

# RECREATION RE-iMAGINED

Re-Thinking  
How We Think  
About Recreation

City Council Workshop  
August 27, 2020





# OVERVIEW

- Recreation **TODAY**
  - Community Centers
  - What We've Been Up To
- Recreation **TOMORROW**
  - Recreation Re-iMaged!
- Next Steps



# The Leadership Team



Human Services  
Director



Recreation &  
Leisure Services  
Director



Cultural Resources  
Director



# City of Savannah

## Recreation TODAY

### CITY FACILITIES

70 Playgrounds

25 Tennis Courts

17 Recreation Centers\*

15 Softball/Baseball Fields

10 Spray Pads

9 Swimming Pools

2 Artificial Turf Fields

2 Resource Centers

2 Dog Parks

1 Golf Course

1 Public Marina

1 Cultural Arts Center

\*Includes Stillwell Towers, The Veranda (Housing Authority properties) and Windsor Forest (BOE)

\*Does not include Hudson Hill Community Center (new replacement facility)

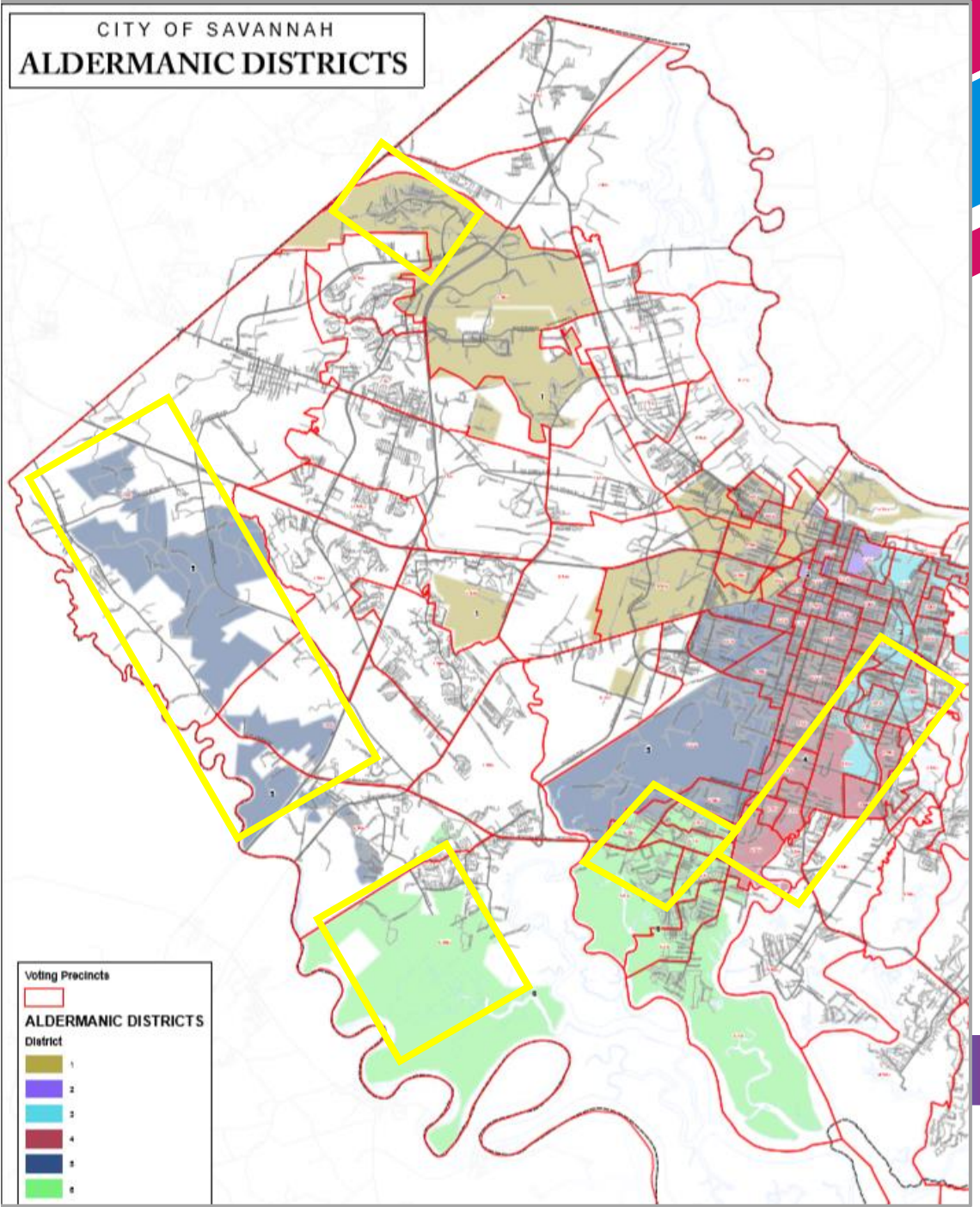
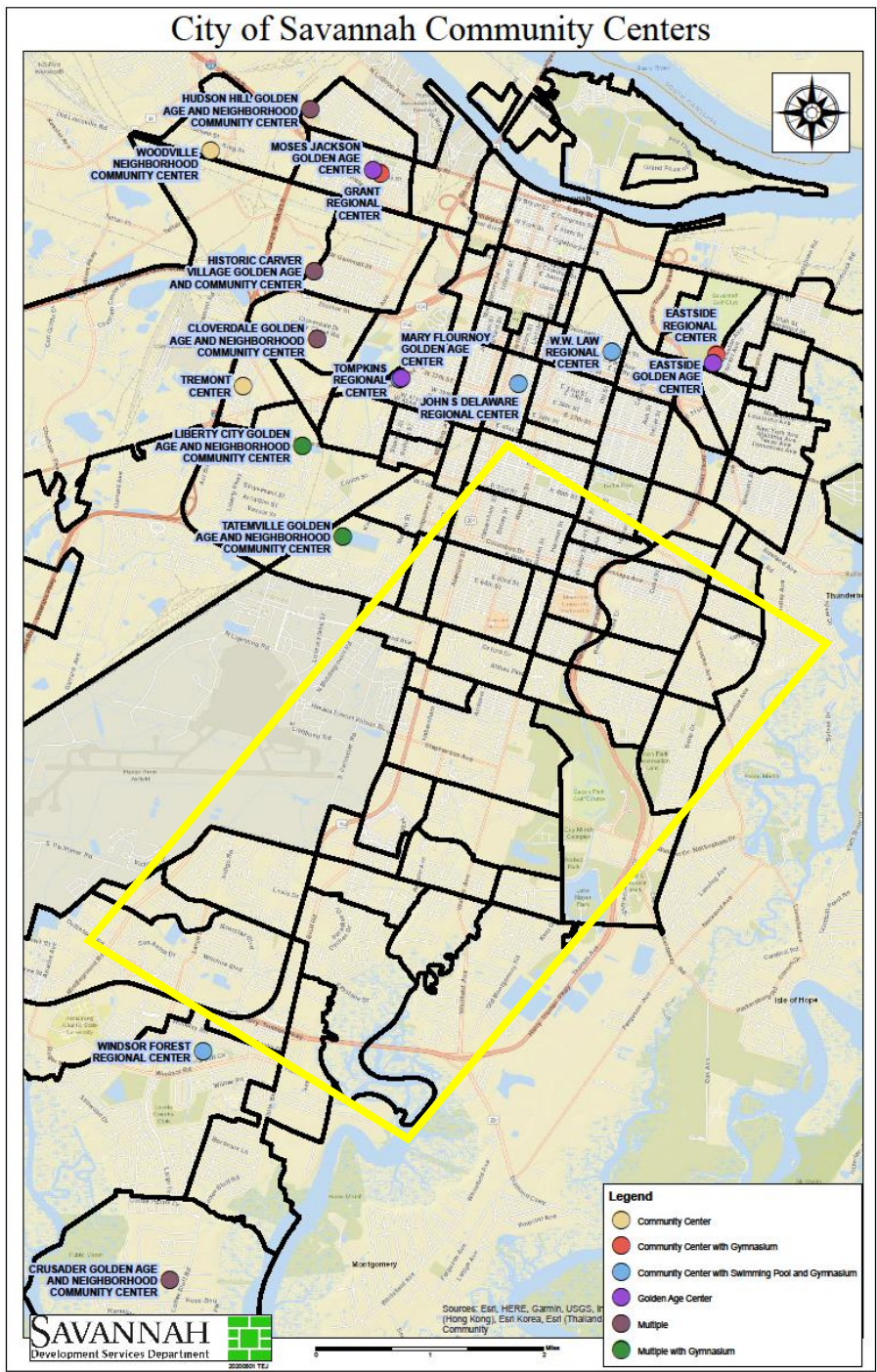


# Community Centers

## Current Operations



# Community Recreation Center Locations





# Community Centers - Amenities

## CITY OF SAVANNAH - COMMUNITY CENTERS

CENTER	Carver Village *	Cloverdale *	Crusader *	John S. Delaware	Eastside	C.B. Grant	Liberty City *	Mary Flourney *	Moses Jackson *	Stillwell Towers *	Tatemville *	Tompkins	Tremont	The Veranda *	W.W. Law	Windsor Forest *	Woodville *	MJAC	PARC	SCAC
LOCATION	905 Collat Ave	1919 Cynthia St	81 Coffee Bluff Rd	1815 Lincoln St	415 Goebel Ave	1310 Richards St	1401 Mills B. Lane Blvd	1001 W. 39th St	1410 Richards St	5100 Waters Ave	333 Coleman St	2333 Ogeechee Rd	2015 Paige Ave	1414 E. Anderson St	900 E. Bolton St	308 Briarcliff Circle	127 Darling Street	1410B Richards St	425 Penn Ave	201 Montgomery St
HOURS	M-F 9:30a-1:30 3p-7p	M-F 9:30a-1:30 3p-7p	M-F 9:30a-2p; 3p-8p	M-F 11a-8p; S12p-4p	M-F 11a-8p; S12p-4p	M-F 11a-8p; S12p-4p	M-F 9a-2p; 3p-8p	M-F 8a-4p	M-F 8a-4p	M-F 8a-4p	M-F 9a-2p; 3p-7p	M-F 11a-8p; S12p-4p	M-F 3p-7p	M-F 8a-4p	M-F 11a-8p; S12p-4p	M-F 8a-8p; S12p-4p	M-F 9:30a-1:30 4p-8p	M-F 9a-5:30p	9a-7p F9a-6p S10a-2p	M9a-7p F9am-6p S9a-2p
INDOOR																				
Multi-Purpose	X	X	X	X			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Computer Rm	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Game/TV Rm	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X		X	X		X	X	X		X	X	
Fitness Rm	X	X			X		X	X	X			X		X					X	
Gymnasium				X	X	X	X					X			X	X				
Library															X					
Health Rm																		X	X	
Visual/Perf Arts																				X
OUTDOOR																				
Athletic Field	X	X			X															
Baseball Field			X																	
Basketball Ct	X	X	X								X		X							
Picnic/Gazebo	X	X	X				X				X	X								
Playground	X	X	X		X		X				X				X					
Pond/Lake							X				X									
Swimming Pool		X		X								X			X					
Tennis Ct	X																			
Walking Trail							X				X									

# Community Centers

## What We've Been Up To

During the Pandemic...

## Helping to Meet Community Needs

- Delivering Weekday Meals to Seniors
- Preparing Take-Home Activity Kits
- Harvesting our Community Gardens
- Providing Summer Breakfast & Lunch Go-Bags to Youth
- Hosting Walk-Up and Drive-Thru sites for hot meals, fresh vegetables, dry goods, and back-to-school bookbags



Bookbag Give-Away at Moses Jackson



Fresh Vegetables from PARC  
Community Garden



Walk-Up & Delivery of Meals for Seniors



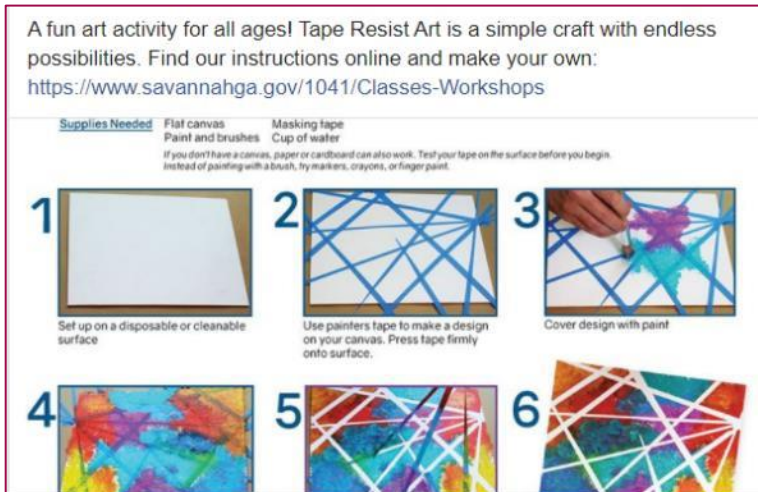
# Community Centers

## What We've Been Up To

### During the Pandemic...

## Going VIRTUAL

- Serving Neighborhoods Virtually – Hosting and attending meetings, helping neighborhoods go virtual
- Updating our Content to be More Informative & Attractive
- Producing Training Videos and Hosting Virtual Classes
- Coordinating across departments to move to new, shared, cloud-based software –making programs, registration, and payments accessible online



Online Fun Art Activity for the Family



Informational Video by SCAC Staff



Cloud-based Program Software

# Providing Regular Maintenance and Repair of Outdoor Recreation Systems (13 Member Team)

## What We've Been Up To

### During the Pandemic...

- Mow, trim, groom and edge **50 acres** of turf fields; repair fences, bleachers; clean parking lots; layout, drag and line all fields for City and rental activities.
- Repair and maintain **350 park benches**, **170 picnic tables**, and **100 drinking fountains** and **40 outdoor basketball courts**.
- Perform monthly inspections and repair and maintain **70 playgrounds**.
- Prepare **9 swimming pools** for annual Health Department certification; provide ongoing maintenance, monitor chemicals and repair mechanical systems.
- Prepare and provide daily maintenance for Grayson Stadium.

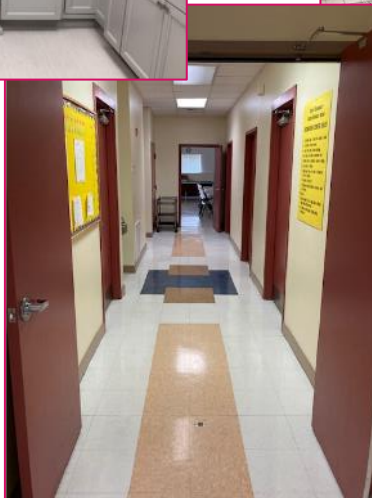




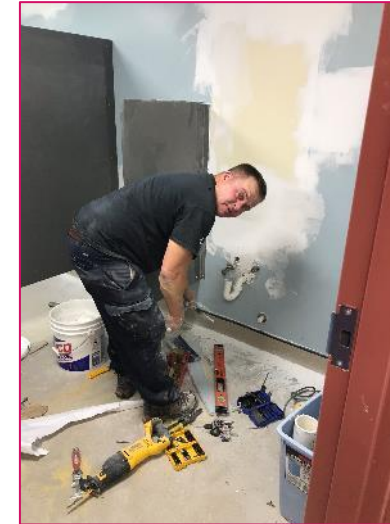
# Renovating Community Centers:

***BIG THANKS TO REAL ESTATE SERVICES!***

**What We've  
Been Up To**



Crusader &  
Tremont Park  
Centers



**What's Next:**



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**Planning for a Future of  
Excellence**





# ATHLETIC PROGRAMS

## WHAT WE OFFER NOW

- **YOUTH**
  - BASEBALL
  - BASKETBALL
  - FOOTBALL
  - TRACK & FIELD
  - CHEERLEADING CAMP
- **ADULT**
  - SOFTBALL
  - TENNIS
- **OPEN/FREE PLAY COURTS**
- **FIELD USE RENTALS**



# ATHLETICS RE-iMAGINED

...WHY NOT?

FIELD HOCKEY  
NEIGHBORHOOD  
SWIM TEAMS  
LACROSSE  
WIFFLE BALL  
FISHING  
GYMNASTICS  
ARCHERY  
BOXING  
CROSS COUNTRY  
DISC GOLF  
CYCLING  
FLAG FOOTBALL  
RACQUETBALL  
WALKING CLUBS  
SOCCER  
KAYAKING  
SKATING  
T-BALL  
MARTIAL ARTS  
TABLE TENNIS  
KICKBALL  
ROCK CLIMBING WALL  
GOLF CLUBS

TRACK AND FIELD  
COMPLEX

INDOOR  
SPORTS FACILITY

HOSTING EXHIBITIONS  
& TOURNAMENTS



# PLAYGROUNDS, TODAY

WE'RE MAKING PROGRESS, ...BUT THERE'S MORE TO DO!



Forsyth Park



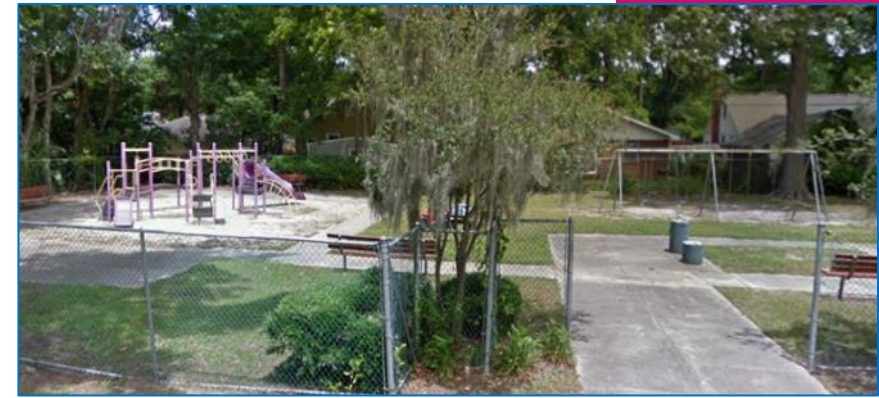
Hull Park



Daffin Park



Victory Heights Park



38th Street Park



Westside Park



Sunnyside Park



# PLAYGROUNDS

## ...RE-Imagined!





# PLAYGROUNDS

...What About for Adults?





# SWIMMING POOLS

↓ TODAY ...TOMORROW? →





# SPRAY PADS

↓ TODAY ...TOMORROW? →





# RECREATION CENTERS

...WHY NOT add  
some Recreation  
to our Recreation  
Centers?





# YOUTH SPACES ...WHY NOT?



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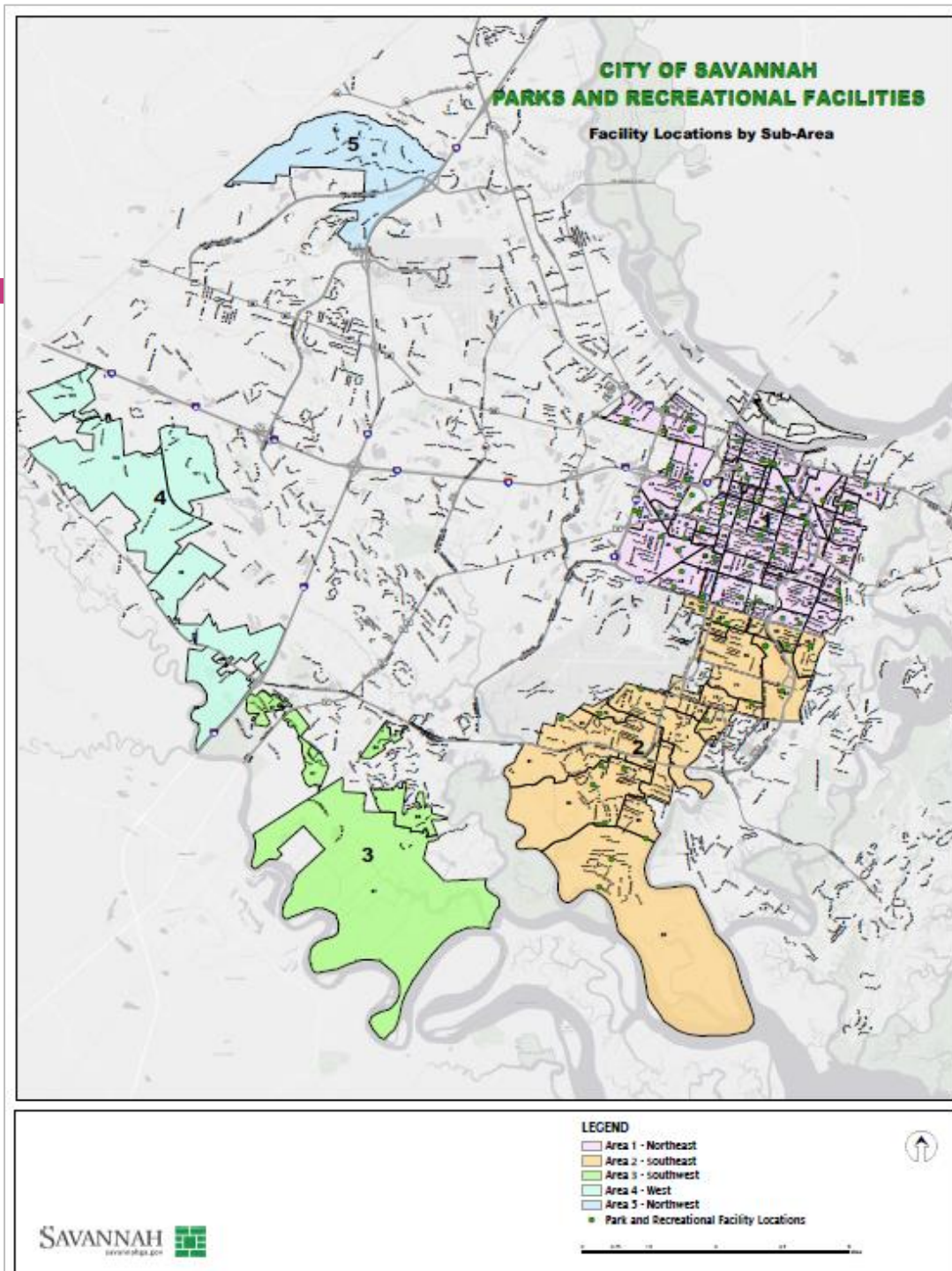


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## How Do We Get There?

- Make Excellence Our Mission
- Think of:

**Recreation Zones**  
versus  
**Neighborhoods/Districts**

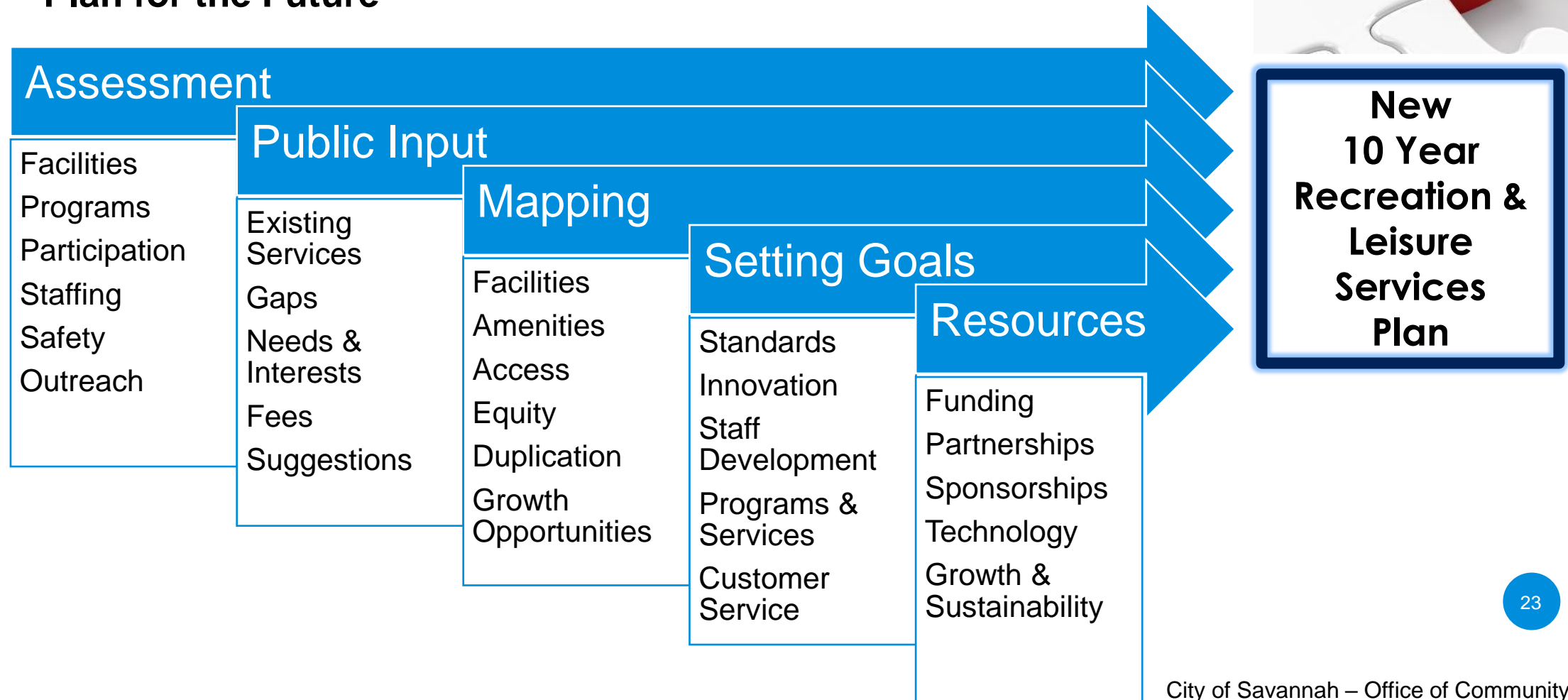




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## How Do We Get There?

- Plan for the Future



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Thank you for your time & consideration.

