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The Neighborhood Parks Council (NPC) is a project of Urban Resource Systems, a non-profit organization. NPC accomplishments are based upon a comprehensive strategy to effect change that includes neighborhood park stewardship, public education and advocacy, community planning, and securing funding for park and playground design. Most importantly, NPC's effectiveness lies in its ability to identify the gaps and challenges preventing an equitable and sustainable park system, and to provide solutions.

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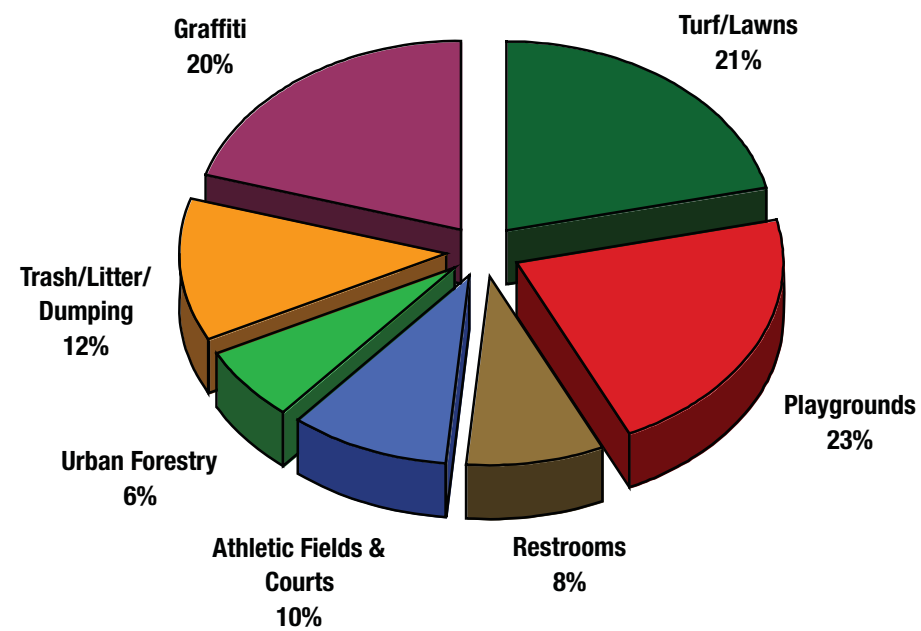
**Neighborhood Parks Council's
ParkScan.org Year End Report**



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ParkScan.org is a project of the Neighborhood Parks Council in partnership with the San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department. **ParkScan.org** empowers San Francisco residents to connect efficiently with the Recreation and Park Department (RPD) and provide their observations regarding needed attention at parks and playgrounds. **ParkScan.org** offers a public portal for gathering, analyzing, and reporting information on park, trail and playground maintenance issues. With **ParkScan.org**, users (community residents or city staff) can report an observed problem, upload photos of the feature needing attention, and track progress toward the problem's resolution. In addition, **ParkScan.org** has the capability of allowing any community member or City staff to create customized searches to view observations that have been reported at their park, in their district, or citywide.

**PARK CONDITIONS REPORTED BY CATEGORY
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Help Improve Your Park!

ParkScan.org is a project of the Neighborhood Parks Council in partnership with the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department. **ParkScan.org** is the public portal to report park maintenance issues to relevant city departments. It provides the opportunity for timely reporting of park maintenance issues, tracking and data

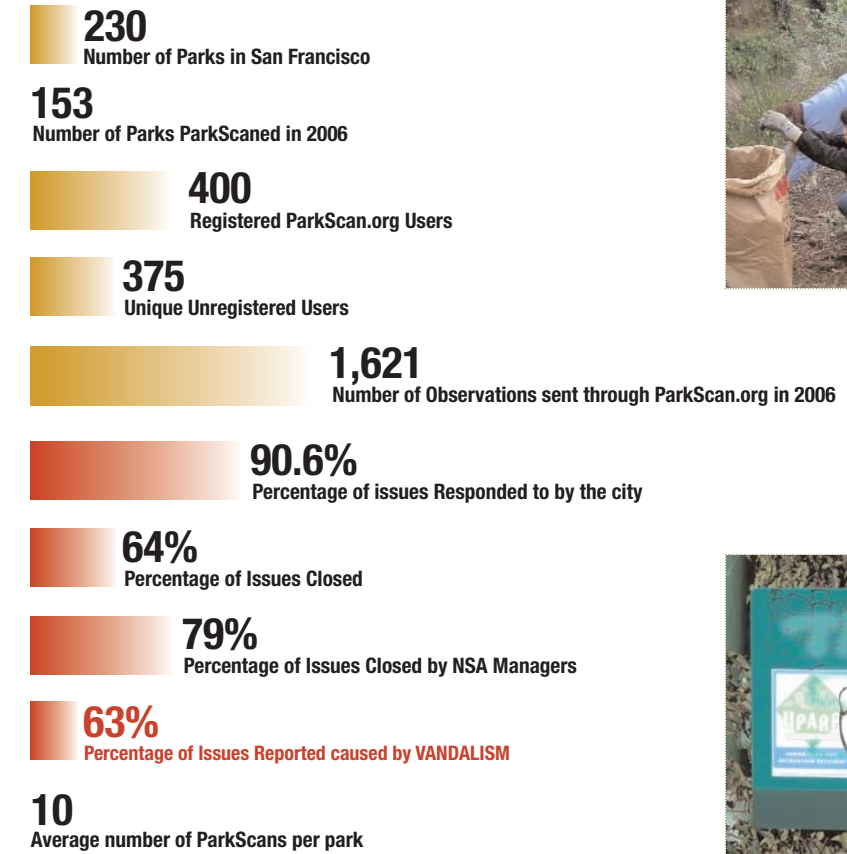


collection. Most problems are resolved within days; graffiti is typically removed within 48 hours by city staff. Larger repair issues are prioritized for action. All reports are public, and their status can be tracked on the Parkscan.org website.

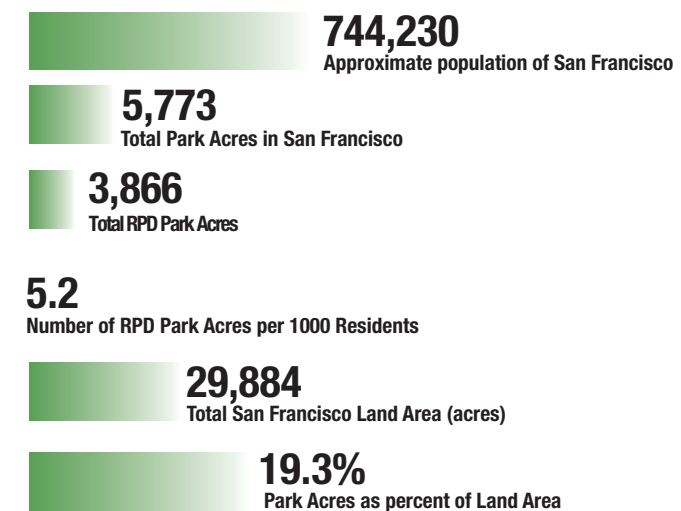


These reports are referred to the relevant Department and are added to their work order system. Parkscan.org improves stewardship of public spaces by providing data that park users can use to advocate for increased funding for RPD.

ParkScan.org by the Numbers



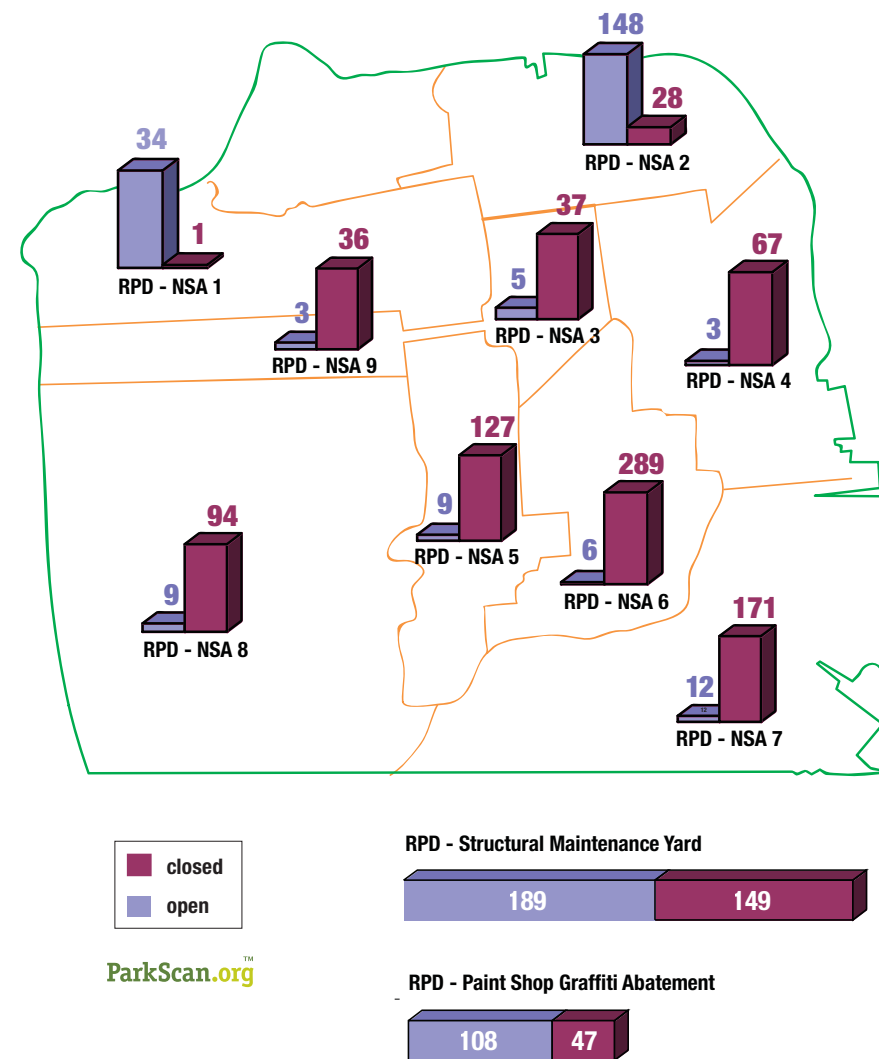
San Francisco by the Numbers



Recreation and Park Department Managers Respond to YOUR Reports

A Neighborhood Service Area (NSA) constitutes the collection of parks and recreation facilities under the supervision of a single NSA Manager. At the present time, there are nine NSAs. The map is presented as an illustrative tool. Close-out rates reflect conditions addressed as of January 5, 2007.

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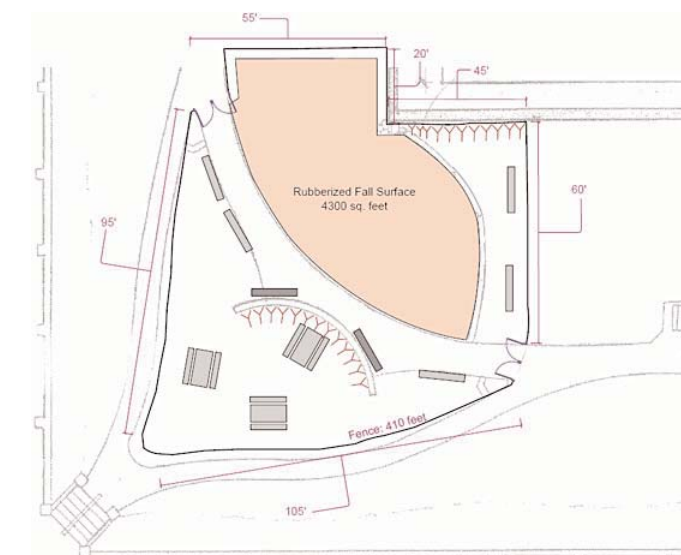


Franklin Square

When this park was rated with the worst playground in NPC's first Love Your Playground Report Card, the Friends of Franklin Square mobilized a call-to-action to address the need for a safe place where families can gather in the North Mission/SOMA area. Plagued with illegal camping, drug trafficking and use, and rampant prostitution, Franklin Square was a place most people would not bring their dogs to walk, much less their children.



Armed with **ParkScan.org** data, the Friends of Franklin Square partnered with students from UC Davis and the University of San Francisco's Landscape design programs to create a vision of what their park could be. They presented this information to their District Supervisor, Chris Daly, who responded by allocating \$300,000.00 of the City's budget to begin the realization of the community's dreams. Currently, Friends of Franklin Square, NPC, Supervisor Chris Daly and RPD are working on the next steps to secure the remaining funds needed to renovate Franklin Square Playground.



ParkScan.org Gets Results

24th Street Mini Park



The Lower 24th Street Merchant and Neighborhood Association was one of the first groups to use **ParkScan.org** to chronicle continued problematic conditions at the 24th Street Mini Park. The group's vision was clear: they wanted a public space that

would be safe, clean and green for everyone in the community. They soon realized the power of collecting data to document the state of their dilapidated park after many years of neglect, drug dealing, and gang violence. With organized perseverance and **ParkScan.org** data in hand, this neighborhood group began the process of building the community alliances and political support needed to get action, starting with Supervisor Tom Ammiano and Mayor Gavin Newsom. In November 2006, the Lower 24th Street Neighborhood Merchant and Resident Association

and RPD opened the revitalized 24th Street Mini Park, with hundreds of community leaders, families and elected officials on hand. This group continues to use

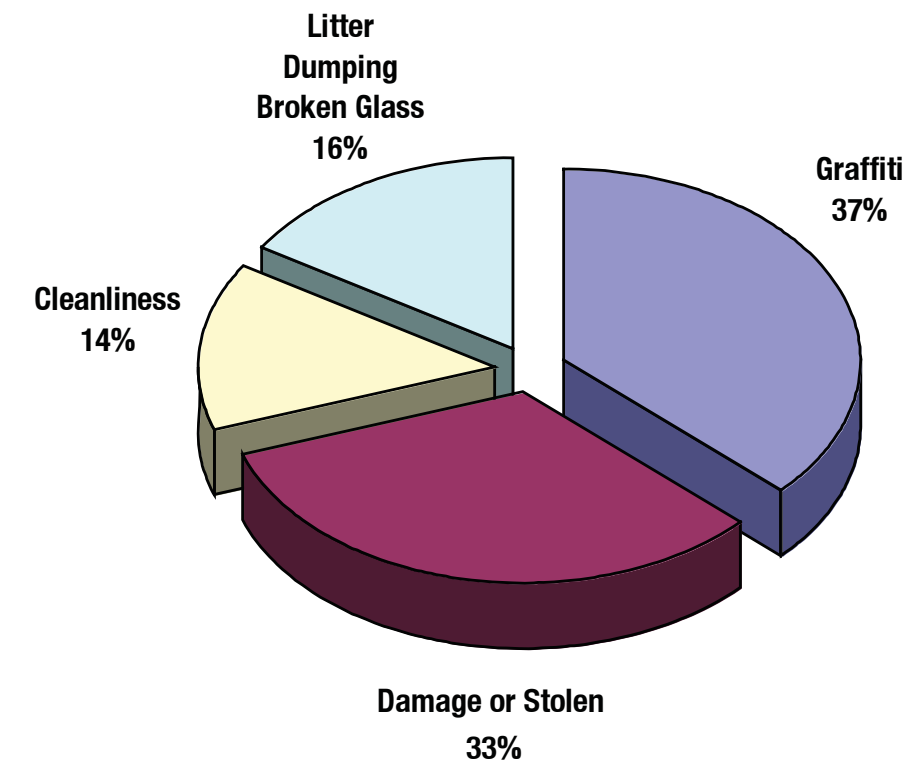


ParkScan.org to ensure that the park remains beautiful for all to enjoy.

Vandalism

This year over 60% of all **ParkScan.org** observations were reports linked to vandalism, which puts a tremendous strain on our Recreation and Parks Department's already-limited resources. Imagine what RPD could do with all the time, money, and volunteer efforts if we could reduce illegal dumping, graffiti, theft of property, damage to irrigation systems, destruction of restrooms and littering in our parks.

Reported Vandalism in San Francisco Parks – 2006



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San Francisco Recreation and Park Department Takes Action on the 7 Top Issues in San Francisco Parks

Turf/Lawns

In 2005 **ParkScan.org** reported on the city-wide browning of lawns and turf in numerous parks. As a result, RPD created the Irrigation Strike Task Force Report outlining the steps necessary to keep our neighborhood greens in thriving condition. Turfs and lawns are major park elements that are obvious features of successful park maintenance. RPD measures its own performance in this category against the Prop C Standards and reports its progress quarterly at the Mayor's SF Stat meetings. In the FY 06/07 Q2 (September through December), RPD assessed itself as achieving 85 % of the Prop C standards for lawns. The Operations Division of RPD has resolved some of the maintenance issues outlined in the Irrigation Strike Task Force Report from October 2005, such as the replacement of sprinkler heads at all eleven sites. Larger issues preventing proper watering of lawns, such as complete replacement of irrigation systems, have been sent to the Capital Division to prioritize and now await funding. Unfortunately, once sprinkler heads are replaced, they are often quickly vandalized by illegal campers.



Playgrounds



Thirty playgrounds received a 'D' or an 'F' in the 2006 Love Your Playground Report Card issued last March by NPC. Since then, NPC and RPD have been working together to address the common goal of bringing all of these playgrounds to at least a 'C' stan-

Park	Most Reported Observation	Status
Randolph Bright Mini Park	Compliments and Kudos	
Richmond Playground and Rec Center	Great Playground	
Rochambeau Playground	Restroom Issues	Unresolved
Rolph Nicol Playground (Eucalyptus Park)	Lawn Issues	Resolved
Rossi Playground	Playground Issues	Slated for Renovation
Saint Mary's Square	Playground Issues	Resolved
Selby/Palou Mini Park	Playground Issues	Resolved
Seward Mini Park	Playground Issues	Resolved
Sgt. John Macauley Park	Safety Concerns	Referred to SFPD
Sigmond Stern Grove	Landscaping Issues	Resolved
Silver Terrace Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
South Beach Park	Landscaping Issues	Unresolved
South of Market Rec. Center	Playground Issues	Resolved
South Park	Lighting Issues	Funding needed to resolve
South Sunset Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
States St. Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Sunnyside Playground	Graffiti	Resolved
Sunset Playground and Rec. Center	Playground Issues	Resolved
Tenderloin Park and Rec. Center	Playground Issues	Resolved
Twin Peaks and Twin Peaks Reservoir	Landscaping Issues	Resolved
Upper Noe Rec. Center	Recreation Center Issues	Closed for Renovations
Victoria Manalo Draves Park	Compliments and Kudos	
Visitation Valley Playground	Graffiti	Resolved
Walter Haas Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Washington Hyde Mini Park	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Washington Square and Marini Plaza	Playground Issues	Unresolved
West Portal Playground	Athletic Court Issues	Resolved
West Sunset Playground	Access Road Issues	Unresolved - multi agency coordination needed
White Crane Springs Garden	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Woh Hei Yuen Park	Playground Issues	Partially Unresolved
Youngblood Coleman Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved

Note: Status is based on response by Managing Agencies through the **ParkScan.org** System.

Park	Most Reported Observation	Status
Little Hollywood Park	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Louis Sutter Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
McCoppin Square	Playground Issues	Funding needed to resolve
McKinley Square	Great park, great views	
McLaren Park	Dumping	Resolved - Ongoing
Merced Heights Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Michelangelo Playground	Painting Issues	Unresolved
Midtown Terrace Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Miraloma Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Mission Dolores Park	Lawn Issues	Funding needed to resolve
Mission Playground/Pool	Restroom Issues	Resolved
Mission Rec. Center	Great Playground	
Moscone Recreation Center	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Mountain Lake Park	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Noe Valley Courts	Restroom Issues	Resolved
Oceanview Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Page/Laguna Mini Park	Fence Issues	Unresolved - Not RPD Property
Palou Phelps Mini-Park	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Panhandle	Graffiti	Resolved
Park Presidio	Tree Issues	Unresolved - More Urban Foresters Needed
Parkside Square	Playground Issues	Resolved
Parque Ninos Unidos	Graffiti	Resolved
Peixotto Playground	Landscaping Issues	Resolved
Pinelake Park	Landscaping Issues	Unresolved
Pioneer Park/ Coit Tower/Marconi	Construction Issues	Unresolved - DPW Issue
Portola (Palega) Playground & Rec. Center	Playground Issues	Resolved
Portsmouth Square	Great Playground	
Potrero Hill Playground & Rec. Center	Playground Issues	Slated for Renovation
Precita Park	Playground Issues	Resolved
Presidio Heights Playground & Clubhouse	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Presidio Parkway	Landscaping Issues	Unresolved
Randall Museum	Landscaping Issues	Resolved

Standard through on-going maintenance and volunteer work days. In 2007 NPC and RPD are organizing monthly playground volunteer workdays to address maintenance issues found in the 2006 Love Your Playground Report Card. In addition, RPD intends to train all of the NSA Managers as Certified Playground Safety Inspectors so that more frequent professional safety assessments of playgrounds can be made. For the long-term, however, an infusion of capital funds is needed to replace many of the playgrounds since national safety standards have greatly changed since some of our city playgrounds were constructed decades ago.

Restrooms

San Francisco park restrooms are some of the most vandalized facilities in the system, yet problems are rarely reported through ParkScan.org in many areas of the city. RPD created a Toilet Task Force in 2006 (NPC is a member) which is charged with researching best practices for maintenance and restroom design, surveying park users about current restroom conditions and expectations, drafting restroom design and maintenance standards, and implementing the resulting recommendations. Please report toilet maintenance issues at ParkScan.org to assist the Toilet Task Force in their assessment process.



Athletic Courts and Fields

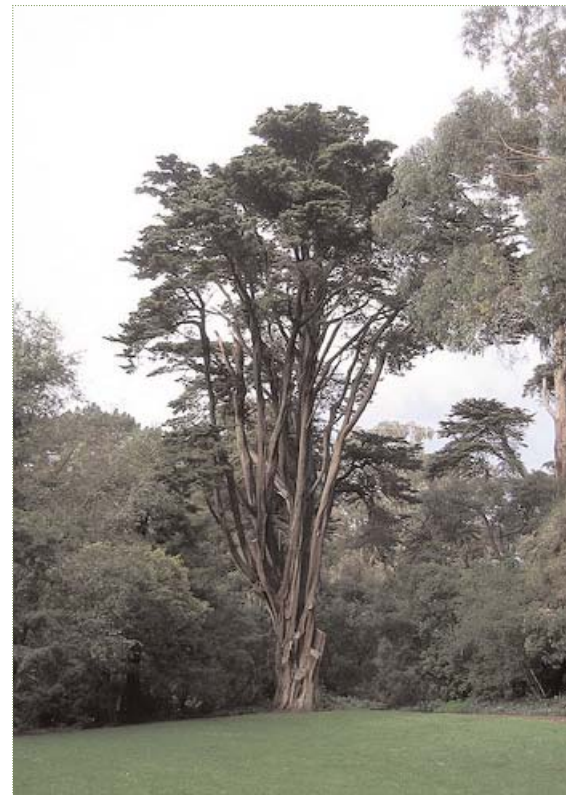


2006 marked a turning point in how San Francisco's athletic courts and fields are managed and maintained. Through a collaboration between RPD and the City Fields Foundation, three new, lighted, synthetic turf fields were installed, bringing the City's inventory to three

(Garfield Square, Silver Terrace, and Franklin Square). Synthetic turf fields support much greater use than standard ones, but the increase in capacity will not reduce demand on the regular fields because demand for athletic fields far exceeds supply. The new RPD online reservations system, slated to launch in 2007, will provide the Department with a better way to manage activity on athletic fields, and will help to assure that more equal access is provided to users while providing time for grass regeneration, fertilization and field rest.

Urban Forestry

RPD readily admits that they do not manage or maintain trees - they only respond to emergencies. RPD is severely understaffed for proper tree care, with only 10 arborists for more than 100,000 trees, and with equally limited equipment. Many trees are a safety hazard to park users and staff in their current condition. The Department needs to conduct a detailed tree assessment in each park and to design an urban forestry management plan with timeline and budget for the system. Many of the trees that were planted when some of our legacy parks were built are now reaching the end of their life cycle. Many pine trees have been infected with the pine canker that is rapidly spreading throughout northern California. Our park trees are truly at a crisis point and require a major capital investment to secure this essential element of a sustainable system.



Park	Most Reported Observation	Status
Hayward Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Helen Wills Playground	Athletic Court Issues	Unresolved
Herz Playground and Coffman Pool	Playground Issues	Resolved
Hilltop Park	Playground Issues	Closed for Renovations
Holly Park	Playground Issues	Resolved
Howard-Langton Mini Park	Safety Concerns	Resolution Pending
Hunters Point Rec Center	Playground Issues	Unresolved -Housing Authority Property
Huntington Park	Lawn Issues	Unresolved
Hyde -Vallejo Mini Park	Graffiti	Unresolved
Hyde-Turk Mini Park	Safety Concerns	Referred to SFPD
Ina Coolbrith Park	Landscaping Issues	Unresolved
India Basin/Shoreline Park	Dumping	Resolved - Ongoing
J.P. Murphy Playground and Clubhouse	Landscaping Issues	Resolved
Jackson Playground	Restroom Issues	Partially resolved
James Rolph Playground	Graffiti	Resolved
Jefferson Square	Lawn Issues	Funding needed to resolve
Joe DiMaggio Playground	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Julius Kahn Playground & Clubhouse	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Junipero Serra Playground	Landscaping Issues	Resolved
Juri Commons	Graffiti	Resolved
Kelloch/Velasco Park	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Kid Power/Hoff Street Park	Playground Issues	Resolved
Kimball Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Kite Hill Open Space	Tree Issues	Resolved
Koshland Park	Playground Issues	Resolved
Lafayette Park	Lawn Issues	Funding needed to resolve
Lake Merced	Restroom Issues	Resolved
Larsen Park and Sava Pool	Landscaping Issues	Resolved
Laurel Hill Playground & Clubhouse	Great Playground	
Lee Recreation Center	Playground Issues	Resolved
Lessing Sears Mini Park	Great Playground	
Lincoln Park	Playground Issues	Funding needed to resolve

Park	Most Reported Observation	Status
Civic Center Plaza	Playground Issues	Resolved
Clement Mini Park	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Coleridge Mini Park	Missing Signage	Resolved
Corona Heights	Flooding and Erosion	Resolved
Coronado Playground	Safety Concerns	Community Meeting Held
Cow Hollow Playground & Clubhouse	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Crocker Amazon Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Danvers and Market Street Park	Illegal Camping	Unresolved
Dorothy Erskine Park	Garbage Issues	Resolved
Douglass Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Duboce Park /Harvey Milk Center	Lawn Issues	Resolved
Embarcadero-Justin Herman Plaza	Lawn Issues	Unresolved
Eureka Valley Playground & Rec. Center	Great new playground	
Excelsior Playground	Graffiti	Resolved
Exploratorium and Palace of Fine Arts	Lagoon Looks Great	
Fillmore Turk Mini-Park	Irrigation Issues	Funding needed to resolve
Franklin Square	Playground Issues	Funding needed to resolve
Fulton Playground	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Garfield Square/Pool Installed	Athletic Field Issues	New Synthetic Turf Field
George Christopher Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
George Sterling Park	Graffiti	Resolved
Gilman Playground	Missing Signage	Unresolved
Glen Canyon Park	Playground Issues	Resolved
Golden Gate Heights Park	Playground Issues	Resolved
Golden Gate Mini Park	Landscaping Issues	Unresolved
Golden Gate Park	Graffiti	Unresolved
Grand View Park and Open Space	Cleanliness Issues	Unresolved
Grattan Park	Cleanliness Issues	Resolved
Great Highway	Graffiti	Unresolved
Hamilton Recreation Center	Playground Issues	Resolved
Hayes Green	Lawn Issues	Resolved
Hayes Valley Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved

Trash/Litter/Dumping



RPD is currently working with the Department of the Environment to review approaches to trash and litter management in parks that have proven successful in other cities. NPC is hoping for significant improvement in addressing this problem in 2007.

Graffiti

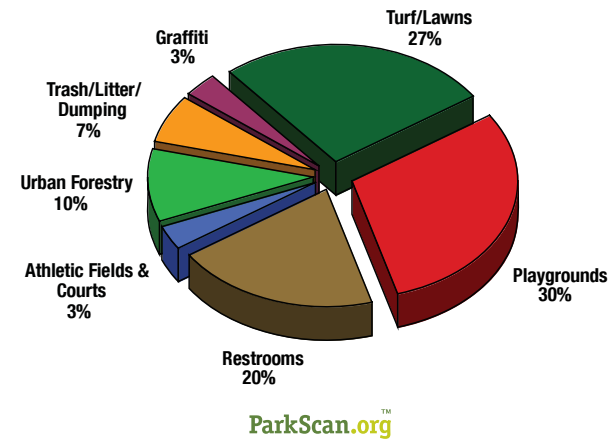
Graffiti is one of the vandalism issues most often reported through **ParkScan.org**. RPD is close to achieving its goal of removing graffiti within 48 hours — our compliments to the staff for an outstanding job in this area.



Park Condition Reports 2006

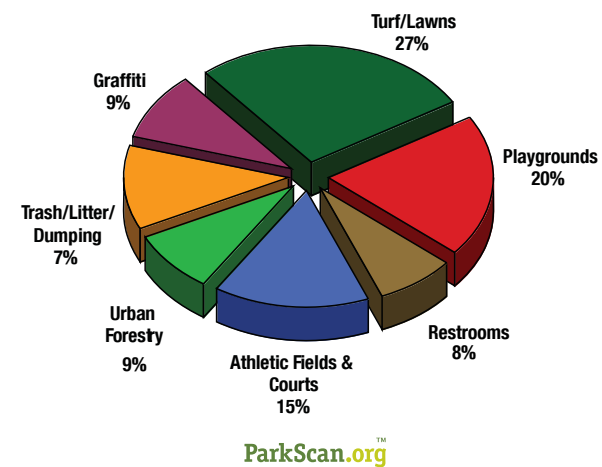
District 1 Profile

Supervisor	Jake McGoldrick
Parks	15
Playgrounds	15
Park Acres	54.96
ParkScan.org Reports	31



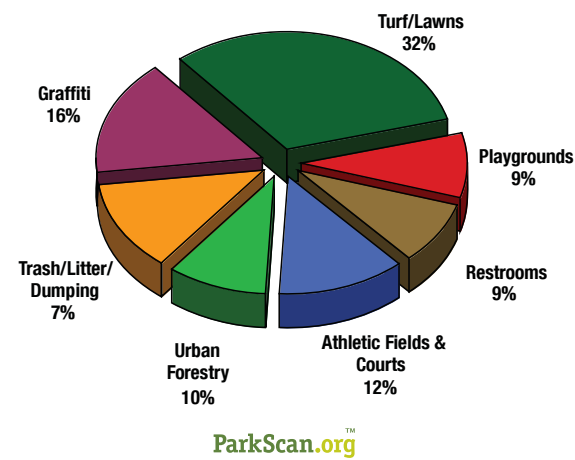
District 2 Profile

Supervisor	Michela Alioto-Pier
Parks	13
Playgrounds	9
Park Acres	173.07
ParkScan.org Reports	148



District 3 Profile

Supervisor	Aaron Peskin
Parks	22
Playgrounds	13
Park Acres	42.29
ParkScan.org Reports	116



Was your park surveyed in 2006?

Was your park surveyed in 2006? The parks below were reported on **ParkScan.org** this year. The most reported observation for each park is listed, along with the status of the observation (if appropriate).

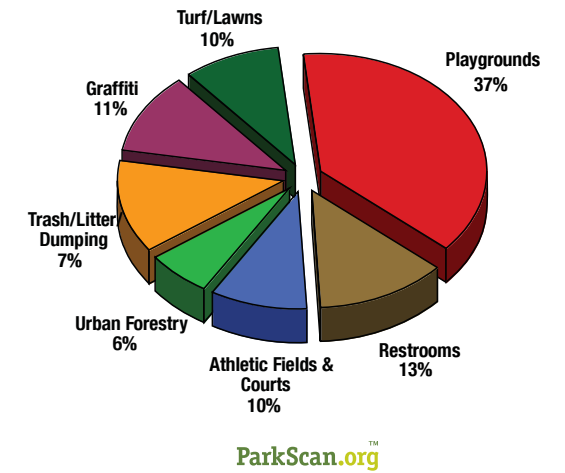
Park	Most Reported Observation	Status
24th and York Mini Park	Run-down Park	Park Rebuilt - Opened Nov. 2006
Adam Rodgers Park	Great park, great views	
Alamo Square	Lawn Issues	Funding needed to resolve
Alice Griffith Community Garden	Damaged bench	Resolved
Alioto Mini Park	Illegal Camping/Cooking	Referred to SFPD
Allyne Park	Landscaping Issues	Resolved
Alta Plaza Park	Landscaping Issues	Funding needed to resolve
Anza Mini Park	Lighting Issues	Unresolved
Aptos Playground	Great new playground	Park Rebuilt - Opened Sept. 2006
Argonne Playground	Closed for Renovations	Closed for Renovations
Balboa Park and Pool	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Bay View Playground and King Pool	Restroom Issues	Resolved
Bernal Heights Mini Park	Playground Issues	Funding needed to resolve
Bernal Heights Park Open Space	Dumping	Resolved
Bernal Heights Rec. Center and Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Billy Goat Hill	Cleanliness Issues	Unresolved
Boeddeker Park and Clubhouse	Playground Issues	Funding needed to resolve
Broadway Tunnel West Mini Park	Compliments and Kudos	
Brooks Park	Missing Signage	Resolved
Buena Vista Park	Tree Issues	Partially resolved - need more urban foresters
Bush/Broderick Mini Park	Cleanliness Issues	Resolved
Cabrillo Playground	Painting Issues	Unresolved
Cayuga Lamartine Mini Park	Park Needs Attention	Resolved
Cayuga Playground	Playground Issues	Resolved
Chinese Playground	Playground looks great	
Chinese Recreation Center	Playground Issues	Unresolved
Christopher Playground/Topaz Open Space	Lawn Issues	Working to Resolve

2006 Love Your Playground Report Card

District	Park	Grade
1	Clement Mini Park	F
1	Lincoln Playground	F
1	Rossi Playground	F - Closed for Renovation
2	Cow Hollow Playground & Clubhouse	D
2	Lafayette Park	D
2	Moscone Playground East	F
3	Chinese Playground	D
3	Chinese Recreation Center	F
3	Huntington Park	D - Slated for Renovation
3	Saint Mary's Square	F
4	Larsen Park	D
4	Sunset Playground	F
4	West Sunset Playground	F
5	Grattan Park	F
5	Hamilton Recreation Center	D
6	Civic Center Plaza	D
6	Franklin Square	F
6	South Park	D
7	J.P. Murphy Playground and Clubhouse	F - Closed for Renovation
8	Duboce Playground @ Waller	D - Removed
8	States St. Playground	D
9	James Rolph Playground	D
9	Portola (Palega) Playground & Rec. Center	D
9	Precita Park	D
9	Saint Mary's Playground & Rec. Center	F
10	Balboa Park and Pool	D
10	Hilltop Park	F - Closed for Renovation
10	Hunters Point Rec Center	D
10	Potrero Hill Playground & Rec. Center	F - Slated for Renovation
11	Crocker Amazon Playground @ Italy	F

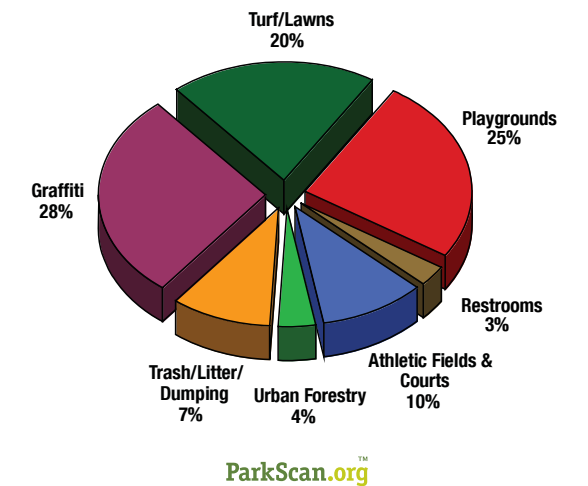
District 4 Profile

Supervisor	Ed Jew
Parks	8
Playgrounds	6
Park Acres	206.2
ParkScan.org Reports	71



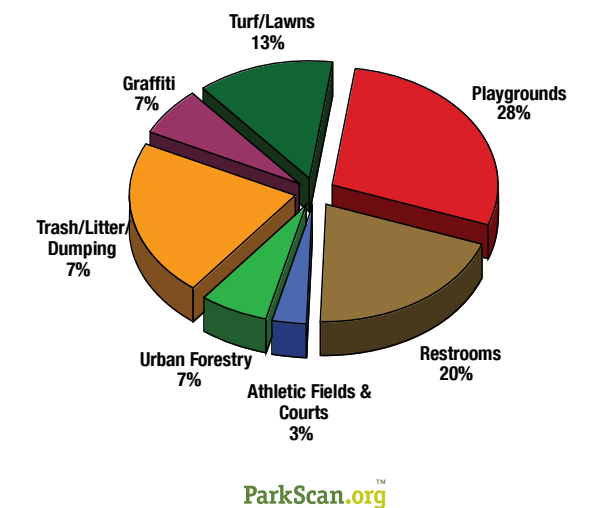
District 5 Profile

Supervisor	Ross Mirkarimi
Parks	17
Playgrounds	9
Park Acres	58.94
ParkScan.org Reports	184



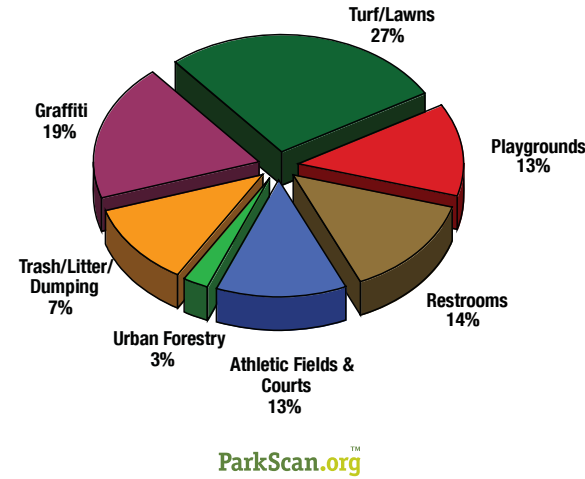
District 6 Profile

Supervisor	Chris Daly
Parks	13
Playgrounds	12
Park Acres	83.12
ParkScan.org Reports	67



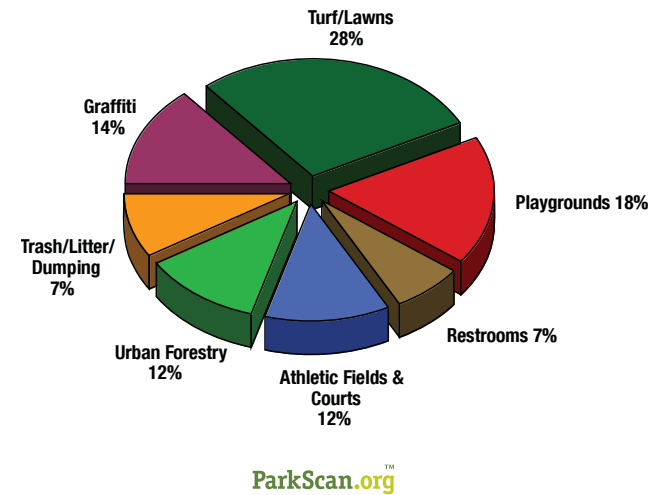
District 7 Profile

Supervisor	Sean Elsbernd
Parks	22
Playgrounds	9
Park Acres	150.7
ParkScan.org Reports	83



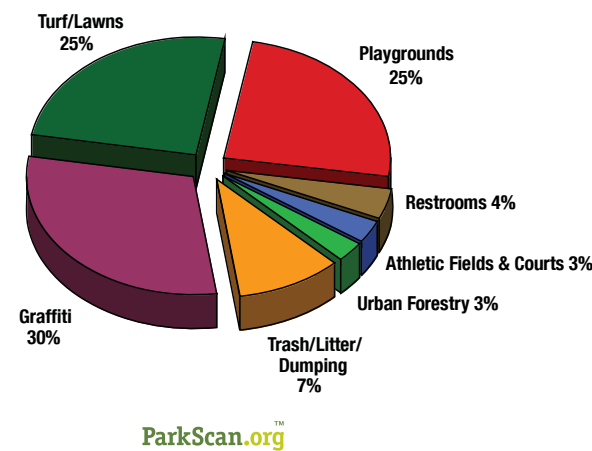
District 8 Profile

Supervisor	Bevan Dufty
Parks	34
Playgrounds	15
Park Acres	255.02
ParkScan.org Reports	386



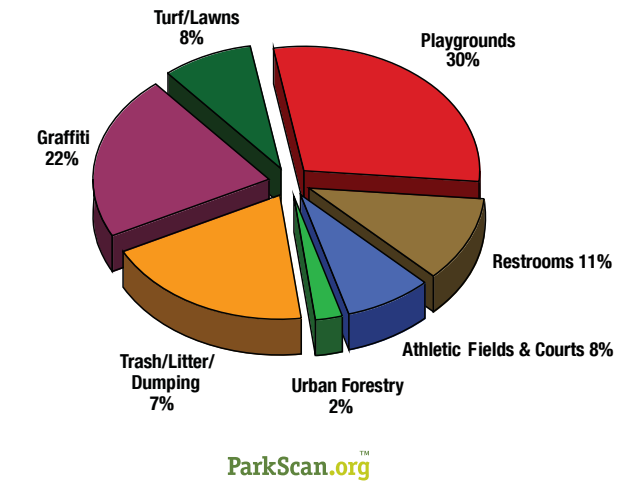
District 9 Profile

Supervisor	Tom Ammiano
Parks	19
Playgrounds	13
Park Acres	78.97
ParkScan.org Reports	193



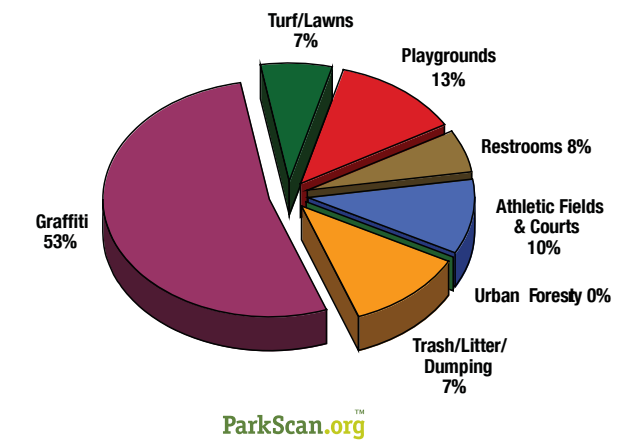
District 10 Profile

Supervisor	Sophie Maxwell
Parks	30
Playgrounds	23
Park Acres	249.8
ParkScan.org Reports	255



District 11 Profile

Supervisor	Gerardo Sandoval
Parks	12
Playgrounds	10
Park Acres	116.8
ParkScan.org Reports	83



NPC's ParkScan.org Love Your Playground Report Card Update

In February 2006, Neighborhood Parks Council hosted the Love Your Playground Assessment Day to raise awareness of and bring attention to conditions in San Francisco's playgrounds. The initiative mobilized volunteers to survey each of the 143 playgrounds and to submit observations on **ParkScan.org**, in order to create a "Report Card" for each playground. Thirty playgrounds received a "D" or "F" grade. RPD has agreed to allow Neighborhood Parks Council to organize playground workdays to address some of the critical playground conditions that volunteers identified. Love My Playground will be an ongoing partnership between RPD, NPC and interested Playground Volunteers. Please join us in April for our annual Love My Playground Day.