



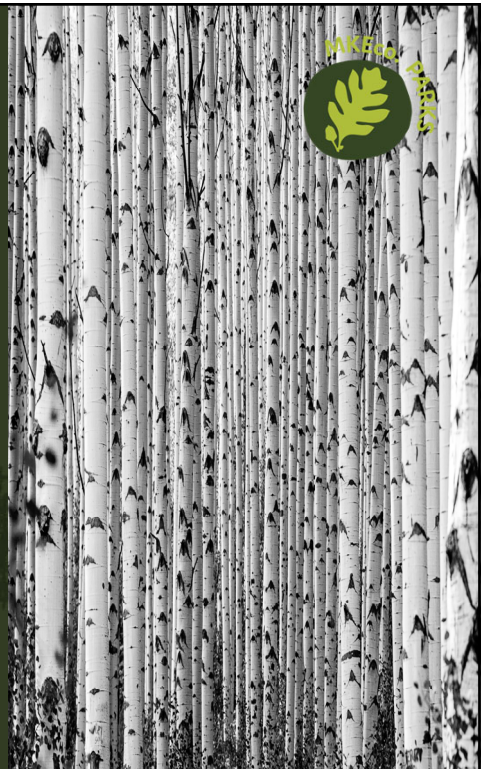
Getting to know your Parks System

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- ☐ What is your favorite park?
- ☐ What improvements do you think your favorite park needs?
- ☐ How would you go about making these improvements?



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Milwaukee County Parks...



MISSION

To steward a thriving park system that positively impacts every Milwaukee County Park visitor.

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Milwaukee County Parks...



VISION

To foster dynamic connections through our land and community, heighten the quality of life in the county, and lead as a model park system.

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Milwaukee County Parks...





VALUES

FUN: We provide unique spaces for people of all abilities to play and enjoy life.

INCLUSIVE: We strive toward racial equity, supporting all abilities, and reflect the people we serve.

GREEN: We care about the world around us and our impact on it.

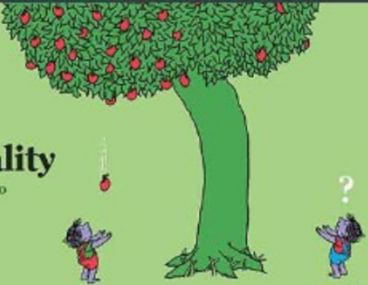
RESOURCEFUL: We cultivate partnerships & stewardship opportunities.

YOUR BACKYARD: We provide parks for all.

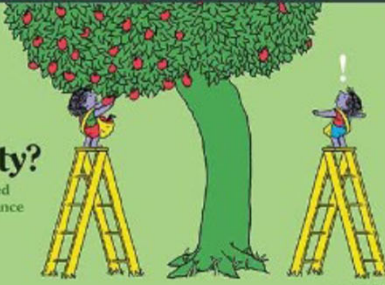
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Inequality
Unequal access to opportunities



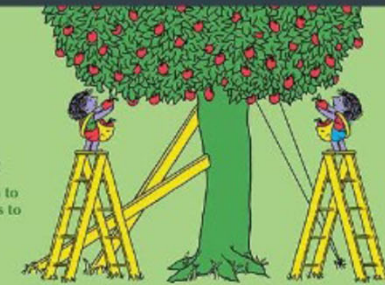
Equality?
Evenly distributed tools and assistance



Equity
Custom tools that identify and address inequality



Justice
Fixing the system to offer equal access to both tools and opportunities



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Trust for Public Land –10-Minute Walk Analysis



Why 10-minute walk to a park?

Close-to-home parks serve as essential backyards for millions of people and open up countless possibilities for communities and cities by helping to confront some of today's most pressing urban challenges.

The 10-minute walk metric—equivalent to approximately a half-mile for an able-bodied person—is the average distance most people are willing to walk to reach a destination, a standard that helps us examine the number of opportunities and resources a person has close to home.



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Centers for Disease Control (CDC) Social Vulnerability Index (SVI)



Variables Used

American Community Survey (ACS), 2016-2020 (5-year) data for the following estimates:

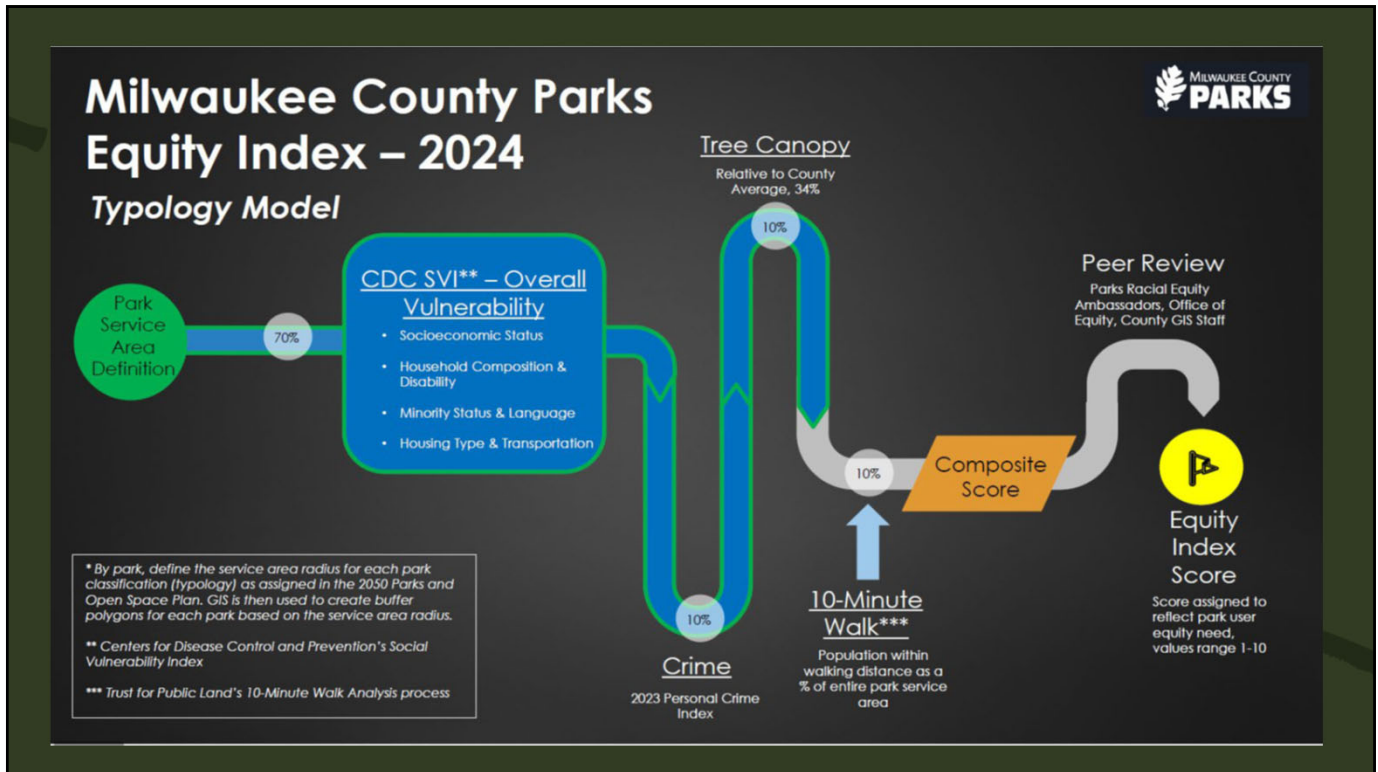
Overall Vulnerability	Socioeconomic Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Below 150% Poverty Unemployed Housing Cost Burden No High School Diploma No Health Insurance
	Household Characteristics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Aged 65 & Older Aged 17 & Younger Civilian with a Disability Single-Parent Households English Language Proficiency
	Racial & Ethnic Minority Status	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hispanic or Latino (of any race) Black or African American, Not Hispanic or Latino Asian, Not Hispanic or Latino American Indian or Alaska Native, Not Hispanic or Latino Native Hawaiian or Pacific Islander, Not Hispanic or Latino Two or More Races, Not Hispanic or Latino Other Races, Not Hispanic or Latino
	Housing Type & Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Multi-Unit Structures Mobile Homes Crowding No Vehicle Group Quarters



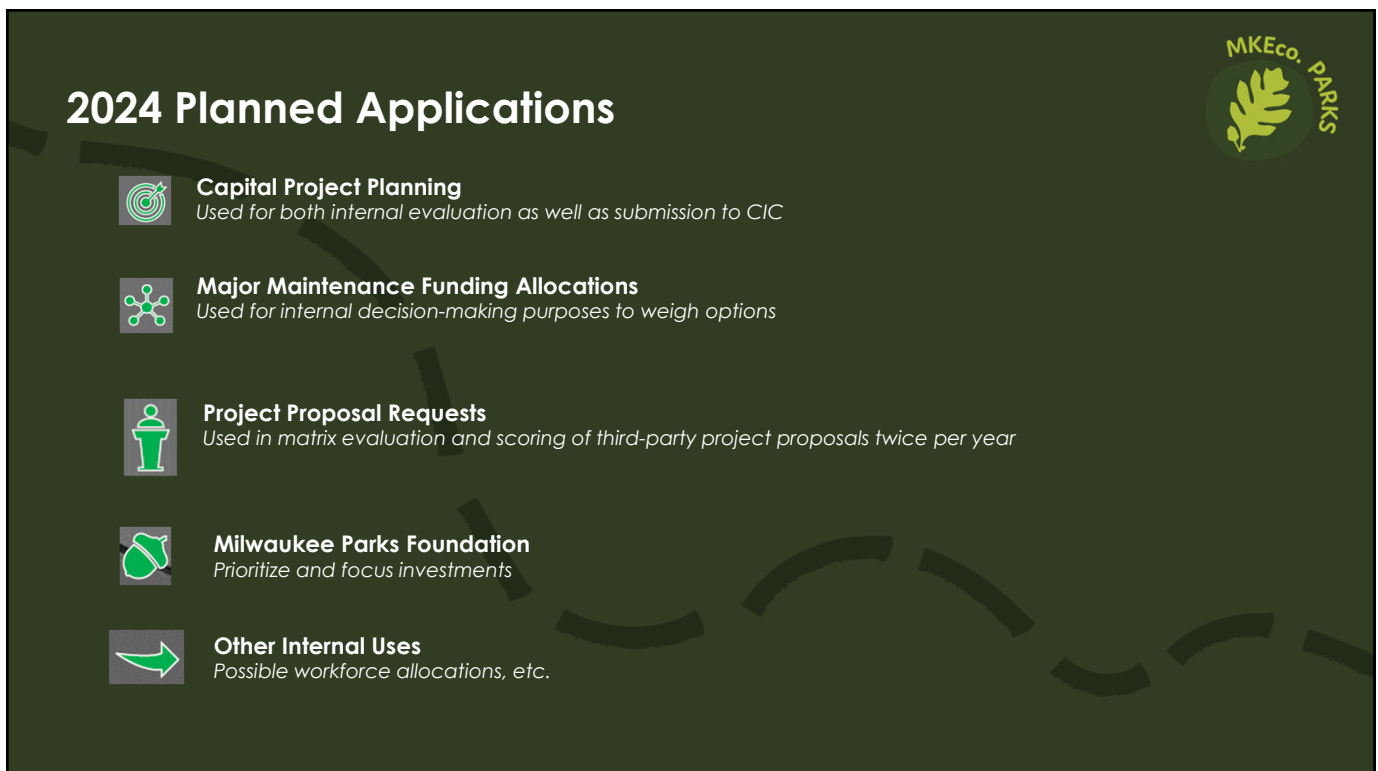
Geospatial Determinants of Health

The places of our lives – our homes, workplaces, schools, parks, and houses of worship – affect the quality of our health and influence our experience with disease and well-being. Geospatial science, geographic information systems (GIS), and cartographic visualization provide important concepts, methods, and tools equipping public health scientists to examine, characterize, and analyze the important relationship between our health and the places of our lives.

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THE "UNHEALTHY STREAM" CREATES INEQUITIES

POLICIES, PRACTICES & SYSTEMS– Policies, structures and systems – including those in government – have sustained and even contributed to inequities

OUTCOMES– Government programs historically have tended to react to problems and treat poor individual and family-level outcomes

CONDITIONS– Past policies, systems and practices have resulted in adverse social, physical and economic conditions

structural racism and discrimination
class and gender bias
lack of access to resources
and decision-making
cross-generational inequities

dilapidated housing
poor quality schools
unemployment & low wage work
limited & unsafe parks
food insecurity
pollution & toxic exposures
absence of community economic development
disproportionality in justice system
unsafe neighborhoods
no insurance or quality healthcare

incarceration
obesity
homelessness
health problems
untreated mental illness
low birth weight
unemployed and underemployed

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PRO-EQUITY POLICIES, PRACTICES & SYSTEMS–

For greatest and most effective impact, King County is **focusing "upstream"** to address root causes and be pro-equity

CONDITIONS– Pro-equity systems and policies result in improved community conditions, also known as "determinants of equity"

OUTCOMES– Individuals and families thrive regardless of race and place

pro-equity policies,
practices and values such as:
inclusion
racial justice

affordable & safe housing
living wage jobs & job training
quality education & early learning
equitable justice system
healthy food & food systems
healthy built & natural environments
community economic development
transportation
safe & supportive neighborhoods
information & technology
health care & human services
parks & natural resources

good health
high quality of life
healthy years lived
happiness & satisfaction
educational success
civic engagement
economic well-being

"HEALTHY STREAM"
CREATES EQUITY

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Parks are amazing spaces. We create positive change through parks...



They improve our physical health by providing spaces to run, cycle and play; they help improve our mental health by connecting us to nature; they help reduce flooding, clean our air and water; they strengthen our community by bringing neighbors together; they inspire innovative ideas, and they can help kick start small businesses. It's clear that when we ensure our parks thrive, our parks ensure we thrive.

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Thank You!



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