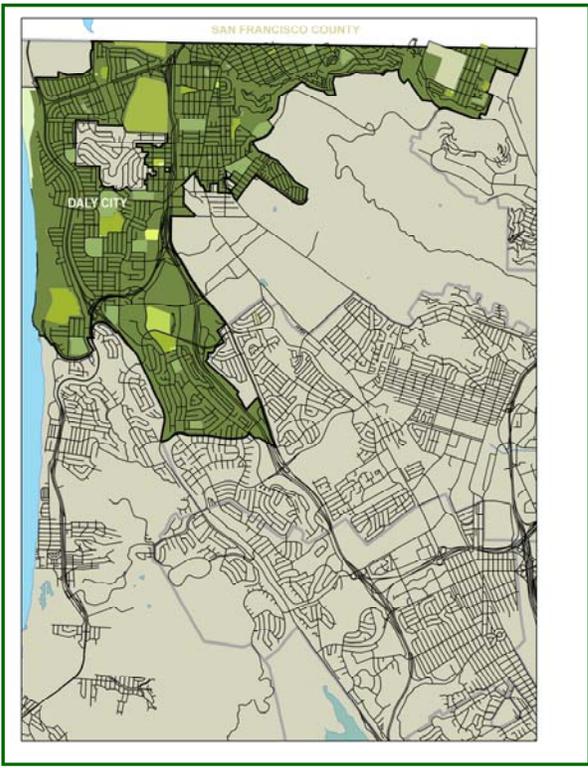




CITY OF DALY CITY A COMMUNITY HEALTH PROFILE



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HOW DO WE KNOW IF COMMUNITIES ARE GETTING HEALTHIER?

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PREMATURE DEATH

Average age at death is a marker of premature death, and it is an important marker of a population's well being. Premature deaths are deaths that occur before a person reaches an expected age i.e. 75 years. Many premature deaths are considered to be preventable.

Daly City residents, on average, can expect to live 73.2 years, which is 1.8 years less than the average San Mateo County resident.

	Daly City	San Mateo County
Average age at death (years)	73.2	75

FIVE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

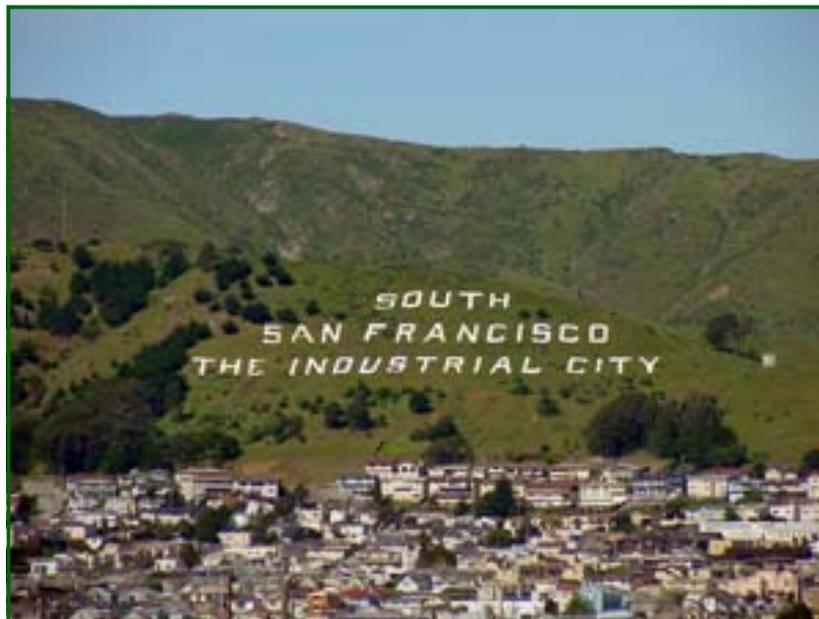
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	Daly City	San Mateo County
1. Heart Disease		Heart Disease
2. Stroke		Stroke
3. Alzheimer's		Alzheimer's
4. Lung Cancer		Lung Cancer
5. Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease		Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease

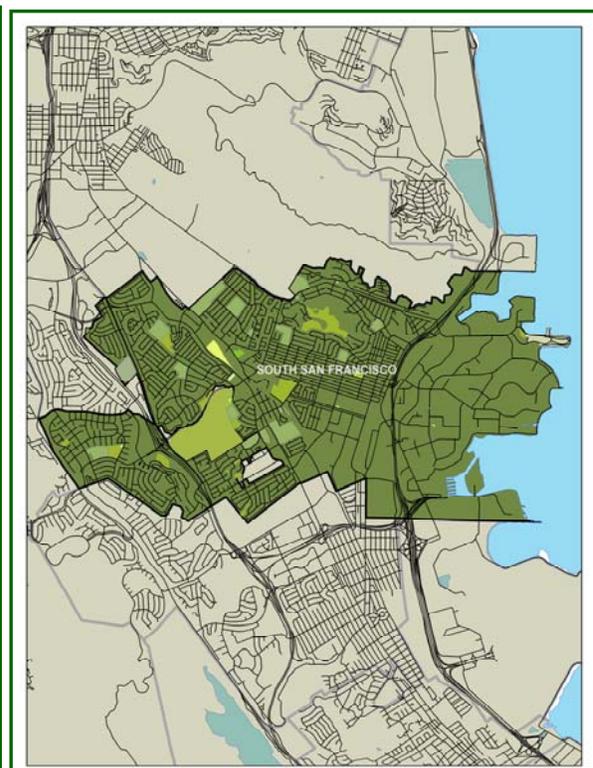
HOSPITALIZATION RATES (per 100,000 people)

Diabetes and heart disease are preventable diseases, and they are the leading causes of death and severe illness in Daly City and San Mateo County. These diseases can have a significant impact on an individual's quality of life. Daly City has more residents with diabetes and heart disease compared to San Mateo County overall.

	Daly City	San Mateo County
Diabetes	10.2	9.3
Cardiovascular Disease	68.7	56.9



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South San Francisco residents, on average, can expect to live 74.4 years, which is 0.6 years less than the average San Mateo County resident.

	South San Francisco	San Mateo County
Average age at death (years)	74.4	75

FIVE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

The leading causes of death among South San Francisco and San Mateo County residents are similar, and most of them are highly preventable. Unhealthy diet, lack of physical activity and smoking are significant contributors to the leading causes of death, however, research has also found that poverty, low levels of education and other social factors contribute to increased preventable mortality.

	South San Francisco	San Mateo County
1. Heart Disease	Heart Disease	Heart Disease
2. Alzheimer's		Stroke
3. Stroke		Alzheimer's
4. Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease		Lung Cancer
5. Lung Cancer & Pneumonia/Influenza		Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease

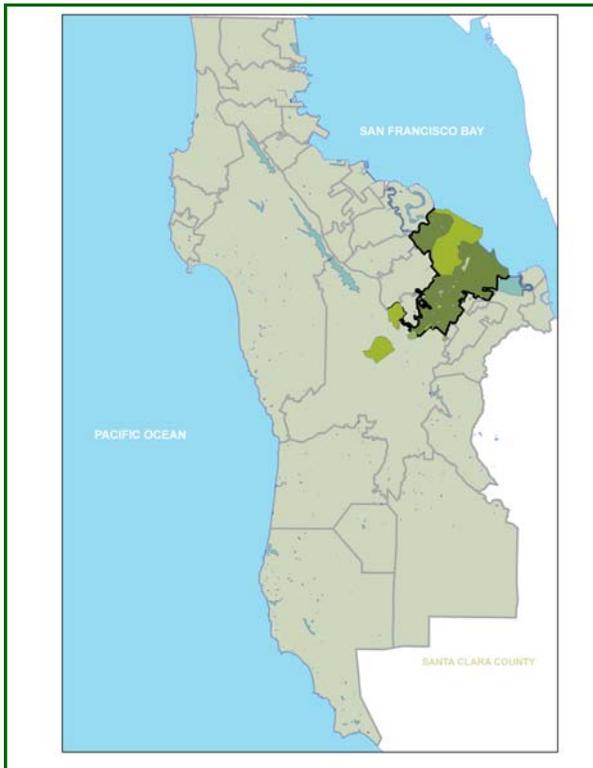
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	South San Francisco	San Mateo County
Diabetes	9.7	9.3
Cardiovascular Disease	63.9	56.9



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Redwood City residents, on average, can expect to live 74.7 years, which is 0.3 years less than the average San Mateo County resident.

	Redwood City	San Mateo County
Average age at death (years)	74.7	75

FIVE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

The leading causes of death among Redwood City and San Mateo County residents are similar, and most of them are highly preventable. Unhealthy diet, lack of physical activity and smoking are significant contributors to the leading causes of death, however, research has also found that poverty, low levels of education and other social factors contribute to increased preventable mortality.

	Redwood City	San Mateo County
1. Heart Disease	Heart Disease	
2. Alzheimer's	Stroke	
3. Stroke	Alzheimer's	
4. Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	Lung Cancer	
5. Lung Cancer & Pneumonia/Influenza	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	

HOSPITALIZATION RATES (per 100,000 people)

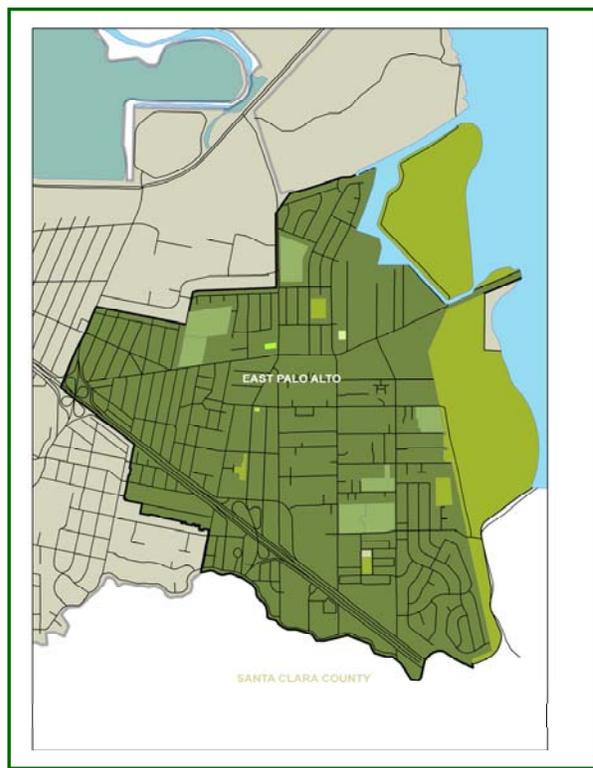
Diabetes and heart disease are preventable diseases, and they are the leading causes of death and severe illness in Redwood City and San Mateo County. These diseases can have a significant impact on an individual's quality of life. Redwood City has fewer residents with heart disease compared to San Mateo County overall.

	Redwood City	San Mateo County
Diabetes	9.2	9.3
Cardiovascular Disease	40.9	56.9

Sources: California Statistical Master Files Death Data; Office of Statewide Health Planning and Development



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PREMATURE DEATH

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East Palo Alto residents, on average, can expect to live 61.8 years, which is 13.2 years lower than the average San Mateo County resident.

	East Palo Alto	San Mateo County
Average age at death (years)	61.8	75

FIVE LEADING CAUSES OF DEATH

The leading causes of death among East Palo Alto and San Mateo County residents are similar, and most of them are highly preventable. Unhealthy diet, lack of physical activity and smoking are significant contributors to the leading causes of death, however, research has also found that poverty, low levels of education and other social factors contribute to increased preventable mortality.

	East Palo Alto	San Mateo County
1.	Heart Disease	Heart Disease
2.	Alzheimer's	Stroke
3.	Stroke	Alzheimer's
4.	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease	Lung Cancer
5.	Lung Cancer & Pneumonia/Influenza	Chronic Lower Respiratory Disease

HOSPITALIZATION RATES (per 100,000 people)

Diabetes and heart disease are preventable diseases, and they are the leading causes of death and severe illness in San Mateo County. These diseases can have a significant impact on an individual's quality of life.

	East Palo Alto	San Mateo County
Diabetes	No Data	9.3
Cardiovascular Disease	No Data	56.9

PARKS ARE KEY TO ADVANCING HEALTHY COMMUNITIES

Health begins where we live, work, learn, and especially where we play. In San Mateo County (SMC), we know that a healthy community is one where the healthy choice is the easy choice. Local parks make getting physically active easy!

Parks can help our county residents get and stay healthy.

Problem: A lack of physical activity leads to disease and overweight. Lack of physical activity is the number one contributor to the obesity epidemic, and a major contributor to heart disease, diabetes and cancer. Over half of American adults don't participate in any leisure-time physical activity at all.ⁱⁱⁱ And in San Mateo County, one in three elementary school kids are overweight or obese.^{iii iv}

Answer: Parks provide open space for people to walk, bike, and play. Physical activity is the most important factor for reducing chronic diseases and improving health for all age groups.^v The closer people are to parks, the more likely they are to get exercise.

Problem: Our society is highly stressed, with resulting mental health issues.

Answer: Parks, nature and open space provide stress relief, relaxation and enhanced mental clarity. They also encourage social interactions –and being social is great for our health.^{vi}

Problem: Climate change poses major challenges for us all.

Answer: Urban parks and open spaces cool and clean the air.^{vii} Well-vegetated parks also minimize local climate change.^{viii}

Thank you for including health in your strategic plan! We recommend that you:

- **Invest in urban parks:** When considering future investments, prioritize parks located near dense neighborhoods to maximize the number of people within walking distance of the park.
- **Prioritize parks in low-income communities with poor parks/open space access:** Low-income people experience the poorest health outcomes and have the most limited access to park space.
- **Increase access through transit:** Work with SamTrans to increase transit access to parks so people can easily access the beautiful parks of our county, regardless of car ownership. This will also broaden the coalition of people who support local parks.
- **Expand urban agriculture in parks:** Support various forms of urban agriculture including community gardens and edible plants as an educational, economic and community building opportunity.
- **Have parks reflect the culture, history and diversity of our local communities:** Ensure that people of all backgrounds feel welcome in their local parks, creating a source of community pride.

We applaud the Parks Commission for your leadership in promoting the health and wellbeing of county residents by adopting healthy communities as a strategic goal.

The more parks there are in a community, the more people exercise.

People who live closer to parks exercise more.

And people who regularly use parks get more exercise than people who don't.^{ix}

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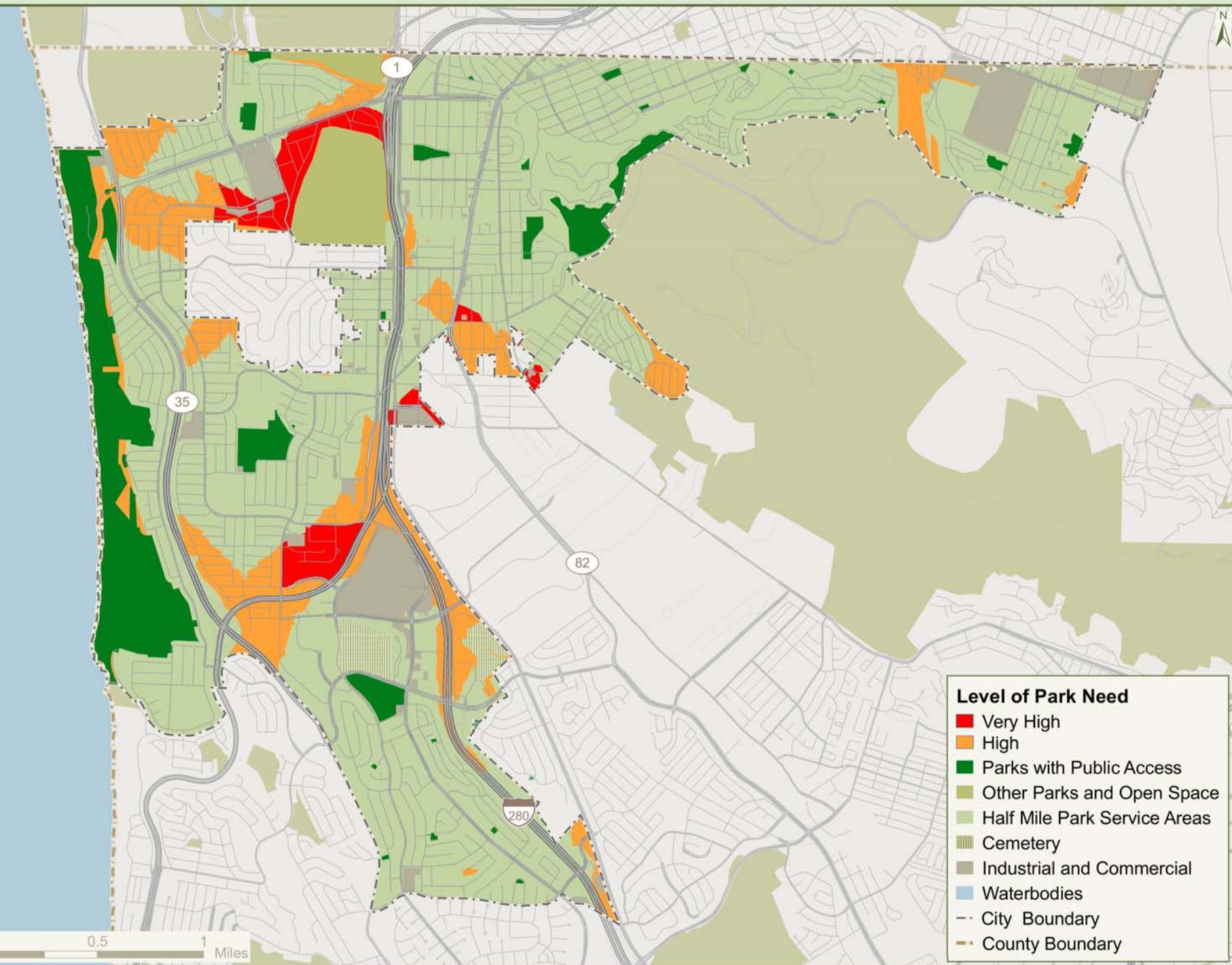
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DALY CITY, CALIFORNIA



Level of Park Need

- Very High
- High
- Parks with Public Access
- Other Parks and Open Space
- Half Mile Park Service Areas
- Cemetery
- Industrial and Commercial
- Waterbodies
- City Boundary
- County Boundary

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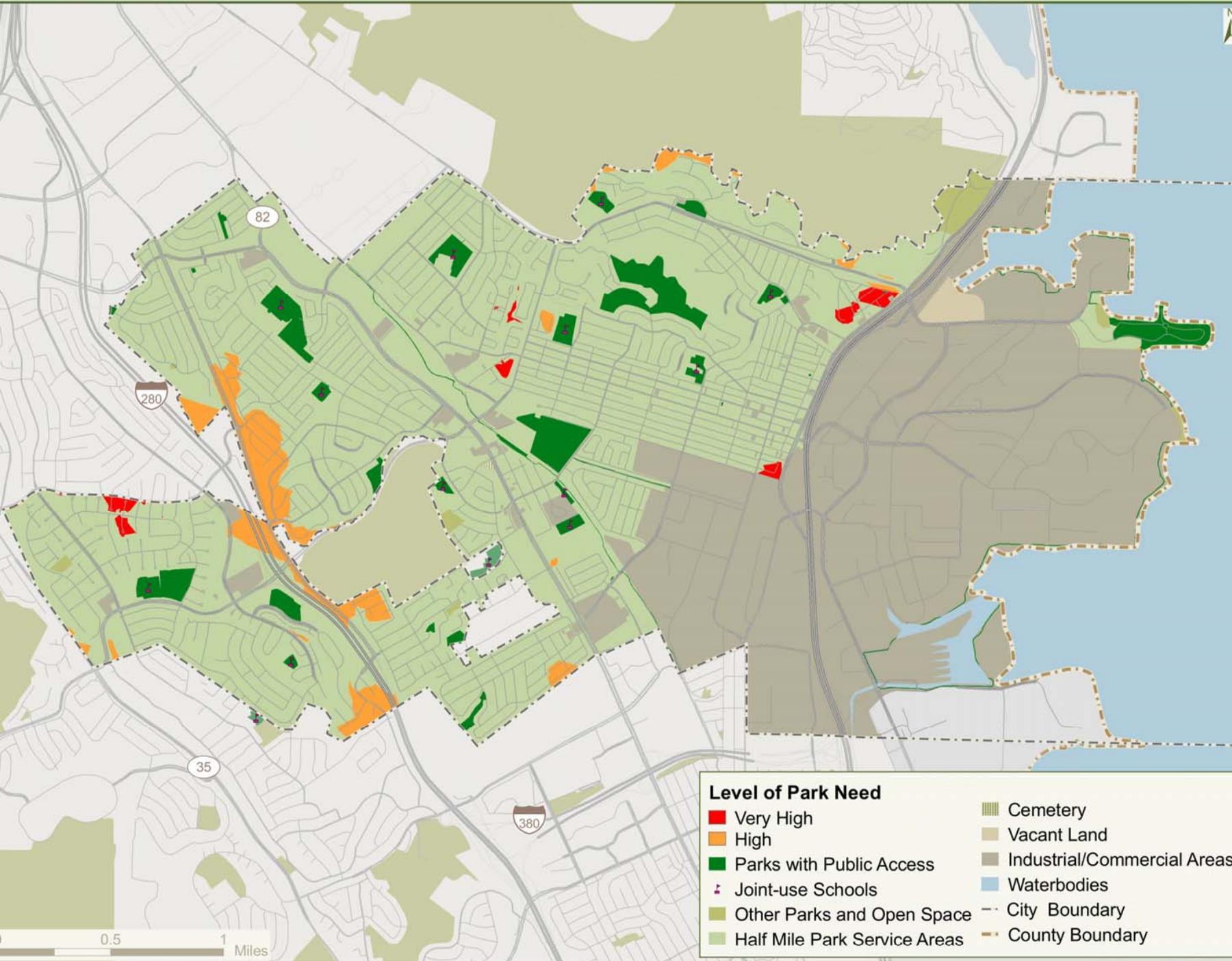
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SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA



Level of Park Need

- Very High
- High
- Parks with Public Access
- Other Parks and Open Space
- Half Mile Park Service Areas
- Joint-use Schools
- Cemetery
- Vacant Land
- Industrial/Commercial Areas
- Waterbodies
- City Boundary
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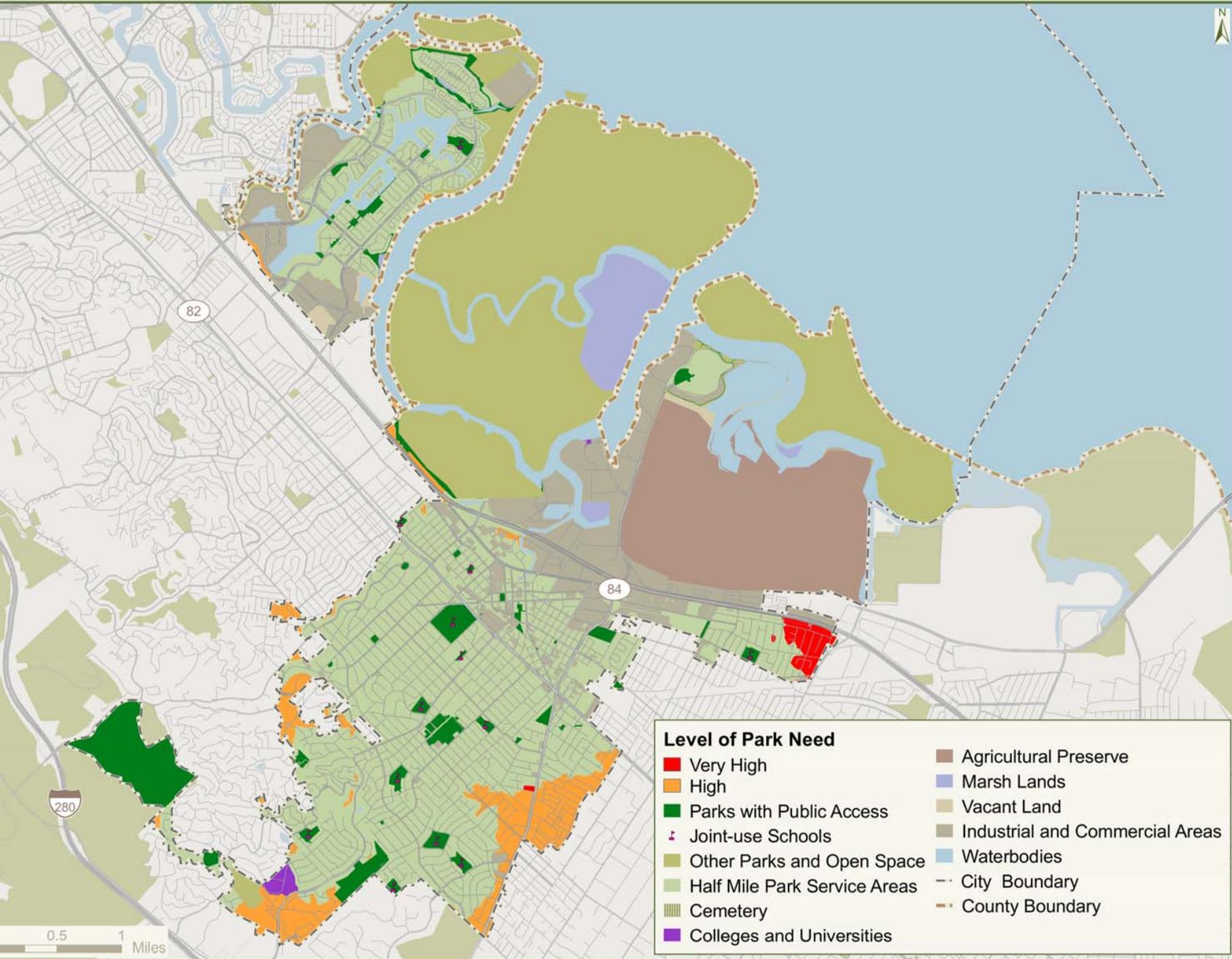
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REDWOOD CITY, CALIFORNIA



Level of Park Need	
■ Very High	■ Agricultural Preserve
■ High	■ Marsh Lands
■ Parks with Public Access	■ Vacant Land
■ Joint-use Schools	■ Industrial and Commercial Areas
■ Other Parks and Open Space	■ Waterbodies
■ Half Mile Park Service Areas	— City Boundary
■ Cemetery	— County Boundary
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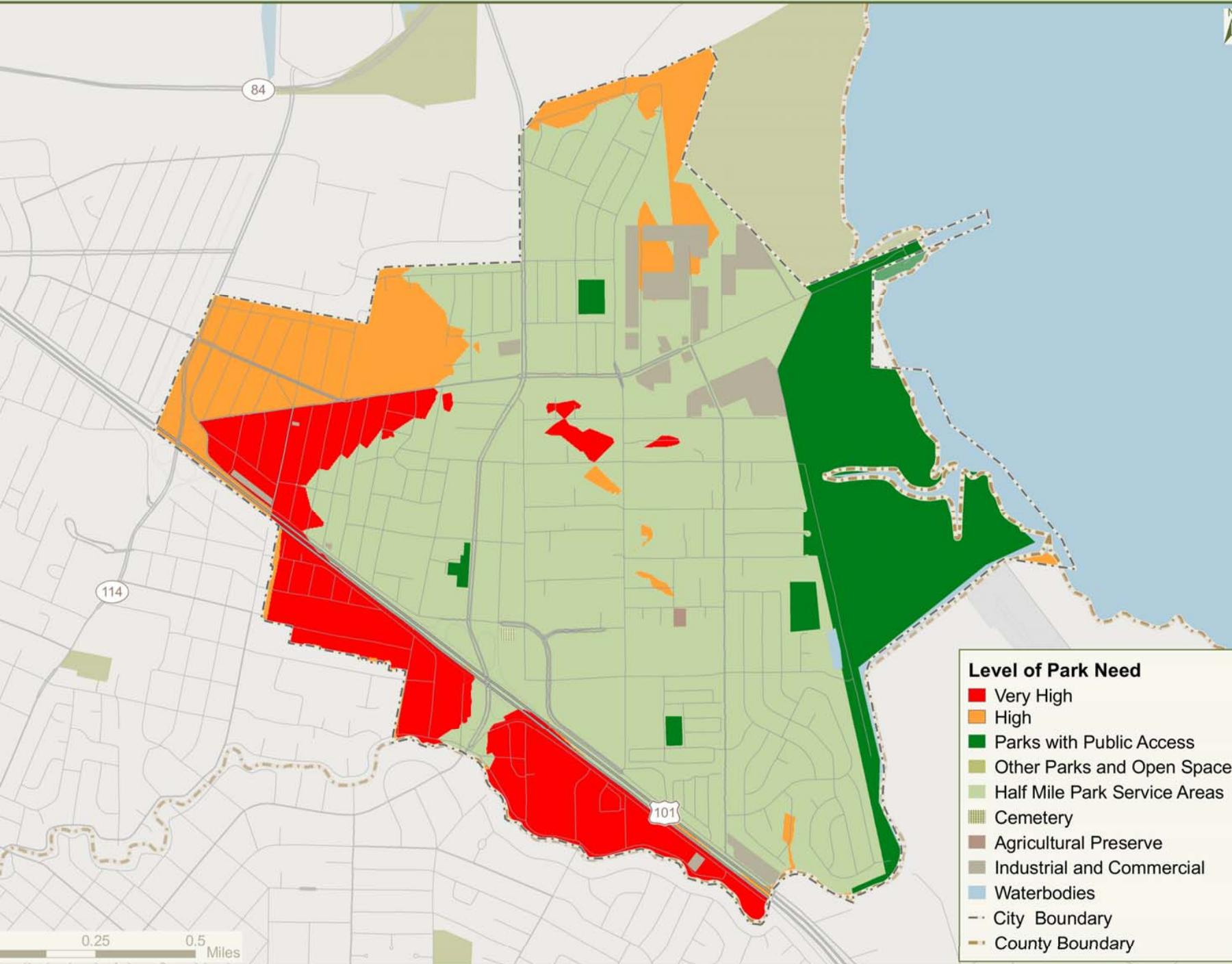
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EAST PALO ALTO, CALIFORNIA



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- Other Parks and Open Space
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