COLUMBUS RECREATION AND PARKS MASTER PLAN 2013

public workshop

INTRODUCTION

PLANNING TEAM

MKSK

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- Analysis
- Public Participation
- Master Planning
- Implementation + Phasing

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- Public Participation
- Service Delivery Analysis + Programming

etc Institute

- Community Survey

SCA SchooleyCaldwell Associates

- Building Conditions Assessment

AGENDA

- Importance of Parks
- Why a Master Plan?
- Public Involvement Process
- Planning Area Analysis
- Next Steps

IMPORTANCE OF PARKS

Generates Community Cohesion

- Promoting neighborliness and social inclusion
- Provides a venue for special events and social interaction
- Creates a destination for visitors and residents

Benefits Physical and Mental Development

- Play teaches children critical social skills *(Association of Childhood Education International)*
- Studies indicate that play increases the brain's capacity for learning *(Howard Hughes Medical Center, 1999)*

IMPORTANCE OF PARKS

Increased Access to Parks Increases Physical Activity

- CDC has called for the construction of more parks and playgrounds to fight America's obesity epidemic *(CDC Study: Increasing Physical Activity)*
- CDC study showed creation of access to parks and open space lead to a 25.6% increase in percentage of people exercising three or more times a week
- According to a North Carolina study, those who have access to places to be physically active are twice as likely to get the recommended levels of physical activity

IMPORTANCE OF PARKS

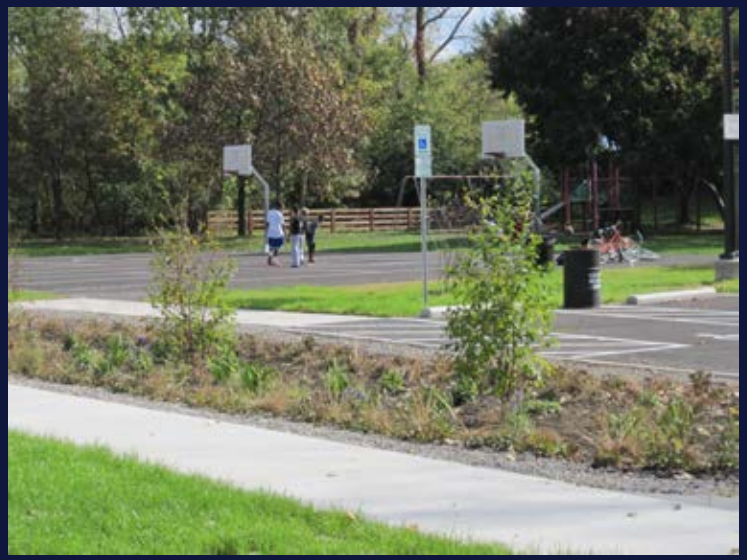
Buffers Air Pollutants and Generates Oxygen

- U.S. Forest Service estimates that over a 50 year lifespan a single tree generates $31,250 of oxygen and provides $62,000 worth of air pollution control

Manages Stormwater Runoff and filters of pollutants

- Natural buffers along streams and rivers preserve clean water by filtering nutrients from agricultural and residential runoff

- American Forests estimates that trees in America's metropolitan areas provide $400 billion in stormwater retention



IMPORTANCE OF PARKS

Cities with high quality parks and open space have higher rates of economic growth

- The quality of life of a community matters. Parks, attractive waterfronts, tree-lined streets, playgrounds and trails contribute to community attachment.

- Cities with high quality parks and open space also demonstrate higher economic rates of GDP growth over time. *(Knight Soul of the Community: Why People Love Where They Live and Why it Matters, 2010)*

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE 2003

Facilities

- Acquisition of 1016 acres of new parkland for future development, at an average of 101.6 acres per year
- Construction and opening of Lazelle Woods Community Center
- Renovation of Dodge Community Center, Glenwood Community Center, Whetstone Community Center, and Maryland Pool (currently under construction)
- Creation of three new spraygrounds (Barnett, Blackburn, and Indian Mound)
- Opening of four new dog parks/areas (Big Walnut, Goddown, Three Creeks, and Wheeler)
- Development of Alum Creek Trail (18 miles) with expected completion by 2015
- Development of Hard Road Park

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE 2003

Sustainability

- Planted 18,742 new trees along city streets, parks, and open spaces
- Established the Nature Preserve Advisory Council

Programmatic Improvements

- Instituted on-line registration for recreation programs and summer camp registration
- Instituted on-line registration for Adult sports leagues and officials
- Added 11 turf infields, concession stand, new lights and irrigation at Berliner

ACCOMPLISHMENTS SINCE 2003

Economic Impact

- Generated more than $12,000,000 in economic impact through tournaments held at Berliner Park
- Created Fitness Coordinator Position to manage fitness equipment, train staff, track use, maintenance and replacement of equipment at more than 15 centers

Volunteers

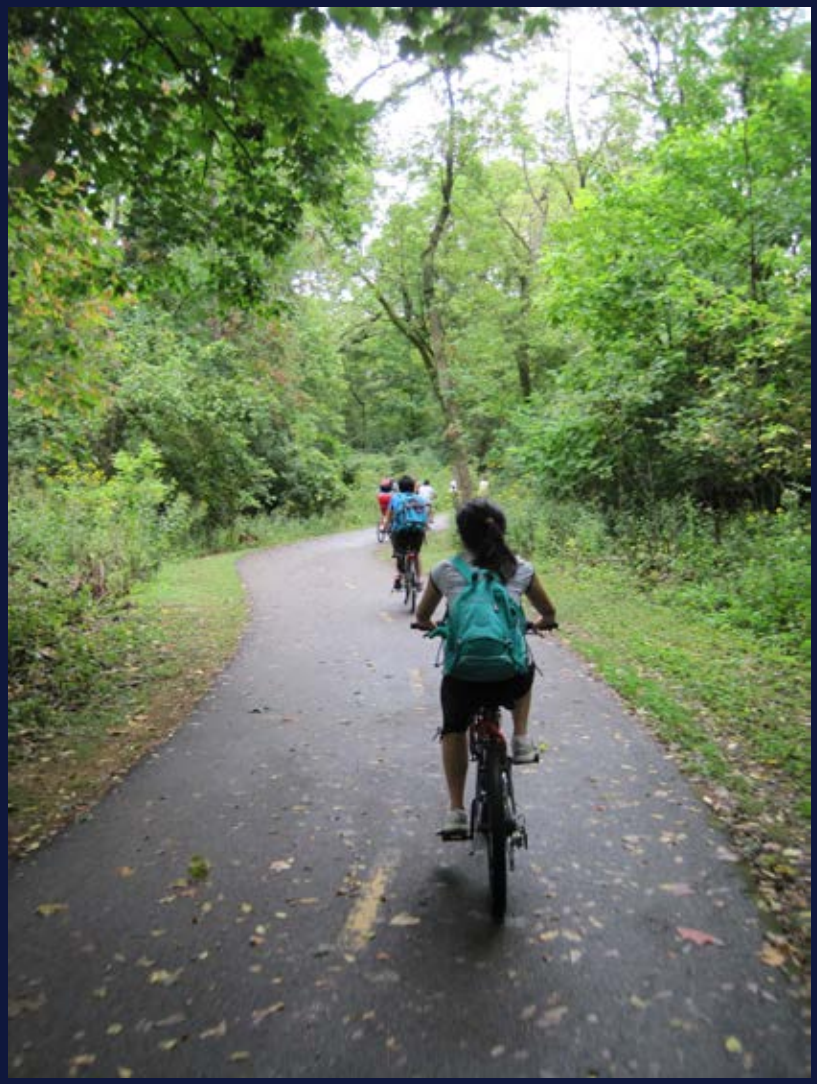
- Citizens contributed 201,095 volunteer instances for a total of 1,541,316 volunteer hours at a value of $26.5 million
    - Average Volunteer Instances: 20,109 instances
    - Average Volunteer Hours: 154,131 hours
    - Average Value: $2.65 million/year
- In its 2007 peak, citizens contributed 27,825 volunteer instances for a total of 196,942 volunteer hours at a value of $3.5 million

MASTER PLAN 2013 GOALS

- Build off the 2003 Master Plan and assess how well the expectations of that effort have been met
- Study of current needs and determine the ability of current facilities to meet these needs
- Anticipate growth areas and demand for future services
- Understand and document trends since 2003 and the changes in population and attitudes
- Identify opportunities to integrate with facilities in adjacent park districts

INTEGRATION OF OTHER INITIATIVES

- City of Columbus Bike Plan Update
- City of Columbus Public Health Department's Institute for Active Living
- City of Columbus Stormwater Master Plan Update
- City's "Get Green Columbus" Program
- Recent Neighborhood Plans



PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT

- Steering Committee
- Advisory Committee
- Park Commission
- Stakeholder Interviews and Roundtable Discussions
- Survey
- Public Open Houses / Workshops
- Web Site

INITIAL ANALYSIS

HOW DOES COLUMBUS STACK UP?

ParkScore Index

Provided by the Trust for Public Land

1. Minneapolis
2. New York
3. Boston (tie)
3. Sacramento (tie)
3. San Francisco
6. Washington, DC
7. Portland
8. Virginia Beach
9. San Diego
10. Seattle
11. Albuquerque
11. Omaha
11. San Jose
14. Colorado Springs
14. Philadelphia
16. Chicago
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33. Fort Worth
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34. Wichita
36. El Paso
37. Columbus
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38. Tucson (tie)
42. Memphis
43. Oklahoma City
44. Jacksonville (tie)
44. San Antonio (tie)
46. Mesa, AZ
47. Indianapolis (tie)
47. Indianapolis (tie)
47. Charlotte (tie)
49. Louisville
50. Fresno

Columbus National Rank: 37

ParkScore Total:

40.0 Total Score (weighted)
max. 100

Acreage:
Park Size & Park Land Percentage
20 Points
max. 40

Service & Investment:
Spending Per Capita & Playgrounds per 10,000
12 Points
max. 40

Access:
Percent of Residents within 0.5 mile of a Park
16 Points
max. 40

HOW DOES COLUMBUS STACK UP?

Park Acreage as Percent of City Land Area

Columbus & Comparable Cities with *Intermediate Low* Population Density

Provided by the Trust for Public Land

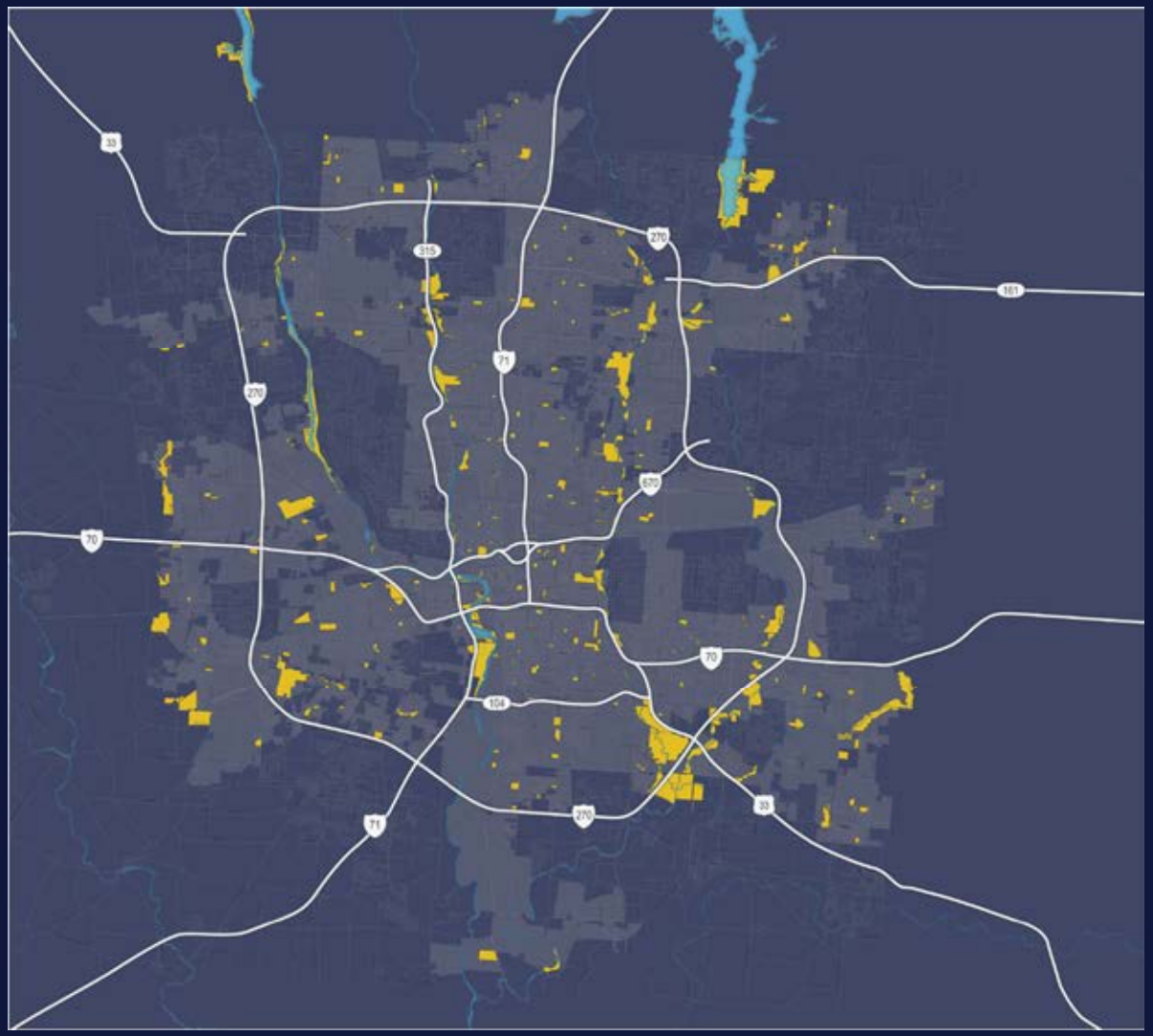
City	Total Park Acres	Park Acres as Percent of City Land Area
Austin	29,225	15.0%
Cincinnati	6,820	13.7%
Dallas	23,331	10.7%
Columbus	**10,847**	**7.8%**
Denver	5,900	6.0%
Atlanta	4,777	5.6%
Toledo	2,232	4.3%

Designed areas: Parklands that have been created, constructed, planted, and managed primarily for human use.

Natural areas: Pristine or reclaimed lands that are open to the public and left largely undisturbed and managed.

PARK SYSTEM

EXISTING PARKS



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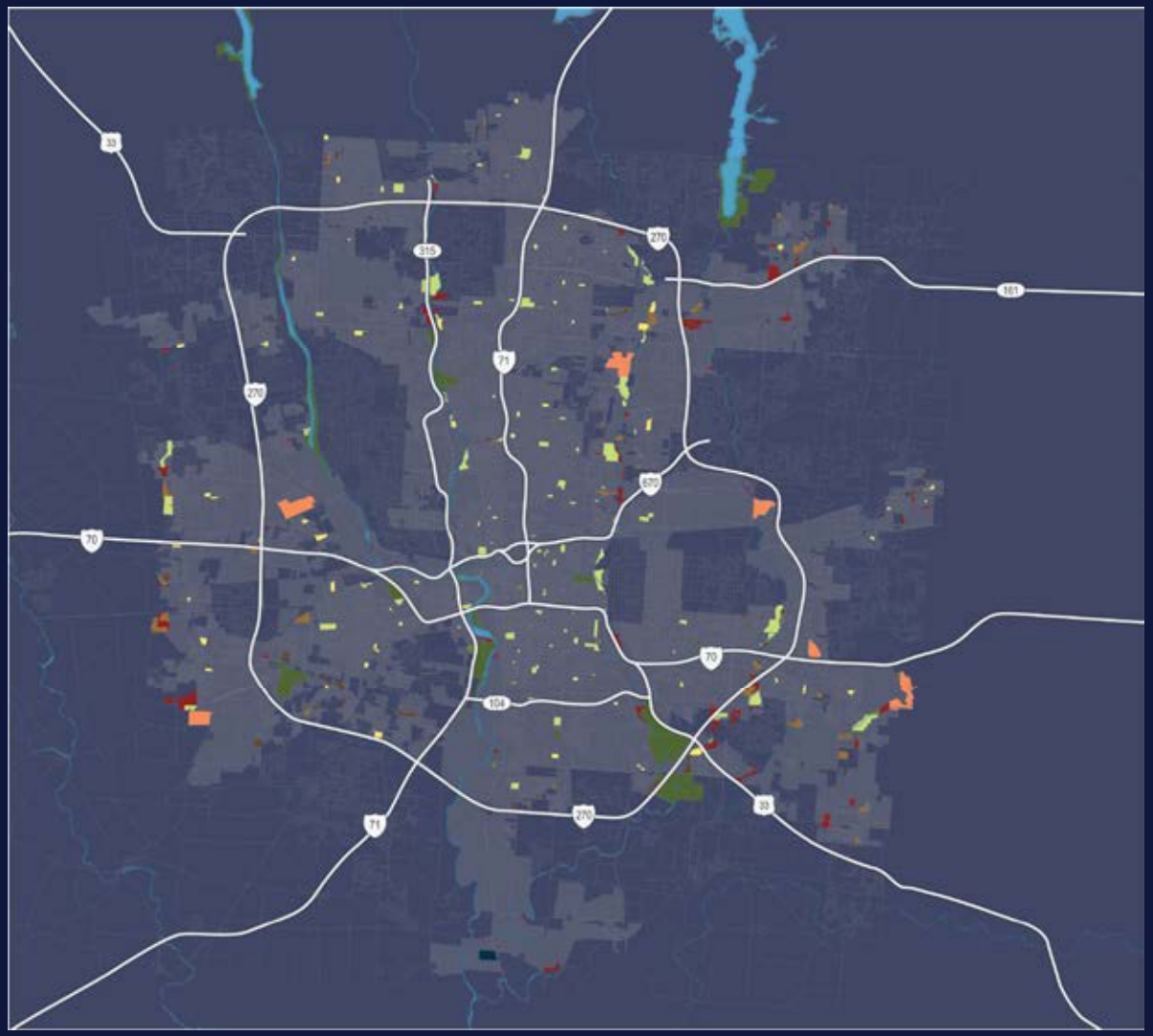
- City of Columbus Park
- City of Columbus Boundary
- Hydrology
- Major Roads

PARK SYSTEM

PARK TYPES



Legend:

- Regional Park
- Community Park
- Parkland Reserve
- Conservation/Natural Area
- Neighborhood Park
- Neighborhood Open Space
- Special Use Park or Facility
- Golf Course
- Operations/Non Park Area
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PARK SYSTEM

CITY AND REGIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES

Legend:

- City of Columbus Park
- Metro Park
- Schools
- Cemetery
- All Other Open Space
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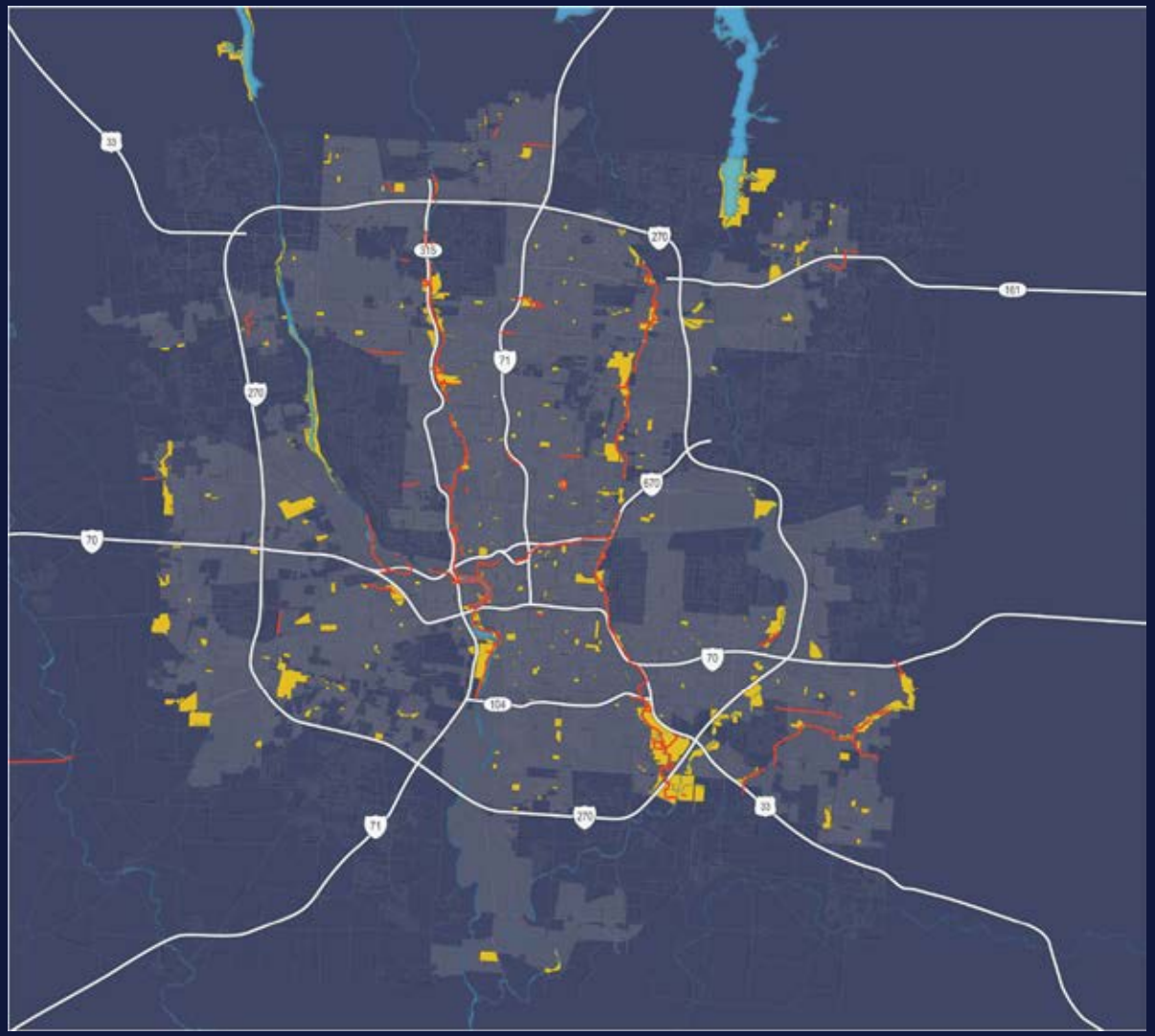
PARK SYSTEM

EXISTING COLUMBUS TRAILS



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- Columbus Trails/Greenways
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PARK SYSTEM

EXISTING COLUMBUS & REGIONAL TRAILS

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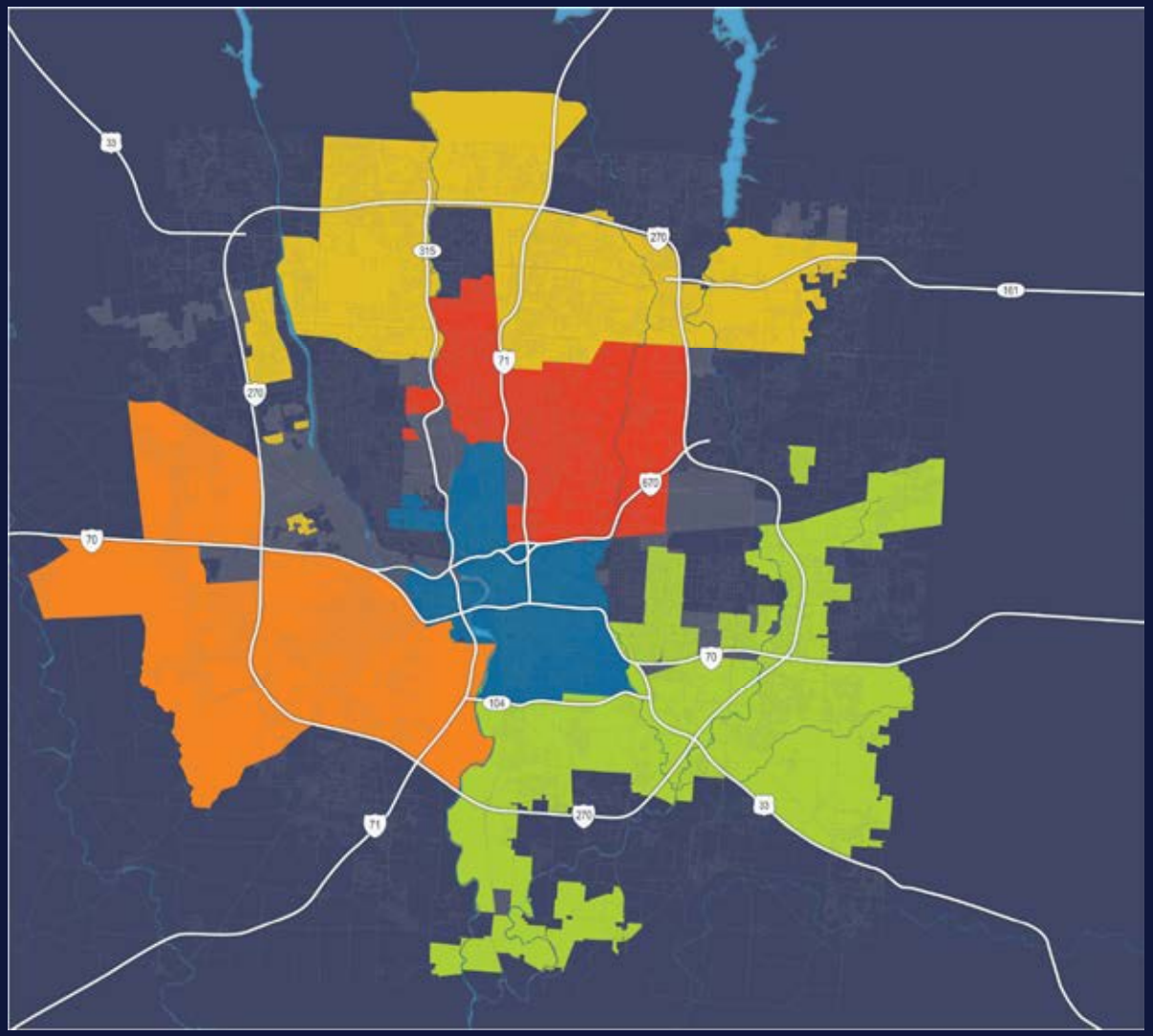
PLANNING AREAS



In Town:

Franklinton AC
Italian Village AC
Victorian Village AC
North East Area AC
Brewery District AC
German Village AC
Near East AC
Livingston AC
Columbus Southside AC
University AC
5th by Northwest AC
Harrison West CA
Columbus Southside CA
Downtown Residents' Association

Southeast:

Southeast Community Coalition
Far South Columbus AC
Far East AC
North Eastmoor CA
Eastmoor CA
Peacekeepers CA
Eastmoor CA
James Road Neighborhood CA
Renewed Hope CA
Berwick CA
Berwyn West CA
Berwyn East CA
Leawood and Walnut Ridge CA
Thunderbird Acres CA
Rathburn Woods CA
Pinecress East Neighborhood CA
Willis Park CA
Shady Lane Park CA

Central:

North Linden AC
South Linden AC
Milo-Grogan AC
North Central AC
Clintonville AC
Northeast AC
Colonial Hills CA
Kenwood Area Resident CA
Riverside Heights CA
Shady Hill Estates CA
East Columbus CA

North:

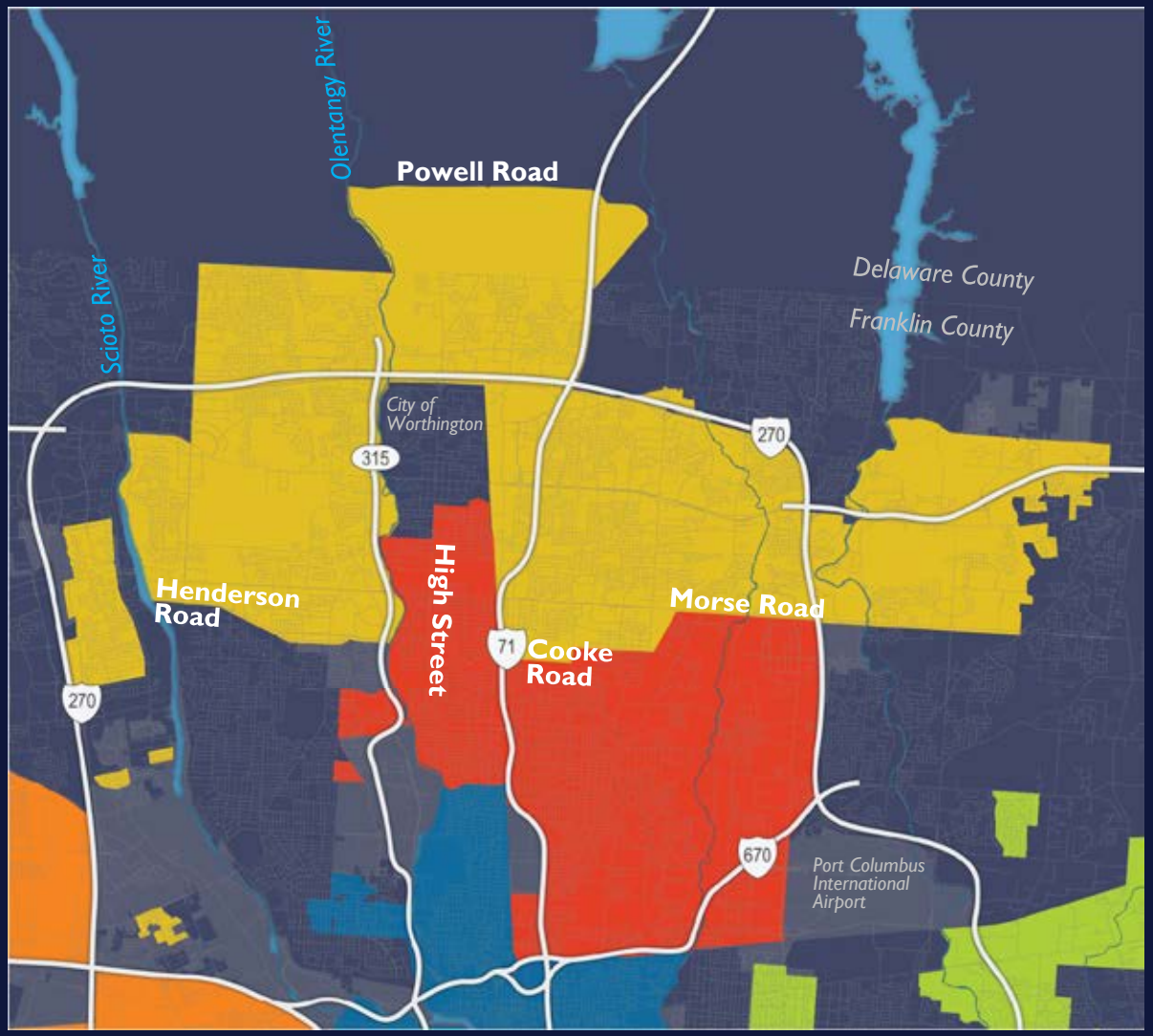
Far North Columbus Communities Coalition
Far Northwest Coalition
Northwest CA
Northland Community Council
Scioto Woods CA
The Glen CA
Scioto Trace CA
River Landing CA
Saddlebrook CA
Monohan Homeowners CA
Ballymeade CA
Shannon Hts/Kilbannon/Kildaire CA

Southwest:

Greater Hilltop AC
Westland AC
Southwest AC
West Point CA
Greater Feder Road CA
Chesapeake Farms Homes CA
Far West Coalition CA

NORTH PLANNING AREA

PLANNING AREA BOUNDARIES



North:

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NORTH PLANNING AREA

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The North Planning Area contains **69** parks, including…

8	Community Parks
20	Conservation/Natural Areas
27	Neighborhood Parks
3	Neighborhood Open Spaces
8	Parkland Reserves
1	Regional Parks
2	Special Use Park/Facilities

Among other facilities, this area has…

3		**Recreation/Community Centers**
1		**Dog Park** *Godown Road Dog Park*

Parks in the North Planning Area contain...

10%
Of citywide parkland acreage

3.61%
Of developable land within planning area

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North Planning Area Population (2010)

213,464

Population Density:
3,359 people/Sq.Mile

City of Columbus Population (2010)

787,033

Population Density:
3,624 people/Sq.Mile

North Planning Area Parkland Per 1000 Residents (2010)

5.6

Acres/1000 Residents

Recommended Parkland Per 1000 Residents

6.25 - 10.5*

Acres/1000 Residents

*** Established by the National Recreation and Park Association**

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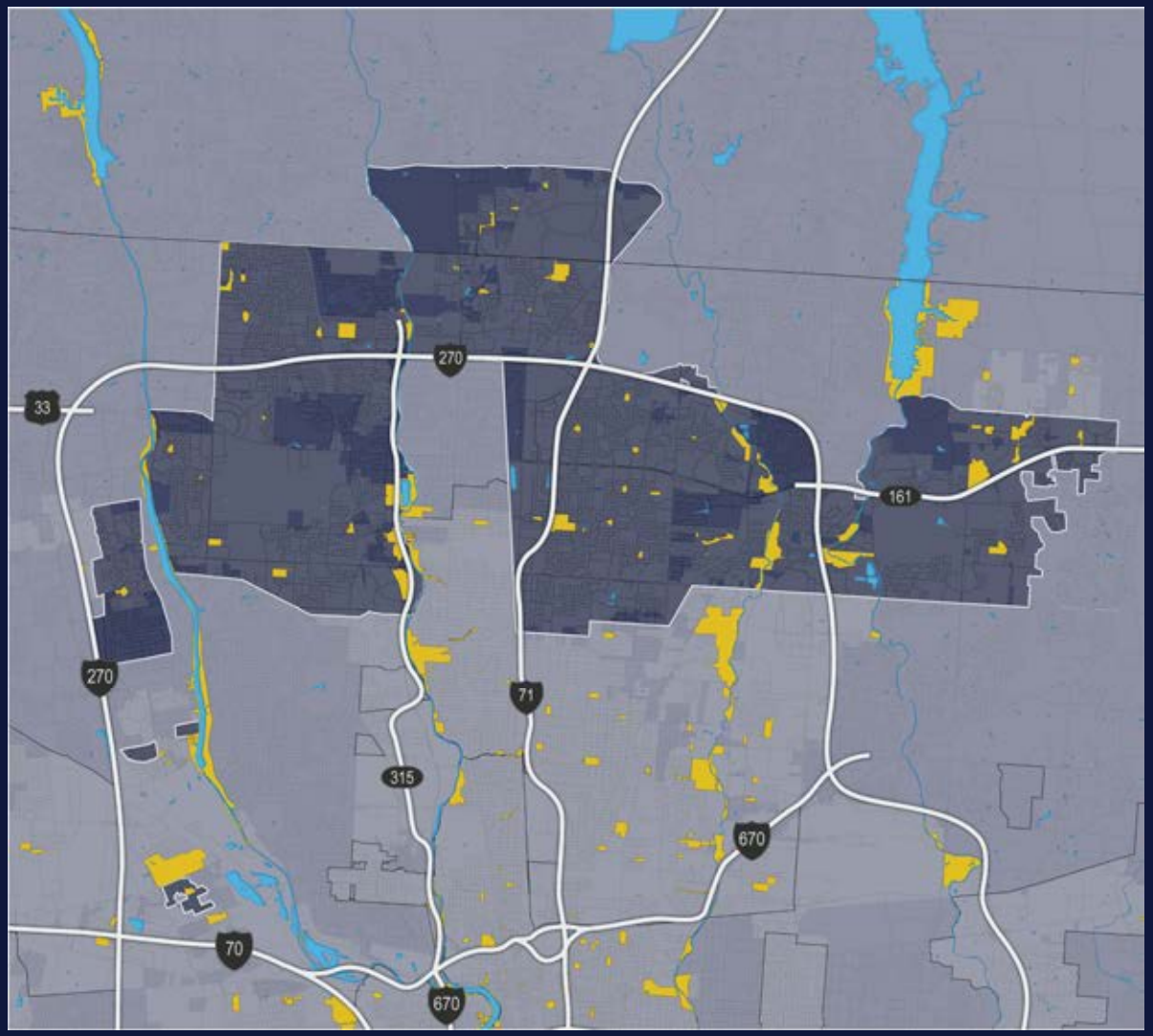

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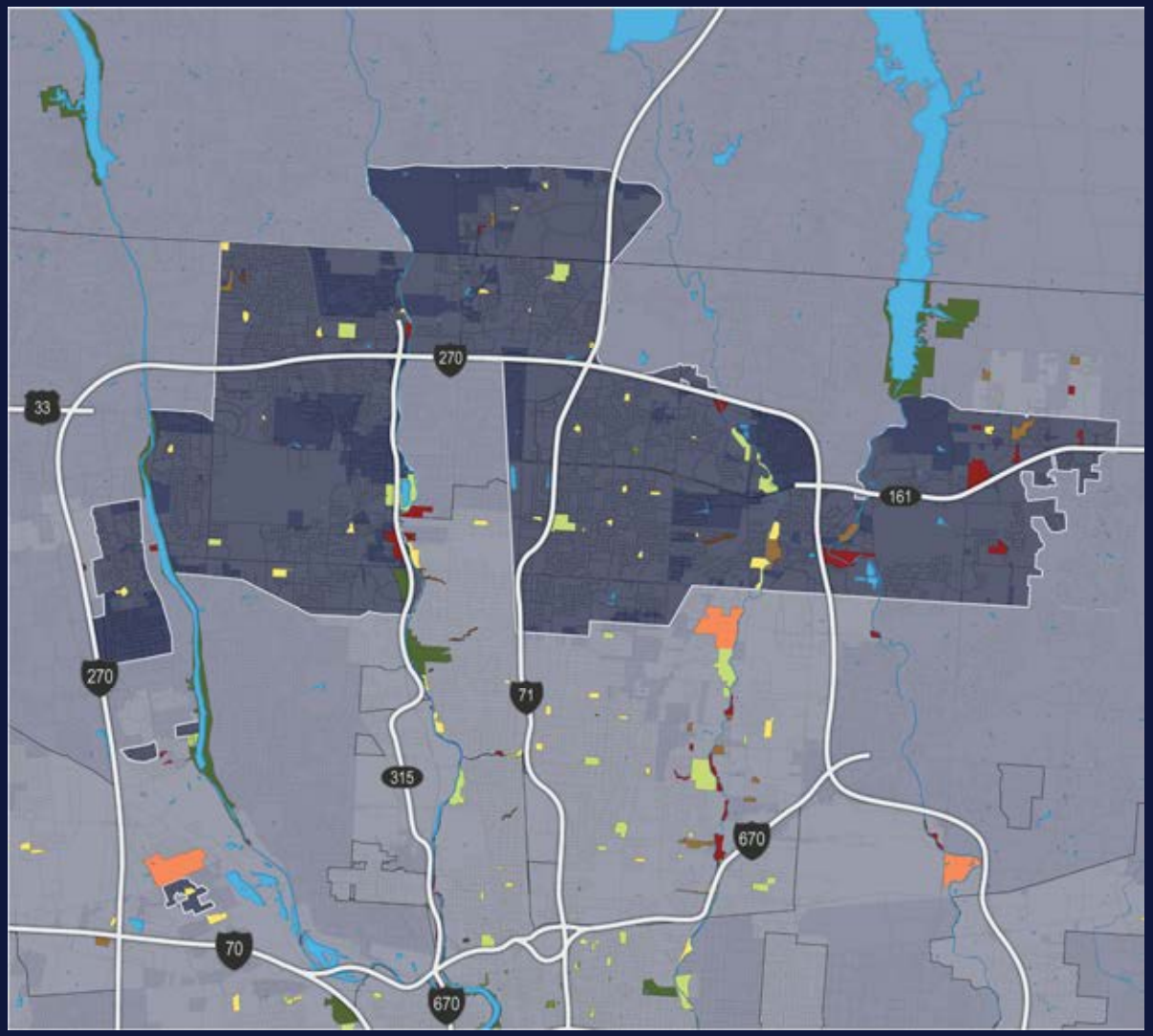

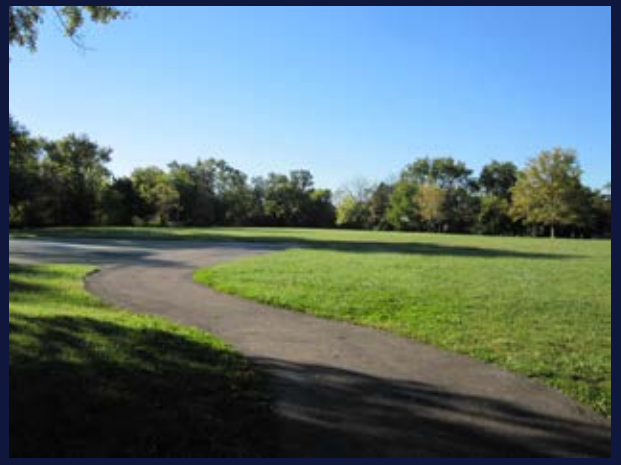

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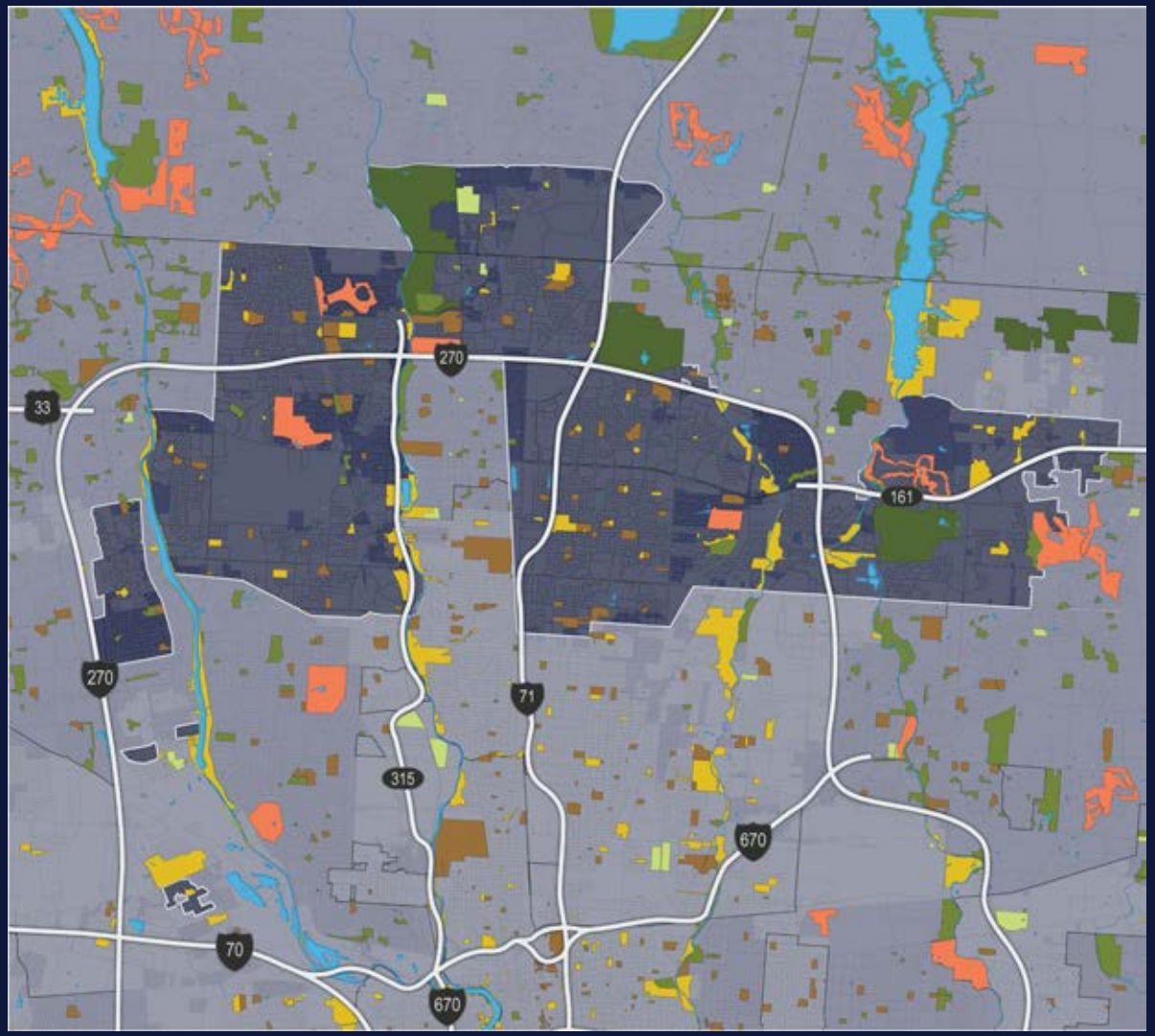

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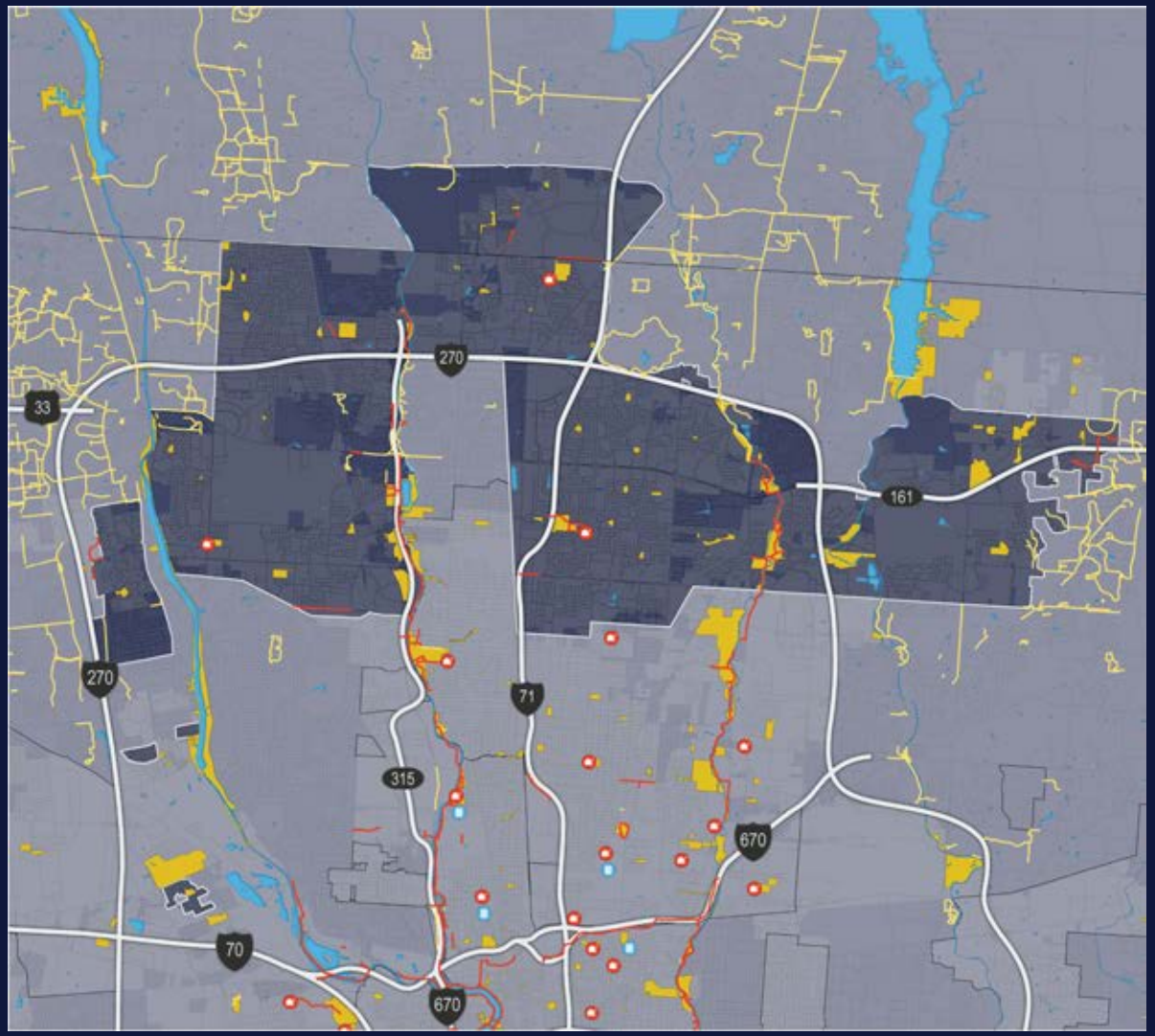
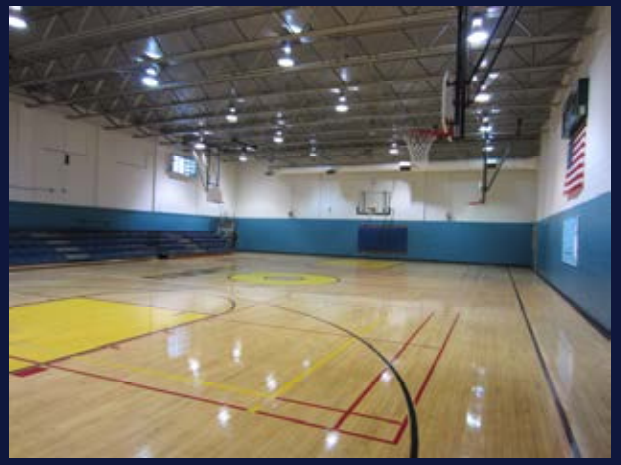
EXISTING TRAILS AND RECREATION CENTERS





Legend:

- City of Columbus Park
- Recreation Center
- Pool
- Columbus Trail
- Regional Trail
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NORTH PLANNING AREA

IMAGES OF REPRESENTATIVE PARKS

SPECIAL-USE PARK

Godown Road Dog Park

REGIONAL PARK

Antrim Park

COMMUNITY PARKS

Cooper Park

NORTH PLANNING AREA

IMAGES OF REPRESENTATIVE PARKS

COMMUNITY PARKS

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Hard Road Park

Lazelle Woods Park & RC

Albany Crossing Park

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IMAGES OF REPRESENTATIVE PARKS

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Granville Park

Northcrest Park

Northgate Park

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IMAGES OF REPRESENTATIVE PARKS

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Parkridge Park

Prestwick Commons

Riverside Green Park

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IMAGES OF REPRESENTATIVE PARKS

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

Wynstone Park

PARKLAND RESERVE

Cherrybottom Park

BREAK OUT INPUT SESSION

- **STATION ONE** – Input on existing and recreation and parks facilities and programs

- **STATION TWO –** City/Regional Trail Systems Input

- **STATION THREE** – City-wide and Regional Parks and Facilities

NEXT STEPS

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- Data Collection
- Survey
- Public Open House in Spring
- Website: parks.columbus.gov