Park & Open Space Planning Bend's Core Area

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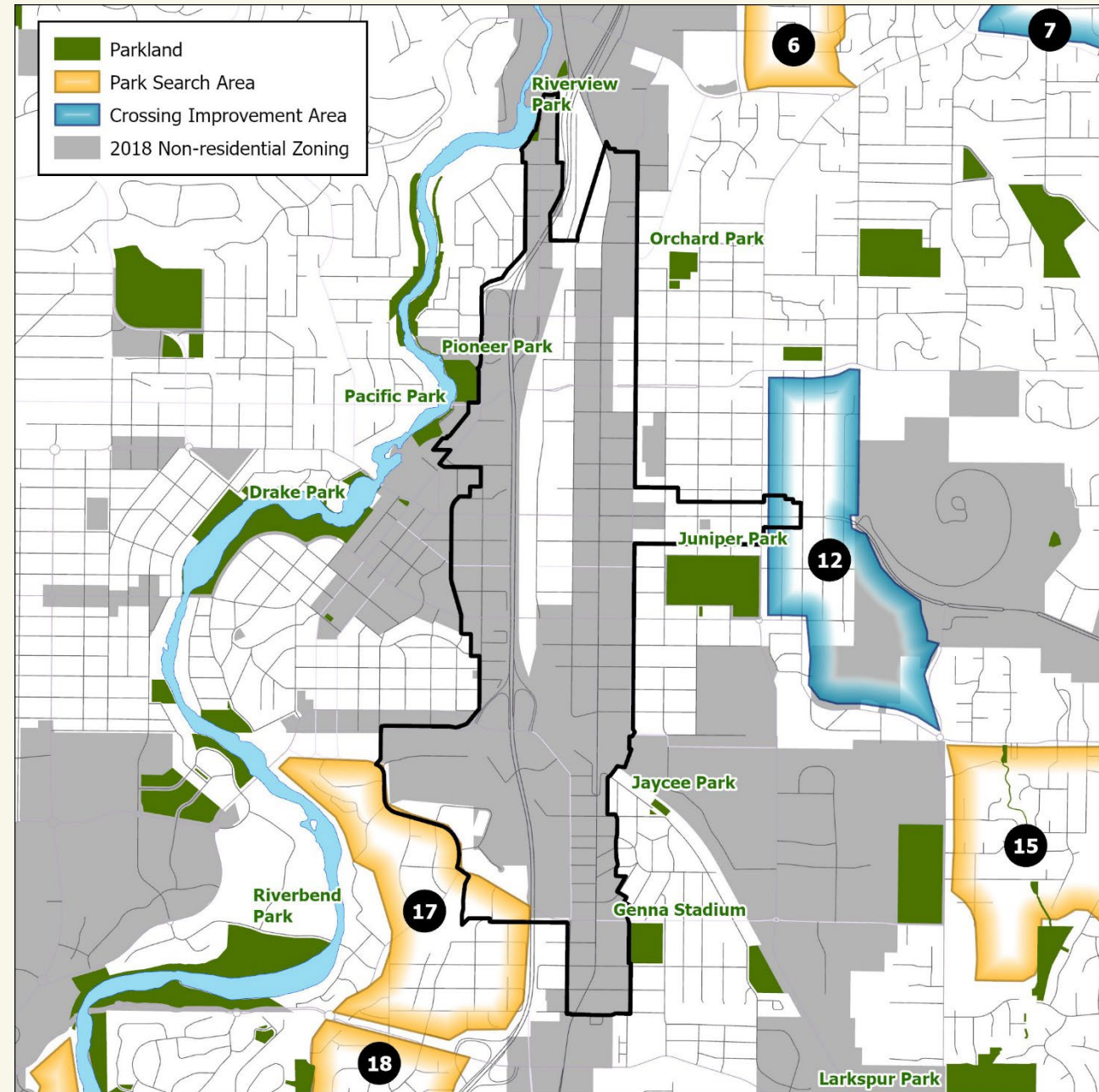
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Comprehensive Plan

- **Overarching Policy Direction**

- **Capital Investment**

- **Adopted 2018**

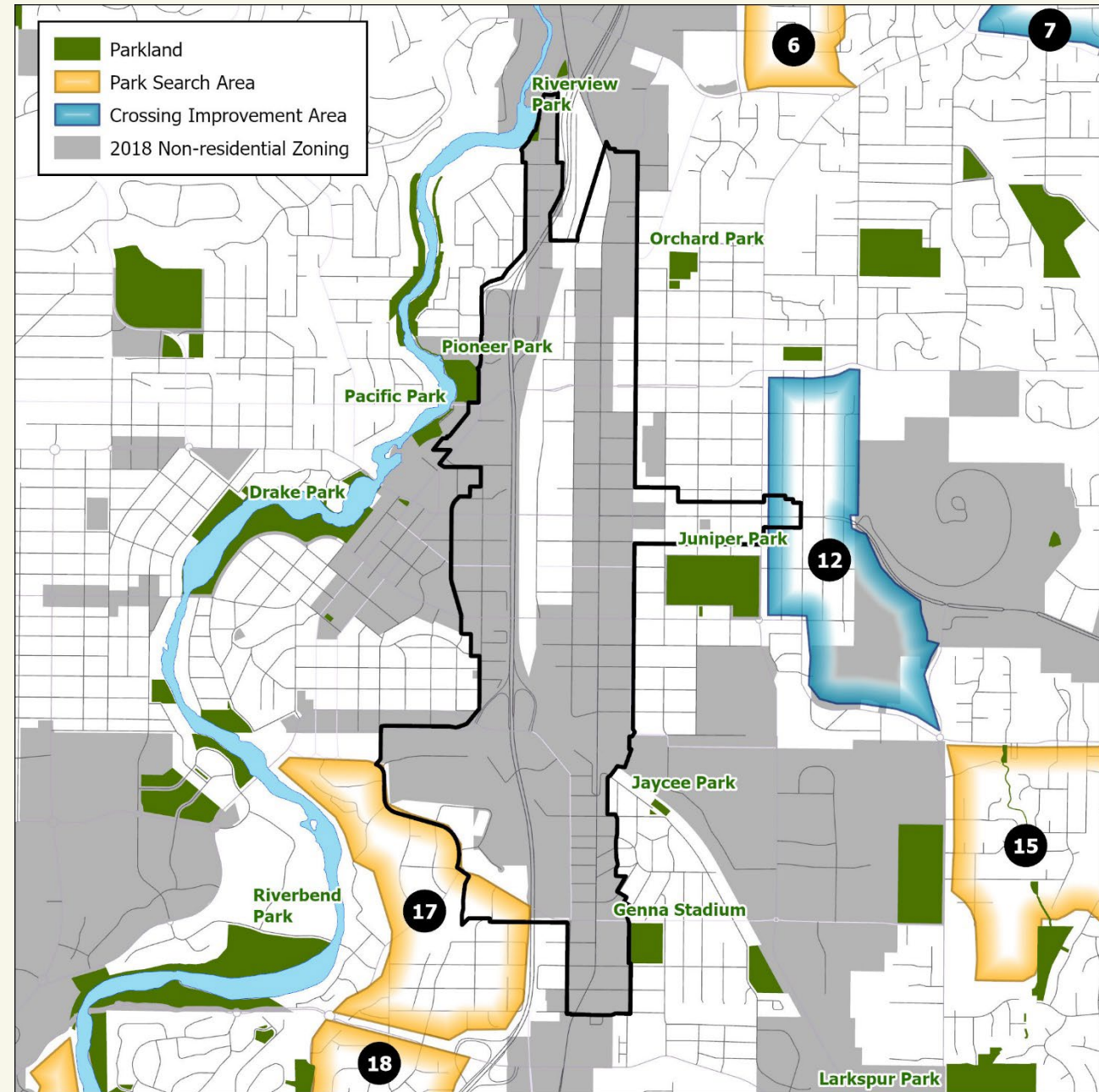- **Mid-term Update FY 2023-24**

Park Search Areas

- **Identified in Comprehensive Plan**
  - Locations based on level of service, park walksheds, zoning, etc.
- **Linked to BDC**

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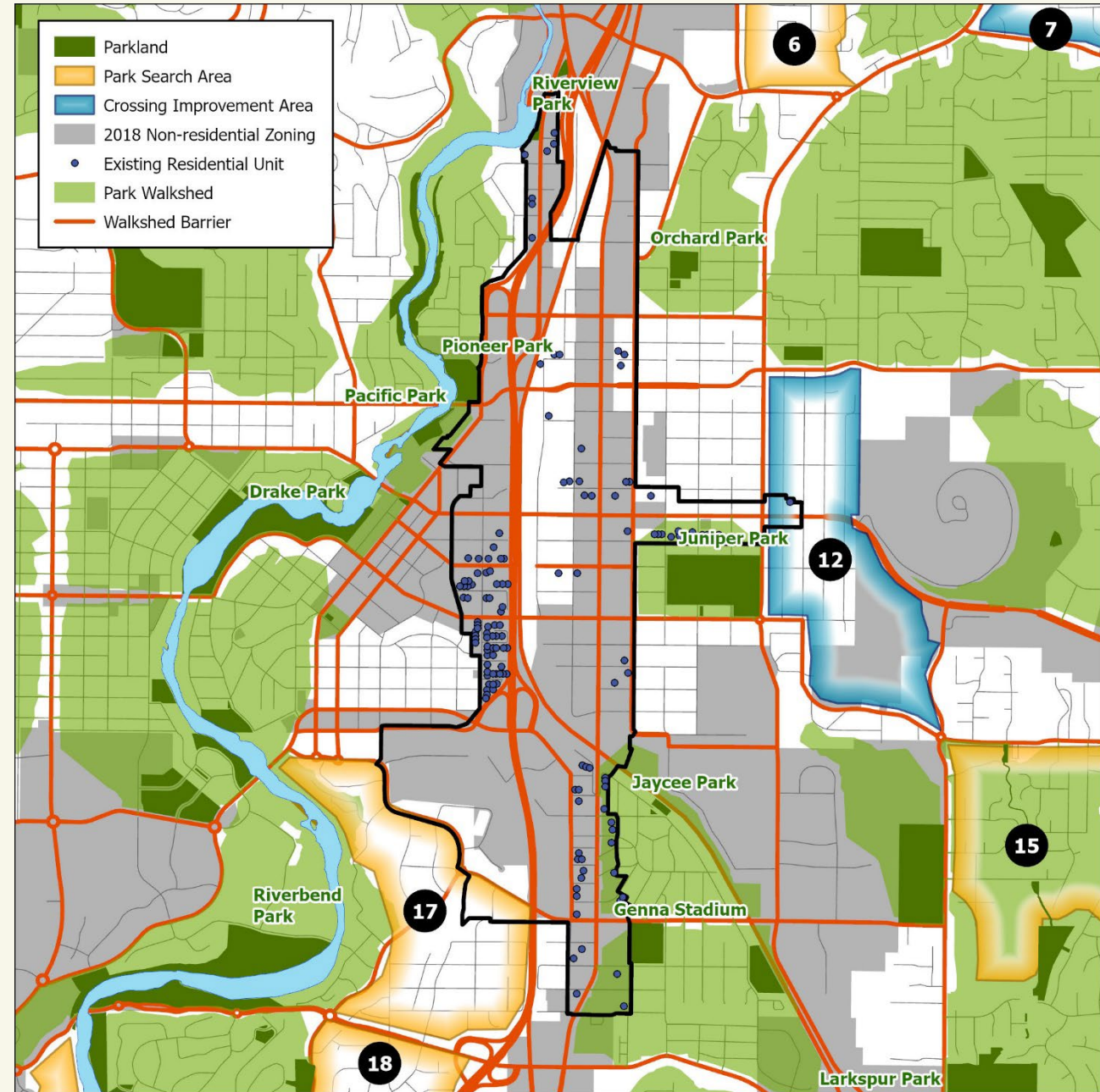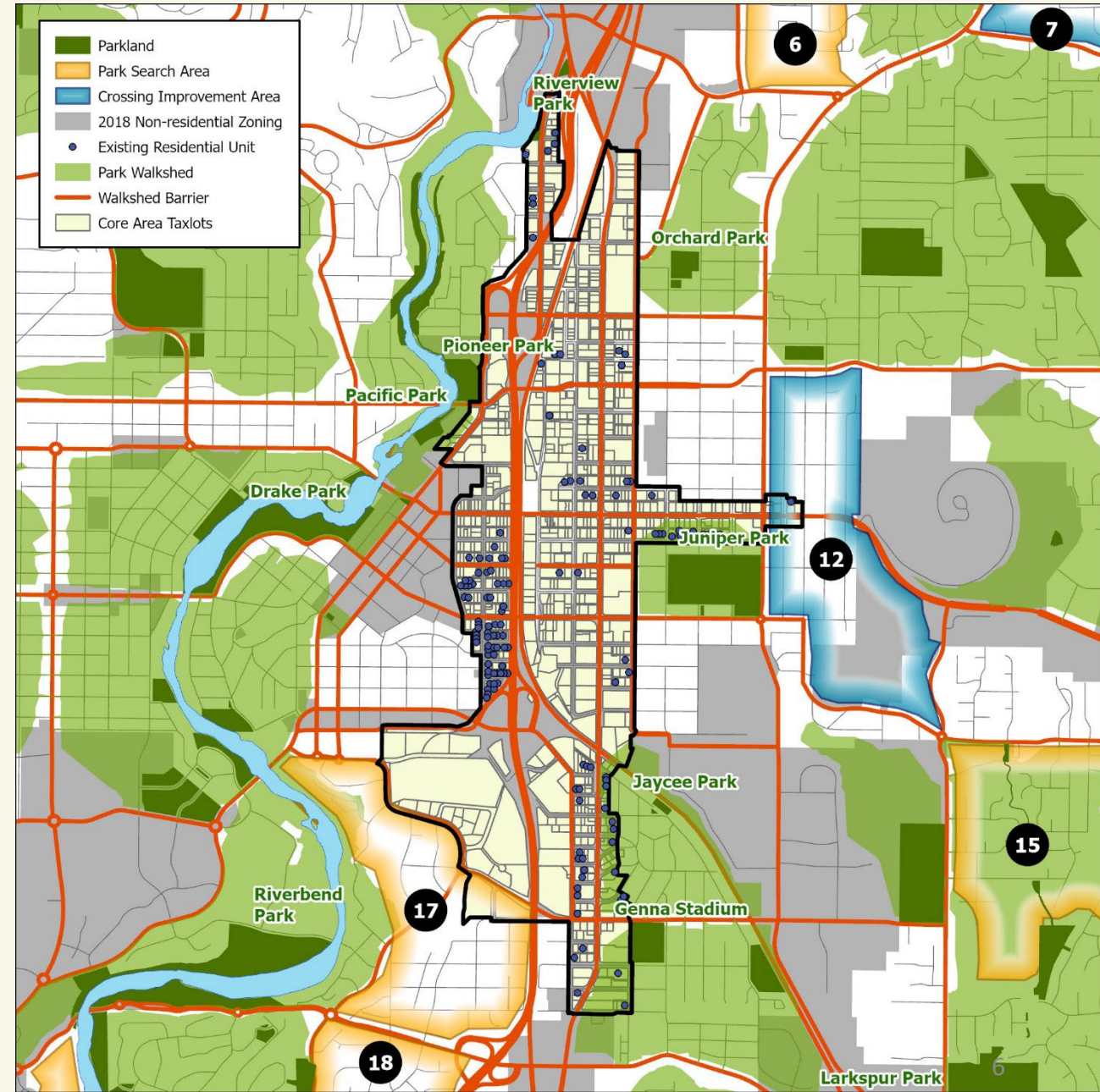- Limited opportunities to acquire land

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What Can We Do?

- **New Parks**
  - Neighborhood parks/urban plazas
  - Pocket parks/urban parks
  - Privately owned public spaces (POPS)
  - Parklets
  - Linear parks
- **Enhance Capacity & Access to Existing Amenities**

Neighborhood Parks

Urban Plaza – Neighborhood Serving

Urban Plaza – Community Serving

Neighborhood Park/Urban Plaza

- **Core Area Report**
  - Significant community support for a central park

- **Possible locations**
  - Co-locate with new City Hall
  - Proximate to residential use

- **Next Steps**
  - Adopt new park search areas
  - Pursue co-location with new city hall

Possible Search Areas

- **Opportunity Areas**
  - 4 opportunity areas in Core Area
  - Majority of housing projected in BCD and KorPine
- **Future Data Sources**
  - Climate friendly equitable communities analysis
  - Housing needs analysis
- **Next Steps**
  - Incorporate CFEC and HNA data into modeling
  - Identify new park search areas as part of comp. plan update
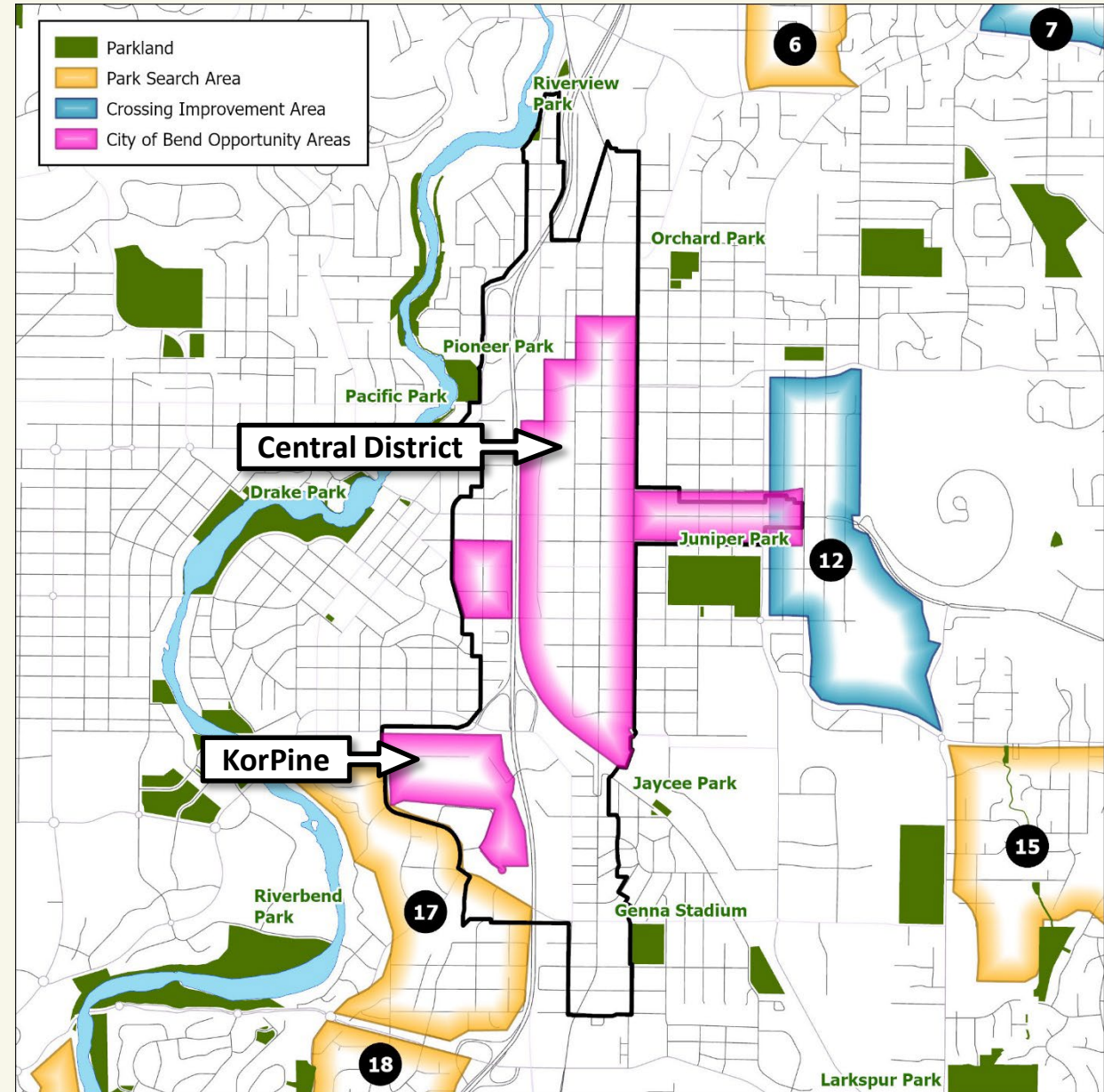
# Pocket Parks/Small Scale Urban Parks

Pocket Parks/Small Scale Urban Parks

- **Core Area Report**
  - "Parks and open space were identified by the community as a key desire for the area.."
  - Could function as dispersed stormwater management

- **Smaller than traditional parks**

- **Unique challenges**
  - Economies of scale

- **Next Steps**
  - Update development standards to reflect new park type

Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS)
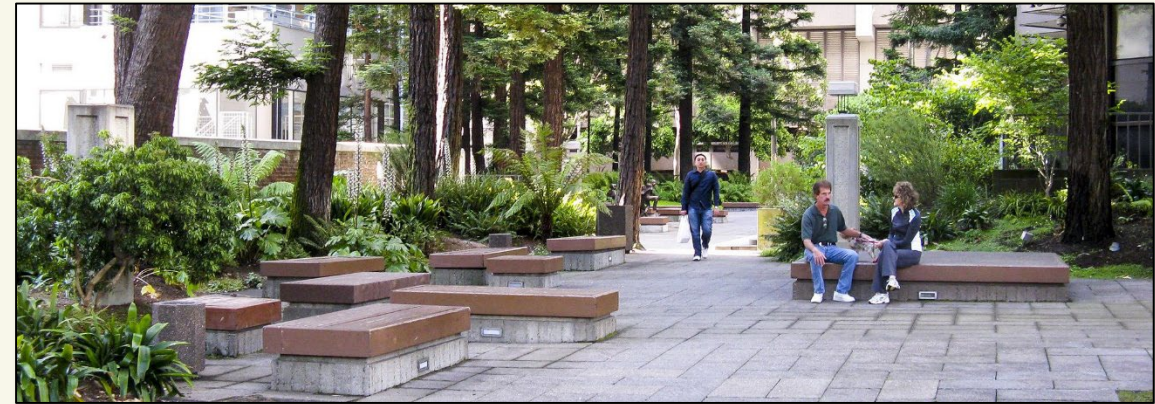
Privately Owned Public Spaces (POPS)

- **Core Area Report**
  - "The core area is currently park deficient."
- **Possible locations**
  - KorPine
  - Les Schwab Site
- **Unique challenges**
  - Access restrictions/visibility
- **Next Steps**
  - Provide more incentives for POPS
  - Develop more specific guidance for POPS

Parklets

Parklets

- **Core Area Report**
  - Community members desire green spaces in the ROW

- **Unique challenges**
  - Ownership/Maintenance
  - Safety

- **Next Steps**
  - Update street standards, specifications, and codes for streets within the Core Area
  - PARKing Day / Pop-up Parks
  - Expand/enhance city parklet program into Core Area

Linear Parks

Linear Parks

- **Core Area Report**
  - "Hawthorne Avenue will serve as a key walking and bicycling connection between Juniper Park...and Downtown."
- **Possible locations**
  - Hawthorne Street
- **Next steps**
  - Update street standards, specifications, and codes
  - Stronger collaboration with Hawthorne Crossing planning/vision
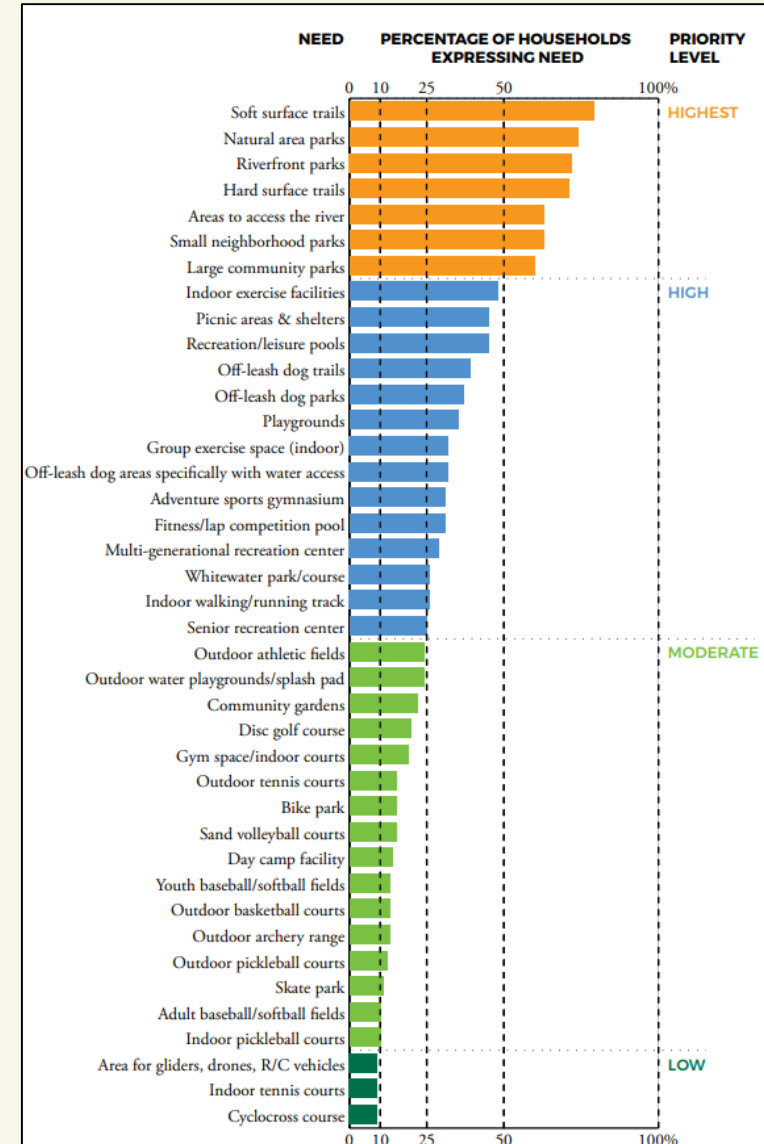
Increase Capacity & Access

Increase Park Capacity & Access

- **Core Area Report**
  - "The central core offers proximity to downtown, the Deschutes River, Mirror Pond, Juniper Park, many other smaller parks…"
- **Possible Projects**
  - New trails/LSN facilities
  - Crossing improvement projects
  - Park redevelopment
- **Next Steps**
  - Identify new crossing improvement zones & trail alignments
  - Evaluate existing parks for redevelopment

Recommendations & Next Steps

- **Comprehensive Plan Update**
  - Kick-off next July 2023
  - Community needs assessment survey
  - Identify new park search areas
  - Identify crossing improvement zones

- **Park & Opens Space Funding**
  - SDC project list modification
  - Private-public partnerships
  - TIF/City partnership

Recommendations & Next Steps

- **Hawthorne Crossing**
  - Formalize BPRD involvement in project design

- **Standards & Code Updates**
  - BPRD development standards
  - Core Area street standards
  - City Parklet program

- **Capacity & Access**
  - Evaluate park redevelopment/expansion

Questions/Feedback?

"The way we build cities, the way we make places, can have a profound effect on what kinds of lives are lived within those spaces" William H. Whyte.

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