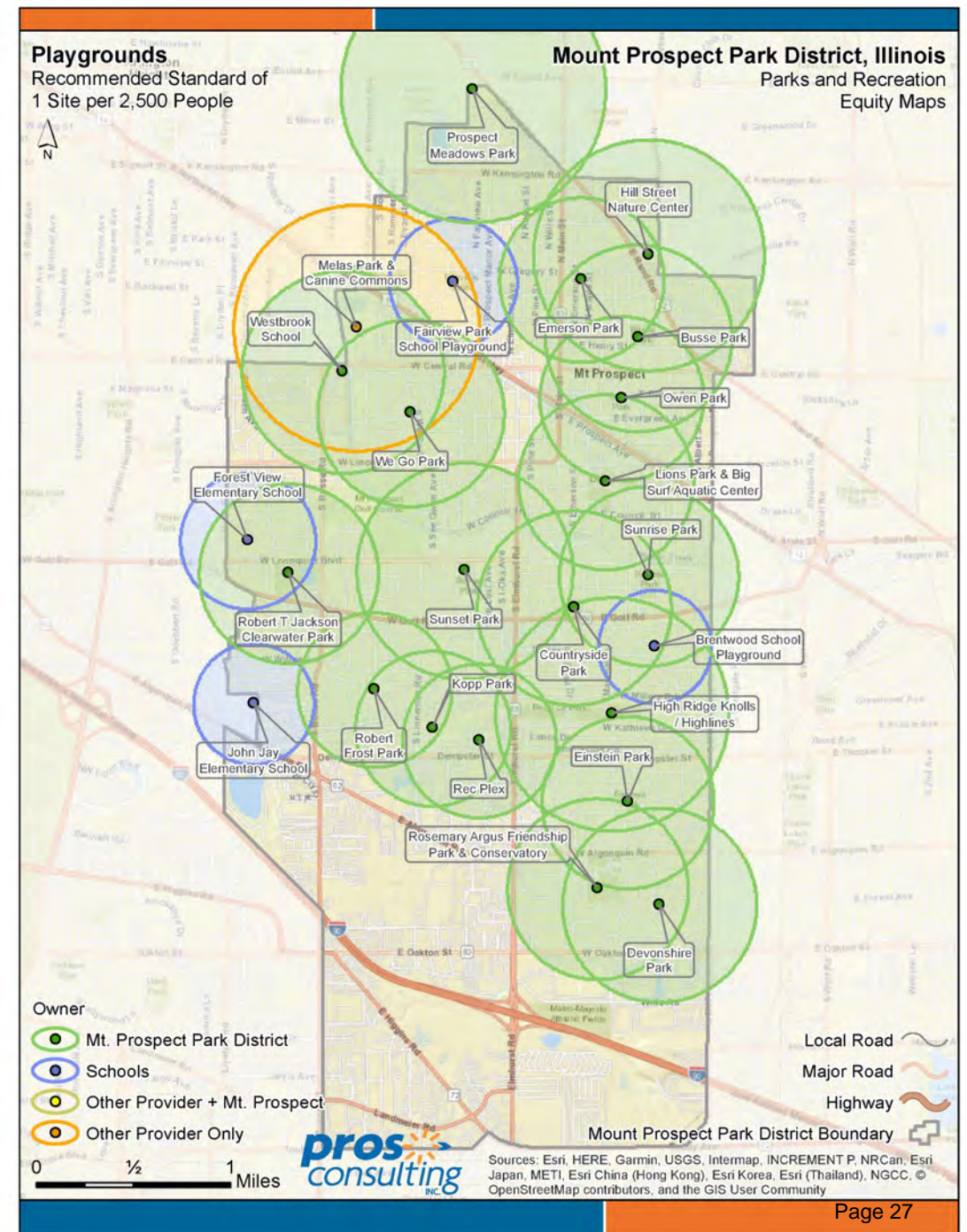
Friendship Park will have 0.10 miles of paved trails installed in the next 5 years





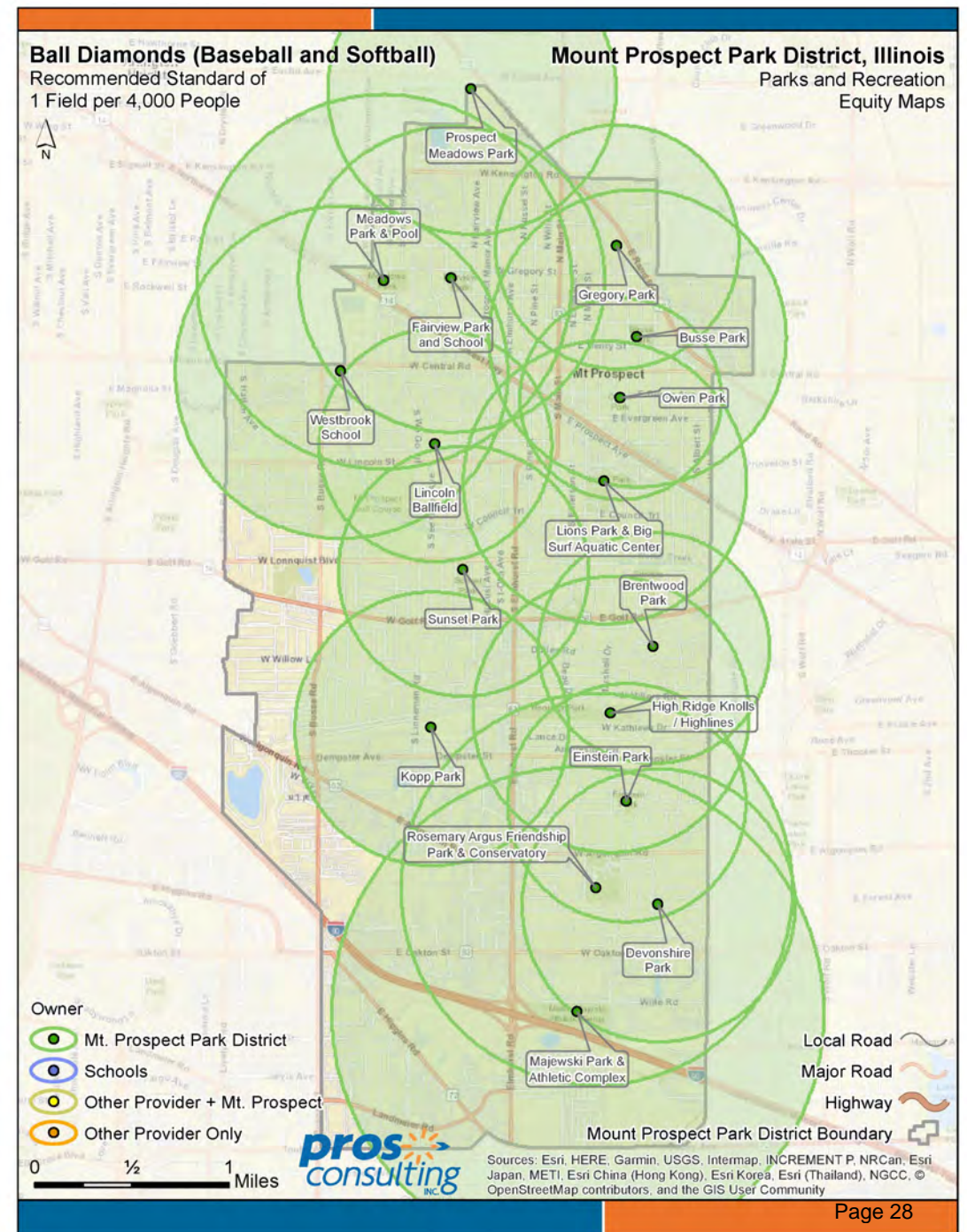


# Playgrounds





# Ball Diamonds



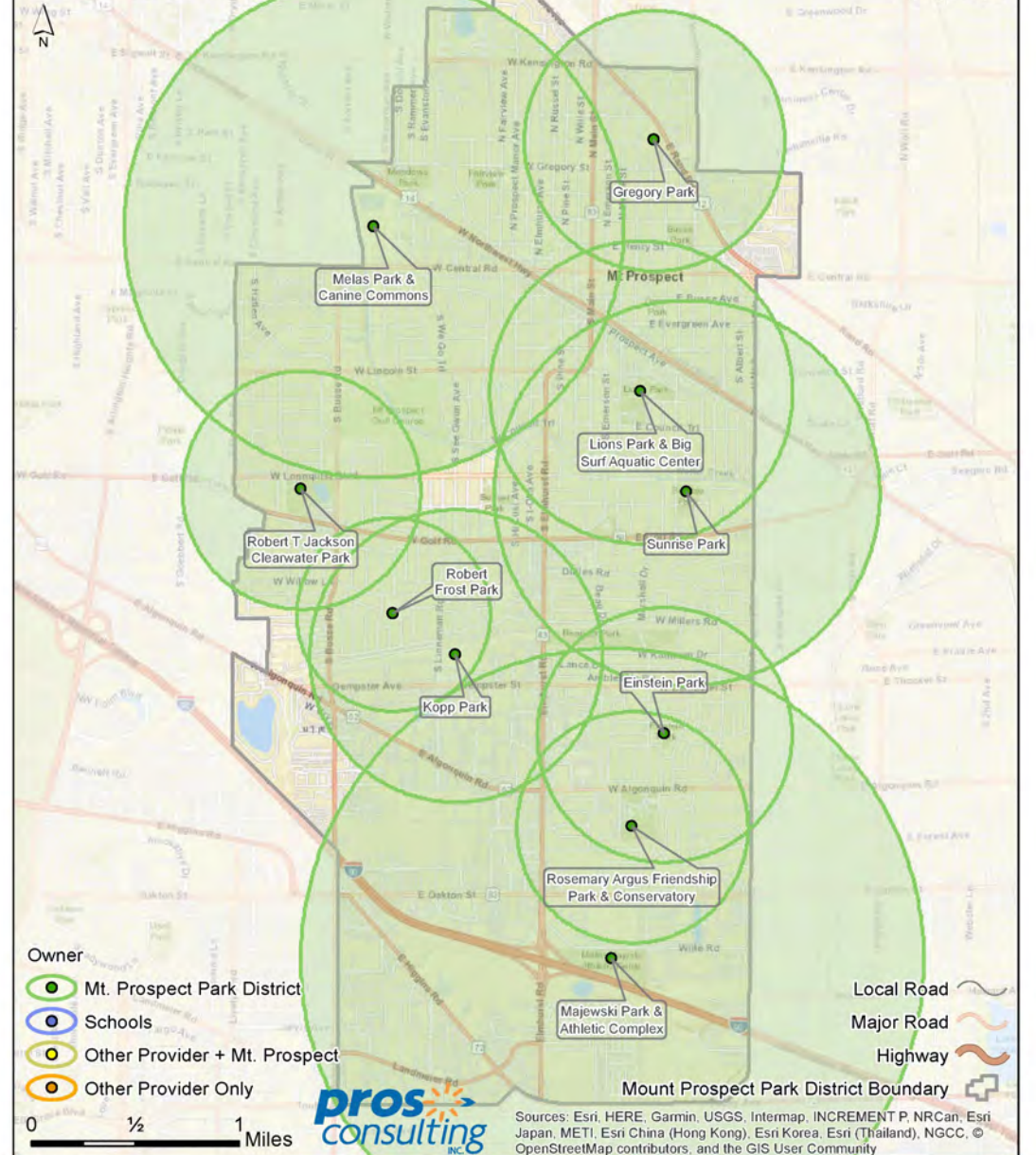




# Rectangular Fields

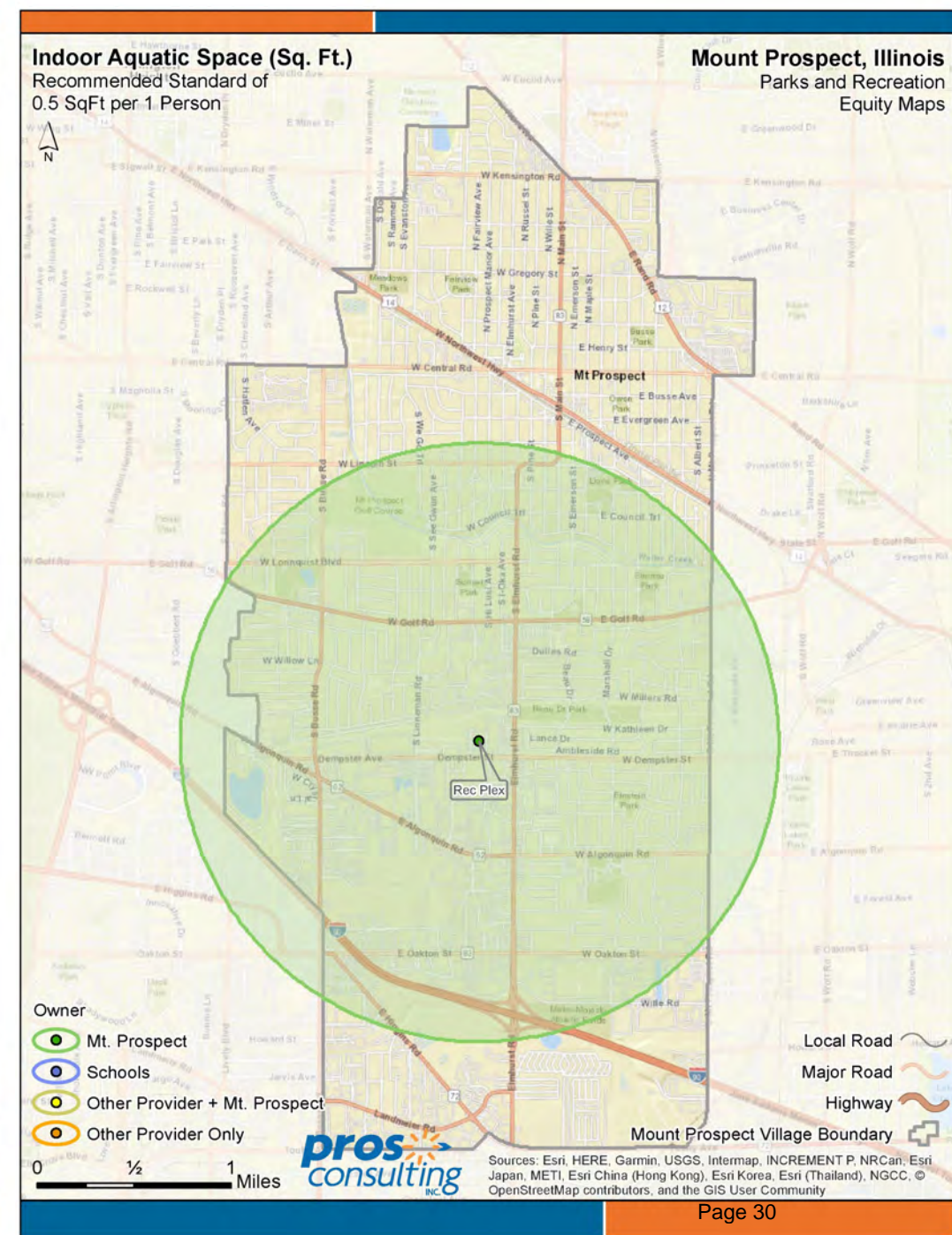
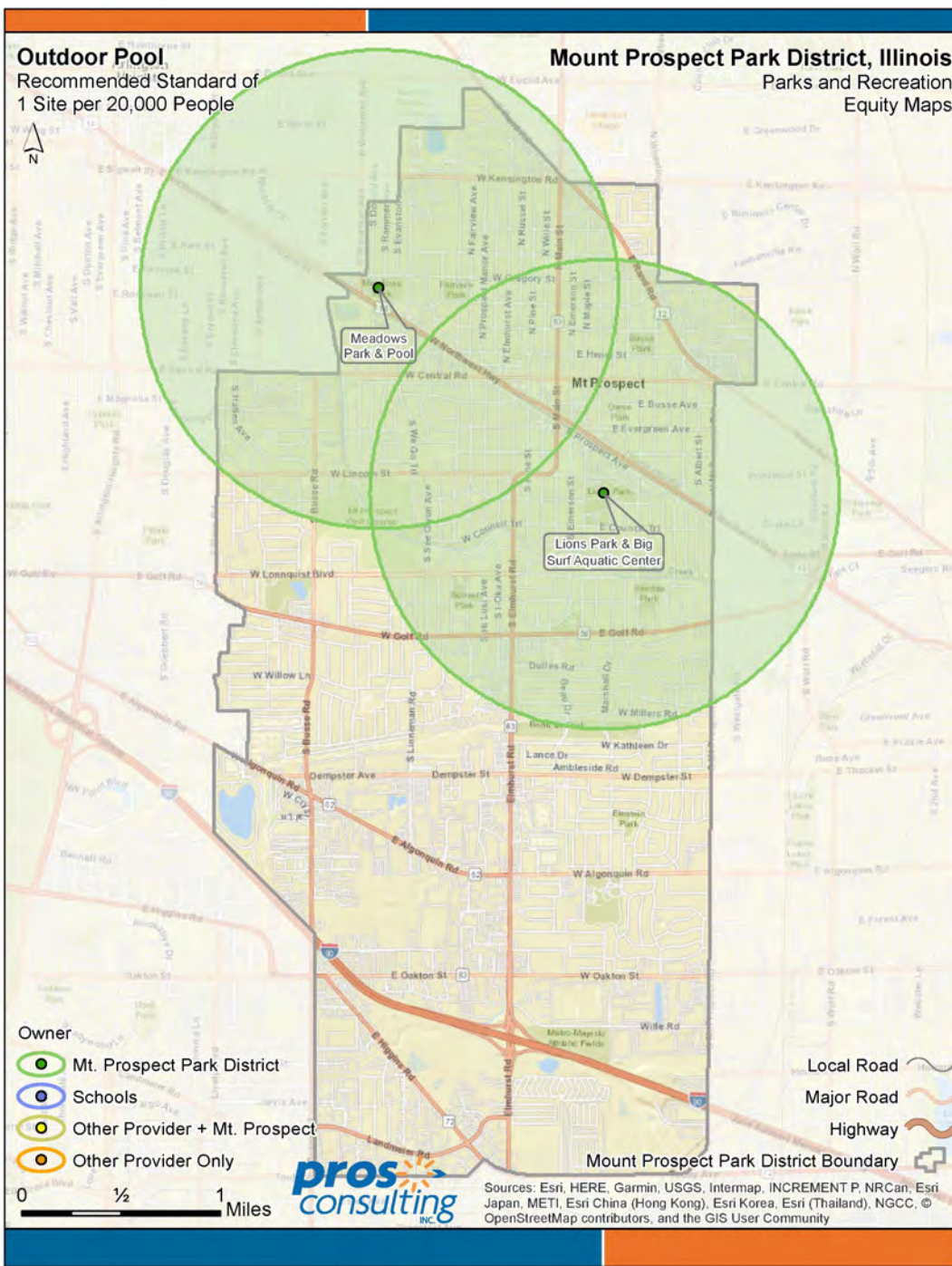
## Rectangular Fields (Football, Soccer, Multipurpose) Recommended Standard of 1 Field per 4,000 People

Mount Prospect Park District, Illinois  
Parks and Recreation  
Equity Maps





# Aquatic Space



# Facility Evaluations

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# Facility Findings

## District Overview

- Over 454 Acres
- 32 Parks
- 3 Recreation Centers
- Golf Course
- Conservatory
- Art Studio
- 2 Outdoor Family Aquatic Facilities
- Approximately 60 full-time and over 400 part-time employees
- Serving 4 communities
  - Mount Prospect
  - Arlington Heights
  - Des Plaines
  - Elk Grove





# Facility Findings

## Analysis

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- Existing Conditions
  - Parks & Trails
  - Facilities
- Prior Plans and Analyses



# Facility Findings

## Overview of Parks Findings

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- Parks are generally in good condition and well maintained.
- Several parks need ADA upgrades to make picnic areas, seating and bleacher areas accessible.
- Playgrounds vary in age and MPPD is in the process of replacing them as they reach 20-year cycle.
- Some parks and trails would benefit from additional shade (trees, bleacher covers, picnic shelters).
- Not all parks have complete loop trails.





# Facility Findings

## Overview of Parks Findings

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- Many ballfields spread throughout District and in varying condition.
- Lack of synthetic turf fields (ballfields and soccer/football) reduces playability and general attraction for teams.
- Removal of lighting at Majewski impacts value and playability of that complex.
- Cooperative agreements/ lease restrictions with some properties can be a limiting factor to those parks reaching full potential for community.





# Facility Findings

## Overview of Aquatic Findings

- Big Surf pool is over 50 years old, and needs updated.
- Meadows Pool could use some additional play features.
- Additional indoor space north of the railroad tracks could use a program pool for swim lessons, therapy programs and aquatic aerobics and fitness type programs
- Splash pad is needed in the District

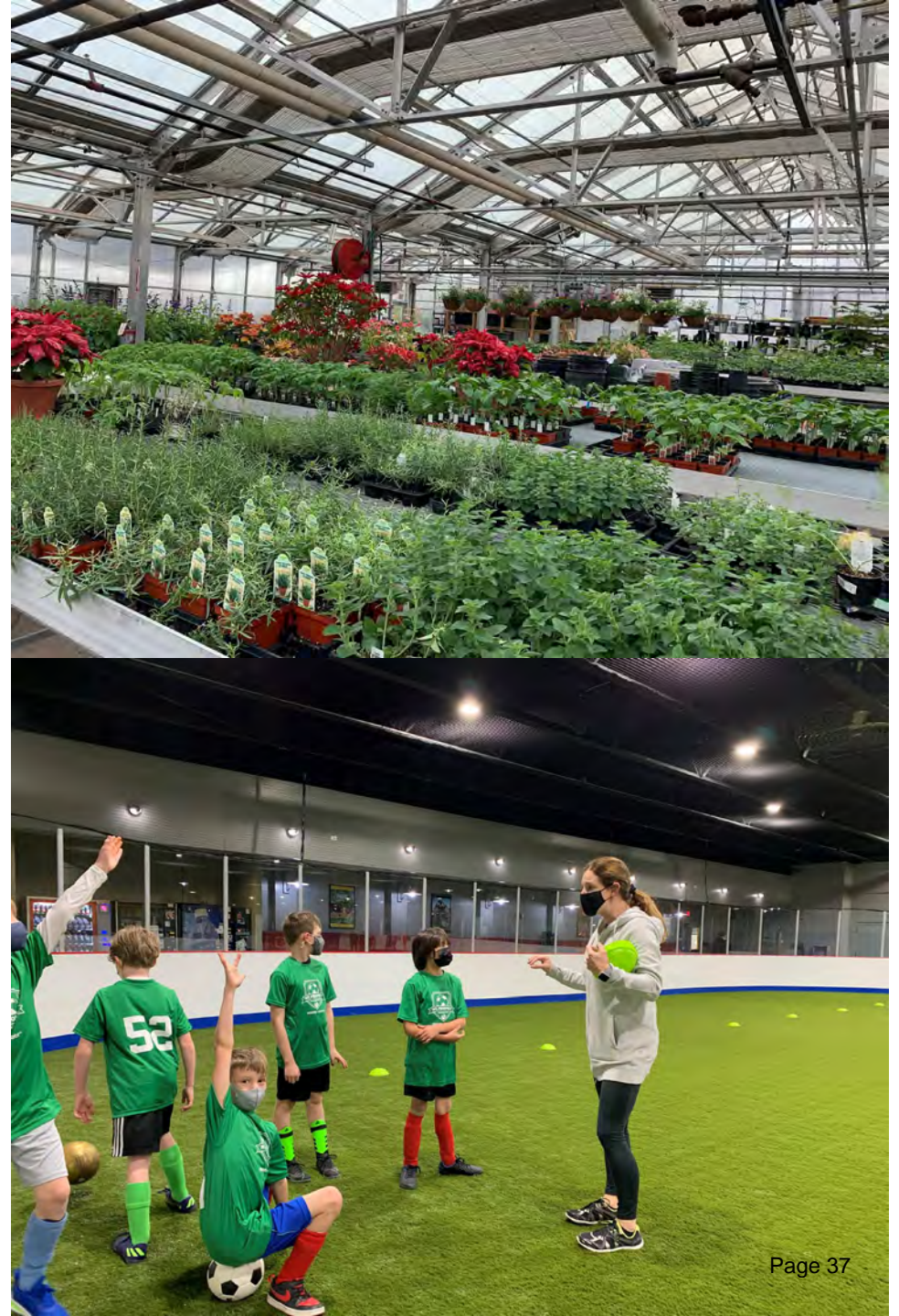




# Facility Findings

## Overview of Indoor Facilities Findings

- RecPlex is a very functional facility and well maintained. The outside of the building needs to be updated.
- Some RexPlex program spaces should be considered for conversion such as racquetball courts to other uses.
- Expansion of indoor aquatic space would be valued by participants and spectators.
- Lions Park Recreation Center needs a complete update.
- Friendship Park Conservatory and grounds need to be expanded to host larger events.



# Preliminary Capital Improvement Needs

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# Preliminary Capital Improvement Needs

## Overview of Determining Factors

- Existing Facility Conditions
- Community Input / Survey Results
- Stakeholder / Staff Input
- Level of Service & Equity
- Recreation Trends





**FACILITY INVENTORY**

Name of Site: Melas Park & Canine Commons

Date Completed: March 30, 2022

Completed By: HM & CC



**1. SITE LOCATION:**

Melas Park & Canine Commons

Located in the north-western part of the Park District. Melas park and Melas Canine commons is located along Central Road. Park is owned by MWRD and leased to the Village. Arlington Heights Park District and the Mt. Prospect Park both lease areas of parkland and split the Dog park lease.

**1400 West Central Road, Mount Prospect**



**2. GENERAL SITE DESCRIPTION:**

**Size:** 35 ac.

**Classification:** Community

Large multi-use park with large dogpark, multiple ballfields for softball & baseball with concession building, multiple football fields, soccer field, multiuse fields with stadium lighting, marked walking/running trails, attractive

# Preliminary Capital Improvement Needs

## Parks/Outdoor Improvements

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- Continue playground replacement program. Introduce accessible and nature play opportunities, as well as unique destination play features at larger parks to increase diversity of play and attraction.
- Continue ADA updates and paving program.
- Look for opportunities to introduce shade to parks to extend time of use.





# Preliminary Capital Improvement Needs

## Parks/Outdoor Improvements

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- Add paved trails to parks where there is space and provide complete loops for easy exercise use.
- Access to restrooms or adding restrooms that are easily accessible to daily park/playground users will extend time of stay for park users.
- Look for opportunities to introduce nature plan/adventure entertainment/biking trails into the system.





# Preliminary Capital Improvement Needs

## Parks/Outdoor Improvements

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- Consider reducing number of ballfields, while combining fields where possible to create higher quality complexes, some with synthetic turf. Helps increase playability and simplify regular maintenance practices.
- Add pickleball courts and/or convert some tennis courts to pickleball.
- Develop/update master plans for community parks to reorganize sports fields and update amenities (courts, playgrounds, trails, comfort facilities, etc.).



# Preliminary Capital Improvement Needs

## Aquatics Improvements

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- Replace or update Big Surf with additional amenities
- Improve bathhouse at Big Surf
- Add a spray pad to the system
- Consider adding a program/therapy pool to the RecPlex to provide another aquatic experience or as a stand-alone facility in north Mt Prospect.
- Develop an aquatics master plan with a pro forma component





# Preliminary Capital Improvement Needs

## Indoor Facilities Improvements

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- Renovate the outside of the RecPlex
- Convert racquetball courts to another program use
- Develop a new master plan for the RecPlex and Kopp Park site with additional amenities that compliments the inside program spaces.
- Update the gym and program space at Lions Park Community Center.







# QUESTIONS

MT. PROSPECT PARK DISTRICT

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