

MINUTES

CITY OF FORT COLLINS • BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS



Parks and Recreation Advisory Board REGULAR MEETING

December 3, 2025 – 5:30 PM

222 Laporte – Colorado River Room

1. CALL TO ORDER: 5:44 PM

2. ROLL CALL

a. Board Members Present –

- Nick Armstrong – Chair
- Meghan Willis – Co-Chair
- Josh Durand – Secretary
- Ken Christensen
- Marcia Richards
- Paul Baker
- Lorena Falcon

b. Board Members Absent –

- Mike Novell

c. Staff Members Present –

- LeAnn Williams – Deputy Director, Community Services
- Kendra Benson – Executive Administrative Assistant, Community Services
- Dean Klingner – Director, Community Services
- Jill Wuertz – Senior Manager, Park Planning and Development
- David Hansen – Manager, Park Planning and Development

d. 2050 Parks and Recreation Tax Update – Jill, David, LeAnn, Dean

- The board was asked if they support the policy recommendations as presented for the utilization of the Parks and Recreation 2050 Tax. A motion to approve the recommendations as presented was made by Nick and seconded by Ken. All voted in favor at 8:04.



2050 Tax Implementation: Park Update Prioritization

Jill Wuertz

Park Planning & Development
Sr. Manager

David Hansen

Park Planning & Development
Manager

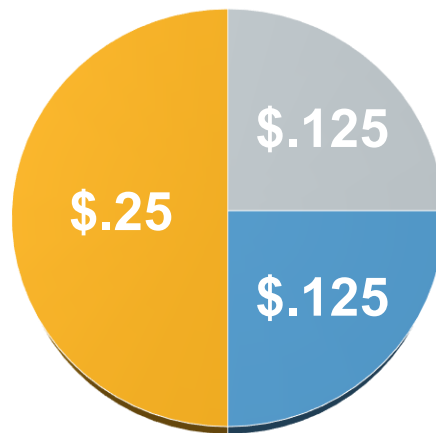
Parks and Recreation 2050 Tax Milestones



2050 Tax Overview:

- ½-cent sales tax
- Passed in November 2023
- Expires in 2050
- Spending shall supplement funding and not replace

2050 Tax For Every \$100



■ Transit ■ Climate ■ Parks & Recreation

2050 Parks and Recreation Tax Language

Replacement, upgrade, maintenance, and accessibility of parks facilities and for the replacement and construction of indoor and outdoor recreation and pool facilities

Parks and Recreation By The Numbers

10 Recreation
Facilities



55 Parks



4 Pools
1 outdoor &
3 indoor



37 Average
age of Fort
Collins'
parks

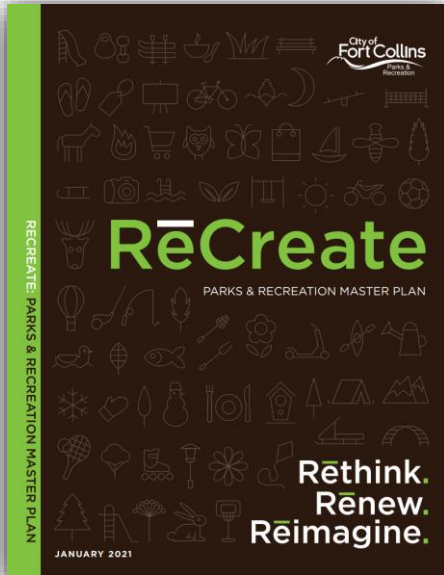


1 Million+
Number of annual
Recreation program
participants



1,627
Annual hours spent on
playground
maintenance, repairs &
inspections





A data-informed tool is needed to determine parks that are ready for an **Update: Redesign/Rebuild**

Tool Goals

- Repeatability
- Adaptability
- Includes critical elements
- City buy-in
- Equitable recommendations
- Community-needs focus
- Complexity to simplicity
- Support the evaluation criteria

Identifying Parks Ready for Update/Redesign

2021 ReCreate Plan Evaluation Criteria

Are the community's needs
being met?

How well is the site being
used?

What is the condition of
existing amenities?

Is the design still relevant,
and does it enhance the
user experience?

Does the park or facility
still function as designed?

Park
Inventory
(with sites
built after
2015
removed)

External Park Conditions



- Population Density
- Proximity to Urban Renewal Areas
- CDPHE Enviroscreen



Internal Park Conditions



- Average Asset Condition
- Site Master Plan Age

Candidate Parks for Update

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Project Readiness

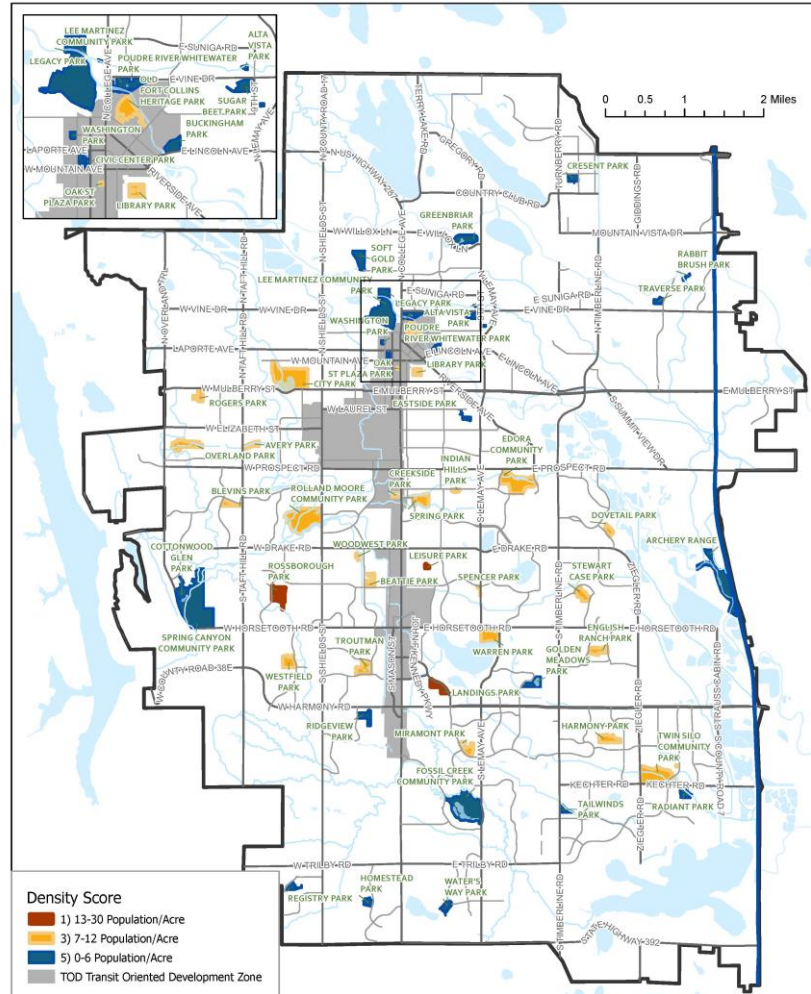




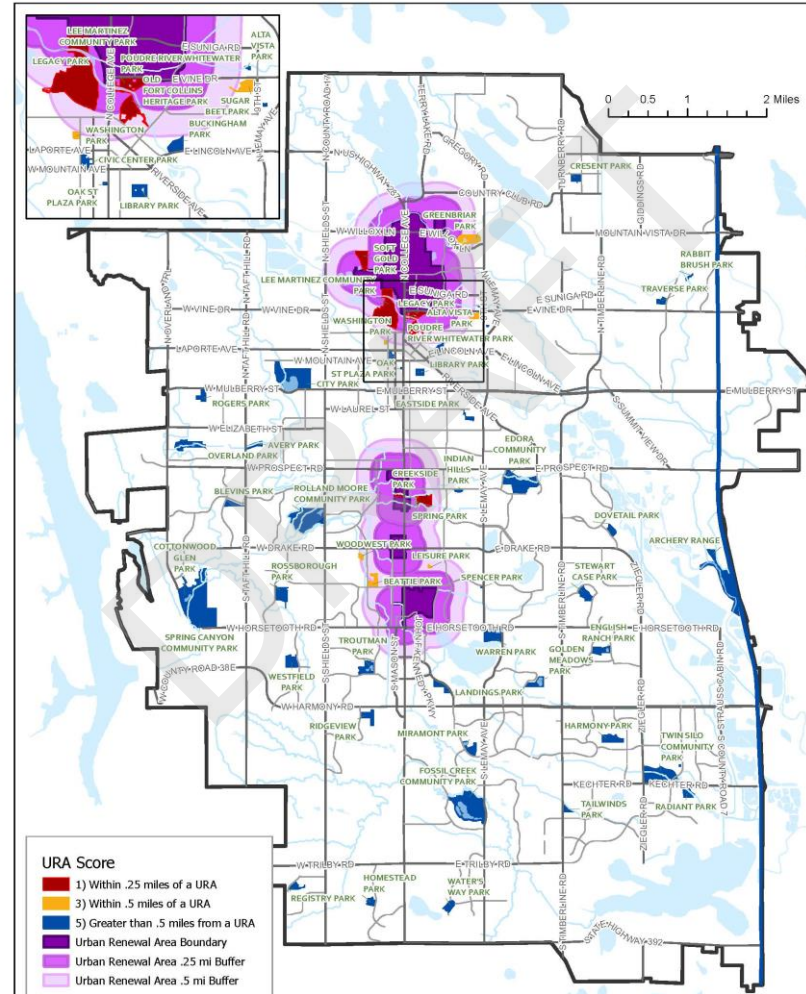
| | Data | How it supports the evaluation criteria | How is it measured |
|----------------------------|--|---|--|
| Density | <p>2020 Census Block</p> <p>US CENSUS</p> | <p>Dense residential areas can indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A need for public open space due to lack of private open areas • Higher levels of use and maintenance | <p>Population divided by census block acres with Natural Areas and Parks removed.</p> <p>1) 12-30 pop/acre 3) 7-12 pop/acre 5) 0-6 pop/acre</p> |
| Urban Renewal Areas | <p>Urban Renewal Authority Districts</p> <p>FORT COLLINS URBAN RENEWAL AUTHORITY (URA)</p> | <p>Urban Renewal Areas indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Changing conditions around the park • Support and interest in the area | <p>Buffer URAs by .25 and .5 mile</p> <p>1) .25 mi from URA 3) .5 mi from URA 5) >.5mi from URA</p> |
| Equity & Health | <p>Enviroscreen Census Block Group Map</p> <p>COLORADO DEPARTMENT of PUBLIC HEALTH & ENVIRONMENT (CDPHE)</p> | <p>Enviroscreen illustrates areas with:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marginalized communities • Environmental hazards • High concentrations of health issues • Climate change vulnerability <p>These are areas where access to high quality outdoor spaces could have a greater impact on improving health equity, and better meeting community needs.</p> | <p>Convert Enviroscreen Census Block Group score to 1-5.</p> <p>1) 81-100 Score 2) 61-80 Score 3) 41-60 Score 4) 21-40 Score 5) 0-20 Score</p> |

Criteria Maps – External Park Conditions

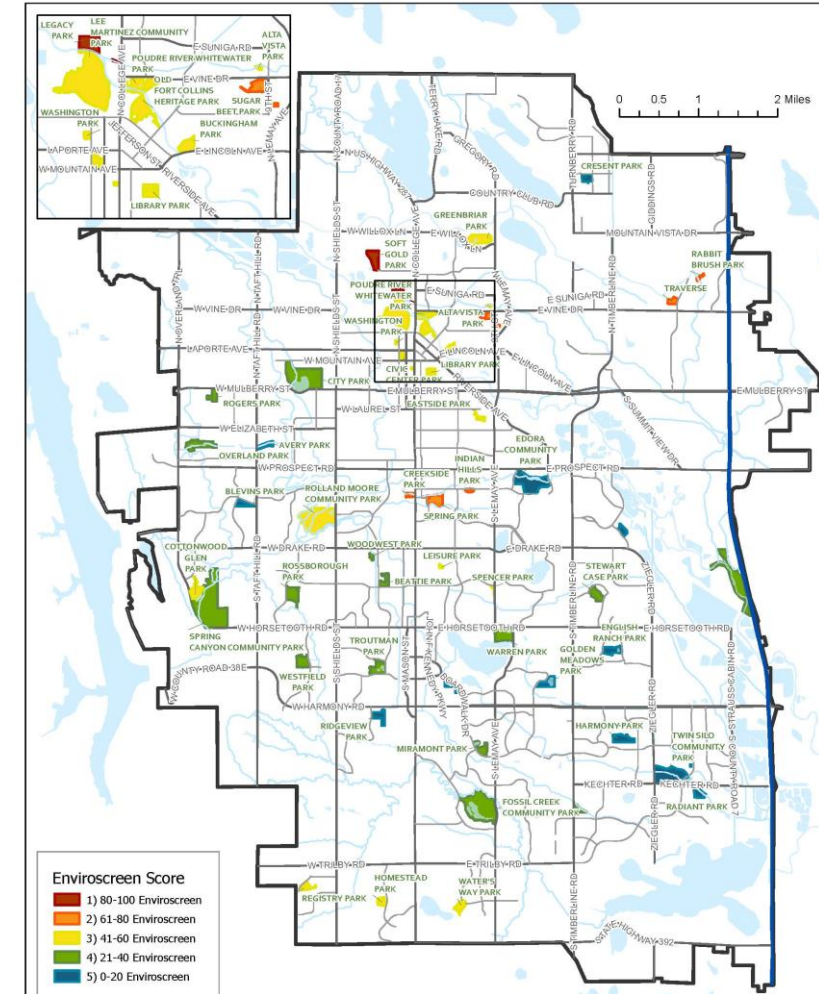
Density



Urban Renewal Areas



Enviroscreen

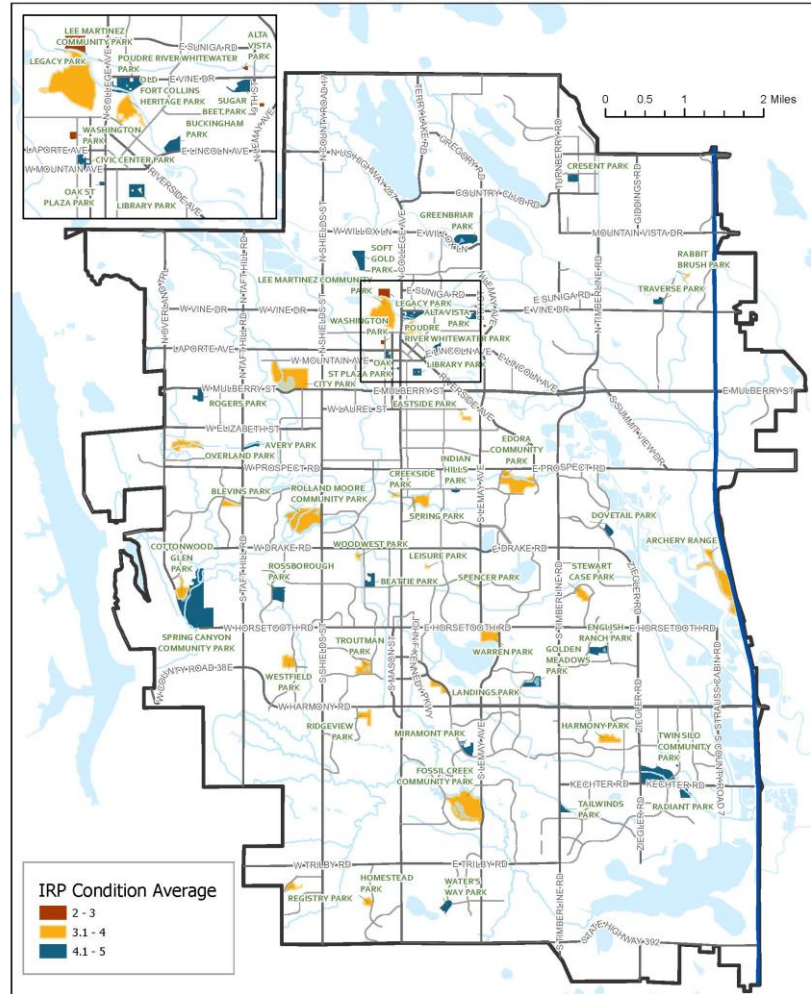




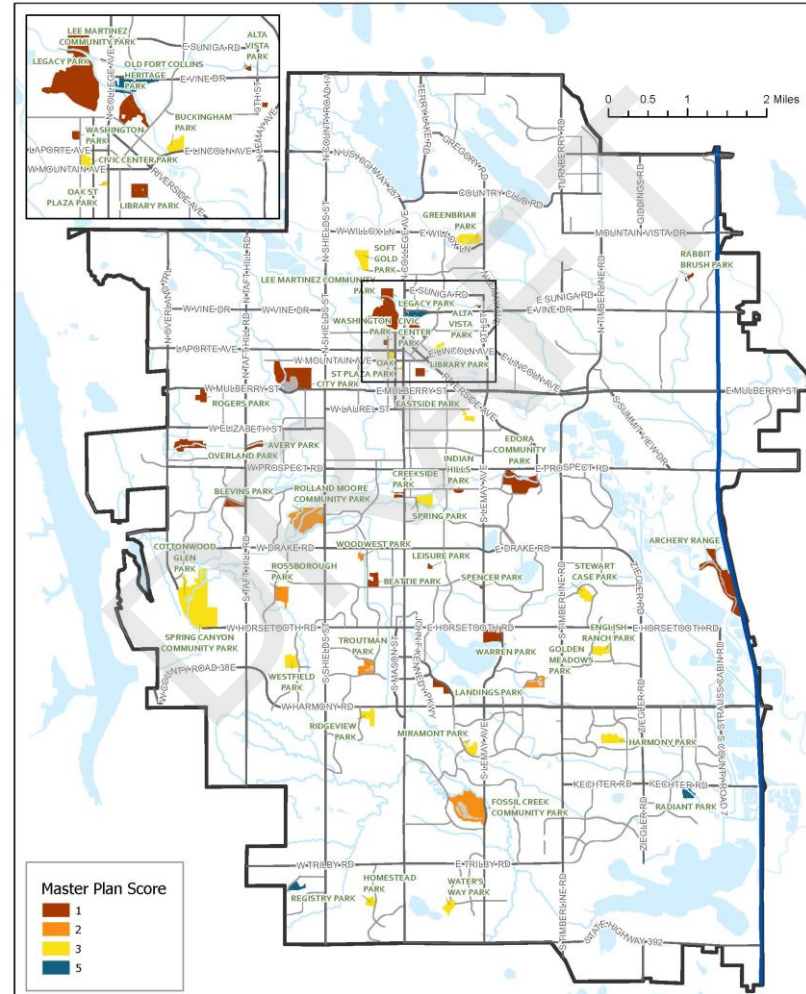
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| Park Asset Conditions | <p>Park Infrastructure Replacement Plan (IRP) Asset Condition Assessment</p> <p>FORT COLLINS PARKS</p> | <p>Condition of the amenities can impact:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quality of the user experience and extent of use • Maintenance need and future safety issues • Aesthetics • Code compliance • Multiple low-scoring assets indicate low quality park experience | <p>Average score of all park assets' physical condition</p> <p>0 (non-functional) – 5 (very good)</p> |
| Park Master Plan | <p>Record of a comprehensive park plan that reflects the current park layout and assets</p> <p>FORT COLLINS PARKS</p> | <p>Master Plans indicate:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Level of service considerations meeting community needs • Activities and programming that support all ages and enhance the user experience • Water conserving and habitat supporting landscapes • Standards compliance (ADA 1990, 2010, Playground Safety) • Operations and maintenance efficiencies | <p>Review of park files</p> <p>1-No Master Plan 2-Plan Yr 1980-1990 3- Plan Yr 1991-2009 5- Plan Yr 2010+</p> |

Criteria Maps – Internal Park Conditions

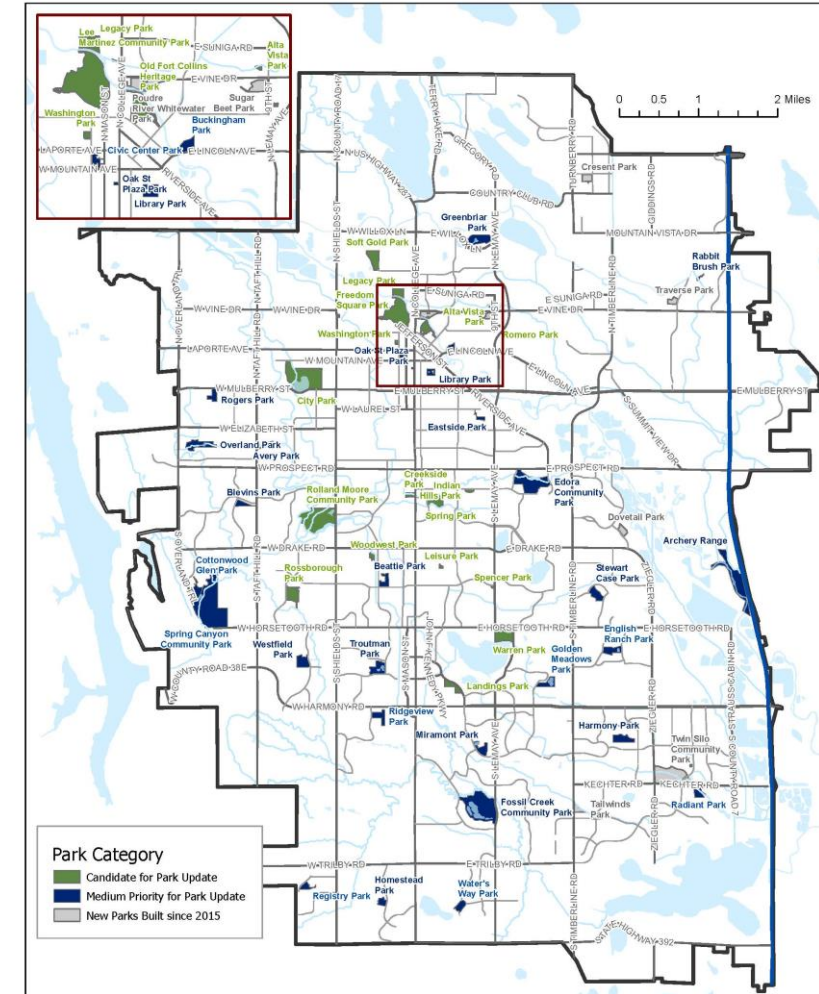
IRP Asset Condition



Park Master Plan



Category Map



Results of Park Update Prioritization

Candidate Parks for Update

Lowest scores listed in alphabetical order

- Alta Vista Park
- Beattie Park
- City Park
- Creekside Park
- Freedom Square Park
- Indian Hills Park
- Landings Park
- Lee Martinez Park
- Legacy Park
- Leisure Park
- Old Fort Collins Heritage Park
- Rolland Moore Park
- Romero Park
- Rossborough Park
- Soft Gold Park
- Spencer Park
- Spring Park
- Warren Park
- Washington Park
- Woodwest Park

Medium Priority Candidate Parks for Update

Listed in alphabetical order

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|------------------------|----------------------|
| • Archery Range | • Homestead Park |
| • Avery Park | • Library Park |
| • Blevins Park | • Miramont Park |
| • Buckingham Park | • Oak Street Plaza |
| • Civic Center Park | • Overland Park |
| • Cottonwood Glen Park | • Rabbit Brush Park |
| • Eastside Park | • Registry Park |
| • Edora Park | • Ridgeview Park |
| • English Ranch Park | • Rogers Park |
| • Fossil Creek Park | • Spring Canyon Park |
| • Golden Meadows Park | • Stewart Case Park |
| • Greenbriar Park | • Troutman Park |
| • Harmony Park | • Water's Way Park |
| | • Westfield Park |

New parks built in the last ten years

Listed chronologically

- Radiant Park
- Twin Silo Park
- Crescent Park
- Poudre Whitewater Park
- Sugarbeet Park
- Traverse Park
- Dovetail Park
- Tailwinds Park

Identifying Parks Ready for Update/Redesign

A

**Parks
Built
Before
2015**

B

External Park Conditions

+

Internal Park Conditions

C

**Candidate
Parks for
Update**

D

Project Readiness

- Strategic priority alignment
- Partnerships, grants & synergy with other City projects and plans
- Safety, vandalism, continued preventative maintenance issues
- Size and usage dictates repair/replacement versus entire update (e.g. Mini parks)

Active Projects

- Rolland Moore Tennis Complex & Playground
- Landings Park
- Soft Gold Park

And Planning Underway...

#2: EXISTING CONDITIONS / CONDICIONES EXISTENTES

Key Observations & Findings

- ADA accessibility compliance issues, some-wide
- Pedestrian access area circulation has not been formalized
- Park uses split by drainage swale, from north-south
- Diverse, mature trees to be preserved

Observaciones y hallazgos clave

- Problemas de cumplimiento de la ADA en todo el parque
- El acceso y circulación peatonal no se ha formalizado
- Los usos del parque se dividen por canal de drenaje, de norte a sur
- Árboles diversos y maduros que deben conservarse



LANDINGS PARK / ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL PARQUE VECINAL

NEIGHBORHOOD PARK UPDATE / ACTUALIZACIÓN DEL PARQUE VECINAL

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Actualización del Diseño del Parque Soft Gold Soft Gold Park Design Update

¿Preferirías actividades organizadas o una programación de actividades en el vecindario?
Would you prefer organized activities or neighborhood drop-in activity programming?

Actividades organizadas Organized Activities

Eventos de bienestar Wellness Events

Wellness events / Eventos de bienestar

Prácticas de Tai Chi / Tai Chi practices

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Actividades sin cita previa Drop-In Activities

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Entertainment / Social Events

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Thank You!

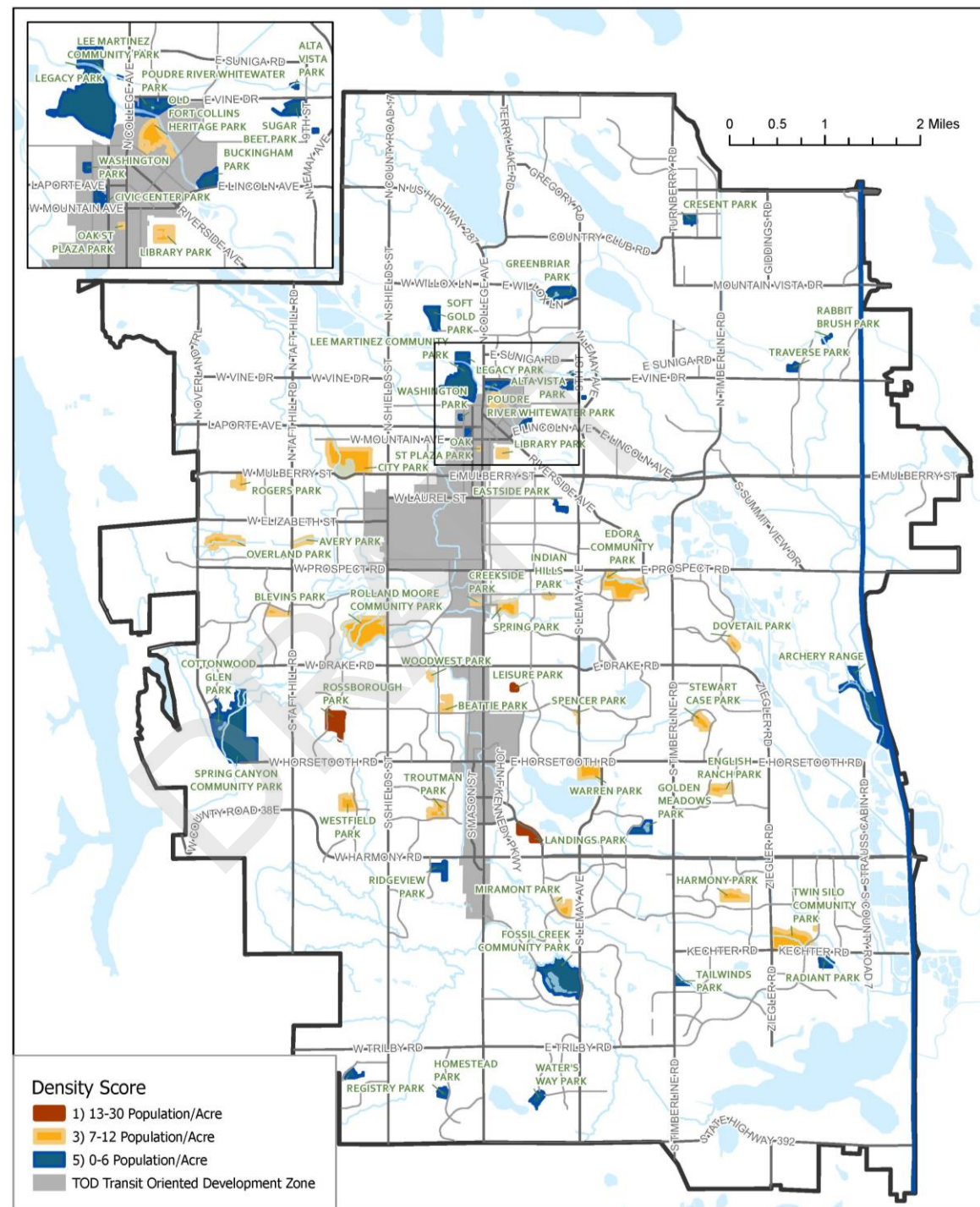
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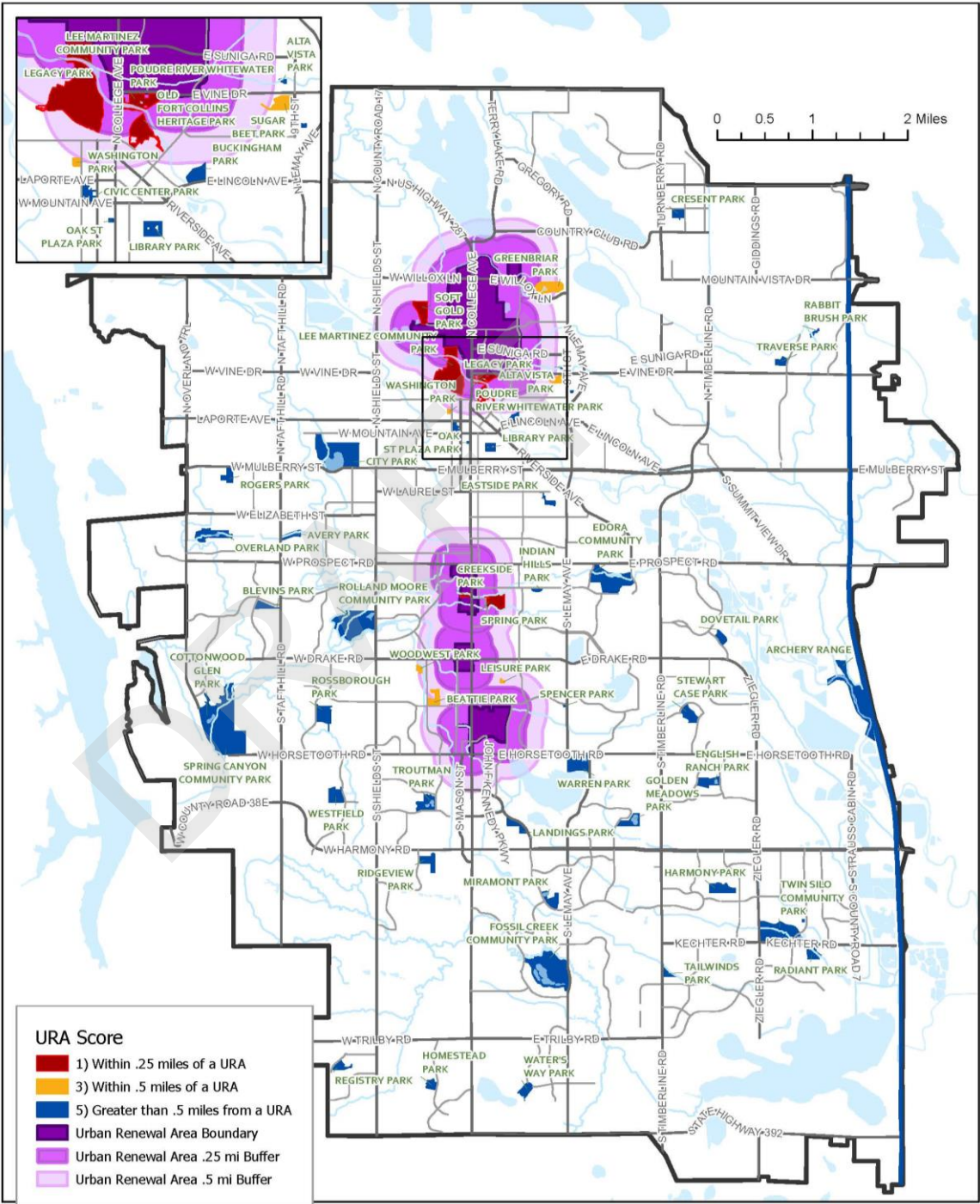
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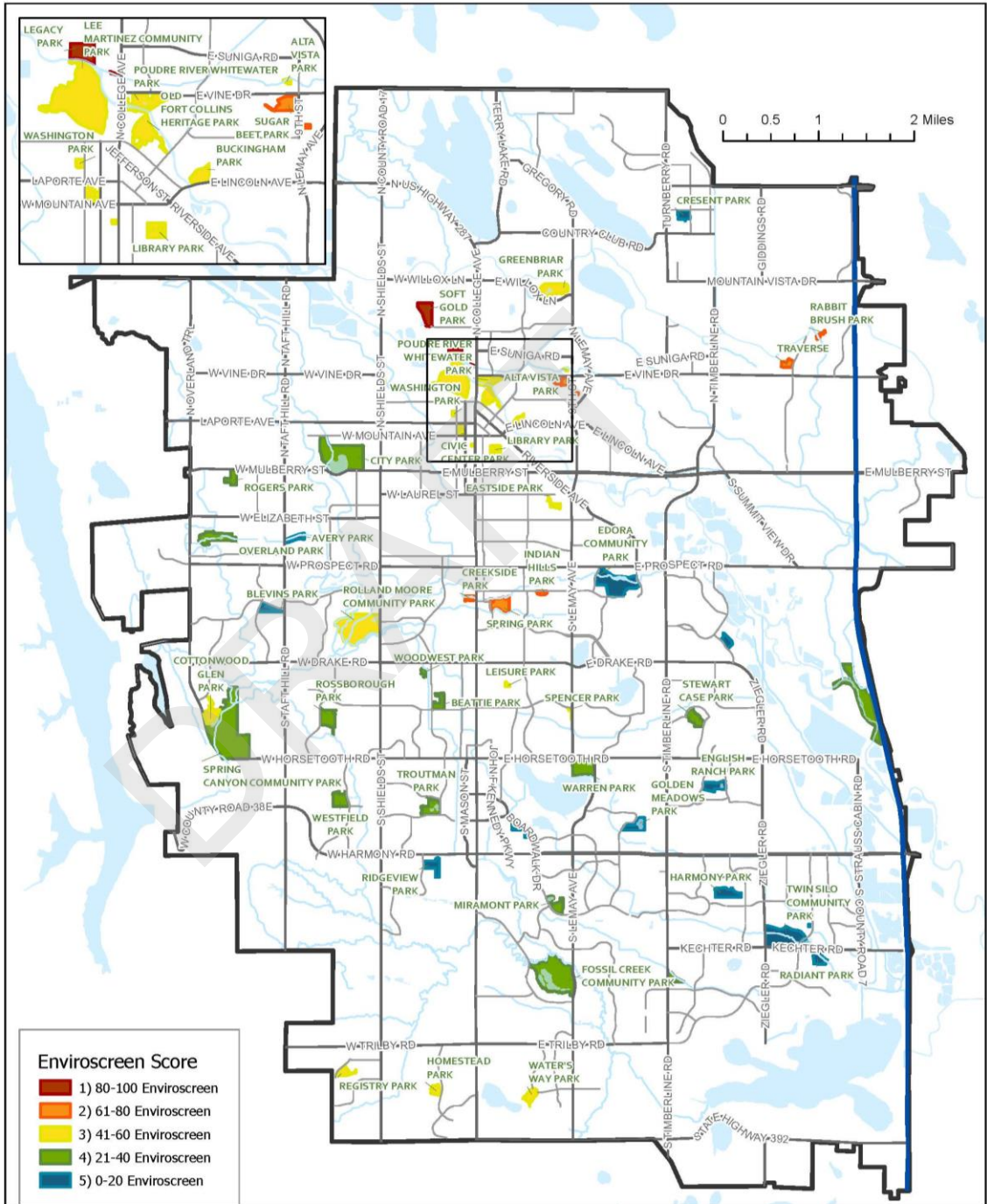
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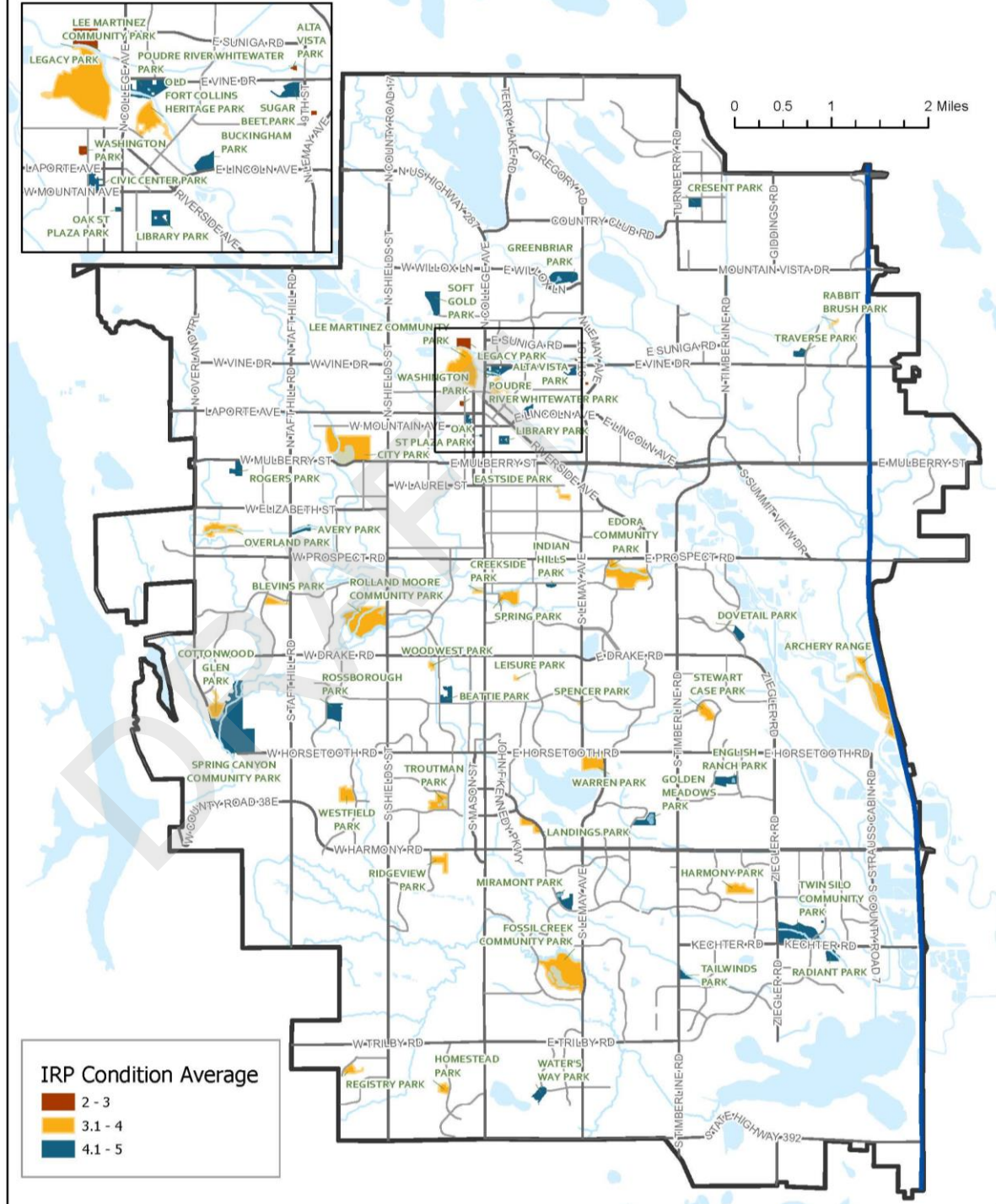
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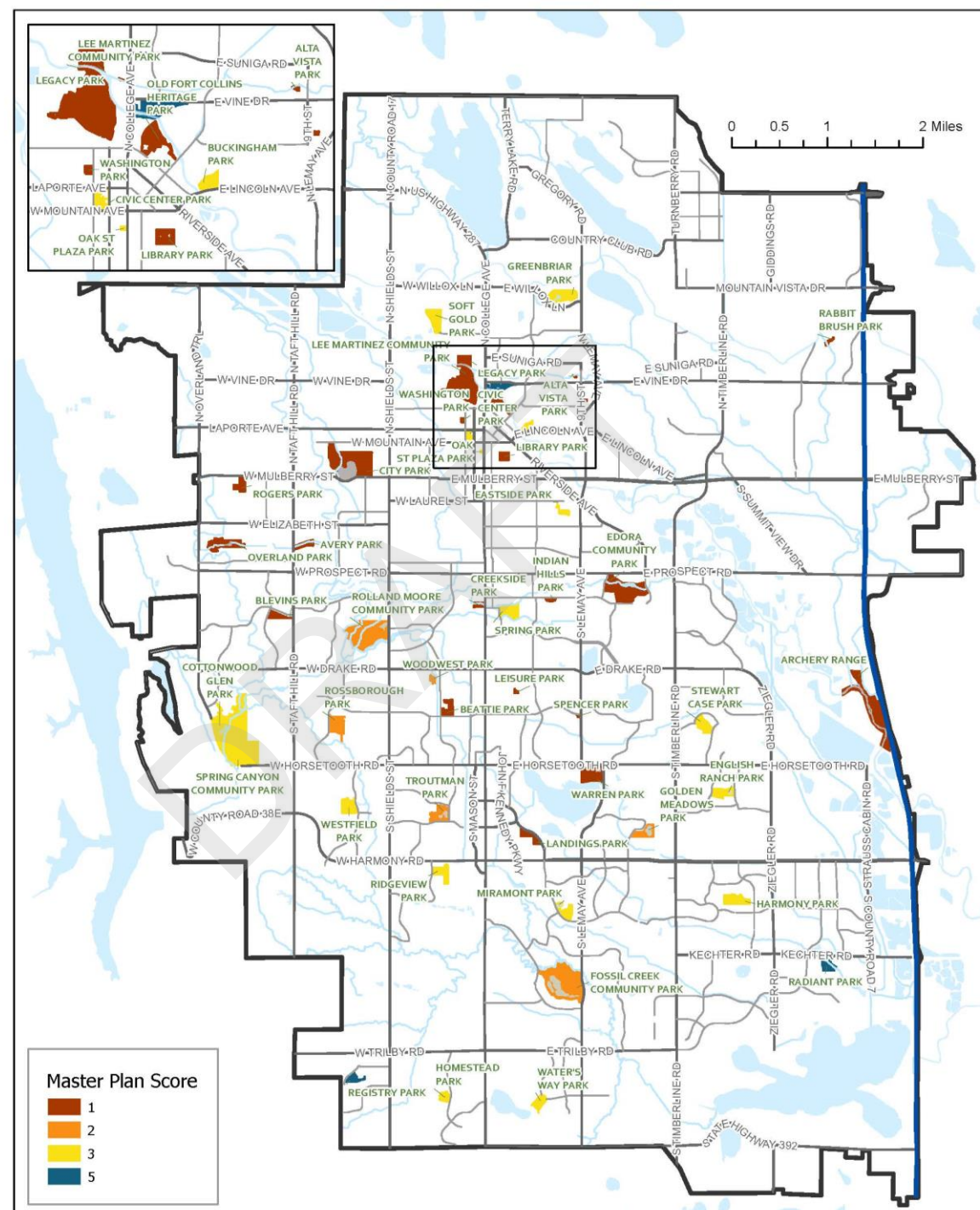
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Park Update Results

