

THE CITY OF  
**BENICIA**  
CALIFORNIA

# Parks, Trails & Open Space Master Plan

Park, Recreation, & Cemetery  
Commission Update  
April 14, 2021



**Existing  
Conditions  
Analysis**  
January - April  
2021

**Public  
Outreach &  
Engagement**  
January - August  
2021

**Priority  
Rankings &  
Capital  
Improvement  
Plan**  
September 2021 -  
February 2022

**Funding  
Strategies**  
February 2022

**Draft &  
Final  
Master  
Plan**  
February - May  
2022





**Key Leaders, Staff, & Focus Group Interviews**



# BENICIA PARKS, TRAILS, & OPEN SPACE MASTER PLAN

EXISTING CONDITIONS MAPPING & SITE ASSESSMENTS

APRIL 2021







# CITY POLICY & DOCUMENT REVIEW

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# BUILDING ON OTHER PLANS

## CITY OF BENICIA DOCUMENTS & SPECIFIC AREA PLANS

1997 Parks & Open Space Master Plan

Benicia Climate Change Vulnerability & Adaptation Plan

Benicia Industrial Park Transportation & Employment Center Plan

Benicia Urban Waterfront Enhancement & Master Plan

Special Area No.3 : Benicia Waterfront (BCDC)

Former Benicia Arsenal

## COUNTY & REGIONAL PLANNING DOCUMENTS

Solano County Active Transportation Plan

Shoreline Spaces: Public Access Design Guidelines For The San Francisco Bay (BCDC)

Suisun Marsh Protection Plan (BCDC)

## REGIONAL TRAILS PLANNING DOCUMENTS

San Francisco Bay Trail Plan

Bay Area Ridge Trail Plan

Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail Vision Summary

The Great California Delta Trail Master Plan (In Development)

Enhanced San Francisco Bay Area Water Trail Plan



# SITE ASSESSMENTS

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# PARK ASSESSMENT PROCESS & OVERVIEW

## WHAT WE ASSESSED:

### ACCESS & CONNECTIVITY

Adjacent trails or trailheads, street crossings, sidewalks, park circulation, signage, general accessibility

### CONDITION & FUNCTIONALITY

Individual amenities, tree canopy, other vegetation types and appearance, state of paved surfaces, lighting and furniture

### SAFETY & COMFORT

Visibility/ sightlines, active use, lighting, evidence of misuse, ease of navigation, road adjacency, any physical hazards, edges of slopes

### MAINTENANCE

Concerns for the continued success of park

### TRAILS

Existing connectivity and suitability for future trail development

### ADDITIONAL OBSERVATIONS

## EXAMPLE ASSESSMENT SCORES:

\*SCORES DERIVED FROM AN AVERAGE OF SUBCATEGORIES

### ALVAREZ PARK (9TH STREET)

#### ACCESS & CONNECTIVITY SCORE:

**3.33**

Park is integrated into walkable neighborhood, but backyard adjacency may cause problems with neighbors

#### CONDITION & FUNCTIONALITY SCORE:

**3.14**

Diversity of program is strong, but amenities are aging and paving is in poor condition

#### SAFETY & COMFORT SCORE:

**4.10**

Open sightlines across park, but steep edge conditions are a hazard

#### MAINTENANCE SCORE:

**3.5**

Vegetation is well maintained, bathrooms are clean, surfaces need to be addressed

#### TRAILS SCORE:

**2.8**

Strong connectivity to Bay Trail and other regional trails, but poor signage and poor surfacing



# SITE ASSESSMENTS : PRIMARY TAKEAWAYS

## WHAT'S WORKING IN BENICIA PARKS?

- RECENT PLAYGROUND IMPROVEMENTS
- CLEAN BATHROOMS WITH SOAP
- GOOD CONNECTIVITY TO PARKS ON SIDEWALKS AND TRAILS
- APPEAR WELL USED
- ATHLETIC FIELD CONDITION
- CULTURAL RESOURCES





# SITE ASSESSMENTS : PRIMARY TAKEAWAYS

## WHAT'S NOT WORKING IN BENICIA PARKS?

- BARREN AREAS OF DIRT
- NEIGHBOR ADJACENCY
- UNNECESSARY AREAS OF GRASS
- INSUFFICIENT AND OR IMPROPER TREES
- FURNISHING PLACEMENT AND CONDITION
- WATERFRONT PARK CONDITION VS LEVEL OF USE
- SLR AND EROSION (BEACH AND BLUFF)
- PATH PAVING NEED NEEDS REPLACEMENT
- SIGNAGE AND WAYFINDING



Willow Glen Park



9th Street Park



Gateway Park



Ethelree Saraiva Park



Bridgeview Park



City Park



9th Street Park



Matthew Turner Park (12th Street)





# EXISTING CONDITIONS MAPPING

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# LIST OF PARKS

- Park
- Zoned for Open Space
- City of Benicia Boundary
- Unclassified/ Unmapped Waterfront Micro-Park

- 01 Channing Circle Park
- 02 Gateway Park
- 03 Lake Herman Regional Park
- 04 Benicia Community Park
- 05 Water's End Park
- 06 Jack London Park
- 07 Solano Park
- 08 Frank Skillman Park
- 09 Southhampton Park
- 10 Benicia State Recreation Area
- 11 Matthew Turner Park (12th Street)
- 12 Alvarez Park (9th Street)
- 13 Willow Glen Park
- 14 Arneson Park
- 15 Waterfront Park (1st Street)
- 16 Turnbull Park
- 17 Overlook Park
- 18 Bridgeview Park
- 19 St. Catherine's Wood
- 20 City Park
- 21 Civic Center Park
- 22 St. Paul's Square
- 23 Fitzgerald Field
- 24 Maria/ Ribiero (Little League) Park
- 25 Duncan Graham Park
- 26 Francesca Terrace Park
- 27 Ethelree Saraiva Park





# WATERFRONT PARKS - TRAILS AND MID CENTURY SLR (24")




-  SF Bay Trail (Existing)
-  SF Bay Trail (Planned)
-  SLR Inundation
-  Low-Lying Area











# REGIONAL TRAILS+CITY BIKE NETWORK

-  SF Bay Trail (Existing)
-  SF Bay Trail (Planned)
-  Bay Area Ridge Trail
-  The Great California Delta Trail (Planned)
-  Rollye Wilkerson Trail (Ridge Trail Spur)

- Existing Bike Network**
-  Class I Multi-Use Path
  -  Class II Bicycle Lane
  -  Class III Bicycle Route

- Recommended Bike Network**
-  Class IV Separated Bikeway
  -  Class I Multi-Use Path
  -  Class II Buffered/Bicycle Lane
  -  Class III Bicycle Blvd/Route

-  Existing San Francisco Bay Water Trail Access
-  Planned San Francisco Bay Water Trail Access





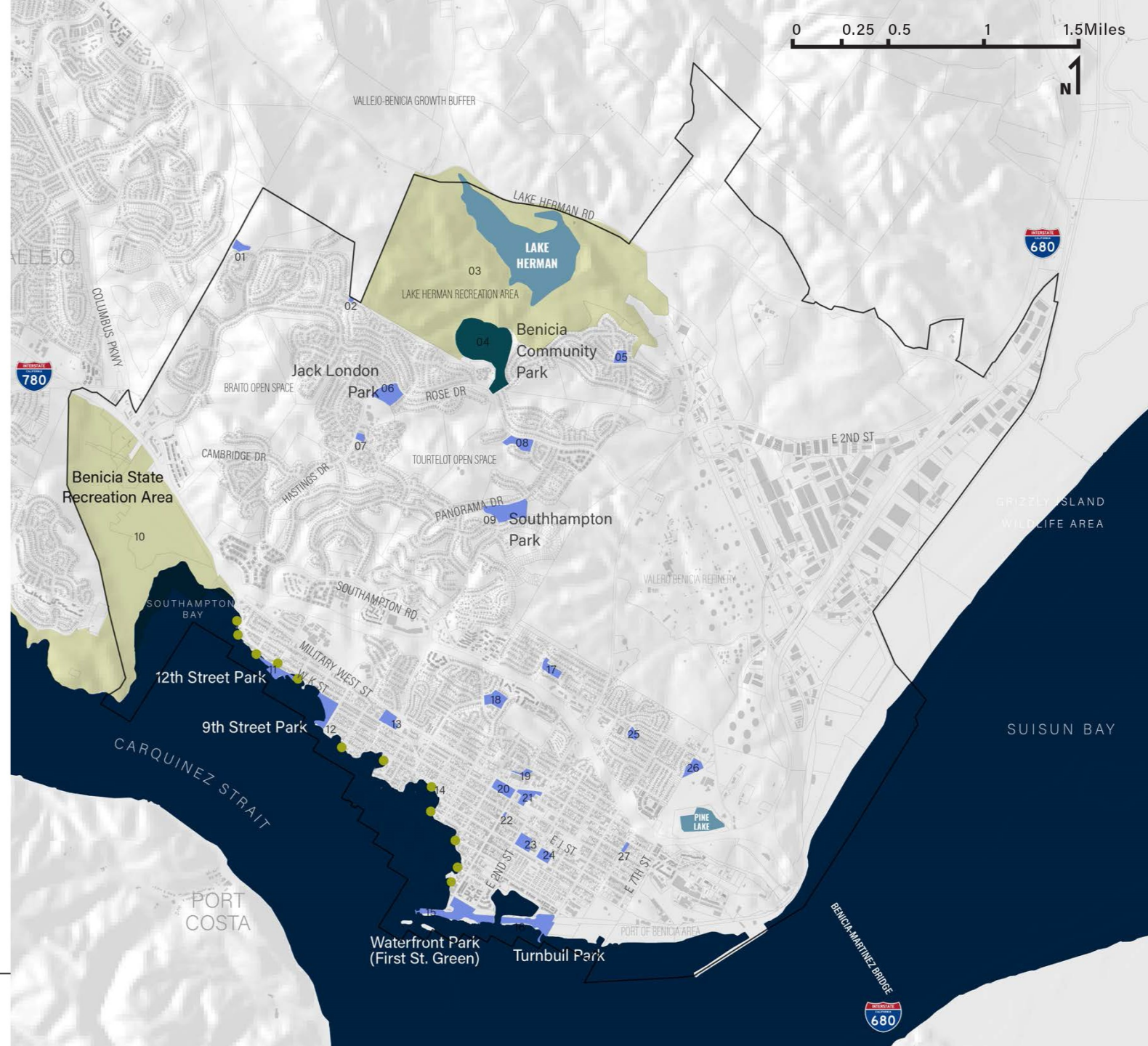
# PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

PER 1997 PARKS MASTER PLAN

- Community Park
- Neighborhood Park
- Regional Park
- Unclassified/ Unmappe Waterfront Micro-Park



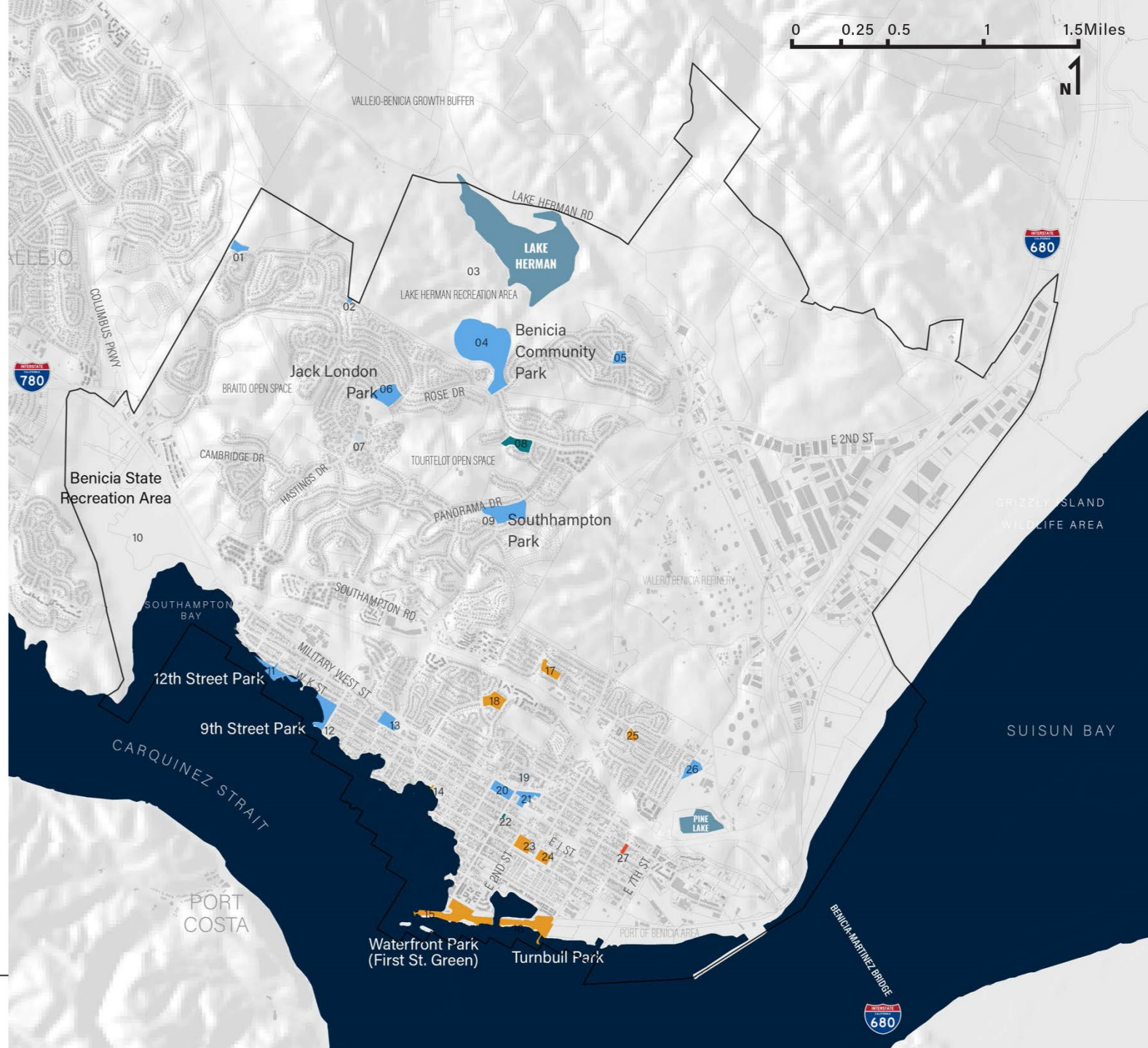
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# PARK CONDITIONS

PER 2021 PARKS ASSESSMENT





# SERVICE AREAS

## BENICIA RESIDENTS WALKING TO ALL CITY PARKS

Walking Distance

- 1/4 Mile
- 1/2 Mile
- School



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0 0.25 0.5 1 1.5 Miles





# PARK AMENITIES

- Walking Trail/ Loop
- Bocce
- Horseshoes
- Skate Park
- Disc Golf
- Views
- Dog Park
- Tennis
- Basketball Court
- Soccer
- Baseball
- Picnic + BBQ
- Playgrounds

