



**City of Anna Parks Board Meeting &  
Open House  
September 15, 2025**



# Today's Agenda:

## *Needs Assessment Review & Open House*

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Schedule

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Parks Planning  
Overview

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Needs Assessment  
Review

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Discussion

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Feedback Gathering

# PLANNING PROCESS

11 MONTH PROCESS



# PARKS PLAN SCHEDULE

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■ Meeting/Presentation (Trips)

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# WHAT IS A PARKS MASTER PLAN?

## WHAT?

- 10-year plan, followed by 5-year updates (per TPWD guidelines)
- Establishes a community vision
- Helps guide City decisions
- Creates an Action Plan

## WHO?

- Freese and Nichols & City facilitates the process
- Anna community identifies issues and vision
- CPAC and Parks Board act as sounding board
- City works with the community to implement the plan

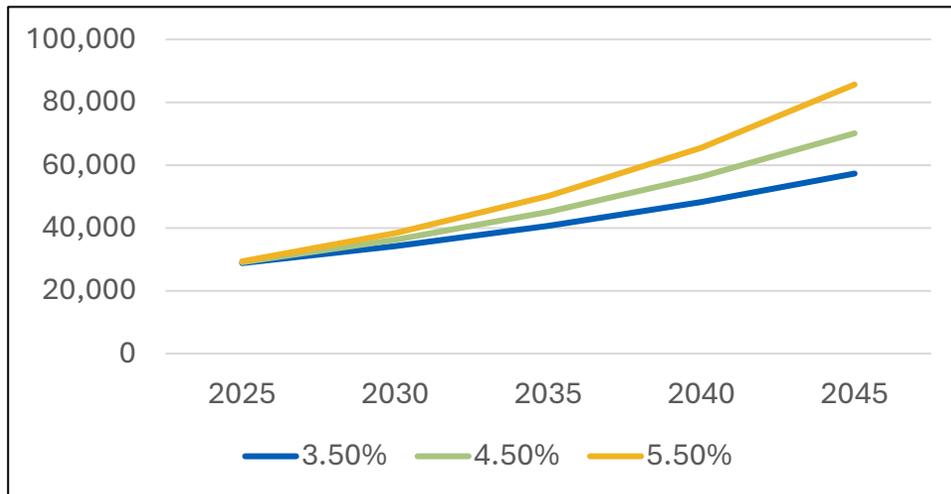
## WHY?

- Builds consensus
- Identifies current and future priorities
- Plans for future population growth
- Provides Parks & Recreation Dept. a road map for planning & budgeting
- TPWD Compliance

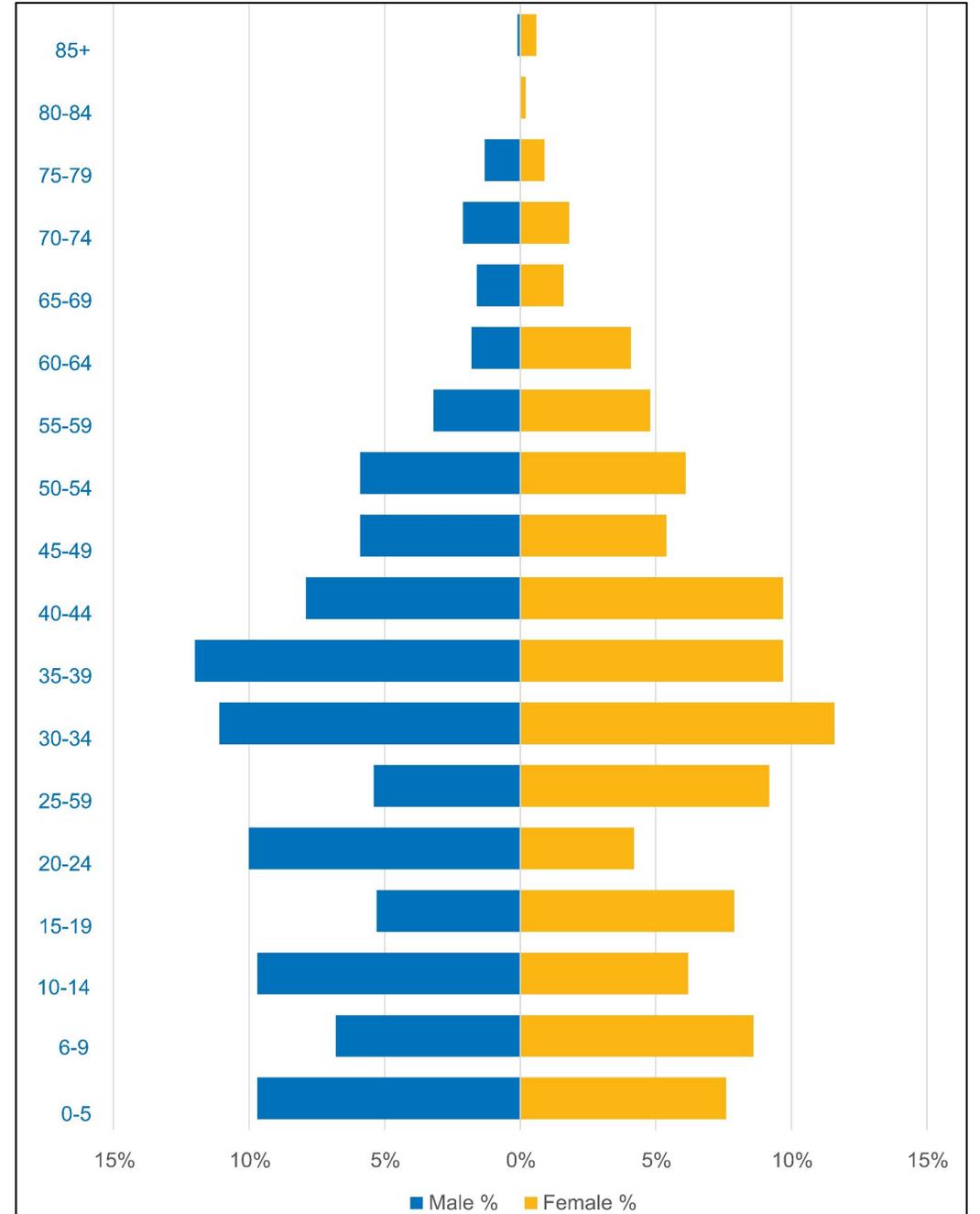
# Age and Population Projections

*Population Projections*

Year	3.5%	4.5%	5.5%
2025	28,797	29,075	<b>29,353</b>
2030	34,202	36,233	<b>38,364</b>
2035	40,621	45,153	<b>50,140</b>
2040	48,245	56,268	<b>65,530</b>
2045	57,300	70,121	<b>85,646</b>

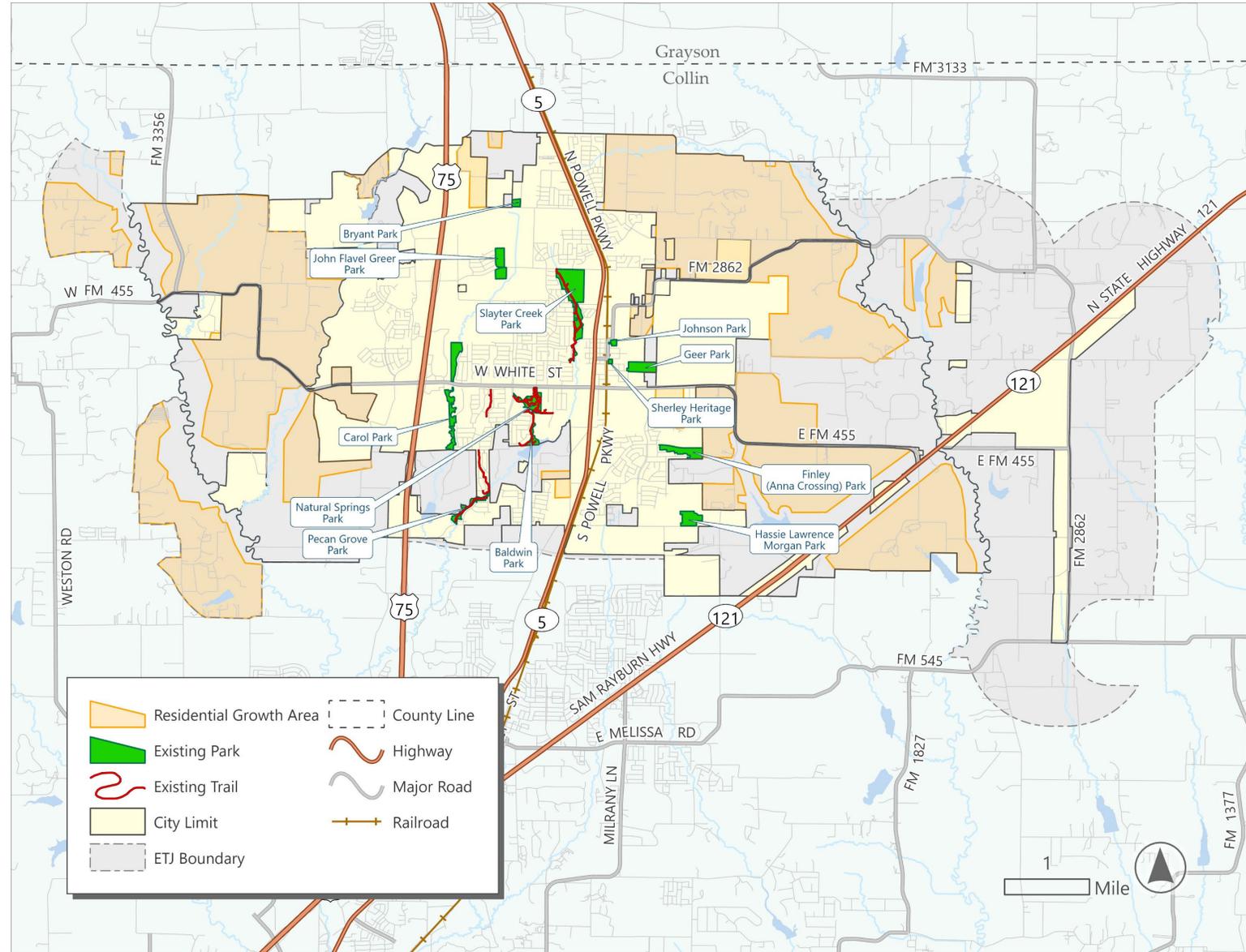


*Age Distribution*

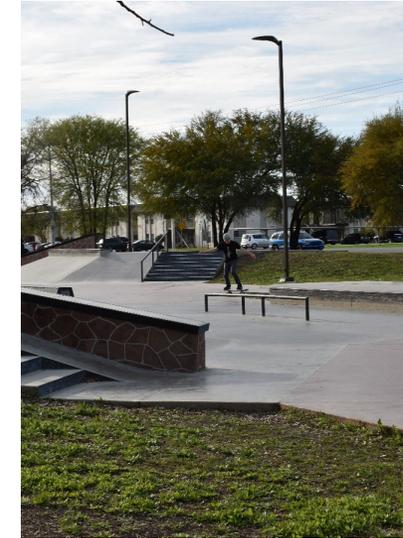


# Residential Growth Areas

- Parks are most important in areas with residential development (current or future)
- Residential growth areas based on areas where residential uses are allowed on the Future Land Use map in the Comprehensive Plan



# PARK CLASSIFICATIONS



## HOA Parks

- *Typ. Size: 0.25-1.0 ac*
- *Service Area: ¼ mile radius*
- *Common Features: Playground, picnic amenities*
- *Maintained by HOAs*

## Neighborhood Parks

- *Typ. Size: 3 - 10 ac*
- *Service Area: ¼ - ½ mile radius*
- *Common Features: Playgrounds, sports courts, loop trail*

## Community Parks

- *Typ. Size: 10 - 100 ac*
- *Service Area: 1 – 3 mile radius*
- *Common Features: Athletic fields, pools, trails, open space*

## Regional Parks

- *Typ. Size: Varies*
- *Service Area: Up to 50-mile radius (varies)*
- *Common Features: Preserved natural areas, trails, athletic complex*

## Greenbelts and Linear Parks

- *Typ. Size: Varies*
- *Service Area: Varies*
- *Common Features: Trails*

## Special Use Parks

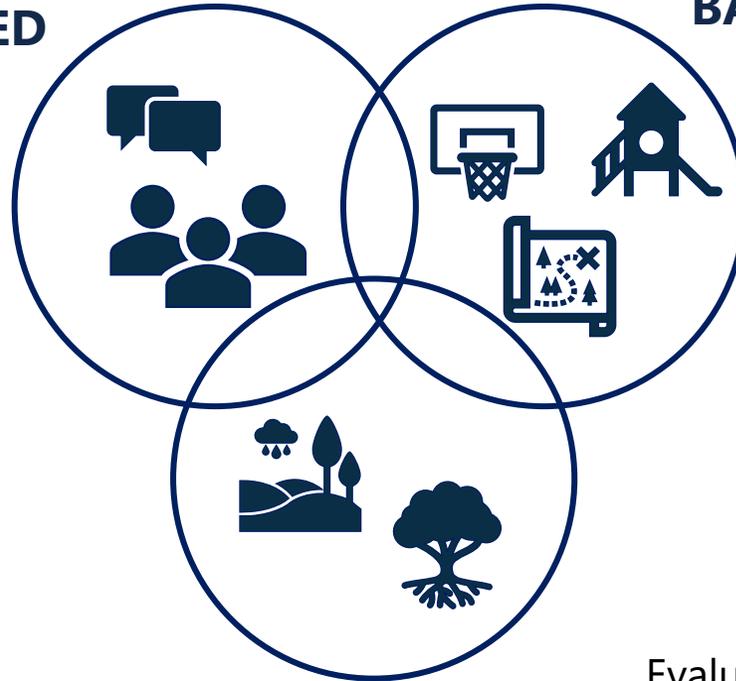
- *Typ. Size: Varies*
- *Service Area: Varies*
- *Common Features: Pool, skate park, tennis complex, golf course*

# ***Needs Assessment***

# 3-PART NEEDS ASSESSMENT

## DEMAND-BASED

Analyzes and summarizes public feedback to identify what the community wants and expects from the parks and recreation system.



## STANDARDS-BASED

Analyzes parkland acreage, location and amenities in comparison with the location of the current population and future growth areas, based on industry standards.

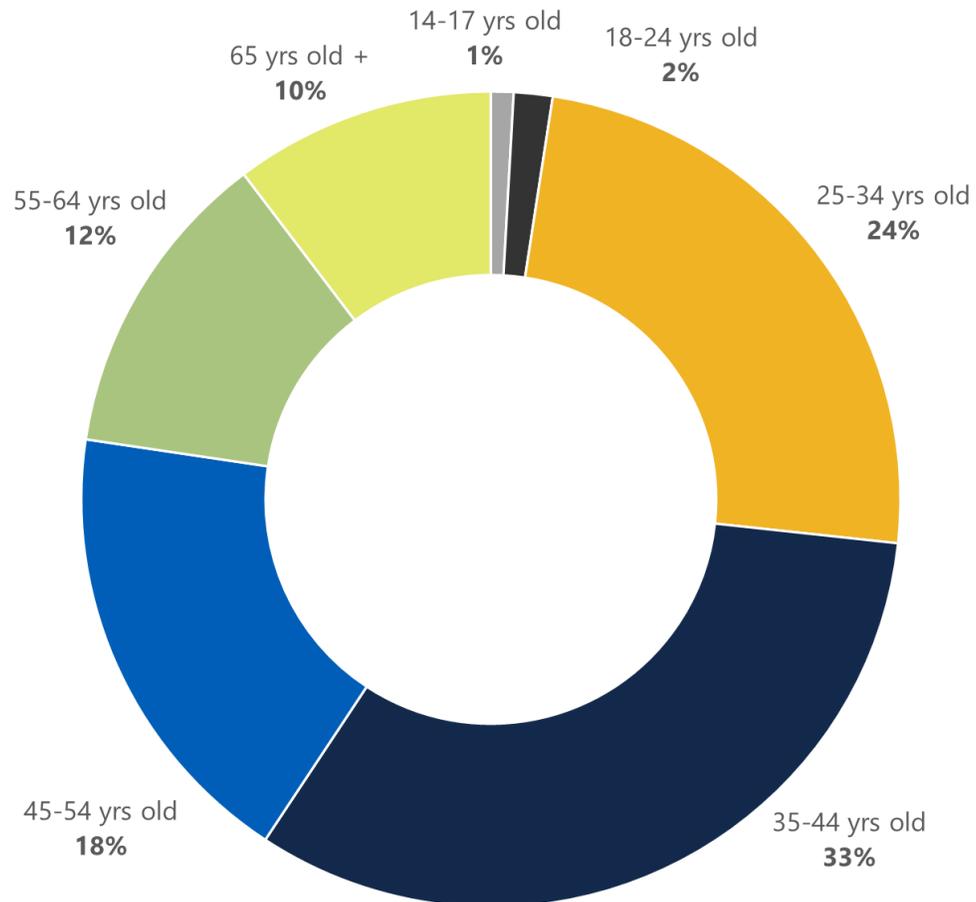
## RESOURCE-BASED

Evaluates existing physical, man-made and natural resources to identify opportunities to leverage for public recreation benefit.

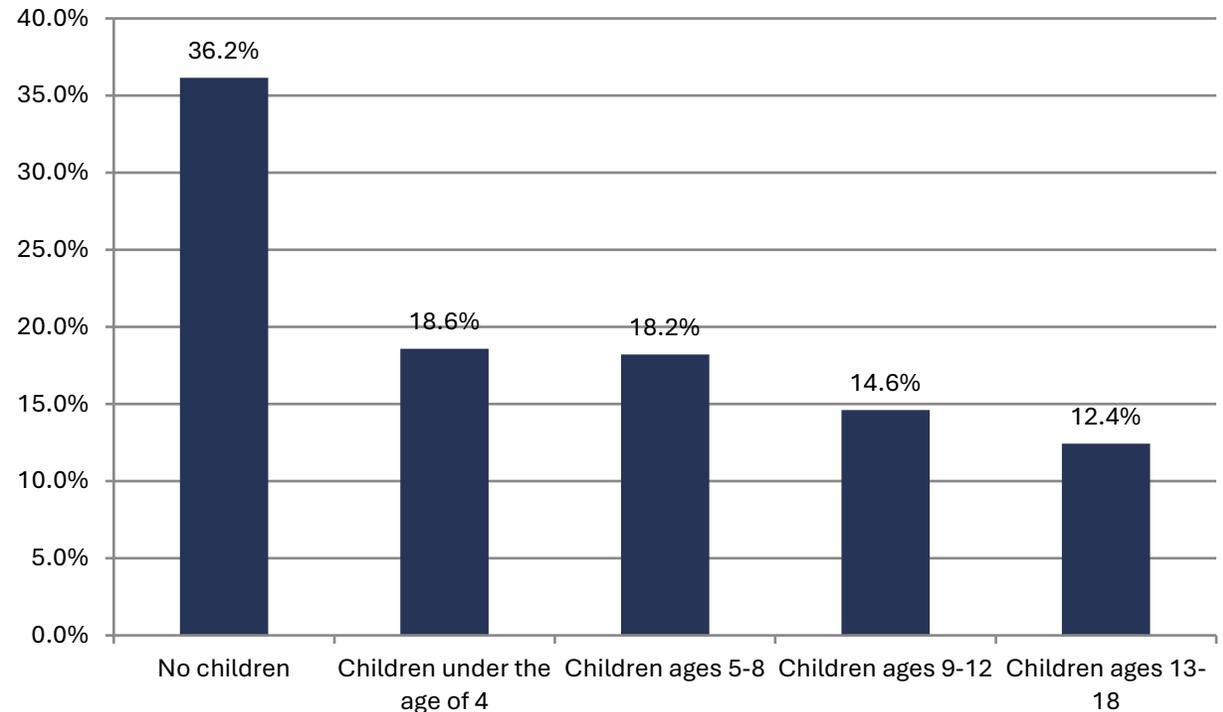
# Demand Based Assessment

- Community Survey 814 Total Responses

**Question 25: What is your age?**

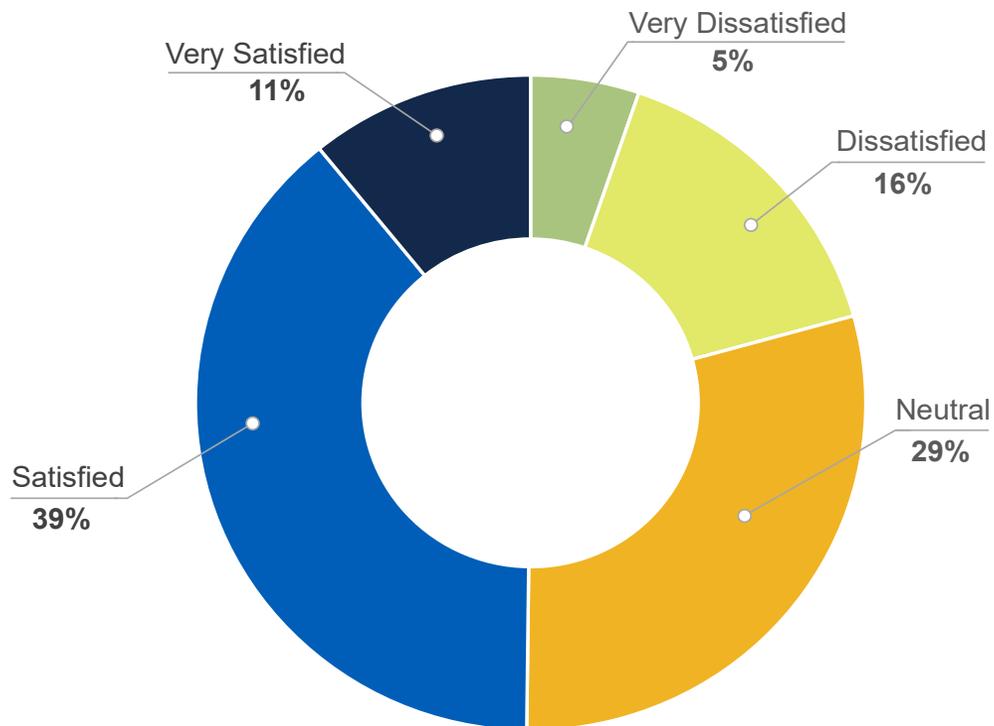


**Question 29: Are there children under the age of 18 in your home?**

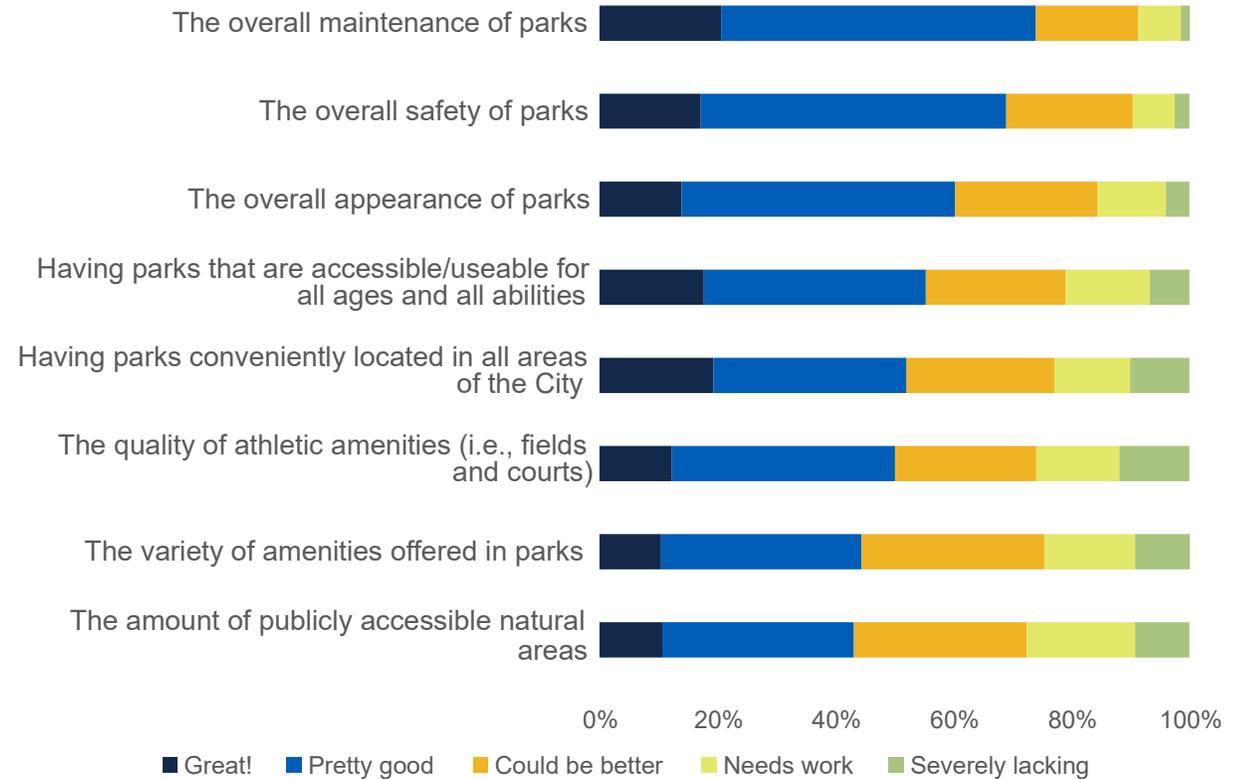


# Overall Rating of Parks

**Question 1:** How satisfied are you with the parks and recreational opportunities in Anna?



**Question 2:** How would you rate the City in the following categories?

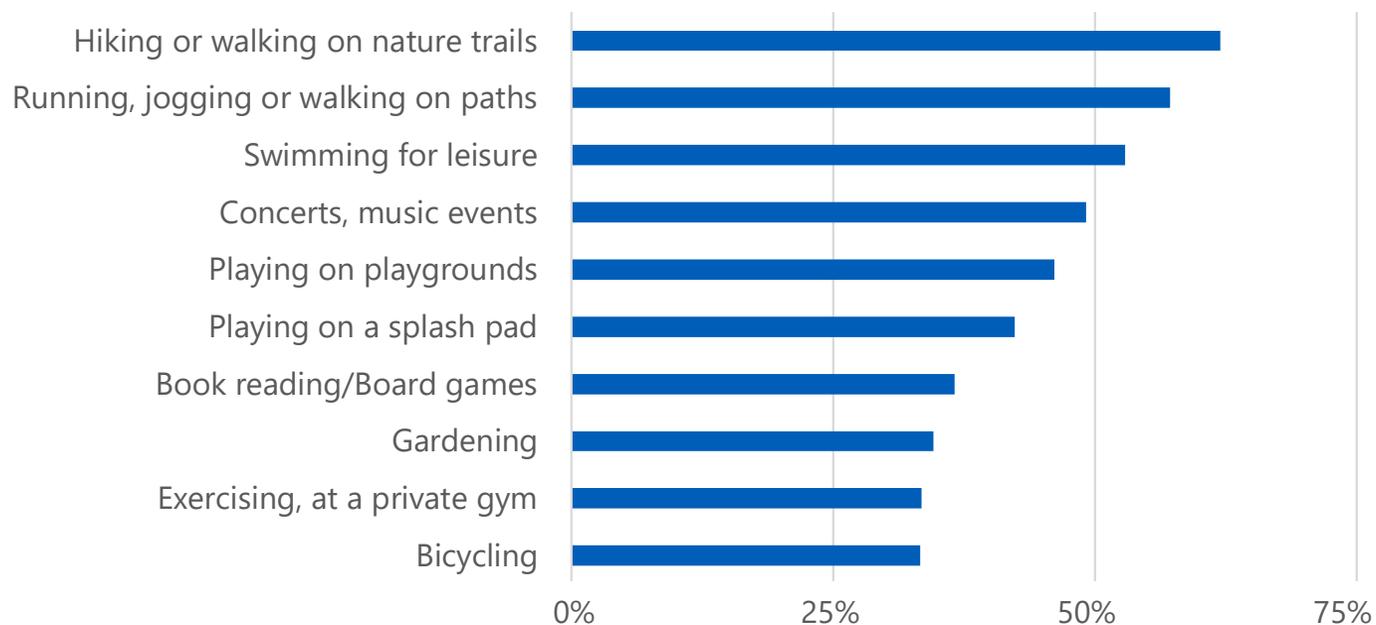






# Parks and Recreation Programming

**Question 19:** To meet the needs of Anna residents, the City may require additional funding for parks and recreation. How strongly would you support or oppose the following financing strategies?

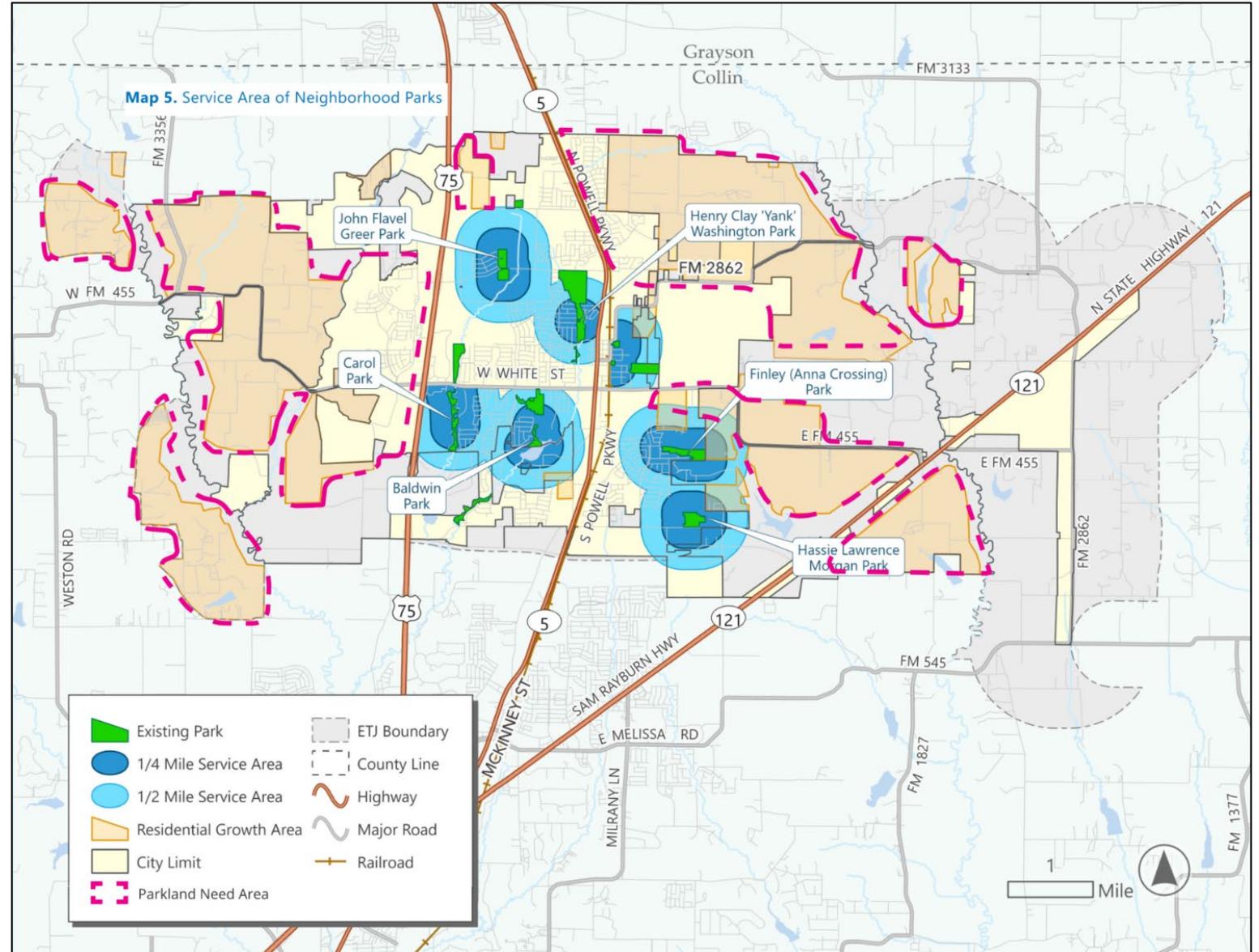


\*Top Ten

# Standards-Based Assessment

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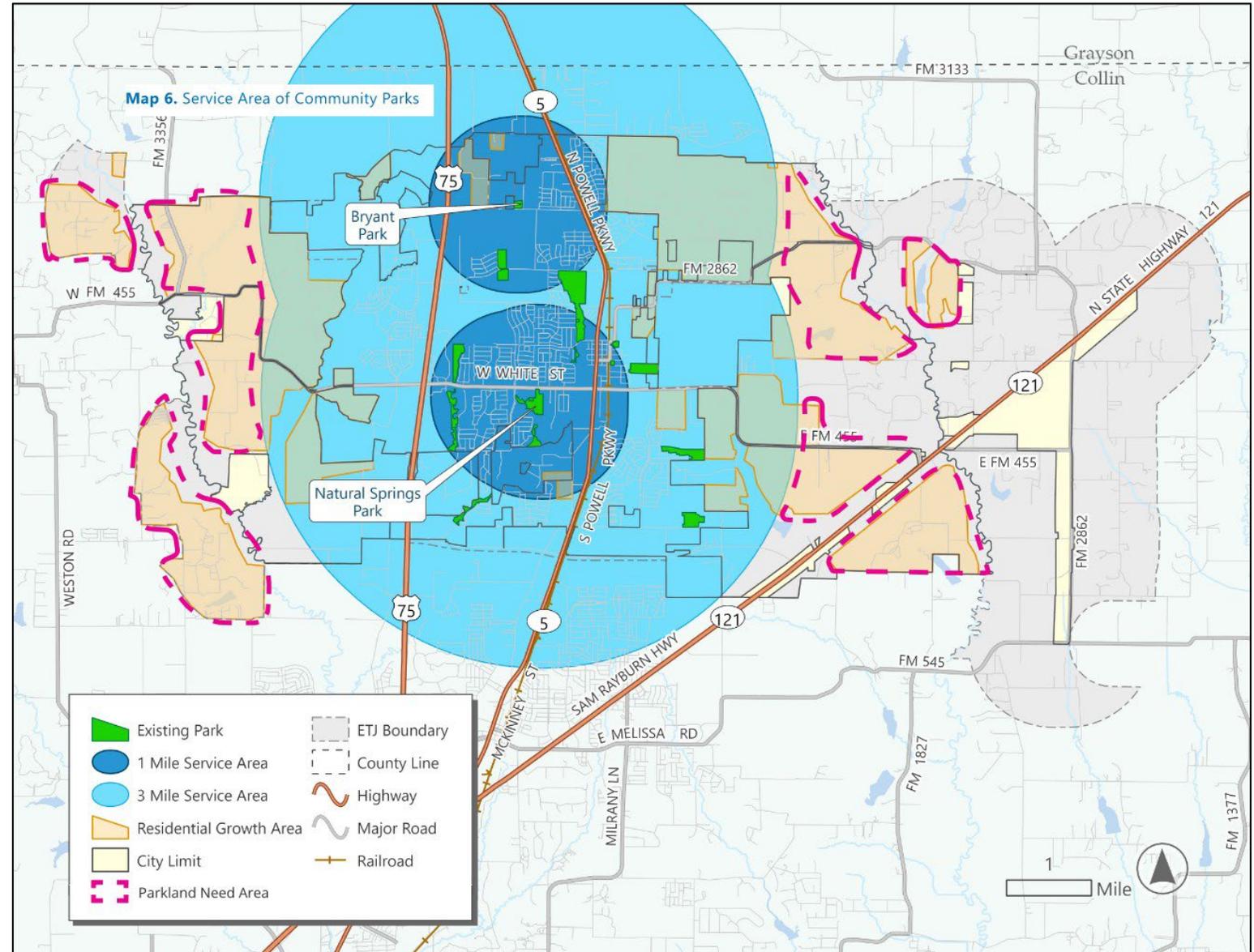
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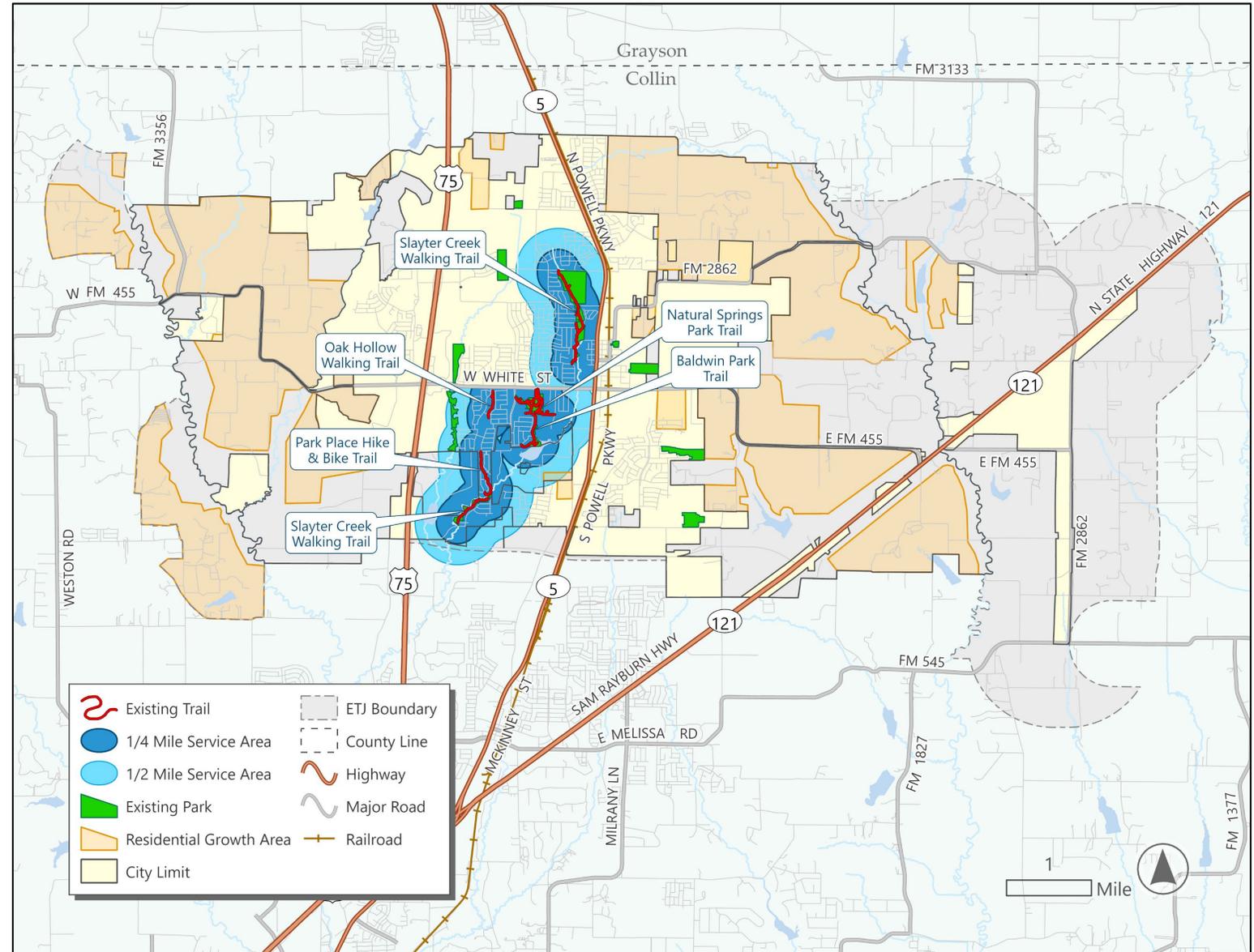
- Typically serving people within a 1- to 2-mile radius



# Standards-Based Assessment

## Spatial Level of Service – Trails

- Typically serving people within a ¼-mile (~5 min) to ½-mile (~10 min) walk



# Standards-Based Assessment

## Acreege Level of Service

### National Recreation & Park Association 2024 Agency Review

Total Parkland per 1,000 Residents  
(communities between 20,000 – 49,999 people):

Lower Quartile: 6.2 ac.

Median = 11.2 ac.

Upper Quartile: 18 ac.

Total Parkland per 1,000 Residents  
(communities between 50,000 - 99,999 people):

Lower Quartile: 4.7 ac.

Median = 9.2 ac.

Upper Quartile: 16.5 ac.

Park Classification	Existing Level of Service (LOS)		Recommended Level of Service (2025)			Recommended Level of Service (2035)		
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<b>Close-to-Home Parks</b>								
Neighborhood Parks	99.6	3.6 Ac/1,000 Residents	1.5 Ac/1,000 Residents	41.7	57.9	75.2	24.4	
Community Parks	32	1.2 Ac/1,000 Residents	5.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	139.1	-107.1	250.7	-218.7	
Close-to-Home Parks Subtotal	131.6	4.7 Ac/1,000 Residents	6.5 Ac/1,000 Residents	180.8	-49.2	325.9	-194.3	
<b>Other Parks</b>								
Regional Parks	85.6	3.1 Ac/1,000 Residents	5.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	139.1	-53.6	250.7	-165.1	
Greenbelts/Linear Parks	15.3	0.5 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Open Space	14.5	0.5 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
Special Use Parks	0	0.0 Ac/1,000 Residents	Varies	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	
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# Standards-Based Assessment

## Facilities Level of Service

- *Outdoor basketball courts*
- *Pickleball courts*
- *Tennis courts*
- *Trails*
- *Outdoor volleyball courts*
- *Picnic pavilions*
- *Picnic facilities*
- *Playgrounds*
- *Swimming pool/aquatic center*
- *Recreation center*
- *Rectangular fields (by 2035)*

	Facility/Amenity	Current Available	Current LOS (1 Facility per # Residents)	Target LOS (Per Residents)	2025 Need (based on 27,823 pop.)	2025 Deficit or Surplus	2035 Need (based on 50,140 pop.)	2035 Deficit or Surplus	2025 NRPA Agency Review (some facility categories are not included in the Agency Review)	
									Cities 20,000-49,999	Cities 50,000-99,999
Active	Baseball Fields	4	6,956	1 per 4,500	7	-3	12	-8	Diamond Fields:	Diamond Fields:
	Softball Fields	2	13,912	1 per 4,500	7	-5	12	-10	1 per 3,408	1 per 4,560
	Backstop	3	9,274	1 per 6,000	5	-2	9	-6		
	Basketball Courts (outdoor)	3	9,274	1 per 8,000	4	-1	7	-4	1 per 8,000	1 per 8,447
	Disc Golf	1	27,823	1 per city	1	0	1	0	1 per 32,519	1 per 56,150
	Fitness Equipment Circuit	2	13,912	1 per 20,000	2	0	3	-1	1 per 21,468	1 per 32,500
	Multipurpose Practice Fields	3	9,274	1 per 6,000	5	-2	9	-6		
	Rectangular Fields (soccer,football)	7	3,975	1 per 4,000	7	0	13	-6	1 per 4,002	1 per 4,659
	Pickleball Courts	11	2,529	1 per 7,000	4	7	8	3	1 per 7,333	1 per 8,592
	Skate Park	1	27,823	1 per city	1	0	1	0	1 per 35,000	1 per 61,384
	Tennis Courts	2	13,912	1 per 7,000	4	-2	8	-6	1 per 6,284	1 per 5,818
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	Dog Park	1	27,823	1 per 30,000	1	0	2	-1	1 per 26,534	1 per 55,250
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	Playgrounds	11	2,529	1 per 3,000	10	1	17	-6	1 per 3,320	1 per 3,643
Water	Fishing Piers	1	27,823	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies	Varies		
	Publicly Accessible Swimming Pool/Aquatic Facility	0	0	1 per city	1	-1	1	-1	Pool: 1 per 26,900 Center: 1 per 32,000	Pool: 1 per 48,064 Center: 1 per 60,770
	Splash Pad	1	27,823	1 per 20,000	2	-1	3	-2	1 per 29,804	1 per 51,000
Misc.	Recreation Center	0	0	1 per 30,000	1	-1	2	-2	1 per 27,517	1 per 31,805
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# Resource Based Assessment

- Floodplains and Waterbodies
- Utility Corridors
- Topography Changes West of 75



*Trails in John Flavel Greer Park*

# Summary of Needs



## PARKLAND ACREAGE AND DEVELOPMENT

- Additional close-to-home and regional parks to address service area gaps in areas with residential growth.
- Maximizing the use of existing parks through upgrades and better amenities.
- Inclusive playgrounds for children of all ages and abilities.
- Distribution of services throughout the City, specifically on the east, west, and south portions.



## PARKLAND ACCESS AND CONNECTIVITY

- Improved trail network that connects major park spaces and neighborhoods.
- Increase shade along trails and walking paths.
- Connecting parks with greenbelts and safe pedestrian pathways.



## PARK FACILITIES

- Addressing shortages in sports fields to increase the ability to host larger sporting events and overall usage throughout the year.
- Expanding publicly accessible pools or aquatic facilities throughout the City.
- Enhancement of existing parks and recreation amenities, such as shade and restroom facilities.
- Adding a splash pad and dog park to meet public demand in the future.



## RECREATIONAL PROGRAMS

- Expanding recreational programming geared towards teenagers.
- Increase indoor recreation activities throughout the year.
- Address sports team continuity.

***QUESTIONS?***

# ***FEEDBACK BOARDS***

# Feedback Boards

## What do you think about Anna's Parks?



The City of Anna is working on a **11-month process** to update its Parks and Recreation Master Plan, which is a guide for the **future of the parks system** in the City.

The Parks and Recreation Master Plan will create a **vision** and identify **goals and objectives** to guide the Parks and Recreation Department for the next 10 years.

Visit the boards around the room and share your input related to Anna's Parks and Recreation system!

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## Anna Parks & Recreation Survey Highlights



**814 people** participated in the survey, with approximately **34%** being families with children under 18



**Biggest Needs:** More trails, walking/biking paths, pools, shade, and indoor recreation spaces



**Most Valued Assets:** Slayter Creek Park and Anna's parks system overall are seen as top community treasures



**Amenities in Demand:** Residents want more restrooms, shade trees, paved and natural walking trails, and indoor recreation programs/activities

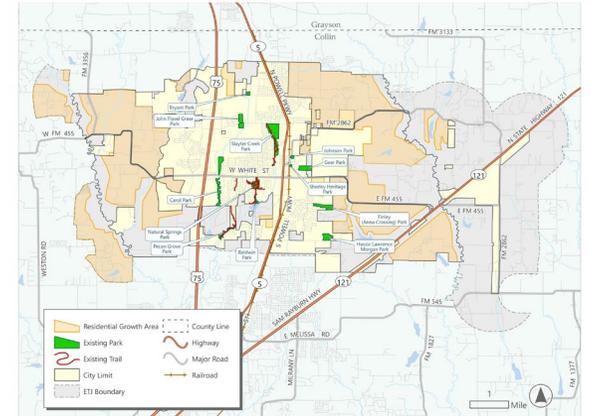


**Programming Priorities:** High interest in youth athletics, with a need to improve and expand sports fields

## Where should new park locations be prioritized?



Place a dot ( ) where you think new parks should be located



## Tell Us About Your Parks!



Use a sticky note to share your ideas below

What do you love about parks today?

How often do you visit parks in Anna?

ONE THING you wish we had in Anna is...

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## What parks are missing in Anna?



Place a dot ( ) on your preferred option

### Neighborhood Parks



Medium-sized parks with neighborhood access to playgrounds, sports fields or courts, trails, and areas for family functions.

### Community Parks



Larger parks that are accessible by car and serve a broader population than neighborhood parks. These parks include active and passive activities.

### Regional Parks



Parks that serve the community at large. They provide recreational amenities for the entire community and the surrounding areas.

### Greenbelt or Linear Parks



Parks located along natural or man-made features (e.g., creeks, abandoned railroads). They include trails for walking and biking access.

### Special Use Parks



Parks oriented towards a single purpose. This includes dog parks, skate parks, and/or community gardens. These amenities may also be located within community/regional parks.

### Open Space



Areas of land that are undeveloped, natural, or minimally developed. This can include nature parks, reserves, meadows, forests, and other natural landscapes.

## Help us Prioritize Improvements!



Use 3 sticker dots to mark your TOP THREE improvements for the next 5 years.

- 1 Upgraded Playgrounds
- 2 Additional Restrooms in Parks
- 3 New Pavilions and Picnic Shelters
- 4 Upgraded Sports Fields and Facilities
- 5 New Trails and Sidewalks
- 6 More Shaded Areas and Trees
- 7 Trail Connections to Other Parks and Neighborhoods
- 8 Dog Park
- 9 Playgrounds for Toddlers/Smaller Children
- 10 Publicly Accessible Pools

***NEXT STEPS***

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- **Continue Work on Recommendations**
- **Put Together Final Document**

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