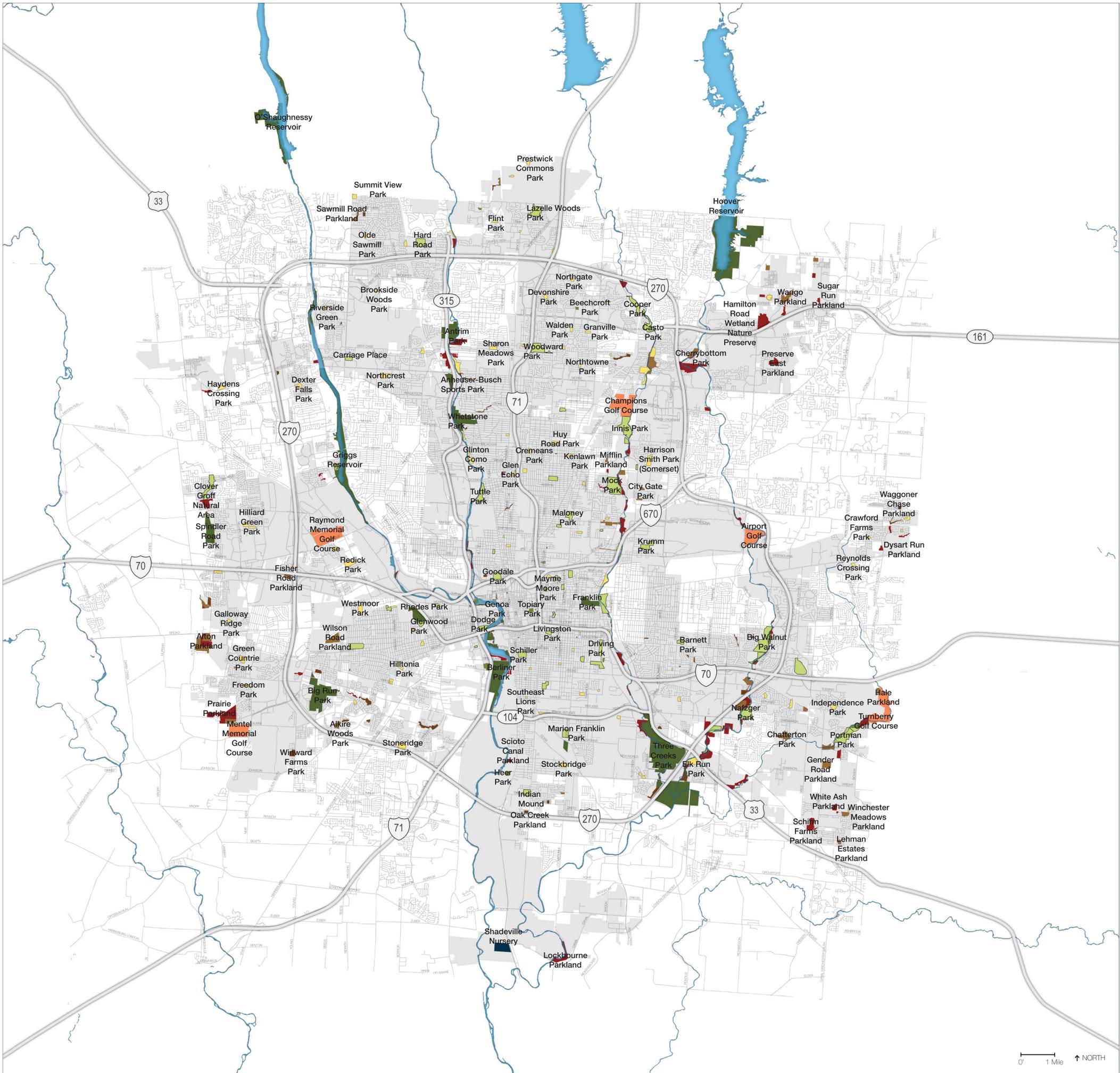
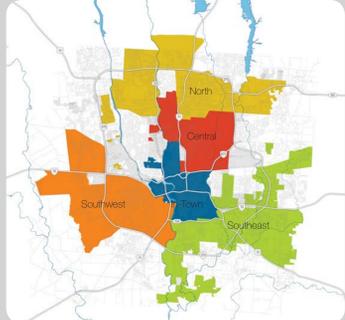


STATION 2

PARKS & FACILITIES



Planning Area Key



Representative Images

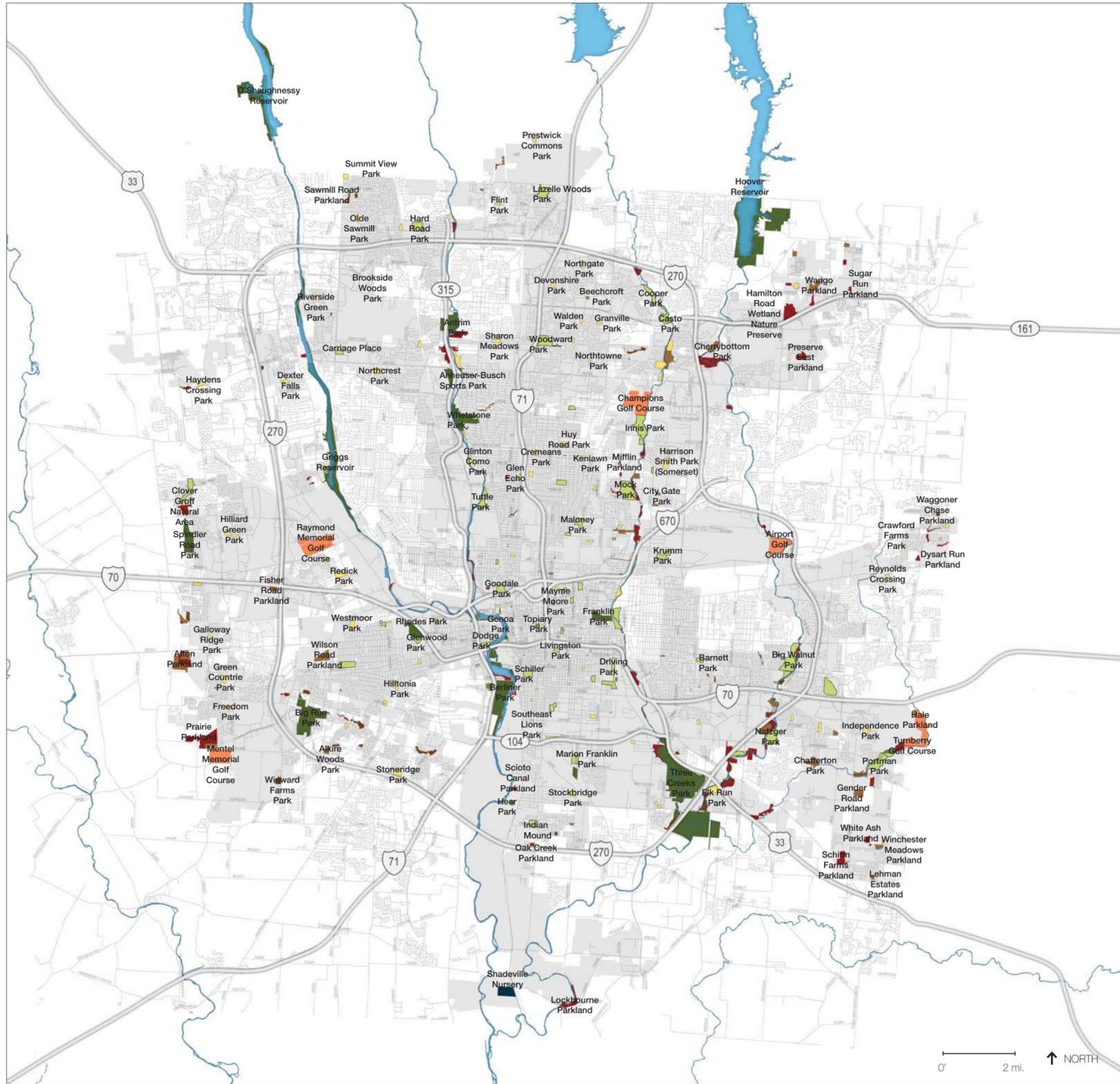


Legend

- Regional Park
- Community Park
- Parkland Reserve
- Conservation/Natural Area
- Neighborhood Park
- Neighborhood Open Space
- Special Use Park or Facility
- Golf Course
- Operations/Non Park Area
- City of Columbus Boundary
- Hydrology
- Major Roads

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PARKS - COLUMBUS PARKS BY TYPE



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR ALL PARKS

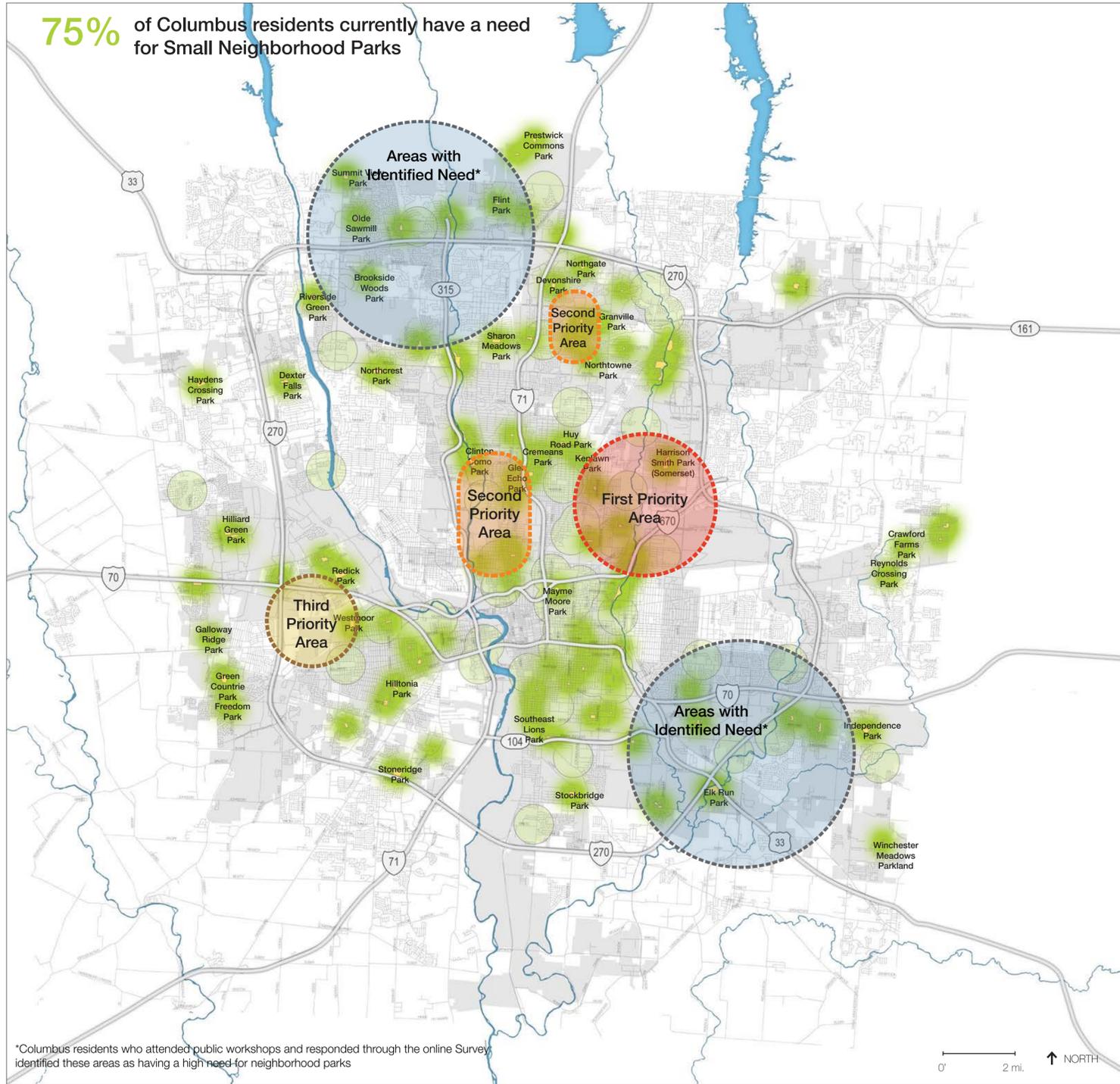
- Make acquiring land for **neighborhood parks** a high priority
- Locate neighborhood parks within **one-half mile** of all neighborhoods
- Establish a **stewardship plan** for each park and determine which parks should have a “friends of” organization
- Continue to **work with Area Commissions, Civic Associations and citizen groups** to get feedback and gain input on park improvements and needs.
- Continue to **work with neighborhood groups to improve and maintain parks**, but institute a memorandum of understanding with such groups to ensure a continual commitment.
- Acquire enough land to **meet recommended standards for all classifications of parkland**
- **Reevaluate existing properties** and facilities to determine if each meets the needs of the CRPD
- **Remove access and circulation barriers** to city parks
- Continue developing **multi-use trails** throughout the city
- Coordinate with the Columbus Planning Division, and the Transportation and Public Service departments, to **enhance pedestrian and bicycle connections**
- Make facilities within a park **accessible to pedestrians**
- Use the city’s Web site to let the public **view project designs and provide input**
- Develop a checklist for **minimum park and facility standards**



STATION 2 - PARKS & FACILITIES

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

75% of Columbus residents currently have a need for Small Neighborhood Parks



*Columbus residents who attended public workshops and responded through the online Survey identified these areas as having a high need for neighborhood parks

Legend

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|---------------------------|--|-----------------------------|
| City of Columbus Boundary | City of Columbus Neighborhood Park | First Priority Areas |
| Hydrology | Neighborhood Park 1/4 to 1/2 mile service radius | Second Priority Areas |
| Major Roads | Community Park 1 to 2 mile service radius | Third Priority Areas |
| | | Areas with Identified Need* |

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

2 acres per 1,000 residents is a standard that should be met (currently .95), in addition to the following recommendations:

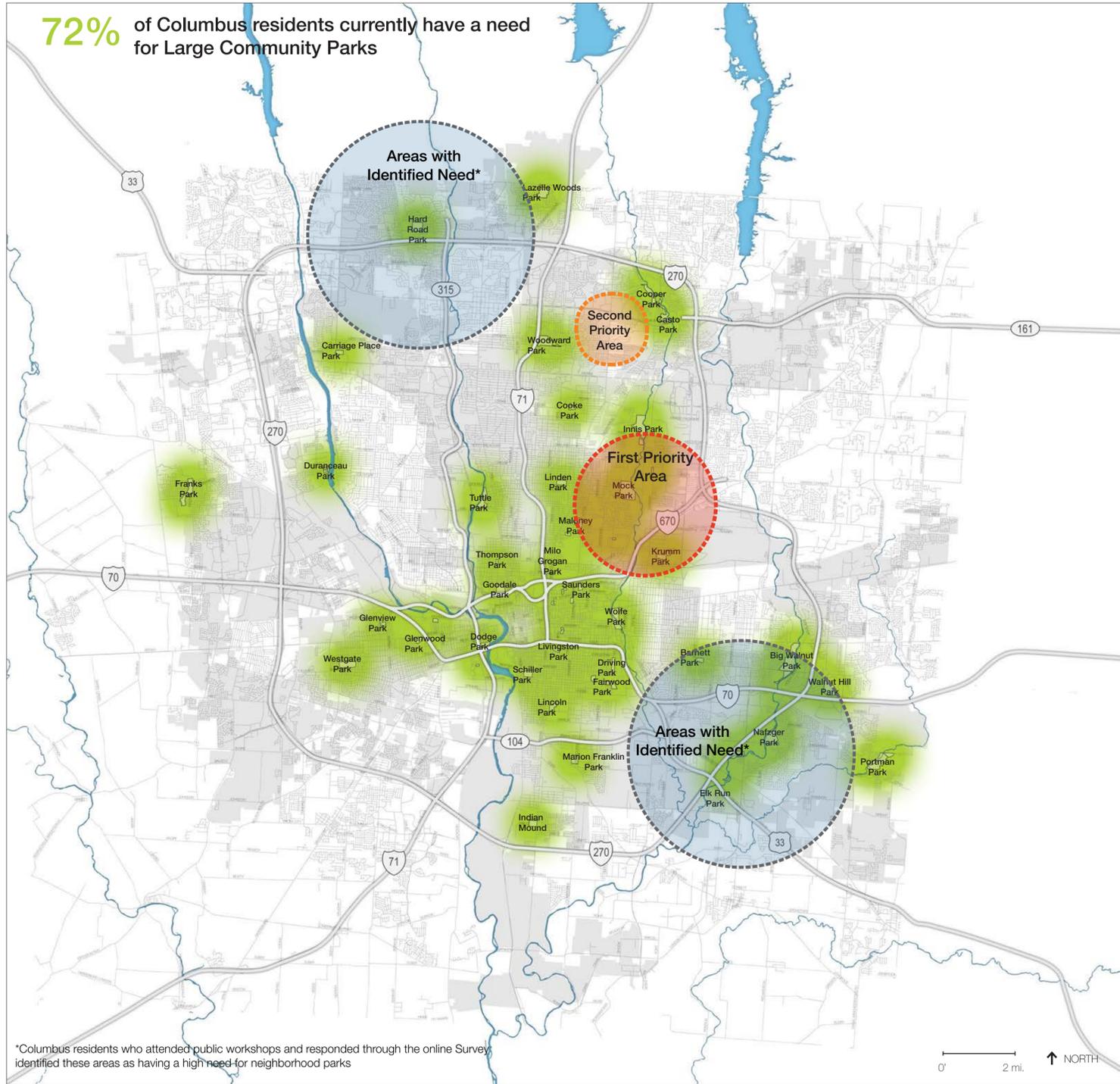
- Require a **consistent maintenance standard** that is equal to or greater than the surrounding neighborhood
- Assess the amount of land needed for the next ten years, and determine **where it is most in need**
- Identify **existing land holdings** (for example Natural Areas) that could be converted into Neighborhood Parks in areas of need. Also consider working together with other City departments to identify other programs and initiatives (such as Blueprint Columbus) where Neighborhood Parks could be included.
- **Update 5 neighborhood parks per year**
- Focus on park improvements that address **community Health and Wellness**
- Preserve a dedicated percentage of **park area in a natural state to increase wildlife habitat** and reduce maintenance costs
- Plan for a length of user experience of **less than one hour**
- Update design standards to provide **at least 5 experiences**
- Increase **visibility of parks and park activity centers** from the street edge



STATION 2 - PARKS & FACILITIES

COMMUNITY PARKS

72% of Columbus residents currently have a need for Large Community Parks



*Columbus residents who attended public workshops and responded through the online Survey identified these areas as having a high need for neighborhood parks

- Legend
- City of Columbus Community Park
 - Community Park 1 to 2 mile service radius
 - City of Columbus Boundary
 - Hydrology
 - Major Roads
 - First Priority Areas
 - Second Priority Areas
 - Third Priority Areas
 - Areas with Identified Need*

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR COMMUNITY PARKS

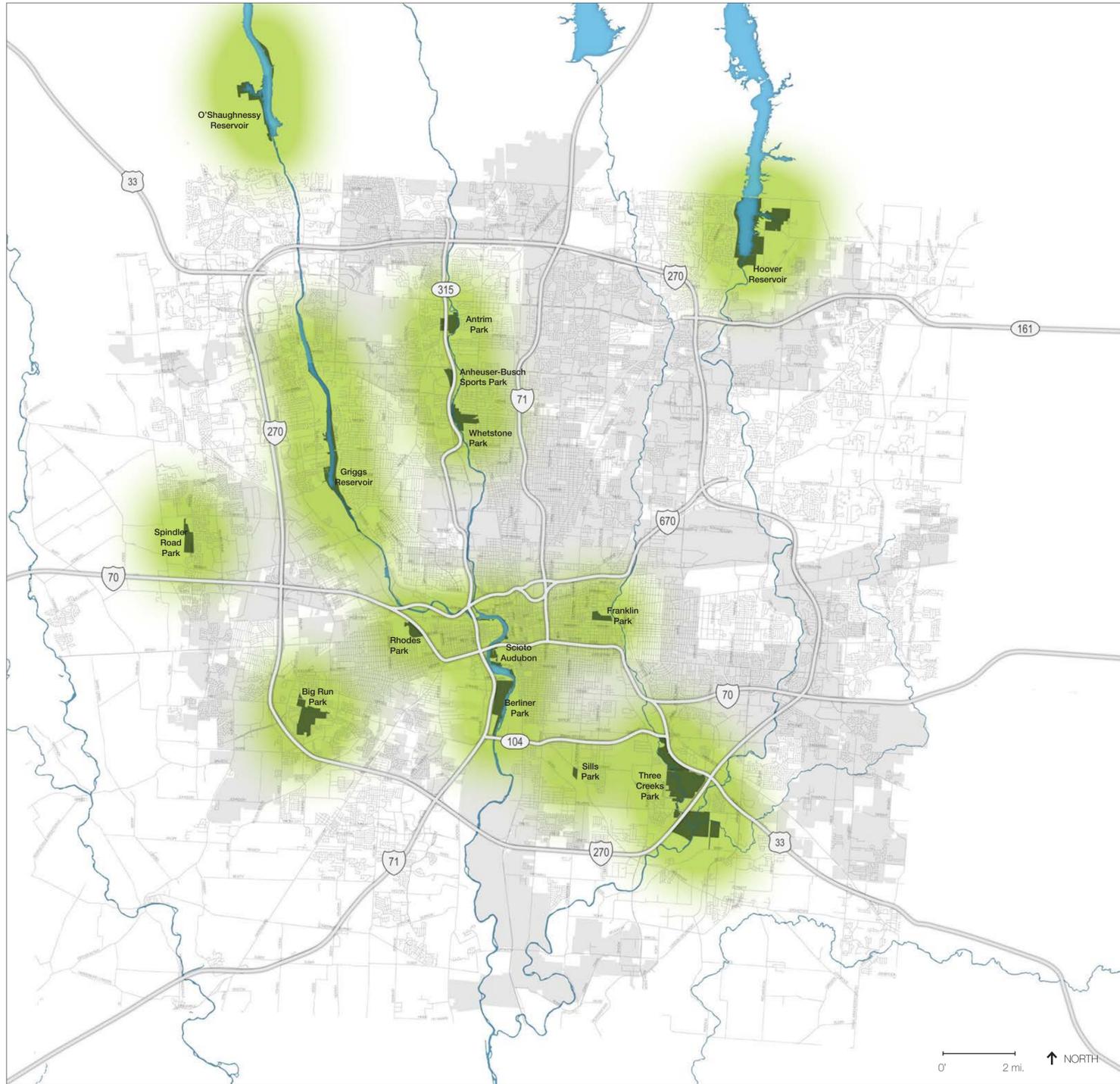
4 acres per 1,000 residents is a standard that should be met (currently 1.72), in addition to the following recommendations:

- Perform an **overall assessment** of productivity of space and amenities
- **Upgrade competitive elements** of all parks (fields, courts, pools, etc.) to maximize unrealized revenue streams
- **Expand revenue-producing amenities** (such as reservable shelters)
- Provide **needed infrastructure** (such as lighting, restrooms, trail systems)
- **Update 1 community park per year**
- Adopt **“Park Once” strategy** to allow for park amenities to be access from a central point
- Provide and plan for a **3 hour user experience**
- Focus on **health and wellness**, community connectivity, special events and community pride
- Special event spaces and host a **minimum of 3 events** per year
- **Wi-Fi** in all community parks
- **15 experiences** in each park
- Promote **year round use**
- Plan for programming that allows for Community Parks and their respective Community Centers to **function as one space**



STATION 2 - PARKS & FACILITIES

REGIONAL PARKS



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- City of Columbus Regional Park
 - Regional Park 2 to 4 mile service radius
 - City of Columbus Boundary
 - Hydrology
 - Major Roads

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR REGIONAL PARKS

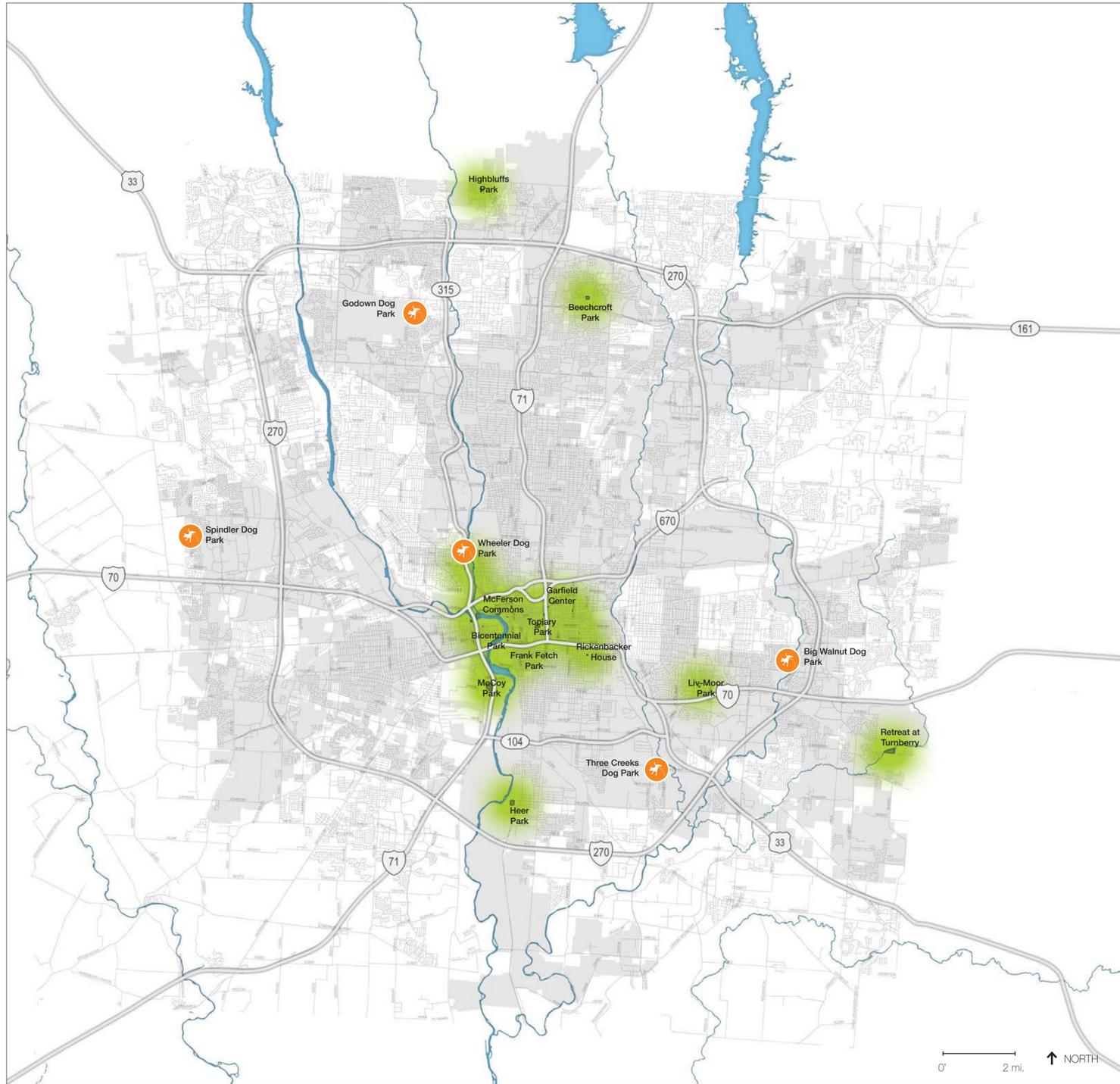
5 acres per 1,000 residents is a standard that should be met (currently 4.03), in addition to the following recommendations:

- Update **sports-related parks** to keep them in line with the revenue they bring in (more like the investment in all-weather fields)
- Enhance and **expand retail operation/concession**
- Provide **Nature Center/Outdoor Education**
- Provide **Trails/Open Space**
- Provide and plan for an **all-day experience**
- Explore **additional amenities** (big shelters, ponds for fishing, adventure park, etc.)



STATION 2 - PARKS & FACILITIES

SPECIAL USE PARKS



- Legend
- City of Columbus Boundary
 - Hydrology
 - Major Roads
 - City of Columbus Special Use Park
 - Special Use Park 1 to 2 mile radius (for illustrative purposes only)
 - 🐕 Dog Park

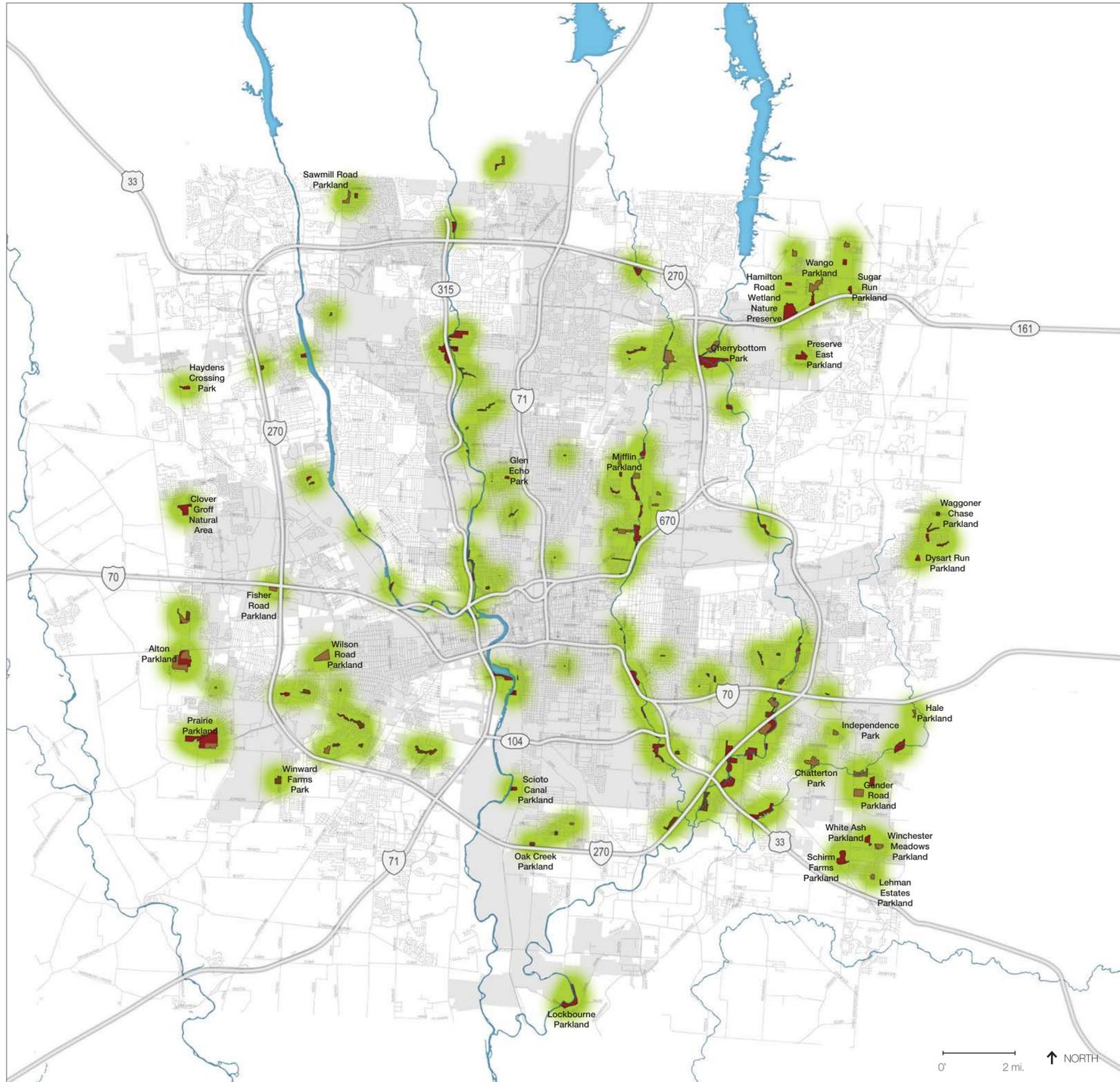
DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SPECIAL USE PARKS

- Continue **high maintenance standards** by partnering with “friends of” organization and corporate sponsors and supporting and enhancing revenue generating uses
- Convert **existing parks or portions of parks** to Special Use (Similar to Whetstone’s Park of Roses)



STATION 2 - PARKS & FACILITIES

NATURAL AREAS



- Legend
- City of Columbus Boundary
 - Hydrology
 - Major Roads
 - Parkland Reserve
 - Conservation/Natural Area
 - Neighborhood Open Space
 - Natural Areas 1/4 to 1/2 mile service radius (for illustrative purposes only)

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR NATURAL AREAS

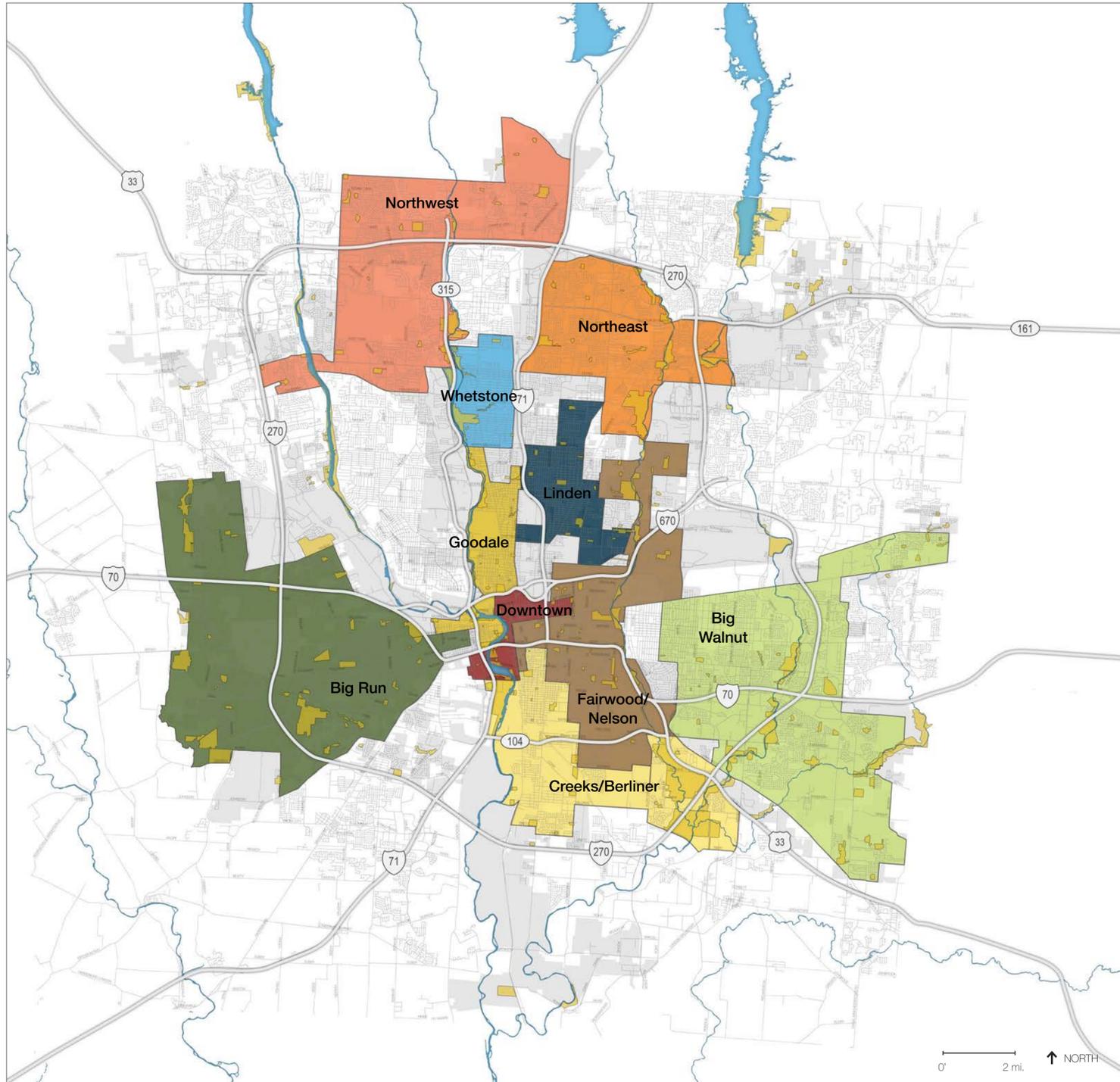
3.5 acres per 1,000 residents is a standard that should be met (currently 2.99), in addition to the following recommendations:

- Resource Management Plan: Perform assessment of existing land inventory to **identify value and preservation quality** to ensure that park development follows standards
- Continue to prioritize preservation of property that **provides stream buffers, contributes to stormwater management and habitat protection**
- Consider potential of partial development to **provide increased access and usability**
- Provide **educational programs** associated with conservation area
- Continue to **hold and acquire** open space and preserves
- Develop a **strategy** for taking over “unusable” land from developers
- Continue **high maintenance standards**



STATION 2 - PARKS & FACILITIES

PARKS - MAINTENANCE ZONES



- Legend
- City of Columbus Park
 - City of Columbus Boundary
 - Hydrology
 - Major Roads

DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARK ACQUISITION

- Consider a **regional approach to spending parkland dedication funds** to better enable future parks development
- Be **proactive in acquiring land**, but identify maintenance costs at time of acquisition
- Establish **objective criteria for evaluating parcels** being considered for acquisition
- Acquire land that would **link parks, community centers, local cultural facilities, and schools**
- Give sites with **natural resources** a high priority for passive recreation
- Use various techniques for **acquiring land**



DRAFT RECOMMENDATIONS FOR PARK MAINTENANCE

- The Park System's **existing maintenance standards are below best practices** for neighborhood and community parks, based on frequency of care for mowing and cleaning of restrooms, parking areas, sports fields and playgrounds.
- **Higher standards are desired by the community** and should be considered for the future management of the system. The Department does not have CPTED standards in place, either for park design or maintenance. These should be considered for safety-related issues in neighborhood parks.
- The Department does an **excellent job maintaining the Downtown Parks** in the city based on their Level One standards.
- Though the department has created maintenance zones for each park in the city, one **higher level of maintenance care should be considered**. This will support higher property values in the community, reduce crime, vandalism and graffiti in parks and provide a higher level of civic pride.