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OUR PARKS, OUR PLACES

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我们的公园,我们的场所

Công Viên Của Chúng Ta, Thắng Cảnh Của Chúng Ta

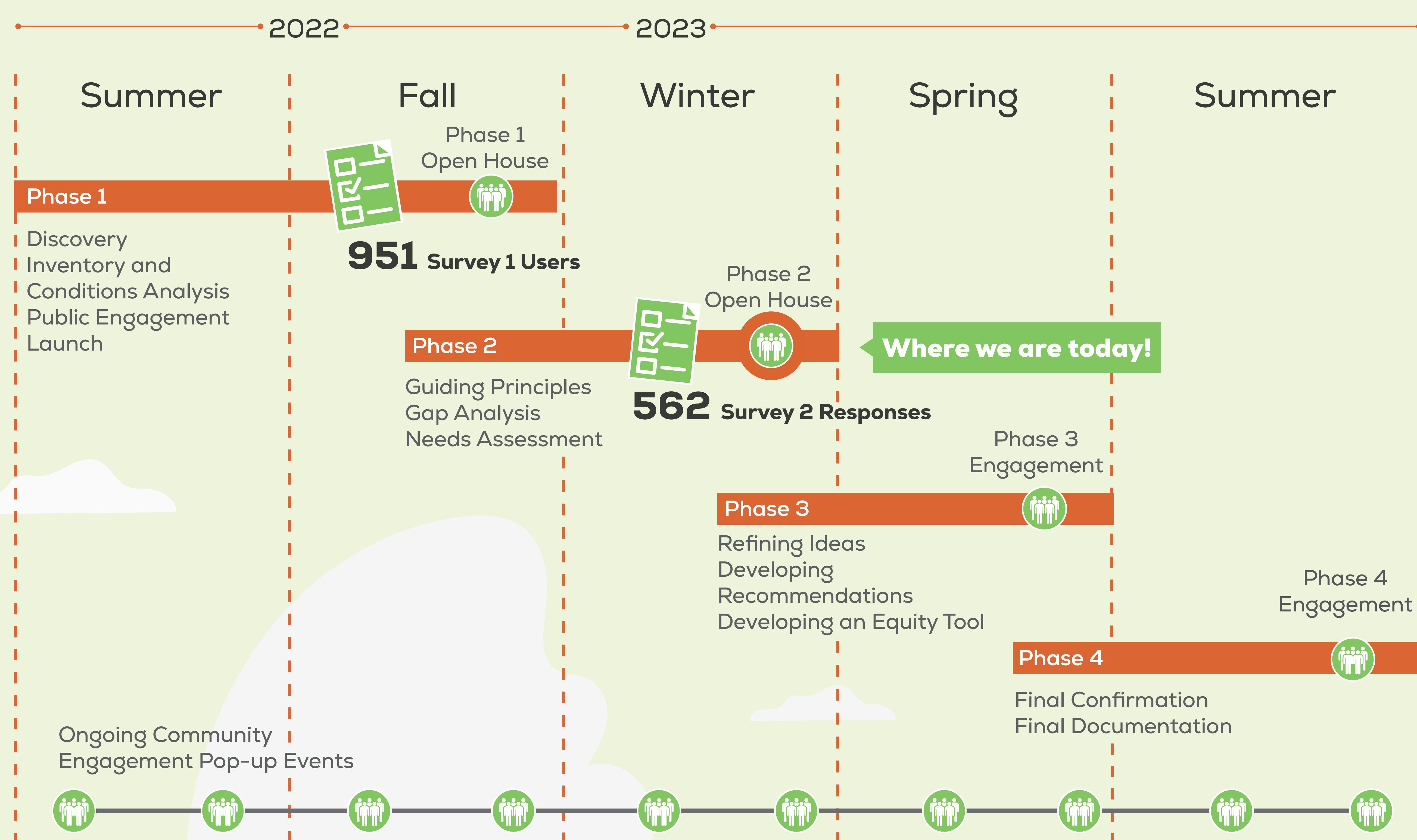
Community input is an essential part of the planning process for Our Parks, Our Places: A Plan for Aurora's Parks, Recreation and Open Space! Today you will learn about the master plan process, existing system gaps and needs, survey feedback, and guiding principles for the Master Plan!

Here's how you can help shape the future of Aurora's Parks, Recreation, and Open Space (PROS):

PROJECT PROCESS

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TOUCHPOINTS WITH THE COMMUNITY



OPEN HOUSE GOALS

1

HAVE FUN learning about your Aurora Parks, Recreation and Open Space system!

2

Ask any questions along the way - we are here for you! Interpreters are available!

3

Tell us what you want to see in the future!



CREATING AN EQUITABLE SYSTEM IN AURORA

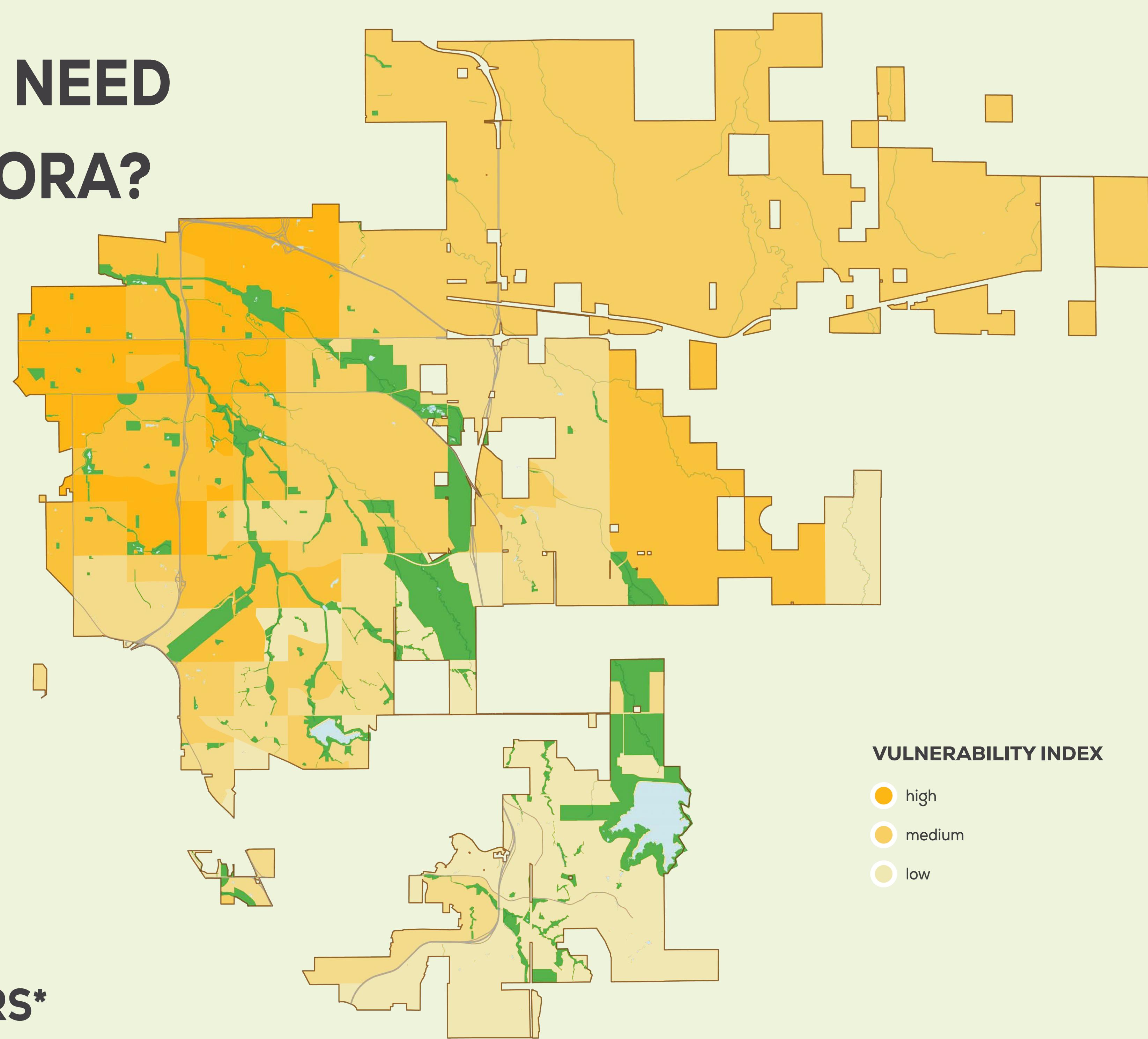
Creación de un sistema equitativo en Aurora • Aurora에서 형평성 있는 시스템 구축하기

创建一个属于大家的平等的公园系统 • Xây Dựng Một Hệ Thống Công Bằng tại Aurora • ቤትወርሃዊ ወሰኑ ተንተና የሚገኘውን መፍጻዎች

WHERE ARE THE HIGH NEED POPULATIONS IN AURORA?

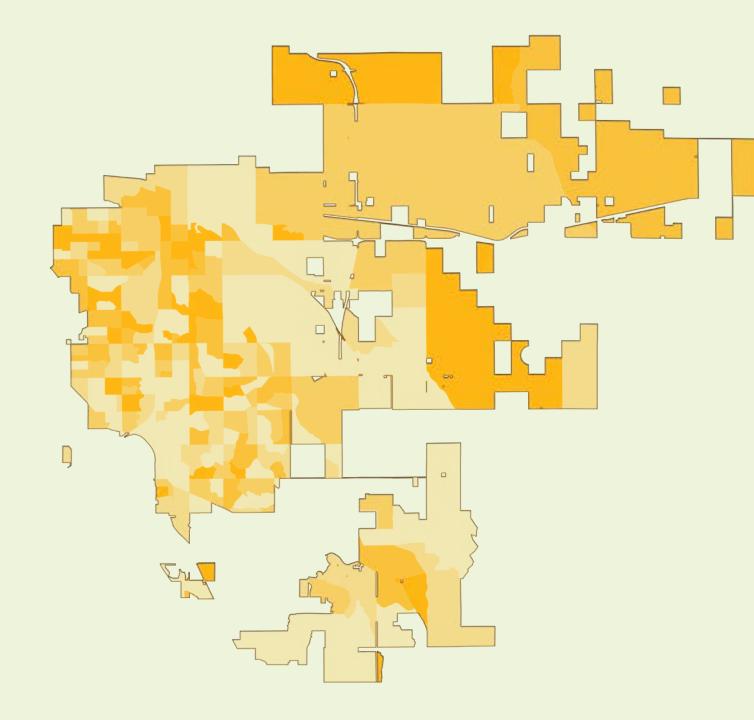
About 1/5th of Aurora's census tracts rank "high" on the CDC's Social Vulnerability Index*

*Social vulnerability is the degree to which a community is unable to prevent suffering and loss in the event of disruption or disaster.

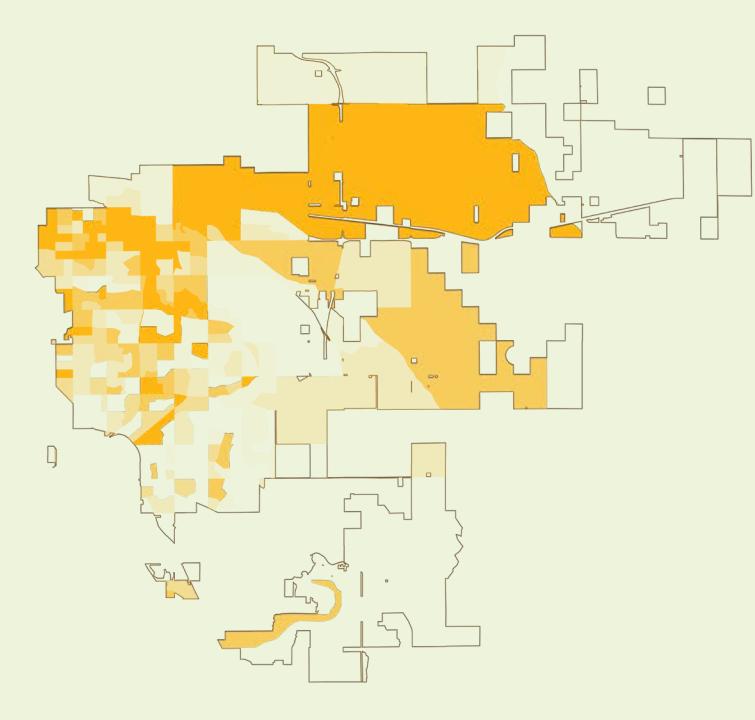


SOCIAL VULNERABILITY FACTORS*

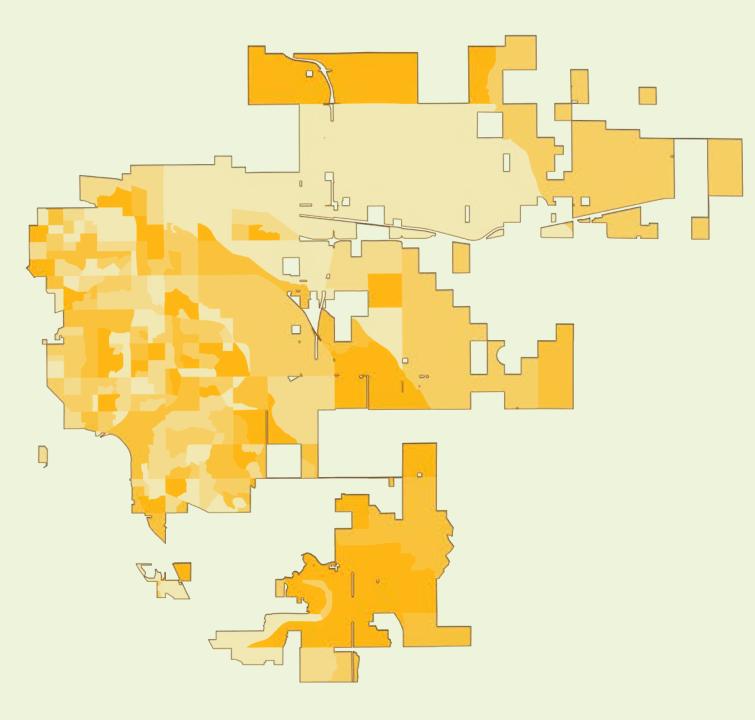
*These maps represent a selection of all datasets included in the full Social Vulnerability Index.



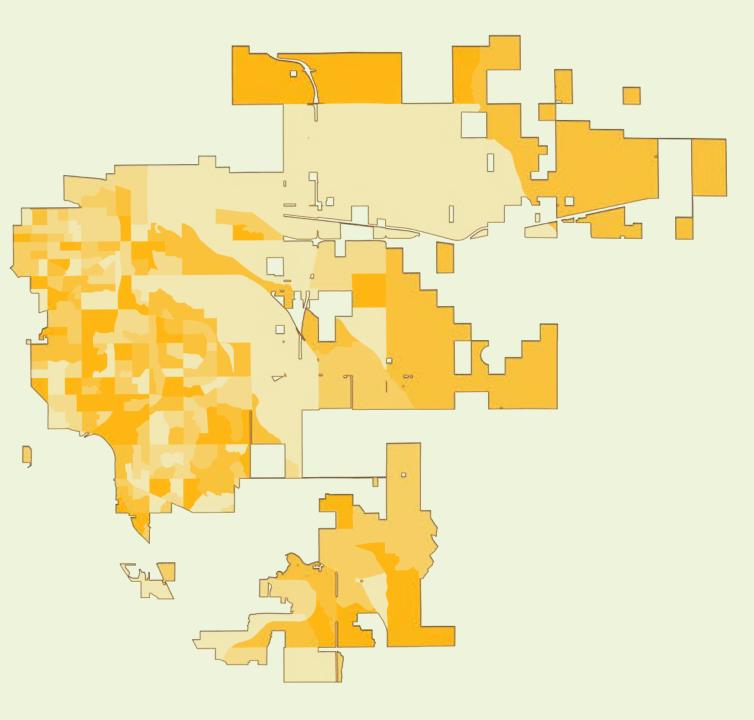
Poverty



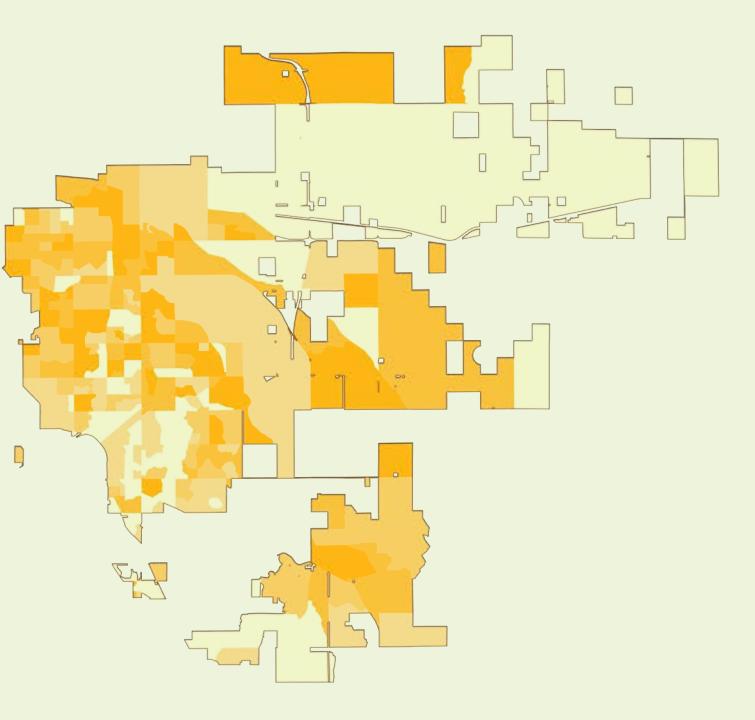
Housing Burden



Youth + Older Adult Population



Disability



People of Color

(Darker = Higher Number of Households Below Poverty Level)

(Darker = Higher Number of Disproportionately Burdened Households)

(Darker = Higher Number of People Aged 17 or Younger or 65 or Older)

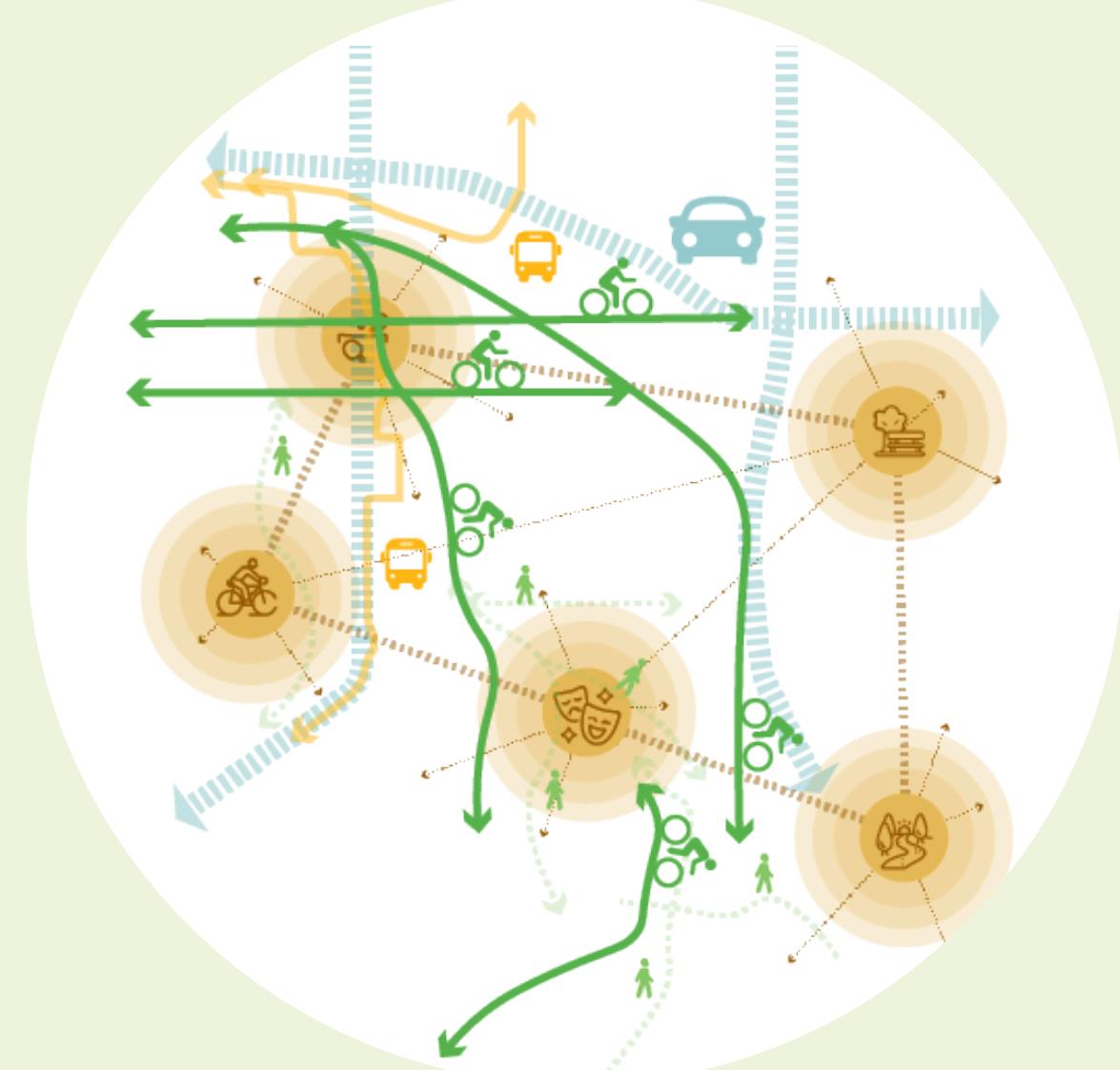
(Darker = Higher Number of Households with One or More Persons with a Disability)

(Darker = Higher Non-White Population)

GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Strengthen Connectivity to PROS Assets

Ensure equitable access and connectivity throughout the PROS system for all communities. Collaborate with organizations and public agencies representative of the many communities that make up Aurora.



Meet Evolving Needs of the Community

Promote inclusive and diverse programming, recreation, and amenities. Enhance communication to foster healthy living, community building, and opportunities for all.



Create Opportunities for Lifelong Education

Provide facilities and programs for all ages to promote life-long learning, health and discovery to help the community expand their knowledge of the PROS system and resources.



Serve as Stewards to Our Environment

Preserve and enrich Aurora's natural habitats and ecosystems through the design of sustainable landscapes and educational programs. Be transparent, accountable, and committed to responsible management.



Provide Welcoming and Safe Spaces

Promote safety in PROS parks, recreation centers, and open space. Provide a diverse, welcoming, and safe experience for the community.



Proactively Invest in the Present and Future

Invest in sustainable growth to continually improve the quality of the existing assets while creating new, welcoming destinations for all. Lead with efficient practices in operations and maintenance when planning for the present and future of PROS.

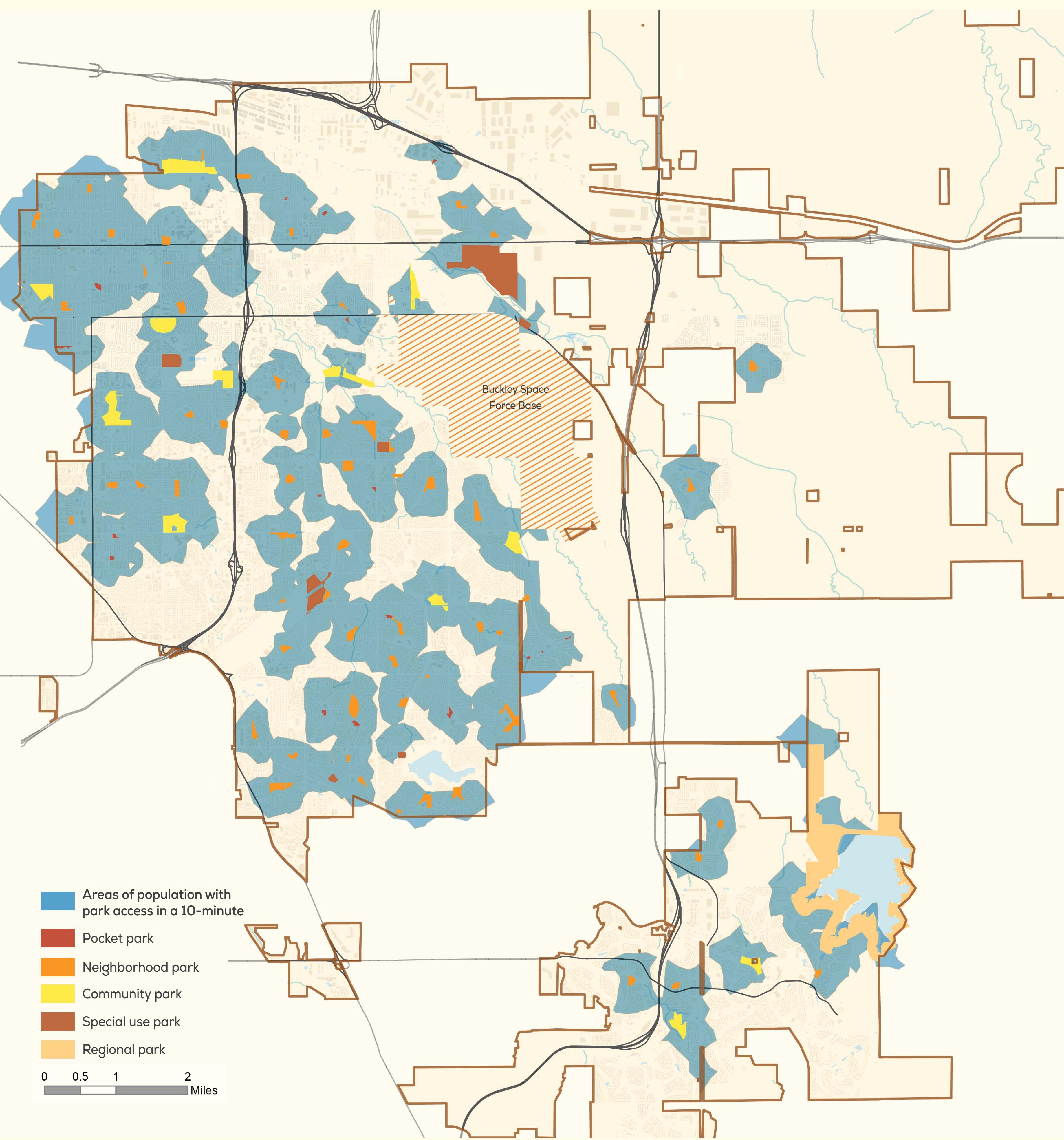


2.1 STRENGTHEN CONNECTIVITY TO PROS ASSETS

Reforzar la conectividad con los activos de PROS • 加强我们的公园, 开放空间, 和康乐中心的通达性

PROS 자산에 대한 연결성 강화 • Tăng Cường Kết Nối đến Các Tài Sản PROS • ከ PROS እስተዳደር የለምትና ጥንቃና የመኅኑ

PARK ACCESSIBILITY

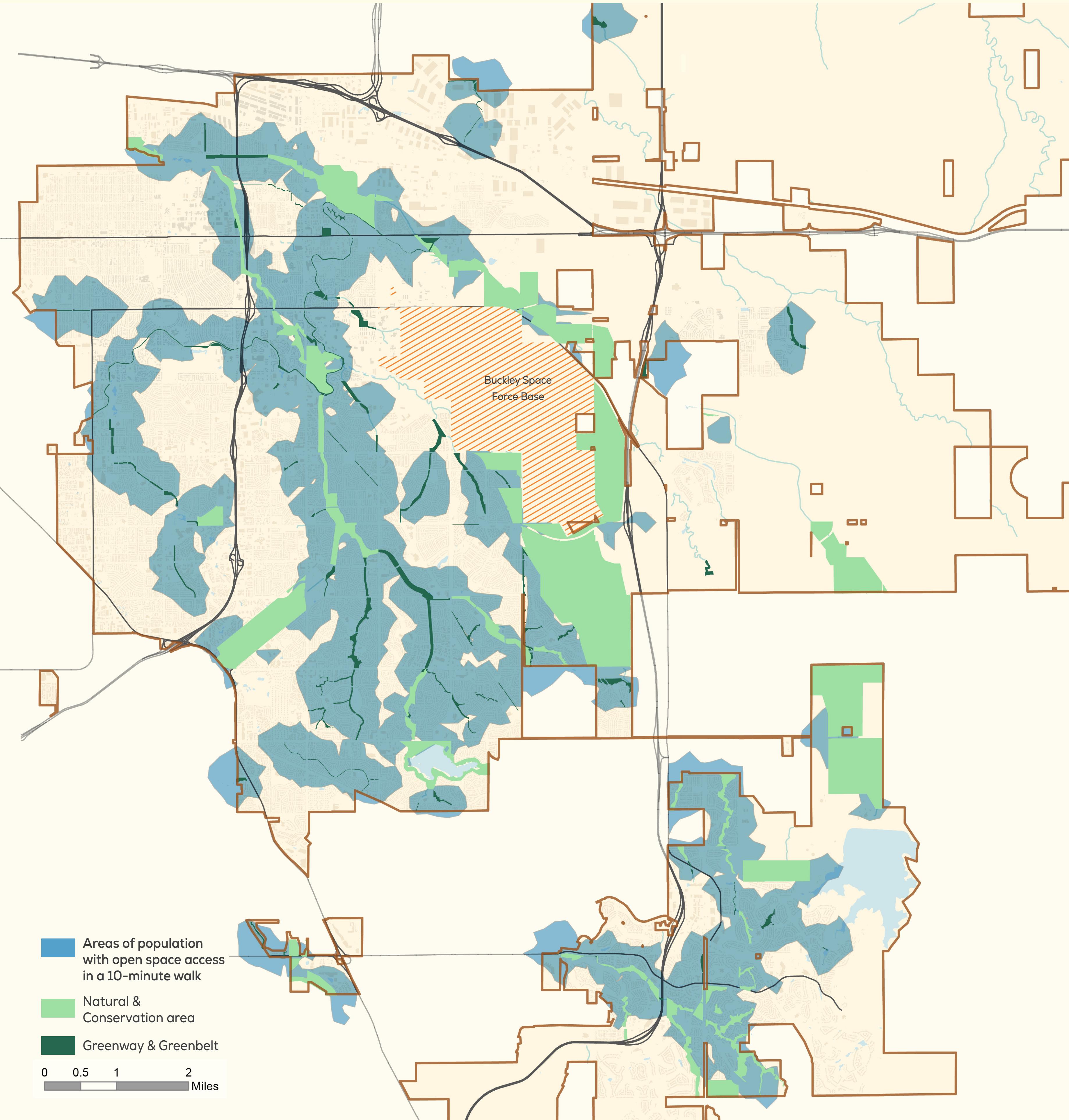


56% of Aurora residents live within 10-minute walking distance to parks

"Some parks are only, or mainly, accessible via the neighborhood surrounding or adjacent to it. Recommend better identified access" (Survey 2)

"I feel most of the parks are accessible except for people with the most severe disabilities." (Survey 2)

OPEN SPACE ACCESSIBILITY



PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

8% of the high-density residential population do not live within a 10-minute walking distance to parks and open spaces

"Safer and more formal access to trails from neighborhoods, like the High Line Canal" (Survey 2)

"More connectivity between the multi-use paths, homes, businesses and schools" (Survey 2)

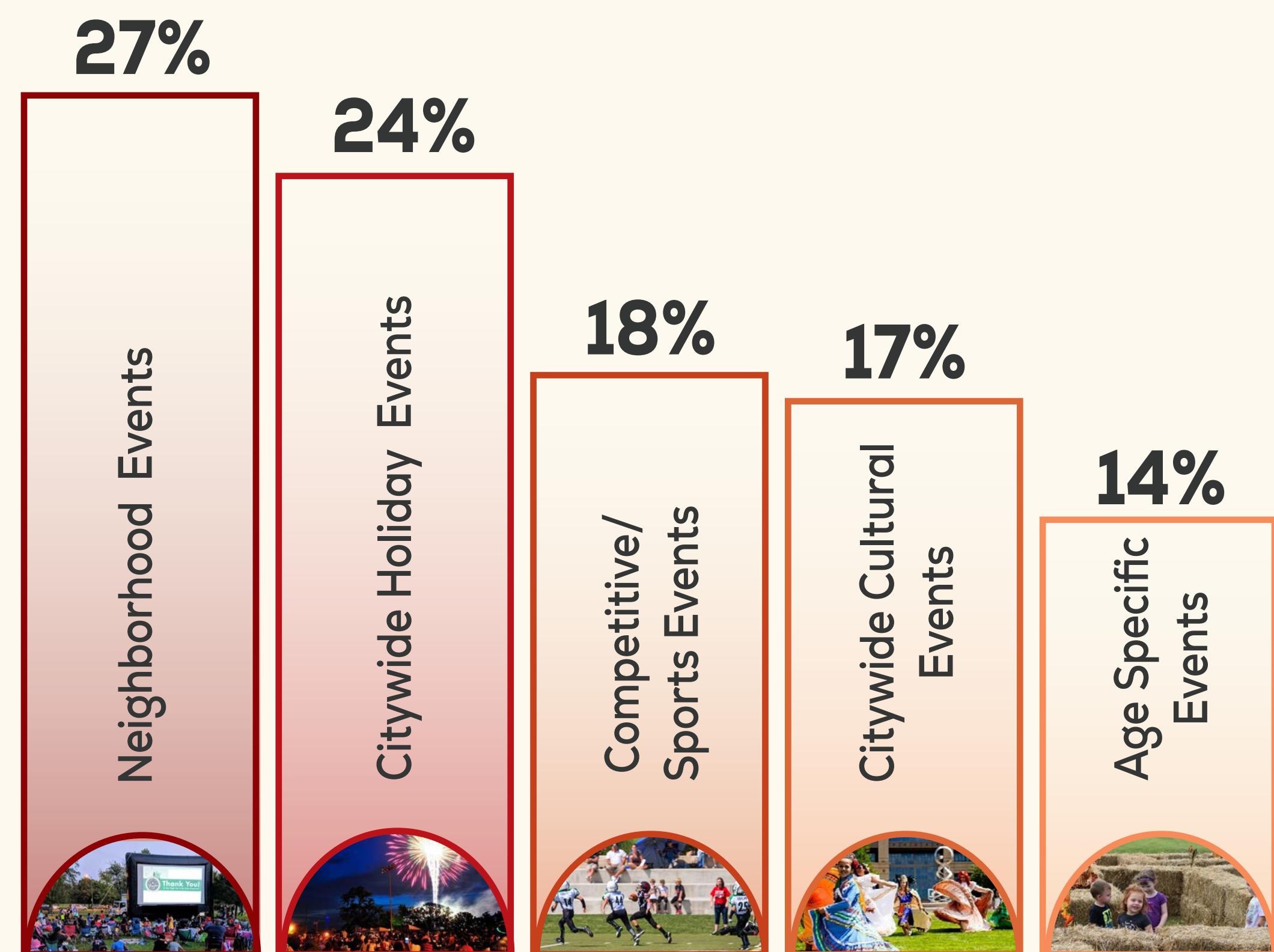
50% of Aurora residents live within 10-minute walking distance to open spaces

MEET EVOLVING NEEDS OF THE COMMUNITY

Satisfacer las necesidades cambiantes de la comunidad • 满足社区持续发展对公园及设施的需求

커뮤니티의 진화하는 요구 사항 충족 • Đáp Ứng Các Nhu Cầu Ngày Càng Tăng của Cộng Đồng • የሚበበሩበት የሚገኘው ቅልታ ማማልት

Survey Q13: What is your favorite type of special event?



Survey Q6: What are some barriers that prevent you from using the PROS system today?



Tell us how we could improve events and programs?

Offer variety events, for both day of week and time of day!

Program parks at night to promote safety!

More events offered across the city!

PUBLIC FEEDBACK

What We've Heard

"Sports event scheduling should be mindful of religious attendance, needs on Sunday mornings especially"

"More cultural relevant public events!"

"Winter park spaces such as areas with rentable fire pits, or solar heaters. Lots of events happen at city center, having some winter spaces for rent here would be useful for people to rent/use to keep community gathering all year"

"Expanded programs to include all residents of the City. Improved and diverse communications regarding what is available"

"More volunteer opportunities to come together to clean parks, include people of all backgrounds"

"Youth outreach and increased diversity of activities and events"

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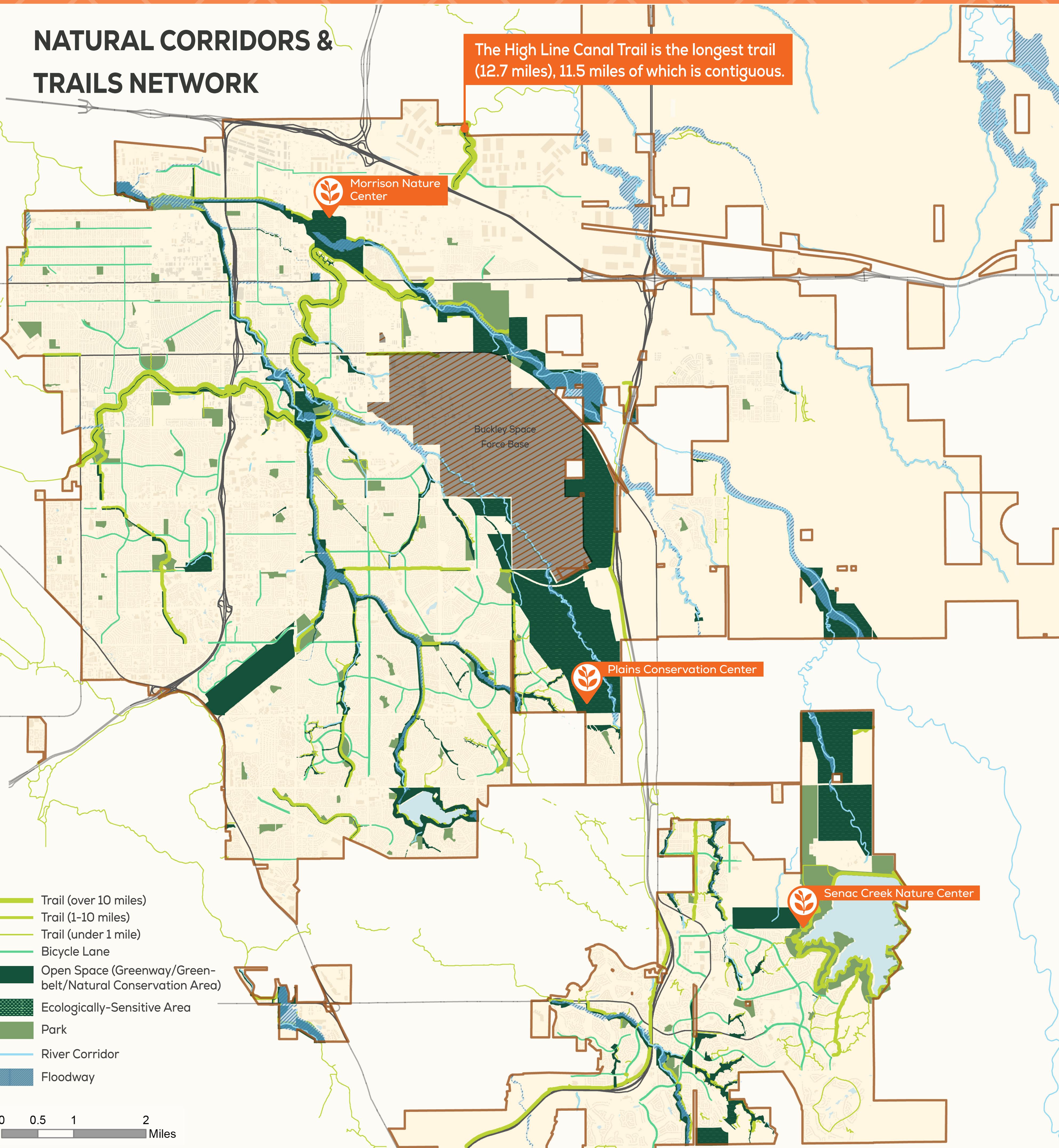
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NATURAL CORRIDORS & TRAILS NETWORK

The High Line Canal Trail is the longest trail (12.7 miles), 11.5 miles of which is contiguous.



"We need nature-based reciprocal activities to give back to nature"

PROGRAM TYPES OFFERED BY NATURE CENTERS



Kid Naturalist Program



Art Creation in Nature



Natural Film Club



Nature Camp



Bird Walk

...And Many More!

"Just more open space! We have nesting bald eagles in many of our open spaces, and they are disturbed by commercial business"

"More trails for hiking and cycling. Connect the Aurora residential trails to the E470 trails"

More than 65 trails are less than 1 mile in length and disconnected from the larger system. This creates opportunities to connect across neighborhoods and nature.

2.5 PROVIDE WELCOMING AND SAFE SPACES

Proporcionar espacios agradables y seguros • የጥሩ አቀባበ የለው እና ደህንነቱ የተጠበቀ በታችቸና የቅርቡ

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HOW DO WE PRIORITIZE IMPROVEMENTS TO MAKE PROS SPACES MORE WELCOMING?

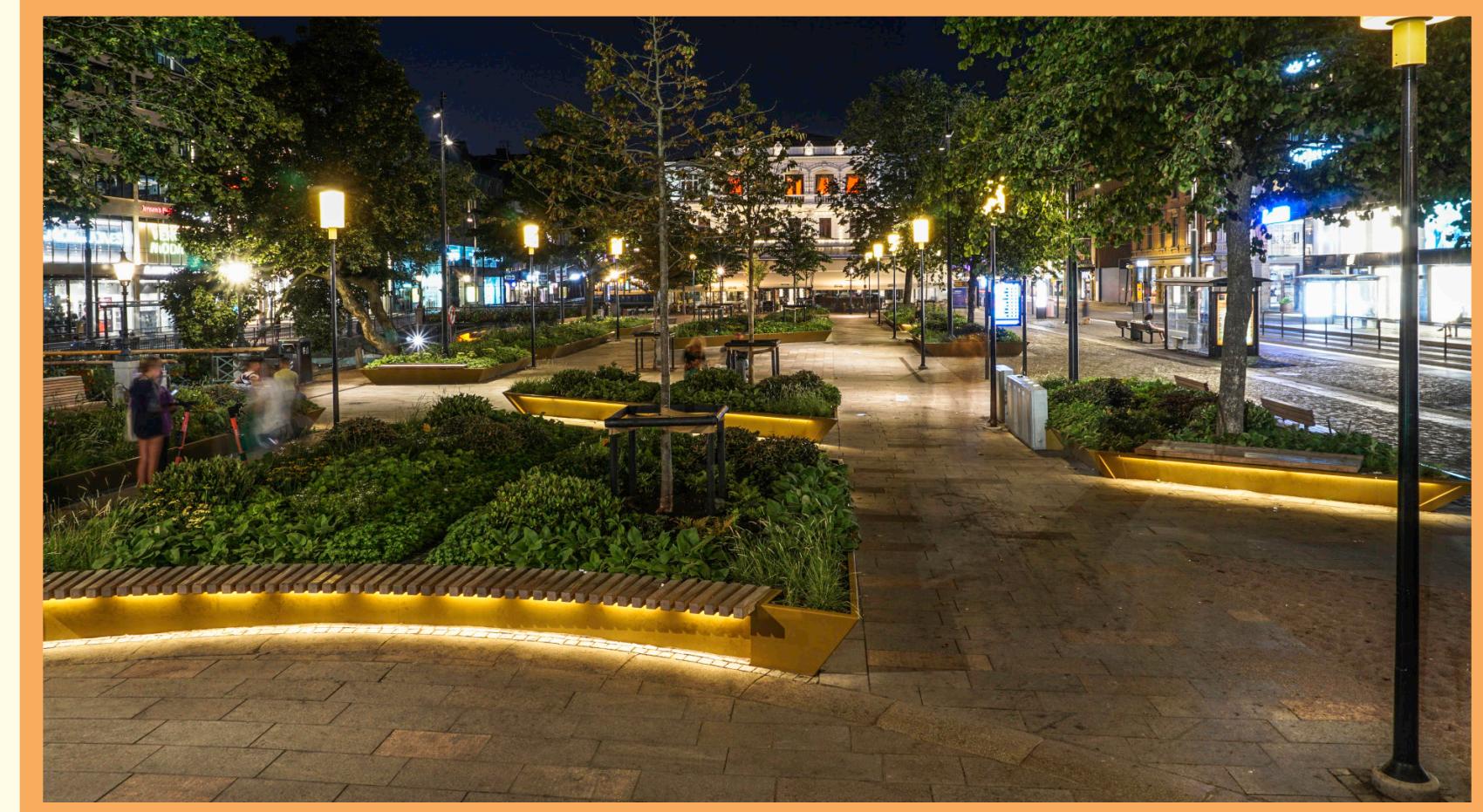
PHYSICAL DESIGN



Universal design that support all physical abilities and ages



Diversity in form, color, and texture of landscape elements



Well-lit public space with adequate lighting

PROGRAMMING & OPERATIONS



Park activation through all-day programming

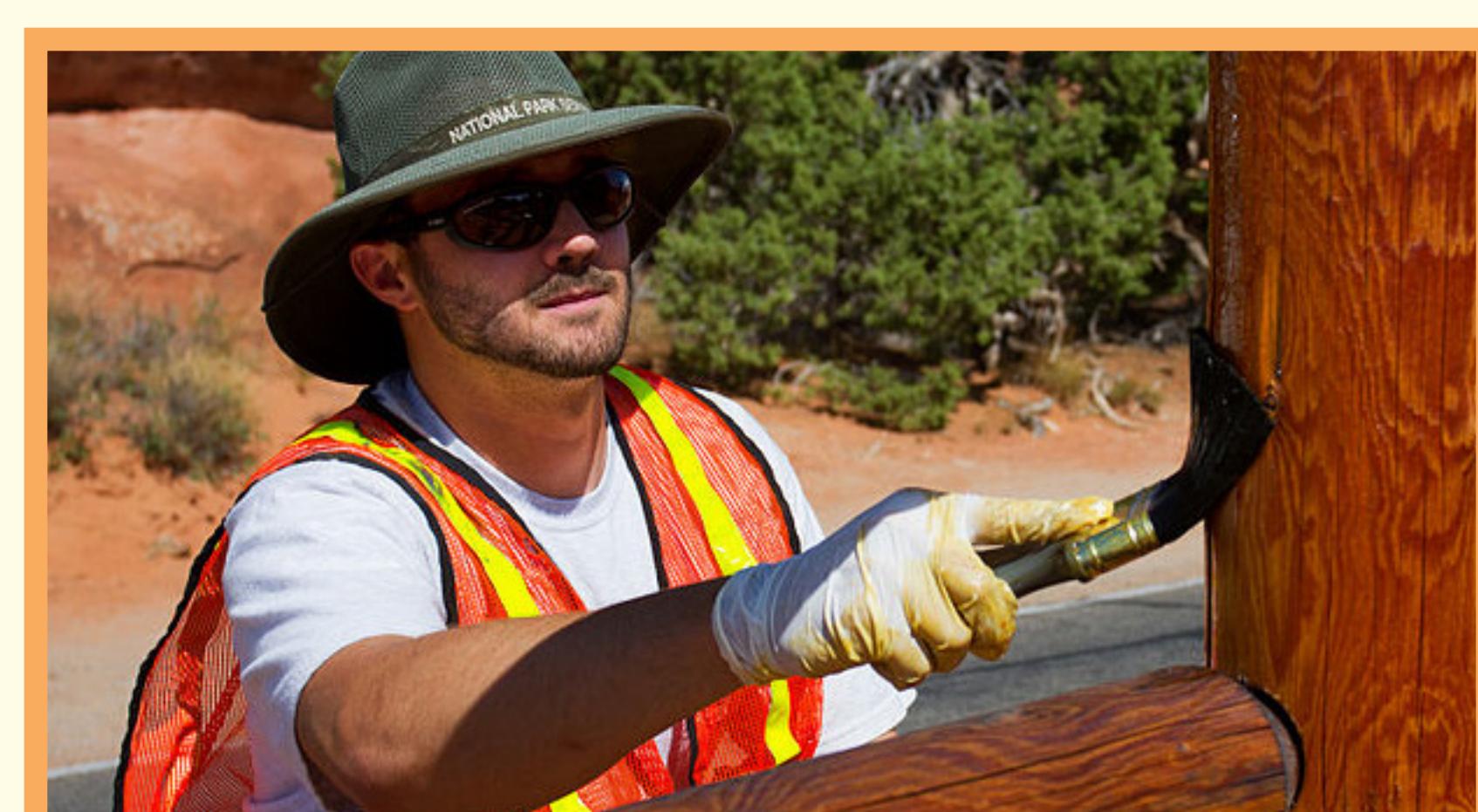


Clear and legible signage in multiple languages

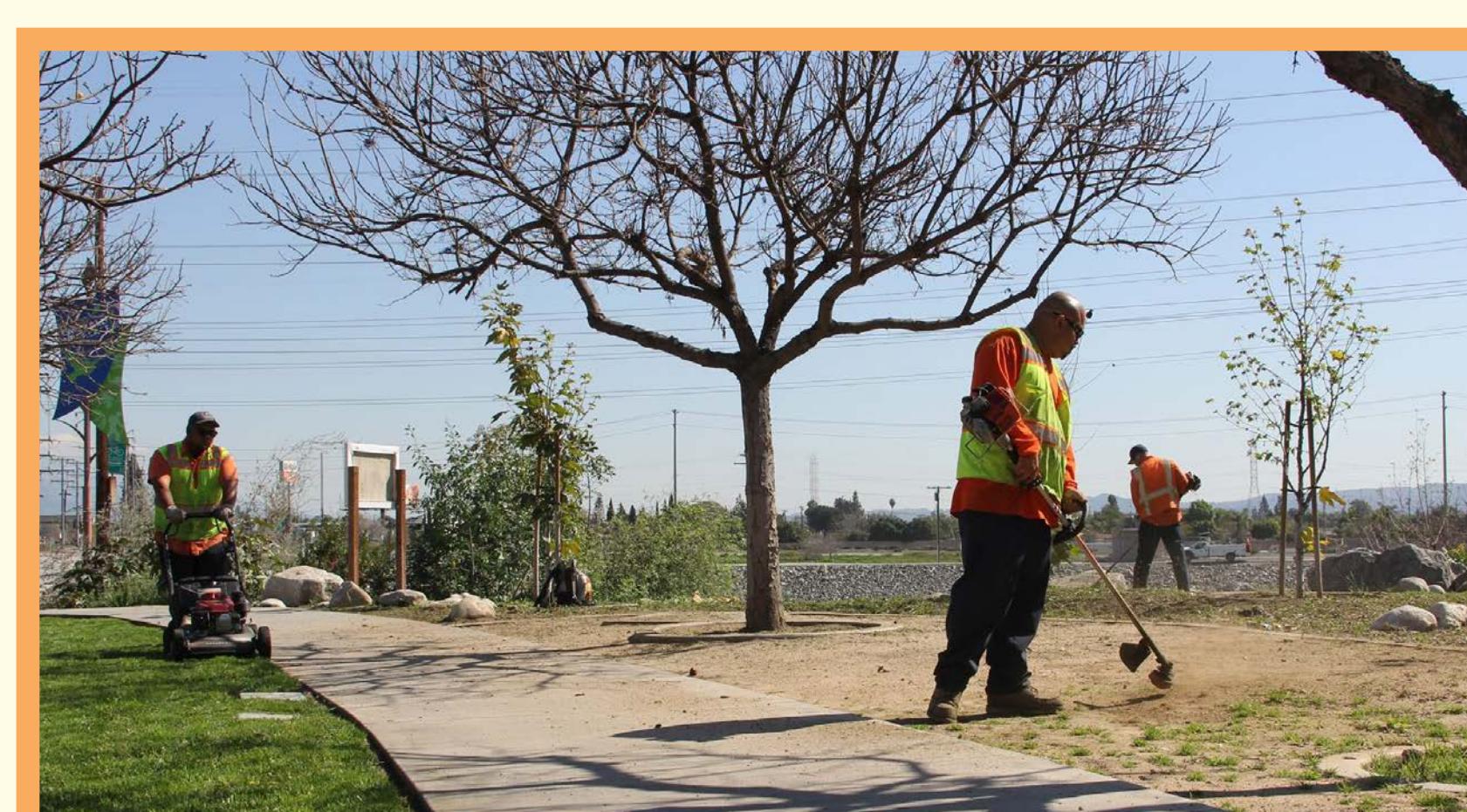


Offering diverse cultural programming

MAINTENANCE



Well-maintained facilities



Lower response times for maintenance requests



More frequent restroom maintenance

CITIZEN INVOLVEMENT



Enhance civic pride and ownership through involvement in park design



Enhance multilingual communication and marketing



Create additional community volunteer opportunities

FORMAL & INFORMAL SURVEILLANCE



Initiate more security measures



Increase visibility with clear sightlines



Support volunteer neighborhood watch groups

OTHER IDEAS TO MAKE SPACES MORE WELCOMING?

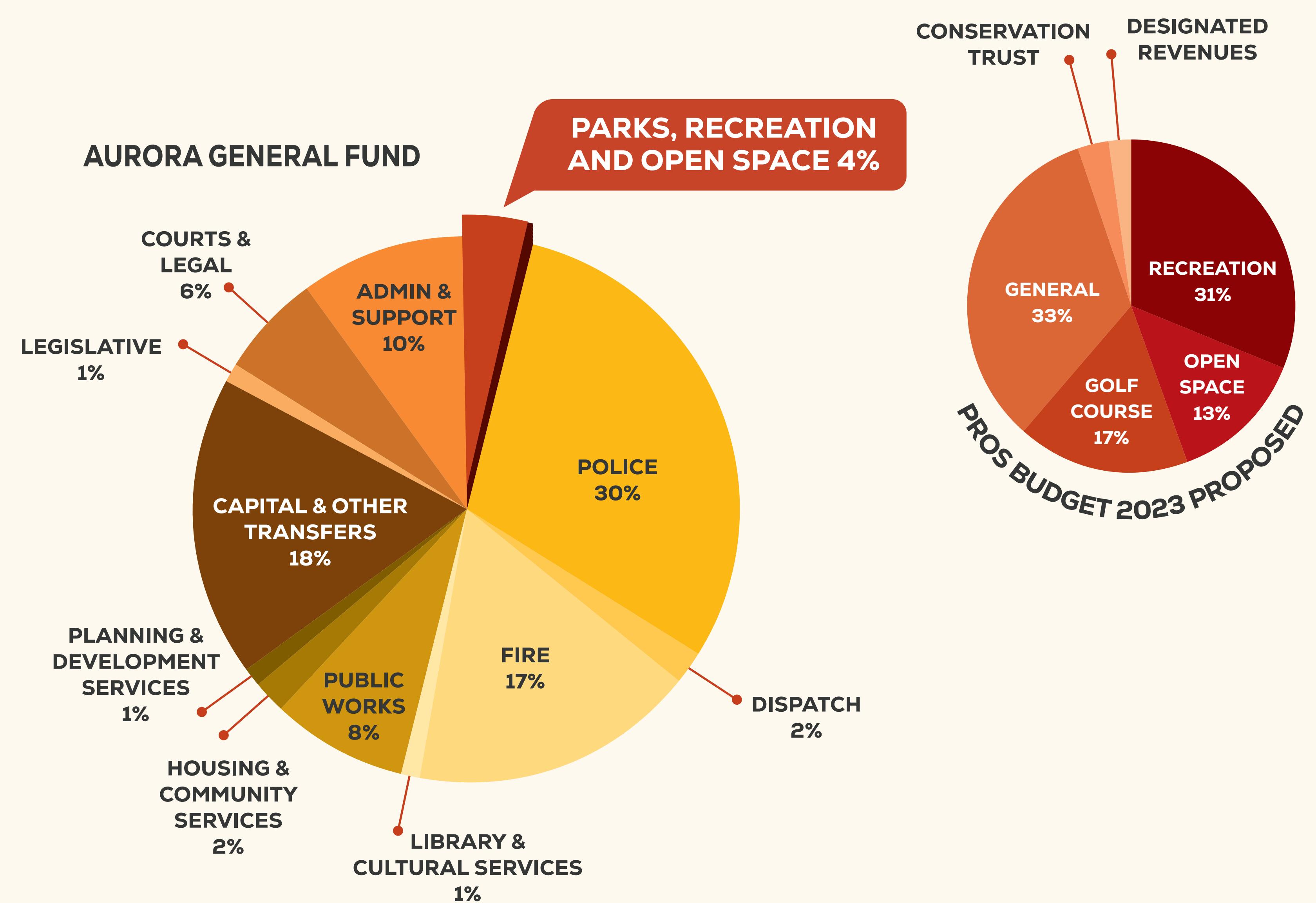
2.6 PROACTIVELY INVEST IN THE PRESENT AND FUTURE

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현재와 미래에 적극적인 투자 • Chủ Động Đầu Tư vào Hiện Tại và Tương Lai • 积极改善现状和投资未来的公园系统

How PROS is Funded Today

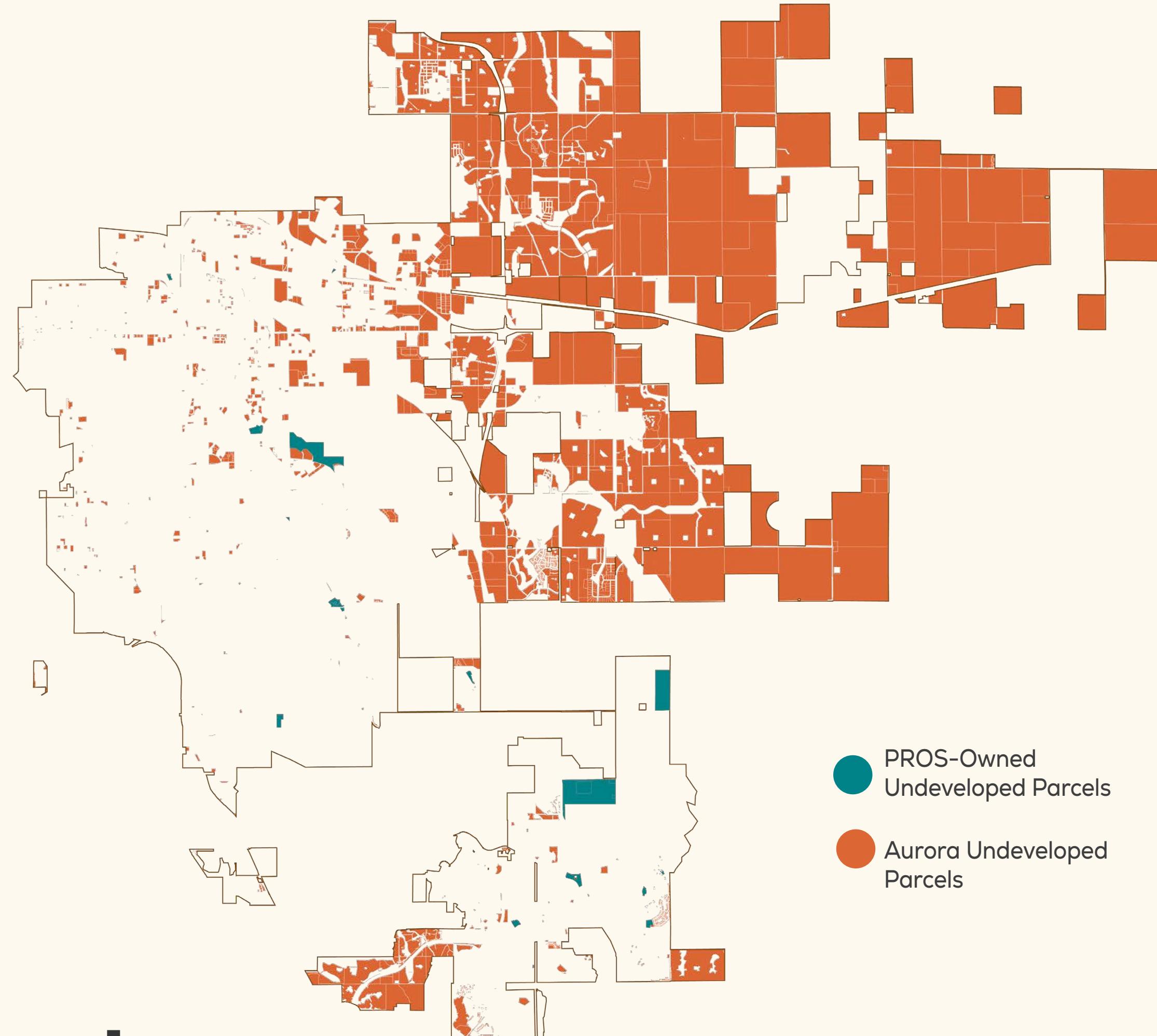
How does the yearly budget break down?



Opportunities for Growth

What comes next for Aurora PROS?

32%
of all land
in Aurora is
considered
undeveloped



What We've Heard

Feedback from your neighbors!



Upgrade existing parks, recreation facilities, paths and open spaces



Acquire and protect land for natural open space

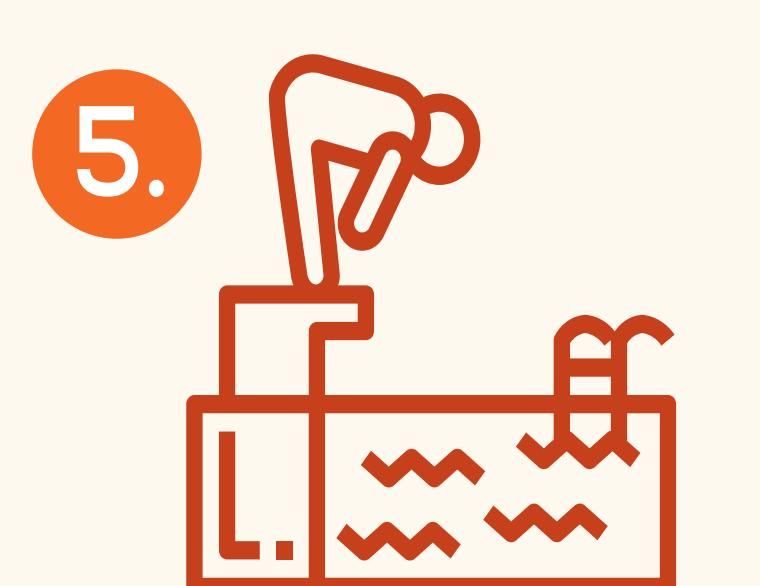


Expand and develop the regional trails system

Survey Q1: What are the most important park improvements needed in the Aurora PROS system?



Acquire more land for future parks



Develop a multi-purpose indoor recreation center

HOW WOULD YOU INVEST IN THE FUTURE?

Vote for your top three using the stickers provided!



WHERE WE'RE HEADED

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我们的目标 • Chúng Ta Đang Hướng Đến Đâu

WHAT'S NEXT IN PHASE 3?

1

Draft Equity Tool Development

The tool will focus on park access and needs surrounding park amenities and facilities to inform future decision-making processes.



We want to hear from you!
Scan the QR Code
and Stay Connected!

2

Draft Strategy Recommendations

We will refine the recommendations for addressing the gaps/needs identified by the community input. The recommendations will articulate Aurora's prioritization and address core objectives of the master plan.

3

Constant Community Engagement!

Keep an eye out for Aurora PROS out at community events asking for feedback on our planning process. Sign up at EngageAurora.org/AuroraParks to stay up to date.



Follow up and get involved in the planning process through our events and website!



Please keep a flyer to take home and share with any friends or family or reference later!

What was your favorite thing you learned tonight about Aurora PROS?

¿Cuál fue su dato favorito que aprendió esta noche sobre Aurora PROS?

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오늘 Aurora PROS를 통해 배운 것 중 가장 마음에 드는 것은 무엇인가요?

今晚介绍的关于奥罗拉 PROS 系统现状, 您最喜欢其中的哪些信息?

Trong buổi tối hôm nay, quý vị thích điều gì đã tìm hiểu được về Aurora PROS?