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Nature Parks Walking Radius 5 Minutes

10 Minutes 15 Minutes

Exhibit 3.4-6: Service Area Gap Analysis for Nature Parks

Nature Parks

1.1% of 1,320 5 Min Walk population people

10 Min Walk 5.7% of 6,821 population people

15 Min Walk 11.0% of 13,154 population people



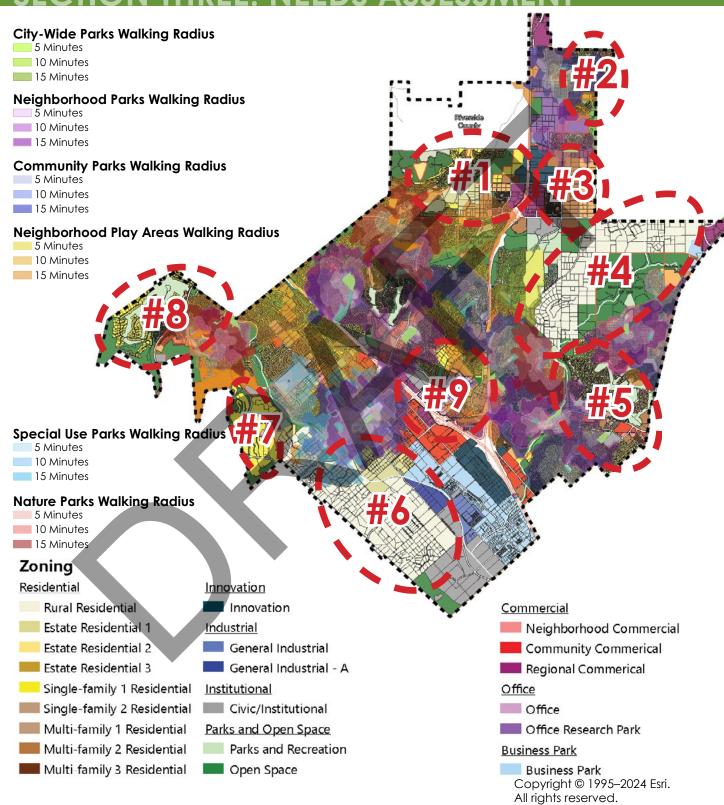


Exhibit 3.4-7: Park Service Area Gap Analysis Map

Considering all City parks, 67% of Murrieta residents live within a 15-minute walk of a park. It is important to consider that City-wide parks, community parks, and nature parks serve a larger area, 3-mile radius, due to the vehicle-centric design and programming in these parks. This analysis is further explored in section 3.5 local trends.

To analyze the distribution of existing City parks, a service area radius map is created for City-owned, City-wide parks, community parks, neighborhood parks, neighborhood play areas, special use parks, and nature parks (see exhibits 3.4-1 to 3.4-6). When areas zoned for residential use fall outside of these service area designations, they are identified as an underserved neighborhood or "gap area." The City has excellent coverage providing park space that is geographically distributed throughout the community. There are however some gaps as identified in exhibit 3.4-7.

- Greer Ranch neighborhood community area including neighborhoods north of Clinton Keith Road (Bella Vista, Bel Flora, and Corta Belle) are in a gap area. These neighborhoods do have small developer parkettes with fot lots in this area. These parks offer little value beyond a playground experience for younger children.
- The community east of Whitewood Road and south of Keller Road are in a gap area. There are currently no available parks in this area.
- This area largely consists of rural homes on approximately 4-5 acres of land. There are no parks in this area. Granite Gate and Skyview Ridge are small neighborhood developments that sit north of Clinton Keith Road and east of the 215. These neighborhoods have small developer parkettes including playgrounds and community pool facilities.
- This area sits well outside of any park radius. The homes in this area consist of large ranch homes ranging from 2-5 acres. Murrieta Specific Plan 309 is a large part of this area.
- This area consists of Rancho California, Murrieta Hot Springs (Warm Spring Knolls, Spring Knolls, and Golf Knolls) private communities. There are private community clubhouses, recreation facilities, and pools available to these residents.
- This area west of Murrieta Creek to the foothills consists of large ranch homes on 2-5 acres of land. There are no public park facilities in this area.
- This area consists of Tentative Tract Map (TTM) 38555 Vineyard Vista planned community development. When developed, public parks are included in the developer agreement.
- Bear Creek, north of Clinton Keith Road is a private community. The community contains pool, recreation center, sport courts, and golfing amenities that satisfy the recreational needs of this community.
- Recent high-density developments built and planned for in this area will rapidly outgrow the nearby available recreation facilities. This area will become a park deficit community.

3.5 Local Trends Analysis

When analyzing the local recreation trends for the City of Murrieta, we begin with a high-level analysis of visitation information for City parks through the use of Unacast visitation data for January to December 2023. The analysis of visitation data provides valuable insights into the usage patterns of the City's parks. Understanding the most visited parks, peak visitation times, average length of stay, and park sphere of influence can guide the development of maintenance strategies and recreation programs to effectively meet community needs. These insights are crucial for making informed recreation development recommendations and ensure the continued satisfaction and well-being of park visitors.

"Custom location data aims to revolutionize efficient resource allocation and optimized City

-Unacast Success Stories Collection

Based on the average number of visitors for 2023, the top 5 most visited parks are:

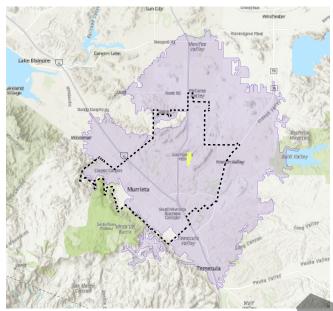
- California Oaks Sports Park* -Average Visitors: 15,050
- Los Alamos Hills Sports Park -Average Visitors: 6,550
- Firefighters Park -Average Visitors: 4,500
- Cole Canyon Park -Average Visitors: 4,100
- Copper Canyon Park -Average Visitors: 3,500

*Annual visitation declined with the pool closure, however average monthly levels of attendance remained the same with visitation shifting from summer months to winter months.

The City's parks are divided up into six park classifications including City-wide Parks, Community Parks, Neighborhood Parks, Neighborhood Play Areas, Special Use Parks, and Nature Parks. In reviewing the visitor length of stay in a park, there is a range of 12 minutes to 1.2 hours per visit. In comparison, the average distance people travel to visit the parks is 4.9 to 8.5 miles, there is evidence visitors generally travel somewhat longer distances to visit City-wide and community parks. Visitors also tend to spend more time in Citywide parks compared to all other parks. Special use parks also attract visitors from a relatively wide area, with moderate to average visitation lengths. When looking at the number of visitors per park, community parks have a significantly higher visitation rate than all other parks.



Youth Center Basketball



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Exhibit 3.5-1: Average Distance Traveled for City-Wide Parks

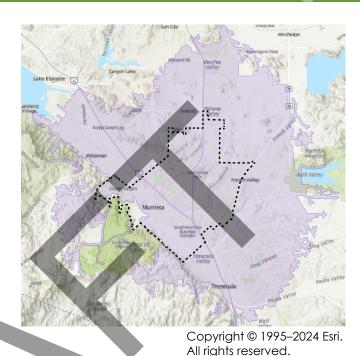


Exhibit 3.5-2: Average Distance **Traveled for Community Parks**

City-Wide Parks



Average Distance ₹ Traveled

8.50 Miles



Average Visitation Length

71.00 Minutes



Average Visitors per

6,550 People

Community Parks



Average Distance ₹ Traveled

7.67 Miles



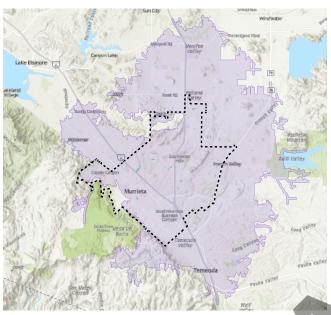
Average Visitation Length

42.06 Minutes



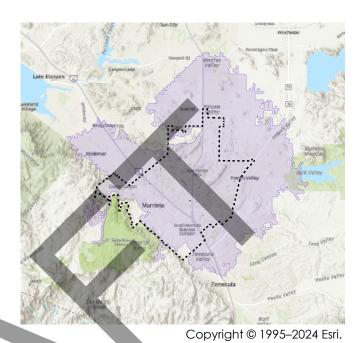
Average Visitors per Week

35,434 People



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Exhibit 3.5-3: Average Distance Traveled for Neighborhood Parks



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Neighborhood Parks



Average Distance ₹ Traveled

6.27 Miles



Average Visitation Length

55.77 Minutes



Average Visitors per

21,236 People

Neighborhood Play Areas



Average Distance Traveled

4.86 Miles



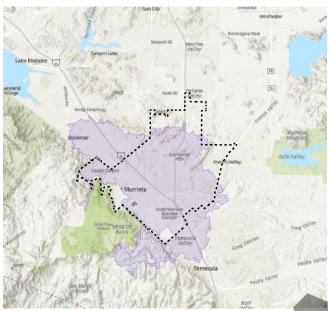
Average Visitation Length

27.76 Minutes



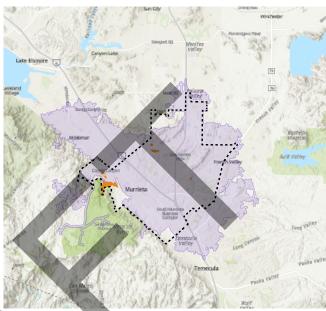
Average Visitors per

19,227 People



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Exhibit 3.5-5: Average Distance Traveled for Special Use Parks



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Exhibit 3.5-6: Average Distance **Traveled for Nature Parks**

Special Use Parks

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Average Distance Traveled

5.50 Miles



Average Visitation Length

61.63 Minutes



Average Visitors per

5,348 People

Nature Parks



Average Distance 5.67 [™]Traveled Miles



Average Visitation Length

12.50 Minutes



Average Visitors per

11,076 People

Murrieta parks are not only popular among the City residents, but also attract regular visitors from up to 8.5 miles outside the City limits. The parks vary in size, location, quality of facilities, and events, which make them successful and appealing to a larger community. The increased recreation traffic and extended community influence has opportunities to generate benefits for local businesses and retailers.

- Community Parks attract the highest number of visitors overall, suggesting they are popular for a wide range of activities and possibly offer more amenities.
- Saturday is the most popular day for park visitation, indicating weekends are peak times for park usage.
- City-wide Parks and Special Use Parks see the longest average visit durations, which
 may be due to the wider variety of activities available. Notably, these park types
 also have the lowest number of weekly visitors.
- Neighborhood Play Areas have a short average visitation time, likely due to their smaller size and more focused facilities. The same is true for Nature Parks.
- Visitors are willing to travel the furthest for City-wide Parks, indicating their unique or high-quality offerings that justify the travel distance.



If I Were a Princess Camp

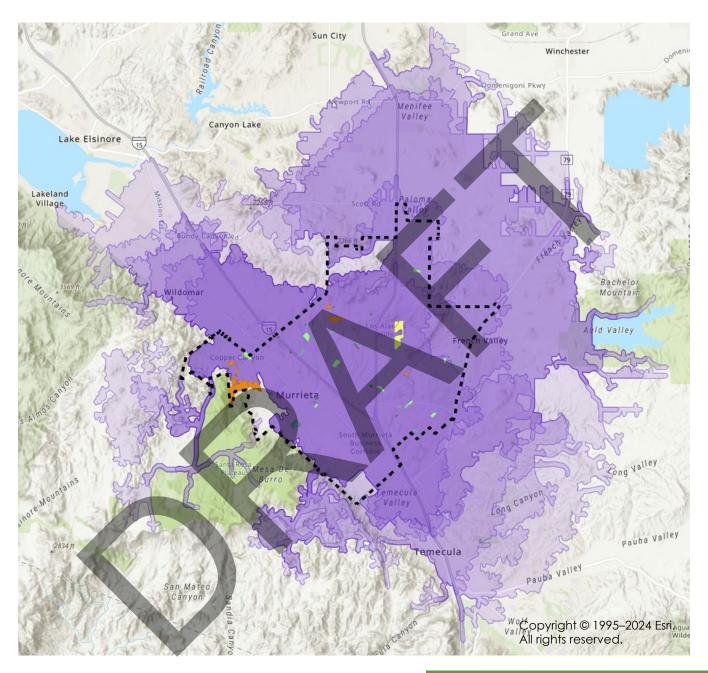


Exhibit 3.5-7: Average Distance **Traveled for All Parks**

3.6 Custom Park Standards Calculations

A key element in any planning strategy is an understanding of the nature of "demand" for parks and recreation facilities. This report assesses the demand for recreation facilities by the participants of organized sports within Murrieta, and participation data from the statistically valid, multimodal community survey. Without this understanding, a policy can only be based on general standards of supply and demand, such as population ratios (acres per thousand population) or service area (distance to a park). Such standards are useful guides lacking specific detailed planning and assessment.

"The 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review does not present park and recreation "standards." nor do the benchmarks represent any standards against which every individual park and recreation agency should measure itself. The reason for this is simple: there is not a single set of standards for parks and recreation because different agencies serve different communities that have unique needs, desires and challenges. Agencies also have diverse funding mechanisms."

- 2024 NRPA Agency Performance Review

A questionnaire was designed and distributed to the organized sports groups that use the City facilities. The questionnaire was distributed by the City staff and eight (8) sports organizations responded. The information regarding the number of players, size of teams, seasonality and turnover of facilities for both games and practice are used to better define peak day demand and convert that to the number of facilities required to meet the needs of this segment of the recreation market. The questionnaire addresses the percentage of the players in each organization that live within the City of Murrieta. This varies widely by type of sport and in Murrieta reflects that a number of participants in certain sports reside outside of the City.

The Custom Park Standards Calculations (CPSCs) for the City of Murrieta are based on the 2023 Esri population level of 119,182 and participation data gathered in the Sports Organization Survey. The CPSCs provide an estimate of the number of facilities or 'demand' required to accommodate peak day demand in the context of the local design standards. The local facility design is based on the information received from the sports organizations identifying the number of players, team size, and facility turnover for each facility type. The CPSC Methodology is illustrated in Exhibit 3.6-1.

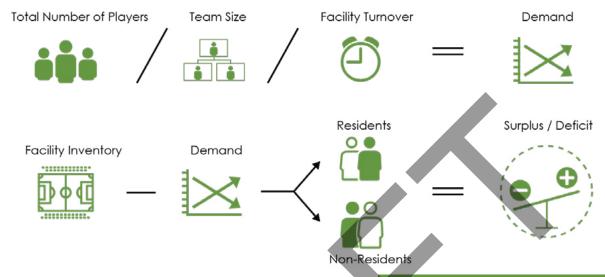


Exhibit 3.6-1: CPSC Methodology for **Sports Organizations**

To provide an additional comparison of the Murrieta Local Needs, a comparison of the 2023 NRPA Benchmark facility report is provided in Exhibit 3.6-2. The comparison illustrates how each city is unique in its recreation patterns. The City should not rely solely on benchmarking.

Exhibit 3.6-2 below uses the 2023 NRPA Benchmark data to compare with the City of Murrieta's existing inventory. The NRPA National Standard is used to calculate the NRPA Facility Need for Murrieta using the City of Murrieta's 2023 population of 119,182.

Facility	Local CPSC Facility Need Ratio for All Players	Local Facility Need	NRPA National Standard (100,000 to 250,000 population)	NRPA Facility Need
Baseball Field (youth)*	1/8,364	14.3	1/6,821	17.5
Basketball Court (indoor)	1/65,008	1.8	1/77,099	1.5
Football Field (youth)**	1/31,123	3.8	1/7,375	16.2
Soccer Field (youth)**	1/5,401	22.1	1/7,375	16.2
Softball Field (youth)*	1/35,755	3.3	1/6,821	17.5

^{*}NRPA does not distinguish youth or adult baseball / softball "diamond" fields.

Exhibit 3.6-2 Local Needs vs. **NRPA Needs**

^{**}NRPA does not distinguish youth or adult soccer / football "rectangular" fields.

The following illustrations identify the individual sports evaluated as part of the local CPSC's for Murrieta. Existing facilities are compared to the local needs and surplus / deficit calculations are presented for current (2023) as well as future (2033) demand needs. It is important to note that the needs in this section are based on organized sport data and does not take into account additional unstructured recreation desires (pickup games / non-organized sports programs) by the community. When assessing these needs, this information is considered in the development of the recommendations. Currently, based on the CPSC's, there is a need for indoor basketball courts. All other field and court needs are being fulfilled through surplus adult facilities as well as joint use agreements. Without available school facilities, the deficit in sport facilities would not be met.



Softball Champions

Baseball (youth) Summary:

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Total Facilities Available	7.0
Current Needs	14.3
Current Surplus / Deficit	-7.3
Future Needs	15.8
Future Surplus / Deficit	-8.8

The City has a need for 14 youth fields.

There are 7 existing City youth fields as well as 2 youth fields available at schools.

The remaining deficit of 5 fields can be supported by utilizing the surplus of adult softball fields or available adult school baseball fields.

Basketball (indoor) Summary:



Total Facilities Available	0.0
Current Needs	1.8
Current Surplus / Deficit	-1.8
Future Needs	2.0
Future Surplus / Deficit	-2.0

The City has a need for 2 indoor basketball courts.

There are currently no City facilities available to support this demand creating a deficit of indoor basketball courts.

Football (youth) Summary:



Total Facilities Available	0.0
Current Needs	3.8
Current Surplus / Deficit	-3.8
Future Needs	4.3
Future Surplus / Deficit	-4.3

The City has a need for 4 youth fields.

There are 4 adult football fields available in the City as well as 3 adult fields at school sites that are used to support this need.

Soccer (youth) Summary:



Total Facilities Available	9.0
Current Needs	22.1
Current Surplus / Deficit	-13.1
Future Needs	24.5
Future Surplus / Deficit	-15.5
Future Surplus / Deficit	-15.5

The City has a need for 22 youth fields.

There are 9 existing City youth fields available and 17 youth fields available at school locations.

The need for soccer is largely supported through school facilities.

Additionally, there are 2 City adult soccer fields and 6 school adult soccer fields to further support growth of the sport.

Softball (youth) Summary:



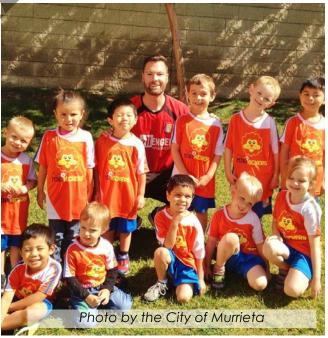
Total Facilities Available	10.0
Current Needs	3.3
Current Surplus / Deficit	6.7
Future Needs	3.7
Future Surplus / Deficit	6.3

The City has a need for 3 softball fields.

There are 10 existing City youth fields available and 11 youth fields available at schools.

The City has a surplus of youth softball facilities that can be used to support other field deficits such as youth baseball.

Additionally, there is 1 City adult softball field and 17 school adult softball fields to further support growth of the sport.



Mini Kickers

The Custom Park Standards Calculations for community centers, skateboarding, tennis, and pickleball are based on the 2023 population level in the City of Murrieta of 119,182. The per capita participation is based on the information received from the 2024 statistically valid, multimodal community survey identifying the annual participation for each facility type. The facility need ratio for each type of facility is calculated by dividing the total population by the number of facilities demanded. The City should continue to evaluate growth or decline in recreational activities when prioritizing new development. Based on the following participation calculations, there is a need for additional tennis, skate park. pickleball, and community center space.

Skateboarding Summary:



Total Facilities Available* Current Needs Current Surplus / Deficit -0.7 (-6,941 SF)

0.6 (6,000 SF) 1.3 (12,941 SF)

A standard neighborhood skate park is considered 10,000 square feet (SF). The City has 0.6 of a skate park with a demand for 1,3 (12,941 SF) skate park. To fulfill this demand the City would need an additional 6,941 SF skate park similar to the size of the existina California Oaks Skate Park.

Murrieta has a demand of 1/92,092 compared to NRPA (100,000 to 250,000 population) 1/105,567.

Community Center Summary:



Total Facilities Available* 3.0 (10,982 SF) Current Surplus / Deficit 0.7 (-12,306 SF)

2.3 (23,288 SF)

While the City has several community buildings, there is limited space available in the facilities for community class programming. The total square feet available for community class programming (classroom type facilities) is approximately 10,982 square feet (SF). The total demand based on participation data available in the multimodal survey is 23,288 SF. This results in a 12,306 SF deficit for community center facilities.

The City of Murrieta acquired the concrete tilt-up Community Center, built in the late 1970s, in May 2001. Since then, it has undergone minor improvements, including ADA restroom upgrades, a wheelchair lift (2016), and a new roof and exterior paint (2021). With proper maintenance, such structures typically have a useful life of 50 to 100 years; however, the useful lifecycle of this structure is approaching the lower end of that range, and repair and remediation should be discussed and prioritized. The Alderwood Clubhouse, Youth Center, and Copper Canyon Recreation Room have approximately 14,000 SF of programmable space. These additional facilities may support the demand for community center space; however, programming compatibility and facility location should be considered matching age, family, or senior programming with comparable facility types.

Murrieta has a demand of 1/52,712 compared to NRPA (100,000 to 250,000 population) 1/55,135.



Tennis Summary:



Total Facilities Available 3.0 Current Needs 5.4 Current Surplus / Deficit -2.4

The City has 2 dedicated tennis courts and 1 overlay court available to the community. There is a need for 5.4 courts leaving a 2.4 court deficit. This deficit may be impacted further by the overlay facility at Hunt Park.

Murrieta has a demand of 1/22,064 compared to NRPA (100,000 to 250,000 population) 1/8,731.

Pickleball Summary:



Total Facilities Available Current Needs Current Surplus / Deficit

4.0

6.4 -2.4

The City currently has 4 pickleball courts available to the community. There is a need for 6.4 courts leaving a 2.4 court deficit. As the City expands these facilities, consideration should be given to grouping courts together for larger group round robin type play.

Murrieta has a demand of 1/18,619 compared to NRPA (100,000 to 250,000 population) 1/20,244.



Murrieta Community Center

3 7 School Facilities

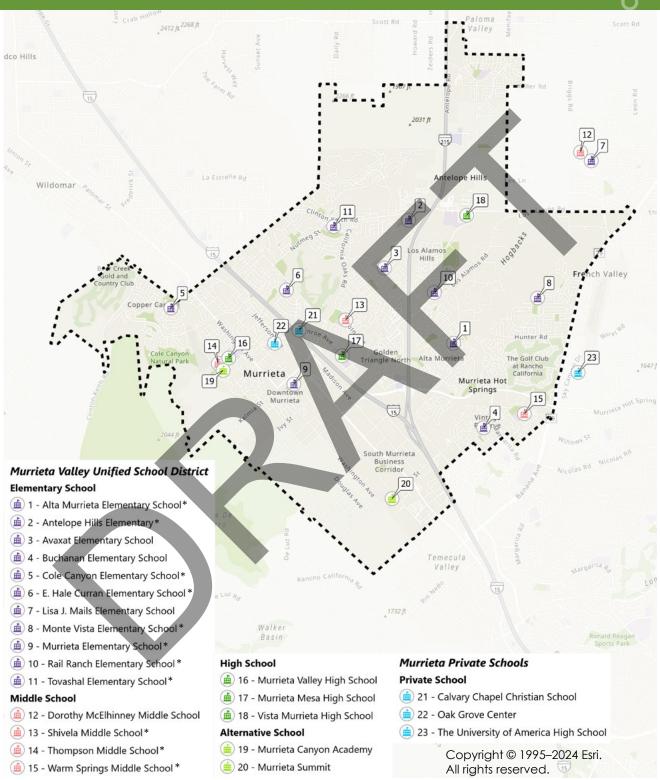
There are eleven (11) elementary schools, four (4) middle schools, three (3) high schools in the Murrieta Valley Unified School District (MVUSD). MVUSD also operates two (2) alternative schools: Murrieta Canyon Academy at Murrieta Valley High School and Murrieta Summit. The City has a joint use agreement with MVUSD that is renewed on an annual basis. The City can utilize the classrooms for programming at agreed upon school sites and the utilize the sports fields at the schools indicated by an asterisk on exhibit 3.7-1. In exchange, the schools can utilize agreed upon City parks adjacent to school property as well as the City's recreation facilities. In 2024, the City entered into a new joint use agreement with the MVUSD for the use and programming of the swimming pool at Vista Murrieta High School for the 2024 summer/fall season.

There are three (3) private schools that periodically request use of City sports fields and classroom space for youth programming and community events.

The City is dependent on the schools for many youth sports needs. There is increasing competition for available facilities and should be considered in future facility development.



Tutoring Program



*Part of joint use agreement with school district and City.

Exhibit 3.7-1: School Facilities Map

3.8 Other Parks and Recreation Facilities Open to the Public

Additional state, county, neighboring cities, and private recreation facilities exist in and around the City of Murrieta. Though not directly owned or controlled by the City, these facilities also provide recreation opportunities to the community. Such facilities are important to identify so not to duplicate City facilities in areas that may already be served through non-City owned recreational opportunities. The following are parks and facilities that have been identified in this category:

Mulligan Family Fun Center



Mulligan Family Fun Center is a popular destination for family entertainment in Murrieta, offering a variety of activities like mini-golf, gokarts, laser tag, and arcade games. It provides a fun and engaging environment for people of all ages. With its diverse attractions, Mulligan Family Fun Center is a key part of Murrieta's recreational offerings.

> Photo by https://mulliganfun.com/play/attractions/

Murrieta Boys and Girls Club



The Murrieta Boys & Girls Club provides a safe and supportive environment for youth, offering programs that promote academic success, healthy lifestyles, and character development. With a focus on empowering young people, the club serves as a vital resource in the community, helping children and teens reach their full potential through mentorship, education, and recreational activities.

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Murrieta Valley Pony Baseball Complex



The Murrieta Valley Pony Baseball Complex is a facility dedicated to youth baseball, providing young athletes with quality fields and amenities for practice and competition. It serves as a central hub for the local baseball community. offering a place where kids can develop their skills, learn teamwork, and enjoy the sport.

> Photo by Murrieta Valley Pony Baseball Facebook



Murrieta Tennis Club



The Murrieta Tennis Club offers well-maintained courts, professional coaching, and a variety of programs, the club provides opportunities for both recreational play and competitive training for tennis enthusiasts of all ages and skill levels. It serves as a hub for the local tennis community, fostering a love for the sport in a welcoming and active environment.

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Murrieta Valley Golf Range



The Murrieta Valley Junior Golf Range provides a supportive environment for learning and improving skills. With tailored programs and professional instruction, the range focuses on fostering a love for golf among youth while emphasizing the fundamentals of the game.

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Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve



The approximately 7,500-acre Santa Rosa Plateau Ecological Reserve is a relatively undisturbed area of oak woodland, chaparral, and native grassland habitat and is a great place to explore the outdoors and observe wildlife. The conservation area plays a crucial role in preserving the region's natural heritage and providing educational opportunities about Southern California's ecosystems.

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SECTION FOUR: RECOMMENDATIONS

The recommendations developed herein are founded in the desires and needs for recreation opportunities identified by the Murrieta community outreach conducted as part of this Parks and Recreation Master Plan. Specific recommendations are broken down into five key strategies that will advance the development of parks and recreation for the entire community.

4.1 Key Strategies

Each of the following key strategies recommendations are designed to balance the equation of where existing recreation resources are and how they relate to the needs of the community.



Key Strategy #1:

Prioritize multi-use facility development to meet the diverse recreational demands.



Key Strategy #2:

Implement a comprehensive maintenance and upgrade plan to continue Murrieta's high standards of quality and user satisfaction.



Key Strategy #3:

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



Key Strategy #4:

Design an aquatic facility that caters to diverse age groups and skill levels that promotes water safety.



Key Strategy #5:

Develop an outreach campaign that leverages local partnerships with personalized communication to promote a diverse range of community events and programs.



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

Goal 1.1:

"Add More Sports Fields"

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.

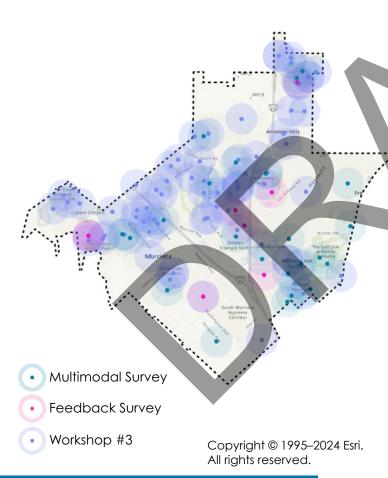


Exhibit 4.1-1: Add More Sports Fields **Survey Results**

Existing Conditions:

- The sports field inventory at City parks includes: 2 lighted adult baseball fields; 4 lighted and 3 unlit youth baseball fields; 2 unlit t-ball fields; 3 lighted (1 is synthetic turf) and 1 unlit football fields; 1 lighted synthetic turf adult soccer field and 1 adult soccer overlay field at Shady Maple Park; 5 lighted youth soccer fields, 2 unlit youth soccer fields, and 2 youth soccer overlay fields at Mapleton Park and Rancho Acacia Park; 1 lighted adult softball field; 1 lighted and 9 unlit youth softball fields.
- According to local trends analysis, California Oaks Sports Park and Los Alamos Hills Sports Park have the highest annual attendance.
- From the organized sports survey and custom park standard calculations (on page 67-70) the City currently has a need for an additional 9 youth baseball fields, 4 youth football fields, and 16 youth soccer fields.

Community Voice:

- Desires to add more sports fields were recorded in the stakeholder interviews, multimodal survey, workshop 3, and the feedback comments.
- Community desires included: "more available fields," "fields allocated," "more sports fields," "increasing the available fields," and "not enough fields."
- Exhibit 4.1-1 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for adding more sports fields.

- Balance programming of fields with available resources by playing youth games on larger fields. This may include modifying base path distance, outfield fencing, portable goal posts,
- Continue to develop the Los Alamos Hills Sports Park expansion. Emphasis should be placed on multi-purpose fields that can accommodate various overlays to minimize turf maintenance and maximize sport playability.
- Improve lighting and bleachers at the ballfields at California Oaks Sport Park.
- Due to the significant dependence on school facilities the City should look to develop more sports fields to alleviate increasing competition for resources.



Goal 1.2:

"Dog Park"

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.

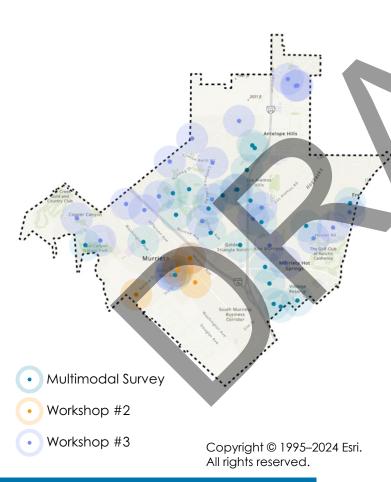


Exhibit 4.1-2: Dog Park Survey Results

Existing Conditions:

The City has 2 dog parks at Alderwood Park and Torrey Pines Park.

Community Voice:

- Dog park desires were recorded in the multimodal survey, workshop 2, and workshop 3.
- Community desires included: "dog areas," "pet facilities," and "dog park."
- Exhibit 4.1-2 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for a dog park.

- The City should continue to develop a new dog park at Glen Arbor Park. The new facility should be developed to include modern dog park amenities and separate enclosures for large, small, and individual dogs.
- In continued efforts to support the community, parks and trails should be equipped with dog waste dispensers.



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

Goal 1.3:

"Pickleball Courts, Classes, or Leagues"

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

Multimodal Survey Workshop #1

Workshop #2

Workshop #3

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Exhibit 4.1-3: Pickleball Courts. Classes, or League Survey Results

Existing Conditions:

- There are 2 pickleball courts at Alderwood Park; Court 1 is available for rental. Court 2 is first come, first serve. There are 2 pickleball courts at B Street Station Park. Court 1 is available for rental. Court 2 is first come, first serve. The existing pickleball courts are not lighted.
- Local trends analysis found that highest visitor traffic for the pickleball courts at both parks occurs primarily on weekday mornings from 7 AM to 9 AM.

ommunity Voice:

- Pickleball court, classes, or league desires were recorded in the stakeholder interviews, multimodal survey, workshop 1, workshop 2, and workshop 3.
- Community desires included: "pickleball courts," "improve existing pickleball courts," "add lighting," "pickleball league," "pickleball lessons," "pickleball tournaments," and "pickleball classes."
- Exhibit 4.1-3 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for a pickleball court, classes, or league.

- Develop pickleball classes for introduction and intermediate level instruction.
- The City should look to provide structured round robin tournament events to bring the pickleball community together.
- The City should develop additional pickleball courts. As a best practice the City should look at developing courts in groupings of 4-8 (the size of two tennis courts) to allow for flexibility in developing lessons and hosting tournament play.







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

Goal 2.1:

"Improve Cleanliness of Parks, Facilities, and Trails"

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.



Exhibit 4.1-4: Improve Cleanliness Survey Results

Existing Conditions:

 The City's parks, recreation facilities, and trail maintenance is handled through the Public Works Department. Public Works and Parks & Recreation are tied closely together. This means any new infrastructure developed in the recreation system will increase the maintenance components (staffing, funding, or contract labor increases).

Community Voice:

- Improve cleanliness desires were recorded in the stakeholder interviews, multimodal survey, workshop 1, workshop 3, and the feedback comments.
- Community desires included: "improve cleanliness," "maintenance," and "facilities maintained."
- Exhibit 4.1-4 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for improving the cleanliness.

- Establish an "Adopt-A-Park" program
 that would refill dog waste dispensers
 and empty full trash cans as well as
 monitor and remove trash from parks
 and trails. This program can be paired
 with park sponsorship opportunities
 to offset the financial burden of
 maintenance costs.
- Develop park clean up days program in concert with other community events.
- Continue to support Murrieta's Adopt-A-Trail Program.
- Ensure that the cost of ongoing landscape maintenance for new facilities and capital projects is accounted for during the planning phase. Whether the project involves developer-dedicated property or is City-driven, incorporate budget estimates for maintenance at each review phase to support long-term upkeep and sustainability.
- See additional maintenance recommendations in section 4.7 on page 109.



Goal 2.2:

"Improve Safety"

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



Exhibit 4.1-5: Improve Safety **Survey Results**

NOTE: The Goal 2.2 recommendations have been discussed with the Police Department to ensure alignment with best practices in public safety and to address community concerns effectively.

Existing Conditions:

- The City of Murrieta operates its own Police Department. Other cities in Riverside County contract for police services through County Sheriff's Department.
- The City has a Park Ranger Program with 3 park rangers on City staff.
- According to a recent statistical report from the financial website, 24/7 Wall Street, the City of Murrieta is the 2nd safest City in the United States.
- Murrieta is ranked number 16 as the safest cities in California, according to the"California's Safest Cities of 2024" report (source: SafeWise).

Community Voice:

- Improve safety desires were recorded in the multimodal survey, workshop 1, and workshop 3.
- Community desires included: "improve safety," "better security lighting," "cameras," "patrol," and "security."
- Exhibit 4.1-5 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for improving safety.

- Review park lighting and install pedestrian security lighting to eliminate dark areas within parks.
- Increase waste removal efforts after community events and in areas of high park traffic.
- Continue park ranger and graffiti removal programs.
- Consider security camera installations in large parks.
- Coordinate with ranger and police programs to provide patrol routes in park areas.
- Park improvement projects as well as new park facilities should be designed to include Crime Prevention through **Environmental Design (CPTED) features.**

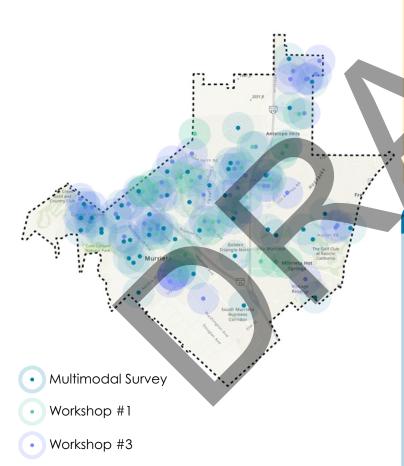


Key Strategy #2: Implement a comprehensive maintenance and upgrade plan to continue Murrieta's high standards of quality and user satisfaction.

Goal 2.3:

"Modernize and Upgrade All Parks and Facilities"

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.



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Exhibit 4.1-6: Modernize and Update All Parks & Facilities Survey Results

Existing Conditions:

- The City owns, controls, and maintains fifty-three (53) parks encompassing 503.42 acres of developed and undeveloped parks.
- The City has five (5) recreation facilities including the Community Center, Youth Center, Senior Center, Alderwood Park Clubhouse, and Copper Canyon Park Recreation Center.

Community Voice:

- Modernize and upgrade all parks and facilities desires were recorded in the stakeholder interviews, multimodal survey, workshop 1, and workshop 3.
- Community desires included: "upgrades," "park maintenance," and "park renovations."
- Exhibit 4.1-6 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated desires for modernizing and upgrading all parks and facilities.

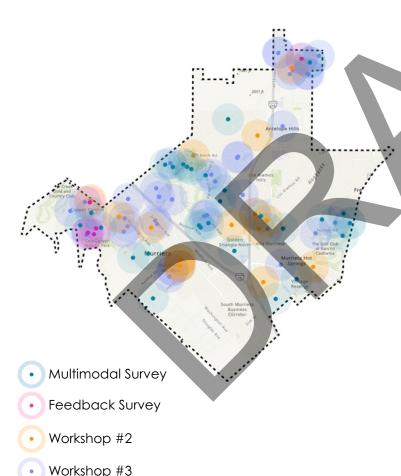
- It is natural for facilities to show wear over time and increased wear with heavy use from the community. Eventually, facilities will need to be replaced. The City should consider the demand for facilities prior to replacement. It may be more economical and a greater benefit to the community to develop alternative recreation elements.
- The City should develop an equipment life cycle analysis for the major park components including playgrounds, gazebos, benches, BBQ's, sports courts, fitness stations, etc. This will enable the City to more accurately forecast potential future costs.
- Upgrades should prioritize amenities that are inclusive and accessible for individuals of all abilities, ensuring equity and enhancing user satisfaction across the community.



Goal 2.4:

"Playground Improvements"

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.



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Existing Conditions:

- There are forty-one (41) playgrounds located in the fifty-three (53) City parks.
- Twenty (20) playgrounds have a shade covering/canopy.

Community Voice:

- Playground improvement desires were recorded in the multimodal survey, workshop 2, workshop 3, and the feedback comments.
- Community desires included: "playground cleanliness," "better playgrounds," "improved/more sand," "update play equipment," "sensory playgrounds," "add shade," "add seating," "playground improvements," "slide," and "play structures."
- Exhibit 4.1-7 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for playground improvements.

- Develop a playground renovation schedule based on installation date and life expectancy. Modifications may be required based on equipment use levels.
- As new playgrounds are developed. the City should include all-inclusive, universal playground design standards to promote equitable play spaces for all.



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

Goal 2.5:

"Restroom Maintenance"

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

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Exhibit 4.1-8: Restroom Maintenance **Survey Results**

Existing Conditions:

- There are thirteen (13) restroom buildings and five (5) portable restrooms, totaling eighteen (18) restrooms located in the City parks.
- · The neighborhood play areas are small parks for nearby neighborhoods and do not include restrooms.
- The nature parks do not include restrooms.

ommunity Voice:

- Restroom maintenance desires were recorded in the stakeholder interviews, multimodal survey, workshop 1, workshop 3, and the feedback comments.
- Community desires included: "restroom maintenance," and "bathrooms."
- Exhibit 4.1-8 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for restroom improvements.

Recommendations:

Parks with high visitation should have increased restroom cleaning operations. Cleaning operations should be conducted during peak, day usage to minimize restrooms appearing overused during community events. Peak, day usage per park can be found in the trends report in the appendix.



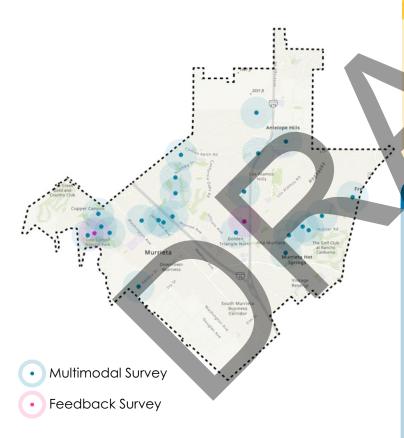


Key Strategy #3: Create an integrated trail network that promotes active transportation and enhances outdoor recreation opportunities as recommended in the Trails Master Plan.

Goal 3.1:

"Bike Trails"

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



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Exhibit 4.1-9: Bike Trails **Survey Results**

Existing Conditions:

- E-bike popularity has not only grown dramatically over the last few years, but it has become a common mode of transportation for many people.
- In 2024, City Council amended Ordinance No. 605-24 regarding bicycle, electric bicycle, scooter, and skateboard safety.
- The City annually hosts the popular 'Tour de Murrieta' bicycle race in the spring season.

Community Voice:

- Bike trail desires were recorded in the stakeholder interviews, multimodal survey, and the feedback comments.
- Community desires included: "bike trail," and "bike path."
- Exhibit 4.1-9 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for bike trails.

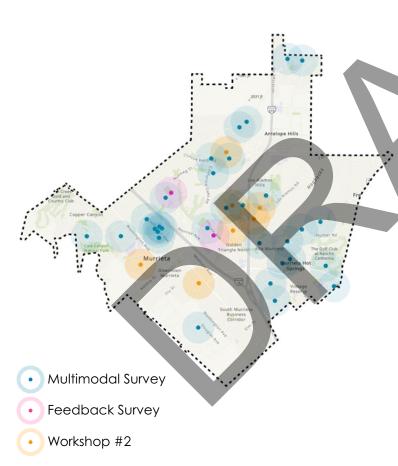
- Implement the recommendations from the Murrieta Trails Master Plan including:
 - o Increase trail user visibility at trailheads:
 - o Lowering roadway speeds adjacent to trailheads, staging areas, and crossings;
 - o Improved trail roadway crossings;
 - o Develop new trail connections; and
 - o Develop trail signage and wayfinding.
- Implementation of the new ordinance to regulate the use of electric bicycles, scooters, and skateboards in response to rising safety concerns. This ordinance addresses speed limits, helmet requirements, and restrictions on where these vehicles can be operated, aiming to reduce traffic accidents and improve public safety.



Goal 3.2:

"Walking Paths/Hiking Trails"

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.



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Exhibit 4.1-10: Walking Paths and **Hiking Trails Survey Results**

Existing Conditions:

- The City's trail network includes over twenty-two (22) miles of trails located on nineteen (19) trails.
- The City has seven (7) fitness routes that utilize City trails and sidewalks to connect and provide loop walking/ hiking routes.

Community Voice:

- Walking paths/hiking trails desires were recorded in the stakeholder interviews, multimodal survey, workshop 2, and the feedback comments.
- Community desires included: "walking trails," "more hiking trails," and "walking/running trail."
- Exhibit 4.1-10 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for walking paths and hiking trails.

- The community outreach collected identified a desire for more on walking and hiking paths in nature and therefore class three bike trails do not satisfy this need.
- The City should look to improve neighborhood park internal trail loops and connections identified in the Trails Master Plan.
- Develop a special needs interactive trail system between Century Park and Barratt Park.

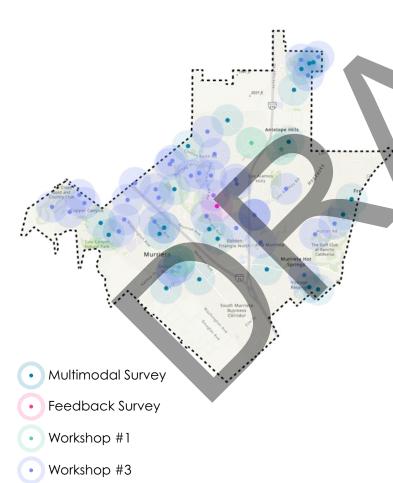


Key Strategy #4: Design an aquatic facility that caters to diverse age groups and skill levels that promotes water safety.

Goal 4.1:

"Splash Pad or Water Park"

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.



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Exhibit 4.1-11: Splash Pad or Water **Park Survey Results**

Existing Conditions:

- The City parks do not have any splash pads or water parks in them.
- Pond Park has a man-made pond.
- Several natural creeks and waterways run through the City.

Community Voice:

- Splash pad or water park desires were recorded in the multimodal survey, workshop 1, workshop 3, and the feedback comments.
- Community desires included: "splash pad," and "water park."
- Exhibit 4.1-11 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for splash pads or water parks.

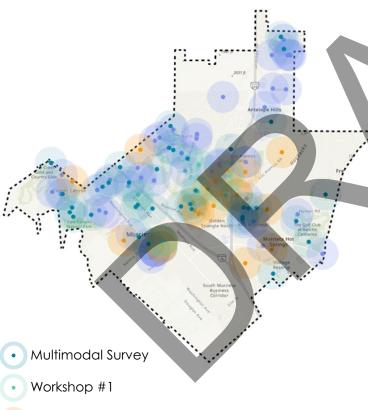
- Develop a spray play area that is integrated into park infrastructure. Spray play features can be included in park facilities designed to be more site specific with seasonal use to reduce maintenance costs.
- Splash pads can be designed in various styles from small water elements in playgrounds to larger water park type apparatus. The City should begin with smaller implementation elements that do not require significant capital costs, and when shutdown, do not negatively impact the playability or visibility of a park.



Goal 4.2:

"Swimming Pool and Swimming Classes"

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.



- Workshop #2
- Workshop #3

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Exhibit 4.1-12: Swimming Pool and **Swimming Classes Survey Results**

Existing Conditions:

- In 2023 the public swimming pool at California Oaks Sports Park became inoperable due to the failure of the pool equipment and funding needed to make the costly repairs.
- The City has entered into an agreement with the MVUSD to provide recreation swim and swimming lessons at Vista Murrieta High School for the 2024 summer/fall season.

Community Voice:

- Swimming class desires were recorded in the stakeholder interviews, multimodal survey, workshop 1, workshop 2, and workshop 3.
- Community desires included: "pool," "aquatic facilities," "swimming lessons," "competitive swimming," "aquatic teams," "water sports," and "swimming classes."
- Exhibit 4.1-12 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for swimming pool and swimming classes.

- The renovations needed at California Oaks Sports Park pool should be prioritized based on City Council's guidance, balancing this significant investment against other critical infrastructure and community needs, while exploring funding opportunities such as public/private partnerships, grants, bonds, increased fees, or a temporary assessment to ensure financial feasibility
- Develop aquatic programming for the community to include learning to swim, advanced swim, aquatic aerobics, and similar classes.
- Work with local partners to promote and host aquatic programs while the City pool facilities are being renovated.

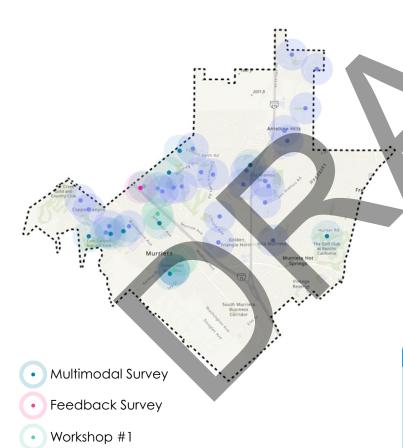


Key Strategy #5: Develop an outreach campaign that leverages local partnerships with personalized communication to promote a diverse range of community events and programs.

Goal 5.1:

"Communication Engagement/ Marketing of Programs Offered"

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



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Exhibit 4.1-13: Engagement/ Marketing of Programs Survey Results

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Existing Conditions:

- The City utilizes A-frame signs, postcards, the City website, City newsletter, and social media to inform the community of events and programs.
- Residents can register for classes through a QR code or on the City's website.

Community Voice:

- 44% of Murrieta residents get information about parks, recreation facilities, trails, programs, or services from the City's website, 27% from internet/Google searches, 12% from social media, and 9% from friends and family.
- **Desires for community engagement** and marketing of programs offered were recorded in the stakeholder interviews, multimodal survey, workshop 1, workshop 3, and the feedback comments.
- Community desires included: "communication," "community engagement," and "promotion of events.
- Exhibit 4.1-13 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for a community engagement and marketing of program offered.

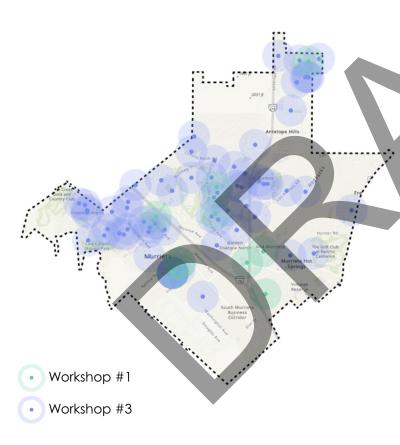
- Consider offering an email registration to send email announcements to residents who opt-in.
- The City should leverage personalized outreach through social media, newsletters, and partnerships with local organizations such as schools and community groups. Additionally, tailoring efforts to address the unique needs of different demographics can help improve engagement. Including metrics, such as participation rates or survey feedback, could also measure the success of these initiatives.



Goal 5.2:

"Community Events"

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.



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Exhibit 4.1-14: Community Events Survey Results

Existing Conditions:

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, just to name a

Community Voice:

- Community event desires were recorded in the stakeholder interviews, workshop 1, and workshop 3.
- Community desires included: "events," "family-friendly events," "community events," and "improve communication for events/classes."
- Exhibit 4.1-14 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for community events.

Recommendations:

- The City should document the need for additional staffing that will allow a continued role in cooperating with the local Chamber of Commerce, local school districts, civic organizations, non-profits, and businesses, to produce community wide special events. Collaborative strategies include promotion, participation, funding and sponsorship opportunities. Events should focus on family inclusion and community cultural celebrations.
- The Parks and Recreation Department and Economic Development Departments, in conjunction with the local Chamber of Commerce, should conduct and report to the City Council economic profile reports of special events held within City limits. This can be accomplished through utilization of anonymized cellular data and local business comparisons.

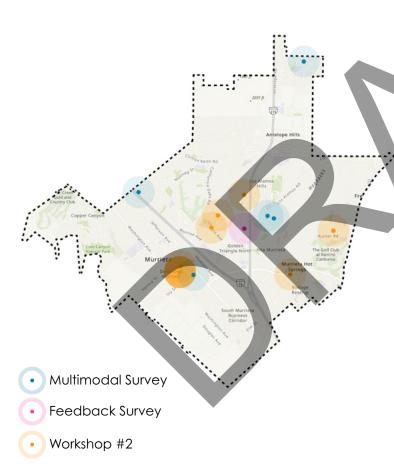


Key Strategy #5: Develop an outreach campaign that leverages local partnerships with personalized communication to promote a diverse range of community events and programs.

Goal 5.3:

"Fitness and Exercise Classes"

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.



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Exhibit 4.1-15: Fitness and Exercise Classes Survey Results

Existing Conditions:

The City provides several sports and fitness programs through its Parks and Recreation Department, including Tai Chi, yoga, Jazzercise, pickleball, zumba, fencing, dance, karate, soccer, tennis, golf, track and field, and more.

Community Voice:

- Fitness and exercise class desires were recorded in the multimodal survey, workshop 2, and the feedback comments.
- Community desires included: "fitness classes," "fitness programs," "fitness groups," "youth fitness," "Jazzercise," "more Jazzercise," and "weightlifting."
- Exhibit 4.1-15 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for fitness and exercise classes.

Recommendations:

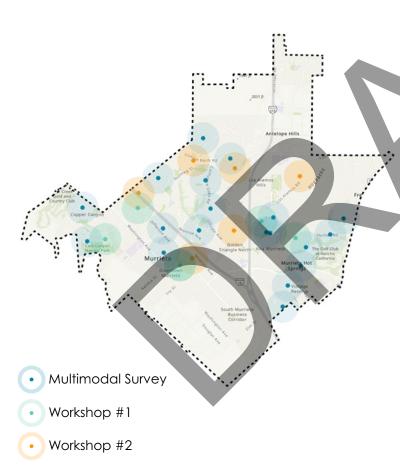
- The City should look to develop a wide range of fitness programs that work well in structured and unstructured environments as well as via digital applications.
- Develop boot camps held outdoors in parks offering high-intensity interval training (HIIT) fitness sessions.
- Develop mobile fitness vans equipped with fitness equipment travel to different neighborhoods, offering fitness classes and structured programming. This effort allows for temporary fitness events in different locations, offering a range of activities from such as yoga, kickboxing, Jazzercise, etc.
- Develop digital fitness integration with fitness apps and QR codes that provide residents with workout plans, nutrition advice, and virtual coaching. Larger cities such as Los Angeles, New York, Austin, and Seattle have successfully implemented QR codes in parks.



Goal 5.4:

"Senior Activities/Classes"

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.



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Exhibit 4.1-16: Senior Activities and **Classes Survey Results**

Existing Conditions:

- Participation rates from program registration data show that senior activities have been steadily increasina.
- The City offers a variety of senior activities and classes at the Murrieta Senior Center.

Community Voice:

- Senior activities and class desires were recorded in the multimodal survey, workshop 1, and workshop 2.
- Community desires included: "senior needs," "programs offered for seniors," "senior programs," "senior activities," and "senior fitness."
- Exhibit 4.1-16 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for senior activities and classes.

Recommendations:

- **Develop senior fitness programs** including low impact exercises such as senior aquatic exercise options.
- Within existing programming, market to older adults with an emphasis on wellbalanced fitness programs including gentler aerobics such as yoga, Tai Chi. and Pilates that offer a variety of benefits for health and disease prevention.
- Identify partners or collaborators to assist in developing an increase in programs for older adults at alternate locations. Possible partners may include libraries, AARP, faith-based organizations, health care providers, and educational institutions.
- Continue to offer and expand lifelong learning programs such as creative arts, technology classes, lectures, short courses, and leisure classes.

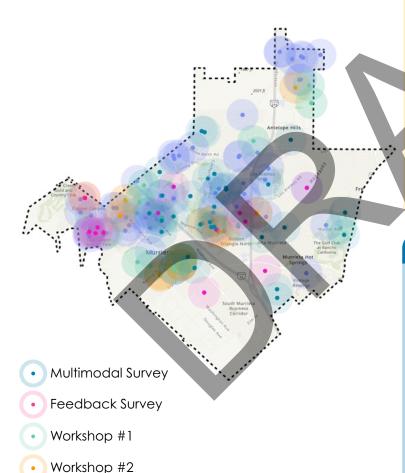


Key Strategy #5: Develop an outreach campaign that leverages local partnerships with personalized communication to promote a diverse range of community events and programs.

Goal 5.5:

"Teen and Youth Programs"

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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Exhibit 4.1-17: Teen and Youth **Programs Survey Results**

Existing Conditions:

- The City offers a variety of after school programs at the Murrieta Youth Center.
- There are several youth sports program offered through the City of Murrieta and various sports organizations.

Community Voice:

- Desires for teen and youth programs were recorded in the multimodal survey, workshop 1, workshop 2, workshop 3, and the feedback comments.
- Community desires included: "activities for young people teenagers," "teen services," "programs for kids," "youthoriented activities or classes," "youth gymnastics," "youth art classes," "youth theatre/drama," and "teen or kids activities."
- Exhibit 4.1-17 illustrates the location of the survey respondents that indicated a desire for teen and youth programs.

Recommendations:

- The City should look to expand the after-school programs through collaborative partnerships, marketing and assessments, and resource availability.
- Consider collaborating with local businesses, non-profits, and local colleges or universities that can bring in volunteers and interns who provide tutoring, mentoring, or lead extracurricular activities and balanced program offerings.
- Ensure that adequate facilities and resources are available to support expanded programs.
- Programming should be targeted to teen, youth, young adult, and families.

Workshop #3





4.2 Developer Parks and Dedication of Parkland for Recreation Purposes

As Murrieta continues to grow, it is imperative to ensure that all new developments provide active and passive park facilities and programs that will satisfy the basic leisure needs of the City's residents and enhance the quality of life in Murrieta. The following objectives shall serve as a benchmark to guide new development within the City:

- 1. For larger developments, seek land dedication sufficient to build regional park facilities that could include sports fields. For smaller developments, seeks fees in lieu of land dedication to raise the funds necessary to acquire land for regional parks and/or to develop sports field facilities.
- 2. Provide local park facilities and recreation areas that are appropriate for the individual neighborhoods and communities in which they are located and that reflect the needs and interests of the demographics they serve.
- 3. The City shall recommend whether to require land dedication, require payment of a fee in-lieu thereof, or a combination of both, by consideration of the following:
 - a. Recreational element of the City's General Plan, Trails Master Plan, and the Park and Recreation Master Plan; and
 - b. Existing and proposed topography, geology, access and location of land within the subdivision available for dedication; and
 - c. Size and shape of the subdivision and land available for dedication; and
 - d. Provide at least five (5) acres of improved public park land per 1000 residents (each site should contain a minimum of five (5) usable acres in order to be considered); and
 - e. Acquire, plan, develop, and staff facilities to make possible a wide variety of passive, active and organized recreation activities and opportunities to enrich the lives of the residents; and
 - f. Provide policies and standards which will enable the City to provide the local parks needed identified by the City's General Plan, Trails Master Plan, and the Parks and Recreation Master Plan; and
 - g. Parkland must meet or exceed the standards recommended for development by the Park and Recreation Department, Park Design Landscape and Tree Preservation Ordinance, Landscape Standards; and
 - h. Ensure that existing and future recreation facilities are consistent with the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act; and
 - Within a particular recreation site, the size, location and design of various functions and facilities should be flexible, so as to adjust to population changes and to new program demands; and
 - Provide adequate parking at each location when possible to minimize parking problems on residential streets; and
 - k. Create recreational opportunities for residents through use of connected and contiguous trail networks; and
 - I. Parkland dedicated to the City by developers of property shall meet or exceed the development standards established by the City; and
 - m. Acquire and/or preserve diverse open spaces and provide for the advantageous use of these areas for recreation purposes and visual enhancement; and
 - n. Preserve the historical, scenic, and cultural heritage sites of the community and its environs.

The anticipated growth in population over the next 10 years will place an increased demand upon the City's infrastructure and public facilities. In response to the additional demands, the City requires every person who develops land to mitigate the impacts of that development by paying a Development Impact Fee (DIF). The fees collected are used for new public facilities, vehicles, equipment, and infrastructure development projects. DIF fees are a major revenue source for the development of City projects because they are contingent on development within the City.

In FY 2023/24, a new nexus impact fee study was conducted leading to Resolution No. 24-4733 adopted on April 16, 2024. The following park facilities fee schedule, Table 9.9, is from the nexus impact fee study and became effective on August 30, 2024.

Table 9.9: Park Facilities Fee Schedule

Land Use	A ost Per apita	B Density	E	= A x B Base Fee ¹	Ad	x 0.01 min rge ^{1, 2}	20150	=C+D	Fe	/ Average ee per q. Ft. ³
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Single Family						>				
Parkland	\$ 2,551	3.25	\$	8,291	\$	83	\$	8,374	\$	3.28
Improvements	1,220	3.25		3,965		40	372	4,005		1.57
Total			N				\$	12,379	\$	4.84
Multifamily										
Parkland	\$ 2,551	2.07	\$	5,281	\$	53	\$	5,334	\$	4.45
Improvements	1,220	2.07		2,525		25		2,550		2.13
Total	2						\$	7,884	\$	6.58

¹ Fee per average sized dwelling unit.

Sources: Tables 2.2 and 9.8; Willdan Financial Services.

According to the City's 24/25 adopted budget, DIF revenues make up 41% of the overall CIP funding sources as shown in the current operating budget. The initial projected revenues for the various development impact fees are approximately \$6,007,769 for FY 2024/25. Finance and Public Works staff will continue to monitor actual receipts and amend the budget and revenue projections as necessary.

² Administrative charge of 1.0 percent for (1) legal, accounting, and other administrative support and (2) impact fee program administrative costs including revenue collection, revenue and cost accounting, mandated public reporting, and fee justification analyses.

³ Assumes 2,555 square feet per average sized single family unit, and 1,198 square feet per average sized multifamily unit in Murrieta based on an analysis of building permits issued between January 2022 and September 2023.

4.3 Park and Recreation Facility Funding Recommendations

The cornerstone of the success of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan is the City's ability to secure adequate and stable funding for the development and operation of parks, recreation facilities, and programs. Two major cost centers require funding to implement the Master Plan. One is capital costs which includes potential acquisition and development of new required parks and facilities, as well as renovation of existing parks. The second major cost center is to develop long-term sustainable resources for operations and maintenance of existing and new facilities, including additional City staff that will be needed.

This section of the Master Plan provides recommendations for park development, maintenance, and operations to assist Murrieta in preparing for planned implementation. A number of financial resources are available and the City must be strategic as it considers initial costs for new park development and the ongoing financial needs associated with the ongoing maintenance, and operations of the parks, programs, and any new services for the community. Meeting these challenges will require equal amounts of vision, resourcefulness, partnership, and hard work.

The specific funding source for projects will depend on the timing of the new development, the funding sources available at that time, and/or those which may be more easily pursued when the project is anticipated to move forward. For major improvements, which include such facilities as community buildings, and sports facilities, the use of a capital project fund-raising effort may be needed. Sponsorships and/or naming rights for major corporate or other private donors may also be a consideration. In some cases, the use of a professional fundraising firm should be considered once a facility or project is identified. Other sources of funding may include development agreements, public/private partnerships, and/or grant opportunities.

Development agreements are legally binding contracts between a city (or municipality) and a developer. They outline the terms and conditions for the development of a specific project, including parks. Potential incentives for developers, such as expedited permit processes or tax benefits, may be offered in exchange for public benefits like parks. Public/private partnerships involve collaboration between government entities and private sector companies to fund, build, and maintain public parks. Both public and private partners invest resources, including funding, land, or expertise, to develop the park. These partnerships often involve long-term collaboration for park maintenance and operations, ensuring sustainability and consistent quality. By leveraging development agreements and public/private partnerships, the City can enhance the park system, create vibrant community spaces, and ensure sustainable development.



Use of bonds, an increase in taxes, or special assessment districts requires voterapproval. Despite the dislike for taxes, voters in many communities have been willing to accept an increase when revenues are specifically earmarked for improvements or enhancements to public parks and amenities. Additional information on possible funding sources available are provided in the appendix. The City should review and evaluate all available grant opportunities for each of the new projects considered. Some possible grant funding sources include:



Halloween Event

- Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)
- Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS)
 - o California Land Water and Conservation Fund (LWCF)
 - o Per Capita Grants
 - o Recreation Trails Program
 - o Outdoor Equity Grants
- MLB-MLBPA Baseball Tomorrow Fund
- United States Tennis Association (USTA) Facility Services Program
- Trails, Greenways, and Bicycle Transportation
- U.S.A. Swimming Foundation Grants
- The Skatepark Project Grants

Exhibit 4.3-1 on the following pages, identifies recommended projects by park site and recreation facility for the City of Murrieta based on the community outreach and professional opinion developed during the Master Plan process, as well as projects already in the planning stages as part of the 2024/2025 through 2028/2029 City's Capital Improvement Plan. Park facilities and buildings not listed in the recommendation matrix are NOT excluded from the overall master plan recommendations such as restroom maintenance improvements, trail connections and trailhead development, waste removal, security lighting, amenity life-cycle replacement analysis, as well as programming improvements.

Based on these general project estimates and with all projects considered, the City of Murrieta has a projection of \$65,468,074 in park, recreation facility, and trail specific renovations for the next 10 years. Projects identified in the Fiscal Year (FY) 2024/29 Capital Improvement Program (CIP) identified as "substantially completed" are listed with carryover funds from FY 2023/24 totaling \$5,076,248. The remaining costs include \$7,622,542 in planned funded projects, \$12,819,934 in planned unfunded projects, and a remaining balance of \$39,949,350 of additional Master Plan recommended projects.

RECOMMENDATION/ IMPROVEMENT	CARRYOVER FY 2023-2024	ADOPTED CIP FY 2025-2029 (FUNDED)	ADOPTED CIP FY 2025-2029 (UNFUNDED)	NEW PROJECT (UNFUNDED)
BUILDINGS - CITY RECREATION F	ACILITIES			
Alderwood ClubhouseTechnology and Security System (CIP #22027)	\$322,640			
 Community Center Replace Tennis and Basketball Court Lighting (CIP #22016) Kitchen Renovation (CIP #21014) New Community Room 6,700 SF Addition 	\$80,672 \$60,000			\$1,750,000
 Youth Center Phase 2 New Indoor Gymnasium (CIP #21043 partially funded) 		\$1,816,237	\$8,183,763	
CITY PARKS				
CITY-WIDE PARK				
 Los Alamos Hills Sports Park Phase I Park Improvements (CIP #8195) Synthetic Turf Replacement (CIP #22039 - unfunded) Phase II Park Expansion 	\$38,023		\$1,452,408	\$25,000,000
COMMUNITY PARKS				
Alderwood Park Splash pad (CIP #22046) Add Four (4) New Pickleball Courts		\$1,125,000		\$575,000
Alta Murrieta Sports Park • Tot Lot Rehab (CIP #22029)	\$64,266			
 California Oaks Sports Park Swimming Pool Renovation Project Ballfield Lighting and Bleacher Renovations Fencing Walkway and Court Improvements (CIP #22011) New Skate Park and Tennis Court Lighting Project (CIP #22017) Skate Park Fencing Repairs (CIP #22033) 	\$59,335 \$186,345 \$75,000			\$11,000,000* \$350,000

Exhibit 4.3-1: Recommended Parks and Recreation Facility Projects

*from California Oaks Sports Park Pool Renovation cost estimate dated 05/01/24.



RECOMMENDATION/ IMPROVEMENT	CARRYOVER FY 2023-2024	ADOPTED CIP FY 2025-2029 (FUNDED)	ADOPTED CIP FY 2025-2029 (UNFUNDED)	NEW PROJECT (UNFUNDED)
CITY PARKS (CONTINUED)				
Glen Arbor Park • New Dog Park (CIP #8273)	\$743,516			
Torrey Pines Park • Synthetic Turf Replacement (CIP #22039 - unfunded)			*listed above	
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS				
Firefighters Park Tot Lot Rehab (CIP #22040)	\$105,250			
Mapleton ParkPlayground Shade Covers (CIP #22037)	\$139,860			
Northstar Park • New Tot Lot (CIP #22036)	\$754,587	\$250,000		
Pioneer Park Phase I Second Avenue Park (CIP #8094) Phase II Pioneer Park (CIP #22044)	\$44,350	\$900,000		
Rancho Acacia Park Tot Lot Rehab (CIP #22031)	\$145,411			
Vintage Reserve Park • Restroom Project (CIP #22045)		\$500,000		
NEIGHBORHOOD PLAY AREAS				
Century Park • Sensory Trail				\$714,100
Eastgate Park Tot Lot Rehab (CIP #22030)	\$238,961			
Monte Vista Park • New Tot Lot Project (CIP #22038)	\$562,786	\$250,000		
Oak Terrace Park • Tot Lot Rehab (CIP #22026)	\$288,614			
Palomar Park • Tot Lot Rehab (CIP #22035)	\$392,536	\$100,000		

Exhibit 4.3-1: Recommended Parks and Recreation Facility Projects (cont.)

RECOMMENDATION/ IMPROVEMENT	CARRYOVER FY 2023-2024	ADOPTED CIP FY 2025-2029 (FUNDED)	ADOPTED CIP FY 2025-2029 (UNFUNDED)	NEW PROJECT (UNFUNDED)
CITY PARKS (CONTINUED)				
Sycamore Park Tot Lot Rehab (CIP #22032)	\$243,615			
Toulon ParkPark signageLandscaping at 6,050 SF @ \$5.00/SF				\$30,000 \$30,250
SPECIAL USE PARKS				
Sykes Ranch Park • Park Windmill (CIP #22010)	\$201,230			
 Town Square Park Veterans Memorial (CIP #8513) Signage (CIP #8414) 	\$153,034 \$41,285	\$600,000		
CITY-WIDE PARKS IMPROVEMEN	T			
Citywide Pickleball Court Project (CIP #22042)	\$134,932	\$265,068		
New Spray Play Amenities				\$500,000
TRAILS				
 Murrieta Creek Regional Trail (CIP #22047 - partially funded) 		\$1,816,237	\$3,183,763	
FUNDED CARRYOVER FROM FY 2023-2024	\$5,076,248			
FUNDED FY 2025-2029 CIP PROJECTS		\$7,622,542		
UNFUNDED FY 2025-2029 CIP PROJECTS:			\$12,819,934	
UNFUNDED NEW PROJECTS				\$39,949,350

Exhibit 4.3-1: Recommended Parks and Recreation Facility Projects

New project cost estimates are general in nature and developed to represent a Master Plan level cost for future budgeting. Costs should be considered as approximations of the proposed project. Actual costs will depend on design, size of facility, additional support facilities, utilities, infrastructure, environmental conditions as well as site specific conditions, which require additional study and have not been evaluated in this Master Plan.



4.4 Short, Mid, and Long-Term Costs

The following section is developed to outline future CIP efforts. The following time frame may change due to budget considerations and community priorities. Exhibit 4.4-1 illustrates the short-term (FY 2024-2029), mid-term (FY 2029-2034), and long term (FY 2034-Beyond) park and facility recommendations from this Parks and Recreation Master Plan.

PARK / FACILITY AND RECOMMENDATIONS	Funded/ Unfunded	FY 2024-2029	FY 2029-2034	FY 2034- Beyond
Community Center - Room Addition	Unfunded		\$1,750,000	
Youth Center - New Indoor Gymnasium	Unfunded		\$8,183,763	·
Los Alamos Hills Sports Park and Torrey Pines Park - Synthetic Turf Renovation	Unfunded			\$1,452,408
Los Alamos Hills Sports Park - Phase II Expansion	Unfunded			\$25,000,000
Alderwood Park - Pickleball Courts	Unfunded	\$575,000		
California Oaks Sports Park - Pool Renovation	Unfunded	\$5,000,000	\$6,000,000	
California Oaks Sports Park - Ballfield Lighting/Seating	Unfunded	\$350,000		
Century Park - Sensory Trail	Unfunded		\$714,100	
Toulon Park - Park Signage & Landscape	Unfunded	\$60,250		
New Spray Play Amenities	Unfunded	\$500,000		
Murrieta Creek Regional Park	Unfunded		\$3,183,763	
TOTAL COSTS		\$6,485,250	\$19,831,626	\$26,452,408

Exhibit 4.4-1: Short, Mid, and Long-Term Costs

4.5 Next Steps

To successfully implement the recommendations outlined in the Murrieta Parks and Recreation Master Plan, a strategic approach to staffing, funding, and resource allocation will be essential. Ensuring that sufficient maintenance crews are available to care for the expanded and improved park and recreation facility network is a top priority. This includes developing routine maintenance schedules, addressing issues such as sports field maintenance, restroom maintenance, and parking lot repairs, and potentially expanding staffing levels to meet these new demands. Staffing and maintenance recommendations are further discussed after this section of the report.

Securing funding is critical for both immediate and long-term implementation of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. A diverse approach to funding should include leveraging capital improvement funds, applying for State and Federal grants, and exploring public-private partnerships. Allocating these resources strategically will allow for phased development and ensure that priority projects are addressed first.

Coordination between City Departments and community stakeholders will be vital to maintain momentum and address any challenges that arise during implementation.

The following recommended implementation table identifies each of the five (5) Master Plan key strategies, goals, and recommendations with and estimated time to implement each recommended project. Projects with a CIP# have been planned in the 2024/2029 Capital Improvement Plan, and may or may not have funding secured (refer to Exhibit 4.2-1 for funding status and dollar amounts).

Recommendation	Short-Term (FY2025-2030)	Mid-Term (FY2030-2035)	Long-Term (FY2035-Beyond)
KEY STRATEGY #1: PRIORITIZE MULTI-USE FACI	LITY DEVELOPME	NT TO MEET DIVER	RSE DEMANDS
Goal 1.1: Increase Sports Fields			
Develop Los Alamos Hills Sports Park Phase II expansion to increase sports fields*	X	X	X
Improve lighting and bleachers at California Oaks Sports Park ballfields*	X		
Balance programming of fields by utilizing adult size fields for youth sports (baseball, softball, football, and soccer)	X	X	X
Continue to secure use of sports fields via a Joint Use Agreement with the Murrieta Valley Unified School District	X	X	X

^{*}Recommendation will have a capital cost impact and will require capital funding to implement.



Recommendation	Short-Term (FY2025-2030)	Mid-Term (FY2030-2035)	Long-Term (FY2035-Beyond)			
Goal 1.2: Develop New Dog Park and Provide Dog Amenities throughout the City						
Design and construct dog park at Glen Arbor Park (CIP #8273)*	X					
Install dog waste stations at parks and trails*	X	X				
Goal 1.3: Support the Community's Strong Desire for Enhanced Pickleball Facilities						
Design and construct pickleball courts at Alderwood Park*	X	Х				
Develop pickleball classes and tournament events		Х	Х			
KEY STRATEGY #2: IMPLEMENT COMPREHENS	IVE MAINTENANC	E AND UPGRADE	PLAN			
Goal 2.1: Improve Cleanliness of Parks, Facilit	ies, and Trails					
Establish an Adopt-A-Park program to utilize volunteers to conduct maintenance at parks	Х					
Develop park clean up events	X					
Increase waste removal efforts especially after large events	Х	X	X			
Goal 2.2: Improve Safety						
Install pedestrian security lighting at various parks*		X				
Install security cameras at various parks*	X	X				
Include CPTED features in new parks and park improvement projects*	X	X	X			
Continue park ranger and graffiti removal programs	X	X	X			
Coordinate patrol routes with ranger and police programs	X	X	X			
Goal 2.3: Moderize and Upgrade Parks and Facilities						
Alderwood Club House Technology and Security System (CIP #22027)*	X					
Consider demand of park amenity before replacement	X	X	X			
Develop equipment life cycle analysis to forecast potential future costs	X	X	Х			

^{*}Recommendation will have a capital cost impact and will require capital funding to implement.

Recommendation	Short-Term (FY2025-2030)	Mid-Term (FY2030-2035)	Long-Term (FY2035-Beyond)
Goal 2.4: Enhance Playgrounds			
Develop a playground renovation schedule based on installation date and life expectancy	X		
As new playgrounds are developed, the City should include all-inclusive, universal playground design standards*	X	X	Х
Goal 2.5: Increase Restroom Maintenance			
Increase restroom maintenance during peak usage times	Х	X	X
KEY STRATEGY #3: CREATE INTEGRAL TRAIL NE	TWORK		
Goal 3.1: Improve Bike Trails			
Implement Trails Master Plan recommendations and provide safe routes to schools	X	X	X
Enforce and implement the eBike ordinance on speed limits and restrictions	Х	X	X
Goal 3.2: Provide More Walking Paths and Hik	ing Trails		
Improve neighborhood park internal trail loops and connections*	X	X	
Develop new trail connecting Century Park and Barratt Park*	X	X	
Develop Murrieta Creek Regional Trail (CIP #22047)*	X	X	X
KEY STRATEGY #4: DESIGN AQUATIC FACILITY			
Goal 4.1: Develop Splash Pads			
Develop splash pad or spray play feature at Alderwood Park (CIP #22046)	Х	X	
Goal 4.2: Expand Aquatic Programming by Programming	oviding Commun	ity Pool or Partne	rship with School
Continue JUA with MUSD for use of swimming pool at High School*	X		
Renovate swimming pool at California Oaks Sports Park*	X	X	X
Expand aquatic programming, including swimming lessons and water aerobics		X	X

^{*}Recommendation will have a capital cost impact and will require capital funding to implement.

Recommendation	Short-Term (FY2025-2030)	Mid-Term (FY2030-2035)	Long-Term (FY2035-Beyond)	
KEY RECOMMENDATION #5: PROMOTE A DIVERSE RANGE OF COMMUNITY EVENTS AND PROC				
Market programs by enhancing multi- channel communication efforts	X	X	X	
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	X	X	Х	
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	X	X	Х	
Expand senior activities by developing low- impact fitness programs, marketing balanced exercises, partnering with organizations for additional programs, and continuing lifelong learning opportunities	X	X	X	
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	X	X	X	

4.6 Staffing Recommendations

Included in the previous Next Steps section are several Master Plan recommendations related to policies, management, and expanded programming. The Community Services Department staffing levels will need to be evaluated and most likely increased to accommodate these recommendations, future needs, and future growth. Without the allocation of sufficient staff resources, the ability to maintain the quality and frequency of programs, classes, and special events may be compromised; therefore, it is recommended that staff capacity be evaluated and expanded as needed to support the growing demands of event coordination and implementation.

4.7 Maintenance Recommendations

The following summarizes recommendations for park maintenance. Park maintenance is unique not to what department it exists under but in how effective it is based on the level of use the parks endure. Park maintenance is successful when the various park facilities are evaluated regularly for performance and maintenance practices are tailored to preventative rather than reactive repairs. The following summarizes the recommendations developed in the Operations and Maintenance Plan. Detailed information can be found in the appendix.

Maintenance Personnel & Contract Support:

The City of Murrieta has a committed team of employees to manage its park maintenance functions. This team is supported by contract personnel from Excel Landscape. As the maintenance team is challenged with meeting the ongoing demands and tasks needed for park maintenance, we recommend adding support through the City's landscape contractor. Utilizing contract personnel for routine tasks such as daily trash and waste removal, and power-blowing hardscape areas is simple for a contractor to manage, but more important – it is simple for the City to ensure the tasks were properly completed. Contractors can often add manpower at lower costs when compared to the inherent personnel costs for a public agency.

Computerized Maintenance Management Software (CMMS):

The City utilizes Asset Essentials, a Computerized Maintenance Management System (CMMS). While the City utilizes Asset Essentials to manage, track, and generate reports for its maintenance work order system, it does not use the system for landscape and outdoor maintenance functions of its park spaces. These CMMS systems are often used to provide a portal to receive, respond, and react to maintenance requests as they are received. We recommend utilizing the software proactively by populating the software with all scheduled, planned, and programmed maintenance tasks in the City's parks and outdoor spaces.

Managing Sports Field Use And Permits:

The City's program and permits team must be strategic and collaborate with the maintenance team to ensure success with maintenance of the City's sports fields. Unlimited resources and exceptional maintenance practices cannot succeed with an over scheduled or mismanaged sports field. We recommend the City review its historical use of the City's lighted sports fields (type of use, age groups, number of hours permitted per field) and to establish a threshold and goal for permittable hours available on these fields.

Upgrading Amenities:

As the City evaluates community demand and capacity for its sports facilities, the City may consider converting some of its sports fields to synthetic turf. While transitioning a natural grass field to synthetic turf is a significant investment and upfront cost, a synthetic turf field can accommodate significant additional use, and reduces demand on the maintenance team and reduces ongoing costs associated with field maintenance. By considering the pros and cons of synthetic turf field conversion, the City can make a well-informed decision that balances the upfront investment with long-term benefits, ensuring the sports facilities meet the growing demands of the community. Pros of synthetic turf fields include:

- Increased Usability: Synthetic turf fields can accommodate more intensive use compared to natural grass fields. They are more durable and can withstand continuous play without the need for rest periods, making them ideal for high-traffic sports activities and events.
- Reduced Maintenance: Synthetic turf requires significantly less maintenance than natural grass. This includes eliminating the need for mowing, watering, fertilizing, and reseeding. The maintenance team can focus on other critical tasks, enhancing overall operational efficiency.
- Cost Savings: While the initial investment for synthetic turf is substantial, the longterm cost savings are notable. Reduced maintenance, water savings, and fewer resources required for upkeep lead to lower ongoing expenses. This can result in significant financial benefits over the lifespan of the synthetic turf.
- Weather Resistance: Synthetic turf fields are less affected by weather conditions, such as heavy rain or drought. This means fewer game cancellations and consistent availability for use, providing a reliable playing surface year-round.
- Environmental Benefits: Synthetic turf conserves water, a valuable resource, and reduces the need for chemical fertilizers and pesticides, contributing to environmental sustainability. This aligns with the City's commitment to eco-friendly practices.
- Performance and Safety: Modern synthetic turf systems are designed to provide a safe and high-performance playing surface. Advances in technology ensure that these fields offer shock absorption, traction, and playability, reducing the risk of injuries for athletes.
- Community Engagement: Enhanced sports facilities with synthetic turf can attract more community engagement, including local leagues, tournaments, and recreational activities. This can foster a sense of pride and community involvement.

