



**City of  
McMinnville**

# City of McMinnville Parks, Recreation, and Open Space Master Plan

## Project Update: Community Needs and Future Vision

June 2023



# Agenda Overview

1. Process and Schedule Update
2. Existing System Highlights
3. Community Needs and Key Themes
4. Vision and Goals Exercise
5. Next steps

# Purpose of the PROS Plan

- Update inventory and existing conditions
- Document needs and priorities
- Identify community-supported vision and goals
- Recommend projects and policies for next 20-years



# Planning Process and Community Engagement

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Winter 2023  
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  - System Inventory
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  - Website Launch
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**02** Winter -  
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**ASSESSMENT**



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  - Stakeholder Interviews and Focus Groups
  - Park Accessibility and Equity Analysis
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**STRATEGY**



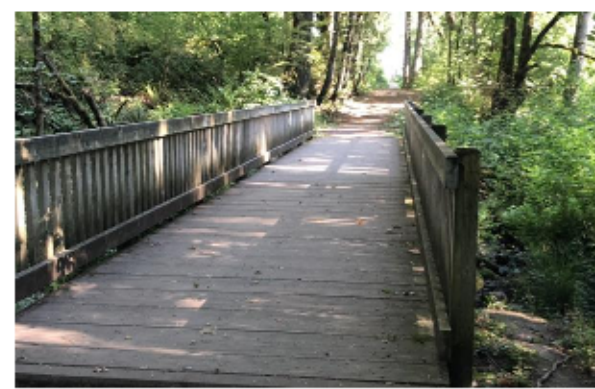
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# Elements of the Park System



# Park Types

## Mini-Parks/Playlots



Kingwood Park

## Neighborhood Parks



Chegwyn Farms Park

## Community Parks



Discovery Meadows Park

## Linear/Trail Parks



Westside Trail

## Undeveloped/Open Space



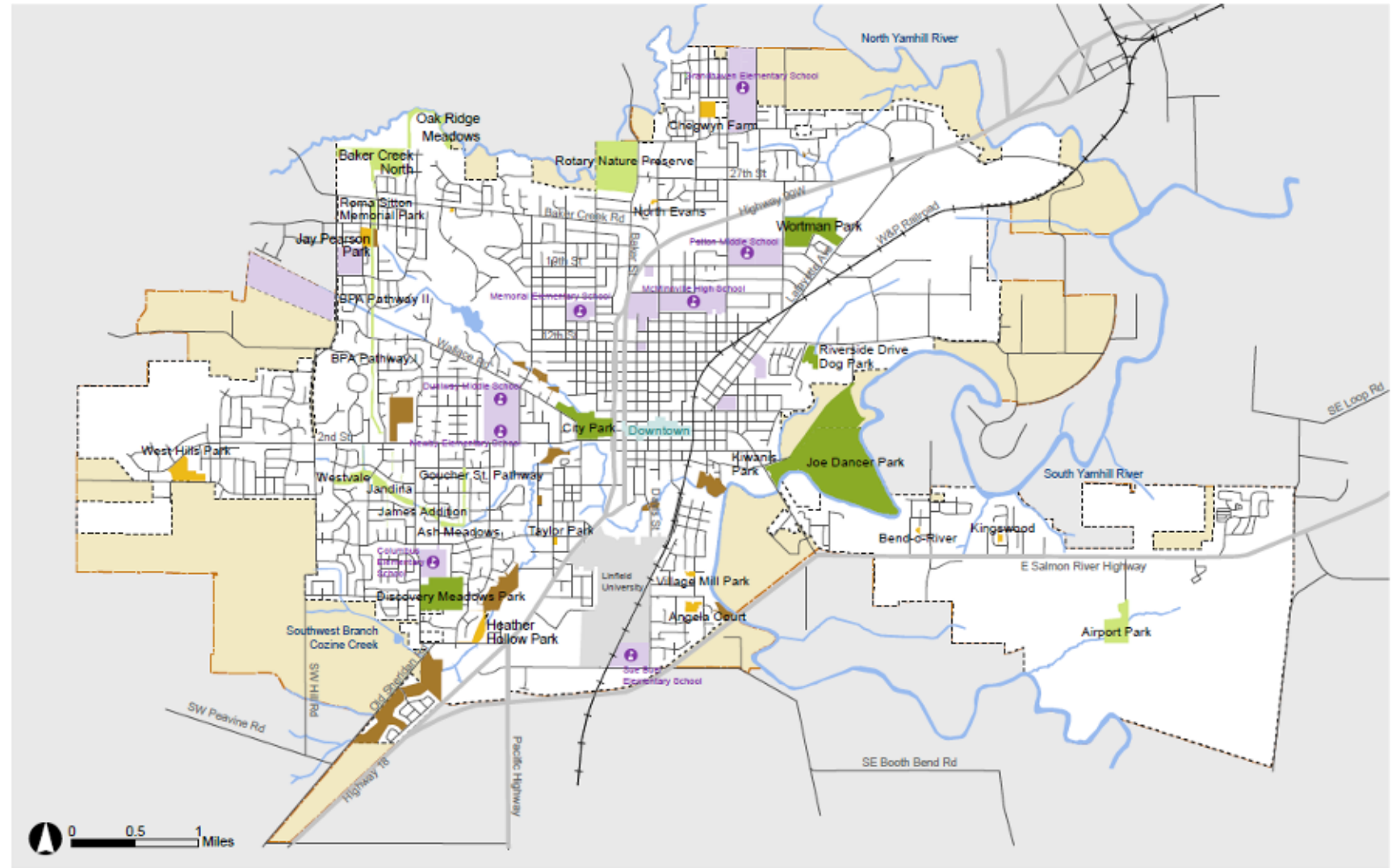
Quarry Park

## Developed Parks:

- 28 total sites
- 230 acres
- 6.6 acres/1,000 residents

## Total Park System:

- 48 total sites
- 305 acres
- 8.8 acres/1,000 residents



### Park and Recreation Facilities

- Community Parks
- Mini-Parks/Playlots
- Linear/Trail Parks
- Undeveloped Parks/Open Space

### Base Map Features

- Major Streets
- Streets
- + + + Railroads

- Ⓧ School District Property
- Water Bodies
- City Boundary
- Urban Growth Boundary



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**Map 1: Existing Parks and Recreation System**

# Council Meetings: June 2022 and March 2023

## Questions:

- Understanding level of service
- Needs of different age groups
- Address quality of parks
- Facility needs
- Revenue potential

## Opportunities:

- Reimagining older parks
- Parks for all ages (8-80)
- Embracing different cultures
- Connectivity
- Conservation and sustainability



# Community Needs and Key Themes

# Community Engagement to Date

**2,338** survey respondents

**8** in-depth interviews

Focus group meeting with:

Schools

Downtown

Tourism

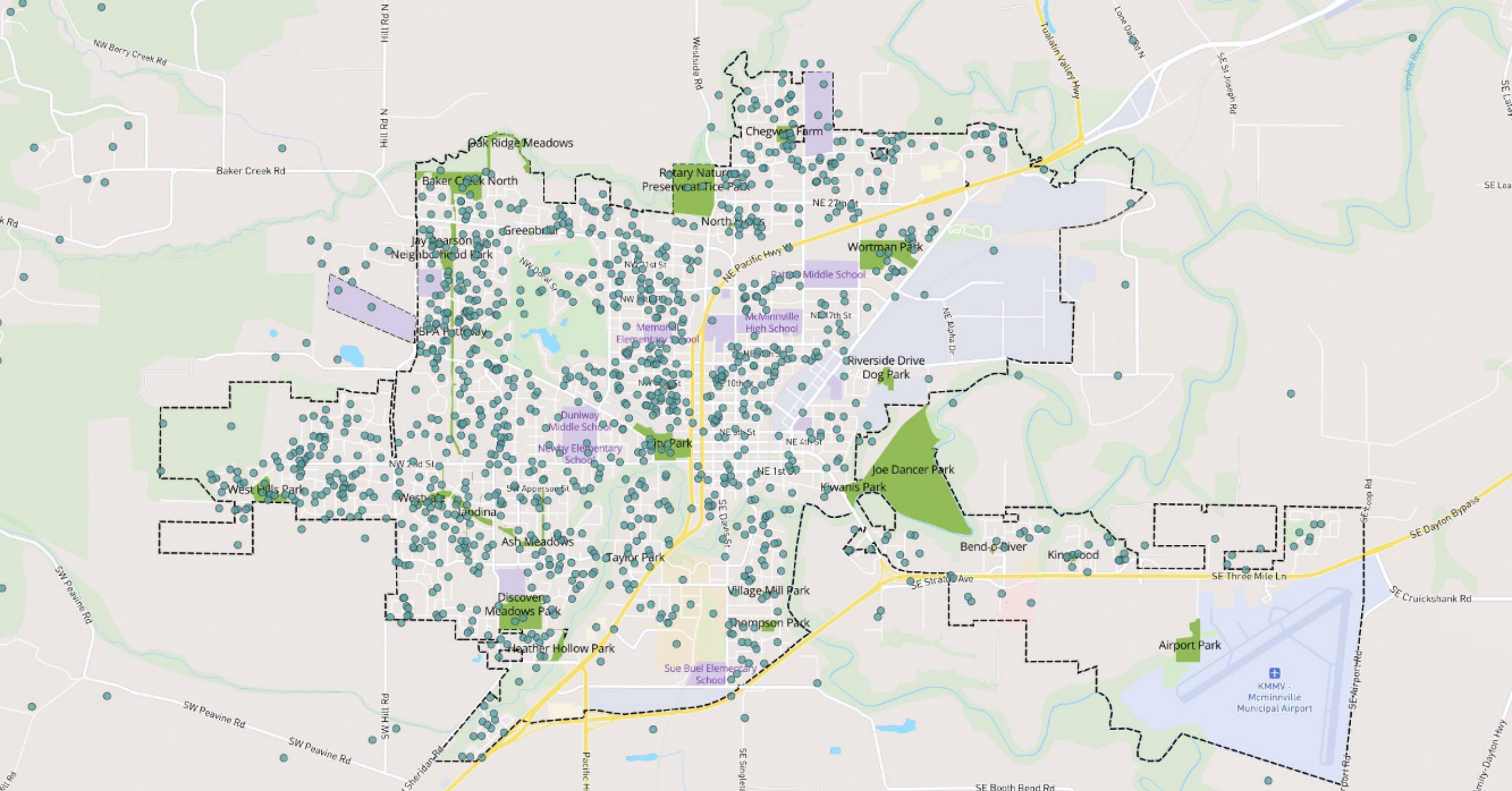
Yamhill County

>> Unidos resource fair pop-up

>> High School students meeting

**6** meetings with City Council, Planning Commission, the DEIAC, McMinnville School District





ONLINE QUESTIONNAIRE RESULTS: "WHERE DO YOU LIVE?"

# Key Themes: Benefits

## Parks are extremely important

Over 95% of people who chose to take the survey rated parks as important or extremely important.

## Parks provide enjoyment

People often visit parks to gather with friends, family, and community; enjoy the outdoors/nature; and to play.

## Parks contribute to physical health

People often visit parks to be active/exercise and most like trails for walking/biking.

## Parks are a big part of daily life

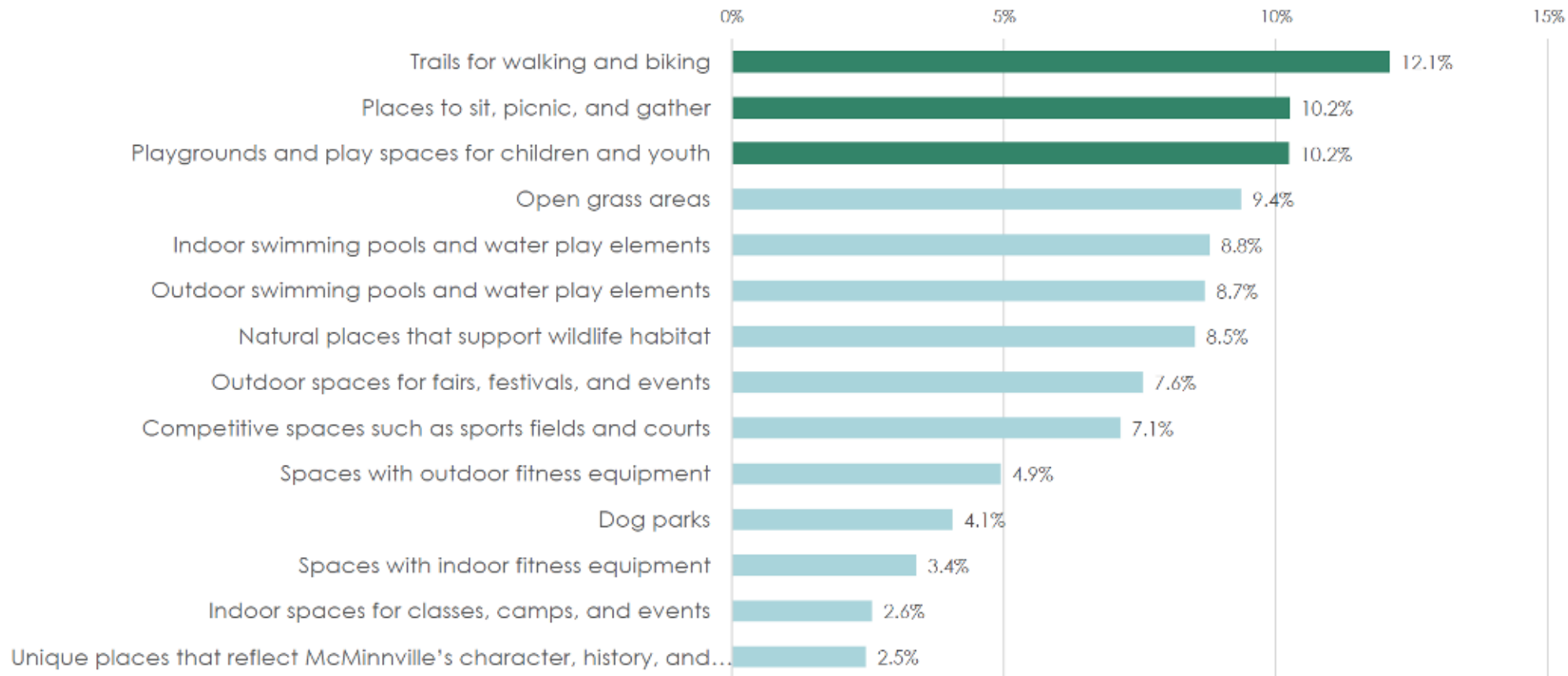
Over 70% of respondents visit parks weekly or more frequently.

*Source: Online survey responses (MIG)*



# Using trails, gathering, playing

In McMinnville or elsewhere, what do you like most in parks?



# Welcoming parks for people of all ages, abilities, incomes, and cultures



# Parks that connect to nature and other recreational opportunities



# Safer parks and public spaces

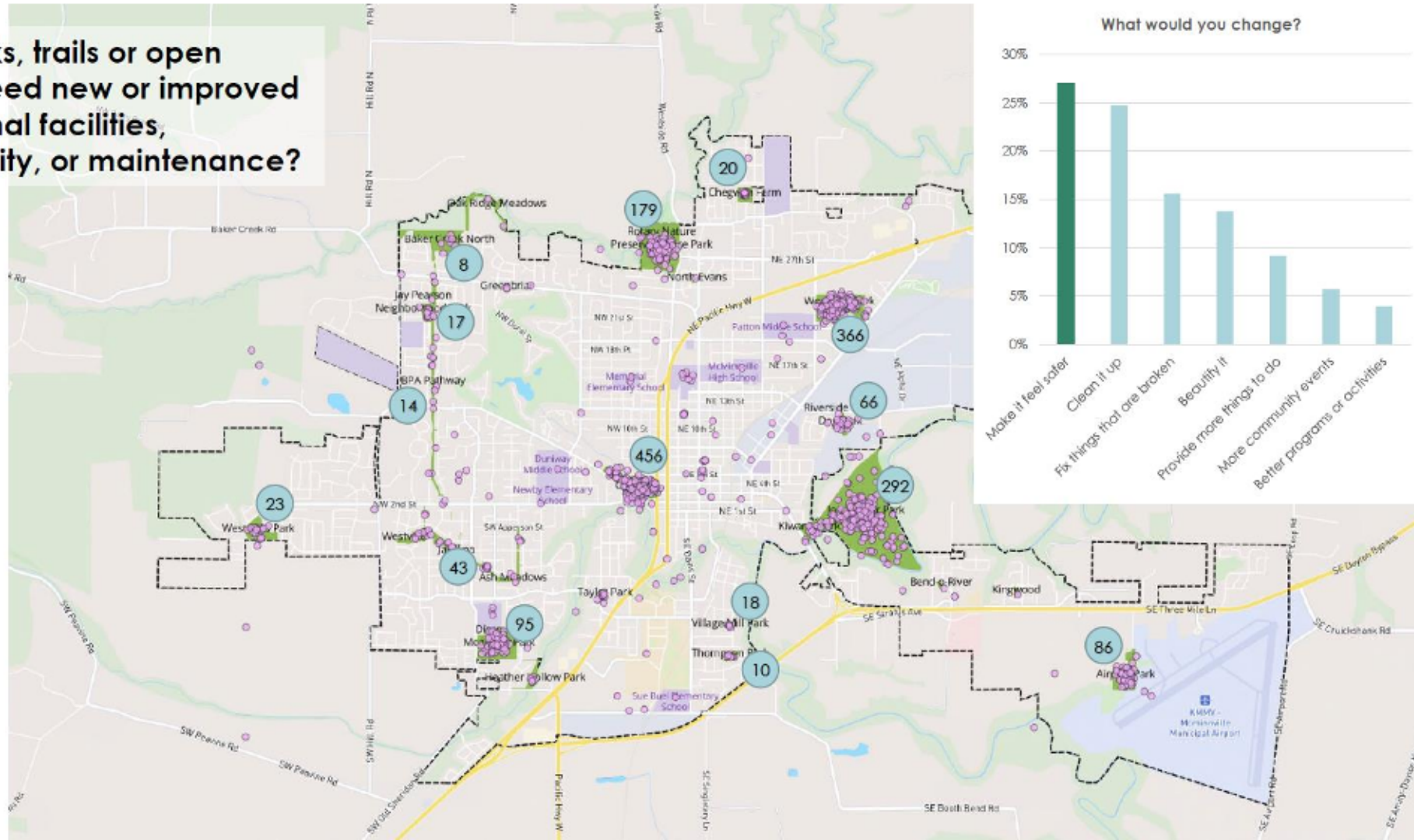




# Reinvesting in aging parks and facilities

What parks, trails or open spaces need new or improved recreational facilities, accessibility, or maintenance?

Respondents  
1,796

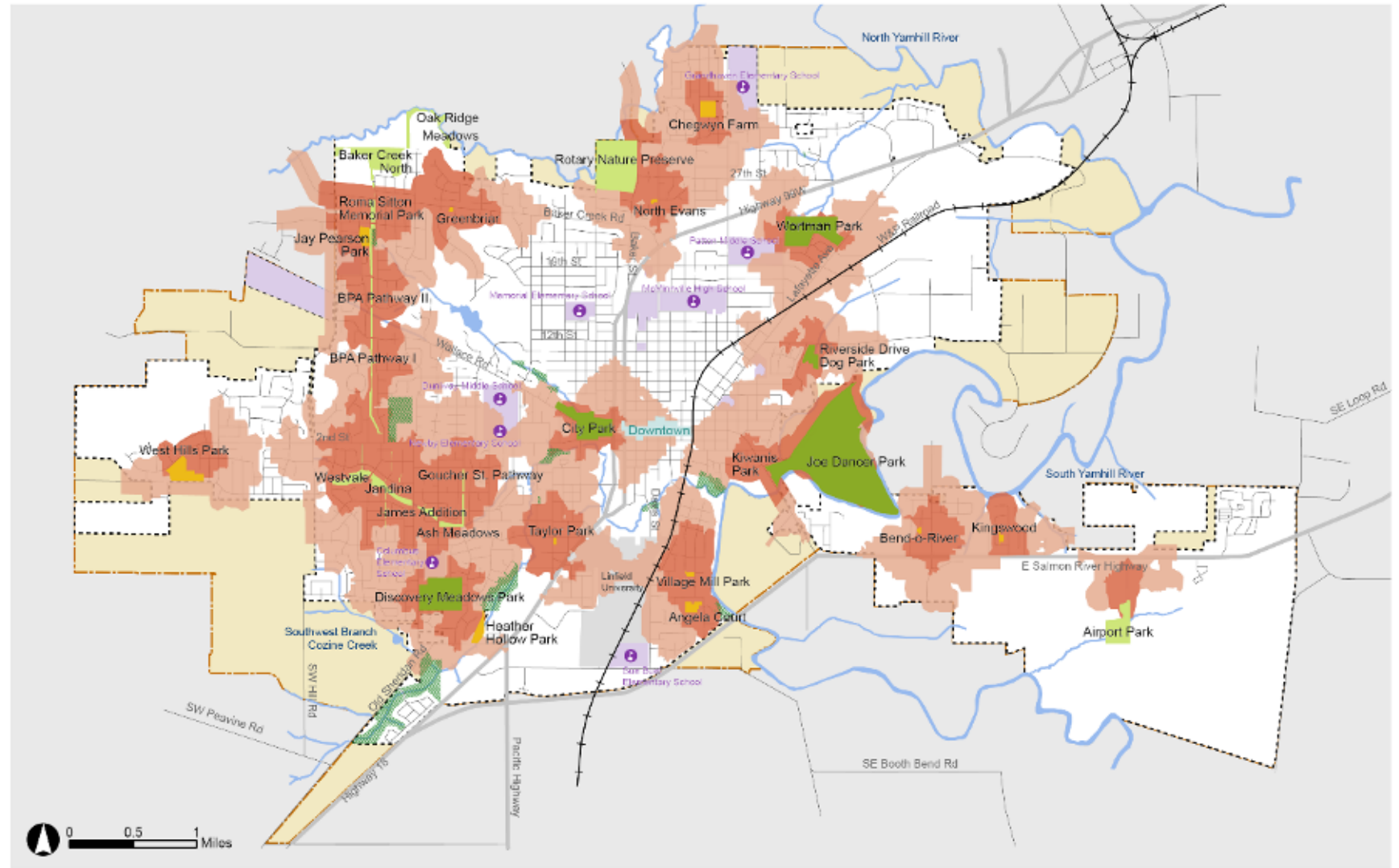


# Equitable park and recreation access

Defined as: the just and fair **quantity, proximity** and **connections** to quality **parks** and **green spaces**, recreation **facilities**, as well as **programs** that are safe, inclusive, culturally relevant and welcoming to everyone.

## Developed Park Access:

- Walkable access to parks in most areas
- Highway and Yamhill River barriers
- Gridded street network
- Schools fill some gaps in underserved areas



### Park and Recreation Facilities

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### Developed Parks Service Area

- 1/4 Mile Walk
- 1/2 Mile Walk

### Base Map Features

- Streets
- Railroads
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M I G Source: City of McMinnville, 2022



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**Developed Parks Service Area**

# Vision and Goals (discussion)

# Future Vision, Goals, and Objectives

- **Vision:** The vision conveys the long-term future that the community aspires to achieve. Based on community needs, it describes the big picture for the future and aspirations for parks and recreation.
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A group of people are dancing at an outdoor event at dusk. In the background, a band is performing on a stage. The scene is illuminated by warm, low-angle light, creating long shadows and a golden glow. The people are dressed in casual summer attire, and the atmosphere appears lively and social. A green lawn chair is visible in the foreground on the right.

## The 1999 Vision:

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## Vision for a Future Parks and Recreation System (from 1999 Plan)

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- Provides diverse opportunities for active, passive, and unprogrammed recreation to all residents;
- Contributes to overall community livability and pride;
- Balances the impacts of growth and increasing density with sufficient facilities;
- Fosters stewardship of natural resources, such as floodplains and waterways;
- Provides equitable distribution of parks and recreation opportunities throughout the City;
- Reduces auto-dependency and enhances recreation opportunities by connecting recreation resources, community destinations, and neighborhoods with trails and greenways;
- Provides positive activities for youth;
- Promotes strong families;
- Helps residents achieve an active, healthy lifestyle;
- Builds and maintains partnerships with area schools and others to provide programs and facilities;
- Provides safe and well-maintained parks and recreation facilities;
- Provides for effective and economically sound management of public resources; and
- Informs residents about their recreation opportunities, and involves them in decision-making.

## Discussion Questions

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