

Proposition 68 Grant- \$200,000- \$8,500,000 Per Request

Statewide Park Program (SPP) competitive grants will create **NEW PARKS** and **NEW RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES** in CRITICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITIES across California. **Due: December 14, 2020**

CRITICALLY UNDERSERVED COMMUNITY – an area within PROXIMITY of a PROJECT SITE that has a ratio of less than 3 acres of PARK SPACE per 1,000 residents, or a median household income below \$56,982 (up from \$51,026 in the last round) based on the response to Project Selection Criteria 1 or 2.

A PROJECT must involve either DEVELOPMENT or a combination of ACQUISITION and DEVELOPMENT to: 1. Create a NEW PARK, or 2. EXPAND an EXISTING PARK, or 3. RENOVATE an EXISTING PARK (NOTE: the minimum percentage of funds mandated to renovate/expand existing parks has been completely met in round #3.)

All PROJECTS must **create** or **RENOVATE** at least one RECREATION FEATURE. Examples of RECREATION FEATURES:

☐ ACQUISITION of land: Combined with DEVELOPMENT of a NEW RECREATION FEATURE. **OR** ☐ Already has a RECREATION FEATURE for public use at close of escrow.

☐ Aquatic center, swimming pool, splash pad, fishing pier or paddling launch site

☐ Amphitheater/performing arts dance, music, and theater stage

☐ Athletic fields (soccer regulation or “futbol-rapido”, baseball, softball, football, etc.)

☐ Athletic courts (basketball, “futsal”, tennis, pickleball, etc.)

☐ Community gardens, botanical or demonstration gardens and orchards

☐ Community/Recreation center (only if it will be in or ADJACENT to a PARK)

☐ Dog park

☐ Jogging and walking loop, par course, running track

☐ Non-motorized trail, pedestrian/bicycle bridge, greenbelt/linear PARK

☐ Outdoor gym exercise equipment (stations fixed into ground)

☐ Open space and natural area for public recreation use

☐ Picnic/Bar-B-Que areas

☐ Playground and tot lot

☐ Plaza, Zocalo, Gazebo

☐ Public art (mosaic tiles, sculptures, murals)

☐ Skate park, skating rink, and BMX or pump track (non-motorized bike tracks)

☐ Lighting to allow for extended night time use of a RECREATION FEATURE

☐ Shade structure/COVERED PARK areas over a RECREATION FEATURE to allow for extended day time use

A PROJECT may also include MAJOR SUPPORT AMENITIES: • Restroom, snack shack • Parking lot, staging area, pathway to a RECREATION FEATURE • Landscaping or lighting that will be constructed throughout the PARK

APPLICATIONS where the majority of the TOTAL PROJECT COST is for a MAJOR SUPPORT AMENITY will be less competitive. PROJECTS should create a NEW RECREATION OPPORTUNITY(S) as the primary goal.

The maximum score is 100 points.

- All competing APPLICATIONS start with 0 points.
- Points are gained through the Project Selection Criteria.

PROJECT SELECTION CRITERIA		MAX POINT VALUE
PROJECT LOCATION		
1.	Critical Lack of PARK SPACE	15
2.	Significant Poverty	16
3.	Type of Project	10
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT		
4.	Community Based Planning	18
5.	Employment or Volunteer Opportunities	6
6.	Partnerships or Committed Funding	3
OPERATION AND MAINTENANCE CONSIDERATIONS		
7.	Environmental Design	7
8.	Public Use Fees and Hours of Operation	5
SUMMARY ABOUT PROJECT NEED, BENEFITS, AND READINESS		
9.	Community CHALLENGES, Project Benefits and Readiness	20
MAXIMUM SCORE		100

Major lessons learned from the last round include selecting a park site that scores as highly as possible in criteria #1-3 especially- not just highly in one or two of them. (In the last grant round this is the only area we failed to gain the maximum number of points.)

The 10 sites below for your consideration are ranked in order of most competitive to least, and were given an estimated score for the first 3 criteria using the same scoring process that will be done with all applications across the state. This is only an estimate, as all applications will be ranked against each other, so the actual number cannot be known, and will be based on what other projects are submitted from across the state. This ranking is only amongst the 13 sites (including the 3 resubmissions) in Merced to see how they fared against each other.

Recreation and Park Commission Order of Preference						
	Project Sites	Critical Lack of Park Space (Max 15 Pts.)	Significant Poverty A (Max 11 Pts.)	Significant Poverty B (Max 5 Pts.)	Type of Project (Max 10 Pts.)	Total Score (Max 41 Pts.)
	I St & 18th Street	11	11	5	10	37
	Alfarata Ranch	15	5	3	10	33
	Partial Build CP-42	9	3	3	10	25
	Harriet Tubman	11	9	5	7	32
	Circle Drive	15	7	3	7	32
	William Lloyd Garrison	13	7	4	8	32
	Bob Hart Square	9	11	4	8	32
	Rascal Creek Bike Path	11	9	5	10	35
	Santa Fe & G Street	15	7	3	10	35
	Charles Richard Drew	9	11	5	7	32
To resubmit	Fahren's Creek Trail	15	1	1	10	27
To resubmit	Lester K Yoshida	7	1	2	10	20
To resubmit	Charles Ogletree	7	1	2	10	20

I Street & 18th Street-New Park-Meets BOTH Criteria

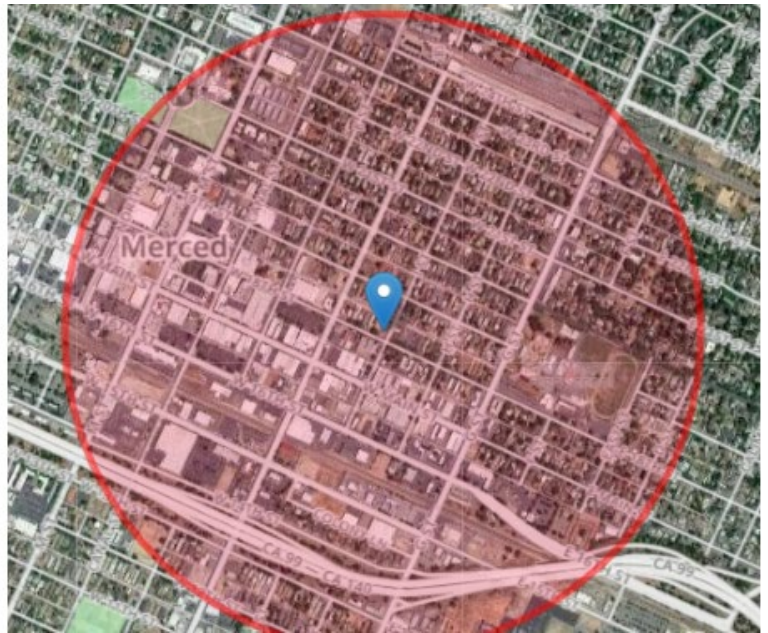
Median Household Income: \$25,184 (Difference of \$31,798)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 1,867

Parks per 1,000: 0.83 (Difference of 2.17 acres)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.3009666, -120.4783595	
Total Population	3,890	⑤
Youth Population	1,145	⑤
Senior Population	276	⑤
Median Household Income	\$25,184	⑤
Per Capita Income	\$15,801	⑤
People in Poverty	1,867	⑤
Households without Access to a Car	249	⑤
Parks total area	3.24 acres	⑤
Parks per 1000 people	0.83 acres	⑤



Other Considerations: This is the highest scoring site out of the 10 sites. Although the park footprint will be fairly small (less than .5 acres), this site more than any other addresses the core spirit and criteria of the granting agency; which is to create new parks and new recreation opportunities in critically underserved communities.

Not only does this score very highly in the matrix, but also upon visiting the site it is obvious the positive impact it will have in the immediately surrounding community, as the site is surrounded by many low-income apartment complexes that do not have much access to outdoor gathering space. It is in the opinion of staff that a site visit from the granting agency would demonstrate strongly the need for park space in this area.

The score may change slightly due to a discrepancy in the granting agency's criteria matrix tool that is currently being fixed. It will increase the park acreage per 1,000 making it slightly less competitive than it shows on the matrix now, but should not be too significant of a change.

This location is not mentioned in the 2003 Park and Open Space Master Plan.

Alfarata Blvd & Gerard Ave-Alfarata Ranch-New Park-Meets BOTH Criteria

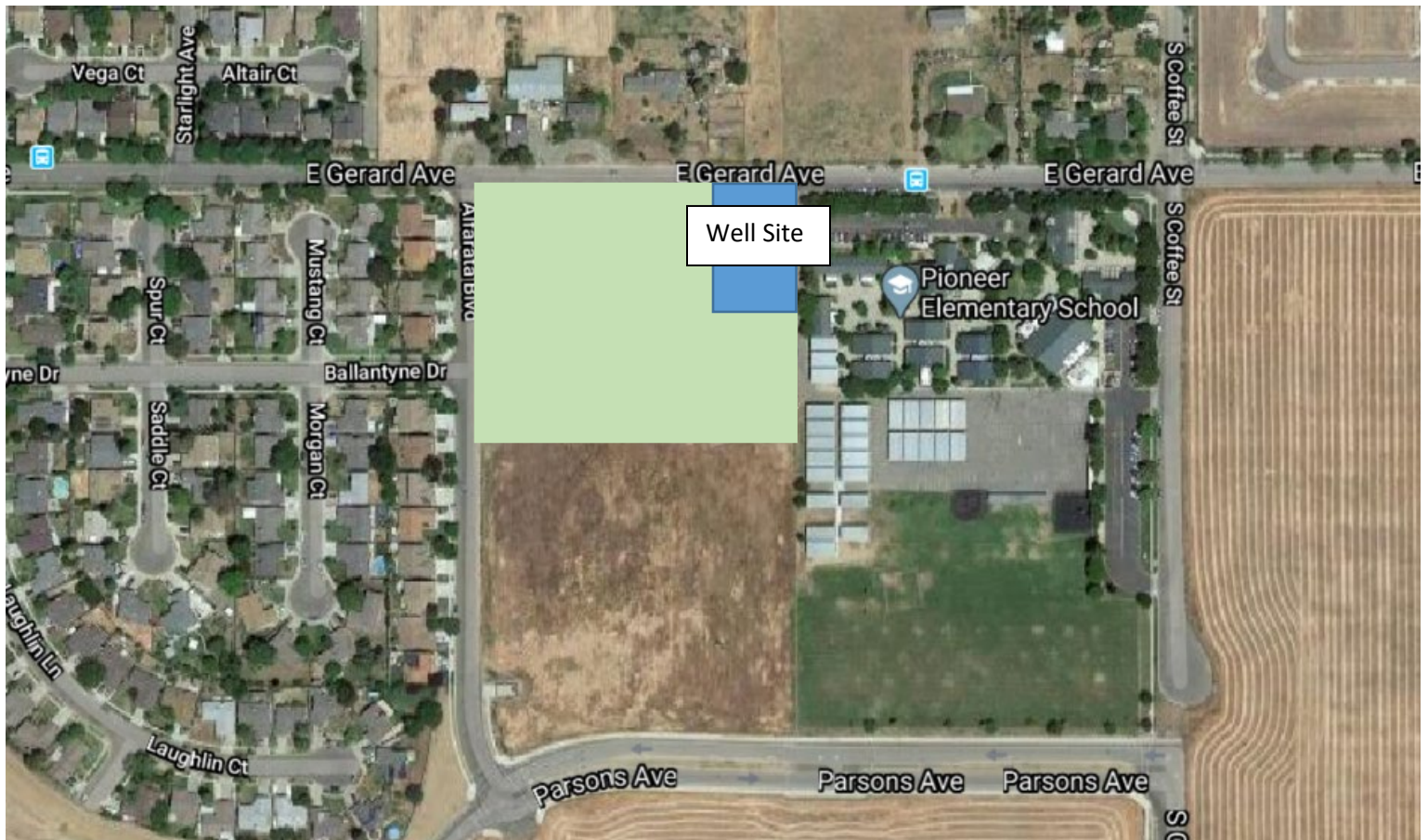
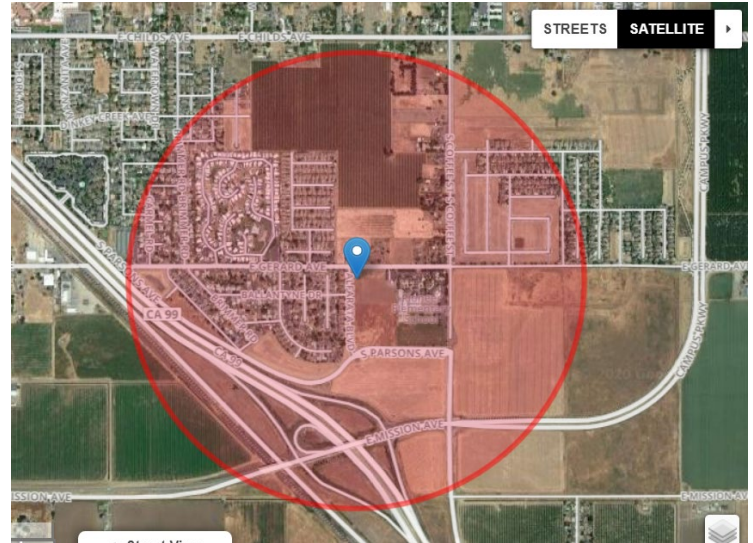
Median Household Income: \$49,105 (Difference of \$7,877)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 894

Parks per 1,000: 0.00 (Difference of 3 acres)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.2799263, -120.4372787	
Total Population	2,423	ⓘ
Youth Population	952	ⓘ
Senior Population	165	ⓘ
Median Household Income	\$49,105	ⓘ
Per Capita Income	\$18,650	ⓘ
People in Poverty	894	ⓘ
Households without Access to a Car	17	ⓘ
Parks total area	0.00 acres	ⓘ
Parks per 1000 people	0.00 acres	ⓘ



Other Considerations: This site has been slated to be a park for a long time, and the residents do not have any other parks in the area. The site is next to a school which would presumably benefit the children who attend there.

From the 2003 Park and Open Space Master Plan:

This site has been owned by the City for a number of years and was acquired for park use. Although the site is to the west of Pioneer Elementary School, it is adjacent to the buildings and not an extension of the school play area. The park is currently undeveloped, but it does contain a municipal water well. An interchange proposed for Highway 99 at Mission Avenue could have a major effect on this area. Because of the planned interchange, the City should consider whether another site closer to residential development would be more appropriate for a neighborhood park in this area. If a more suitable site is identified, the existing Alfarata Ranch park site should be designated for other uses.

Whether the current Alfarata Ranch Park site or a different nearby park site, it is recommended that a neighborhood park be developed in this vicinity. A master plan should be prepared to guide the future development of the park. In order to ensure that the site will fulfill the neighborhood park function, it is recommended that the design program include the following:

- Playground area with separate equipment for respective age categories
- Paved court for basketball, etc.
- Multi-use area (suitable for practice for organized sports)
- Open play area
- Picnic shelter (small building)
- Picnic area
- Paved pathway
- Support facilities (e.g., signage, bike racks, waste receptacles, benches and picnic tables)
- Provide shaded seating areas near the basketball court.
- Evaluate the play area for compliance with ADA regulations and provide improvements if needed.
- Eliminate the softball fields (after replacements are constructed at a different site) and replace with a soccer field. A soccer field provides a green open area when not in use for games, whereas the softball fields do not offer flexibility for use. In addition, the two softball field configuration does not work well for league and tournament play.
- Provide a year round restroom at the park. If the restroom facility associated with the softball field is to serve as the main park restroom, it should be replaced and/or upgraded.
- When a new recreation center is opened in South Merced with more extensive youth facilities, the youth center should be closed. At that point, two options are possible for this building. The first would be to demolish it and reintegrate the building site into the park. The second option would be to refurbish the building and use it for recreation programs, community rentals, and other public use.

Mission Ave & Tyler Ave CP-42-New Park (Partial Build)-Meets BOTH Criteria

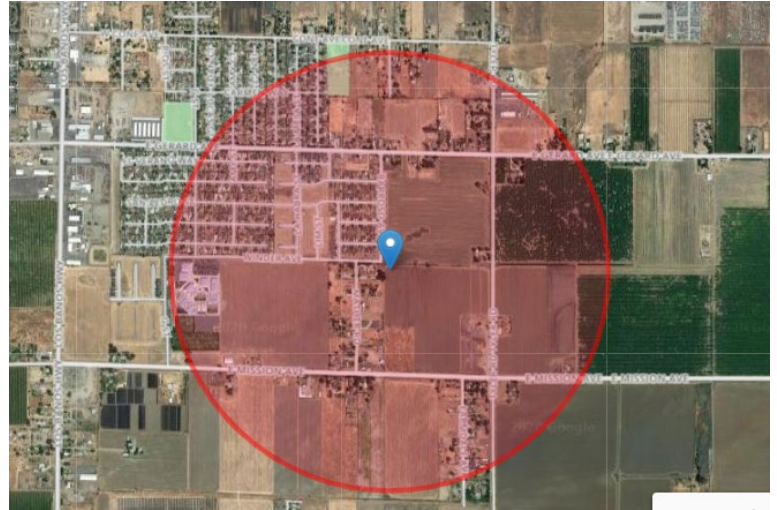
Median Household Income: \$50,898 (Difference of \$6,084)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 377

Parks per 1,000: 1.86 (Difference of 1.14)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.2767591, -120.4740894	
Total Population	1,470	i
Youth Population	480	i
Senior Population	99	i
Median Household Income	\$50,898	i
Per Capita Income	\$17,012	i
People in Poverty	377	i
Households without Access to a Car	9	i
Parks total area	2.73 acres	i
Parks per 1000 people	1.86 acres	i



Other Considerations: Must be operational and open to the public by the end of the grant period. Will require future funds to accomplish the complete plan. This site has a HIGH level of community support.

From the 2003 Park and Open Space Master Plan:

New Community Park

CP-42

A new community park is proposed for South Merced. Identified in the South Merced Strategic Plan, this park is intended to be a major community focal point. The strategic plan identified a potential site that includes about 40 acres.

This park is proposed to be the site of a new community park with group picnic areas, sports fields for soccer and youth baseball/softball, very high quality and interesting children's play areas, basketball courts, and pathways. It is also recommended that a new indoor recreation center be sited in this park to accommodate the indoor recreation needs of the area. A larger youth center is also recommended to replace and upgrade the very small youth centers at Stephen Leonard Park and McNamara Park. In addition, a soccer complex is proposed for inclusion in this park.

This community park is also a potential site for the relocated zoo. This is discussed in greater detail in Section 6.7. The site for this park needs to be acquired, and should be a minimum of 40 acres in size. On a 40 acre site, approximately 15 acres could be devoted to community park uses and relocated zoo, 5 acres to the Recreation Center and Youth Center, and 20 acres to a soccer complex.

After acquisition, a master plan is recommended to guide development of the site. The master plan can be designed to accommodate phased development of the park, to allow improvements to be provided over time.

4th St. and N. St.-Harriet Tubman Renovation-Meets BOTH Criteria

Median Household Income: \$33,260 (Difference of \$23,722)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 1,971

Parks per 1,000: 0.98 (Difference of 2.02)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.2889748, -120.4944420	
Total Population	4,913	ⓘ
Youth Population	1,807	ⓘ
Senior Population	448	ⓘ
Median Household Income	\$33,260	ⓘ
Per Capita Income	\$11,600	ⓘ
People in Poverty	1,971	ⓘ
Households without Access to a Car	219	ⓘ
Parks total area	4.82 acres	ⓘ
Parks per 1000 people	0.98 acres	ⓘ



From the 2003 Park and Open Space Master Plan:

Harriet Tubman Park

MP-8

This park is located adjacent to the Golden Valley Health Center and appears to get some use, unlike many of the other mini-parks. The main users are children who are visiting the Health Center. Tenaya Middle School and Charles Richard Drew Park are a few blocks away. The park is almost a half acre in size, and has a basketball backboard in addition to play equipment. Although it isn't a full half-court, the backboard seems to attract use.

Prior to making a final decision about the future of this park, the City should hold a meeting with surrounding neighbors (those within a ¼ mile of the park), and specifically with Golden Valley Health Center, to determine the recreational value of this site to neighbors and gain input on its future. There are four general options for this site:

- If the site is providing recreational value to surrounding neighbors, the City could upgrade and maintain it.
- If the site is providing recreational value to surrounding neighbors, the City could upgrade it and a neighboring property owner (such as the Health Center) or a private group could take over or pay for maintenance.
- If there is marginal recreational value, neighbors or other groups could pay for upgrades and maintenance. If there isn't interest, the City should sell the site.
- The site could be donated or sold and any proceeds used to upgrade a nearby park.

As an additional alternative, this site may be a good candidate to turn over to Golden Valley Health Center, if they are willing, since the park is essentially part of the Health Center site and appears to be mostly used by Health Center clients. The Health Center would then be responsible for maintenance and possibly for upgrades.

23rd and Circle Drive Park Renovation-Meets BOTH Criteria

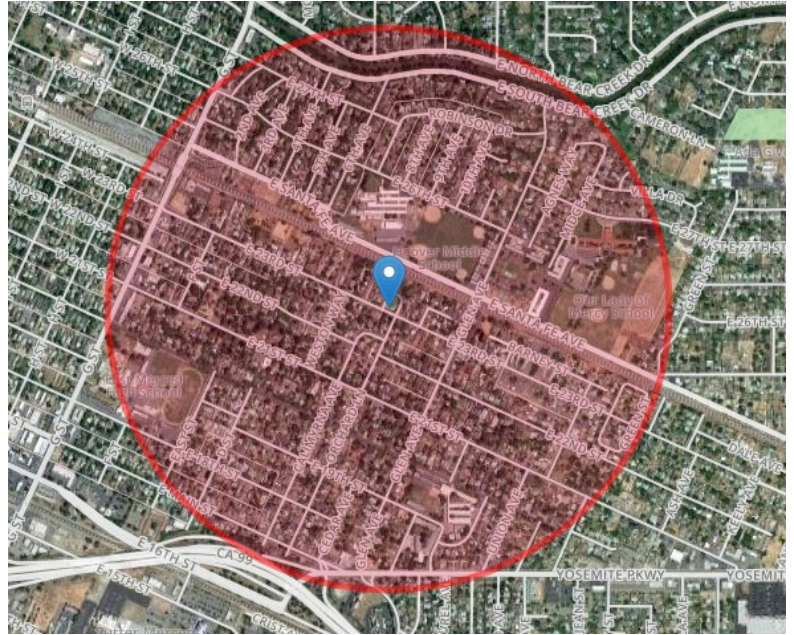
Median Household Income: \$42,653 (Difference of \$14,329)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 1,480

Parks per 1,000: 0.05 (Difference of 2.95)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.3020334, -120.4650664	
Total Population	4,846	i
Youth Population	1,364	i
Senior Population	551	i
Median Household Income	\$42,653	i
Per Capita Income	\$21,900	i
People in Poverty	1,480	i
Households without Access to a Car	151	i
Parks total area	0.26 acres	i
Parks per 1000 people	0.05 acres	i



South St & Home Ave-William Lloyd Garrison Park Expansion-Meets BOTH Criteria

Median Household Income: \$44,095 (Difference of \$12,887)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 1,649

Parks per 1,000: 0.62 (Difference of 2.38 acres)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.2872762, -120.5022097	
Total Population	4,039	④
Youth Population	1,566	④
Senior Population	355	④
Median Household Income	\$44,095	④
Per Capita Income	\$14,208	④
People in Poverty	1,649	④
Households without Access to a Car	134	④
Parks total area	2.52 acres	④
Parks per 1000 people	0.62 acres	④



Other Considerations: In addition to expanding this park can also be renovated.

From the 2003 Park and Open Space Master Plan:

William Lloyd Garrison Park

MP-5

William Lloyd Garrison Park is the largest of the mini-parks, and has some potential for expansion. Currently, it barely qualifies as a developed park because it is essentially an uneven grass area, with the exception of a small play area and a bench located in one corner. If upgraded, this park would provide service to an area not served by other neighborhood parks.

It is recommended that this mini-park be upgraded so that it meets local recreation needs. Recommended upgrades include:

- Prepare a master plan for the *site*, taking into account in the design any potential land acquisitions to expand the park.
- Provide a larger play area with more *interesting* equipment; including installation of safety surfacing and curbing.
- Provide a path system within the park.
- Install *paved* court for basketball. etc.
- Upgrade irrigation system.
- Provide additional trees.
- Provide site amenities: signage, bike racks, waste receptacles, benches and picnic tables.
- If the park size is increased to at least 2 acres, reclassify as a neighborhood park.

Main St. and Canal St-Bob Hart Square Renovation-Meets BOTH Criteria

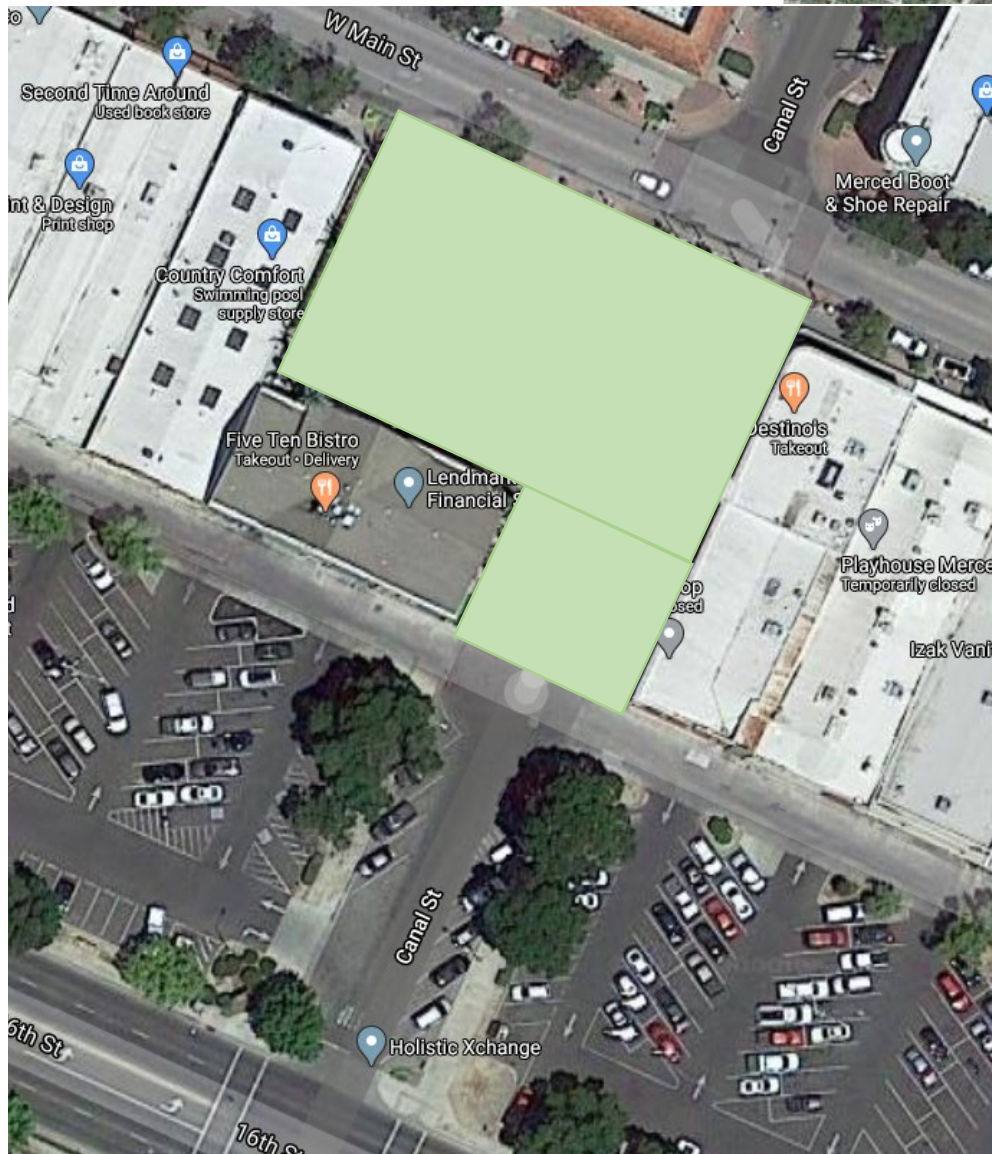
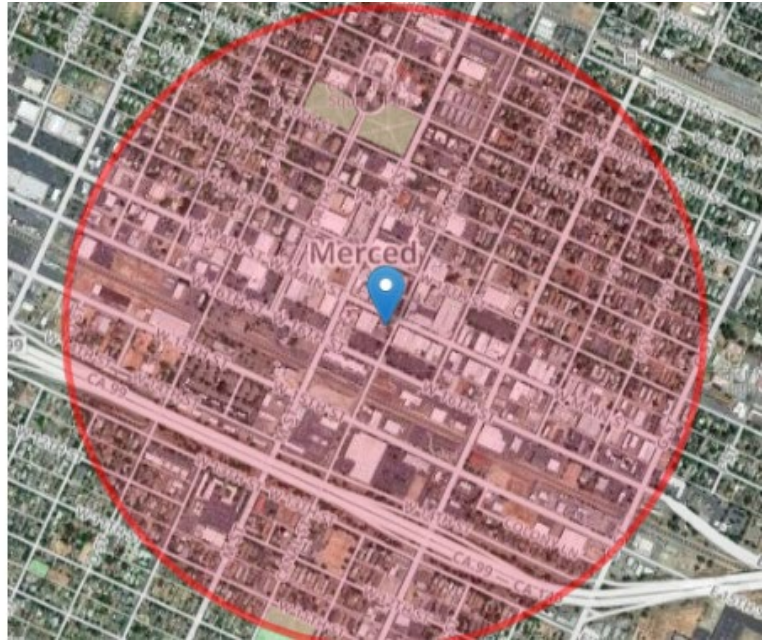
Median Household Income: \$20,378 (Difference of \$36,604)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 1,874

Parks per 1,000: 1.79 (Difference of 1.21 acres)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.3012567, -120.4836917	
Total Population	3,602	3
Youth Population	1,134	3
Senior Population	234	3
Median Household Income	\$20,378	3
Per Capita Income	\$14,467	3
People in Poverty	1,874	3
Households without Access to a Car	314	3
Parks total area	6.44 acres	3
Parks per 1000 people	1.79 acres	3



Other Considerations: This site has been a priority for City Council for some time.

From the 2003 Park and Open Space Master Plan:

Bob Hart Square

UP-1

Bob Hart Square is a well-maintained downtown plaza. It contains a kiosk, a clock, benches surrounding a paved plaza area and small lawn area, and a planting bed with flagpole.

No changes are proposed, other than that the City could consider allowing a few food vendors in the park

Rascal Creek Bike Path Behind Merced High School-New Park/Trail Upgrades-Meets BOTH Criteria

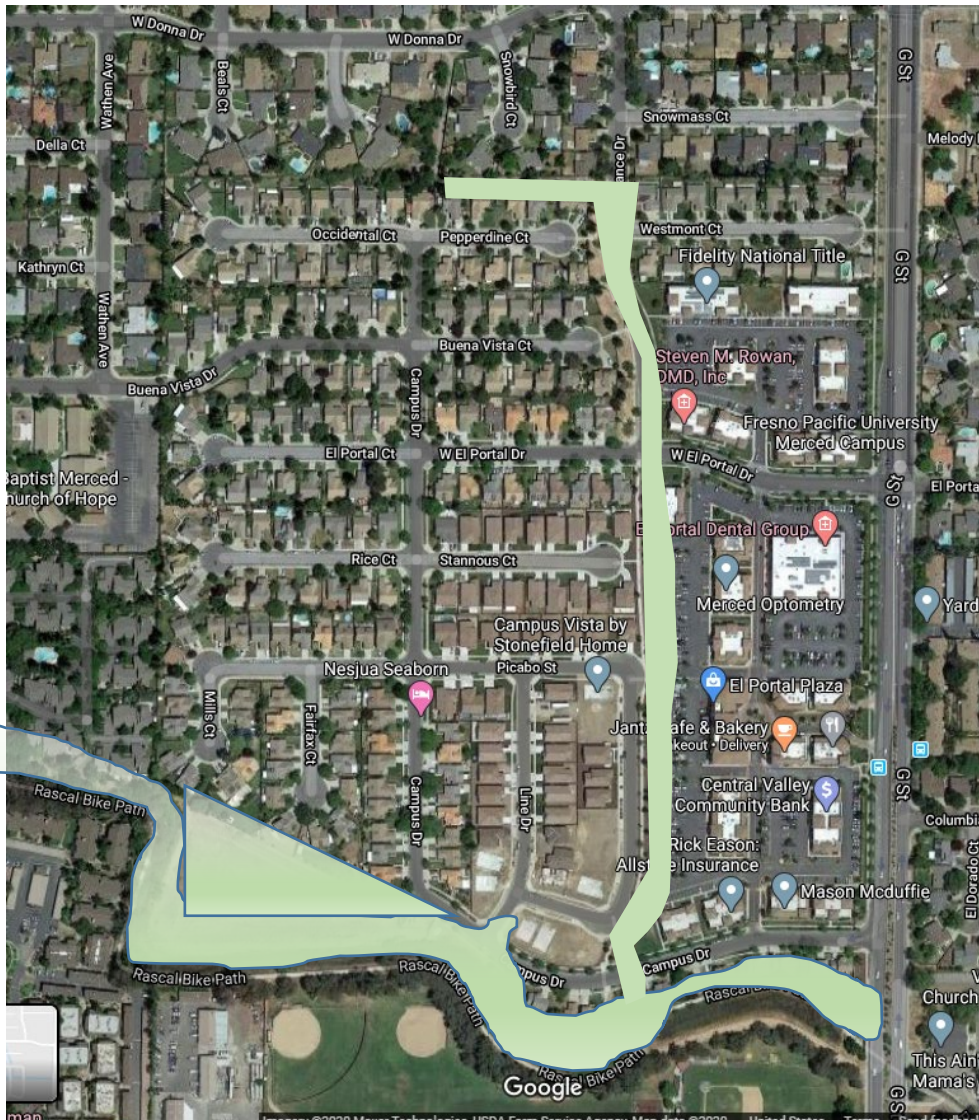
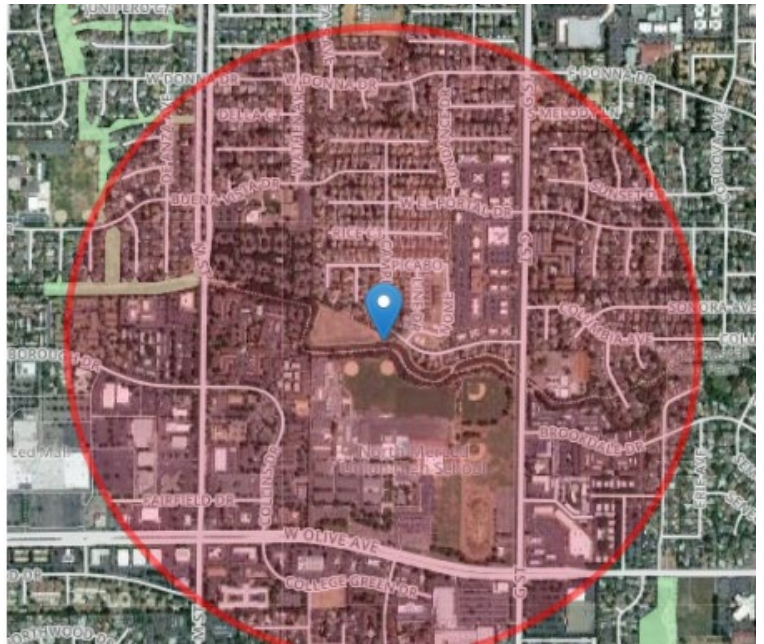
Median Household Income: \$28,936 (Difference of \$28,046)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 1,878

Parks per 1,000: 0.97 (Difference of 2.03)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.3237073, -120.4732203	
Total Population	4,703	2
Youth Population	1,231	2
Senior Population	620	2
Median Household Income	\$28,936	2
Per Capita Income	\$16,726	2
People in Poverty	1,878	2
Households without Access to a Car	290	2
Parks total area	4.57 acres	2
Parks per 1000 people	0.97 acres	2



Other Considerations: Access could be a big issue having only one entry point via Campus Drive. Residents bordering the space might object with concerns about homeless- the park will be somewhat remote. If a bridge was added it could become overly complicated and expensive, and might not improve access by very much. There are however several apartment complexes nearby who would presumably benefit from nearby green space. The basin space may not offer much additional land in terms of developable space, and may require a lot of work to make the basin itself safely accessible. A site visit from engineering will be necessary to assess the situation fully.

However, this site scores very highly (#2 out of 10 sites). If this site is chosen for the application process and it is determined we cannot develop the basin into a new park, and instead can only renovate the trail and add new recreation features along the trail, it would still score as #5 out of all 10 of all the potential sites. It would also enable us to address the entire length of the trail.

From the 2003 Park and Open Space Master Plan:

Black Rascal Creek Bikeway

LP-51

This linear park is a 50' wide corridor that runs along Black Rascal Creek and includes the Black Rascal Creek Bikeway. The Black Rascal Creek corridor is wooded, and the bikeway extends along the creek from the west to the east boundary of Merced. Black Rascal Creek Bikeway was built in the two phases in the late 1970's. This park intersects the Fahrens Creek Bikeway in Fahrens Park, and connects to Santa Fe Strip Park. A planned future expansion of Merced's bikeway system would connect the east end of Black Rascal Creek Bikeway to County's Lake Road bike path, providing access to the new U.C. Merced campus.

Only minor upgrades are proposed for Black Rascal Creek Bikeway:

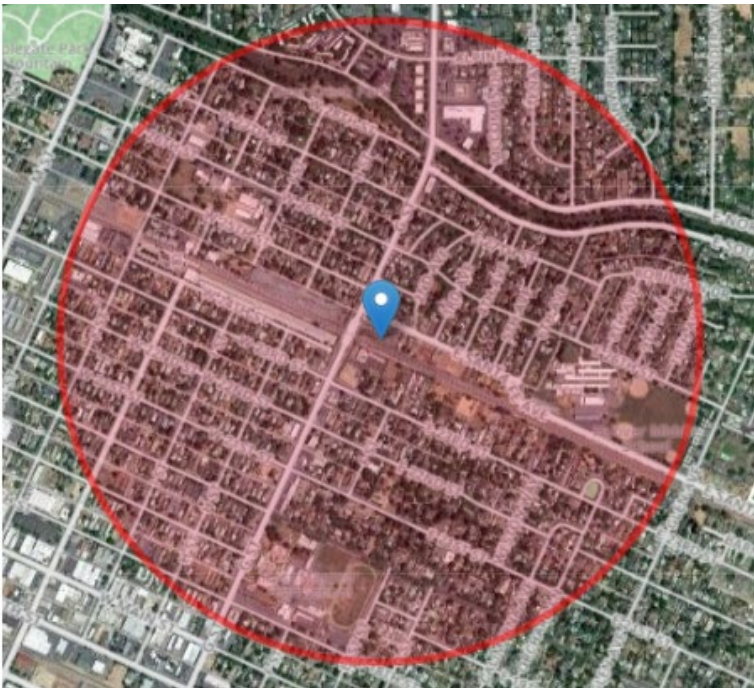
- Complete the proposed extension connecting the Lake Road bike path. This should be a priority for the City even though a portion of the proposed trail linkage lies outside the Merced SUDP. The City should contribute to this linkage because it would provide safer access and more route options for Merced residents. . This trail connection could simply be a trail easement containing a paved trail, rather than a linear park.
- Continue with ongoing trail upgrades. Consider widening the trail to at least a 12' width in high traffic areas, such as through Fahrens Park.
- Provide trail amenities, including signage. Amenities include bike racks, benches, picnic tables, water fountains, and even shelters. These should be located periodically along the trail to provide trail users with opportunities to rest. Signs should be located at entrance points to the trail, and trail system maps should be located at major intersections.

Santa Fe & G. Street-New Park-Meets BOTH Criteria

Median Household Income: \$41,837 (Difference of \$15,145)
Number of People Living in Poverty: 1,250
Parks per 1,000: 0.06 (Difference of 2.94 acres)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.3055153, -120.4709673	
Total Population	4,048	ⓘ
Youth Population	979	ⓘ
Senior Population	573	ⓘ
Median Household Income	\$41,837	ⓘ
Per Capita Income	\$23,660	ⓘ
People in Poverty	1,250	ⓘ
Households without Access to a Car	165	ⓘ
Parks total area	0.26 acres	ⓘ
Parks per 1000 people	0.06 acres	ⓘ



Other Considerations:
Being near the train tracks will require some extra safety precautions. The site won't be very large, but is the only available site in the area that the City already owns in order to serve these residents.

This location is not mentioned in the 2003 Park and Open Space Master Plan.

8th St. and N. St.-Charles Richard Drew Renovation-Meets BOTH Criteria

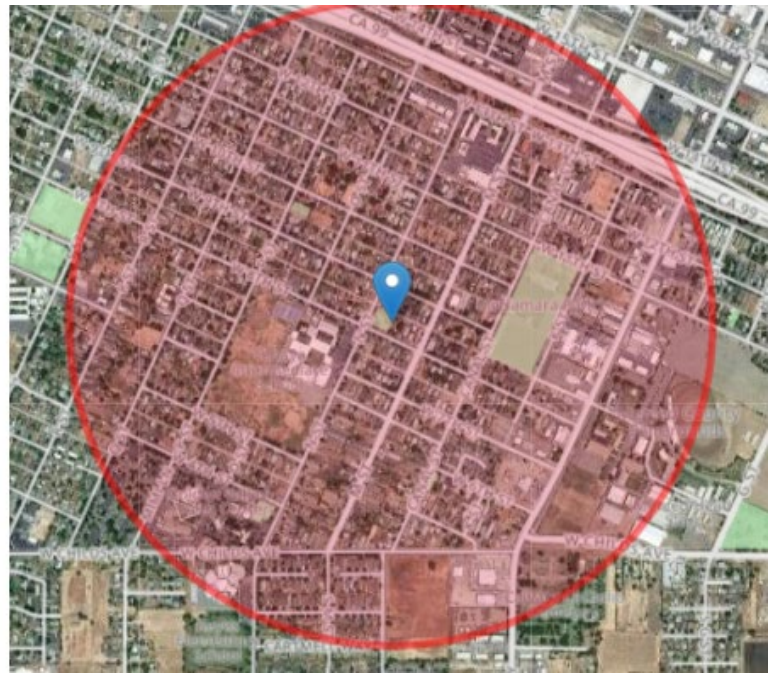
Median Household Income: \$24,678 (Difference of \$32,304)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 2,430

Parks per 1,000: 1.89 (Difference of 1.11)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.2933279, -120.4909551	
Total Population	5,325	5
Youth Population	1,941	5
Senior Population	450	5
Median Household Income	\$24,678	5
Per Capita Income	\$10,626	5
People in Poverty	2,430	5
Households without Access to a Car	347	5
Parks total area	10.09 acres	5
Parks per 1000 people	1.89 acres	5



From the 2003 Park and Open Space Master Plan:

Charles Richard Drew Park

MP-9

Charles Richard Drew Park is one of the larger mini-parks, and contains just over a half acre. The park contains few amenities, but the play structure is larger than in most other mini-parks. This park is located diagonally across the street from Tenaya Middle School, which does not have a play area, and has good visibility because of its corner location.

It is recommended that this mini-park be upgraded so that it meets local recreation needs. Recommended upgrades include:

- Prepare a master plan for the site.
- Upgrade the play equipment, including installation of safety surfacing and curbing. If possible, provide two play areas for different age groups, including tots.
- Provide a path system within the park.
- Upgrade irrigation system.
- Provide additional trees and landscaping.
- Provide site amenities: signage, bike racks, waste receptacles, benches and picnic tables.

Freemark Ave & Heitz Way-Fahren's Creek Trail-New Park-Meets ONE Criteria

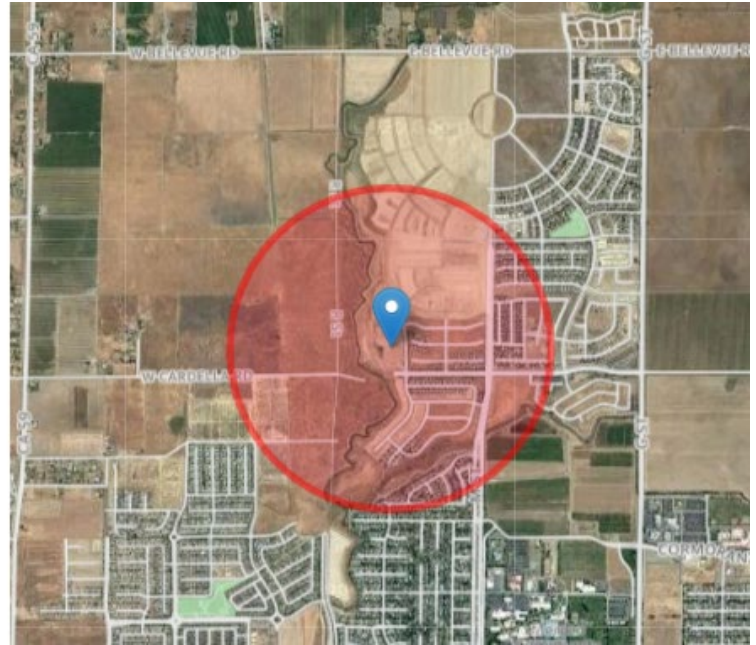
Median Household Income: \$72,909 (Difference of -\$15,927)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 232

Parks per 1,000: 0.00 (Difference of 3)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.3477120, -120.4831123
Total Population	1,147
Youth Population	250
Senior Population	63
Median Household Income	\$72,909
Per Capita Income	\$28,333
People in Poverty	232
Households without Access to a Car	4
Parks total area	0.00 acres
Parks per 1000 people	0.00 acres



Other considerations: This is one of the applications already submitted in the previous round of grants, and will be resubmitted.

From the 2003 Park and Open Space Master Plan:

New Community Parks

CP-43, CP-44, CP-45

Three community park sites are recommended in north Merced. Much of this area is located within the Bellevue Ranch Specific Plan area. General locations for each of these parks are indicated on the layout plan. As development plans for this area of the City are refined, the park sites will likely also be refined.

The park sites should be located on arterial or collector streets, and should be a minimum of 20 acres in size. If storm detention basins are included in a community park site, at least 8 to 10 acres should be provided outside the basin.

The following recommendations are applicable to each of the three sites:

- Acquire a park site that meets the planning guidelines.
- Prepare a master plan to guide development of the site. Recommended program elements include:
 - Designated sport fields - softball, baseball, soccer, etc.
 - Outdoor basketball courts
 - Tennis courts
 - Open multi-use grass areas
 - Children's playgrounds (tot and youth)
 - Restroom
 - Picnic area
 - Picnic shelters (various sizes)
 - Group picnic facilities
 - Trails/pathway systems
 - Site amenities (picnic tables, benches, bike racks, drinking fountains, trash receptacles, etc.)
- Implement the plan.

Due to the warm climate in Merced in the summer, these park sites should be planted with ample large and fast-growing trees.

Revelle Dr & Bixby Way-Lester K. Yoshida-New Park-Meets ONE Criteria

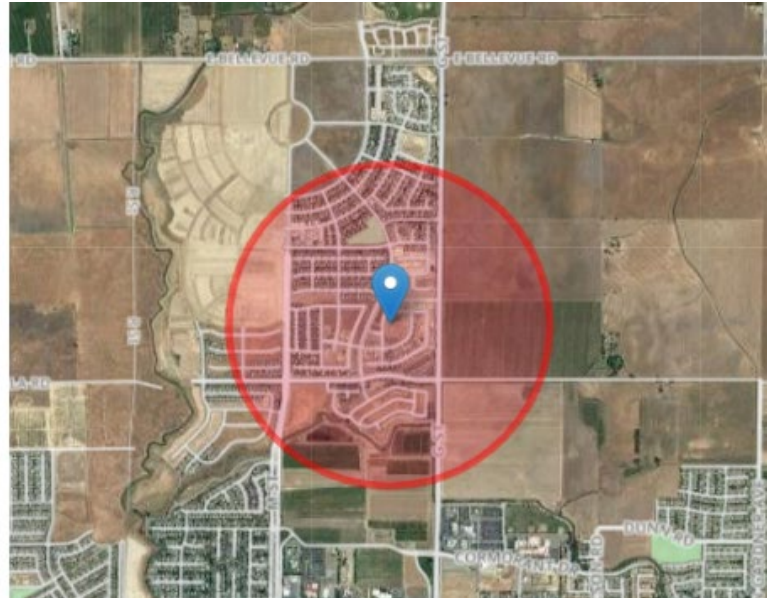
Median Household Income: \$80,053 (Difference of -\$23,071)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 355

Parks per 1,000: 1.97 (Difference of 1.03)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.3491449, -120.4716969	
Total Population	1,803	2
Youth Population	389	2
Senior Population	102	2
Median Household Income	\$80,053	2
Per Capita Income	\$29,450	2
People in Poverty	355	2
Households without Access to a Car	4	2
Parks total area	3.56 acres	2
Parks per 1000 people	1.97 acres	2



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Mandeville Ln & Tolman Way-Charles Ogletree-New Park-Meets ONE Criteria

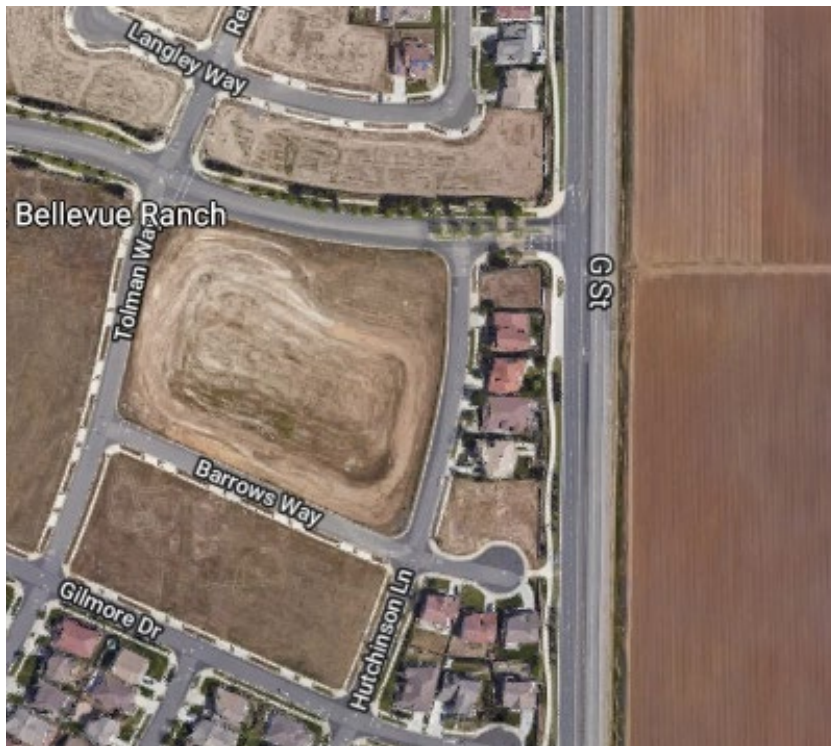
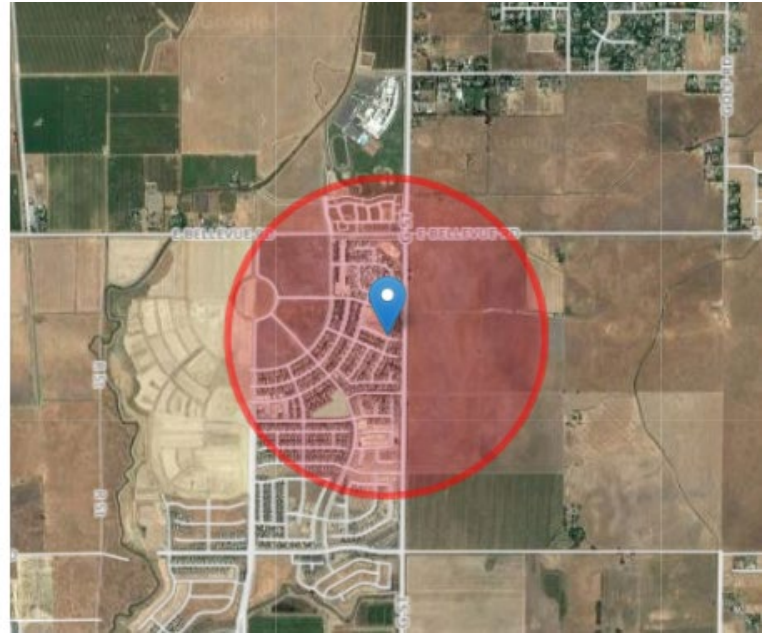
Median Household Income: \$80,486 (Difference of -\$23,504)

Number of People Living in Poverty: 254

Parks per 1,000: 2.85 (Difference of 0.15)

Results for Merced (County: Merced)

Latitude, longitude	37.3564453, -120.4698086	
Total Population	1,248	1
Youth Population	271	2
Senior Population	72	2
Median Household Income	\$80,486	2
Per Capita Income	\$30,433	1
People in Poverty	254	2
Households without Access to a Car	2	2
Parks total area	3.56 acres	1
Parks per 1000 people	2.85 acres	2



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