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2016 Community Report Card on the State of Maintenance in Oakland Parks


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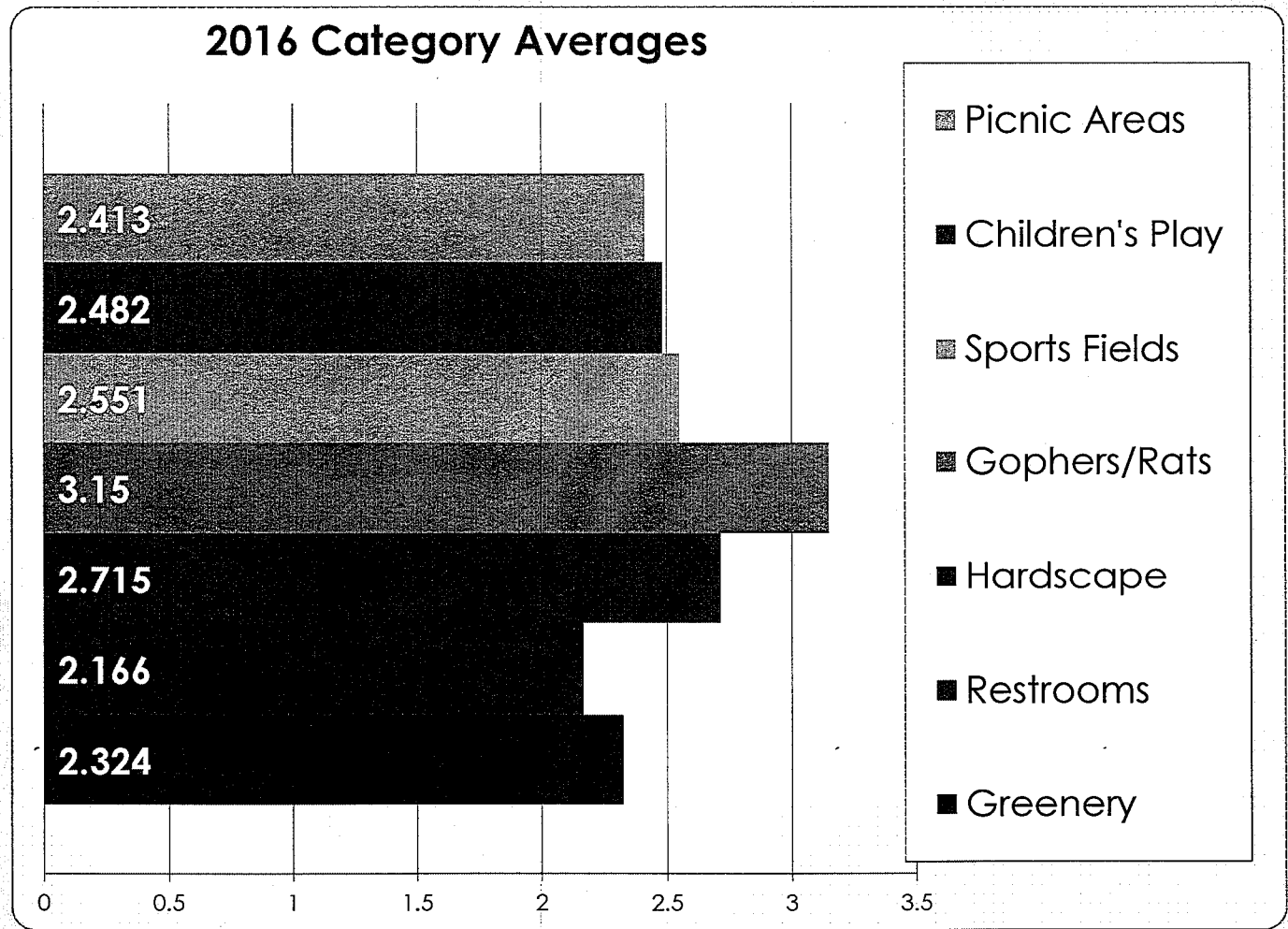
- ▶ This is the 11th Annual Report on park conditions by the Foundation and its former affiliate, Oakland Parks Coalition.
- ▶ 112 parks, medians and public landscaped areas were surveyed in the fall of 2016 by park stewards and neighborhood park group volunteers.



2016 Survey Categories

- ▶ Greenery
- ▶ Restrooms
- ▶ Hardscape, Furniture, signage
- ▶ Gopher Holes
- ▶ Outdoor Sports Areas
- ▶ Outdoor Children's Play Areas
- ▶ Picnic Areas
- ▶ Graffiti
- ▶ Water fountains
- ▶ Homeless Encampments

Survey Category Averages



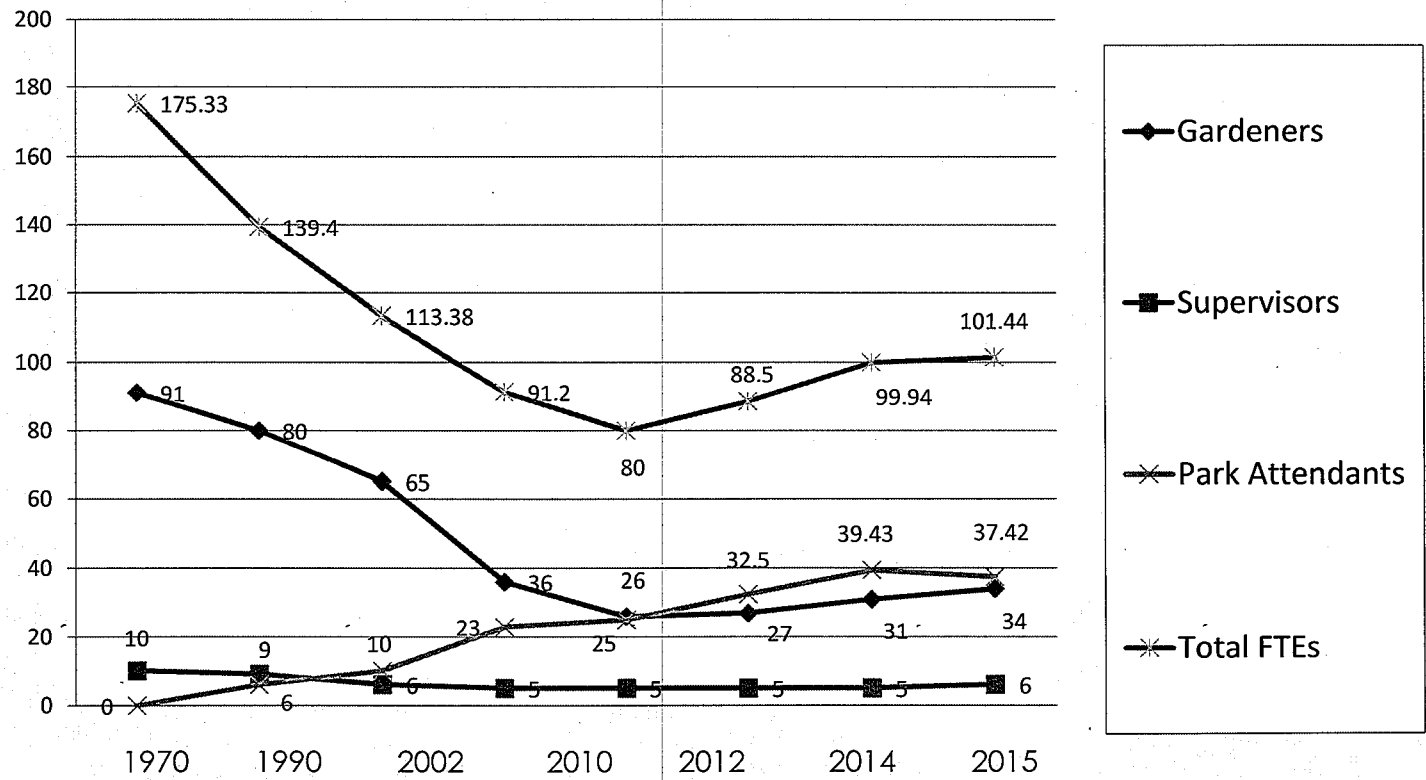


Survey Ratings

- ▶ The survey rating scale was A through F.
- ▶ Points were weighted: A=4, B=3, C=2, D=1, F=0
- ▶ This year's **Park Overall** average was 2.51, equivalent to a C, and essentially no different from the 2.5 average in 2015.

Park Maintenance Staffing History

Park Maintenance from 1970 to Present





The Focus of this Year's Report

- Homelessness in our Parks
- Poor Condition of Greenery and Trees
- Poor Restroom Conditions

Homeless Encampments



CD3: Jefferson Park



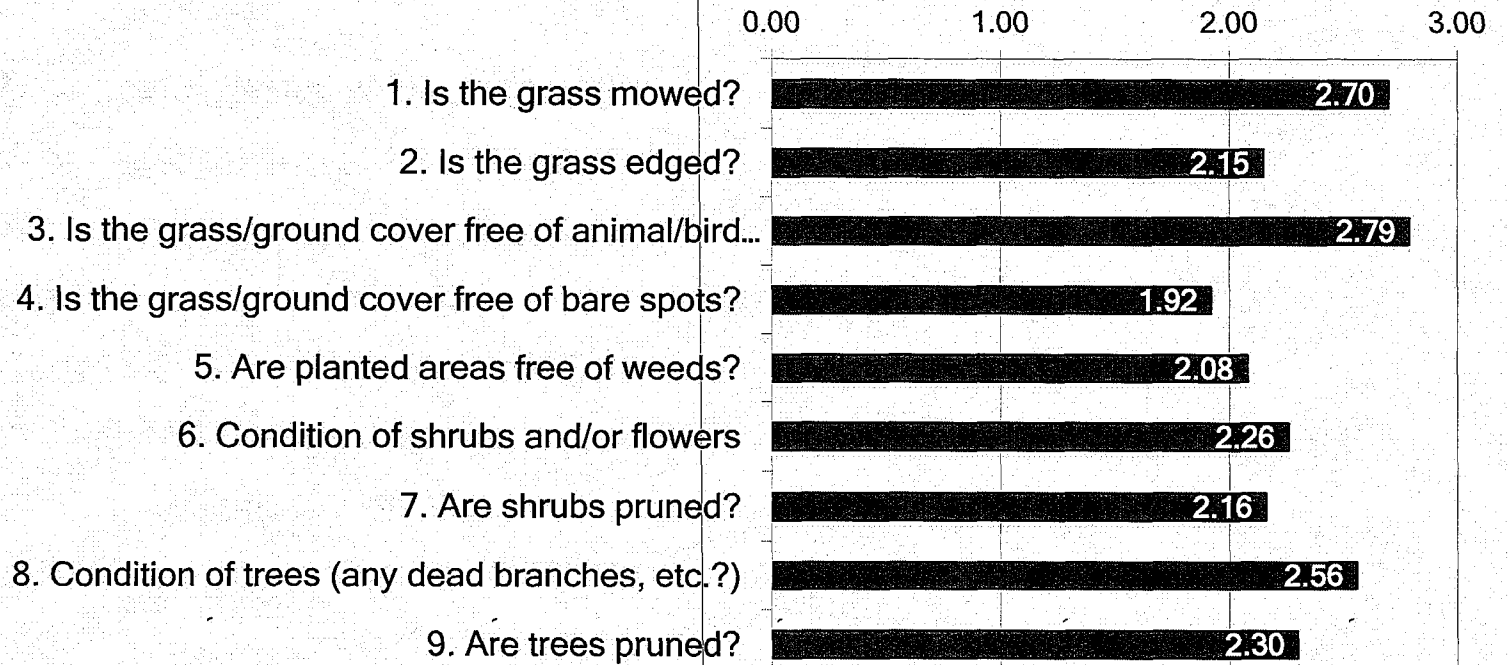
CD5: Union Point



CD3: Lafayette Square

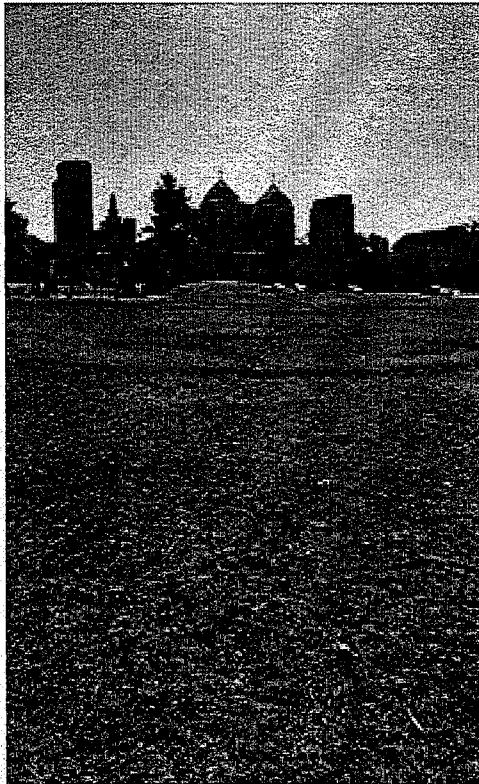
Greenery Question Ratings

GREENERY SURVEY QUESTIONS



Lost Landscaping

CD3: Marsten
Campbell



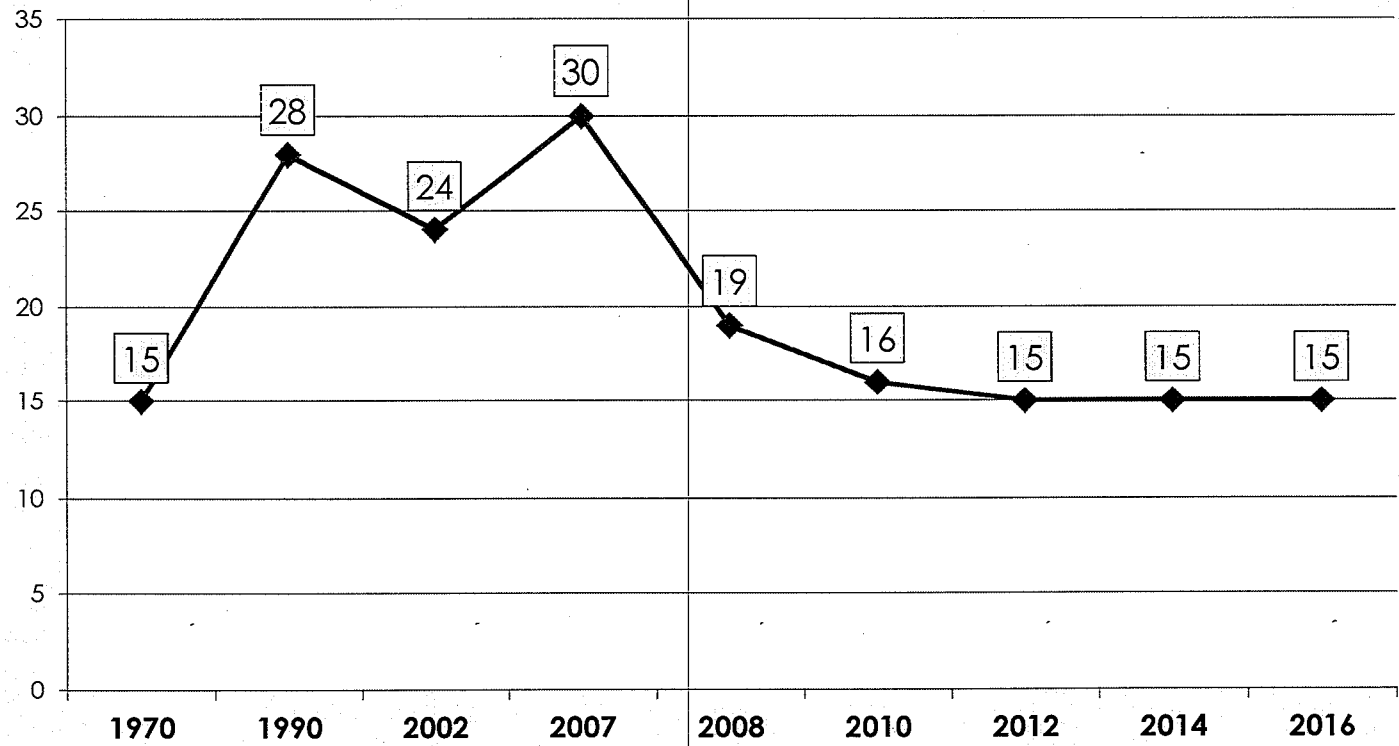
CD5: Central
Reservoir

CD3: South
Prescott



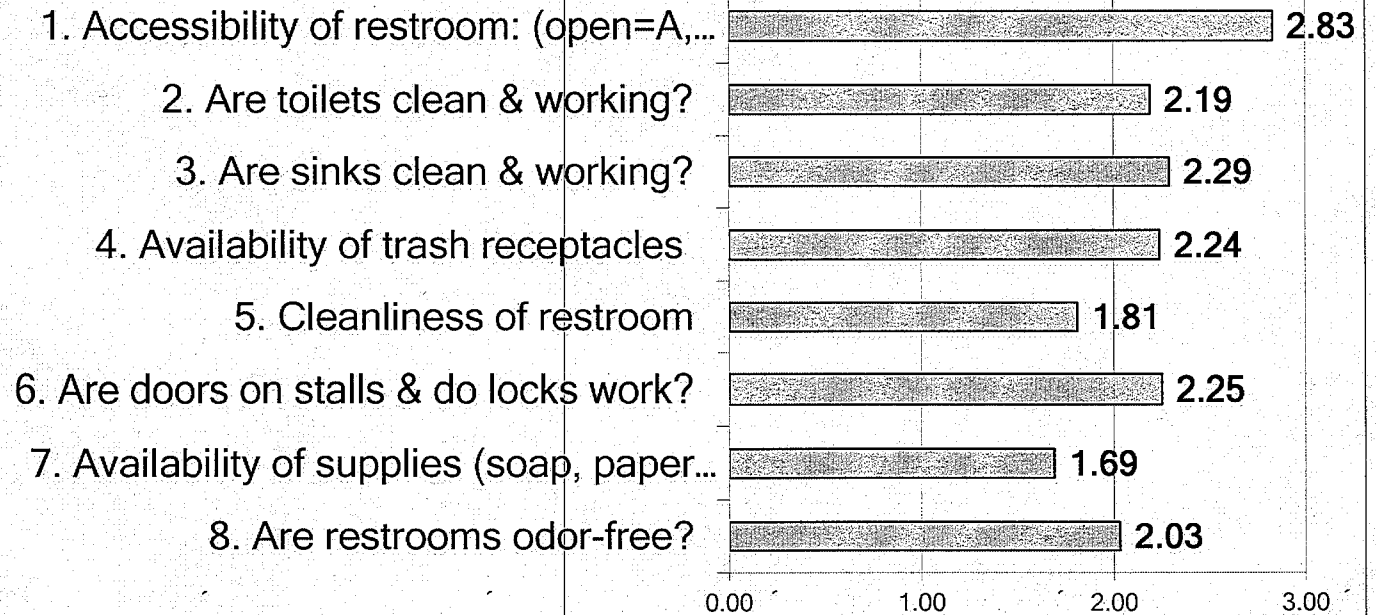
Trees

Tree Services FTE Staffing

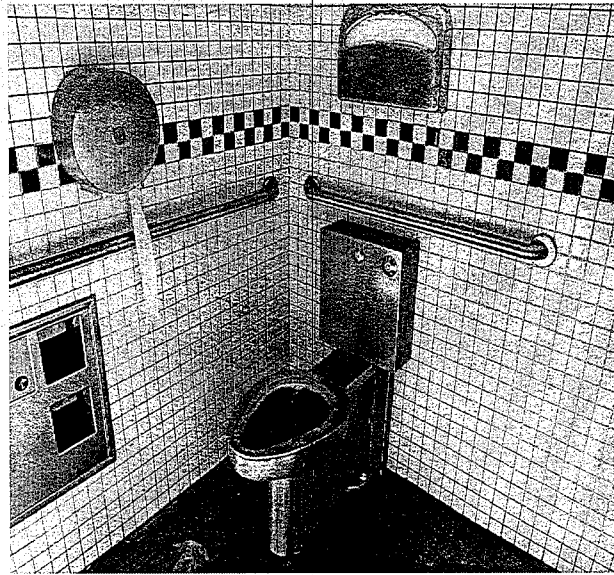


Restrooms

FREE-STANDING RESTROOMS



Restrooms, Good and Bad



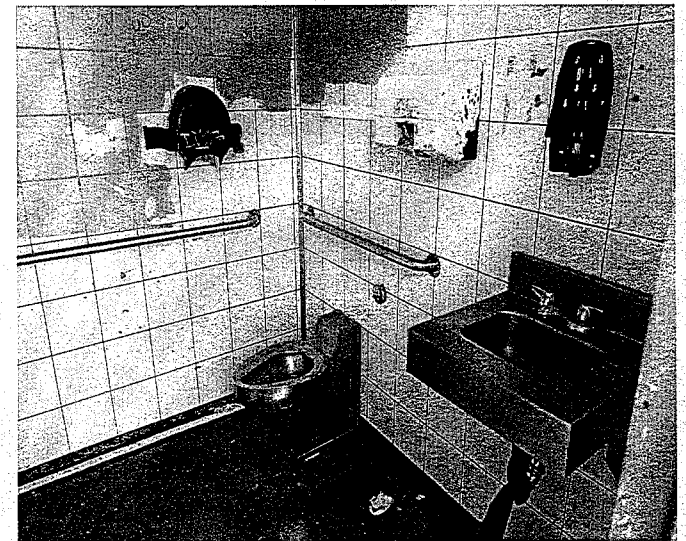
CD5: Josie de la Cruz



CD6: Arroyo Viejo



CD4: Montclair



CD3: Willow



Comments about Restrooms

- ▶ Montclair (CD4): *"The restrooms were very disappointing. They were dirty and unhygienic. The restrooms would discourage use of the parks for extended periods of time. There was no soap or paper towels. One of the stalls seemed not to have a door."*—Monique Spyke

Safety in Play Areas

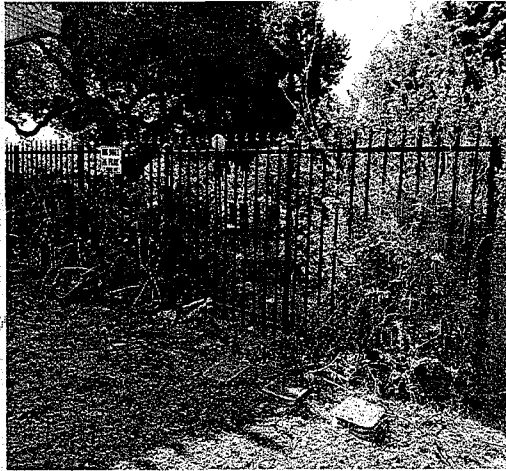
► Safety Padding



CD3: Willow

CD2: Bella Vista

Parks in Jeopardy



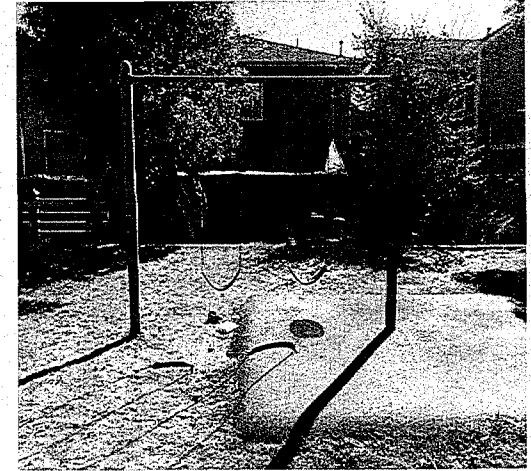
CD2: Chinese Garden



CD5: Union Point



CD3: 25th Street Mini



CD3: McClymonds



CD7: Holly Mini



Core Recommendations

- ▶ Augment Staffing for Gardeners.
- ▶ Restore Tree Workers.
- ▶ Address the Homeless Problem.
- ▶ Improve Restroom Maintenance.



Additional Recommendations

- ▶ Provide a Long-Term Funding Solution for Maintenance of Measure DD Lake Merritt Improvements.
- ▶ Provide for Safety and Security in our Parks.
- ▶ Support Neighborhood Groups and Stewards.
- ▶ Parks in Jeopardy
- ▶ Stay Creative.



**We need your support to
restore our parks to their
former greatness!**