



TRANSPORTATION ACCESS TO PARKS STUDY

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PURPOSE

Investigate how people in Southern Nevada travel to parks and understand the barriers and impediments to park access for people who do not have access to a personal vehicle.

Vision: Achieve park access for all, a future where all Southern Nevadans can reach outdoor spaces safely and comfortably.



Southern Nevadans highly value the outdoors



42% Southern Nevadans live in a Park Gap area

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STUDY AREA & METHODS



Identify



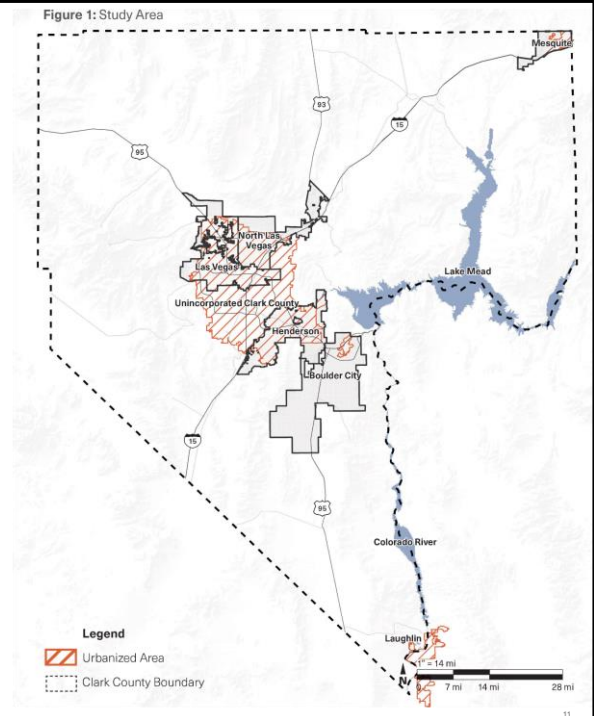
Classify



Investigate



Prioritize



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IDENTIFY: IMPACTED COMMUNITIES

Communities that have historically been negatively impacted.

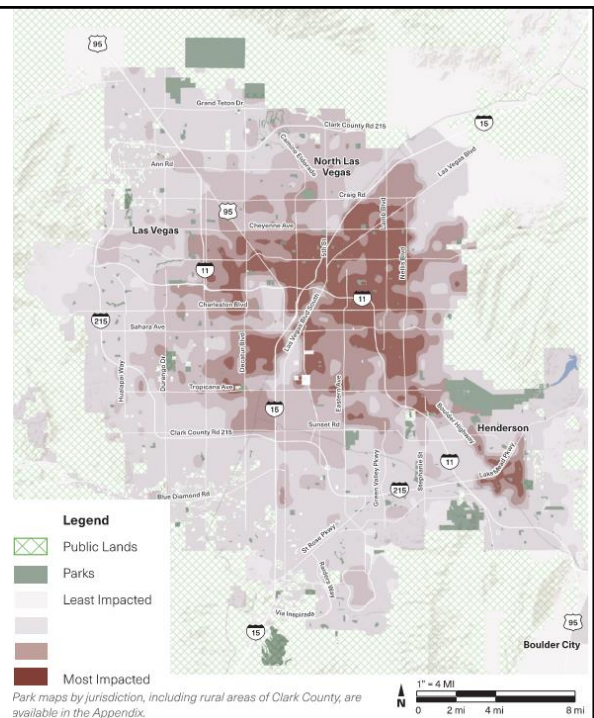
Socioeconomic Factors

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Health Disparities

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Environmental Burden



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CLASSIFY: PARK TYPES



Everyday Parks



Destination Parks



Outdoor Experience Parks

Priority Parks include Everyday Parks, Destination Parks, and Outdoor Experience Parks.

INVESTIGATE: PARK GAPS

Park Gap Areas have limited transportation access to priority parks, defined by not being able to safely walk, roll, bike, or take transit within a reasonable travel time.



56% of Southern Nevadans can walk to a park within 10 min.

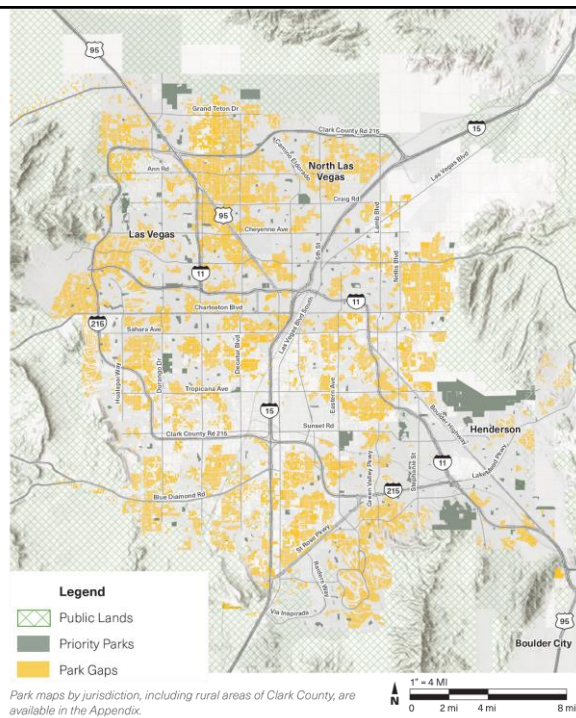


42% of Southern Nevadans live in a Park Gap area



9% of rural residents live in a Park Gap area

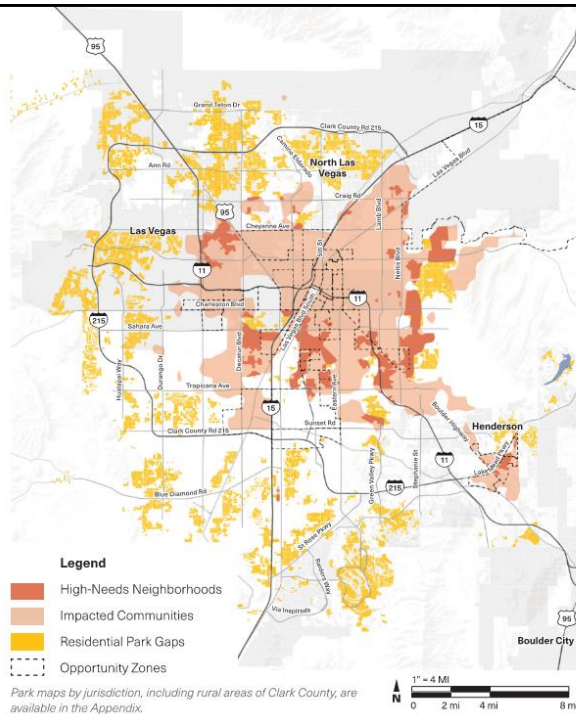
**Data analysis may not include privately-owned parks*



REFINE: HIGH-NEEDS NEIGHBORHOODS

High-Needs Neighborhoods are areas where Park Gaps overlap with Impacted Communities.

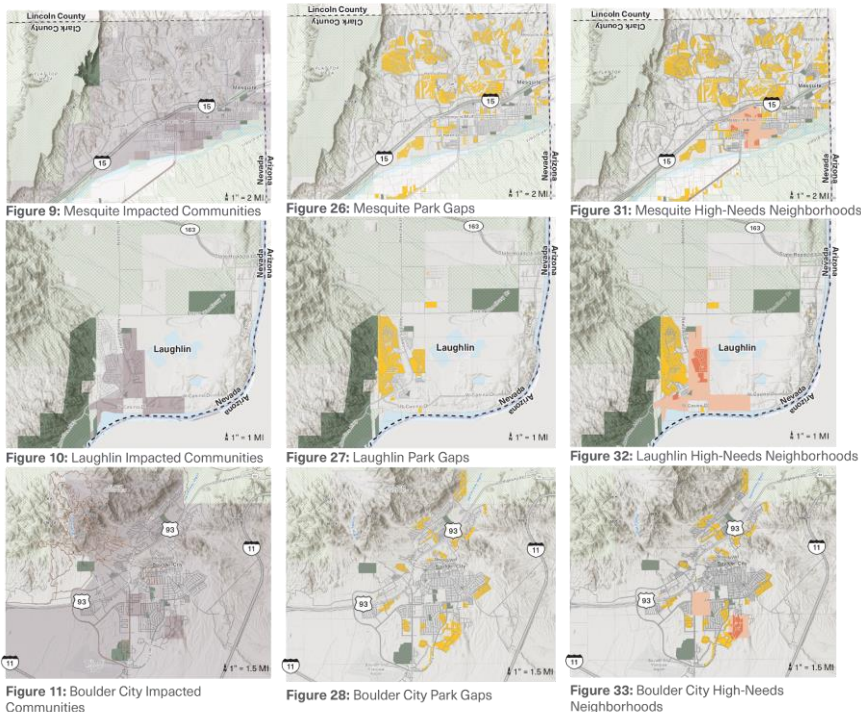
These areas are used to prioritize transportation access improvements.



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OUTLYING COMMUNITIES

Appendix B contains all spatial analysis maps by jurisdiction and township.



**Lack of data in some outlying areas limits analysis.*

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COMMUNITY & STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Technical Advisory Group + Community Survey + Focus Groups + Stakeholder Interviews



83% ranked spending time outdoors as important



47% of survey respondents' main travel mode to parks is by bus



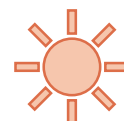
#1 barrier to park access is lack of transportation



Transportation improvements for **multiple modes** are needed



Many transit riders **don't know** how to access a park using transit



Heat also ranks high as a barrier

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GOALS



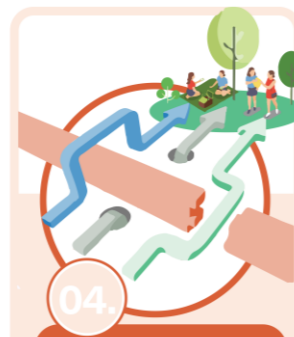
01.
Integrate parks into everyday life



02.
Connect to Destination & Outdoor Experience Parks



03.
Improve the experience of traveling to parks



04.
Reduce barriers to accessing and enjoying outdoor experiences

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STRATEGIC FRAMEWORK

Priority Actions

1. Identify sustainable funding strategies.
2. Develop a regional trip planning tool.
3. Conduct additional community outreach.
4. Pilot nature shuttle program.
5. Continue to identify and share best practices.
6. Audit existing plans and develop priority project lists.



**Policies,
programs &
initiatives**



**Capital
improvement
projects**



Partnerships



**Service
changes**

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NEXT STEPS

- Integrate recommendations with the Regional Bike and Pedestrian Plan.
- Launch Phase 2 study in late 2026.



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QUESTIONS?

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