PARKS + REC SITES Where We Are

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ARE IN THE LOUISVILLE PARKS AND REC SYSTEM

6,048 acres in parks, parkways, and greenways plus **6,596 acres** within Jefferson Memorial Forest

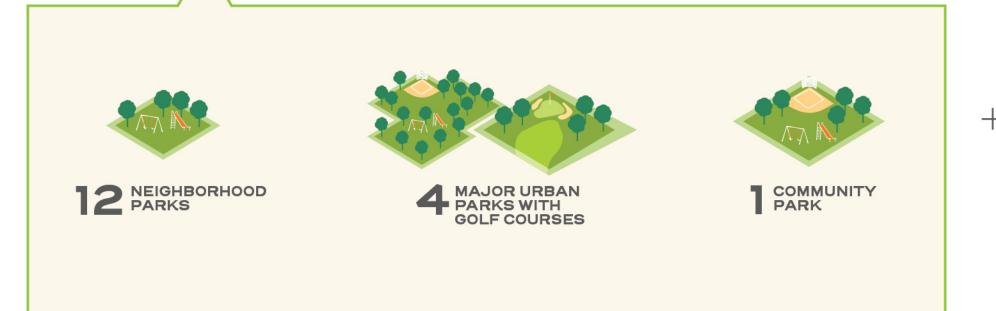
PARKS &

REC SITES



OF THE 120 LOUISVILLE PARKS AND REC PARKS ARE OLMSTED PARKS

THESE PARKS RECEIVE EXTRA SUPPORT FROM OLMSTED PARKS CONSERVANCY





PARK EXPANSION CHEROKEE PARK EXPANSION

OF THE 120 LOUISVILLE PARKS AND REC PARKS ARE NOT OLMSTED PARKS

THESE PARKS RECEIVE EXTRA SUPPORT FROM PARKS ALLIANCE OF LOUISVILLE











NEW PARK MAPLE STREET PARK

ACRES OF LOUISVILLE PARKS AND REC PARKLAND ARE NATURAL AREAS

THESE AREAS RECEIVE EXTRA SUPPORT FROM WILDERNESS LOUISVILLE



ABOUT

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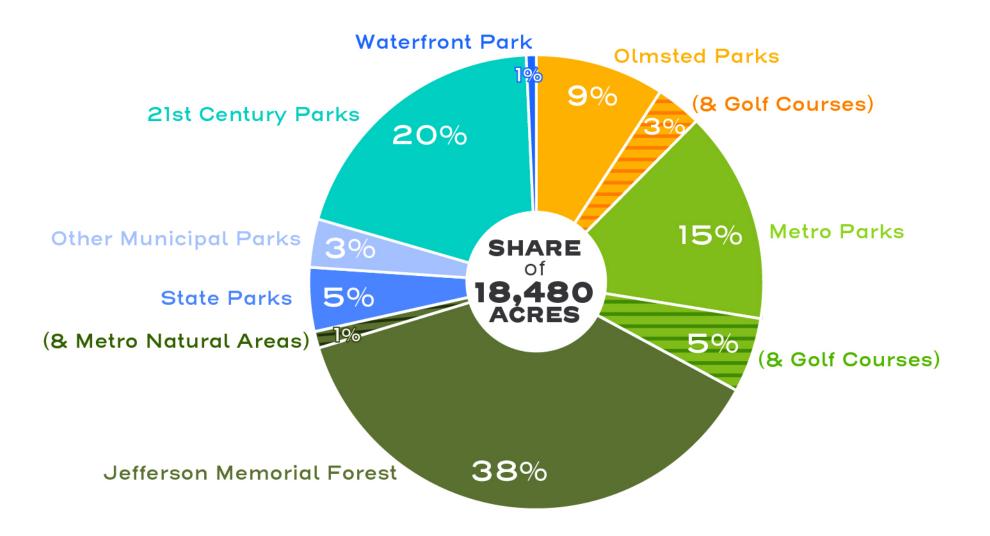


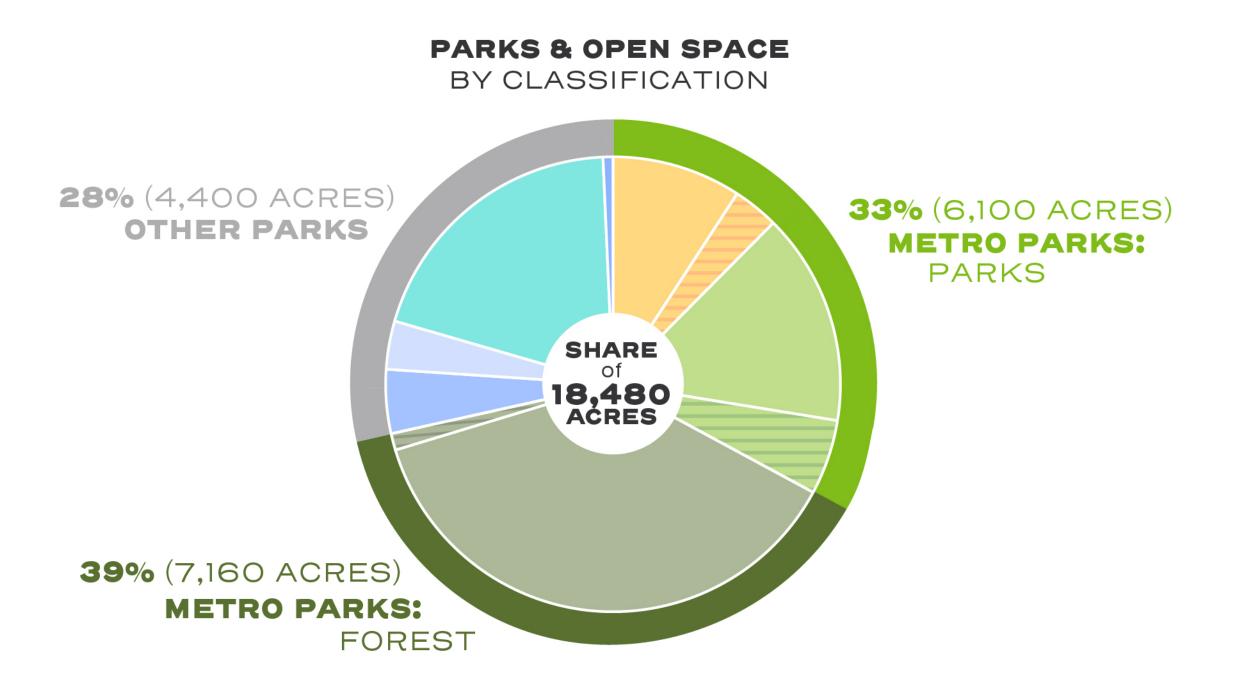


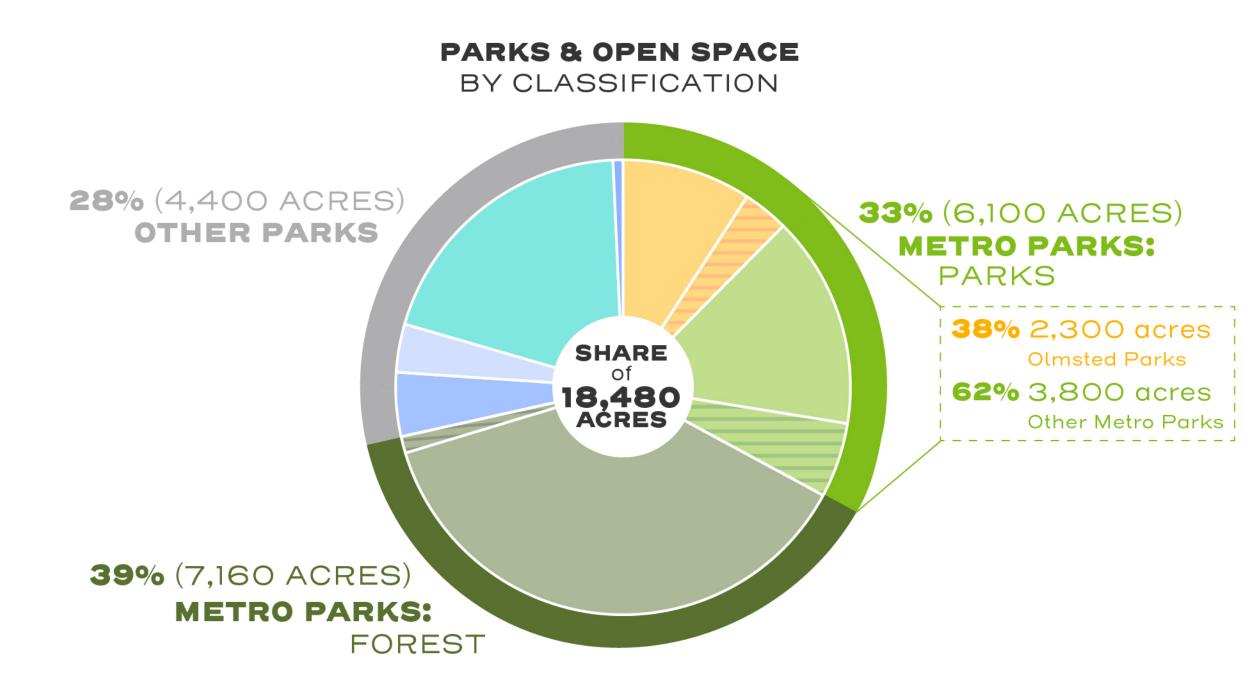
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PARKS & OPEN SPACE BY CLASSIFICATION







HOW LOUISVILLE COMPARES

The Metro Area has invested significantly less in its public park system for decades.

According to a comparison with 17 comparably-sized peer cities (using data from the Trust for Public Land (TPL)):

- Public spending on Lou Parks & Rec is **37%** of the peer-city average (\$40 vs \$107 per resident)
- Total spending (public and private) is **36%** of the peer-city average (\$43 vs \$118 per resident)
- Full time staffing at Lou Parks & Rec is **58%** of the peer-city average (**280** vs **480**); total staffing (full time and part time) is **53%** (**383** vs **720**)
- Lou Parks & Rec's operating budget is 48% of the peer-city average (\$24.6M vs \$50.8M)
- Louisville's **5-year average capital spending** on parks is **55%** of the peer-city average (\$36.4M vs \$66.4M)
- The 5-year average total spending (operations & capital) is 45% of the peer-city average (\$30.6M vs \$68M)

And yet, **Louisville's park system is significantly larger**, with more acres and assets per person. This means **Louisville spends less on parks but has more to maintain**, even excluding Jefferson Memorial Forest.

According to the National Recreation & Parks Association (NRPA):

- Louisville has **13% more public parkland** per 1,000 residents than the average of all park & rec agencies in the US
- **Spending per acre** in Louisville is **47%** (\$1,949 vs \$4,169) compared to all park systems in the US

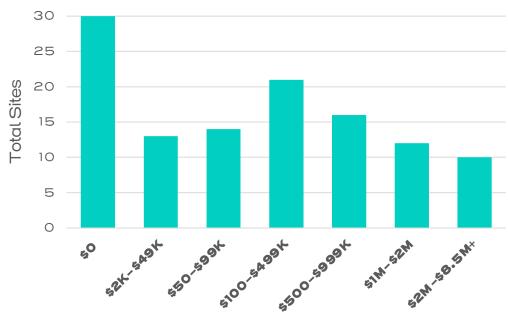
TPL Benchmarks 18 US Cities with Populations 600,000-999,000

Albuquerque, NM Austin, TX Baltimore, MD Boston, MA Columbus, OH Denver, CO Detroit. MI El Paso, TX Fort Worth, TX Jacksonville, FL Las Vegas, NV Louisville, KY Memphis, TN Nashville/Davidson, TN Oklahoma City, OK Portland, OR San Francisco, CA Washington, DC

OVER TIME, LACK OF RESOURCES TAKES A TOLL...

30 sites have received \$0 capital or rehab dollars since merger, resulting in varied conditions across the park system.

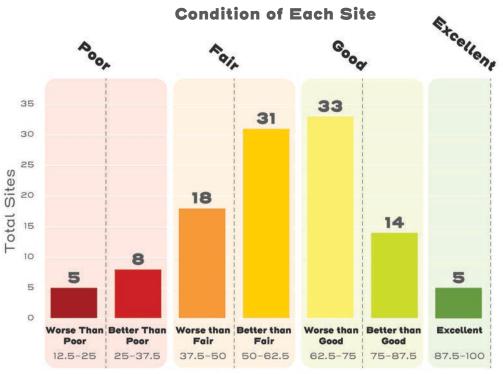
Dollars Invested at Each Site Since Merger



Total Dollars Invested

Capital funding over the past 20 years:

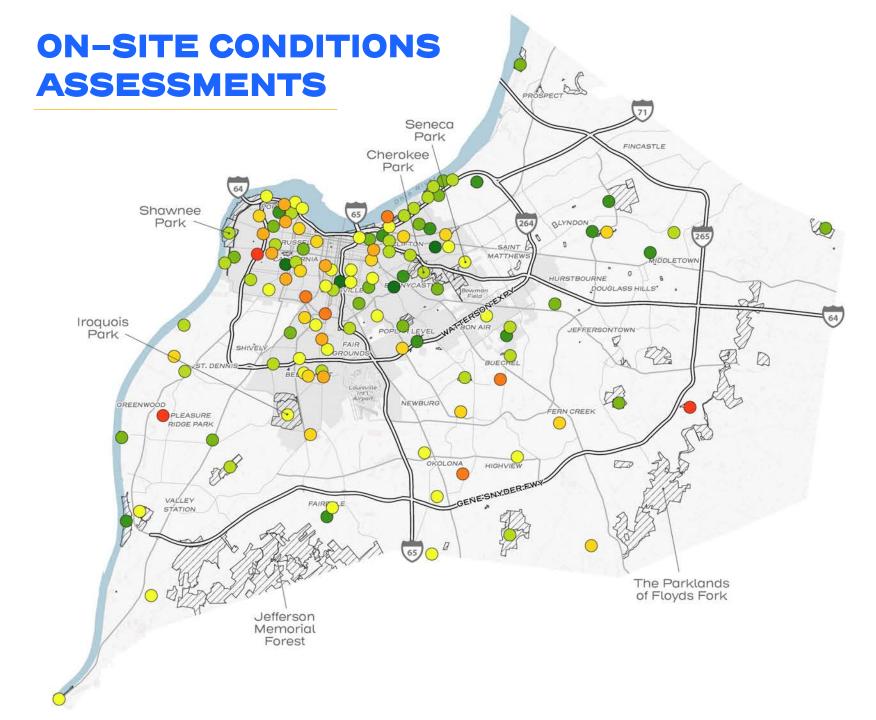
- 26% of parks received \$0
- **50%** of parks received less than **\$100K**
- 67% of parks received less than \$500K



Site Condition Score

Park Condition Scoring:

- 11% (13) are "Poor" (<37.5)
- **43%** (49) are **"Fair"** (37.5–62.5)



Residents in Survey Area 1 (West Louisville) were more likely to rate the condition of parks poorly.

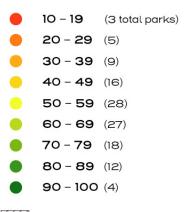
While there are some parks in excellent condition in West Louisville, the site-by-site assessments confirm a higher concentration of parks in worse condition.

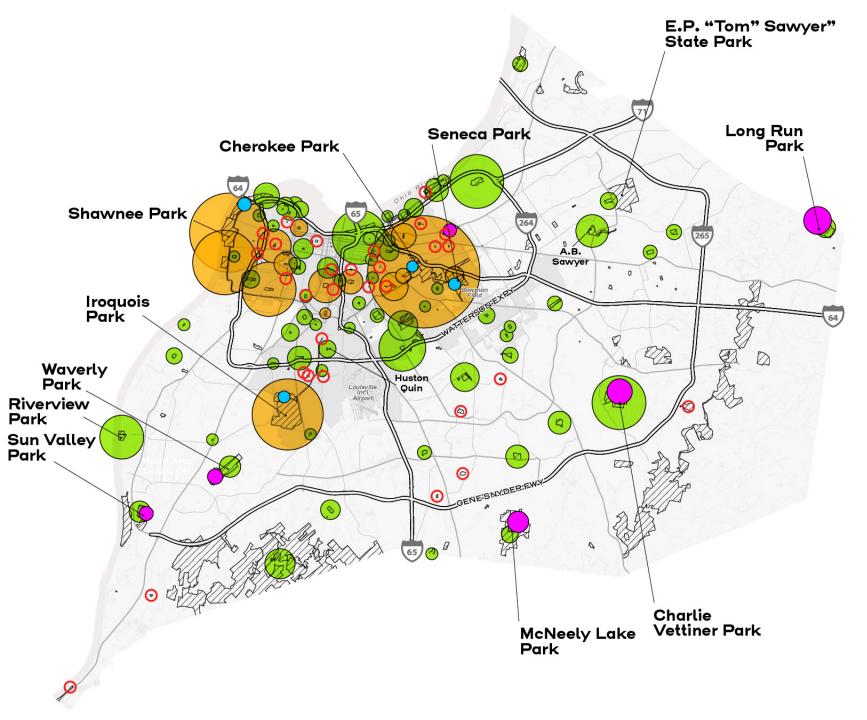
CONDITION OF LOU PARKS & REC PARKS

INTERFACE STUDIO, LOUISVILLE PARKS & REC RECREATION

Parks conditions range from O (worst) to 100 (best).

Scores are calculated using condition data on all park amenities, as well as a survey of general conditions completed by Parks & Rec staff in 2021 and 2022.





CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ALLOCATIONS FROM METRO BUDGET, METRO COUNCIL'S NDF & CIF FUNDS & PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS

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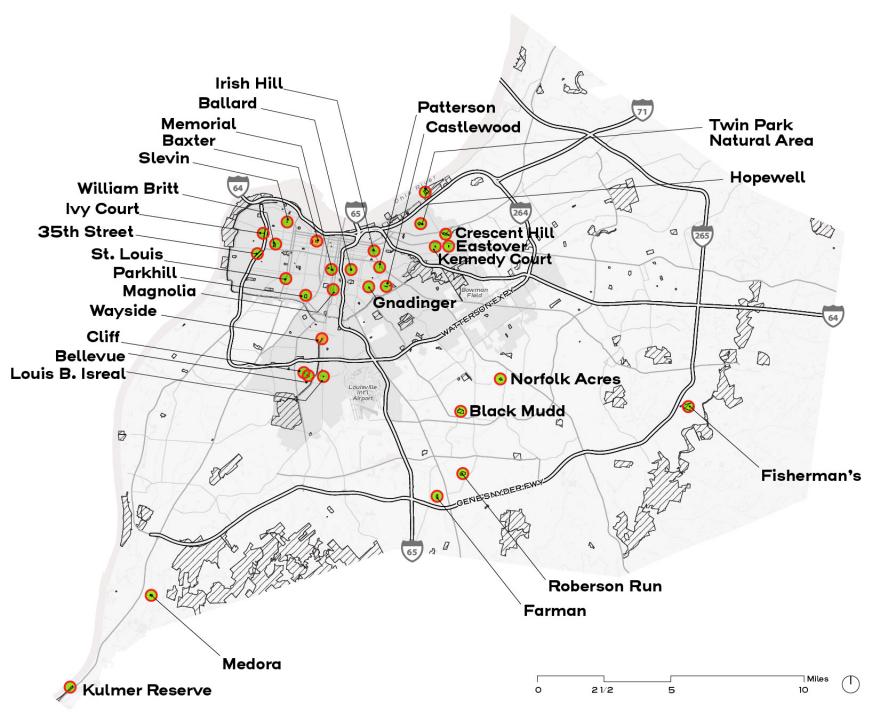
LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT, PARKS ALLIANCE, OLMSTED PARKS CONSERVANCY, INTERFACE STUDIO

○ <\$100,000

\$500,000



- \$108.8M TOTAL
- 61% Metro Gov Capital Budgets
- 19% Philanthropic Partners
- 13% Other Public Sources (Fed, State, MSD)
- 6% Metro Council allocations (CIF, NDF)
- 1% Other



SITES WITH NO CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ALLOCATIONS FROM METRO BUDGET, METRO COUNCIL OR PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS

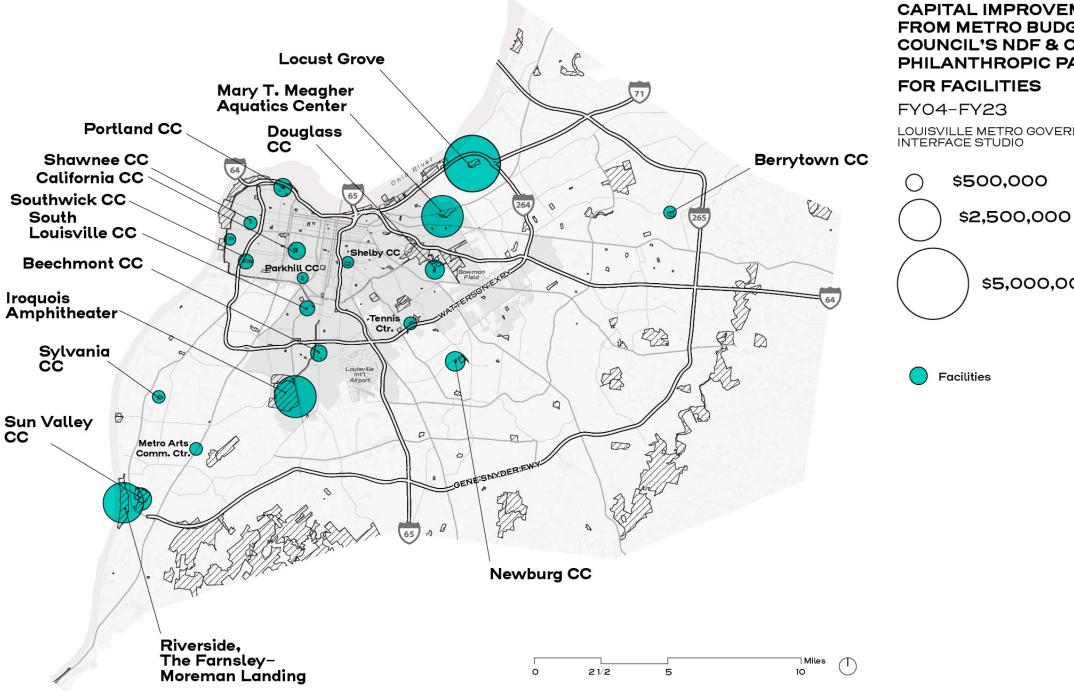
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LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT, PARKS ALLIANCE, OLMSTED PARKS CONSERVANCY, INTERFACE STUDIO

Olmsted Parks

Non–Olmsted Parks managed by Louisville Parks and Recreation

Parks managed by Louisville Parks and Recreation that have received no capital allocations



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT ALLOCATIONS FROM METRO BUDGET, METRO COUNCIL'S NDF & CIF FUNDS & PHILANTHROPIC PARTNERS

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LOUISVILLE METRO GOVERNMENT, PARKS ALLIANCE, INTERFACE STUDIO

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