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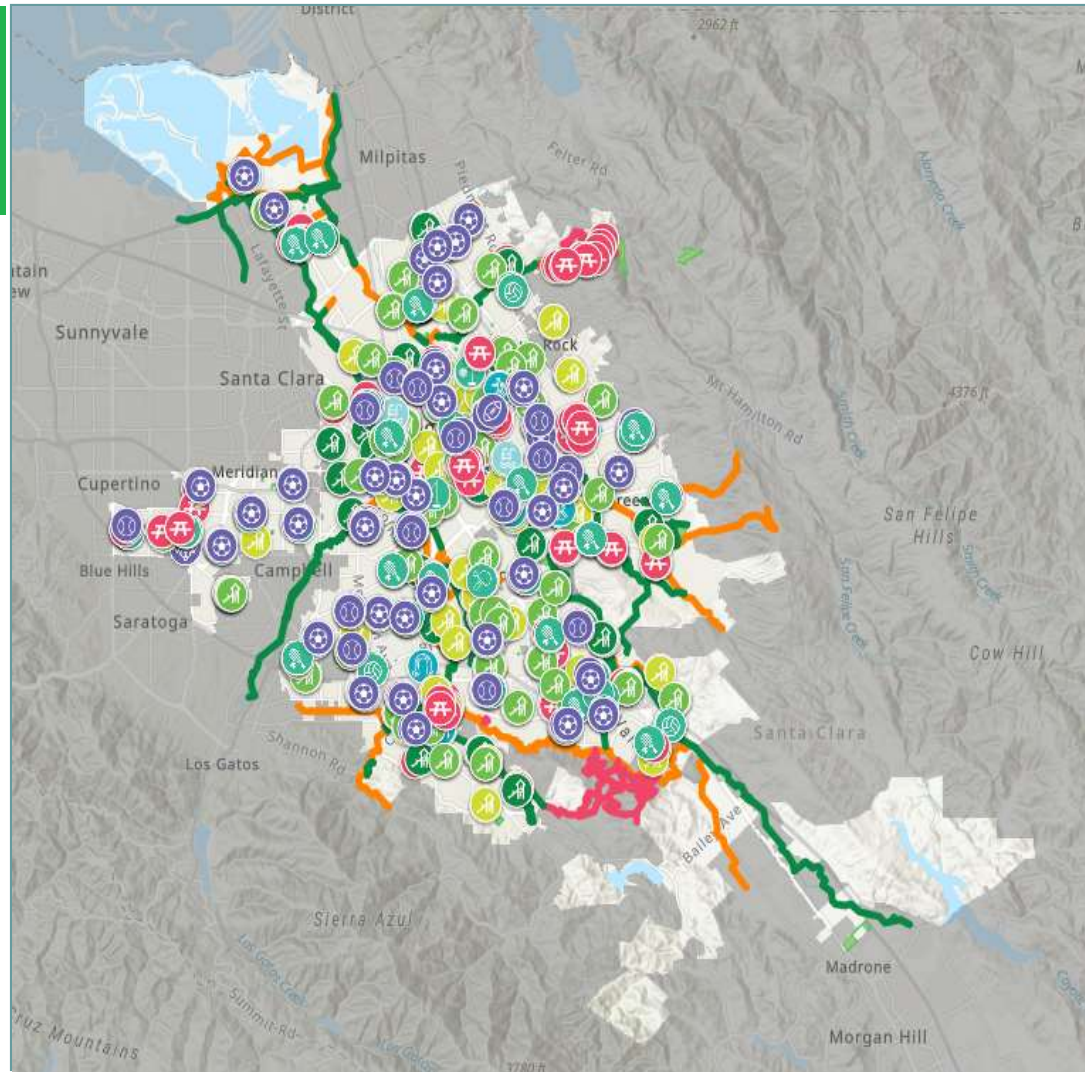
## Snapshot of City Park System



3,621  
Acres of  
Parkland

215  
Parks

65 Miles  
of Trails



## Why Parks are Important

Environmental Benefits

Health and Wellness Benefits

Social and Community Benefits

Economic Benefits

Educational Benefits





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# Park Maintenance Standards



## Standards

- Each park amenity has a standard
- Each amenity is assessed in multiple ways
- Standards are measurable
- Standards are the same at all parks

# Measuring Our Efforts

## Annual Park Condition Assessments

- 20 Categories
- Pass/Fail Standards
- Teams of 2-3 Staff
- 266 Facilities

## Public Survey

- 17 Categories aligned with Parks Maintenance Standards
- 1-5 Scale
- 292 Respondents

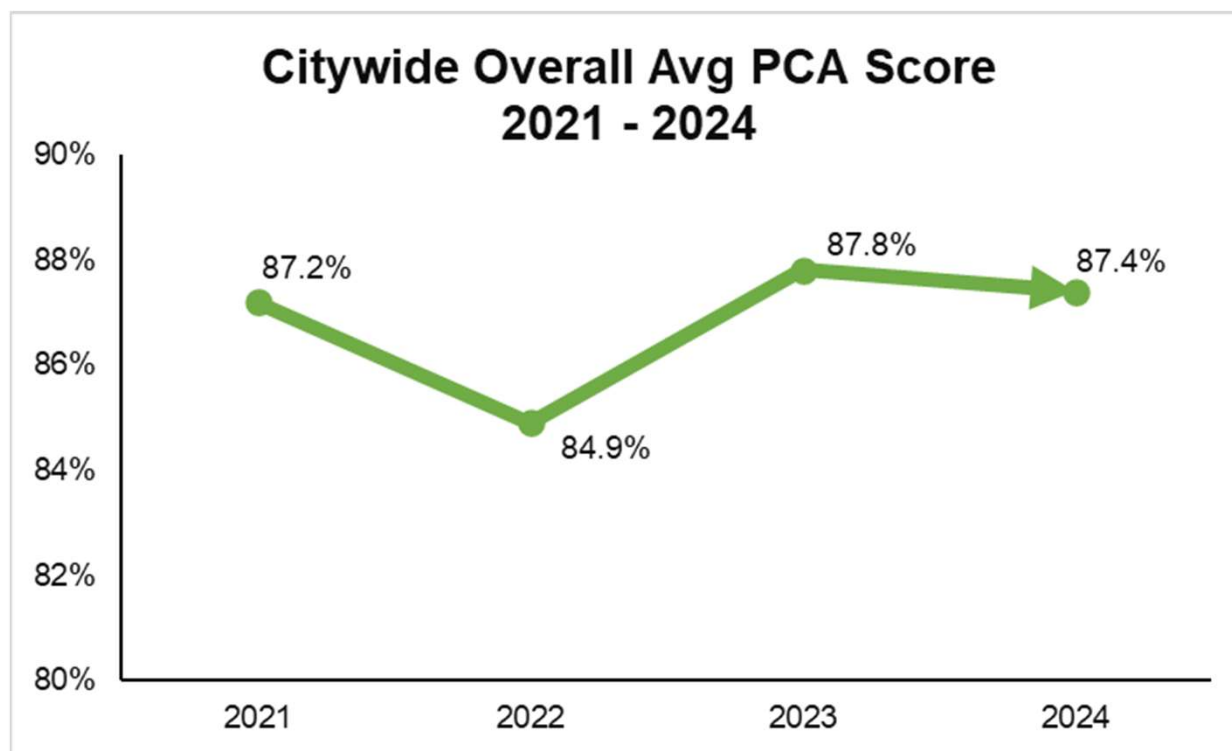
## Trail Condition Assessment (Pilot 2024)

- 10 Categories
- Eight Trail Reaches

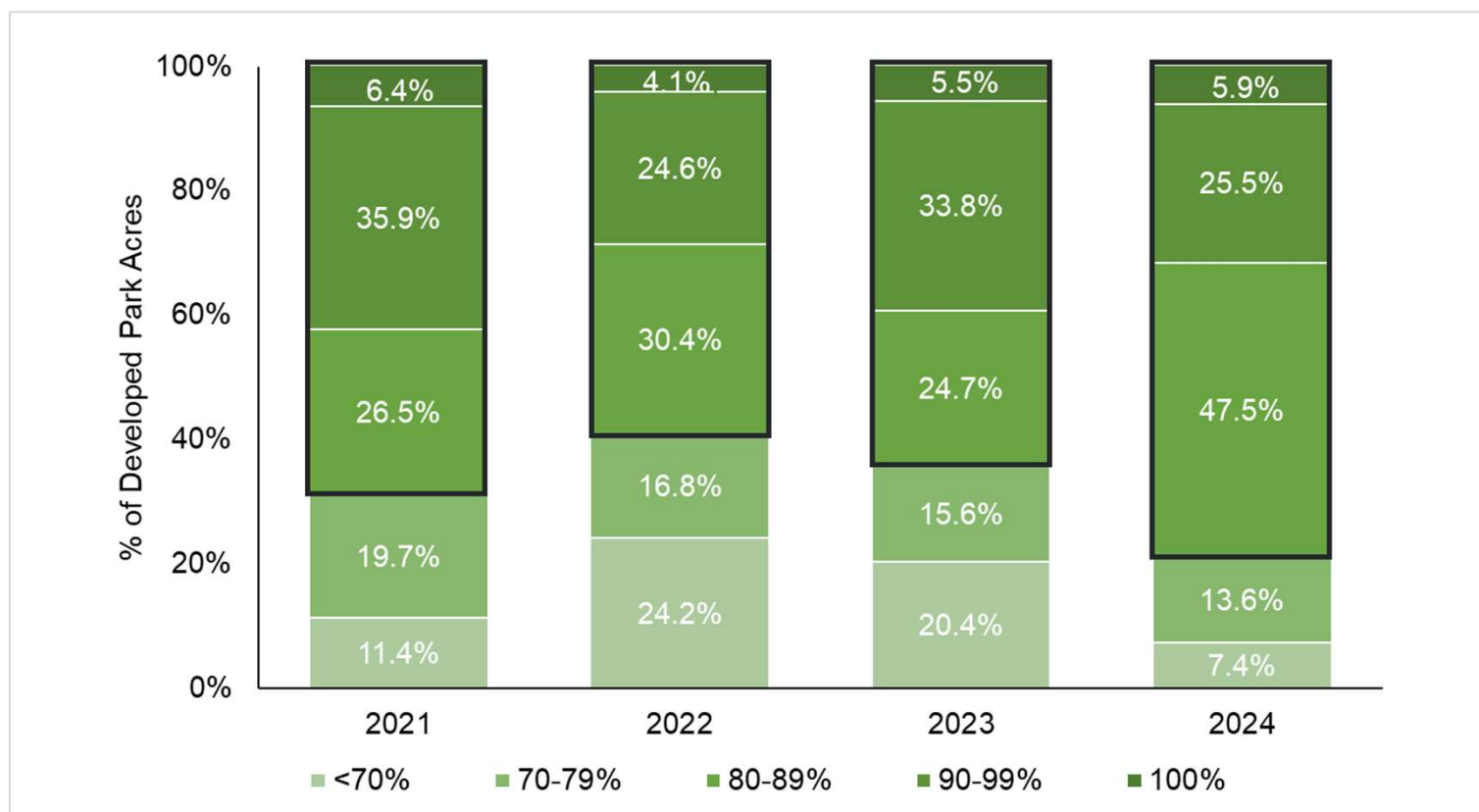
## Ongoing Feedback Loop

- Monthly Inspections
- Daily Park Maintenance
- Park Concerns
- Council Office Meetings

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Council District	Avg Overall PCA	Avg HPI
1	88.3%	64%
2	90.1%	56%
3	89.7%	28%
4	85.3%	54%
5	88.1%	16%
6	84.1%	65%
7	87.0%	25%
8	87.7%	55%
9	89.1%	66%
10	85.0%	76%



# Striving for Equity

HPI%	Avg Overall PCA 2023	Avg Overall PCA 2024
9.9% or less	88.4%	90.4%
10-19.9%	89.5%	86.9%
20-29.9%	87.6%	87.7%
30-39.9%	83.5%	85.1%
40-49.9%	86.4%	89.3%
50-59.9%	83.3%	83.8%
60-69.9%	92.8%	89.3%
70-79.9%	88.0%	85.5%
80-89.9%	90.0%	88.9%
90-99.9%	89.3%	87.7%

# Public Survey Results

Amenities	Public	Staff
Skate Parks	3.51	91.1%
Trees	3.48	88.1%
Hardscapes	3.35	94.3%
Parking Lots	3.32	95.1%
Athletic Courts	3.31	93.6%
Benches	3.30	91.3%
Bike Parks	3.30	95.8%
Dog Parks	3.23	78.9%
Picnic Areas	3.17	78.0%
Athletic Fields	3.12	83.9%
Playgrounds	3.09	86.1%
Planting/Landscaped Areas	3.08	88.7%
Exercise Stations	3.02	88.8%
Waste Receptacles	3.01	87.6%
Turf/Grass Areas	2.97	80.6%
Restrooms	2.47	82.2%
Drinking Fountains	2.41	76.2%

# Trail Condition Assessments

## Trail Category

Waste Receptacle	100.0%
Landscaping	93.5%
Vegetation	92.9%
Deterrents	91.7%
Pavement	87.5%
Benches	75.0%
Drinking Fountains	75.0%
Walls	73.3%
Striping	62.5%
Aesthetics	57.1%

## Reach

	CD	Length (miles)	
Three Creeks - Coe Ave to Broadway Ave	6	0.17	97.9%
Saratoga Creek - Bollinger Rd to English Dr	1	0.87	90.6%
Albertson Parkway - Cresta Vista Dr to Curie Dr	10	0.40	90.5%
Guadalupe River - San Carlos St to Woz Way	3	0.80	84.5%
Guadalupe River - Chynoweth Ave to Blossom Hill Rd	9	0.84	83.3%
Coyote Creek - Tully Rd to Idlewood Dr	7	0.51	72.9%
Penitencia Creek - Jackson Ave to Hwy 680	4	0.32	58.3%
Thompson Creek - Tully Rd to Quimby Rd	8	0.86	33.3%

# Additional Factors Affecting Maintenance

Aging  
Infrastructure

Parks Staffing

Use of Park

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Economic	Social	Education	Transportation	Neighborhood	Housing	Environment	Healthcare
0.32	0.1	0.19	0.16	0.08	0.05	0.05	0.05
Employed	Two Parent Households	In Preschool	Automobile Access	Retail Density	Low Income Renter (Severe Housing Cost Burden)	Ozone	Insured
Income	Voting in 2012	In High School	Active Commuting	Park Access	Low Income Homeowner (Severe Housing Cost Burden)	PM 2.5	
		Bachelor's Education or Higher		Tree Canopy	Housing Habitability	Diesel PM	
				Supermarket Access	Uncrowded Housing	Water Contaminants	
				Alcohol Outlets	Homeownership		

## Q. What is the Healthy Places Index (HPI)?

A. The HPI tool evaluates the relationship between 23 identified key drivers of health and life expectancy at birth — which can vary dramatically by neighborhood. Based on that analysis, it produces a score ranking from 1 to 99 that shows the relative impact of conditions in a selected area compared to all other such places in the state.