

Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Master Plan

Research & Analysis Presentation

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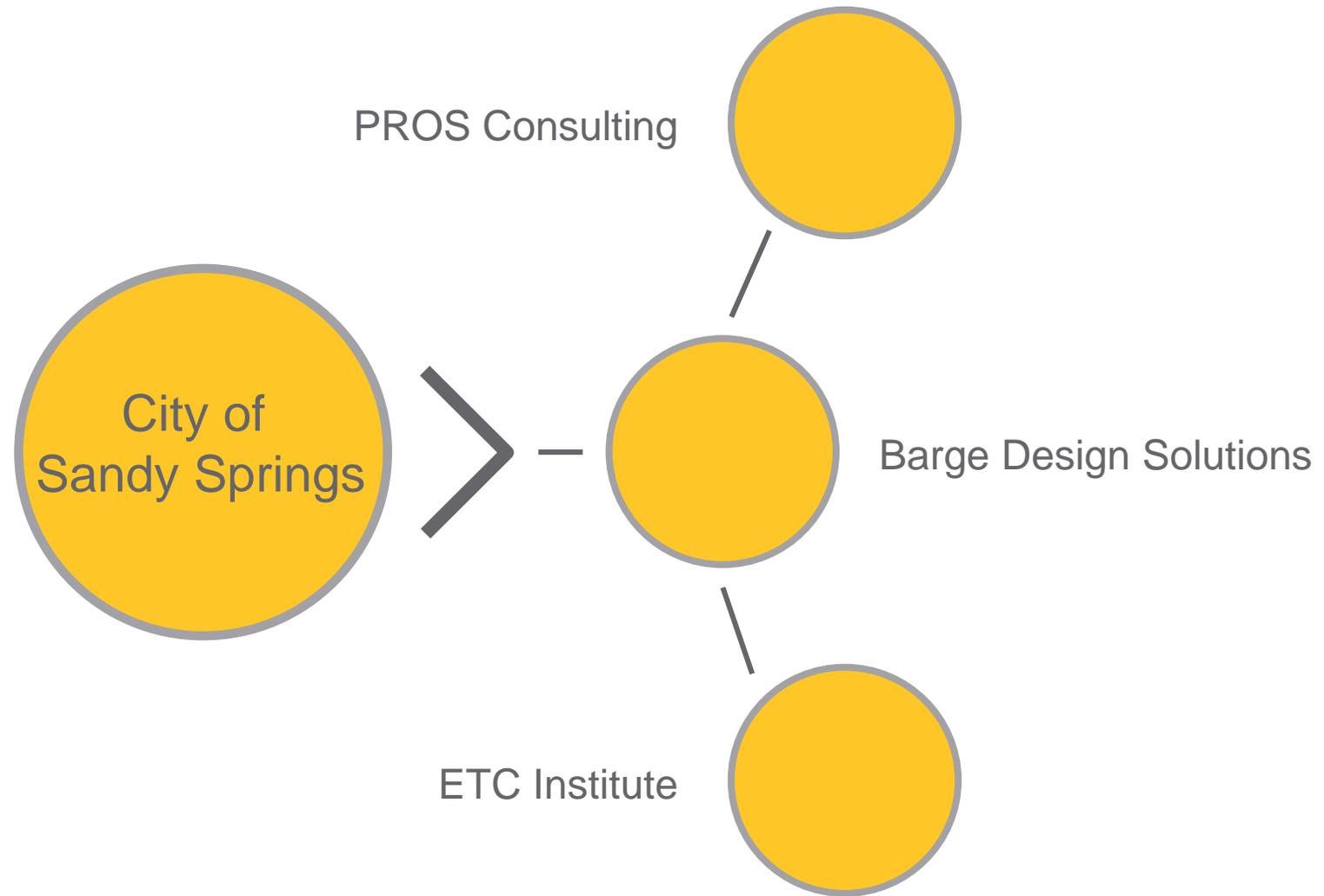
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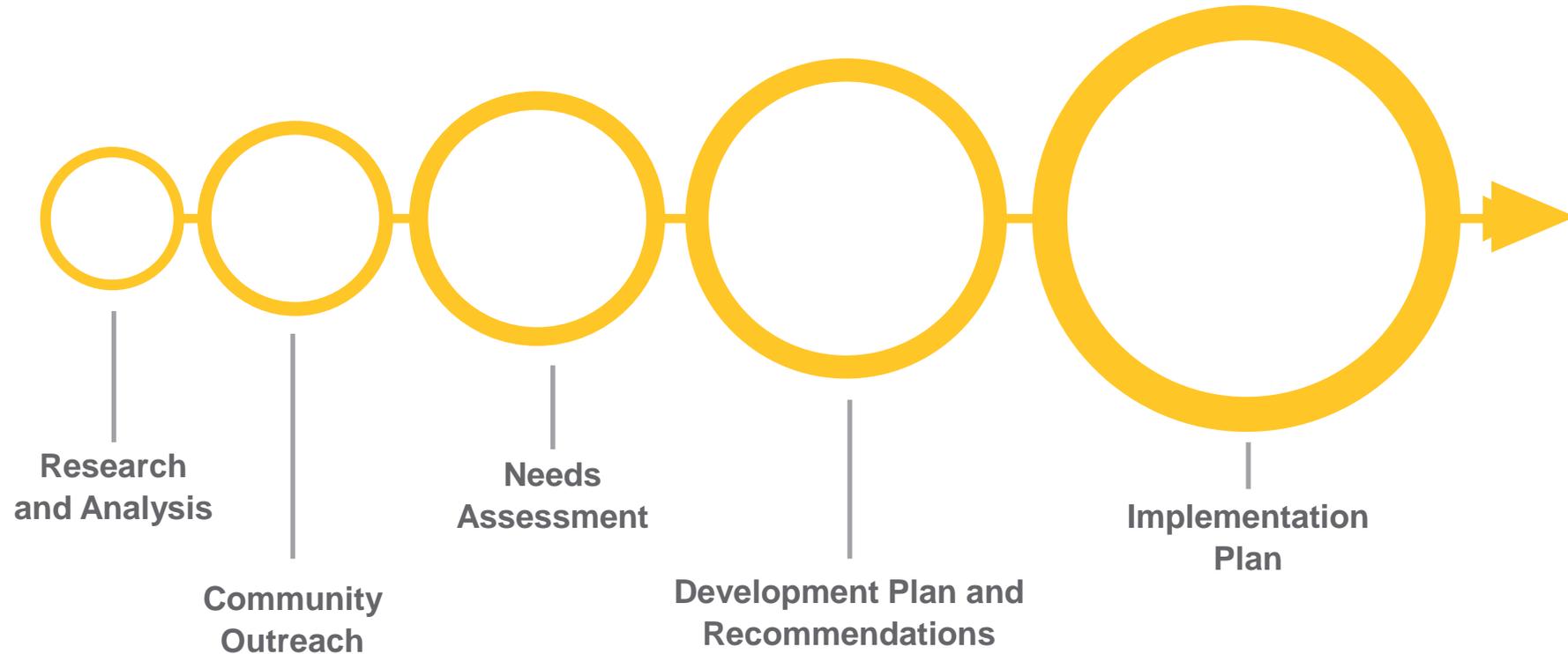


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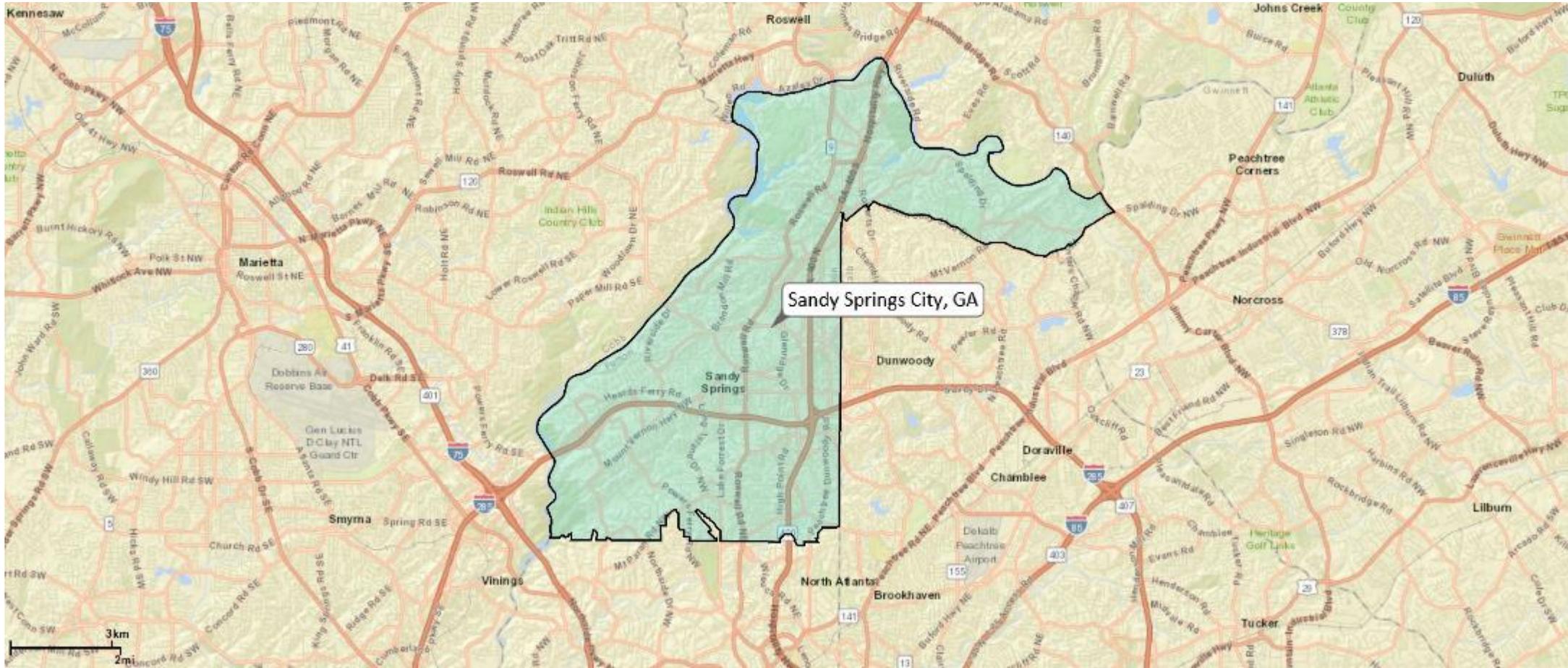
- Summary of the Process
- Demographics & Trend Analysis
- Existing Park Inventory
- Brainstorming Ideas
- Next Steps
- Dotmocracy and Map Exercise



Planning Process

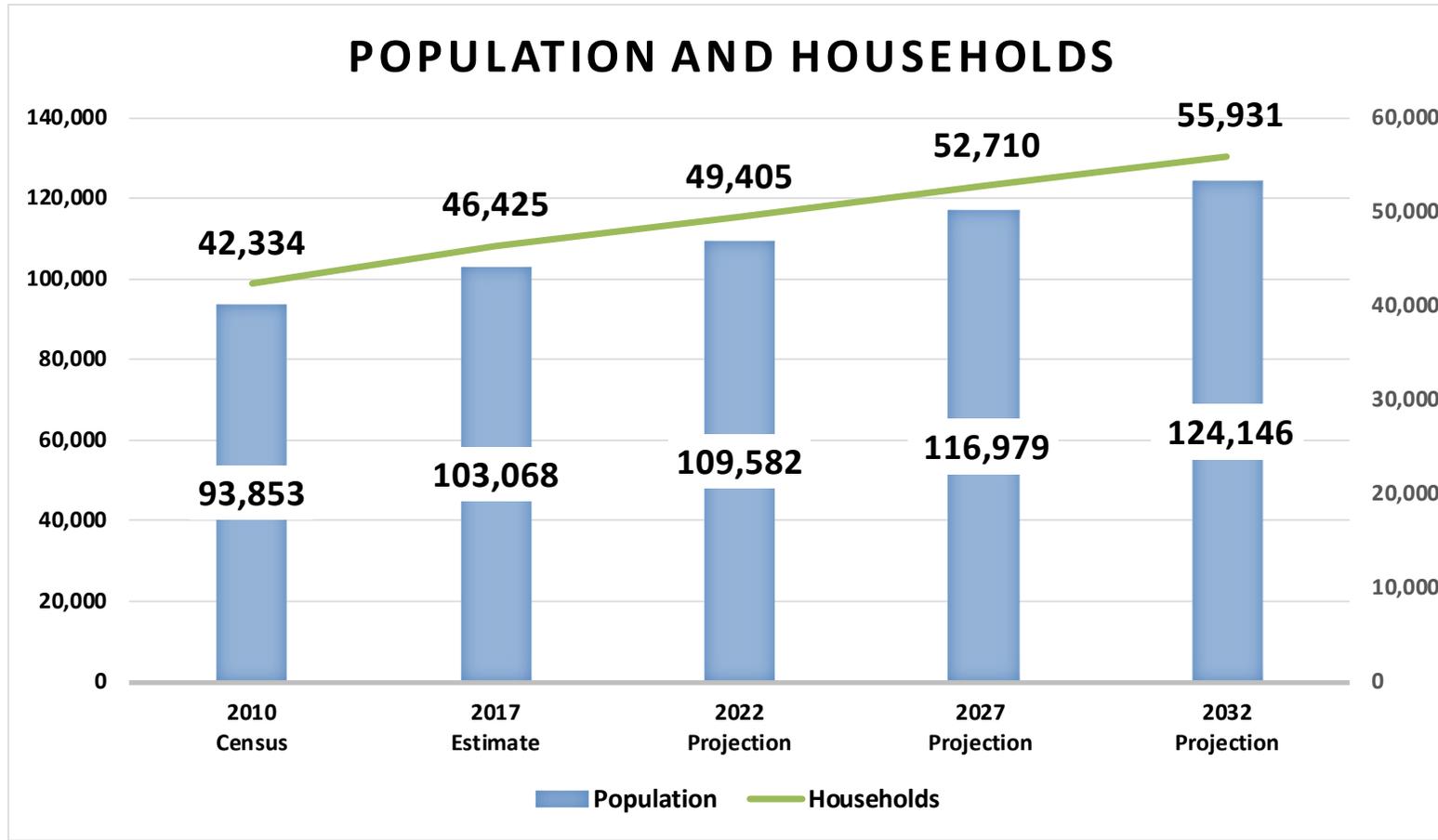


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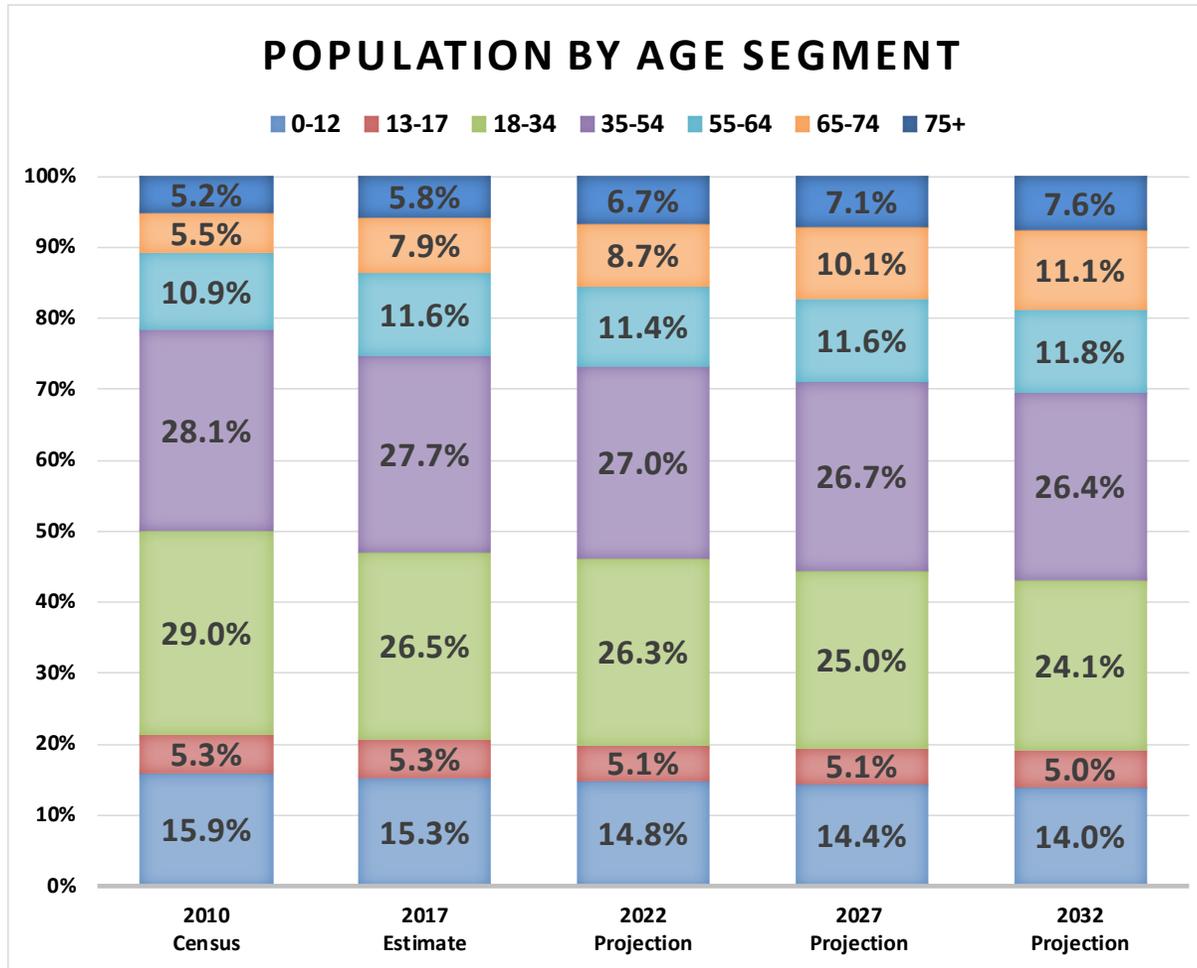


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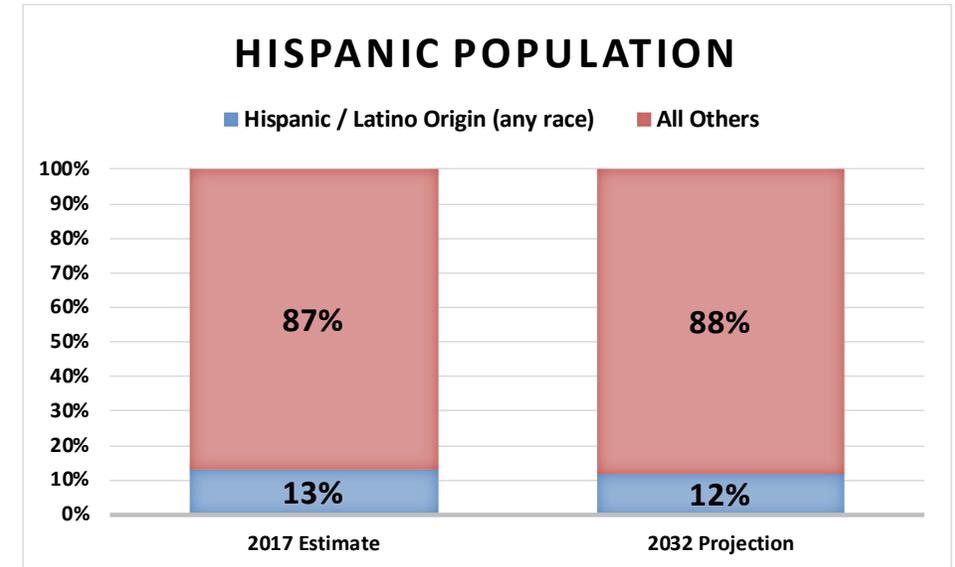
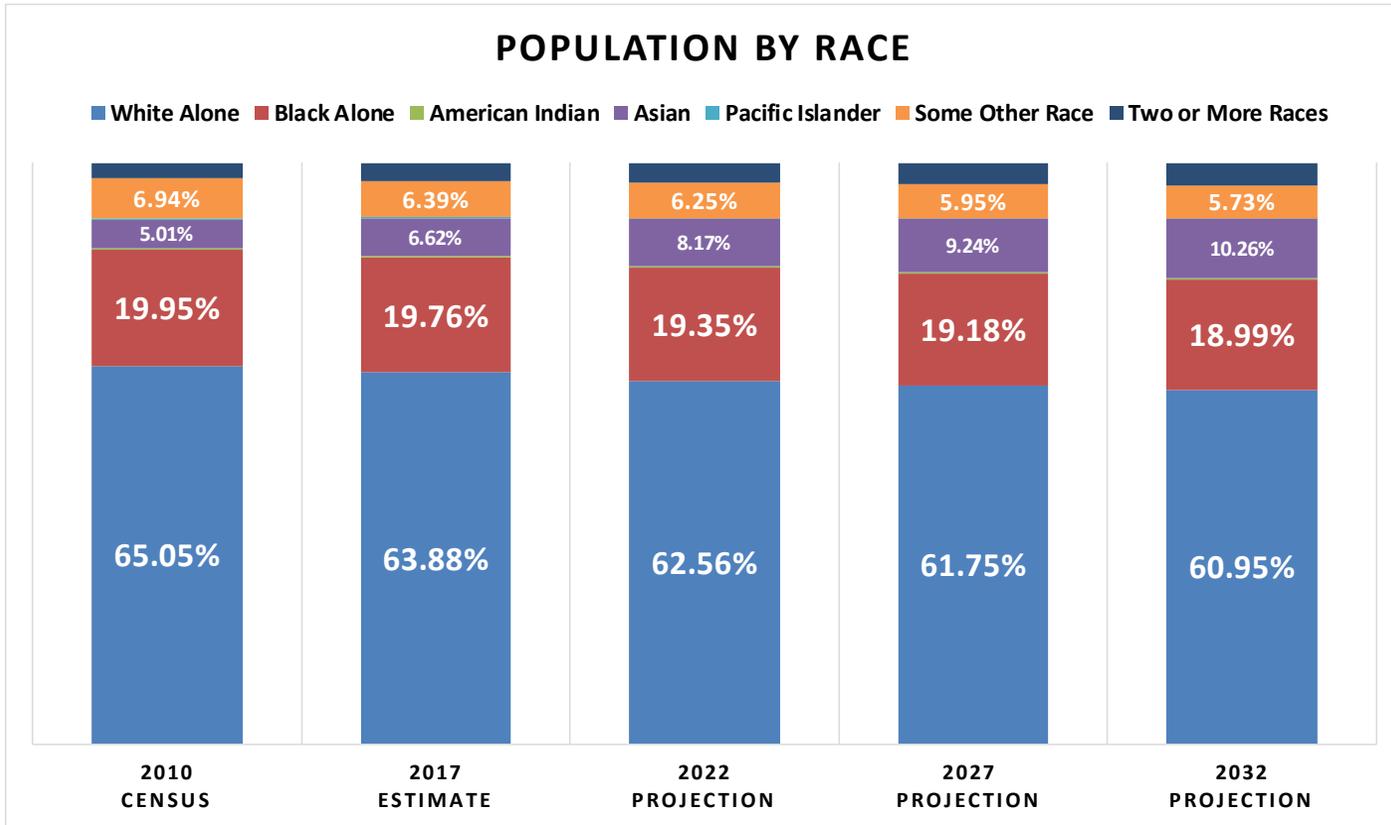
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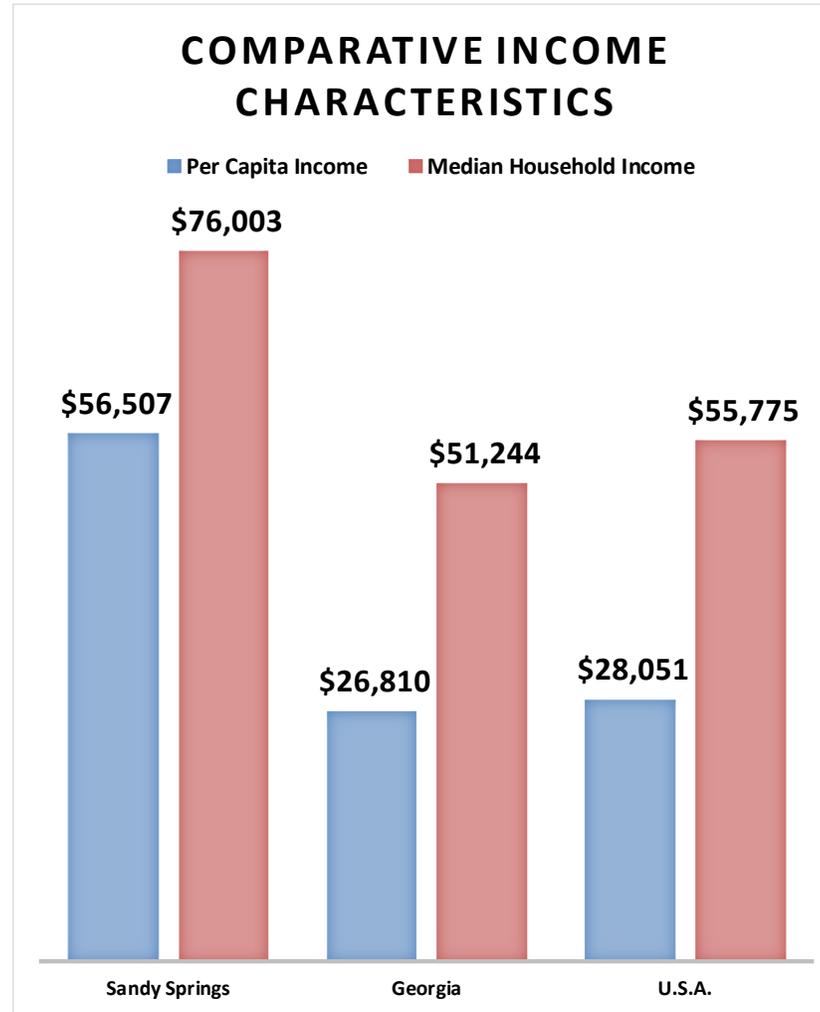
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Review of Existing Park Inventory

Sandy Springs Parks Map

Pocket Parks:

- 21 Eagle Park
- 13 Ed Morey Memorial Park
- 4 Grace Park

Neighborhood Parks:

- 2 Abernathy Park
- 1 Allen Road Park
- 28 Marsh Creek Rain Garden

Community Parks:

- 3 Hammond Park
- 10 Morgan Falls Overlook Park
- 11 Ridgeview Park

Natural Resource Areas:

- 2 Big Trees Forest Preserve
- 6 Johnson Ferry Road North Greenspace
- 29 Johnson Ferry Road South Greenspace
- 14 Lost Corner Preserve

Greenways:

- 19 Abernathy Greenway North
- 30-32 Abernathy Greenway South

Sports Complex:

- 12 Morgan Falls Athletic Fields

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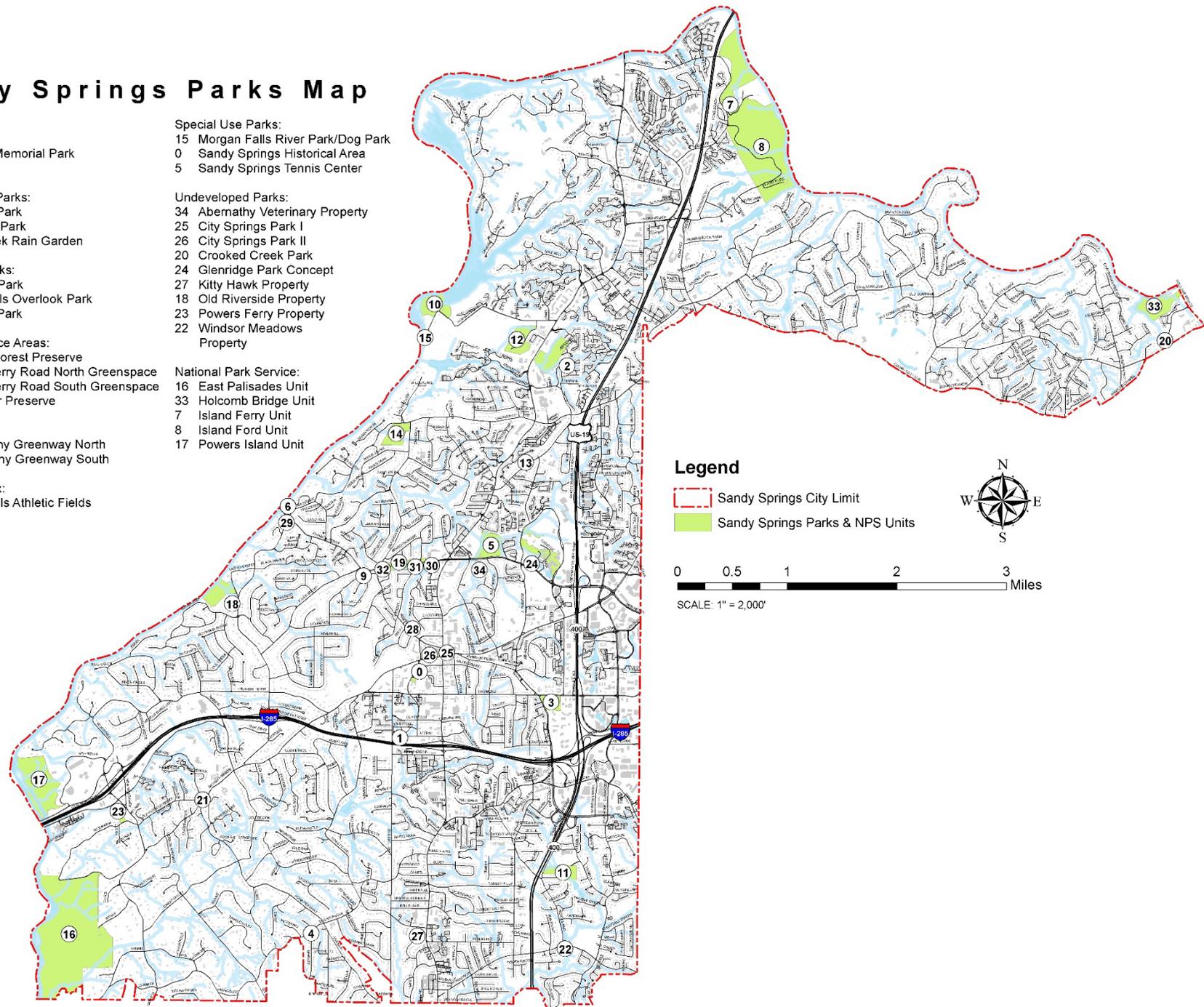
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- 0 Sandy Springs Historical Area
- 5 Sandy Springs Tennis Center

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- 25 City Springs Park I
- 26 City Springs Park II
- 20 Crooked Creek Park
- 24 Glenridge Park Concept
- 27 Kitty Hawk Property
- 18 Old Riverside Property
- 23 Powers Ferry Property
- 22 Windsor Meadows Property

National Park Service:

- 16 East Palisades Unit
- 33 Holcomb Bridge Unit
- 7 Island Ferry Unit
- 8 Island Ford Unit
- 17 Powers Island Unit



Legend

- Sandy Springs City Limit
- Sandy Springs Parks & NPS Units



SCALE: 1" = 2,000'

Parks Condition Assessments



Sandy Springs Parks Gap Analysis

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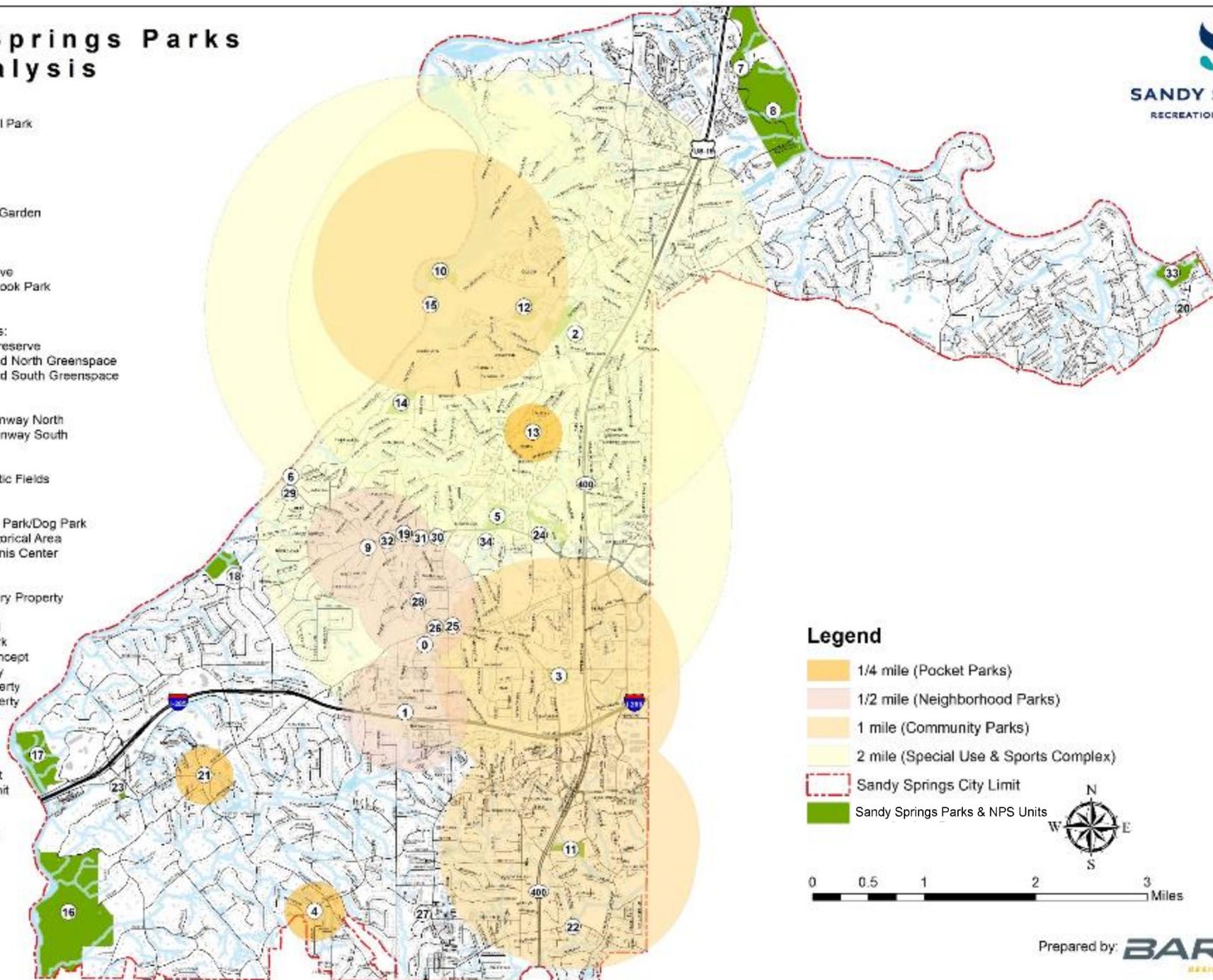
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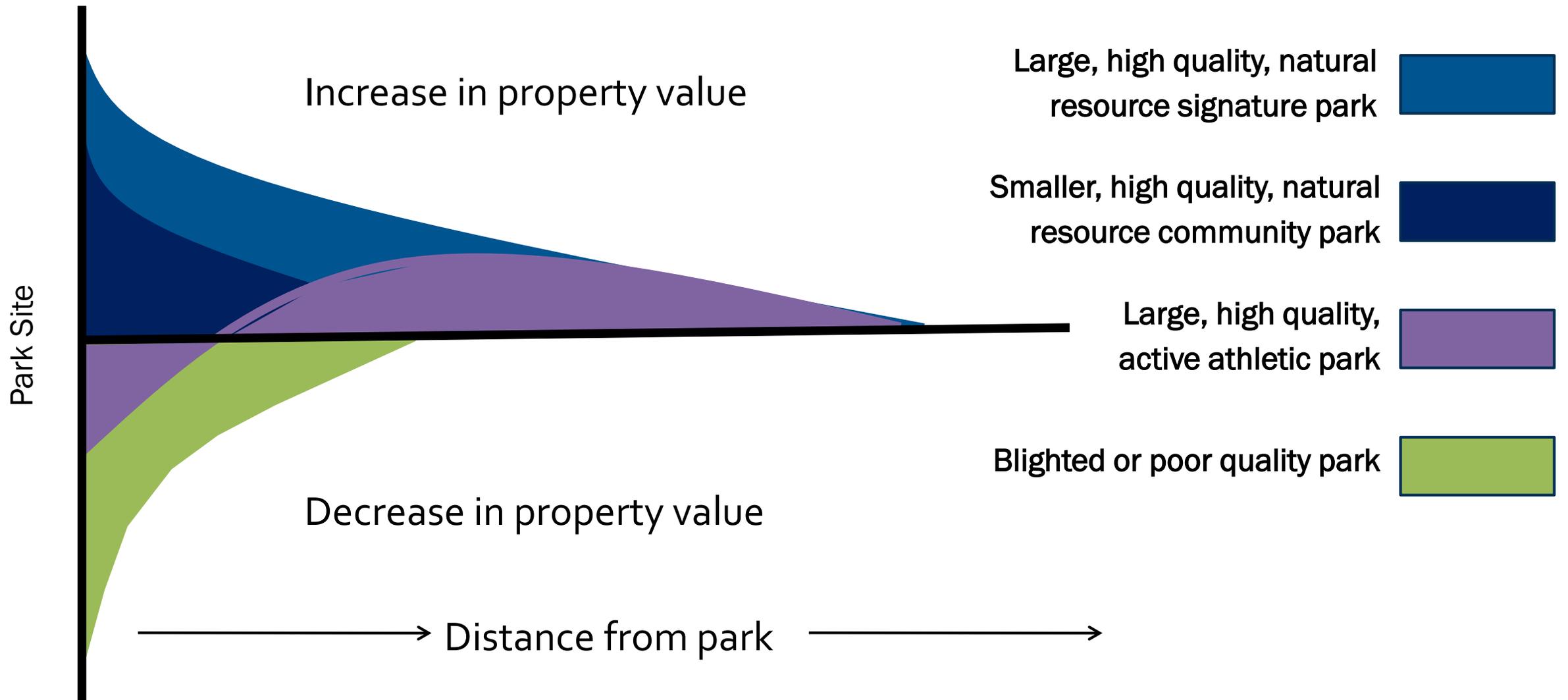
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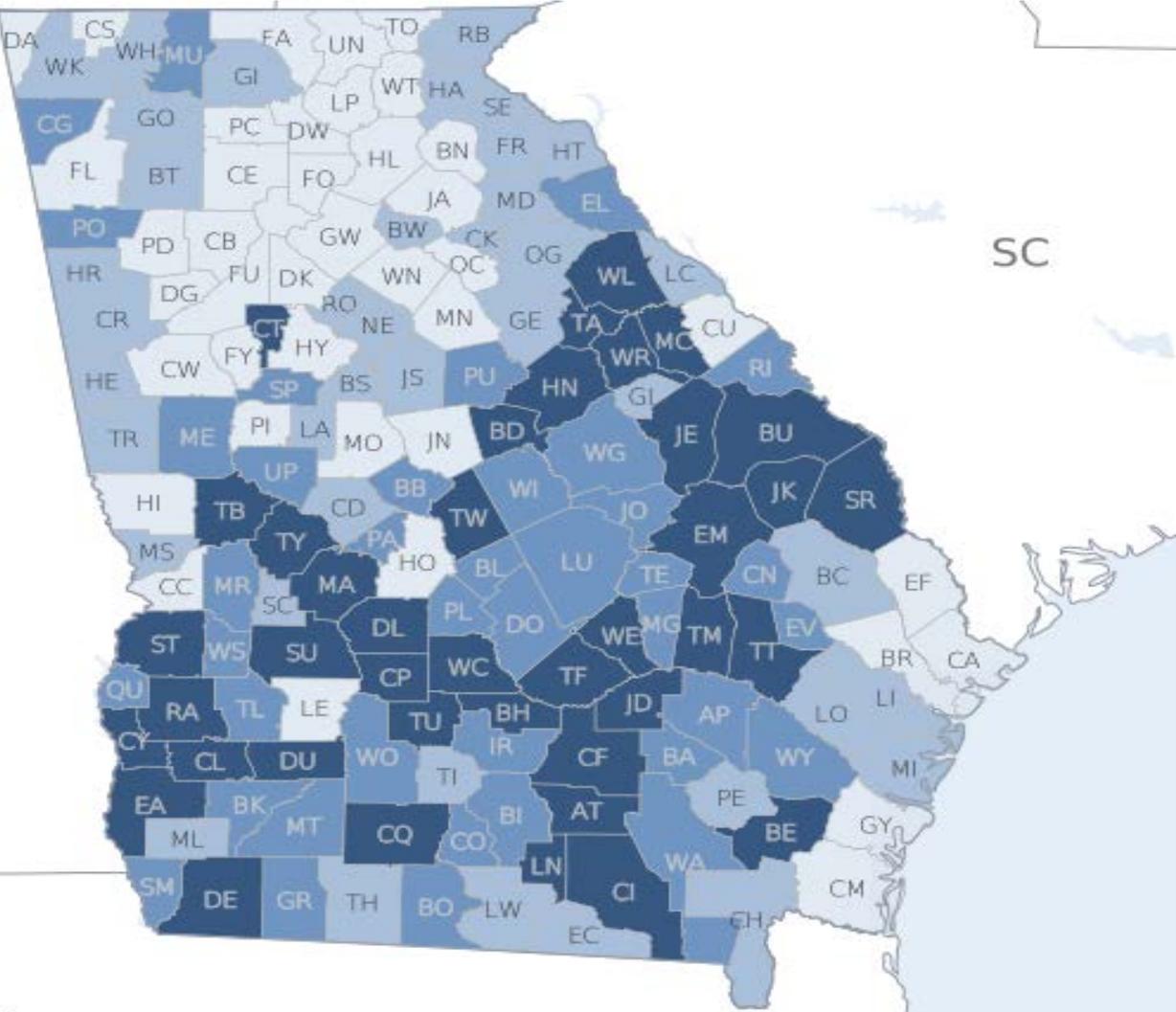
Benefits of Parks & Recreation

Economic Benefits

Impact of Parks on Property Values



Overall Rankings in Health Factors



Rank	County
1	Oconee (OC)
2	Forsyth (FO)
3	Fayette (FY)
4	Columbia (CU)
5	Cobb (CB)
6	Cherokee (CE)
7	Union (UN)
8	Harris (HI)
9	Gwinnett (GW)
10	Pickens (PC)
11	Towns (TO)
12	Bryan (BR)
13	Dawson (DW)
14	Paulding (PD)
15	Jackson (JA)
16	Lee (LE)
17	Coweta (CW)
18	White (WT)
19	Fulton (FU)
20	Henry (HY)

RANK 1 - 24 25 - 48 49 - 71 72 - 95 Not Ranked (NR)

County Health Rankings & Roadmaps
 Building a Culture of Health, County by County

A Robert Wood Johnson Foundation program

Source: www.countyhealthrankings.org

Public input

Focus Group Meetings

Some strengths we have heard...

- Good variety of parks
- Natural resources (tree canopy, river)
- Strong tax base
- Community involvement
- Diversity of the community

Some challenges we have heard...

- Lack of connectivity
- The City is “spread-out”
- Few access points to the river
- High cost of land
- Few funding sources for parks

What is YOUR vision for Sandy Springs?



Photo Source: www.meetmeatthepark.org

Is it more picnics and pavilion spaces?



Walk and Bicycling Amenities



Community Centers



Splash Pad and Playgrounds



Sport Fields



Other ideas?

Pickleball



Lacrosse



Cricket



Maybe?

Ropes Course



Zip Line



Disc Golf



Next Steps

Statistically-Valid Survey

Example Questions

9. Please indicate if you or any member of your household has a need for each of the Parks and Recreation programs listed below by circling either "Yes" or "No" (when considering your needs, you are not limited to programs currently offered in West Sacramento). If "Yes", please rate how well your need for programs of this type are being met using a scale of 1 to 5, where 5 means they are "100% Met" and 1 means "0% Met".

Type of program:	Do you have a need for this program?		If "Yes", how well are your needs being met?				
	Yes	No	100% Met	75% Met	50% Met	25% Met	0% Met
01. Tennis lessons and leagues	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
03. Programs for people with special needs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
04. Community special events	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
05. Golf lessons/clinics	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
06. Outdoor environmental programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
07. Youth Learn to Swim programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
08. Water fitness programs/Lap swimming	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
09. Recreation/competitive swim team	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
10. Youth Enrichment Programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
11. After school programs/Out of School Camps	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
12. Youth basketball/volleyball programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
13. Adult basketball/volleyball programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
14. Sand volleyball programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
15. Youth soccer programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
16. Youth Baseball/Softball programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
17. Performing arts programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
18. Youth Football programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
19. Youth Lacrosse programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
20. Fitness and Wellness programs	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1
21. Senior programs and services	Yes	No	5	4	3	2	1

11. The following is a list of actions the City of West Sacramento could take to improve the parks, trails, and recreation system. Please indicate your support for each potential action by circling the corresponding number to the right of the item.

Types of Improvements:	Very Supportive	Somewhat Supportive	Not Sure	Not Supportive
Improvements to Existing Facilities				
01. Repair parks	4	3	2	1
02. Improve existing athletic fields	4	3	2	1
03. Improve existing trail System	4	3	2	1
04. Add trails/walking loops in existing parks	4	3	2	1
05. Improve existing outdoor pools/aquatic centers	4	3	2	1
06. Improve existing recreation buildings (Community Center, Recreation Center)	4	3	2	1
07. Improve boat access to the river	4	3	2	1
08. Incorporate public art into existing facilities	4	3	2	1
Developing New Facilities				
09. Purchase land to preserve open space	4	3	2	1
10. Develop new parks	4	3	2	1
11. Develop a new sports complex (baseball, soccer, softball, etc.)	4	3	2	1
12. Develop a new off-leash dog park	4	3	2	1
13. Develop a new environmental education center	4	3	2	1
14. Develop new walking, biking trails	4	3	2	1
15. Develop new plaza area for community events	4	3	2	1
16. Develop an outdoor adventure area (ropes course, zipline, etc.)	4	3	2	1
17. Develop new indoor recreation facilities	4	3	2	1

We need YOUR input

Dotmocracy, Map and Comments Cards

Sandy Springs Parks and Rec Comment Card

Your Name: _____

Please provide us with your comments on the future of parks and recreation in the City: _____





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