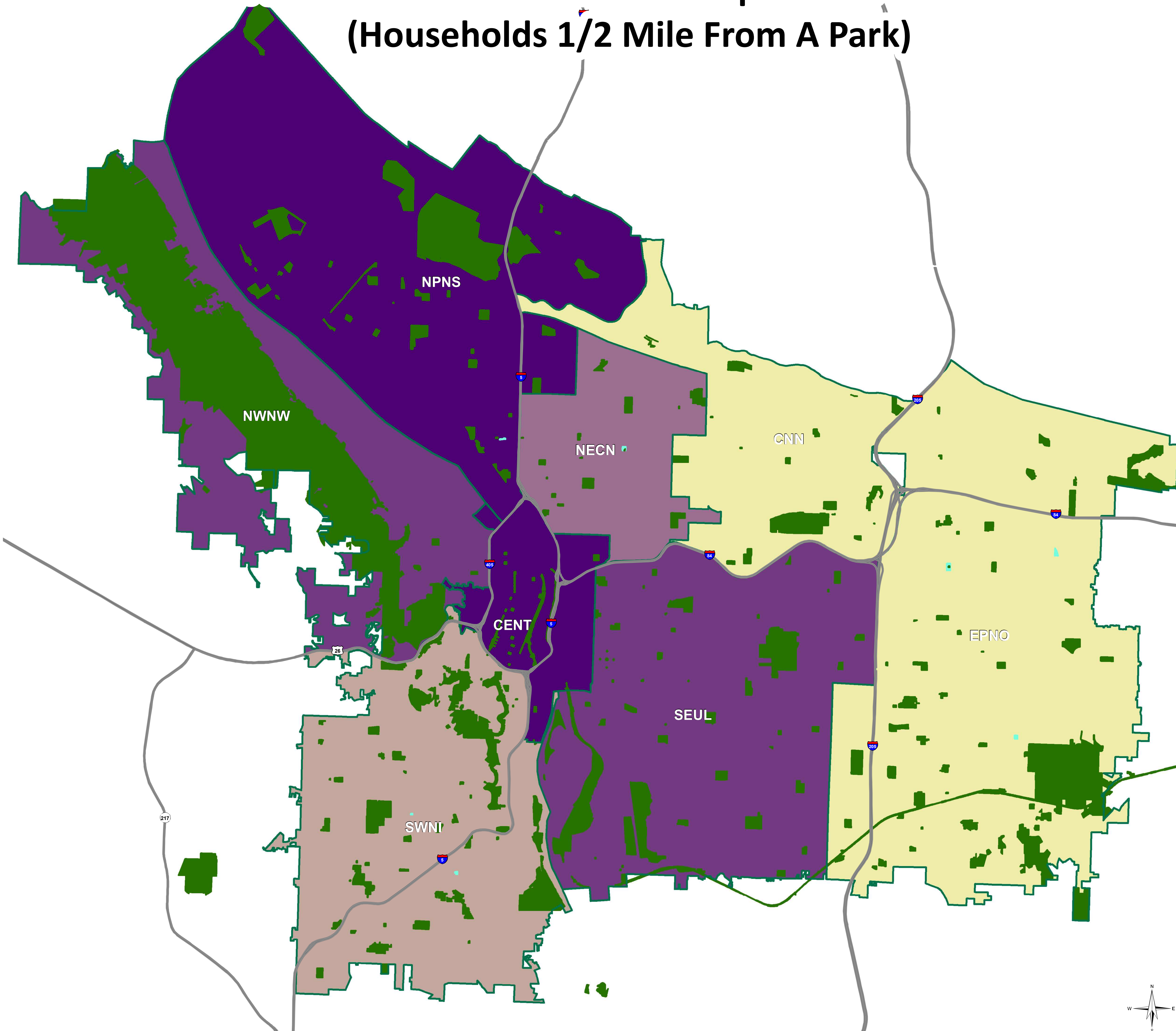


Portland Parks & Recreation Sample Level Of Service (Households 1/2 Mile From A Park)



Bureau Notes

Portland Parks & Recreation (PP&R) manages over 7,500 acres of natural areas and over 3,400 acres of developed parks – about 12 percent of Portland's land base. In addition to developed parks and natural areas, there are five golf courses, nine botanical gardens, 151 miles of trails, an arboretum and a raceway. PP&R also manages over a million square feet of buildings, including 13 swimming pools, 18 community and arts centers, 86 picnic areas, 97 permanent restroom buildings, stadiums and one historic mansion. Recreation facilities include playgrounds, sports courts and fields, community gardens, dog off-leash areas, docks and river-related facilities, skateparks, and spray-play and water features. PP&R oversees the City's urban forestry program.

Infrastructure assets in Portland's park system are currently valued at almost \$900 million, and include built and natural assets. This multitude of parklands, recreation facilities, support facilities, trees, and natural areas contribute to access to nature, recreational opportunity, environmental quality, and livability within the city.

A variety of other agencies and organizations provide park and recreation services to Portland residents, either independently or in partnership with PP&R. These include Metro and neighboring jurisdictions, the state of Oregon, public and private schools, non-profit agencies, homeowners' associations, churches, and private social, athletic and fitness clubs.

Asset Management

PP&R collects and compares data on asset condition and customer demand for park use. The data is used to identify capital needs and budgets, develop consistent maintenance and operations regimes, fulfill City and federal reporting requirements, inform system planning, and support financial forecasting. In short, asset management helps prioritize capital projects and allocate scarce resources.

Level of Service - Park Experience

PP&R's 2020 Vision includes a goal to "Provide a wide variety of high quality recreation services and opportunities for all residents." An objective of this goal, and a measure of our level of service, is to provide a park experience within a half mile (approximately 10 to 15 minute walk) of every Portland resident. The park experience includes developed parks (parks with, at a minimum, grass, trees, circulation, open play areas and seating), and accessible natural areas over 1/6 of an acre in size.

Map Explanation

Map 1 shows the percentage of households in each Neighborhood Coalition that are within 1/2 mile walk of a park or natural area. The 1/2 mile distance is calculated using the walkable street and trail system, so parks in areas with poor transportation circulation systems have smaller service areas and serve fewer people. The calculation also takes into account walkability to actual park entry points.

Typically, the districts with lower levels of service are the more recently annexed parts of the city, where former county parks with fewer amenities were added to the system. PP&R is actively working to improve that level of service. In 2010, the percentage of households within a 1/2 mile walk of a developed park or natural area was 77%; in 2011, it was 79%.

As PP&R works to meet the 1/2 mile goal, it faces the following challenges:

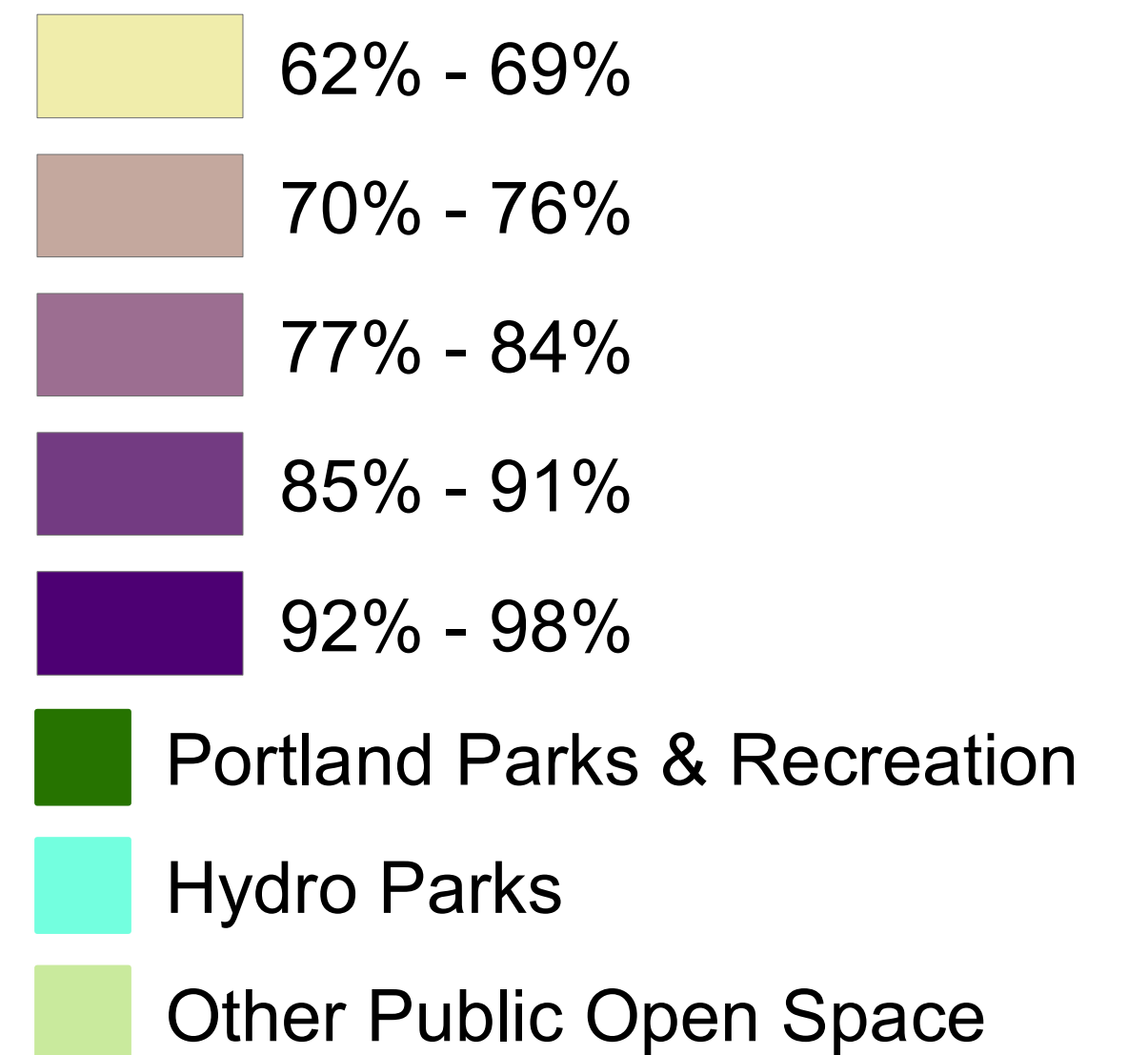
- Properties with the capacity and characteristics to provide a reasonable park experience are not always available in the areas of greatest need.
- Funds for acquisition of new park land often come with restrictions on how or where they can be used. For example, funds which come from Parks Service Development Charges (SDC) can only be used to address needs created by population growth, not to remedy deficiencies in levels of service. Funds that come from Urban Renewal Areas (URA) are restricted to parks within that geographic area. These restrictions slow progress in meeting the goal.

While PP&R is actively working to provide services in areas currently not meeting this level of service goal, we also must maintain and operate the existing parks and open spaces and facilities that currently meet this level of service. Developed parks need to have the grass mowed, trash picked up, and picnic tables maintained. Keeping existing services operational is as important as expanding the system. The expense map reflects all PP&R expenses.

The percentage of households within a 1/2 mile walk of a developed park or natural area does not include undeveloped properties or properties not owned or managed by PP&R.

While shown on the map for context, not all of these properties are open for general public recreation, even though they are open spaces. Therefore, PP&R does not count them towards the level of service.

Percent Of Households Meeting Level Of Service Goal (FY 2011-12)



Coalitions

- CENT - Central City
- CNN - Central Northeast Neighborhood
- EPNO - East Portland Neighborhood Office
- NECN - Northeast Coalition of Neighborhoods
- NPNS - North Portland Neighborhood Services
- NWNW - Neighbors West/Northwest
- SEUL - Southeast Uplift Neighborhood Coalition
- SWNI - Southwest Neighbors, Inc.

Coalition Park Level Of Service

CENT:	98%
CNN:	63%
EPNO:	62%
NECN:	77%
NPNS:	93%
NWNW:	88%
SEUL:	85%
SWNI:	75%

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