



Montclair Parks and Recreation Master Plan

City Council Special Workshop

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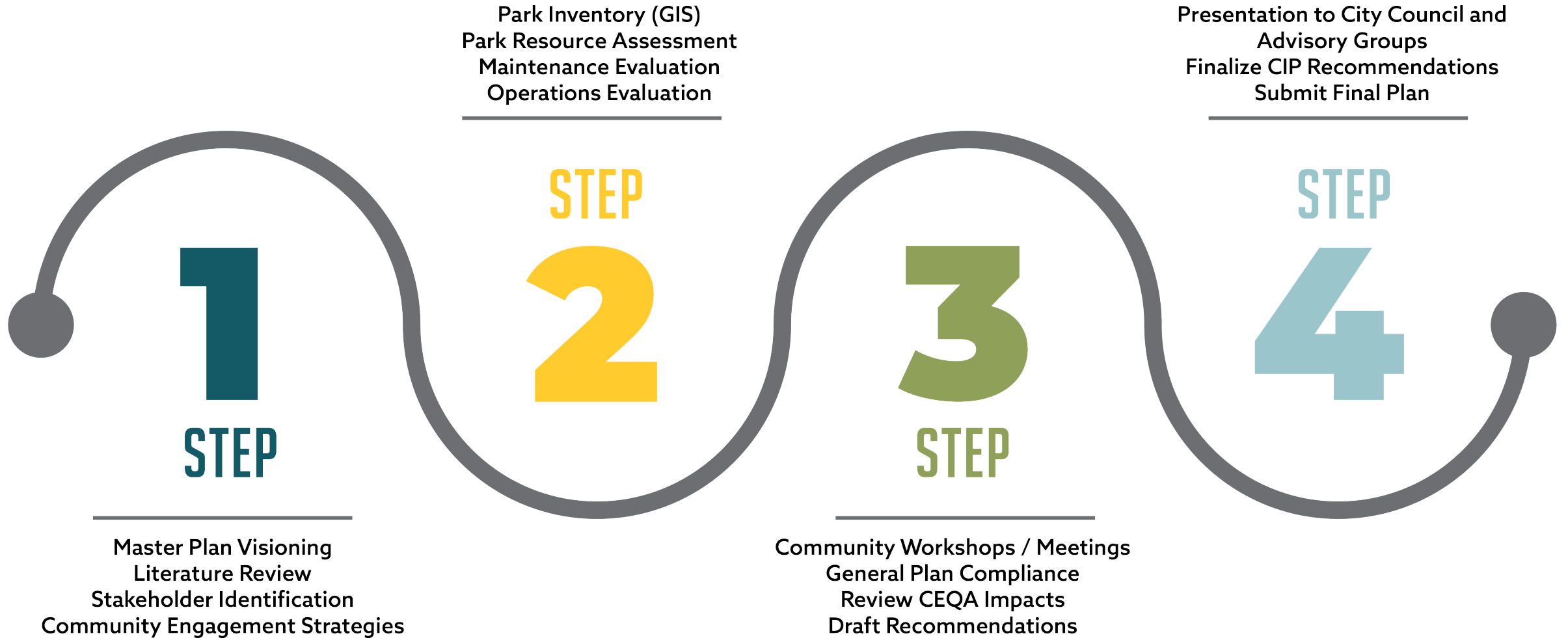


Overview: City of Montclair Parks and Recreation Master Plan?

- A **comprehensive** parks and recreation planning effort that will guide the Human Services and Public Works Departments.
- “To create a **seamless, sustainable** system of parks, recreation and open spaces that offers multiple social, environmental, and economic benefits.”
- Provide a **clear set of goals** for both infrastructure, program improvements, maintenance, and operations.



Project Timeline





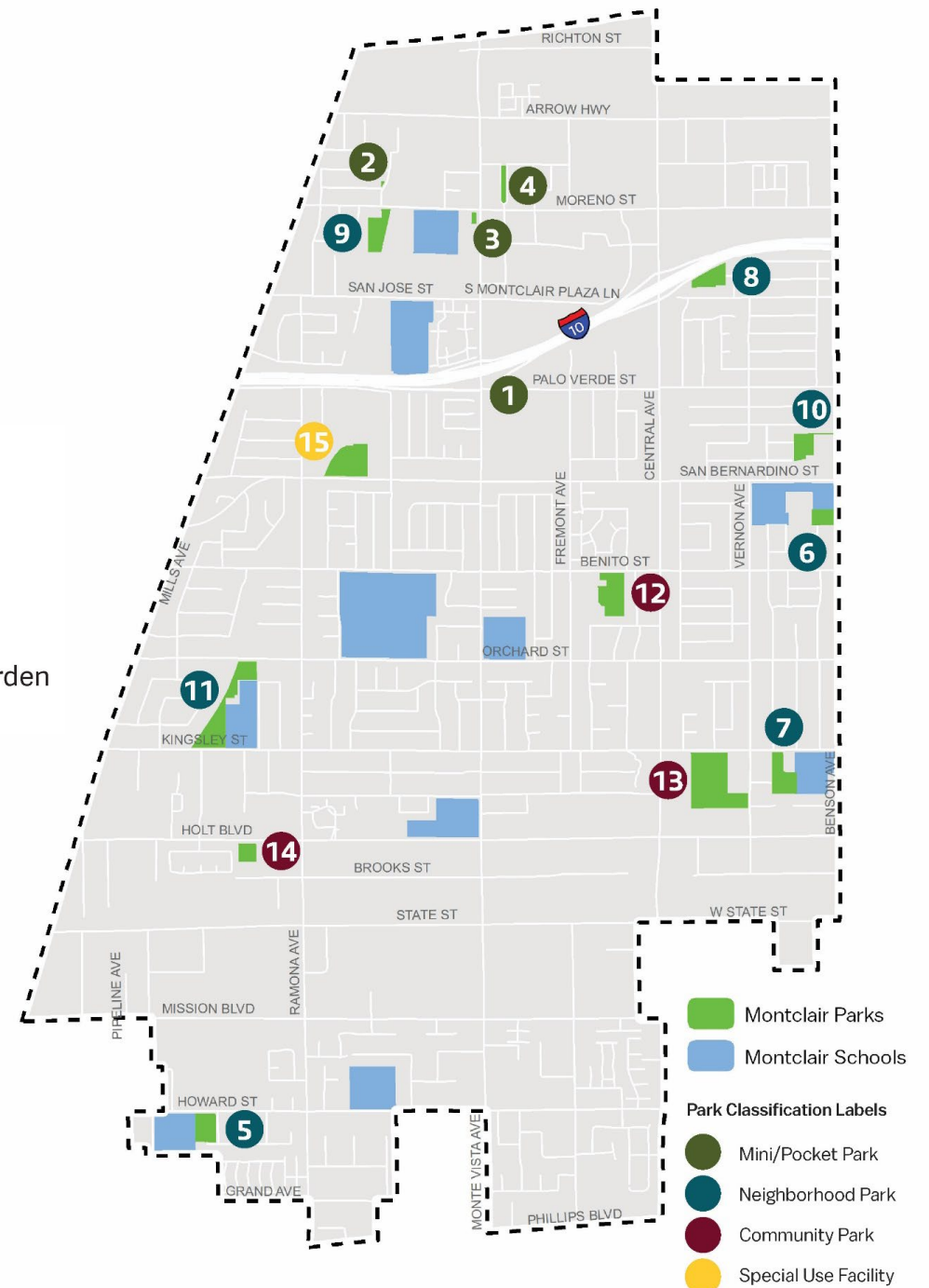
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Existing Conditions Overview

Existing City Parks

Public Works and Human Services Departments currently oversee 15 parks, totaling 49.98 acres

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| 1 Freedom Plaza | 6 Golden Girls (Vernon Park) | 11 Sunset Park |
| 2 Mini Park #1 | 7 Kingsley Park | 12 Alma Hofman Park |
| 3 Mini Park #2 | 8 MacArthur Park | 13 Saratoga Park |
| 4 Paseos Park (Sycamore Park) | 9 Moreno Vista Park | 14 Reeder Ranch Park |
| 5 Essex Park | 10 Sunrise Park | 15 Waterwise Park & Garden (Wilderness Park) |



Existing and Future Level of Service

2021 LEVEL OF SERVICE	ALL CITY PARKS
Existing Parks Acreage	49.98
Recommended Adopted Standard per 1,000 Population	5.00
Acres per 1,000 Population (2021)	1.31
Total Surplus/ Deficit Acres per 1,000 Population (2021)	-3.69
Acres in Deficit	140.33

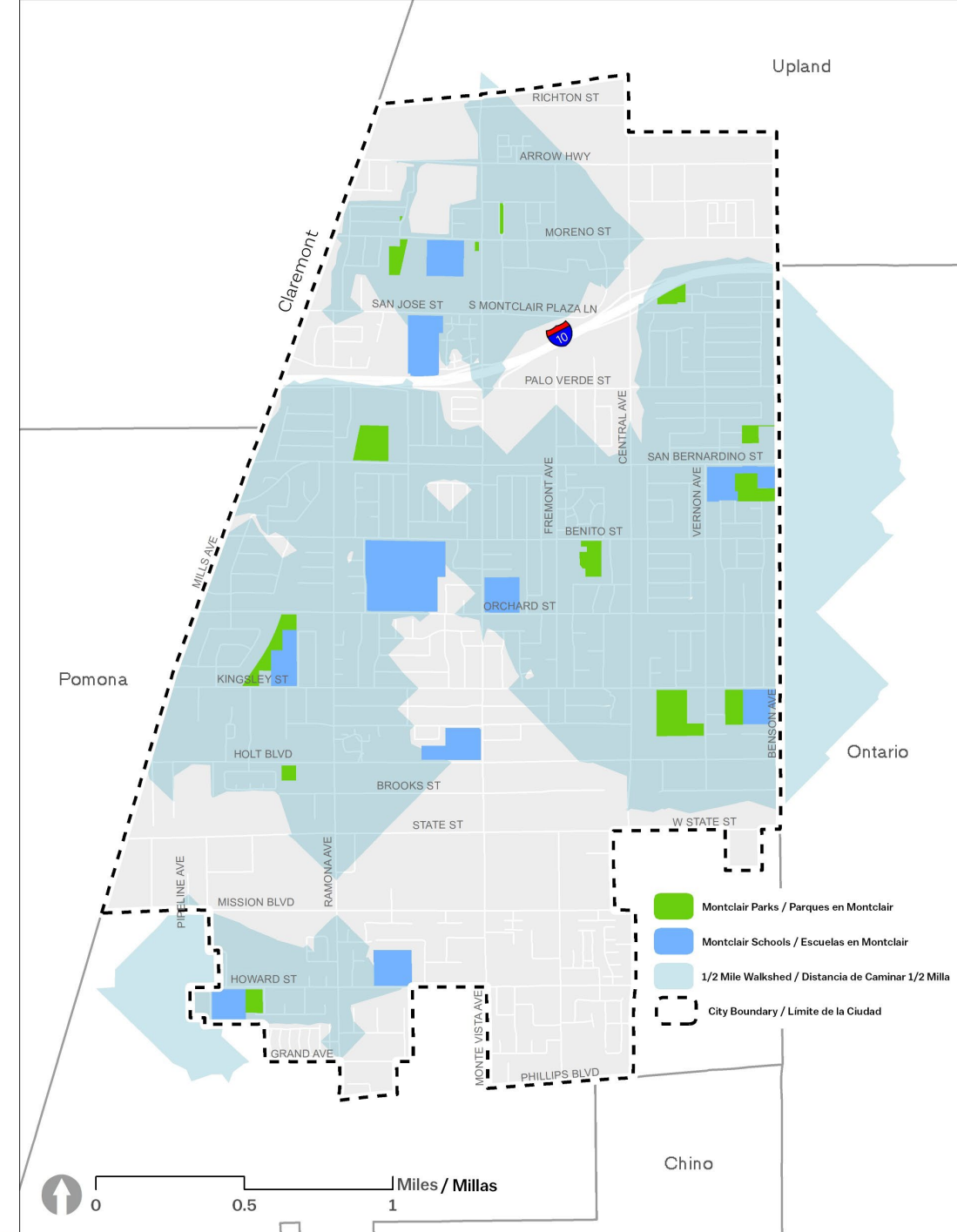
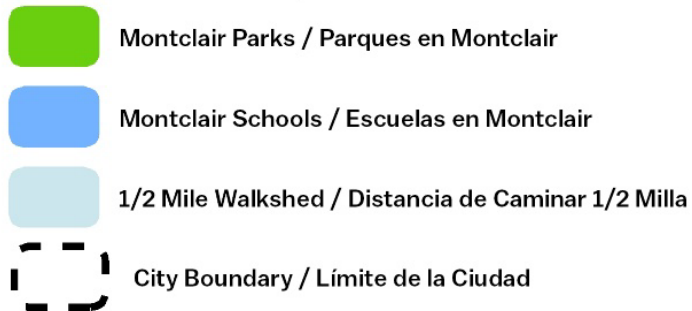
Population 2021: 38,061
 Acres per 1000: 38.06
 Total park acres needed to reach goal of 5 per 1000:
190.31

2045 LEVEL OF SERVICE	ALL CITY PARKS
Existing Parks Acreage	49.98
Recommended Adopted Standard per 1,000 Population	5.00
Acres per 1,000 Population (2045)	1.02
Total Surplus/ Deficit Acres per 1,000 Population (2045)	-3.98
Acres in Deficit	196.02

Population 2045: 49,200
 Acres per 1000: 49.20
 Total park acres needed to reach goal of 5 per 1000:
246.0

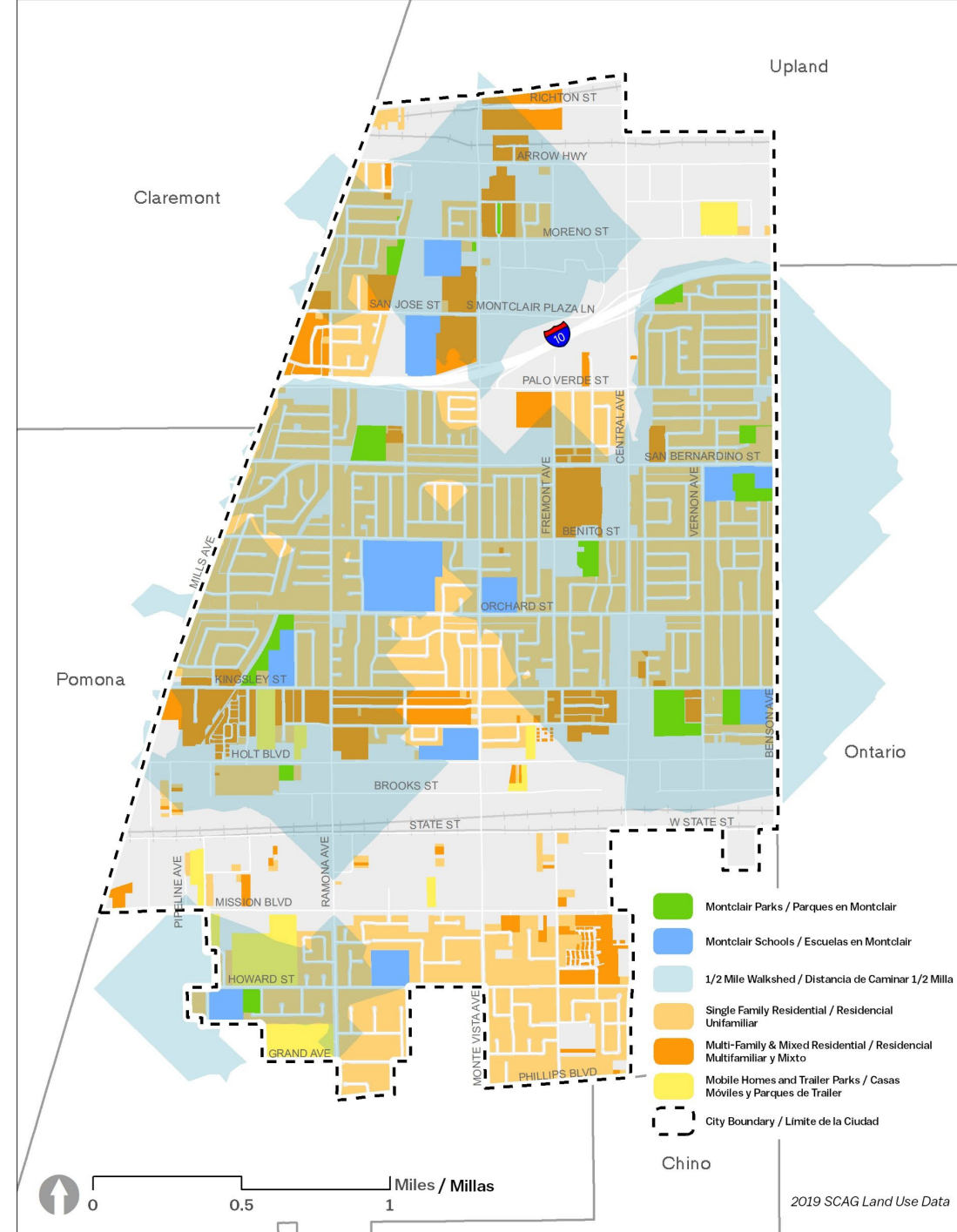
Existing Parks: Half-Mile Parksheds

- Generally good coverage as it relates to half-mile access to a park space
- There are gaps in the northeast and southern portion of the city

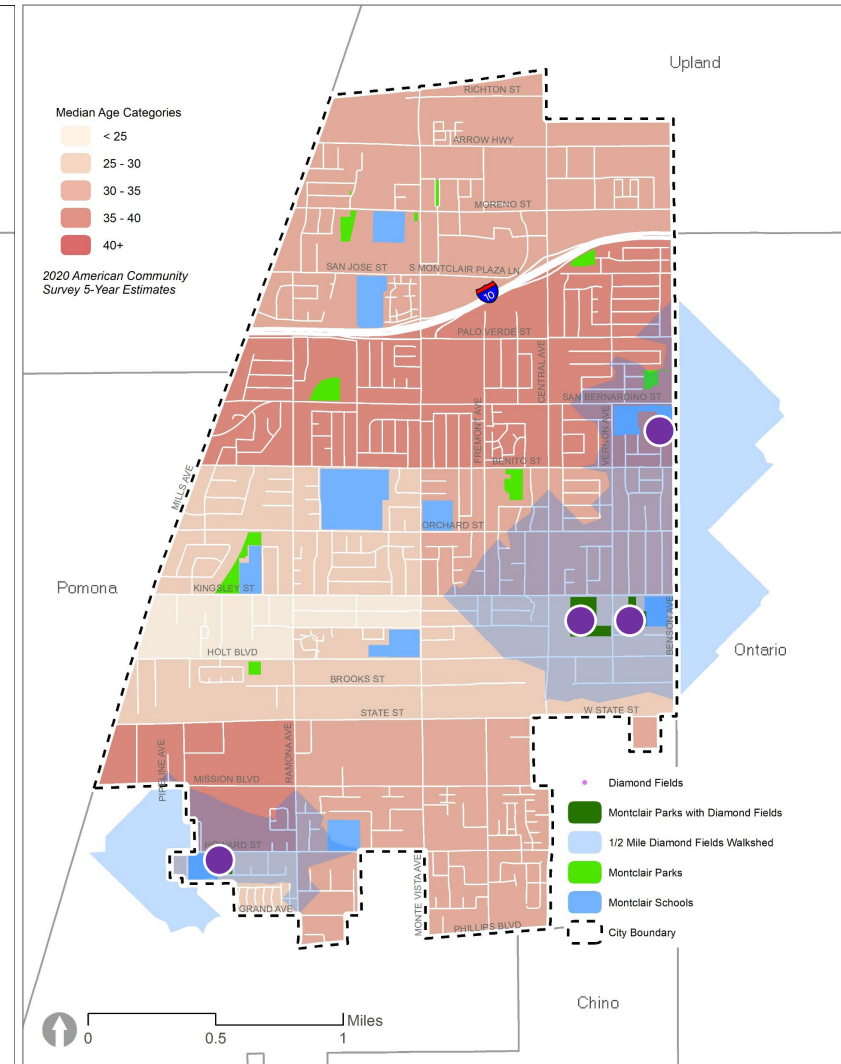
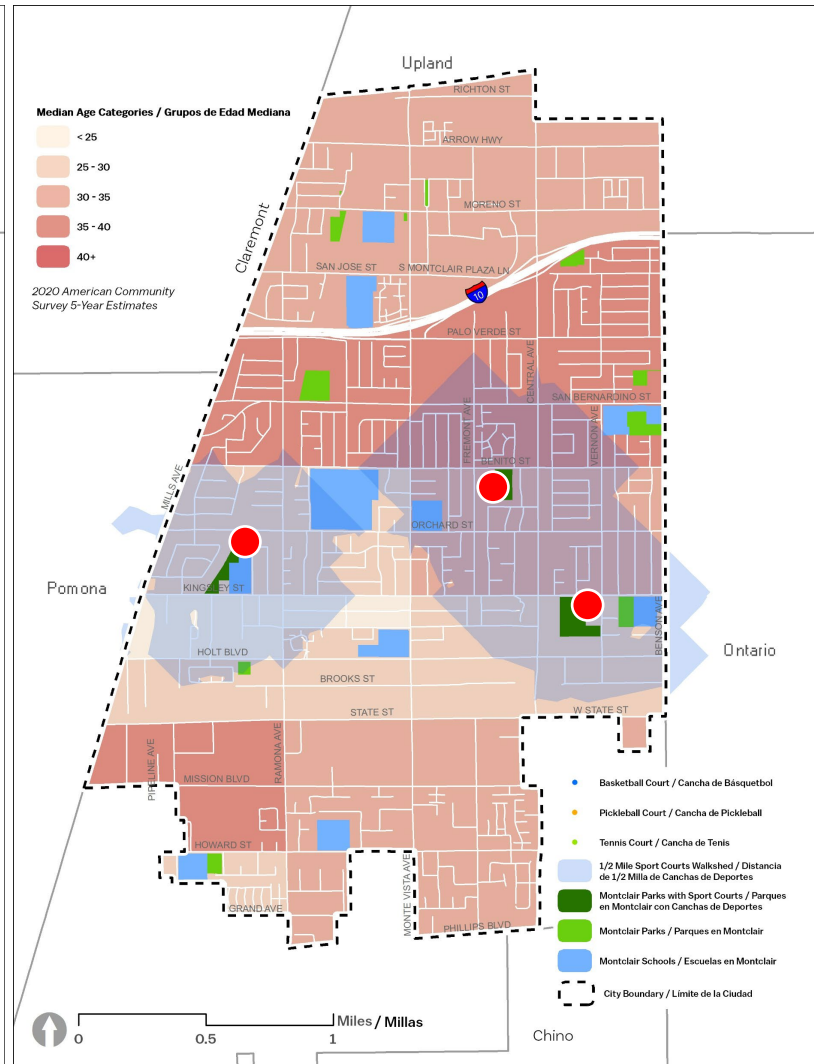
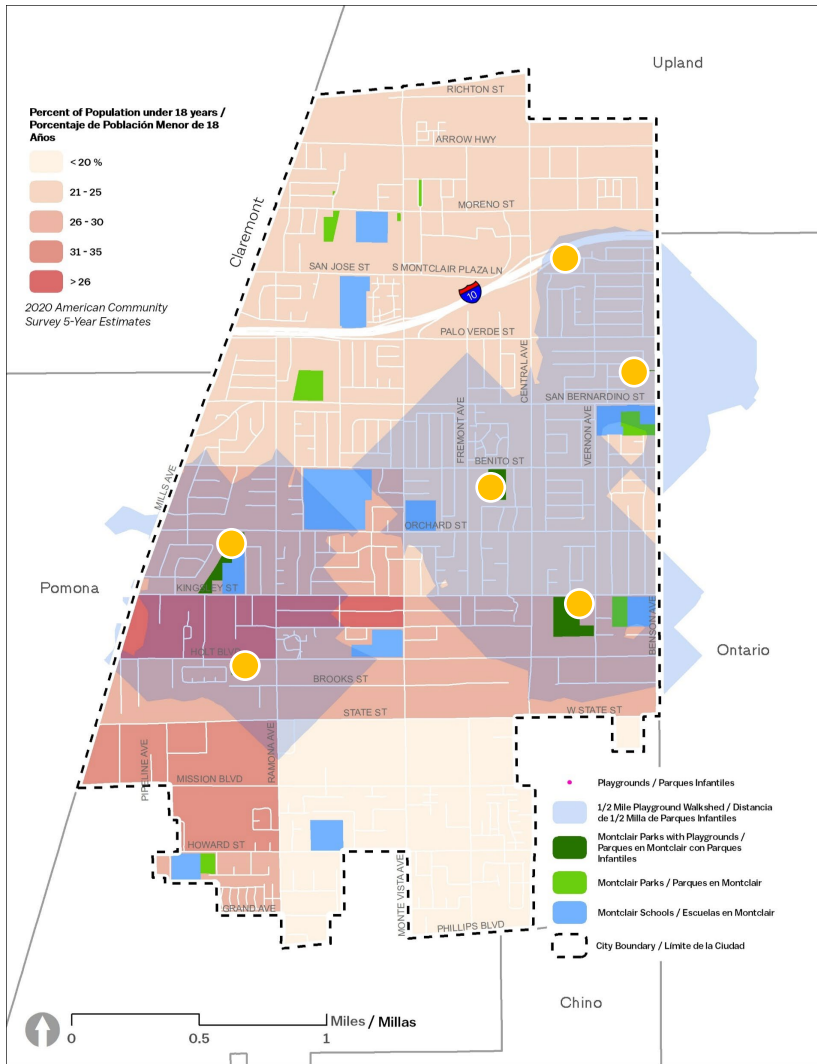


Existing Parks: Half-Mile Parksheds

- Residential land use depicts where people live within the city
- Analysis helps address gaps such as the southern portion of the city



Amenity Analysis for Existing Parks

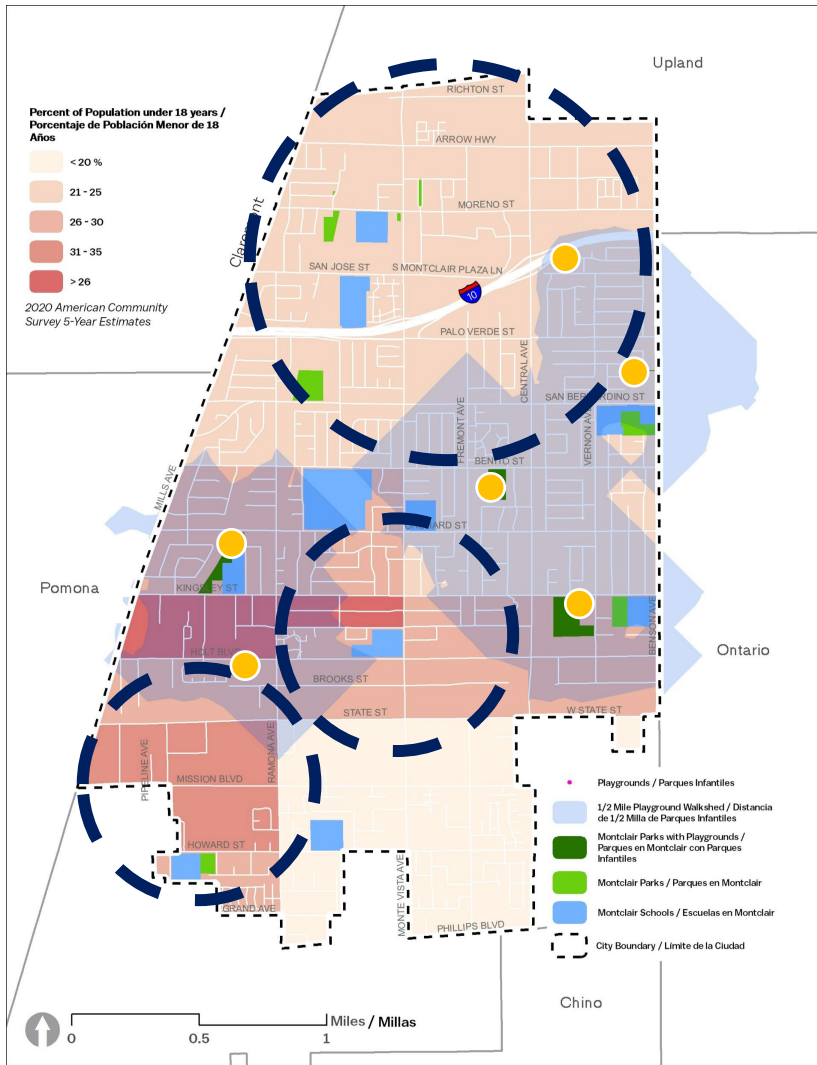


Playgrounds

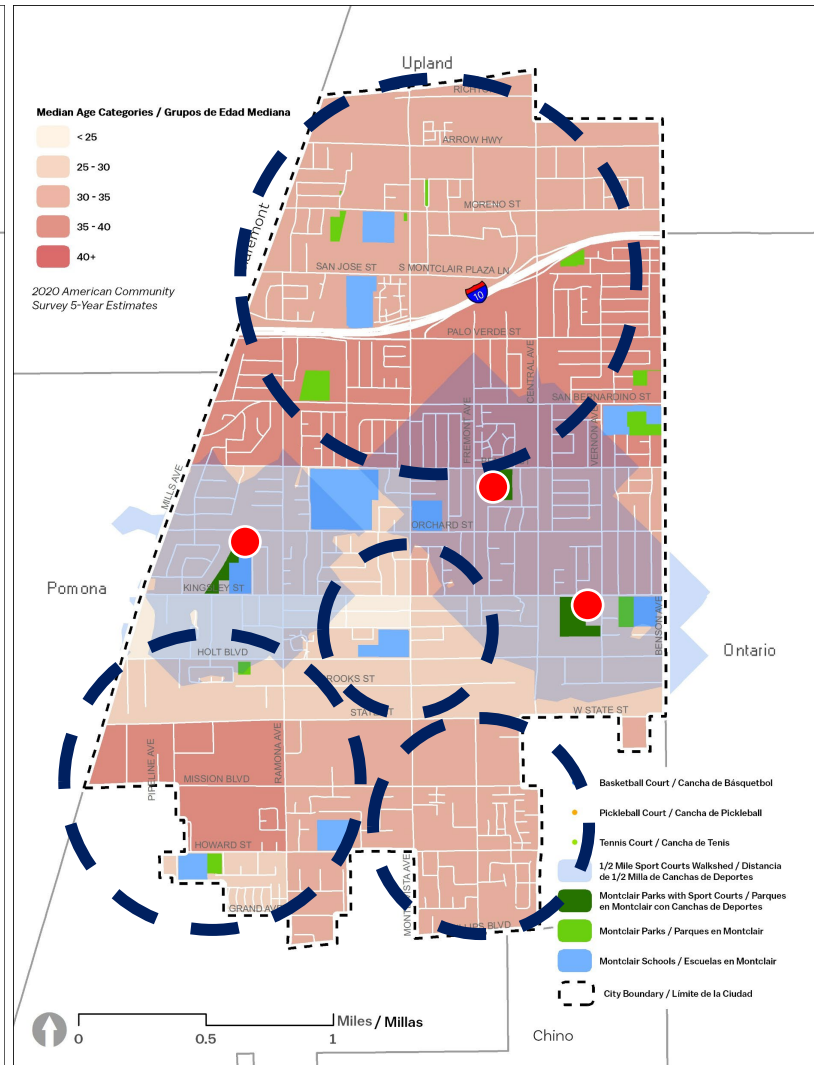
Court Sports

Sports Fields

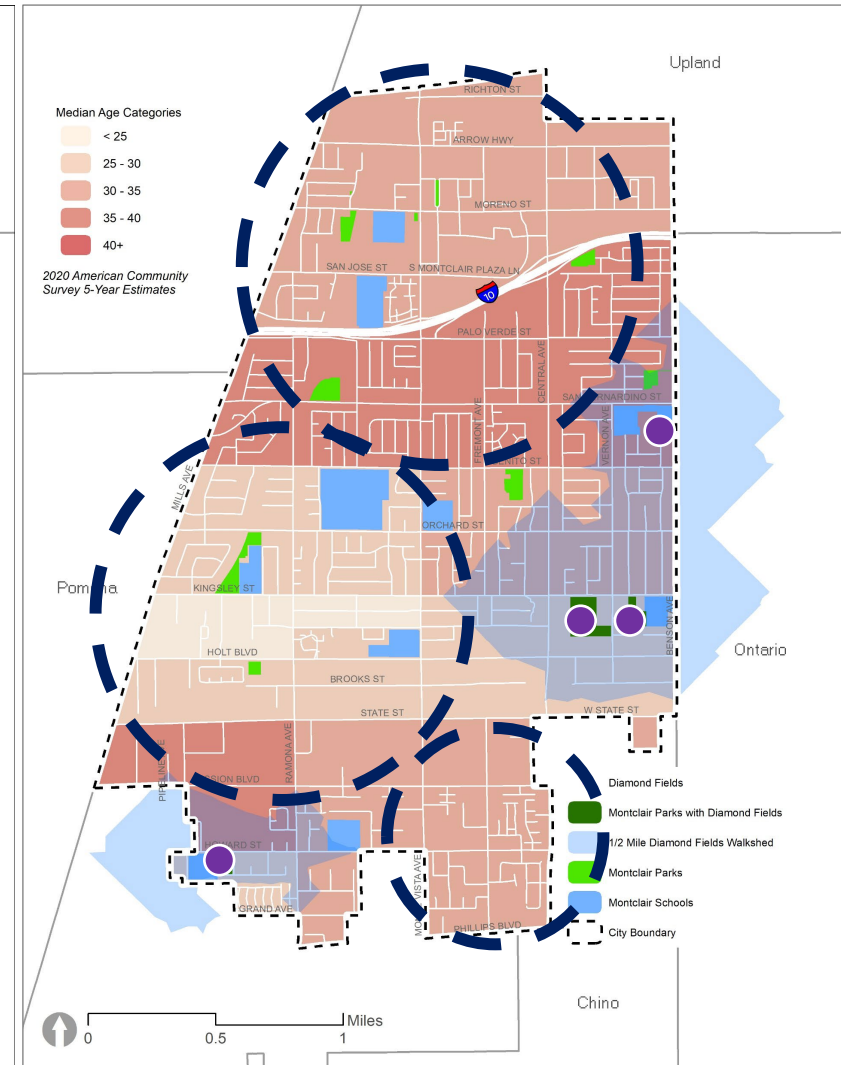
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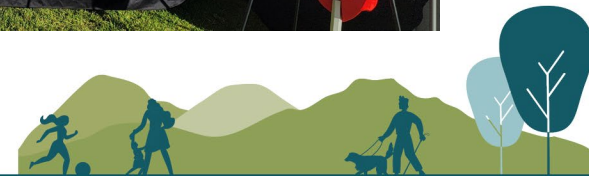
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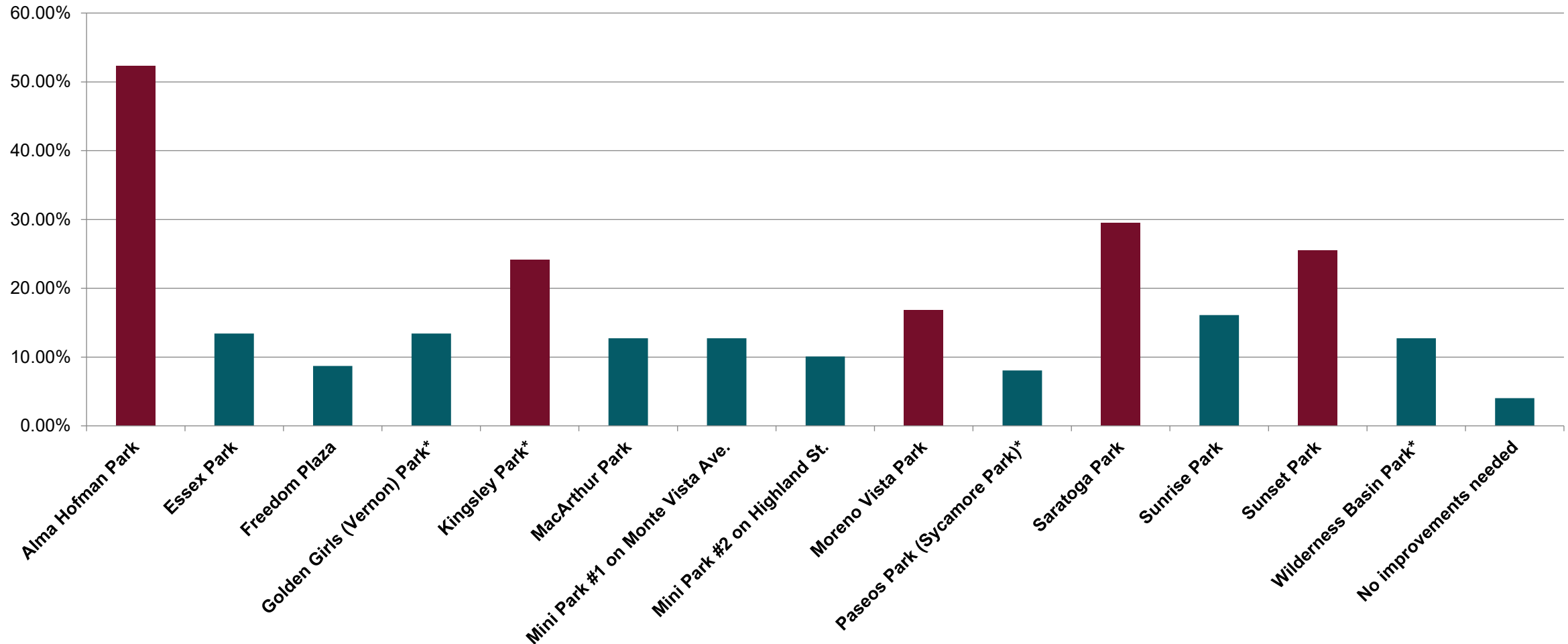
Outreach To Date

Three Pop-Up Workshops



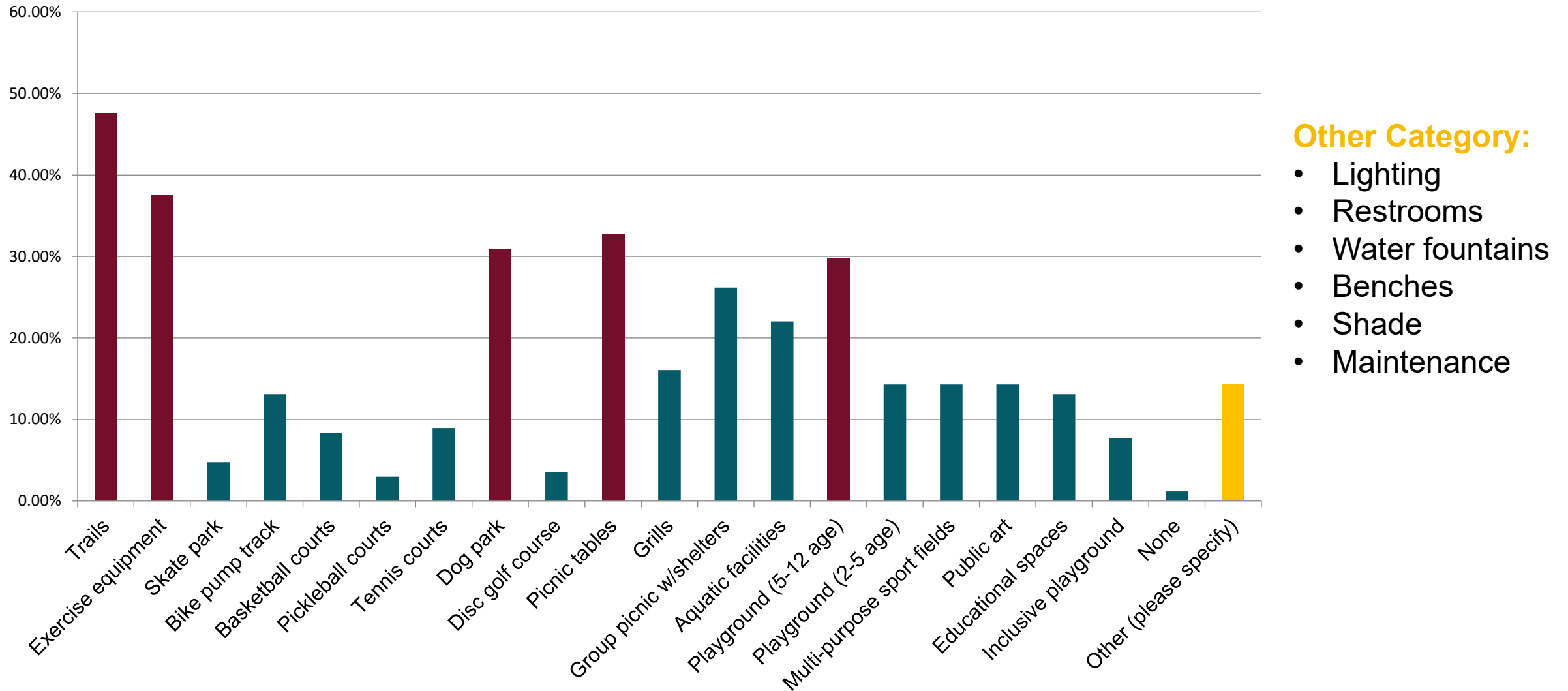
Outreach: Community Survey

Question #8: Which of the City parks/recreation facilities, if any, do you feel needs major improvements and additional amenities?



Outreach: Community Survey

Question #9: What amenities would you like to see added to City parks?





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Draft Recommendations

Recommendations Summary

Currently meeting the following community needs per **park standards**

- Community, Recreation, Youth, Senior, and Nature Centers
- Community gardens, skate parks, and splash pads

Opportunities to add amenities that are currently lacking **per park standards**

- Playgrounds
- Basketball, tennis and volleyball courts
- Rectangular fields for soccer for youth and adults
- Diamond fields for youth and adults
- Dog park

Opportunities to add amenities that are currently lacking **per community survey**

- Walking paths and outdoor exercise equipment
- Picnic tables / group picnic areas
- Dog park
- Playgrounds
- Aquatic facilities
- Other
 - Restrooms
 - Lighting
 - Shade

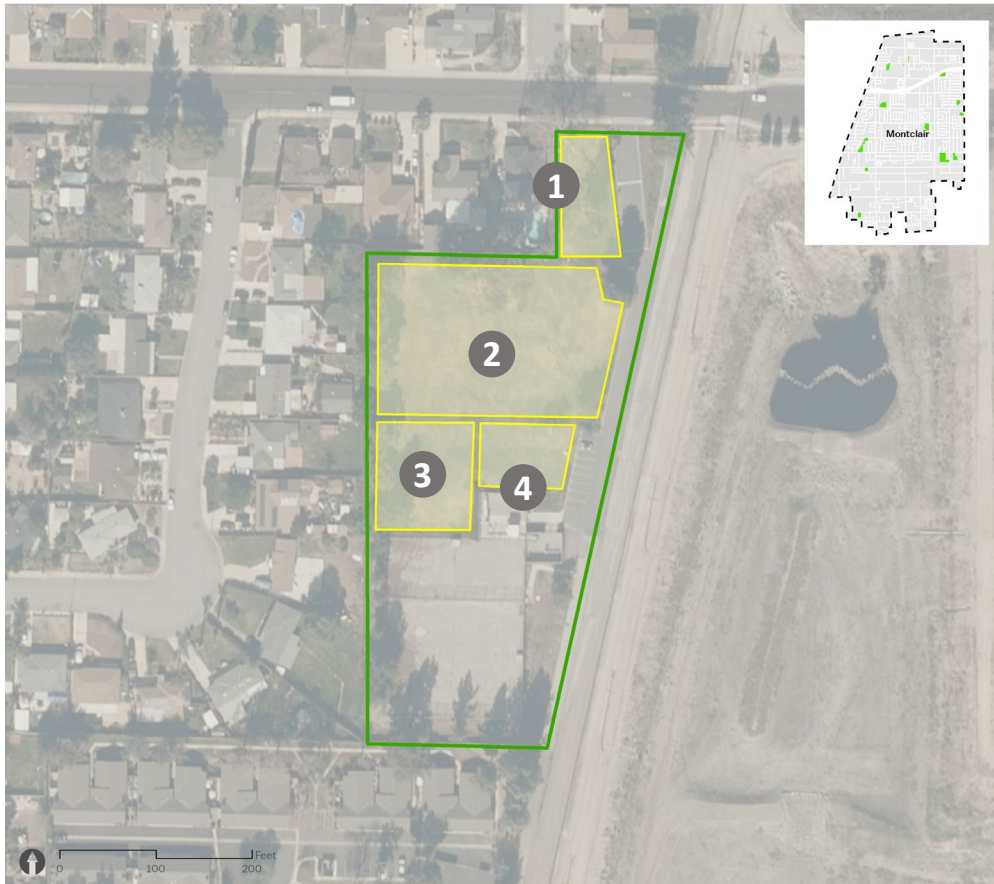


Infrastructure Recommendations

Park Infill Opportunities: Moreno Vista Park

A. Park has four opportunity areas identified; potential park infill amenities include:

- Basketball, tennis, volleyball, youth soccer, playgrounds, exercise equipment, splash pad, dog park, or recreation pool



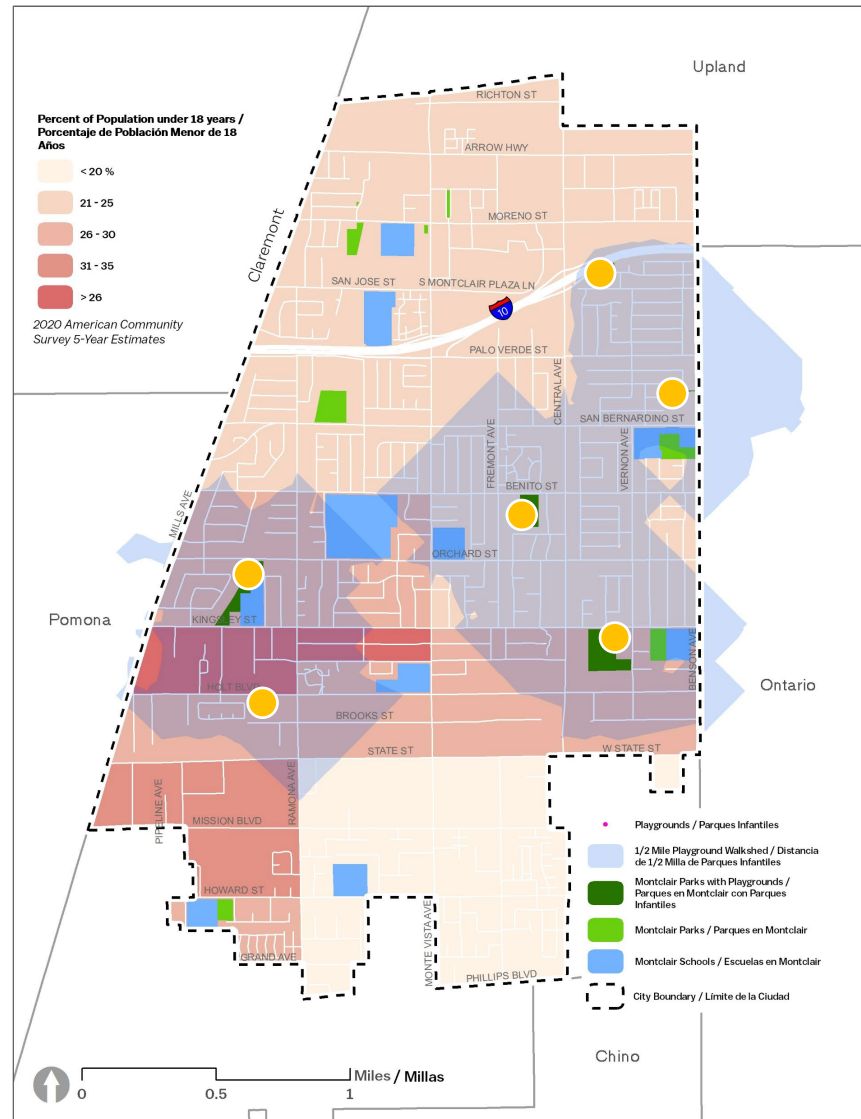
		Area 1	Area 2	Area 3	Area 4
Common Recreation Facilities for Infill	Typical SF	6,795	28,871	11,088	6,094
Diamond Field	40,000-80,000				
Soccer Field	65,000-85,000				
Youth Soccer Field (6U & 8U)	4,500-13,000		X	X	X
Basketball Court	4,700		X	X	X
Tennis	7,200		X	X	
Pickleball	2,500		X	X	X
Volleyball	4,000		X	X	X
Playgrounds	4,000-6,000		X		X
Picnic Area	500-1,500	X	X	X	X
Dog Park	10,000-65,000		X	X	
Outdoor Exercise Areas	500-2,000	X	X	X	X
Recreation Pool	6,000-14,000		X	X	X
Splash Pad	500-1,500	X	X		X
Adventure Playgrounds	4,000-6,000		X		X
Skate Spot / Pump Track	2,000-45,000	X	X	X	X

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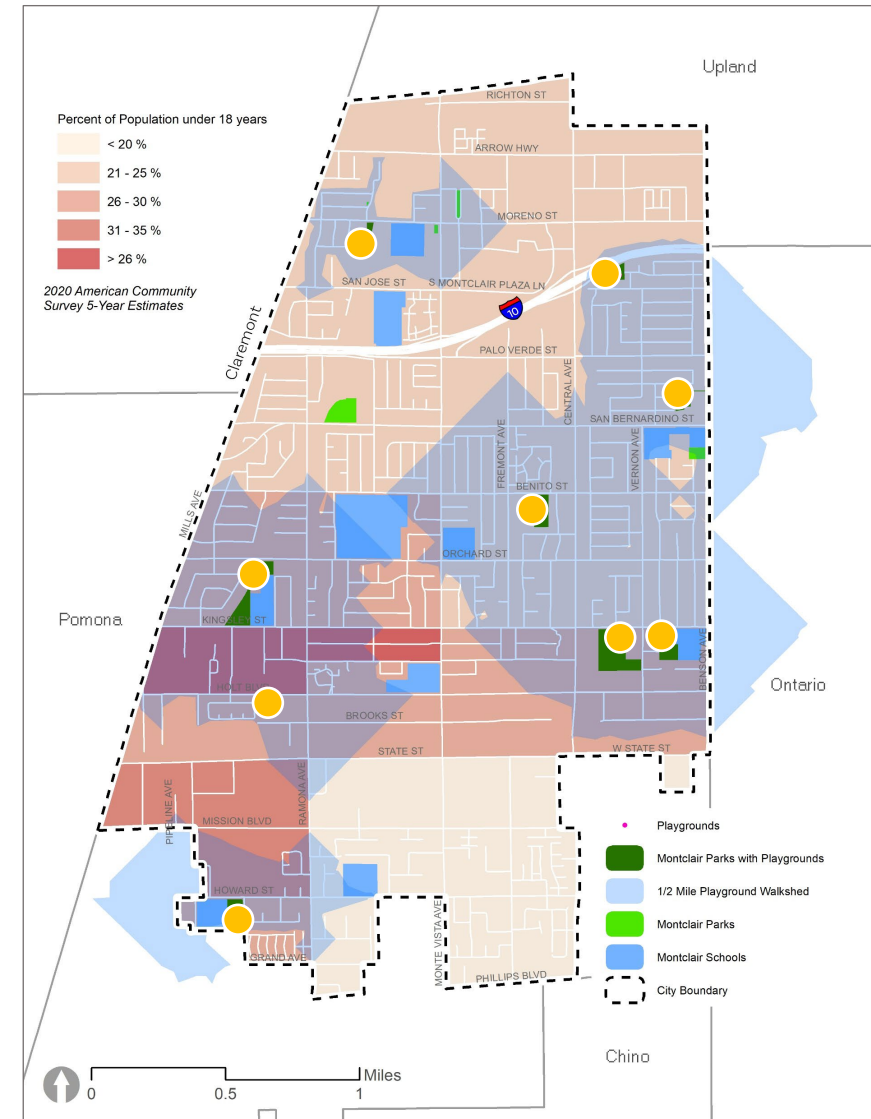
Park Infill Opportunities: Playground Analysis

- Existing playgrounds vs new playgrounds
- Helps fill in geographic gaps specific to this park amenity

-  Playgrounds / Parques Infantiles
-  1/2 Mile Playground Walkshed / Distancia de 1/2 Milla de Parques Infantiles
-  Montclair Parks with Playgrounds / Parques en Montclair con Parques Infantiles
-  Montclair Parks / Parques en Montclair
-  Montclair Schools / Escuelas en Montclair
-  City Boundary / Límite de la Ciudad



Existing Playgrounds









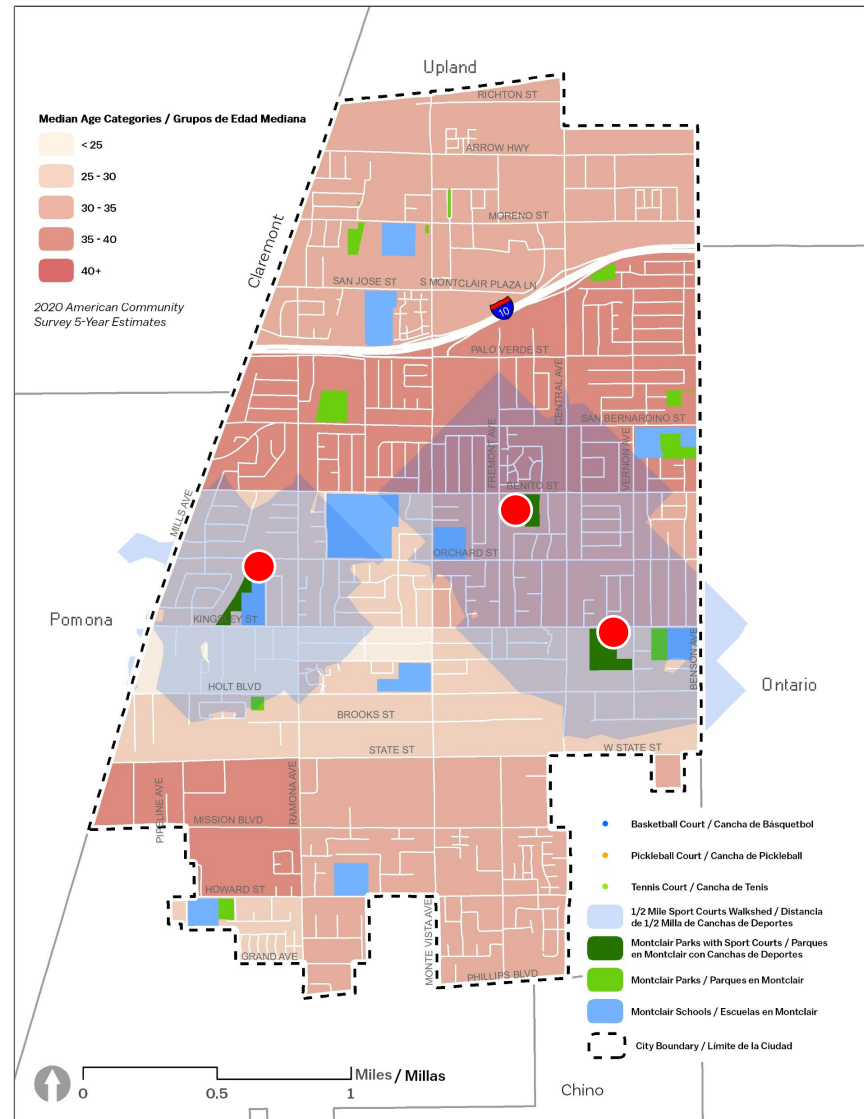
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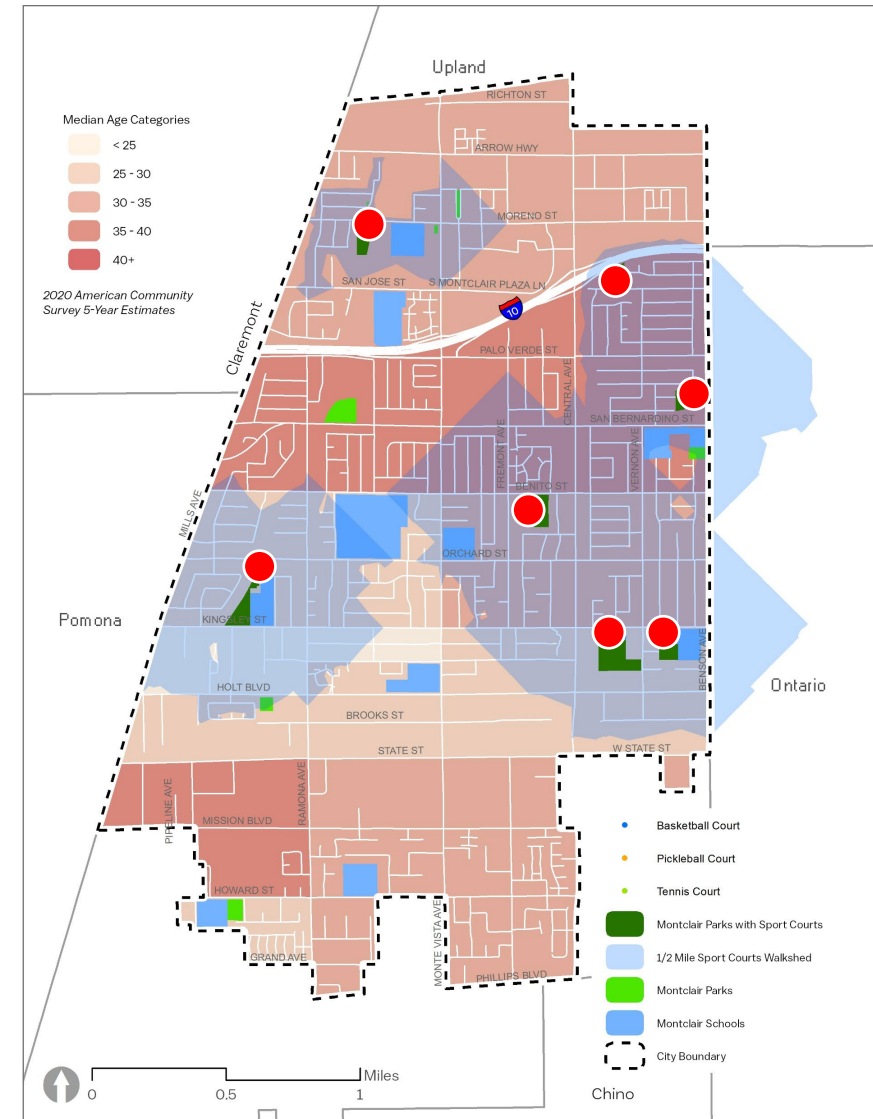
Park Infill Opportunities: Court Sports Analysis

- Existing courts vs new courts
- Helps fill in geographic gaps specific to this park amenity

-  Courts / Canchas
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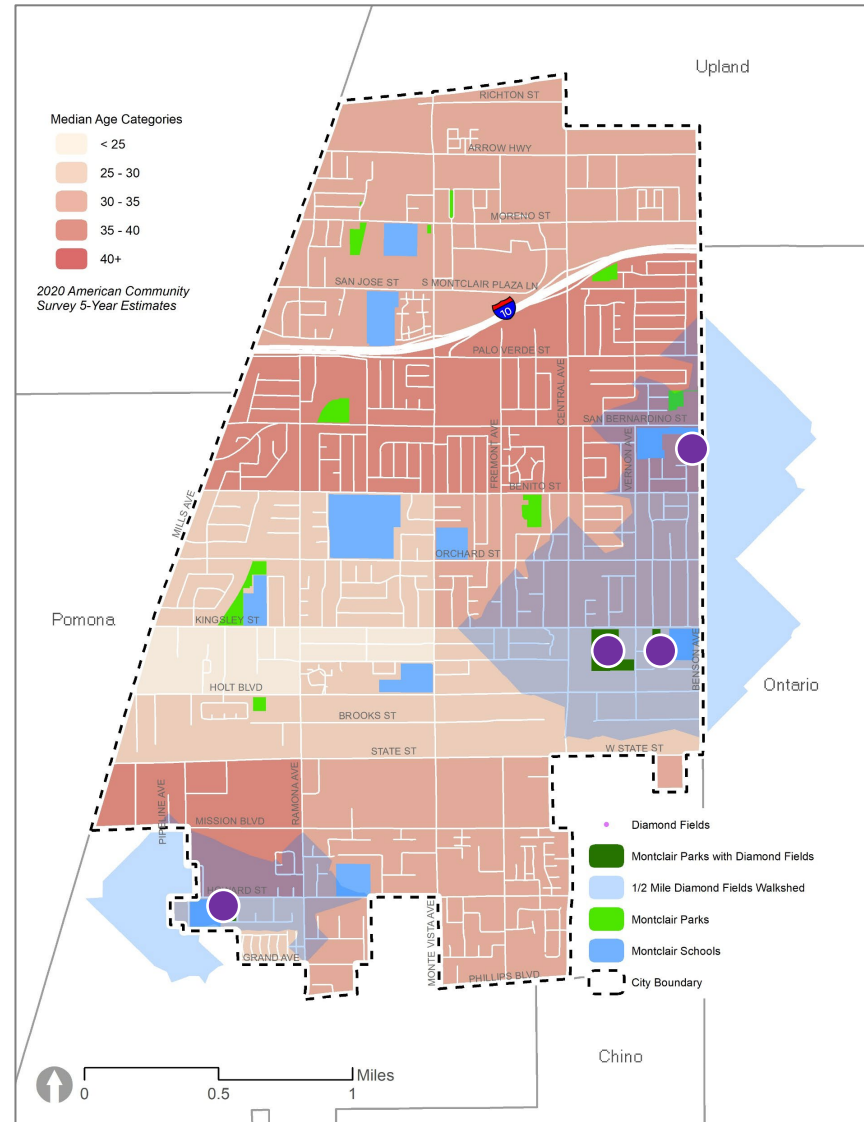
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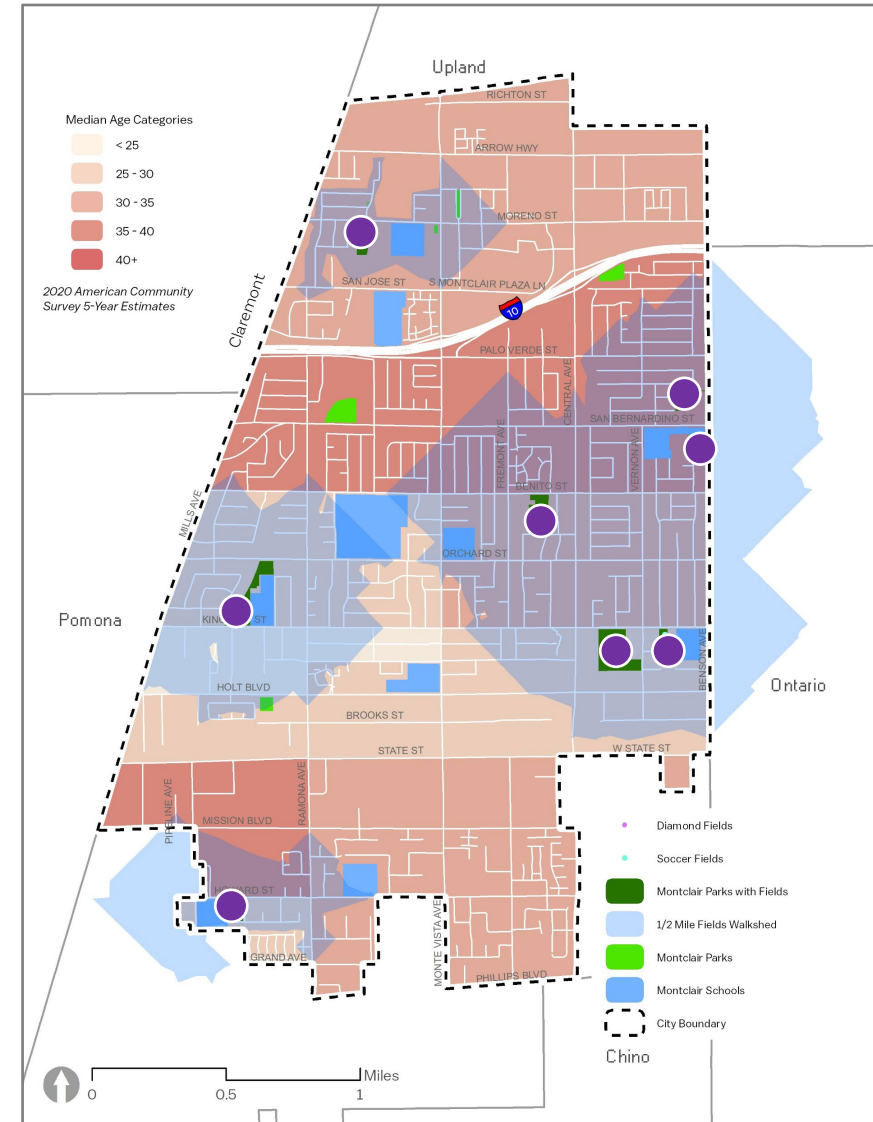
Park Infill Opportunities: Recreation Fields Analysis

- Existing fields vs new fields
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-  **Fields / Campos**
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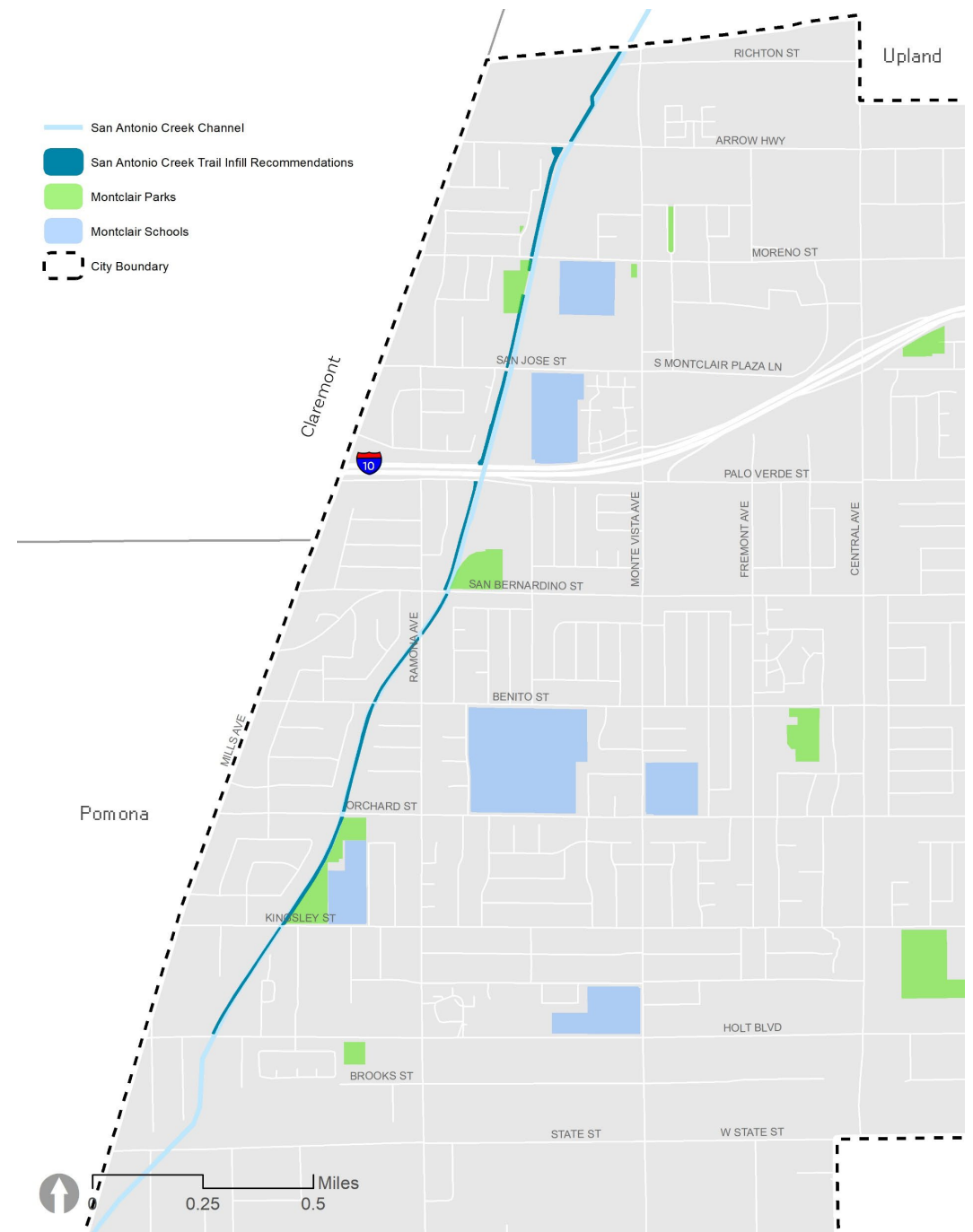


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Infrastructure Recommendations

San Antonio Creek Trail

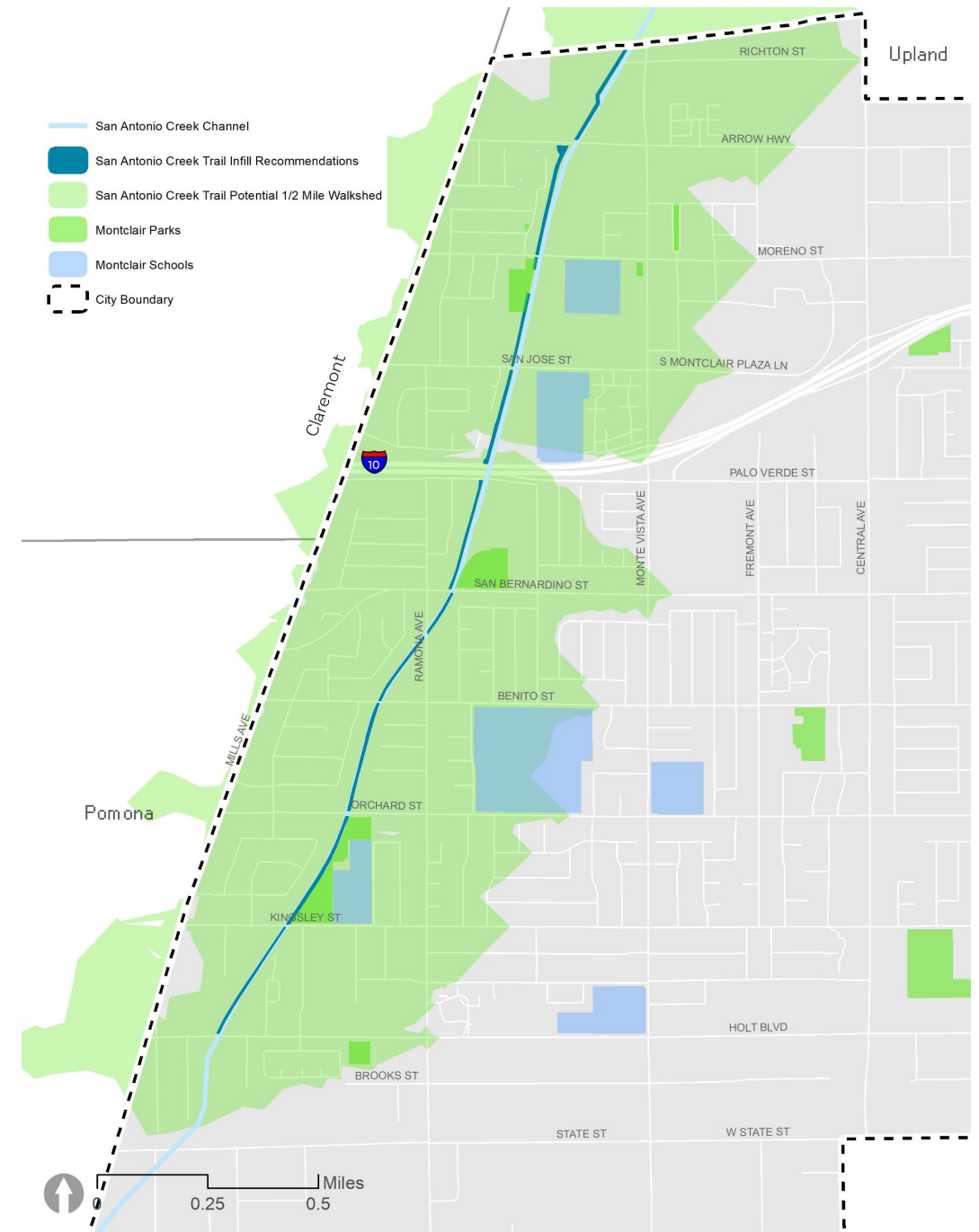
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- Acreage: **5.35**
- Amenities may include:
 - Class I multi-use path
 - DG walking paths
 - Educational signage
 - Interpretive gardens
 - Playground elements
 - Exercise equipment
 - Picnic areas and benches
 - Public art



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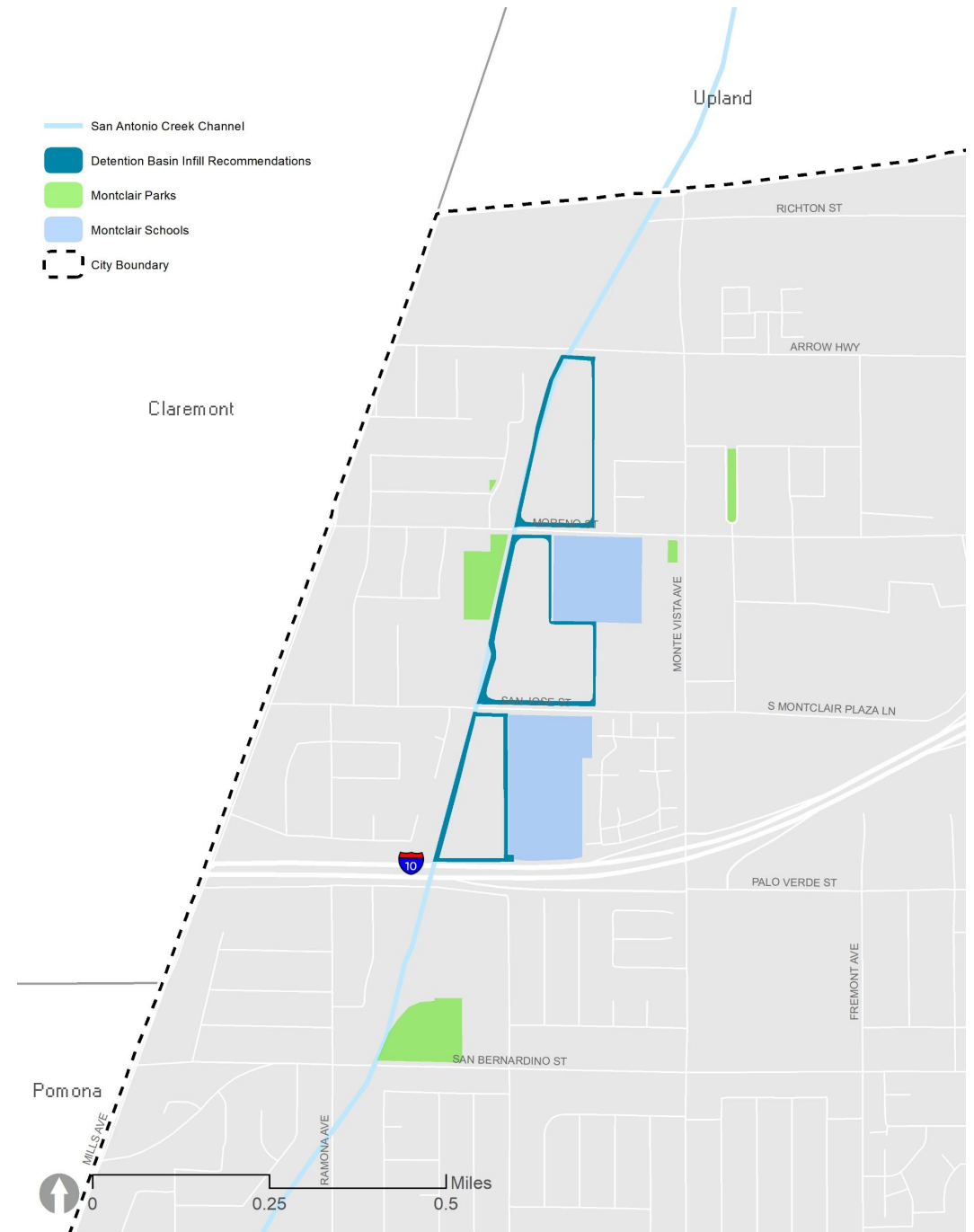
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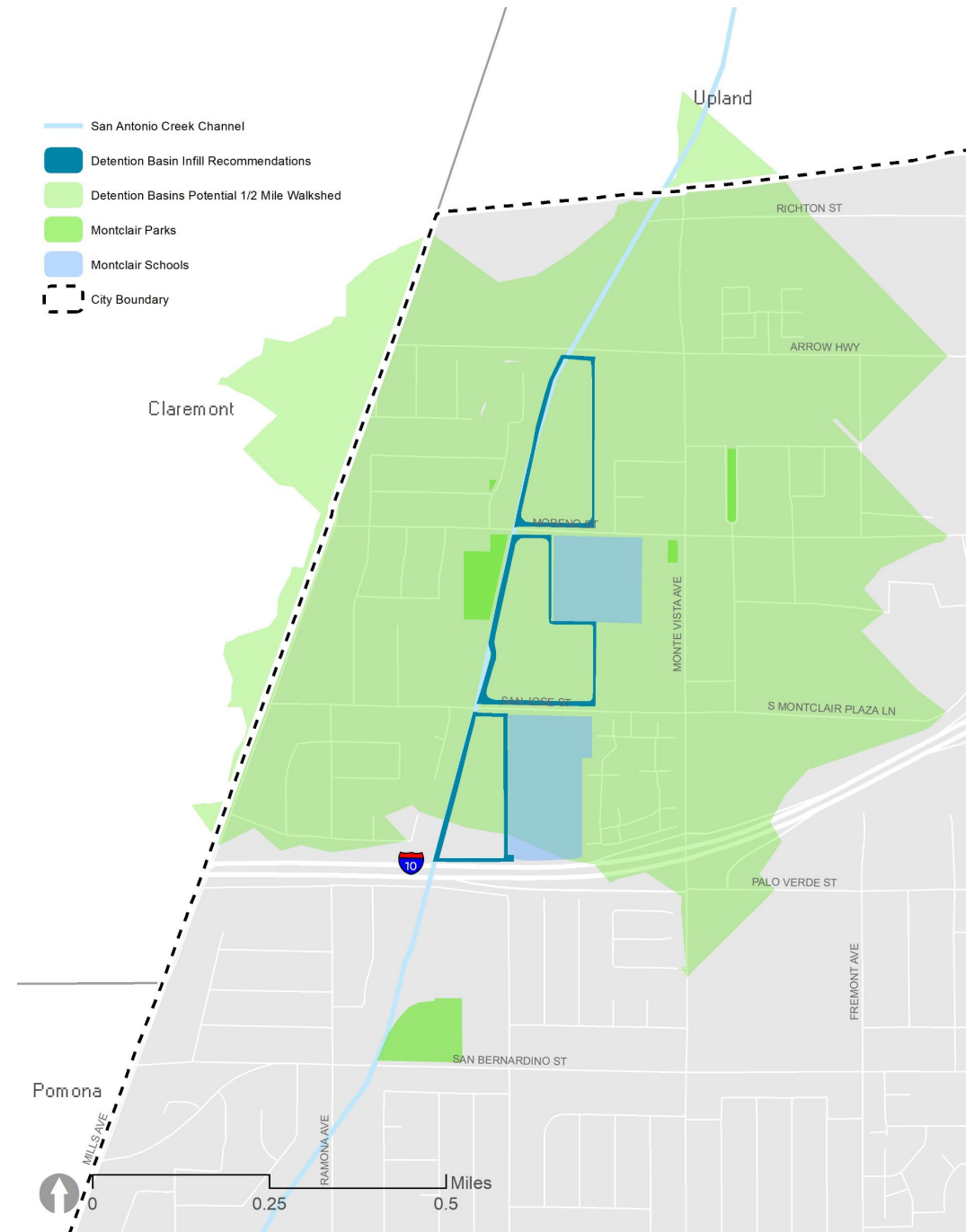
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SACT and Detention Basins Park Elements To Consider



Atlanta Beltline Trail



Anaheim Coves Park Trail



Milton Street Park (Ballona Creek Trail)



26 Tujunga Spreading Grounds



LA River Greenway

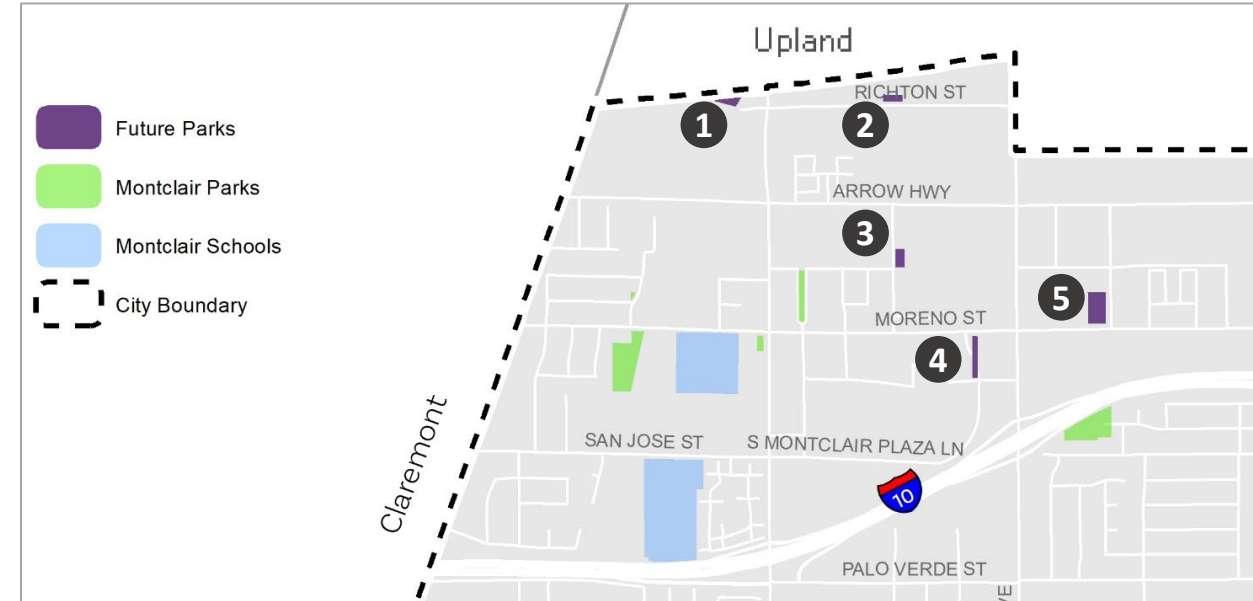


LA River Greenway

New Park Opportunities

Traditional New Park Opportunities

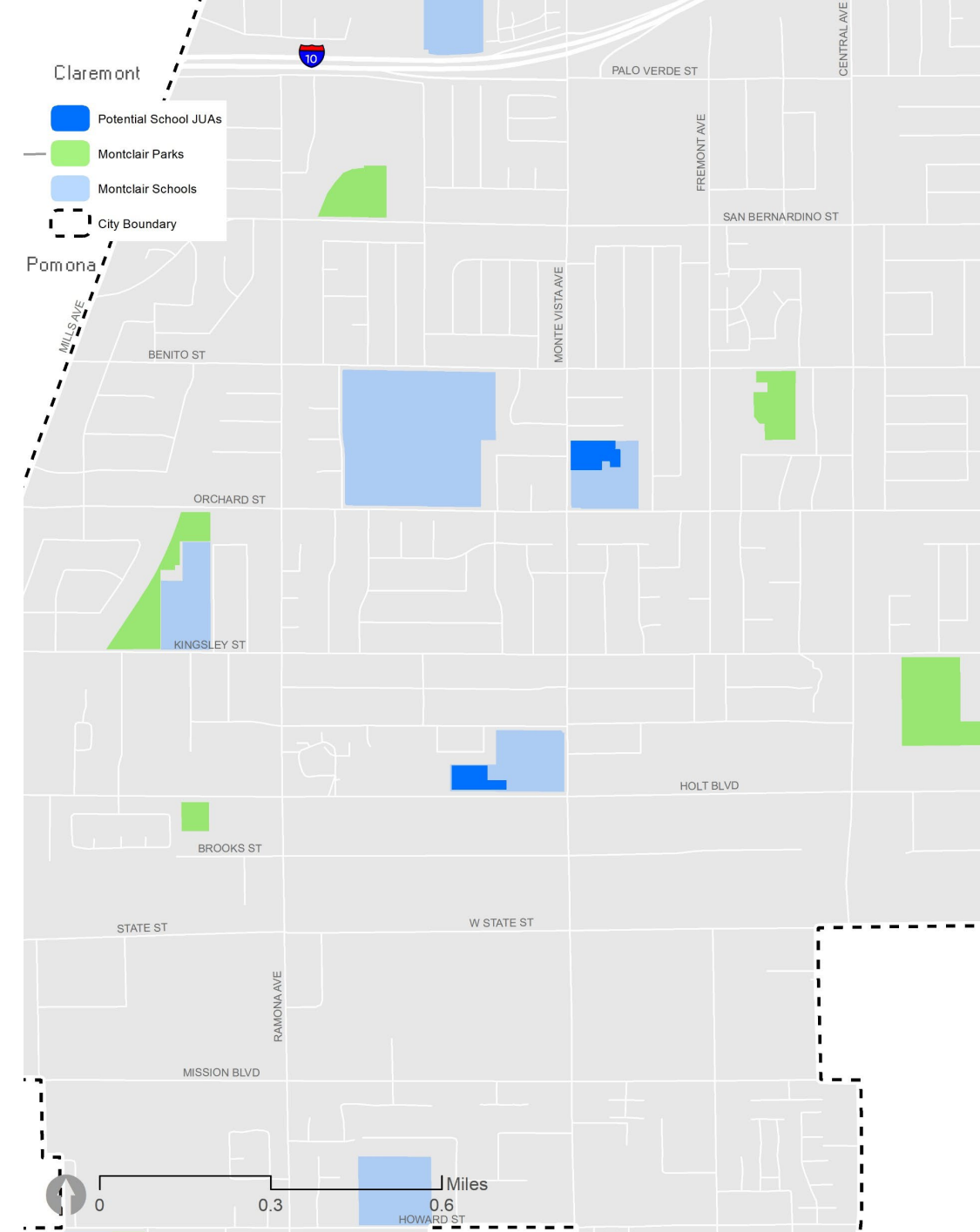
- Park #1 (0.65 acres)
 - Northern city boundary near Monte Vista Ave
- Park #2 (0.31 acres)
 - Northern Montclair near Richton Street
- Park #3 (0.45 acres)
 - Northern Montclair near Fremont Avenue and Olive Street
- Park #4 (0.54 acres)
 - Northern Montclair near Moreno Street and Plaza Lane
- Park #5 (1.45 acres)
 - Northern Montclair near Moreno Street and Vernon Avenue
- Park #6 (4.75 acres)
 - Southern Montclair near Vernon Ave and Clair Street
- Park #7 (4.46 acres)
 - Southern Montclair near Fremont Avenue and South of Saddleback Street



New School Joint Use Agreement Opportunities

School Opportunities

- Monte Vista Elementary School (2.59 acres)
 - Easy and direct access from Monte Vista Ave
 - Good visibility from street
 - Easier opportunity to add fencing to separate public use from school areas
- Montera Elementary School (2.04)
 - Easy and direct access from Holt Blvd
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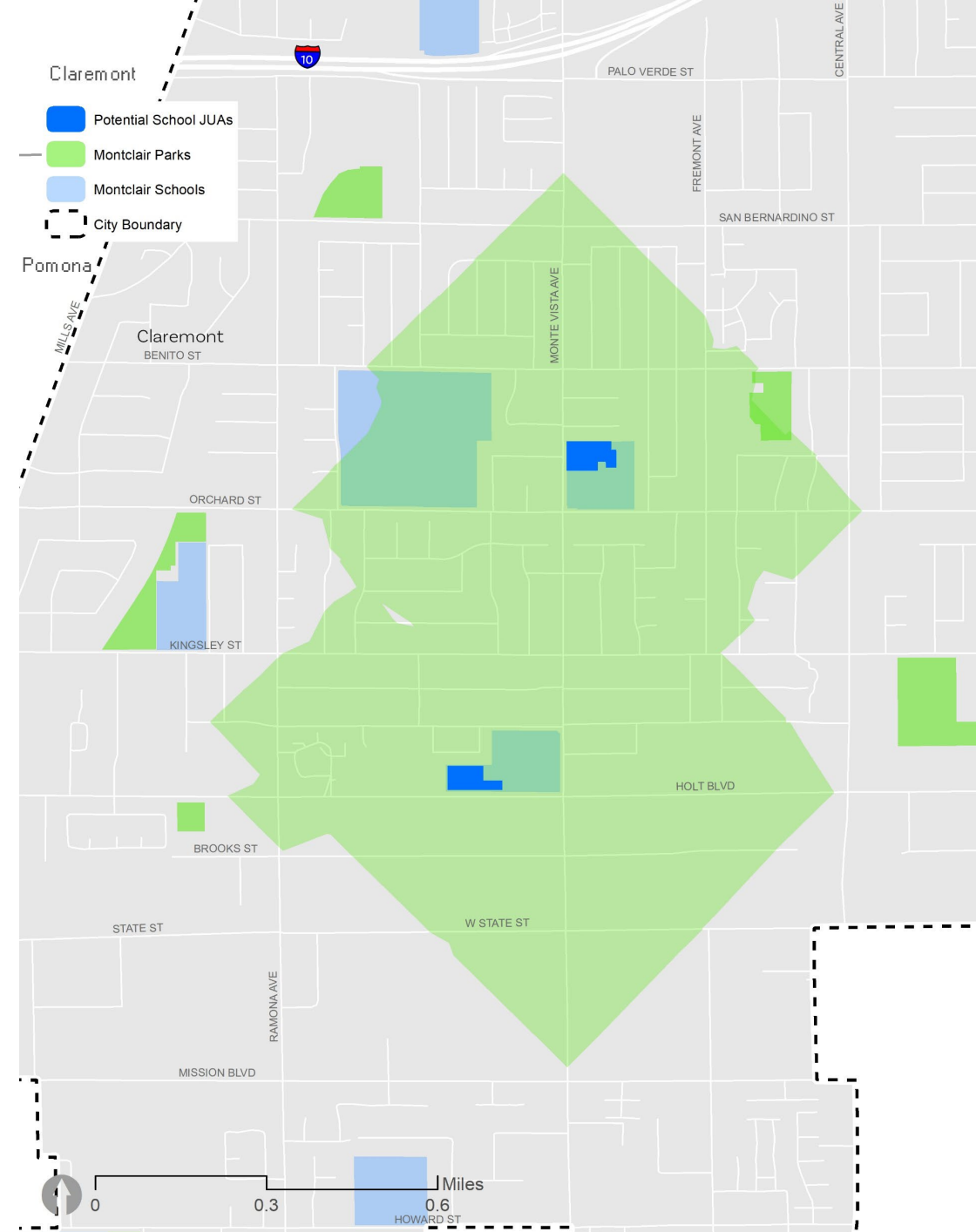
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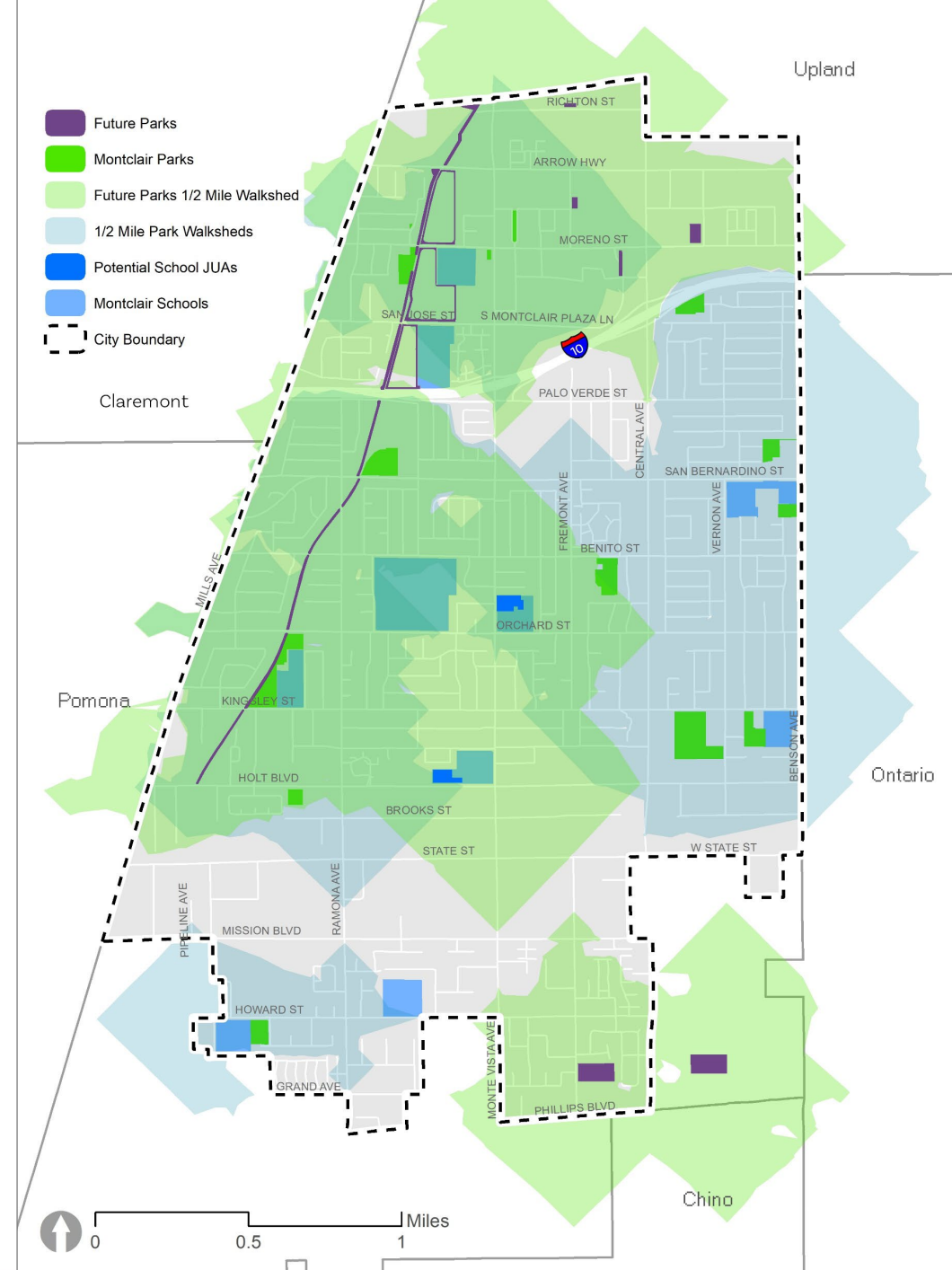
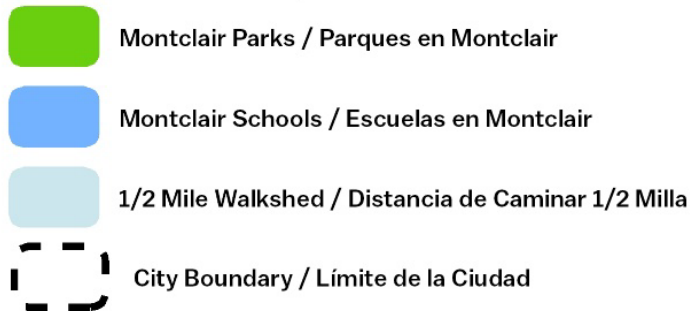
Recreation Opportunities

- Walking paths (linear recreation)
- Exercise equipment
- Playground
- Basketball
- Informal ball play, frisbee throwing, picnicking, etc. in lawn areas



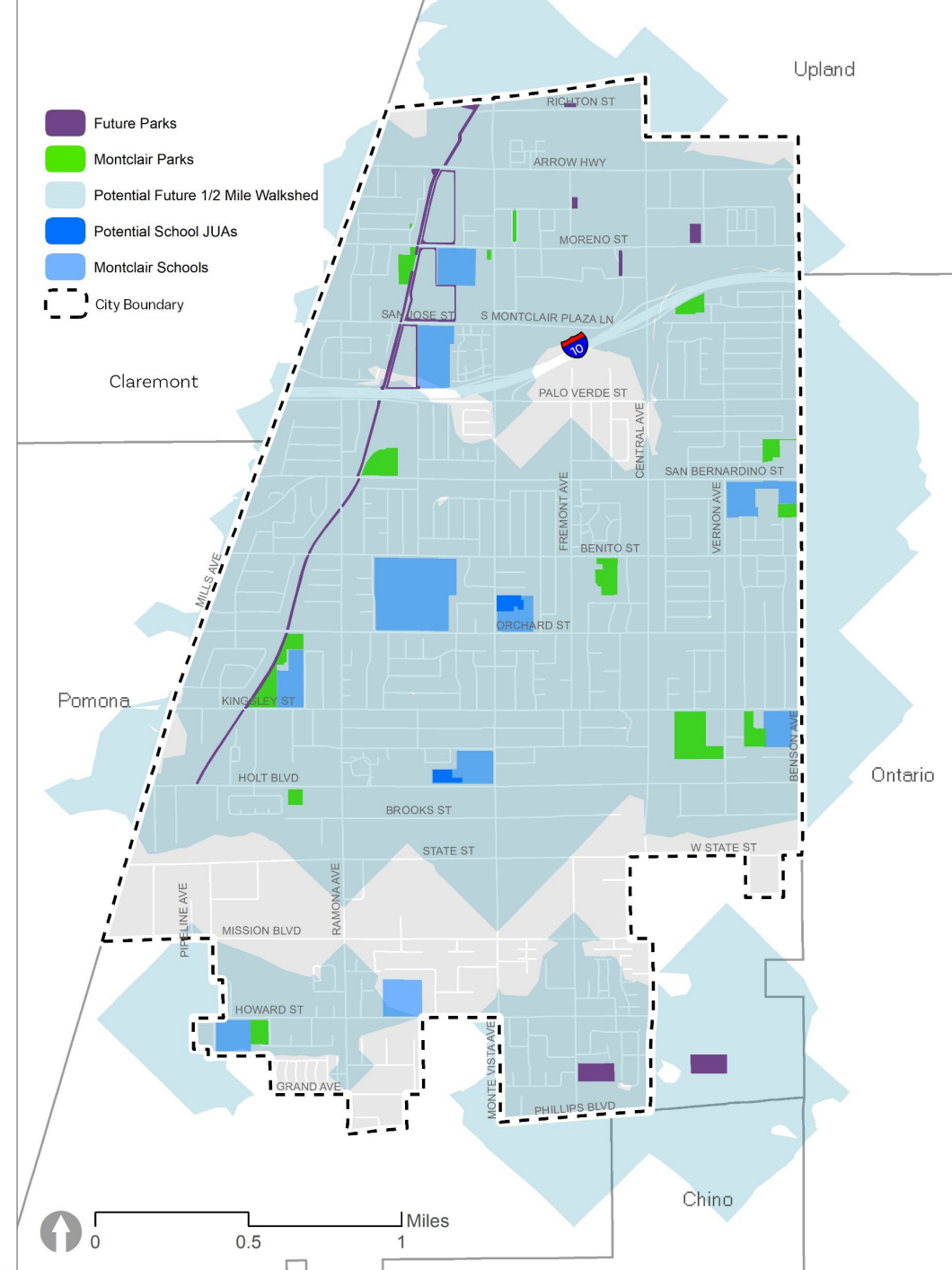
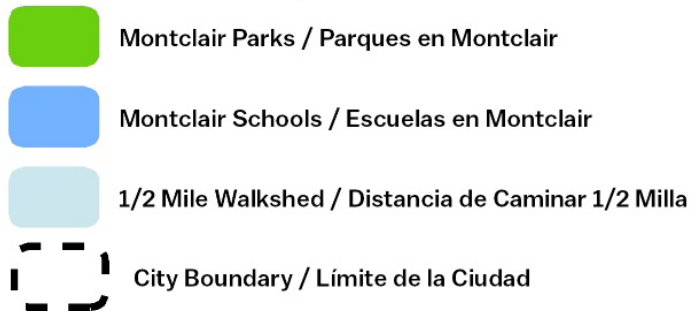
Existing and New Parks: Half-Mile Parksheds

- Geographic coverage and access to parks is significantly improved
- Gaps remain in few small pockets near residential land uses



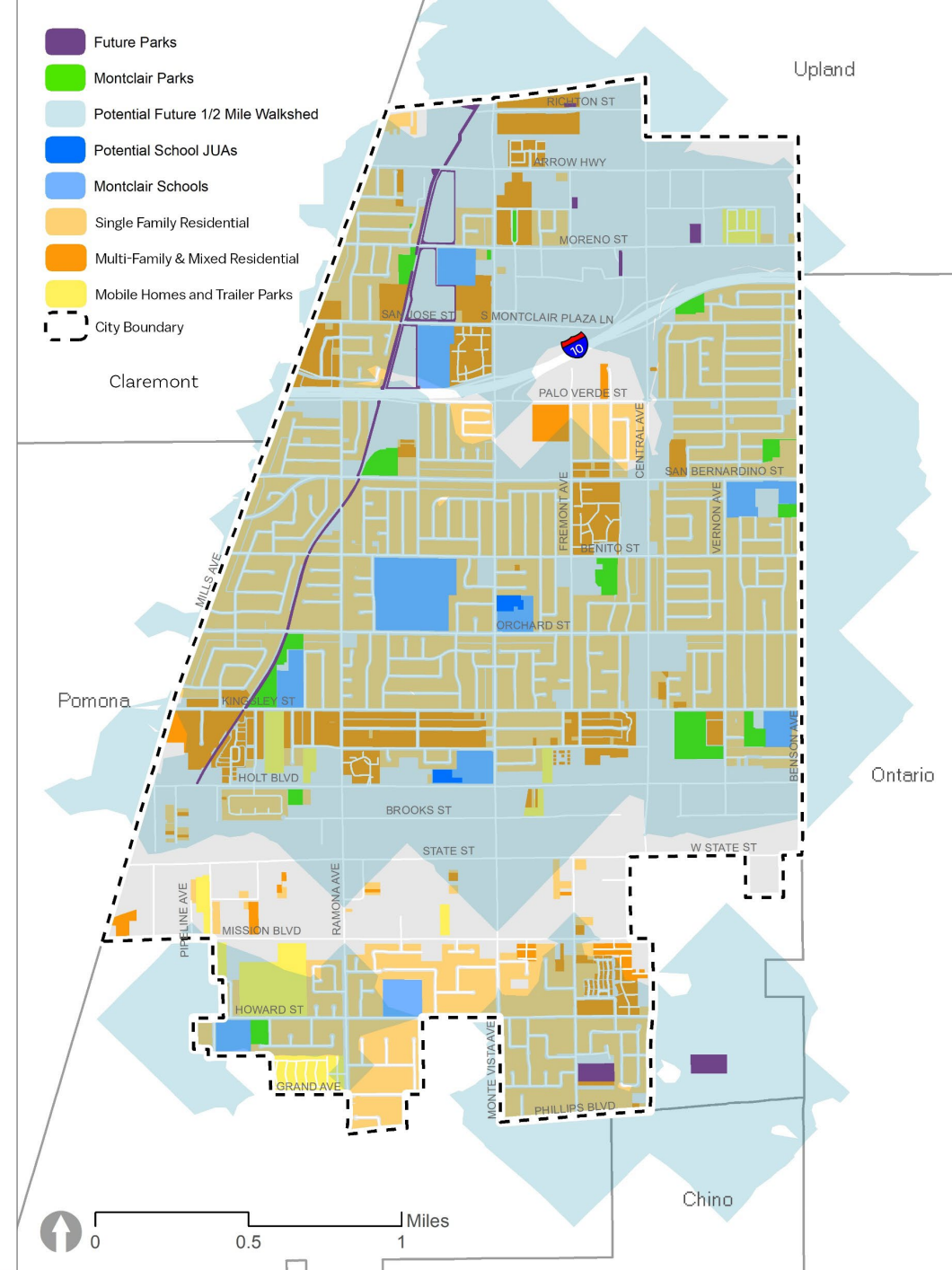
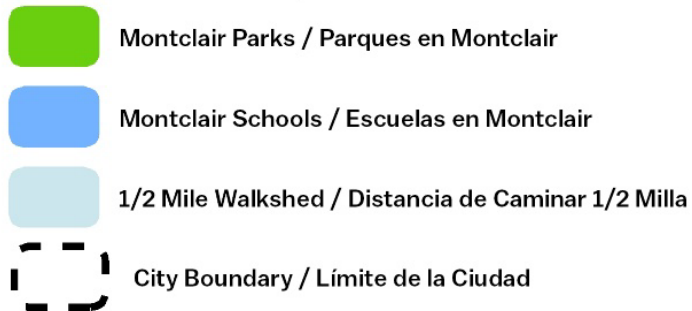
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Level of Service with New Park Areas

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246.0

2045 LEVEL OF SERVICE	ALL CITY PARKS
Future Park Acreage	71.20
Recommended Adopted Standard per 1,000 Population	5.00
Acres per 1,000 Population (2045)	1.45
Total Surplus/ Deficit Acres per 1,000 Population (2045)	-3.55
Acres in Deficit	174.80

Future parks include: Seven new parks, the San Antonio Creek Trail, three Detention Basin Loop Trails, and two potential school JUAs

Programs Overview

- While many programming activities have been impacted because of COVID, historically, the department provided a wide variety of activities such as:



**Summer Concert and
Movie Series**



Special Events



Senior Activities



Dance Classes



Gymnastics Classes



Youth Athletics



Adult Athletics



Karate Classes



Children Activities



Healthy Montclair

Program Recommendations

- Continue expanding teen and adult sports and recreation programs as staffing becomes more available.
- Consider providing adaptive or therapeutic programs for special needs or disabled patrons.
- Expand cultural programming to focused groups within the community as well as provide multilingual options for marketing of programs.
 - Cultural events have resonated well with the community, so continue providing yearly cultural events
- Integrate virtual programming for arts and gathering meetings that patrons can participate in at home.
 - Safety is a concern for some residents and virtual programming would provide in-home safety while providing community participation.
- Consider partnerships with community organizations, neighboring communities, and school districts to support program offerings such as use of pools for swimming or tracks around fields for walking.



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What Did We Hear at the Recommendations Workshop?

Summary from Community Workshop #4

- Attendance: 28 community members
- City staff and consultant team



Recreation Programs Summary / Resumen de programas de recreación
 What kind of recreation programs would you like to see offered?
 ¿Qué tipo de programas de recreación le gustaría ver ofrecidos?

NRPA Agency Performance Analysis / Análisis de Desempeño de Agencia NRPA

Programming	Montclair	National Average	Park Acres	Region
Themed Special Events	✓	90%	87%	84%
Social Recreation Events	✓	89%	85%	82%
Team Sports	✓	90%	80%	90%
Fitness Enhancement Classes	✓	85%	75%	82%
Health and wellness education	✓	82%	76%	96%
Individual Sports	✓	94%	77%	89%
Safety Training	✓	71%	66%	83%
Recreational Sports	✓	71%	65%	75%
Aquatics	✓	69%	53%	86%
Performing Arts	✓	62%	53%	69%
Visual Arts	✓	50%	52%	69%
Natural and cultural history activities	✓	53%	43%	66%
Cultural Crafts	✓	60%	53%	67%
Traps and Tours	✓	59%	54%	64%
Martial Arts	✓	68%	57%	71%
Roller/ Cycling races	✓	41%	35%	52%
Golf	✓	39%	26%	47%
Agri/ Horticulture	✓	8%	7%	8%

*Montclair offers team sports (check marks) and based upon NRPA Agency Performance Data, 81% of agencies with a similar amount of park acres in the country offer team sports, 82% of agencies with similar population have aquatics services, 83% of agencies with a similar number of parks offer team sports and 90% of agencies in the region offer team sports. Using these comparative data sets, we estimate that on average 90% of similar agencies provide the services.

NRPA Agency Performance Analysis / Análisis de Desempeño de Agencia NRPA

Organization/Program	Montclair	Claremont	Upland	Pomona	Ontario	Chino	La Verne
Early Childhood (Tots and Toddlers)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Youth (non-sports programs)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Tennis (non-sports programs)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adult (non-sports programs)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Senior Programs	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fitness	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aquatics	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Camps	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Youth Sports	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adult Sports	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Cultural Arts	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Diversity/Inclusive	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Virtual	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

What kind of recreation programs would you like to see offered? / ¿Qué tipo de programas de recreación le gustaría ver ofrecidos?

Top 10%
 walking trails
 dog park
 community center
 youth center
 senior center
 community garden
 community center
 community center
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 community center



General Comments

Recreation Programs Board

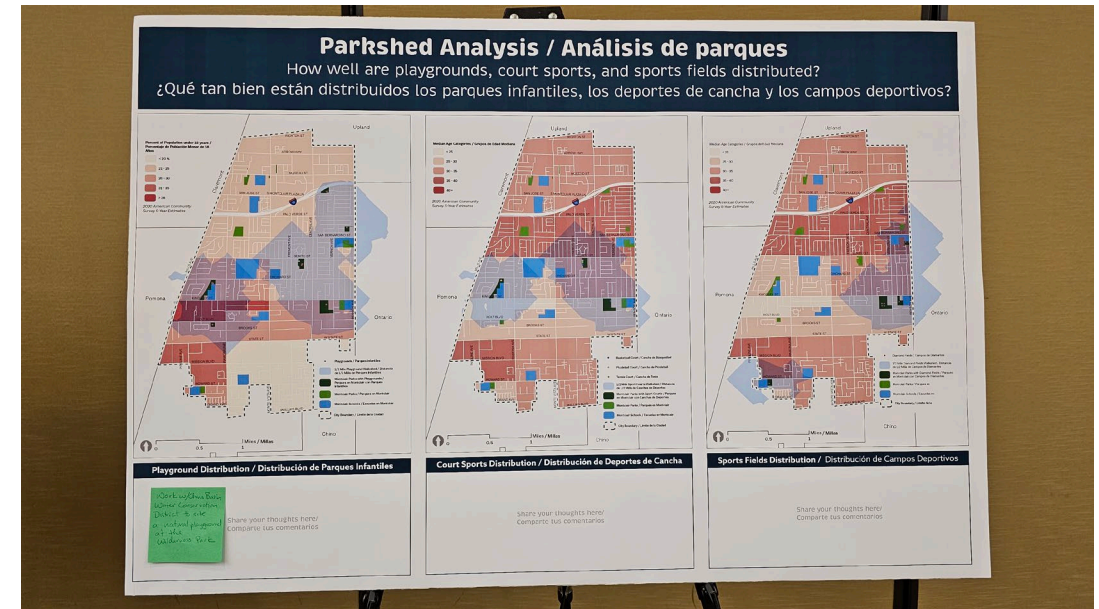
- Cultural arts
- Performing arts
- Therapeutic

General Comments on Things People Would Like

- Dog parks
- Walking trails
- Soccer fields for adults at Saratoga
- Cleaner restrooms

Other Comments

- Promote to the public the native garden and its educational opportunities located at Wilderness Park
- Work with the Chino Basin Water Conservation District to site a proposed natural playground at the Wilderness Park



Fitness	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Aquatics	✓				✓	✓
Camps	✓	✓	✓		✓	✓
Youth Sports	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Adult Sports	✓		✓		✓	✓
Cultural Arts		✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Therapeutic / Inclusive						✓
Virtual		✓	✓		✓	✓

What kind of recreation programs would you like to see offered? / ¿Qué tipo de programas de recreación le gustaría ver ofrecidos?

- Dog parks
- walking trails
- Cultural Arts
- Therapeutic
- soccer field for adults at Saratoga
- cleaner restrooms at the community center
- Exhibit on Native Garden at Wilderness Park
- Performing arts!

Park Infill Opportunity Areas Summary

- Community members were asked to review opportunity areas for eight (8) parks throughout the city
- Voting exercise allowed the community to vote for specific park facilities for the opportunity areas
- Sticker tallies will help the team revise maps for the recommendations chapter of the master plan

Park Infill Opportunity Areas / Áreas de oportunidad de parques

Vote for your most desired park facility / Vota por la instalación de tu parque más deseada

Essex Park

COMMON RECREATION FACILITIES / INSTALACIONES RECREATIVAS COMUNES	TYPICAL SF	AREA 1: 10,856	AREA 2: 37,263	AREA 3: 11,088	AREA 4: 6,094
Diamond Field / Campo de Diamante	40,000-80,000				
Soccer Field / Campo de Fútbol	65,000-85,000				
Youth Soccer Field / Campo de Fútbol de adolescente	4,500-13,000				
Basketball Court / Canchas de Basketball	4,700				
Tennis / Tennis	7,200				
Pickleball	2,500				
Volleyball / Vóleybol	4,000				
Playgrounds / Patios de juegos	4,000-6,000				
Picnic Area / Áreas de picnic	500-1,500				
Dog Park / Parque de perros	10,000-65,000				
Outdoor Exercise Areas / Áreas de ejercicio al aire libre	500-2,000				
Recreation Pool / Albercas	6,000-14,000				
Splash Pad / Chapoteadero	500-1,500				
Adventure Playgrounds / Parques infantiles de aventura	4,000-6,000				
Skate Spot / Pump Track / Pista de patines / BMX	2,000-45,000				

Saratoga Park

COMMON RECREATION FACILITIES / INSTALACIONES RECREATIVAS COMUNES	TYPICAL SF	AREA 1: 18,918	AREA 2: 10,340	AREA 3: 14,237
Diamond Field / Campo de Diamante	40,000-80,000			
Soccer Field / Campo de Fútbol	65,000-85,000			
Youth Soccer Field / Campo de Fútbol de adolescente	4,500-13,000			
Basketball Court / Canchas de Basketball	4,700			
Tennis / Tennis	7,200			
Pickleball	2,500			
Volleyball / Vóleybol	4,000			
Playgrounds / Patios de juegos	4,000-6,000			
Picnic Area / Áreas de picnic	500-1,500			
Dog Park / Parque de perros	10,000-65,000			
Outdoor Exercise Areas / Áreas de ejercicio al aire libre	500-2,000			
Recreation Pool / Albercas	6,000-14,000			
Splash Pad / Chapoteadero	500-1,500			
Adventure Playgrounds / Parques infantiles de aventura	4,000-6,000			
Skate Spot / Pump Track / Pista de patines / BMX	2,000-45,000			

Kingsley Park*

COMMON RECREATION FACILITIES / INSTALACIONES RECREATIVAS COMUNES	TYPICAL SF	AREA 1: 4,771	AREA 2: 5,070	AREA 3: 17,640	AREA 4: 3,240
Diamond Field / Campo de Diamante	40,000-80,000				
Soccer Field / Campo de Fútbol	65,000-85,000				
Youth Soccer Field / Campo de Fútbol de adolescente	4,500-13,000				
Basketball Court / Canchas de Basketball	4,700				
Tennis / Tennis	7,200				
Pickleball	2,500				
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Picnic Area / Áreas de picnic	500-1,500				
Dog Park / Parque de perros	10,000-65,000				
Outdoor Exercise Areas / Áreas de ejercicio al aire libre	500-2,000				
Recreation Pool / Albercas	6,000-14,000				
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Adventure Playgrounds / Parques infantiles de aventura	4,000-6,000				
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*School Joint-Use Agreement may limit short-term improvements / *El Acuerdo de Uso Conjunto de la Escuela puede limitar las mejoras a corto plazo

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 Infill Opportunity Areas / Áreas de oportunidad de relleno

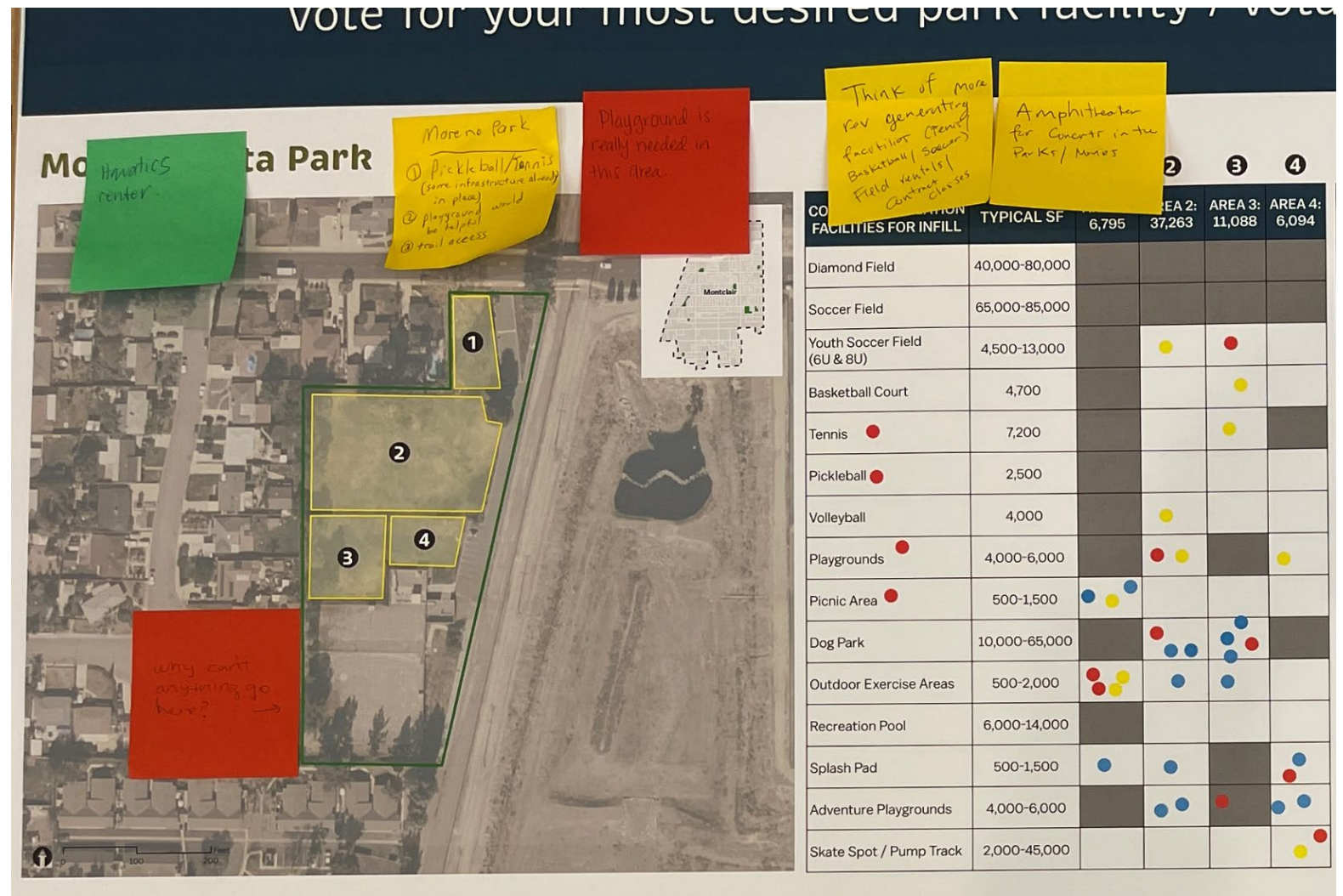
Park Infill Opportunity Areas: Moreno Vista Park Example

General Comments

- Aquatics center
- Pickleball/tennis (some infrastructure already in place)
- Playground would be helpful
- Trail access
- Why can't anything go here? (pointing to southern portion of the park)
- Think of more revenue-generating facilities (tennis, basketball, soccer)
- Field rentals or contract classes
- Amphitheater for concerts/movies in the park

Top Votes for Amenities

- Dog park
- Picnic areas
- Outdoor exercise area
- Splash pad
- Playground



Other Comments / Topics to Consider

School Joint Use Agreements

- Include recommendations to explore partnerships with Monte Vista Elementary School and Montera Elementary School?

Detention Basins

- Include recommendations to explore partnerships with Chino Basin Water Conservation District regarding passive/linear recreation around the basins?

Future Park Sites

- Include recommendations for potential park sites in southeast Montclair?

Other Ongoing/Planned Park Information

- Are there any other park plans the team should be aware of that would benefit from inclusion in the master plan?



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Next Steps

Next Steps Through May 2023

- Summarize feedback and make necessary revisions
- Develop draft and final master plan report
- City Council to adopt final report





Thank you

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