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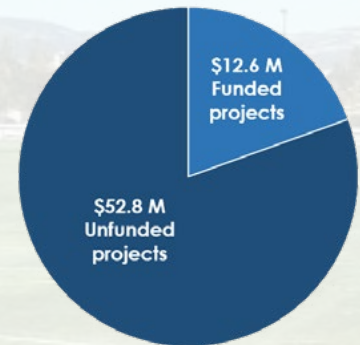
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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Murrieta Parks and Recreation Master Plan will serve as a guide and implementation tool for the management and development of parks and recreation facilities throughout the City. This document represents a summary of the community outreach, research, and professional analysis conducted. The Master Plan recommendations are to serve the current population, as well as the projected population through 2033. The culminating result is a community inspired plan for the future of parks and recreation in the City of Murrieta.

The process began with a review of pertinent planning documents, existing park resources, and recreation opportunities. Following the initial inventory, a community outreach campaign was developed. In-person workshops, online video presentations, one-on-one stakeholder interviews, a statistically-valid multimodal survey, public online surveys, and direct website feedback surveys were conducted to analyze the community recreation demand in the City. Throughout the process, project updates and summary results were posted to the project website. This website enabled community members to review updates and provide immediate feedback at any point during the project. This resource allowed anyone in the community to have a voice in the process regardless of when and where meetings were held.

The Master Plan includes capital improvements of \$65,468,074 (\$12,698,790 in planned funded projects, \$12,819,934 in planned unfunded projects, and with a balance of \$39,949,350 of additional Master Plan recommended funding). Based on the findings, this Master Plan outlines key park and facility improvements as well as staffing and maintenance recommendations identified in Section Four, detailed reports of these analysis are available in the appendix. The following are key strategies developed to balance the available inventory with the community's recreational desires.



Each of the following recommended key strategies are designed to balance the equation of where existing recreation resources exist and how they relate to the needs of the community. Through this analysis, recreation can flourish and continue to support a thriving outdoor community.

Key Strategy #1: Prioritize multi-use facility development to meet the diverse recreational demands.

Goal 1.1: The City should increase sports fields, addressing facility deficits by utilizing alternative fields, expanding the Los Alamos Hills Sports Park, improving California Oaks Sports Park, and collaborating with the school district.

Goal 1.2: The City should continue to develop a new dog park at Glen Arbor Park with modern amenities, while also equipping parks with dog waste dispensers to support the dog community.

Goal 1.3: The City should support the community's strong desire for enhanced pickleball facilities, including courts, leagues, lessons, and tournaments.

Key Strategy #2: Implement a comprehensive maintenance and upgrade plan to continue Murrieta's high standards of quality and user satisfaction.

Goal 2.1: The City should improve the cleanliness of parks, facilities, and trails by establishing an "Adopt-A-Park" program, organizing park clean-up days, and continuing support for the Adopt-A-Trail Program.

Goal 2.2: The City should improve safety by enhancing lighting, waste removal, security measures, and incorporating Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) features in park projects.

Goal 2.3: The City should modernize and upgrade all parks and facilities by assessing demand before replacing worn elements and implementing a life cycle analysis for major park components to better forecast future costs.

Goal 2.4: The City should enhance playgrounds by implementing a renovation schedule based on equipment lifespan and incorporating all-inclusive, universal design standards in new playgrounds for equitable play.

Goal 2.5: The City should increase restroom maintenance by increasing cleaning operations during peak usage times in parks with high visitation.

Key Strategy #3: Create an integrated trail network that promotes active transportation and enhances outdoor recreation opportunities as recommended in the Trails Master Plan.

Goal 3.1: The City should improve bike trails by implementing the Murrieta Trails Master Plan, focusing on visibility, speed reduction, crossings, connections, and signage.

Goal 3.2: The City should support the community's desire for natural walking and hiking paths by improving park trail loops, enhancing connections, and developing a Special Needs Interactive Trail System.

Key Strategy #4: Design an aquatic facility that caters to diverse age groups and skill levels that promotes water safety.

Goal 4.1: The City should develop splash pads integrated into park infrastructure, starting with smaller, cost-effective water features that do not significantly impact park usability or maintenance efforts.

Goal 4.2: The City should expand aquatic programming, including swim classes and aerobics, by partnering locally during pool renovations and prioritizing the renovations at California Oaks Sports Park pool based on City Council guidance.

Key Strategy #5: Develop an outreach campaign that leverages local partnerships and personalized communication to promote a diverse range of community events and programs.

Goal 5.1: The City should strengthen community engagement and marketing of programs by enhancing multi-channel communication efforts based on community feedback.

Goal 5.2: The City should improve community events by increasing staffing to collaborate with local organizations and businesses, focusing on inclusive cultural celebrations, and reporting the economic impact of these events to the City Council.

Goal 5.3: The City should develop diverse fitness programs, including park-based boot camps, mobile fitness vans, and digital fitness integration with apps and QR codes for accessible, structured, and unstructured exercise options.

Goal 5.4: The City should expand senior activities by developing low-impact fitness programs, marketing balanced exercises, partnering with organizations for additional programs, and continuing lifelong learning opportunities.

Goal 5.5: The City should expand teen and youth programs by enhancing after-school offerings through partnerships, ensuring adequate facilities, and targeting a range of activities for teens, youth, young adults, and families.

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1.1 Purpose of a Parks and Recreation Master Plan

In alignment with the City of Murrieta's mission to provide superior services that enhance community well-being, the Master Plan has been crafted to govern and manage the City's abundant parks and recreation opportunities. These parks and recreation facilities serve as spaces for residents to participate in sports, exercise, socialize, and enjoy the outdoors, reinforcing the City's commitment to the overall quality of life in the community.

Mission Statement

The mission of the Murrieta Parks and Recreation Department is to provide safe, clean, beautiful, and accessible facilities, parks and open spaces as well as offer a variety of leisure activities for all people in the areas of recreation, education, and culture.

-Murrieta Parks and Recreation Department Mission Statement

The community outreach process provides a clear understanding of the community's desires and needs for parks and recreation. Having this understanding enables strategic expenditures and improvements within the recreation system and maximizes the community impact. This report was developed in part to ensure the resources dedicated to sustaining recreation in Murrieta are continuously in line with community expectations and desires.

The Master Plan presented here is intended to be flexible and should be evaluated and/or modified every five (5) to ten (10) years as the City responds to unforeseen opportunities and constraints, as well as changes in residents' needs and demands in the context of other City priorities.



Senior Luncheon

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1.2 Benefits of Parks and Recreation

The California Park and Recreation Society (CPRS) Vision Insight and Planning Project - Creating Community in the 21st Century identifies the mission of California's park and recreation agencies:

“To create community through people, parks and programs.”

The CPRS VISION also identifies benefits of park and recreation services including:

- [Foster Human Development.](#) Parks and recreation services foster social, intellectual, physical, and emotional development.
- [Promote Health and Wellness.](#) Participation in recreation improves physical and emotional health.
- [Increase Cultural Unity.](#) Parks and recreation increase cultural unity through experiences that promote cultural understanding and celebrate diversity.
- [Facilitate Community Problem-Solving.](#) Park and recreation professionals have skills in facilitation and leadership that can be applied to resolve community problems and issues.
- [Protect Natural Resources.](#) By acquiring and protecting valuable resources as open space, such as rivers, streams, greenways, viewsheds, forests, and other habitat areas, natural resources are protected and habitat required for the survival of diverse species is preserved.
- [Strengthen Safety and Security.](#) Park and recreation professionals provide safe environments for recreation and design programs and services specifically to reduce criminal activity.
- [Strengthen Community Image and Sense of Place.](#) Parks, recreation facilities, programs, and community events are key factors in strengthening community image and creating a sense of place.
- [Support Economic Development.](#) Recreation programs and facilities attract and retain businesses and residents, as well as attract tourists. Parks and recreation provide jobs and generate income for the community and for local businesses.



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Murrieta Youth Advisory Committee



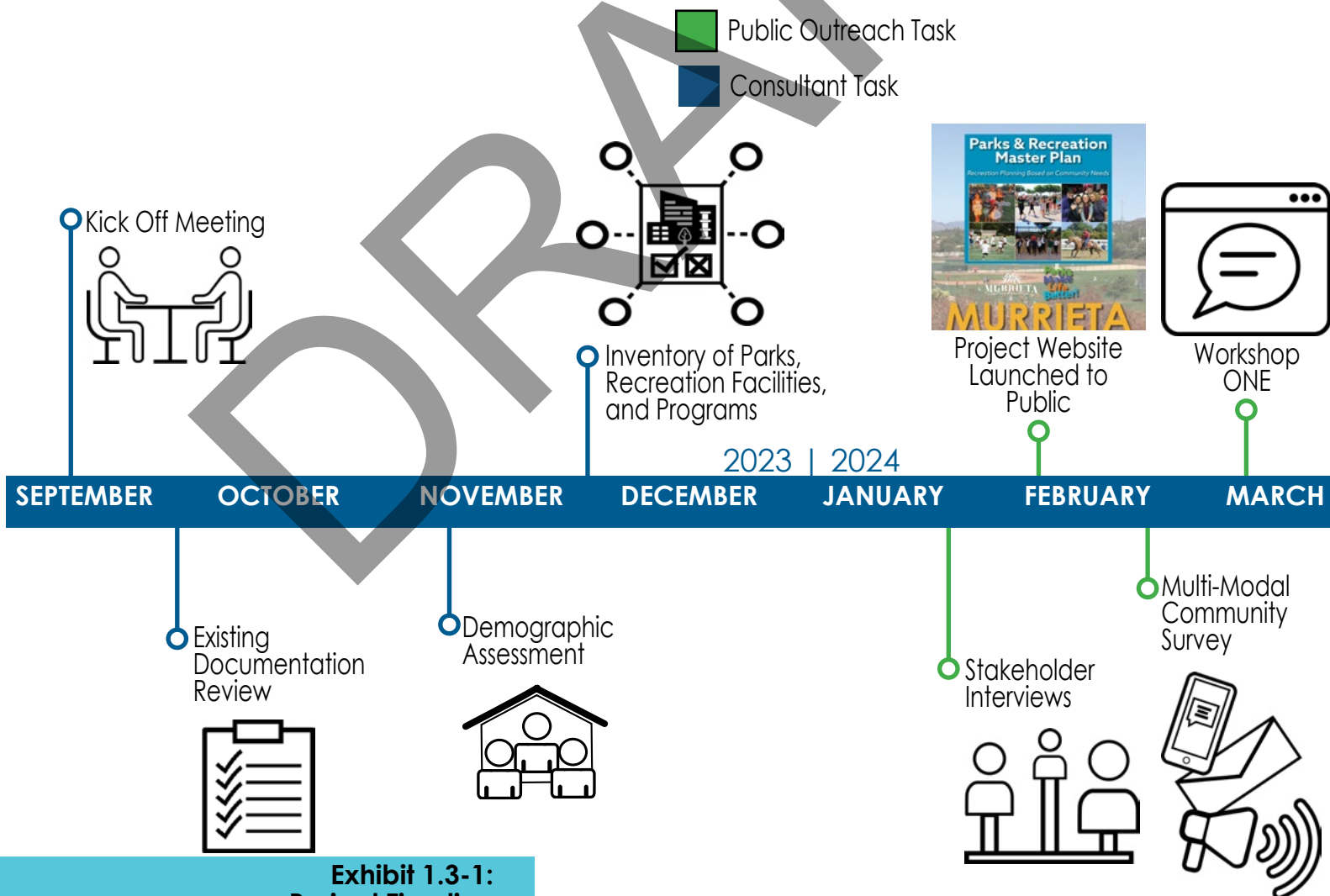
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1.3 Master Plan Process

As illustrated in exhibit 1.3-1, the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process began in September of 2023 and included over a year of research, community outreach, and reporting. Critical to the process was the development of the community voice. Through the lens of the community, program and facility priorities are set, leading to the recommendations that will assist in the future development of parks and recreation in Murrieta.

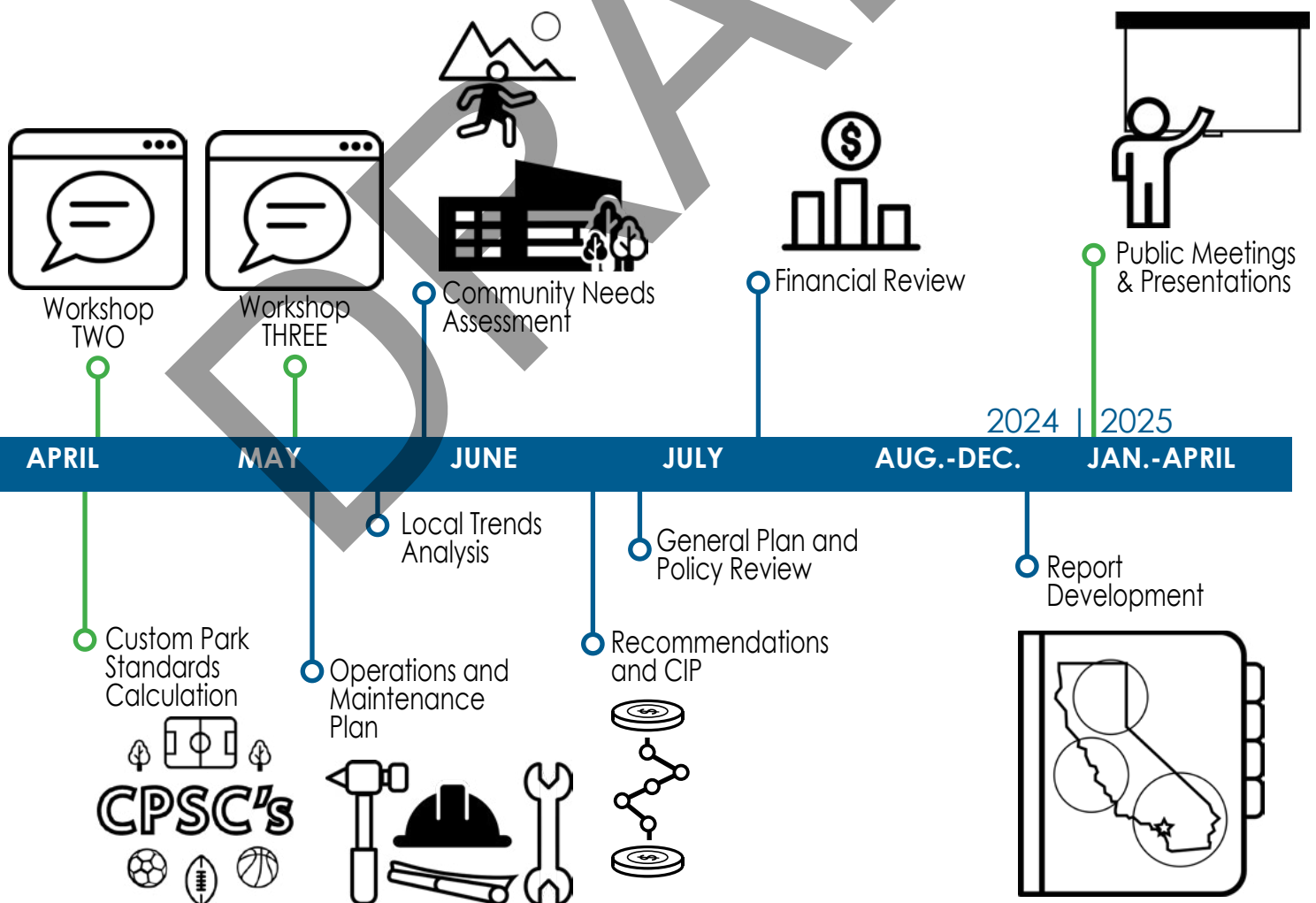
Over a five-month period (January-May) focused community outreach methods were used to collect data from various segments of the community. Stakeholder interviews, community workshops, online surveys, direct feedback surveys, and a statistically valid multimodal community survey were each conducted to gather insight into the community's views and desires for park amenities, facilities, and services.





A project website was developed that outlined the Master Plan purpose, process, and identified a schedule of dates on how residents can get involved in the outreach opportunities. As each segment of the community outreach was completed, the results were published on the website for the community to view and provide feedback. This component extended the ability for anyone to review the information collected and provide feedback at any time.

After the outreach process was completed, the data was synthesized into a prioritized programs and facilities matrix clearly portraying the voice of the community. This list of priorities was then compared against the inventory of existing facilities collected. The results of the comparison formed the basis for the recommendations presented in this report. In Fall/Winter 2024, this report and subsequent public presentations were developed to clearly illustrate what facilities exist, what the community priorities are, and how the two can align today and in the future.



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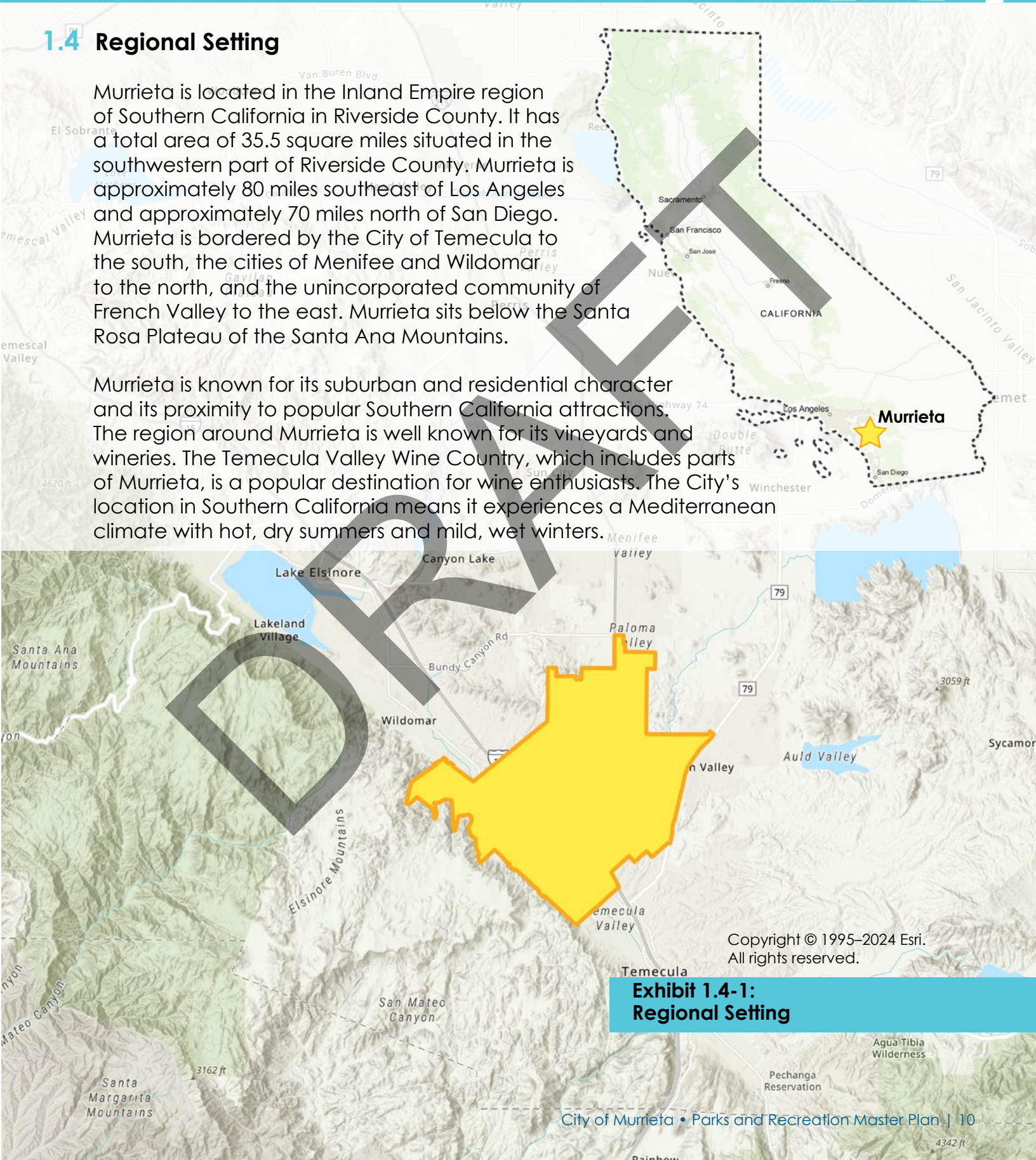
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1.4 Regional Setting

Murrieta is located in the Inland Empire region of Southern California in Riverside County. It has a total area of 35.5 square miles situated in the southwestern part of Riverside County. Murrieta is approximately 80 miles southeast of Los Angeles and approximately 70 miles north of San Diego. Murrieta is bordered by the City of Temecula to the south, the cities of Menifee and Wildomar to the north, and the unincorporated community of French Valley to the east. Murrieta sits below the Santa Rosa Plateau of the Santa Ana Mountains.

Murrieta is known for its suburban and residential character and its proximity to popular Southern California attractions. The region around Murrieta is well known for its vineyards and wineries. The Temecula Valley Wine Country, which includes parts of Murrieta, is a popular destination for wine enthusiasts. The City's location in Southern California means it experiences a Mediterranean climate with hot, dry summers and mild, wet winters.



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Exhibit 1.4-1: Regional Setting

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1.5 Local Setting

The local setting of Murrieta is characterized by its suburban, family-oriented, and community-focused environment with an emphasis on providing a comfortable and quality lifestyle for its residents. Murrieta's growth continues with new residential developments in the planning or construction phases. As the medical hub of Southwest Riverside County, Murrieta offers professional jobs that support residents and their quality of life. Loma Linda University Medical Center, Kaiser Permanente Medical Campus, Rancho Springs Medical Center, and Rady Children's Hospital are all located in Murrieta. As the only City in the region with its own police and fire departments, the City of Murrieta has shown its commitment to public safety. Murrieta was recently recognized as the 3rd safest city in the United States based on cost of crime per capita (according to financial website, 24/7 Wall Street) and the 16th safest city in California based on violent crime (according to SafeWise). Within the Murrieta city boundaries, there are several significant man-made and natural features which help shape neighborhoods and provide both opportunities and constraints with respect to parks, recreation, transportation, and community life. These include:

- 1 – Interstate 15 (I-15) and Interstate 215 (I-215)
- 2 – Private golf courses including Bear Creek Golf & Country Club, The Golf Club at Rancho California, and The Colony Golf Course.
- 3 – Hogbacks Ridge
- 4 – Murrieta Creek and Warm Springs Creek



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Major Freeways
(Interstate 15 and Interstate 215)



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Private Golf Courses



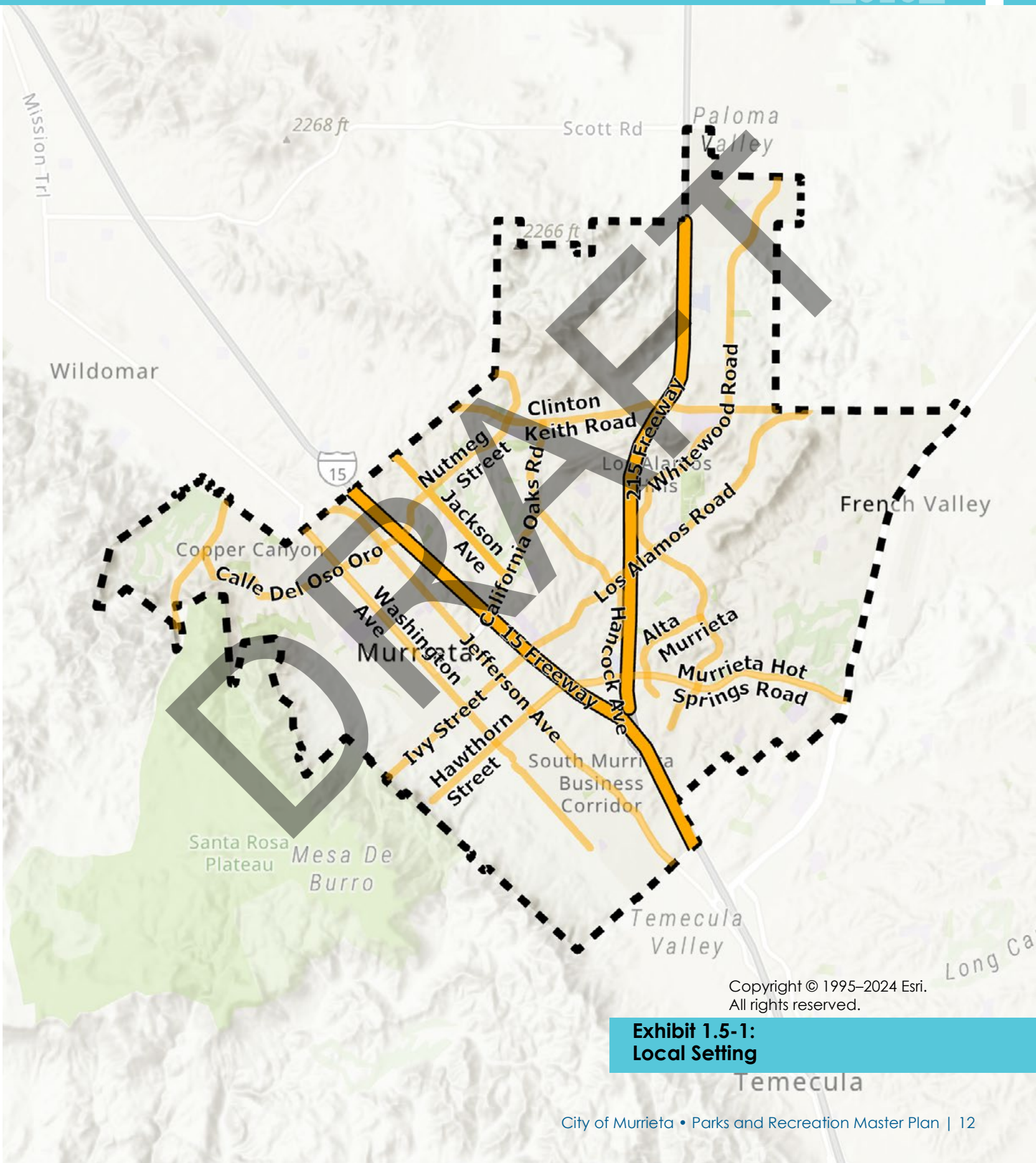
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Hogbacks Ridge



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Murrieta Creek



**Exhibit 1.5-1:
Local Setting**

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1.6 Related Studies

There are existing documents and reports that relate to the planning of parks and recreation and influence the Master Plan recommendations. These documents and their relationship to the planning process include:

Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2009)

<https://www.murrietaca.gov/590/Plans-Improvements-Resources>

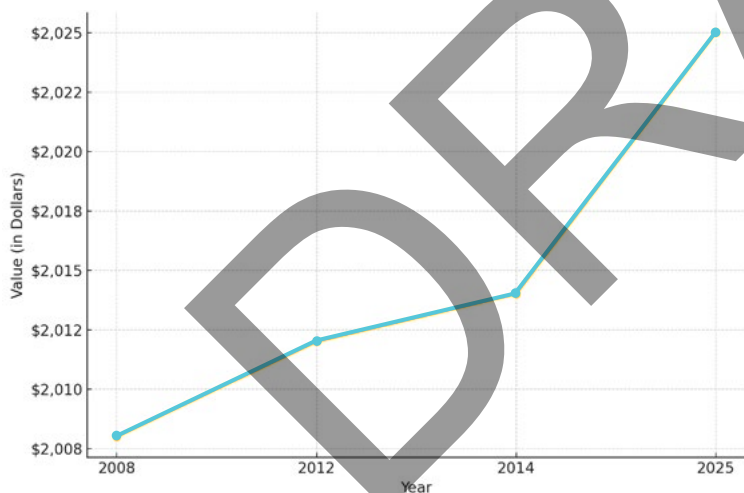
The 2009 Parks and Recreation Master Plan was an update to the 1999 Master Plan. The Master Plan update included three main components: (1) a needs assessment and gap analysis, (2) recommended modifications to parks and facilities to meet current and future needs, and (3) a financial implementation plan. The community expressed a need for additional facilities such as tennis courts, BMX, equestrian amenities, sports fields, and aquatics. Just as important, the plan offered recommendations on trail connectivity and park enhancements, which are highly valued by Murrieta residents. The following table includes the 2009 Master Plan recommendations, along with a 2024 update:

2009 Parks & Recreation Master Plan	2024 Update
POPULATION	
100,173	119,182
NUMBER OF CITY PARKS	
48 Parks + Copper Canyon Recreation Facility (2001) +New Community Center (2009) +New Senior Center (2005)	53 Parks +New Recreation Center at Alderwood Park (2020) +New Youth Center (2013)
MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS	
Provision of quantities of swimming pools appropriate to the current and future population.	In 2023, the existing public swimming pool at California Oaks Sports Park became inoperable. The City has successfully negotiated an agreement with the MVUSD to offer residents pool time at Vista Murrieta High School as a temporary solution until funding to renovate the City pool is secured. Development of a pool would take five years once funds are available
Development of an effective, connected, multi-use trail system for walking, jogging, hiking, biking, and equestrian uses.	The City has continued to develop, expand, and connect the trail network. The 2024 Trails Master Plan will assist the City in achieving this 2009 recommendation.
Provision of quantities of sports facilities appropriate to the current and future population.	The City has continued to prioritize the addition of sports fields/ courts, as opportunities become available and has maintained the sports facilities for baseball, soccer, softball, and tennis. Additionally, the City has added (4) pickleball courts and several outdoor basketball courts since 2009. Due to the significant dependence on school facilities, the City should look to develop more sports fields to alleviate increasing competition for resources.
Provision of community centers in appropriate locations.	Since 2009, the City has added the recreation center (Clubhouse) at Alderwood Park, as well as the addition of the Murrieta Youth Center.
Addition of at least two (2) off leash dog areas, distributed in the City.	City has added (3) off leash dog areas at Alderwood, Glen Arbor, and Torrey Pines Parks.
Provision of gymnasiums in appropriate locations.	The City has developed plans for Phase 2 of the Youth Center to provide for an indoor, multi-use court or gymnasium.
Provision of parkland acreage quantities consistent with the City standard of 5 acres per 1,000, with appropriate distribution.	In 2024, the City provides 4.22 acres of parkland for every 1,000 residents. As the population grows, it is important to enforce park development agreements to include parks and recreation opportunities for the new population.



Parks and Recreation Master Plan (2009) - continued

In a review of construction pricing (cost per acre) since the 2009 Master Plan, a 15-year period, the average increase in pricing has continuously risen without any significant decline (exhibit 1.6-1). This trend suggests that future project costs are likely to continue increasing due to factors such as inflation, material costs, and expanded project scopes, emphasizing the need for accurate budgeting and forecasting in future developments. In comparison, the facility deficit Murrieta had in 2009 of 16 youth soccer fields would have an estimated cost of \$16M vs building them in 2024 at an estimated cost of \$18M for a deficit of 13 soccer fields. Planning for near term construction projects has a reduced overall dollar amount.



**Exhibit 1.6-1:
Construction Cost Forecasting**

Murrieta General Plan 2035

<https://www.murrietaca.gov/303/General-Plan-2035>

The City of Murrieta's General Plan 2035 is a document required by California law that provides a foundation for City policies and actions. It guides both the physical development of Murrieta and the provision of public infrastructure and services.

The General Plan 2035 was adopted in 2009 and places particular emphasis on economic development and keeps Murrieta in front of current policy topics, including sustainability and health. Some key points from the General Plan include:

- The City of Murrieta's General Plan 2035 is a comprehensive blueprint for the City's growth and development.
- The plan aims to serve an estimated build-out population of 133,452 within the City's 33.61 square miles.
- It includes state-mandated elements such as Housing, Air Quality, Circulation, Conservation, Land Use, Noise, Safety, Recreation, and Open Space. Additionally, it has optional elements like Economic Development and Healthy Community.
- A Climate Action Plan is part of the General Plan, focusing on reducing greenhouse gas emissions.
- The guiding principles include creating a cultural and government center, an attractive downtown, preserving historic character, promoting sustainable development, and offering diverse housing options.

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Recreation and Open Space Element

As part of the City's General Plan, the Recreation and Open Space Element incorporates the findings of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan, detailing various parks, their acreages, and amenities, including passive and active facilities. It emphasizes the importance of providing recreational programs for all ages, protecting open spaces, and meeting the City's parkland standards. The plan includes recommendations for current and future recreation facility needs, addressing a variety of amenities and facilities across different parks in Murrieta. Additionally, it discusses strategies for acquiring new sites, partnering with schools, and enhancing community facilities to cater to changing demographics and recreation preferences. The Element should be updated to reflect the 2024 Master Plan park inventory and data.

Murrieta Equestrian Center Conceptual Master Plan

Murrieta City Council conducted a workshop on the conceptual design for the Equestrian Park in 2017. The City Council tasked staff to reform the Equestrian Ad-Hoc Committee and suggest improvements allowing for the greatest and widest possible use of the Equestrian Park. In addition, City Council directed the Ad Hoc committee to work with a consultant to ensure usability across the various equestrian disciplines and that would serve as a guide to future development of the park. The 2017 conceptual plan was approved by City Council. The following link is to the approved conceptual plan: <https://www.murrietaca.gov/601/Equestrian-Park-Preferred-Concept-Plan>. Funding has not been secured.

Downtown Murrieta Specific Plan

<https://murrietaeconomicdevelopment.com/downtown-plan/>

The Downtown Murrieta Specific Plan (SP 8) is a plan for the City's downtown area that includes mixed-use projects, a cultural and government center, and pedestrian activity. The plan is based on several guiding principles, including: sustainable development, open space preservation, mobility choices, and diverse housing options. The plan divides downtown Murrieta into four neighborhoods, each with its own design guidelines and development standards. The plan also includes a public outreach program. The plan's vision is to create a beautiful downtown area with a variety of mixed-use projects, including retail, entertainment, and residential development along Washington Avenue. The Civic Center, which includes the police station, City Hall, and Murrieta Public Library, will anchor the downtown area. The plan could potentially add 1,151 dwelling units and 1.229 million square feet of non-residential uses to the study area.





Murrieta Hills Specific Plan

<https://www.murrietaca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/626/Murrieta-Hills-Specific-Plan-Number-SPM-4-PDF>

In November 2021, the City unanimously approved the approximately 972-acre Murrieta Hills Project, which includes the annexation of land into the City. The project is located west of the 215 Freeway, south of Keller Road, and north of Greer Ranch, bordering Wildomar to the east and Menifee to the north. The new development will include: 750 homes, including 522 single-family houses and 228 townhomes and apartments, commercial space with retail and offices, and over 600 acres of natural preserved open space. The development plan also includes neighborhood parks, a multi-purpose greenbelt, and recreational open space. The project will be built in phases, starting in 2025 and is estimated to be completed in 2031.

Triangle Specific Plan

<https://www.murrietaca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/13815/Triangle-Specific-Plan-Amendment-No-2>

The 2013 Triangle Specific Plan is a 64.3-acre proposal for a large vacant lot in the City at the confluence of Interstates 15 and 215. The property is privately owned, and the location is optimal for the planned mixed-use development that incorporates offices, shopping, hotel, entertainment and restaurant spaces as part of an integrated commercial and business complex. Adjacent to the Triangle Specific Plan area, there are many multi-family housing developments planned or in construction. There should be a focus on increasing recreational amenities in this area provided by either the City or as part of development agreement.

Vineyard Specific Plan

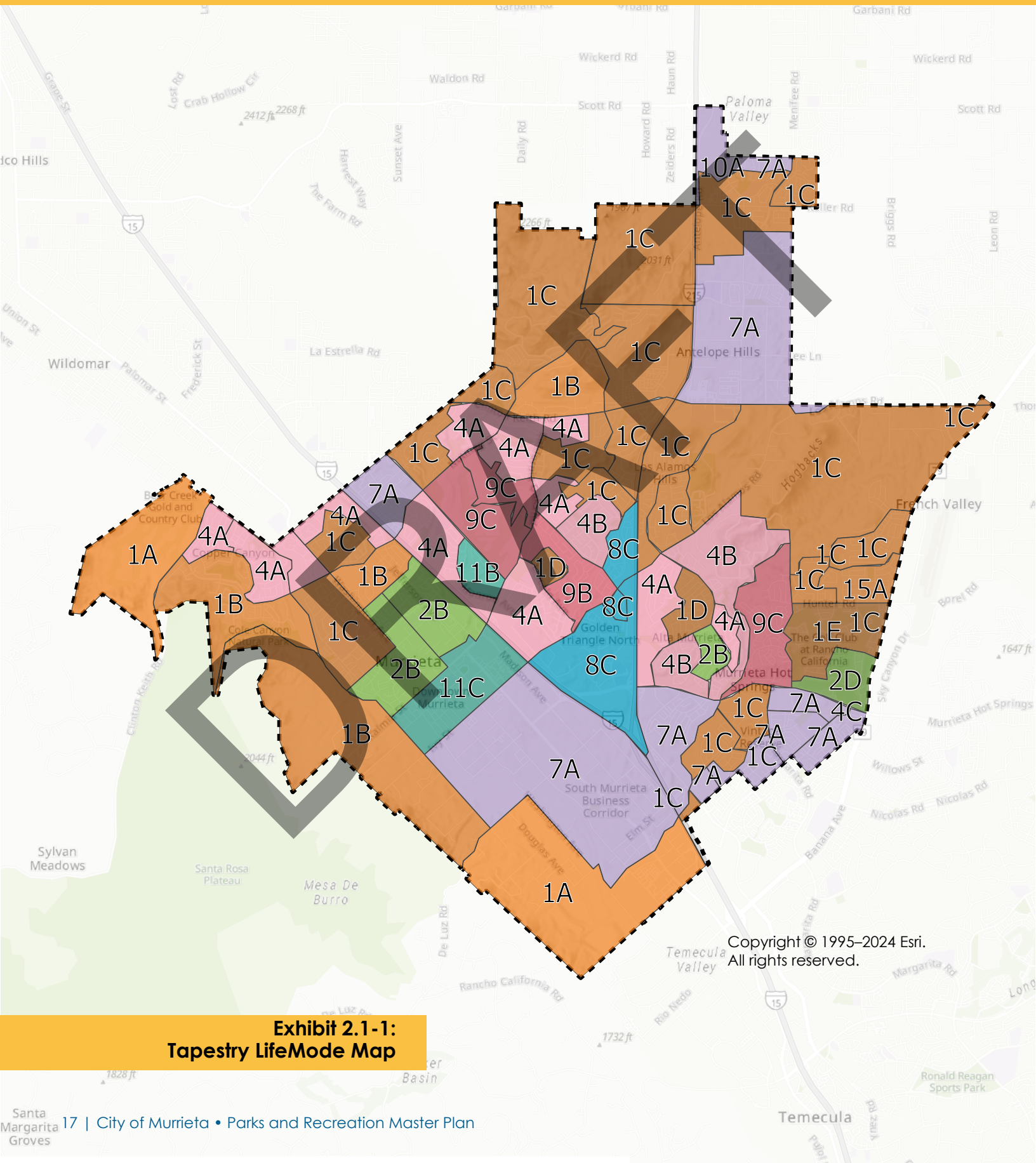
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The 1999 Vineyard Specific Plan is a 521-acre plan in the western part of the City, west of Murrieta Creek and next to the City's western limit. The Vineyard Specific Plan revises and replaces a 520-acre portion of the Bear Creek-Joaquin Ranch Specific Plan. The tentative tract map for the project was approved in 1999. Most of the development has been implemented. As of February 2023, the City was processing a Specific Plan Amendment for the undeveloped part of the Vineyard Specific Plan area, west of Interstate 15.

Development Impact Fee Study Update (2024)

<https://www.murrietaca.gov/DocumentCenter/View/11743/2024-Final-Nexus-Study>

This report outlines objectives to ensure that new development pays for the capital costs associated with growth, enabling the City to expand its public facilities inventory. Three approaches are used to calculate facility standards and allocate costs: existing inventory, planned facilities, and system plan. Impact fee revenue must be spent on new or expanded facilities to serve new development, including land acquisition, construction, and equipment. The fee schedule summary provides a detailed fee schedule for various land use types, ensuring fees are proportional to the impact of new development.



**Exhibit 2.1-1:
Tapestry LifeMode Map**

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2.1 A Community Profile

Who is Murrieta?

Understanding the demographic context of a community can create a valuable perspective for understanding current parks and recreation facility and program requirements and, moreover, for anticipating parks and recreation facility and program needs in the future. This information provides a deeper understanding of “who” the community is and “where” they are geographically and economically.

Households in Murrieta fall into one of seven Tapestry LifeMode groups:

1	1A, 1B, 1C, 1D, 1E	% of Murrieta HH: 36.95%	Average Age: 43.6	Average Income: \$127K	Typically married couples with children ranging from grade school to college. Most are educated homeowners with established wealth. Participate actively in communities. Active in sports and enthusiastic travelers.
2	2B, 2D	% of Murrieta HH: 7.71%	Average Age: 38.9	Average Income: \$90K	Typically prosperous married couples living in older suburban neighborhoods or townhomes. Majority are homeowners. Many with older children. Generally interested in active recreation and fitness.
4	4A, 4B, 4C	% of Murrieta HH: 18.29%	Average Age: 36.9	Average Income: \$74K	Typically successful young families in their first homes, residing in suburban or semirural areas. Typically two workers in the family. Sports enthusiasts and enjoy family outings.
7	7A, 7B	% of Murrieta HH: 16.72%	Average Age: 32.7	Average Income: \$67K	Typically young married couples with children and grandparents who are multi-generational and multilingual. Focus on children activities. Generally interested in sports and water/theme parks. Comfortable with technology.
8	8C	% of Murrieta HH: 4.77%	Average Age: 33	Average Income: \$54K	Mix of single/married, renters/homeowners, and middle/working class. Majority attended college. Internet savvy. Commonly interested in night life and outdoor activities.
9	9B, 9C	% of Murrieta HH: 10.6%	Average Age: 62.3	Average Income: \$57.5K	Married empty nesters or singles living alone. Homes are single family, retirement communities, or high-rise apartments. Have cell phones and land lines. Tend to have regular exercise routine and are health-conscious.
11	11B, 11C	% of Murrieta HH: 4.96%	Average Age: 29.6	Average Income: \$38K	Typically millennials on the move, single, living in urban areas. Work in service and unskilled positions, usually close to home. Embrace the internet, music, and television.

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How old are Murrieta residents?

The City of Murrieta's Age Profile as illustrated in Exhibit 2.1-2, shows 37% of the population to be classified in the 35-64 category. The under 19 years of age segment (28%) is comparable to the Riverside County population (27%). The 65 and over category is only 14%, which is slightly lower than the Riverside County average of 15.8%. The City of Murrieta's Age Profile shows a high proportion of residents in the 35-64 age range.

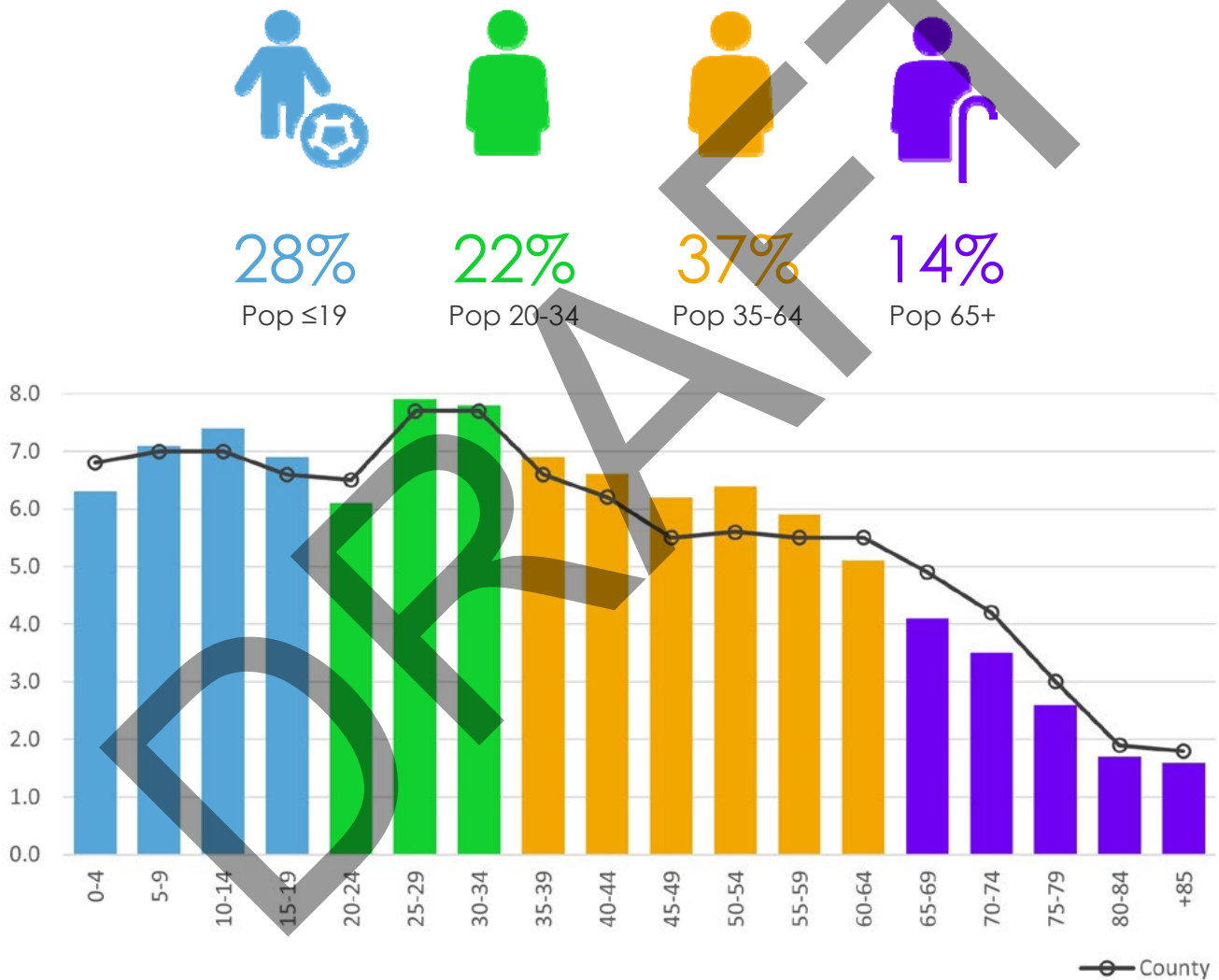
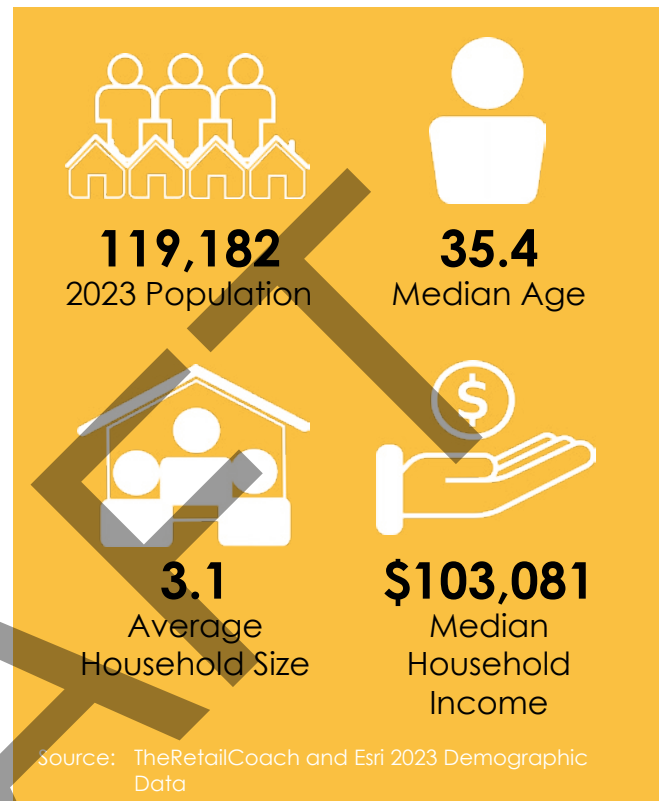


Exhibit 2.1-2: Murrieta Age Profile Compared to Riverside County

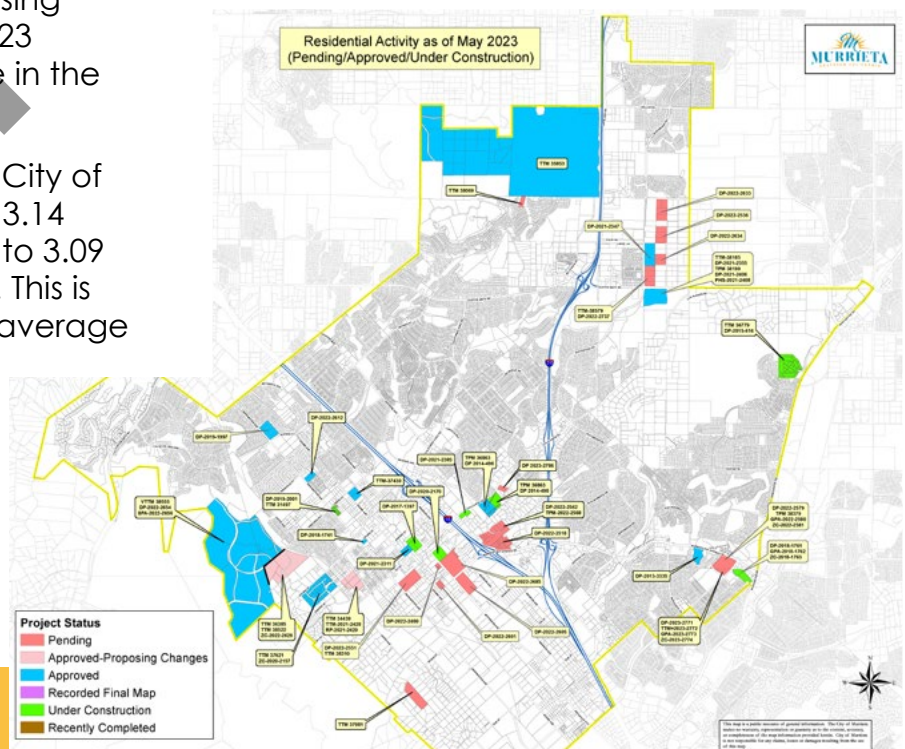
In addition to the tapestry segmentation and the age profile, the demographic analysis examined population growth, housing unit growth, and household size for the current and future resident population. Highlights of these demographic trends include:

- The Esri forecast data set* predicts an increase in the population with a total population of 124,327 in 2028. The five-year growth from 2023 to 2028 of 4.3% is above the County's average growth rate of 2.4% from 2023 to 2028. The forecasted population for the City of Murrieta in 2033 is 132,437. This increase in population is projected from the planned new residential developments as illustrated in exhibit 2.1-4.
- Housing unit growth in the City during the 2010 to 2023 time frame occurred at a 5.7% rate with approximately 155 new housing units documented each year on average. The City housing unit growth during the 2010-2023 time frame was below the rate in the County which was at 8.8%.
- Average household size in the City of Murrieta slightly declined from 3.14 persons per household in 2010 to 3.09 persons per household in 2023. This is slightly lower than the County average of 3.12 persons per household in 2023.

* Esri forecast data set starts with the demographics data from the 2020 Census, American Community Survey (most recent published estimates are for 2023) then employs a time series of county-to-county migration data from the IRS, building permits, and residential postal delivery counts.



**Exhibit 2.1-3:
Community Profile**



**Exhibit 2.1-4:
Residential Activity Map 2023**

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2.2 Outreach and Engagement

The community outreach campaign developed for this Master Plan utilized multiple methods of information sharing and data collection including in-person presentations, online video presentations, one-on-one stakeholder interviews, public online surveys, a statistically valid multimodal survey, and online website feedback surveys.

Throughout the process, project updates and summary results were posted to the project website. This website enabled community members to review updates and provide immediate feedback at any point in time. This resource enabled anyone in the community to have a voice in the process regardless of when and where meetings were held.

The purpose of gathering community input through a variety of methods is to ensure that the Master Plan is as inclusive as possible and that it reflects the views, preferences, and recreation patterns of Murrieta residents. Within this section, community feedback has been recorded in three (3) separate modes:

1 **Mode One: One-on-One Stakeholder Interviews**

Direct, one-on-one interviews with key stakeholders and elected officials were conducted in a format where participants discussed key issues and opinions on facility and program needs that should be considered in the Master Plan.

2 **Mode Two: Statistically Valid Surveys**

Direct survey responses were collected through a statistically valid, multimodal survey. This survey was conducted via telephone (land lines and cell numbers), text, and email to ensure the entire population demographic was represented. Additionally, an analysis of sports organizations that utilize City facilities was conducted to evaluate surplus or deficit of sports facilities.

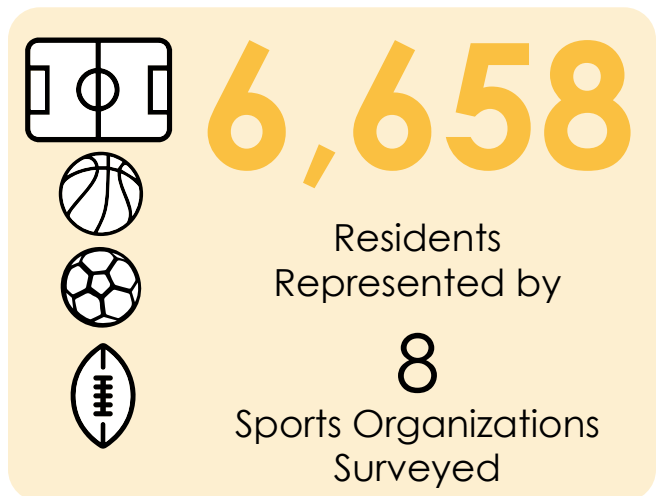
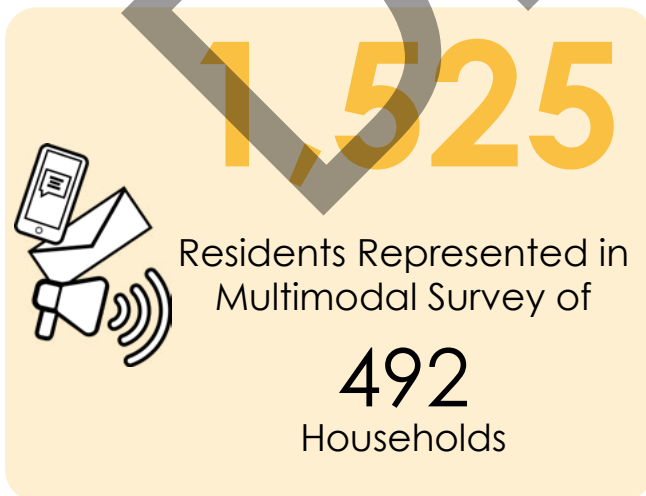
3 **Mode Three: Community at Large Public Workshops and Surveys**

Public community consensus-building workshops were held via in-person and online meetings. Meetings were open to the public where community members could learn about past survey results, ask questions of the design team, and participate in surveys. A feedback survey was available on the project website throughout the duration of the project.



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Total Combined Participants Reached:



All participation numbers as of 7/15/24.

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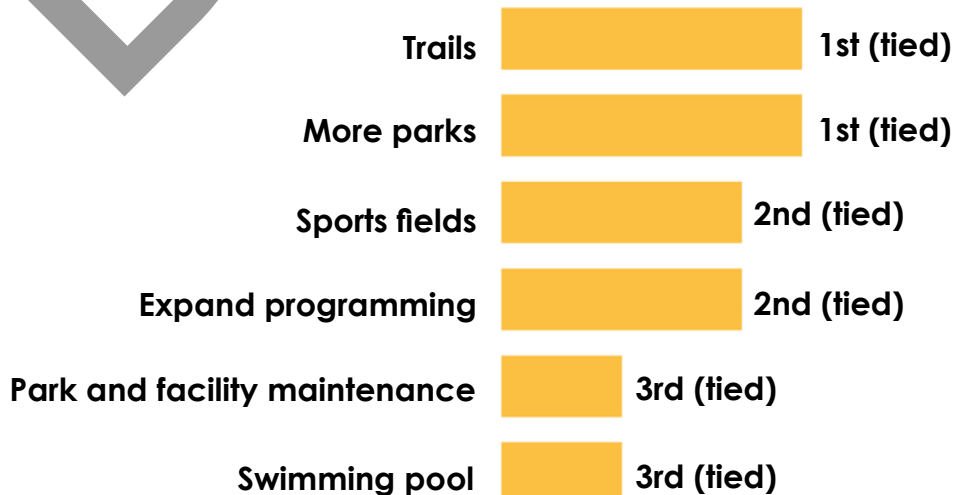
Mode One - Stakeholder Interviews:

The following summarizes the results of the fourteen (14) stakeholder interviews. Stakeholder and elected official input often differs from that of the public, who may more regularly attend events, visit parks, and register for programs. These interviews ensure the updated Master Plan reflects diverse perspectives while addressing the community's needs. The interviews were held between January 22, 2024 through March 8, 2024. Stakeholders were interviewed in a one-on-one environment over a secure online virtual meeting. Over a series of seven (7) questions, various topics were discussed to identify important recreation issues, programs, facilities, as well as areas the Community Services Department could improve upon. The following charts illustrate the frequency of similar responses.

What are the most important issues in Murrieta related to the parks, recreation facilities, programs, and services currently provided?



What are the most important parks, recreation facilities, programs, and services for residents in the future?





PROGRAMS

What is the one program, class, or activity you would most like to see added or improved in Murrieta to meet the needs of the community?

- Community Events
- Cultural Events/Programs
- Historical Events/Museum
- Partnerships with Local Schools and Sports Leagues
- Pickleball Classes
- Promotion of Events & Classes Offered
- Swimming Classes

FACILITIES

What is the one park feature or recreation facility you would most like to see added or improved in Murrieta to meet the needs of the community?

- Add More Parks
- Bike Trails
- Community Center Improvements (more gathering spaces)
- Equestrian Center
- Improve Cleanliness
- Modernize/Upgrade Parks and Facilities
- Pickleball Courts
- Pump Track
- Restroom Maintenance
- Soccer Fields
- Sports Fields
- Swimming Pool

Additional details that were discussed are available in the Appendix document.



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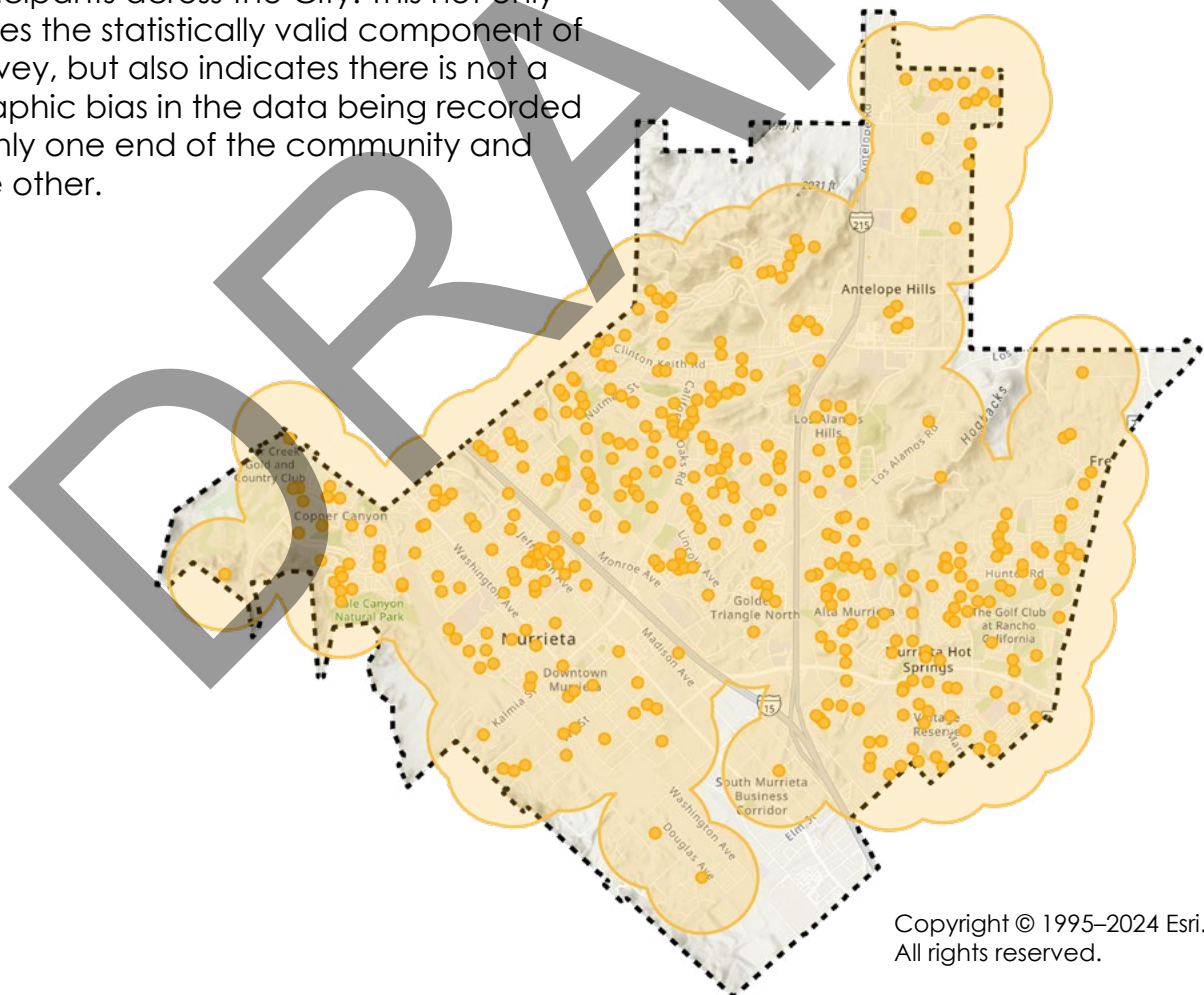
Mommy and Me Program

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Mode Two - Statistically Valid Multimodal Survey

A total of 492 residents were surveyed between March 11, 2024 and March 18, 2024. A survey of this size yields a margin of error of $\pm 4.4\%$, with a confidence level of 95%. The survey followed a mixed-method design that employed multiple recruiting methods (email, text, and telephone) and multiple data collection methods (telephone and online). Administered in English (95%) and Spanish (5%) languages, the average interview lasted 15 minutes. Security measures precluded individuals from completing the survey more than once and allowed only the designated respondents to complete the survey. Online respondents were able to use their computer, tablet, or smart phone to participate.

Our sample used stratified random sampling methodology to ensure that the demographic proportions of survey respondents match the demographic composition of City of Murrieta residents. Critical in the data collected is the geolocation of the participants. Exhibit 2.2-1 indicates that there was an equal geographic distribution of participants across the City. This not only validates the statistically valid component of the survey, but also indicates there is not a geographic bias in the data being recorded from only one end of the community and not the other.



**Exhibit 2.2-1: Multimodal Survey
Distribution Map of Responses**



Subjects explored in the context of the multimodal survey included:

47%

Are Satisfied with City Recreation Programs, Classes, Activities, or Services

78%

Are Satisfied with Parks and Recreation Facilities

19%

Listed Los Alamos Hills Sports Park as the Most Often Used Park/Recreation Facility

62%

Visit a Park or Open Space Area in Murrieta at Least Monthly

76%

Are Satisfied with the Maintenance of Parks and Recreation Facilities

44%

Get Information from the City Website

What Recreation Program, Class, or Activity Residents Would Most Like to See Added or Improved

- 17%** Teens or Kids Activities / Classes
- 13%** Enrichment Courses for Adults
- 10%** Seniors Activities / Classes
- 8%** Swimming Classes
- 7%** Improve Communication
- 6%** Yoga / Meditation / Pilates
- 5%** Tennis and Pickleball Classes
- 4%** Fitness Classes
- 3%** Dance classes
- 3%** Music classes
- 3%** Dog Training Class
- 3%** Karate / Tai Chi Classes

What Park Amenity or Recreation Facility Residents Would Most Like to See Added or Improved

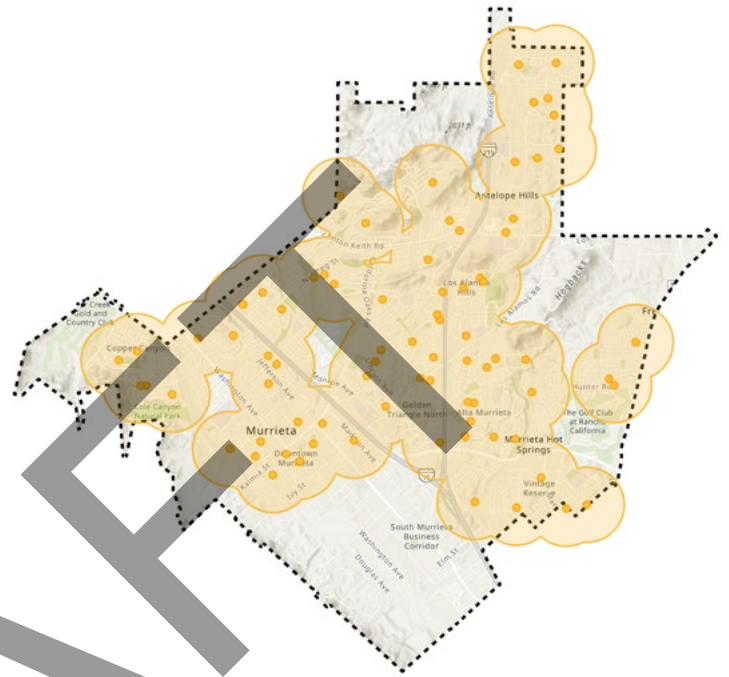
- 10%** Improve Playgrounds
- 10%** Community Pool
- 10%** Improve Parks, in general
- 9%** Dog Parks
- 9%** Restroom Maintenance
- 8%** Splash Pad / Water Park
- 8%** Pickleball Courts
- 7%** Walking / Hiking Trails
- 7%** Sports Field Improvements
- 5%** Bike Trails
- 5%** Landscape Improvements
- 4%** Improve Safety
- 4%** Picnic Areas / BBQ / Shade
- 4%** Lighting
- 3%** Tennis Courts
- 3%** Improve Cleanliness of Parks
- 3%** Drinking Fountains
- 3%** Add More Sports Fields
- 3%** Basketball Courts

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Mode Three - Community Workshop #1

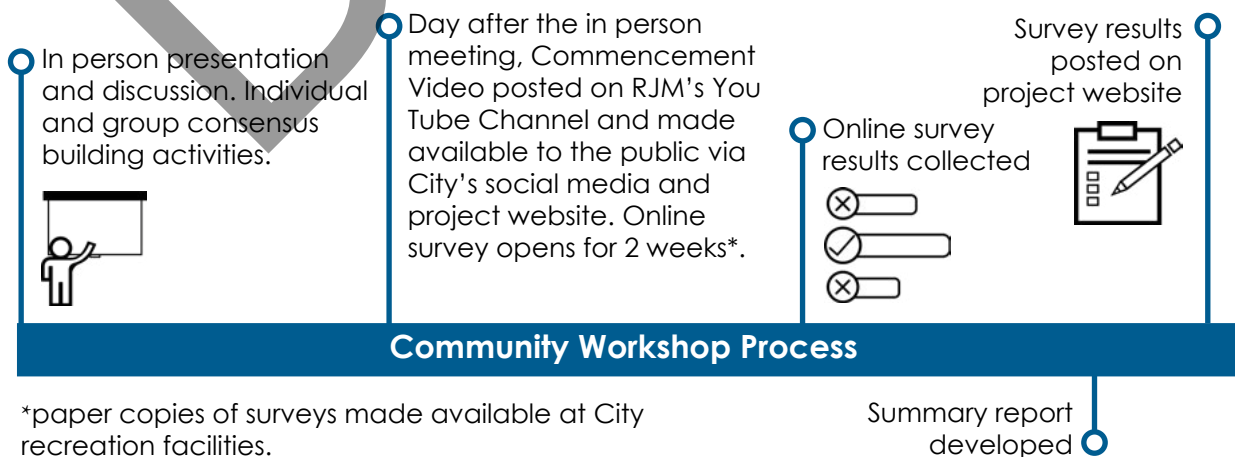
Residents of the City of Murrieta were invited to the community workshop to learn about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process, and to participate in the first survey. Workshop #1 commenced on March 19, 2024 from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Alderwood Clubhouse. The workshop was in person and the presentation was made available on the project website for those who could not attend.

The workshop #1 survey was open for over two weeks until April 5, 2024. The workshop #1 survey was available online and paper copies were available at the City's recreation facilities. The workshop #1 survey was advertised on the City's social media, City website, A-frame signs, postcards, and flyers were distributed at the City's parks and recreation facilities. A total of one hundred, fifty-two (152) surveys were completed. Survey results are illustrated in exhibit 2.2-2.



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Exhibit 2.2-2: Community Workshop #1 Survey Distribution Map of Responses





What are the most important community characteristics that make the City of Murrieta a great place to live, work and play?



What are the issues or trends that may be negatively impacting those important community characteristics and should be considered in the Parks and Recreation Master Plan?



What role can the City of Murrieta play in addressing those issues and support the community characteristics that make the City of Murrieta a great place to live, work and play?

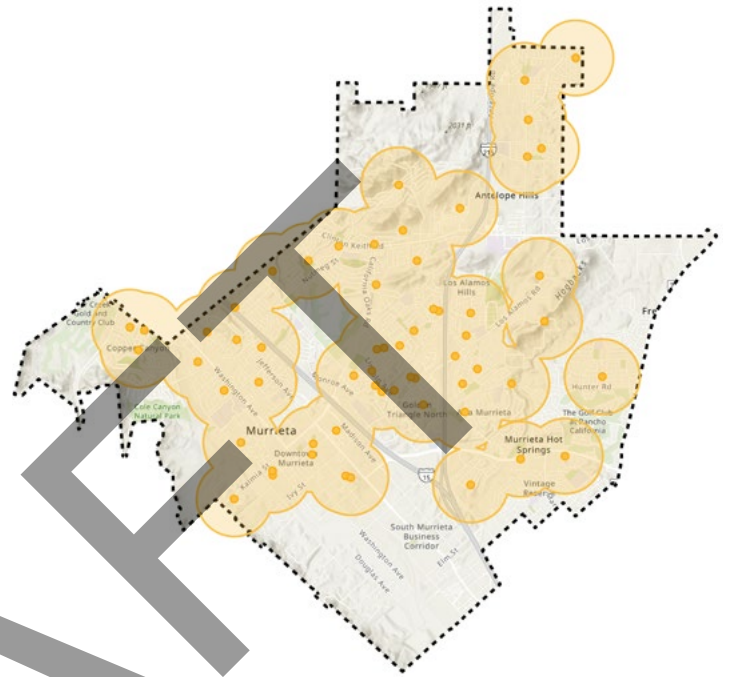


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Mode Three - Community Workshop #2

Residents of the City of Murrieta were invited to the community workshop to learn about the Parks and Recreation Master Plan process, and to participate in the second survey. Workshop #2 commenced on April 17, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Murrieta Senior Center. The workshop was in person and the presentation was made available on the project website for those who could not attend.

The survey was open for over two weeks until May 1, 2024. The workshop #2 survey was available online and paper copies were available at the City's recreation facilities. The workshop #2 survey was advertised on the City's social media, City website, A-frame signs, postcards, and flyers were distributed at the City's parks and recreation facilities. A total of one hundred and five (105) surveys were completed.



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**Exhibit 2.2-3: Community Workshop #2
Survey Distribution Map of Responses**



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Community Workshop 2 on April 17, 2024



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What is the name of the park or recreation facility in Murrieta that members of your household visit the most?



Why do you visit this park the most often?



PROGRAM DESIRES

- Aquatic Programs
- Pickleball Classes or League
- Youth and Family Programs
- Fitness and Wellness Programs
- Senior Activities and Programs

FACILITY DESIRES

- Playground Improvements
- Swimming Pool
- Pickleball Courts
- Walking Paths / Hiking Trails
- Dog Park

A full list of responses is available in the appendix document.

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Mode Three - Community Workshop #3

Residents of the City of Murrieta were invited to the community workshop to participate in the third and final survey. Workshop #3 commenced on May 16, 2024, from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM at the Murrieta Community Center. The workshop was in person and available online for those who could not attend. RJM shared an overview of the Master Plan process, City demographics, and existing resources, and a summary of the community outreach results. The Workshop #3 Survey included two lists: one of program, class, and activity needs and one of park feature and facility needs from the community outreach efforts to date. The survey asked participants to choose their top five (5) choices.

The Workshop #3 Survey was open for over three weeks until June 10, 2024. The workshop #3 survey was advertised on the City's social media, City website, A-frame signs, postcards, and flyers were distributed at the City's parks and recreation facilities. A total of two hundred thirty-seven (237) surveys were completed.



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**Exhibit 2.2-4: Community Workshop #3
Survey Distribution Map of Responses**



Community Workshop 3 on May 16, 2024



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Please choose your top 5 programs, classes, or activities you would most like to see added or improved in Murrieta.



Additional responses: Art Classes, Dog Training Class, Pickleball Classes or League, Performing Arts / Theater, Communication & Promotion of Events / Classes Offered.

Please choose your top 5 park features and/or recreation facilities you would most like to see added or improved in Murrieta.



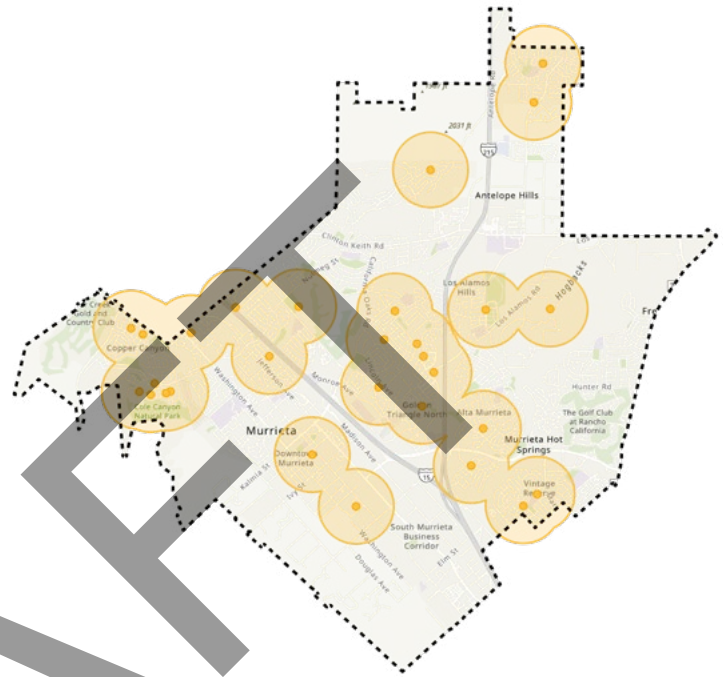
Additional responses: Improve Safety, Splash Pad / Water Park, Playground Improvements, Preserve Green Space / No Over-Development, Dog Park, Pickleball Courts.

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Mode Three - Project Website and Feedback Survey

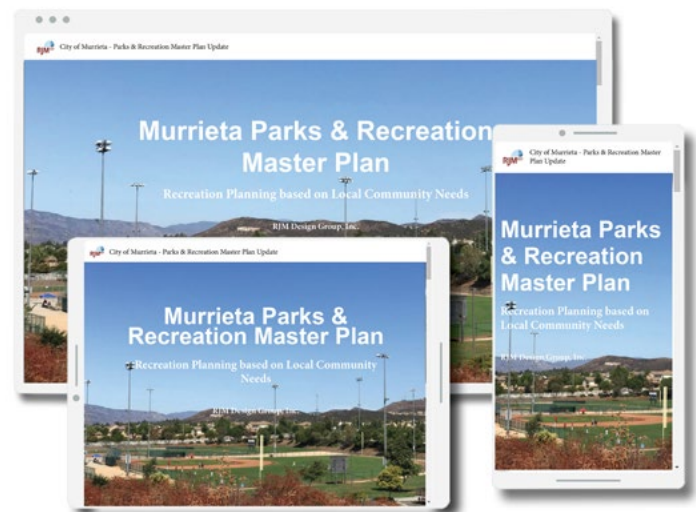
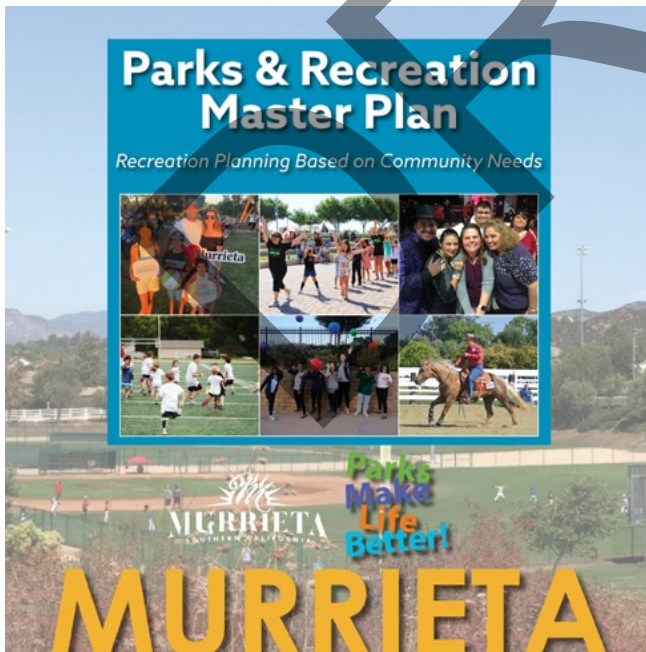
A project website was developed to keep the community informed all day, everyday. The website launched to the public on February 29, 2024. Throughout the project, updates were published and surveys made available on the project website. Website views totaled 1,905, averaging 5 views per day.

A total of 39 feedback comments were received throughout the project. The feedback survey option was available on the project website and opened with the website launch in February 2024 and remained open for the duration of the project.



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Exhibit 2.2-5: Feedback Survey Distribution Map of Responses





PROGRAMS

- Community Engagement and Visibility
- Environmental Education and Conservation Programs
- Inclusive and Accessible Community Spaces
- Outdoor Fitness and Recreation Programs
- Youth Sports Programs Support

FACILITIES

- ADA / Accessible Parks and Facilities
- Add More Sports Fields
- Baseball / Softball Field Improvements
- Bike Path
- Educational / Interpretive Signage
- Landscape Improvements
- Playground Improvements
- Restroom Maintenance
- Running Track
- Splash Pad / Water Park
- Walking Paths / Hiking Trails

The full summary report and additional details that were discussed are available in the Appendix document.



St. Patrick's Day

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2.3 Summarizing the Community Voice

Throughout the process, numerous needs have been identified and recorded across three modes of outreach (individual interviews, statistically-valid surveys, and community at large workshops and surveys). The community voice is developed through synthesizing all the data into a single summary, representing both program and facility needs. It is generally helpful to attempt to determine which needs have the highest priority as perceived by the largest number of residents (identified as the area of maximum community impact).

To achieve this analysis, each response recorded from the community is cataloged in a matrix. As an individual program or facility need is mentioned, it is recorded for frequency in the specific outreach mode in which it was received. Needs that have been identified in all of the three modes have a higher impact across the community than needs that were identified in only one of these outreach modes.

Exhibits 2.3-1 and 2.3-2 illustrate the classification of these needs by grouping them into categories – Frequent (3 modes), Apparent (2 modes), and Identified (1 mode). The number of times the need was listed across all modes outlines an area of maximum community impact. For example, swimming pool (4) is ranked higher than dog park (3) because it was identified in each of the three outreach modes. The recommendations illustrate where improvements will have the maximum impact across the entire community.

PROGRAMS

Frequent:

- Communication Engagement/ Marketing of Programs Offered
- Pickleball Classes or League
- Swimming Classes

Apparent:

- Community Events
- Fitness and Exercise Classes
- Seniors Activities / Classes
- Teen and Youth Programs

FACILITIES

Frequent:

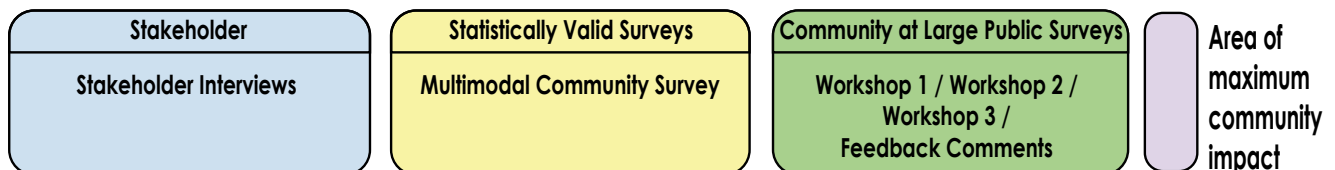
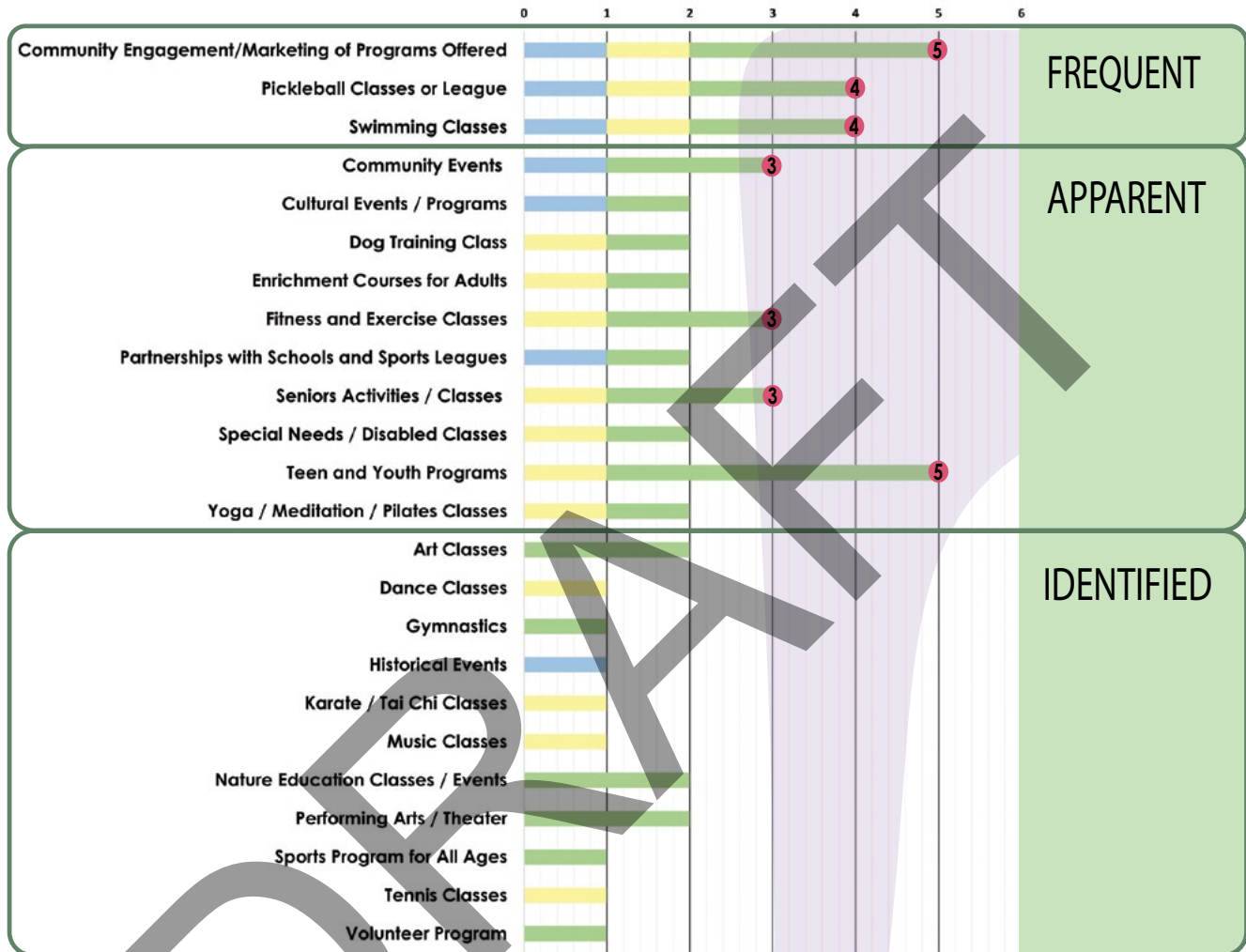
- Add More Sports Fields
- Bike Trails
- Improve Cleanliness of Parks, Facilities, and Trails
- Modernize and Upgrade All Parks & Facilities
- Pickleball Courts
- Restroom Maintenance
- Swimming Pool
- Walking Paths / Hiking Trails

Apparent:

- Dog park
- Improve Safety
- Playground Improvements
- Splash Pad / Water Park

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Program Priorities



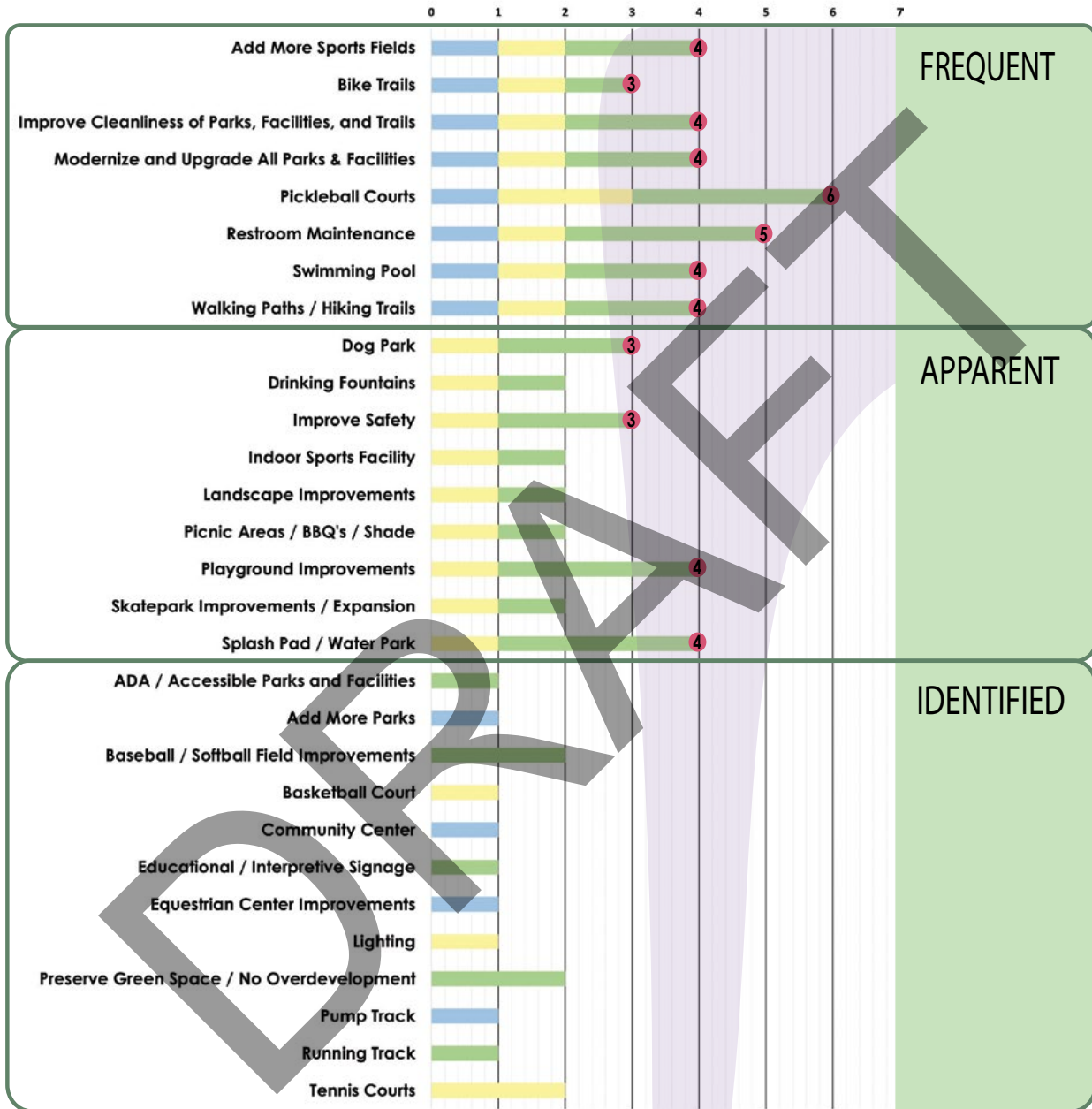
NOTE: Programs are encompassing of multiple "similar" community comments. Individual comments are identified in the recommendations and appendix.

Exhibit 2.3-1: Program Priorities



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Facility Priorities



Stakeholder
Stakeholder Interviews

Statistically Valid Surveys
Multimodal Community Survey
CPSC's

Community at Large Public Surveys
Workshop 1 / Workshop 2 /
Workshop 3 /
Feedback Comments

Area of maximum community impact

NOTE: Facilities are encompassing of multiple "similar" community comments. Individual comments are identified in the recommendations and appendix.

Exhibit 2.3-2: Facility Priorities



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SECTION THREE: NEEDS ASSESSMENT



3.1 Existing Conditions

What parks exist and where are they?

The process for evaluating the community needs relies heavily on what parks and recreation facilities exist today and how they may or may not meet the needs of the community. Carefully balancing the inventory with the community needs and desires will allow resources to be directed to critical areas and ultimately maximize the community benefit.

Park Types

Parks can be classified by type based primarily on their size, function, and character. The categorization of parks is important in understanding City-wide acreage needs and in communicating what type of parks are needed in the future. The Master Plan describes the following park type classifications:

City-Wide Parks: Over 50 acres of Parkland. City-wide parks serve larger community populations and provide recreation facilities or open space in significant numbers or sizes. Los Alamos Hills Sports Park is currently the only City-wide Park.

Community Parks: Up to 50 acres of Parkland. Community Parks can provide a broad range of both passive and active recreational opportunities, but their primary purpose is to provide active recreational opportunities for use by a larger segment of the population than neighborhood parks. Community Parks are generally considered to serve several neighborhoods within a three-mile radius.

Recreation centers are important features in some community parks. These are building facilities that may contain features such as gymnasiums, multipurpose rooms, classrooms, and offices for recreation staff. Other facilities often found at Community Parks might include sports fields, sports courts, amphitheaters, skate park, off-leash dog areas, and group picnic areas. Large special events such as concerts and festivals might also be held in larger Community Parks. There are nine (9) Community Parks in Murrieta: Alderwood Park, Alta Murrieta Sports Park, California Oaks Sports Park, Copper Canyon Park (Upper & Lower), Glen Arbor Park, Hunt Park, Mira Mosa Park, Pond Park, and Torrey Pines Park.

Neighborhood Parks: Up to 15 acres of Parkland. Neighborhood Parks are intended to serve City residents who live in close proximity; however, they also contribute to the overall park system available to the entire community. Neighborhood Parks should address daily recreation needs of the surrounding neighborhood; features of neighborhood parks might include playgrounds, multi-purpose open turf areas, disc golf course, practice sports fields, picnic tables and/or picnic shelters, walking paths, attractive landscaping, and recreation features such as basketball courts. There are ten (10) Neighborhood Parks in Murrieta: Barratt Park, Firefighters Park, Mapleton Park, Mountain Pride Park, Northstar Park, Pioneer Park, Rancho Acacia Park, Shady Maple Park, Valley Vista Park, and Vintage Reserve Park.

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Neighborhood Play Area: Up to 5 acres of Parkland. Neighborhood Play Areas are intended to serve City residents who live in close proximity; however, they also contribute to the overall park system available to the entire community.

Neighborhood Play Areas should address daily recreation needs of the surrounding neighborhood; features of neighborhood parks might include playgrounds, vista points, multi-purpose open turf areas, picnic tables and/or picnic shelters, walking paths, attractive landscaping, and recreation features such as basketball courts. There are twenty-three (23) Neighborhood Play Areas distributed throughout the City.

Special Use Parks: Special Use Parks generally possess a unique character or function focused on a single type of activity. An equestrian facility, BMX course, museum, amphitheater, vista points, or community buildings (without an associated park) might be considered Special Use Facilities. There are four (4) Special Use Parks in Murrieta: B Street Station Park, Murrieta Equestrian Park, Sykes Ranch Park, and Town Square Park.

Nature Parks: Nature Parks are those in which most of the park is undeveloped, and the undeveloped portions contain vegetation, topography, or features which are important to retain in their natural states. Physical public access to natural areas via trails should be encouraged where feasible and appropriate. For the purposes of defining this park type, "natural" refers to vegetation and landforms indigenous to the area; turf, irrigated manufactured slopes, detention basins, weedy disturbed areas, and areas landscaped with ornamental vegetation would be considered part of the developed portion of a Nature Park. There are six (6) Nature Parks in Murrieta: Bear Valley Park 1, Bear Valley Park 2, Cole Canyon Park, Falcon's View Park, Oak Mesa Park, and Warm Springs Park.

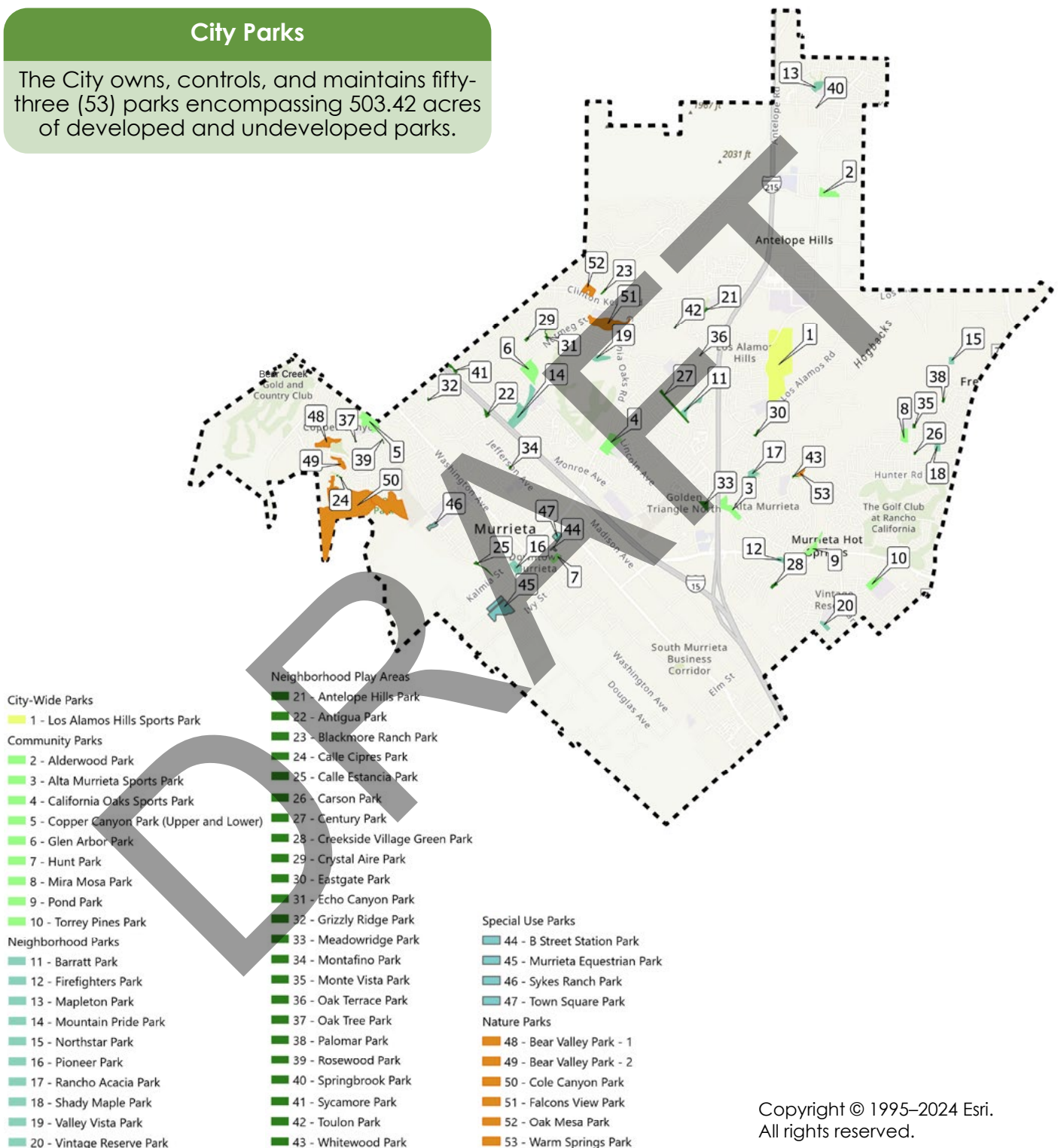


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City Parks

The City owns, controls, and maintains fifty-three (53) parks encompassing 503.42 acres of developed and undeveloped parks.



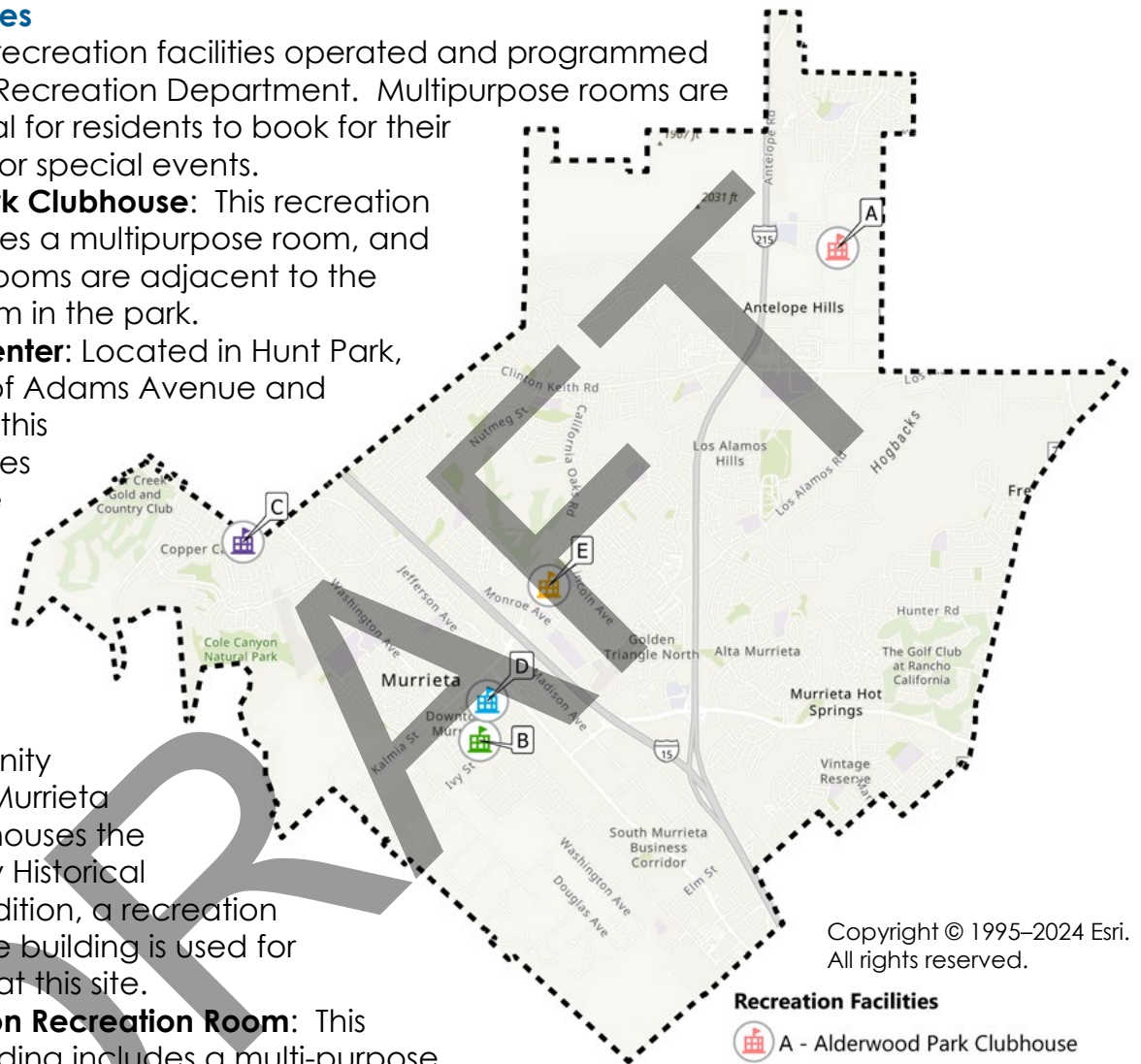
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**Exhibit 3.1-1:
City Parks Map**

Recreation Facilities

There are five (5) recreation facilities operated and programmed by the Parks and Recreation Department. Multipurpose rooms are available for rental for residents to book for their family gatherings or special events.

- **Alderwood Park Clubhouse:** This recreation building includes a multipurpose room, and storage. Restrooms are adjacent to the recreation room in the park.
- **Community Center:** Located in Hunt Park, at the corner of Adams Avenue and Juniper Street, this building includes a multipurpose room, kitchen, theatrical stage, staff offices, and restrooms. Also, adjacent to the Community Center, is the Murrieta Museum that houses the Murrieta Valley Historical Society. In addition, a recreation annex portable building is used for programming at this site.
- **Copper Canyon Recreation Room:** This recreation building includes a multi-purpose room, classroom, and restrooms.
- **Senior Center:** The senior center provides services to those 50 years and older. This building includes a lounge area, multi-purpose room, classrooms, computer lab, billiard room, restrooms, and a fitness room available for a small fee. The senior meal lunch program is provided by the County of Riverside and is available to those over 60 years of age and requires registration.
- **Youth Center:** The Youth Center is a facility dedicated to the youth in Murrieta. Daily after school activities are currently geared toward youth in grades 6 through 9. The center is open weekdays after school hours and hosts camps during school break periods.



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Recreation Facilities

-  A - Alderwood Park Clubhouse
-  B - Community Center
-  C - Copper Canyon Recreation Room
-  D - Senior Center
-  E - Youth Center

**Exhibit 3.1-2:
Recreation Facilities Map**

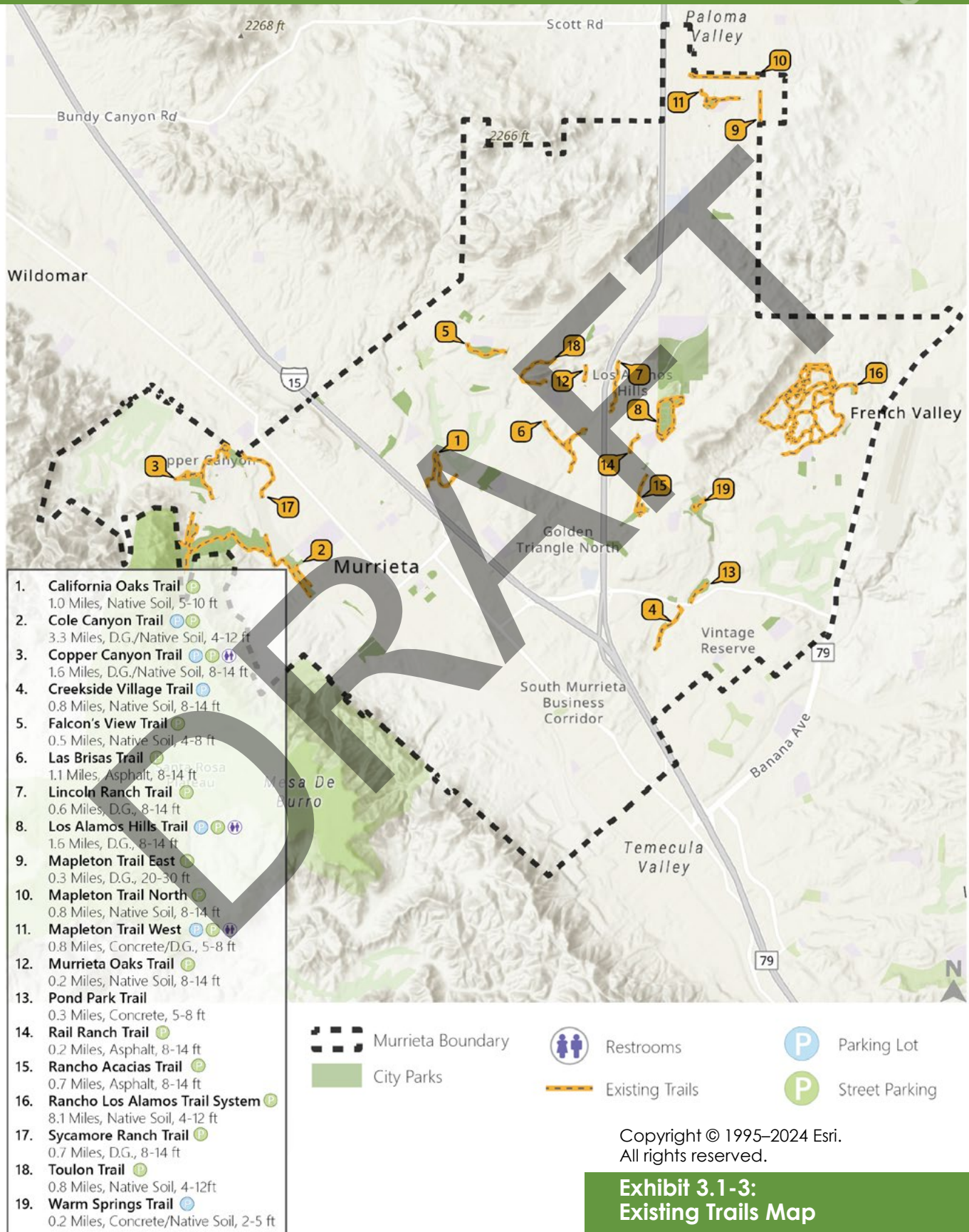
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Trail Connectivity

The 2024 City of Murrieta's Trails Master Plan (MTMP) is a visionary document that sets the stage for a more connected, accessible, and enjoyable trail network. The MTMP's objective is to support the City's commitment to fostering outdoor recreational opportunities, promoting healthy lifestyles, and ensuring accessible and well-maintained trails for all residents and visitors. The development process for the MTMP included evaluating existing plans and studies related to trail planning in the City, engaging with community members, and conducting a robust assessment of existing conditions to identify actionable recommendations for enhancing and expanding the City of Murrieta Trail Network (Trail Network). By prioritizing key recommendations, fostering community engagement, and securing diverse funding sources, Murrieta can ensure its trails continue to provide access to nature and recreation for people of all ages and abilities.



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3.2 Programs and Services

In addition to providing open spaces, parks, and recreation facilities, the City of Murrieta provides a wide range of services and programs through the Community Services Department, which are geared towards meeting the recreation needs and interests of various age levels. The City's service and activity programs include:

Sports & Fitness Activities

The City of Murrieta provides a variety of sports and fitness activities for the community through its Parks and Recreation Department. Activities are available for all age groups from toddlers to seniors, including activities in archery, cheerleading, gymnastics, martial arts, basketball, football, soccer, tennis, and golf, to name a few. In addition to the programs offered by the City, a number of local youth sports organizations are active in City park in the afternoons offering youth leagues for baseball, softball, lacrosse, soccer, and football. The City also offers a number of adult and senior sports and fitness programs including archery, fencing, karate, and stick fighting, and sports leagues in adult softball, kickball, soccer and senior softball. Senior fitness classes are also available at the Murrieta Senior Center, including senior chair exercise and yoga, in addition to programs for karate, longevity stick, and Tai Chi.

Recreation Classes and Activities

In addition to sports leagues and sport/fitness classes, Murrieta offers an assortment of music and dance classes including its music pups, jazz, ballet, hip hop, and tap to name a few. A number of special interest classes are provided including the activities at the Murrieta Youth Center. Programs are offered in computer programming, web and video game design, Ranger Rap, and other STEM programs. A number of child care programs and camps are available for kids when school is not in session, including culinary and baking camps, archery and fencing camps, Skyhawks, horse camp, and Little Ones. The kids aren't the only ones having fun in Murrieta as the City offers dance classes for adults and a large assortment of classes at the Murrieta Senior Center. The Parks and Recreation Department also provides an assortment of fun recreation programs within its Alternative Recreation Program.



Art Class

Community Programs

Beyond recreation programs, the City has a number of social services and resources available to support its community including resources to support the Homeless in Murrieta. The City's Responsible Compassion Program is committed to improving the quality of life and providing an assortment of resources for those experiencing homelessness in Murrieta.

The City's webpage provides a Disability Resource Center and links for additional support from organizations such as Immanuel House, the Arc of Riverside County, the International Dyslexia Association, and Diverse PossAbilities of Loma Linda University Health. The City of Murrieta provides information and links to a number of social service programs for the community on its website under Get Connected. Resources are highlighted for people with disabilities, veterans, and the homeless, in addition to links to resources for mental health.

Special Events

The Parks and Recreation Department celebrates its community with several special events throughout the year, including its Spring Eggstravaganza, Tour De Murrieta, Jazz & Blues Fest, Father's Day Car Show, Murrieta Birthday Bash, Murrieta Rod Run and its Holiday Magic Events.



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Fall Festival

Participation

While the pandemic challenged cities and staff with the closure of parks and programs, the City of Murrieta's 2023 registrations exceed those of pre-pandemic numbers in many program areas. Registrations increased by more than 3,500 participants in seniors from 2020 to 2023. Registrations increased for sports and fitness by 358 percent, and numbers in dance and performing arts classes increased by 370 percent in that same time frame.

A detailed analysis of the City's recreation programs, services, and special events is provided in the Appendix, with recommendations. This update of the Parks & Recreation Master Plan also provides interests and suggestions from the community for expanded and new program offerings for the future.

47%

Are Satisfied with City Recreation Programs, Classes, Activities, or Services

46%

Participate in City Recreation Programs, Classes, or Activities

Source: 2024 Multimodal Survey

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3.3 Acreage Analysis

How Much Park Acreage is Needed for Murrieta?

The City of Murrieta currently has fifty-three (53) parks which encompass 503.42 acres of developed parkland.

PARK NAME	PARK TYPE	ACRES
Los Alamos Hills Sports Park	City-Wide Park	45.00
Alderwood Park	Community Park	9.00
Alta Murrieta Sports Park	Community Park	9.76
California Oaks Sports Park	Community Park	19.99
Copper Canyon Park (Upper and Lower)	Community Park	20.94
Glen Arbor Park	Community Park	18.92
Hunt Park	Community Park	4.65
Mira Mosa Park	Community Park	8.10
Pond Park	Community Park	14.59
Torrey Pines Park	Community Park	8.00
Barratt Park	Neighborhood Park	8.30
Firefighters Park	Neighborhood Park	3.21
Mapleton Park	Neighborhood Park	9.30
Mountain Pride Park	Neighborhood Park	9.64
Northstar Park	Neighborhood Park	14.00
Pioneer Park	Neighborhood Park	0.36
Rancho Acacia Park	Neighborhood Park	10.11
Shady Maple Park	Neighborhood Park	4.79
Valley Vista Park	Neighborhood Park	6.50
Vintage Reserve Park	Neighborhood Park	3.83
Antelope Hills Park	Neighborhood Play Area	5.31
Antigua Park	Neighborhood Play Area	2.26
Blackmore Ranch Park	Neighborhood Play Area	1.14
Calle Cipres Park	Neighborhood Play Area	1.80
Calle Estancia Park	Neighborhood Play Area	2.83
Carson Park	Neighborhood Play Area	0.69
Century Park	Neighborhood Play Area	3.90
Creekside Village Green Park	Neighborhood Play Area	4.00
Crystal Aire Park	Neighborhood Play Area	1.11
Eastgate Park	Neighborhood Play Area	1.50
Echo Canyon Park	Neighborhood Play Area	3.07
Grizzly Ridge Park	Neighborhood Play Area	0.44

PARK NAME	PARK TYPE	ACRES
Meadowridge Park	Neighborhood Play Area	4.29
Montafino Park	Neighborhood Play Area	0.76
Monte Vista Park	Neighborhood Play Area	1.06
Oak Terrace Park	Neighborhood Play Area	0.20
Oak Tree Park	Neighborhood Play Area	0.32
Palomar Park	Neighborhood Play Area	1.75
Rosewood Park	Neighborhood Play Area	0.41
Springbrook Park	Neighborhood Play Area	0.29
Sycamore Park	Neighborhood Play Area	2.66
Toulon Park	Neighborhood Play Area	0.21
Whitewood Park	Neighborhood Play Area	1.84
B Street Station Park	Special Use Park	0.50
Murrieta Equestrian Park	Special Use Park	22.00
Sykes Ranch Park	Special Use Park	2.61
Town Square Park	Special Use Park	4.22
Bear Valley Park 1	Nature Park	20.14
Bear Valley Park 2	Nature Park	3.97
Cole Canyon Park	Nature Park	140.00
Falcon's View Park	Nature Park	9.37
Oak Mesa Park	Nature Park	5.98
Warm Springs Park	Nature Park	23.80
TOTAL ACREAGE:		503.42

Based on 503.42 acres of parkland identified above and the City's 2023 population of 119,182 the City currently has:

4.22 acres of developed and undeveloped parkland per 1,000 residents

The City has adopted a standard of 5 acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. Currently, the City has a deficit of 92 acres of parkland according to this standard. This deficit will grow as the total population increases.

Nature Parks contain undeveloped land and trails, the developed acres in these parks include Bear Valley Park 1 (8.43 acres), Bear Valley Park 2 (0.59 acres), Cole Canyon Park (0 acres), Falcon's View Park (0 acres), Oak Mesa Park (0 acres), and Warm Springs Park (1.1 acres). Considering only the developed portions of the Nature Parks, the City currently has 310.28 acres of developed parkland, or:

2.60 acres of developed parkland per 1,000 residents

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Future Parks

There are opportunities to increase parkland acreage through park expansions at Los Alamos Hills Sports Park (55 acres) and Pioneer Park (8.45 acres).

There are several planned residential developments that will include new parks as part of the development agreement with the City of Murrieta. For example, Murrieta Hills Specific Plan includes 22.5 acres for neighborhood parks, 11.9 acres for a multi-purpose greenbelt, and 27.2 acres of recreational open space.

Open Space Land

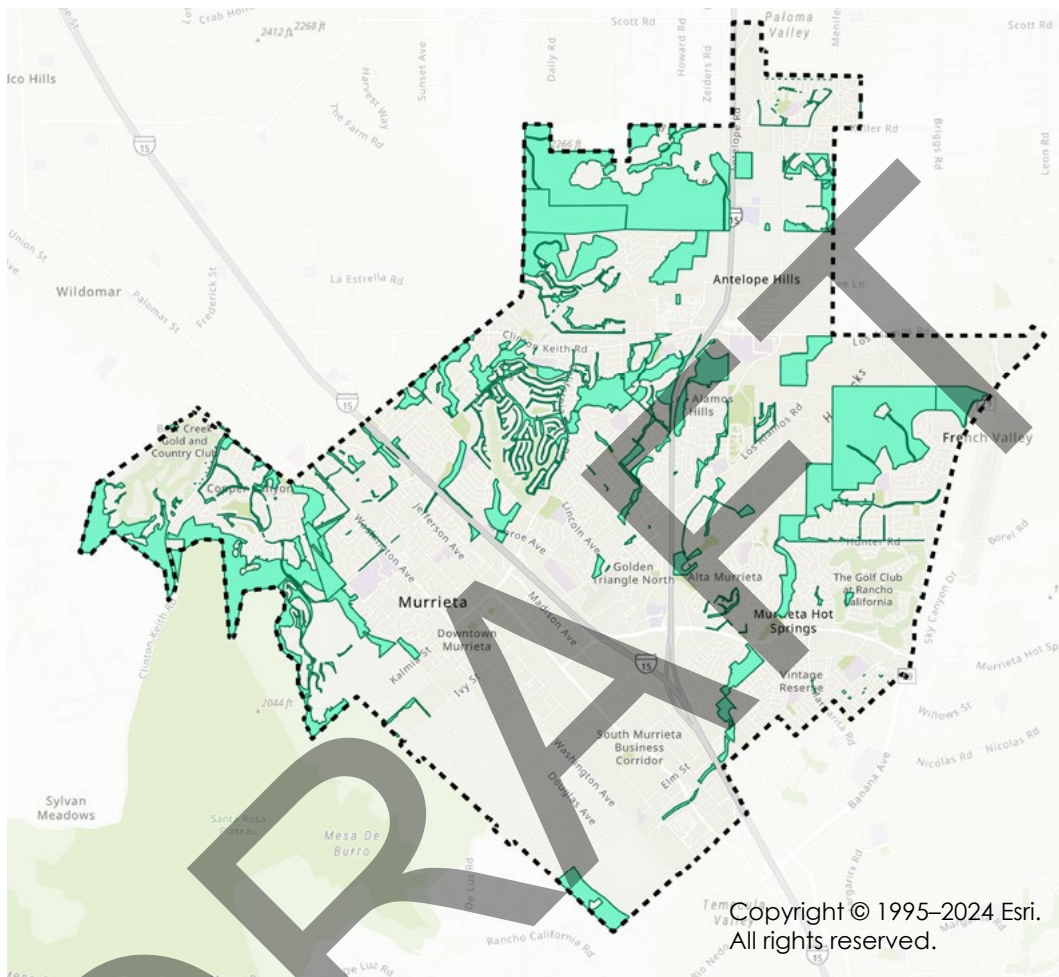
Per the City's General Plan 2035:

"Lands set aside for protection and conservation of natural resources are designated as open space [land]. This may include steep hillsides with a slope of at least 50 percent, significant habitat areas, and creeks. Additionally, within Specific Plan areas, open space may be set aside to serve as buffer areas and drainage areas. Some open space is found in conjunction with parkland, especially in Nature Parks. Nature Parks are distinguished from open space because they provide public access via trails. Up to 10 percent of a Nature Park can be improved for active recreation. However, most of the park is undeveloped and contains vegetation, topography, or features that are important to retain in their natural states."

See exhibit 3.3-1 for the location of the City's open space. There is approximately 3,600 acres of open space. Some open space is adjacent to City parks, including but not limited to:

- Alta Murrieta Sports Park
- Antelope Hills Park
- Century Park
- Pond Park
- Rancho Acacia Park
- Sykes Ranch Park

In some cases, such as with Mountain Pride Park, the adjacent open space has been modified to include recreation elements (disc golf course) since the 2009 Master Plan and is now included in the park acreage.



**Exhibit 3.3-1:
Open Space Map**

Additional Private Recreation Facilities

The three (3) private golf courses are not included in the parkland acreage since the facility is a pay-to-play and not open to the general public; however, these golf courses contribute to the park and recreation opportunities available to Murrieta residents.

In addition, joint use agreements are not included in this acreage analysis. The City currently has a joint use agreement with the Murrieta Valley Unified School District to utilize some of their sports fields and all school site classrooms for programming.

In summary, although the General Plan parkland acreage goals are not being met, there are additional lands not included that contribute to the City's overall park and open space available for recreation. The City is encouraged to preserve the current open space, parks, and recreation facility inventory and continue to renovate and expand current recreation facilities and amenities to best serve the community needs.

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3.4 Park Service Area Gap Analysis

In addition to providing appropriate quantities and types of recreation facilities, the City of Murrieta strives to provide them in useful and appropriate locations. The service area gap analysis examines how parks are distributed throughout residential areas in the City.

“Everyone deserves a park within walking distance of their home.”

-NRPA (National Recreation and Parks Association)

Proximity to parks is more than a convenience issue. It helps to establish an excellent park system by providing improved air quality, circulation, and overall improved community health and wellness. One-half (.5) mile is approximately a 10-15-minute walk for most people. Most residences should be within one-half mile of a neighborhood park or amenity that satisfy common recreation needs.

The 5-10-15 minute walk map outlines the service availability around the existing parks that are available to Murrieta residents. The service area boundaries also reflect the physical obstructions to pedestrian travel created by arterial roadways, freeways, etc. which limit easy access to parks and are reflected by truncated shapes in the service areas shown on the following exhibits.






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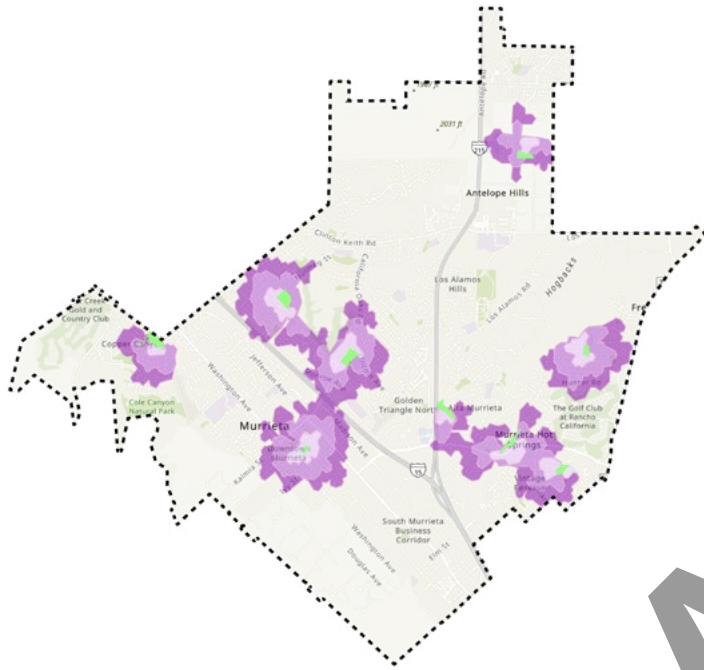
City-Wide Parks Walking Radius

- 5 Minutes
- 10 Minutes
- 15 Minutes

Exhibit 3.4-1: Service Area Gap Analysis for City-Wide Parks

City-Wide Parks

	5 Min Walk	0.2% of population	198 people
	10 Min Walk	0.7% of population	840 people
	15 Min Walk	1.5% of population	1,798 people



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Neighborhood Parks Walking Radius

- 5 Minutes
- 10 Minutes
- 15 Minutes



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Community Parks Walking Radius

- 5 Minutes
- 10 Minutes
- 15 Minutes

Exhibit 3.4-2: Service Area Gap Analysis for Community Parks

Exhibit 3.4-3: Service Area Gap Analysis for Neighborhood Parks

Community Parks



5 Min
Walk

3.4% of
population

4,015
people



10 Min
Walk

11.7% of
population

13,984
people



15 Min
Walk

25.3% of
population

30,130
people

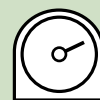
Neighborhood Parks



5 Min
Walk

4.5% of
population

5,386
people



10 Min
Walk

16.3% of
population

19,451
people

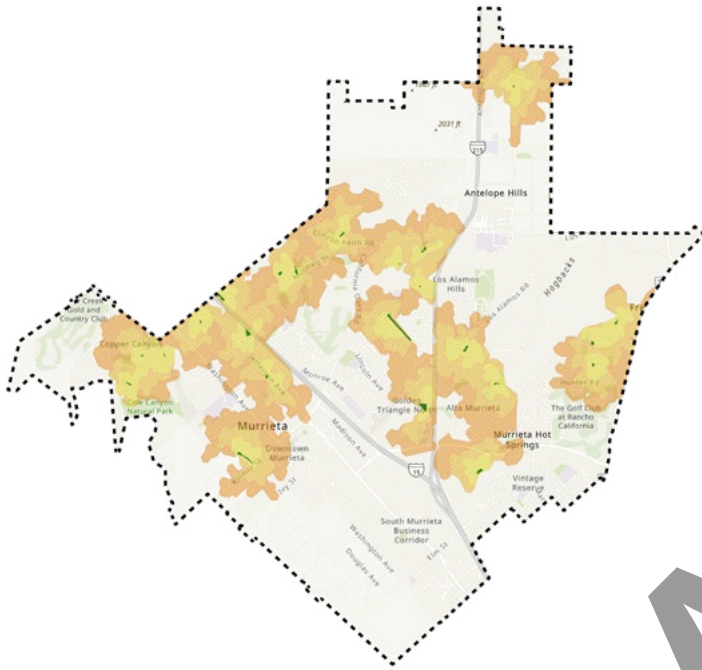


15 Min
Walk

33.7% of
population

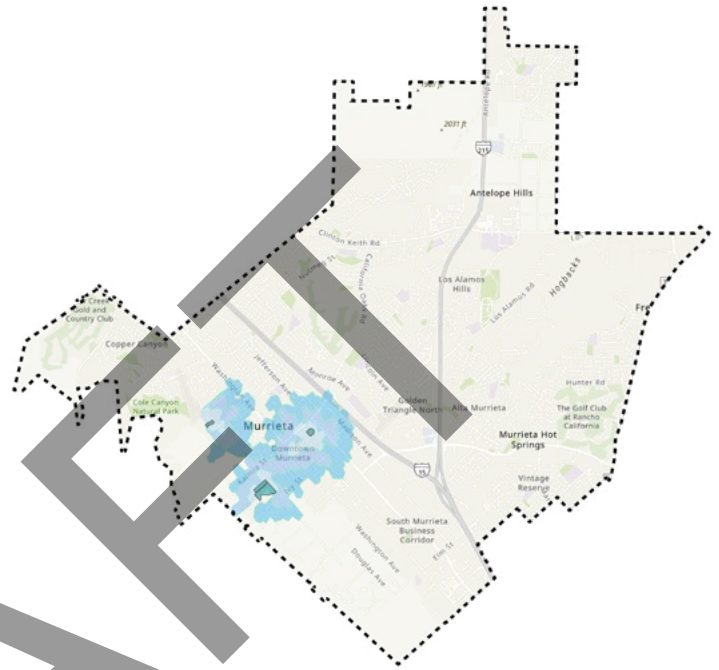
40,199
people

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Neighborhood Play Areas Walking Radius
 5 Minutes
 10 Minutes
 15 Minutes






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Special Use Parks Walking Radius
 5 Minutes
 10 Minutes
 15 Minutes




Exhibit 3.4-4: Service Area Gap Analysis for Neighborhood Play Areas

Exhibit 3.4-5: Service Area Gap Analysis for Special Use Parks

Neighborhood Play Areas

	5 Min Walk	10.5% of population	12,501 people
	10 Min Walk	25.5% of population	30,432 people
	15 Min Walk	43.2% of population	51,500 people

Special Use Parks

	5 Min Walk	0.3% of population	375 people
	10 Min Walk	2.5% of population	2,925 people
	15 Min Walk	4.7% of population	5,580 people