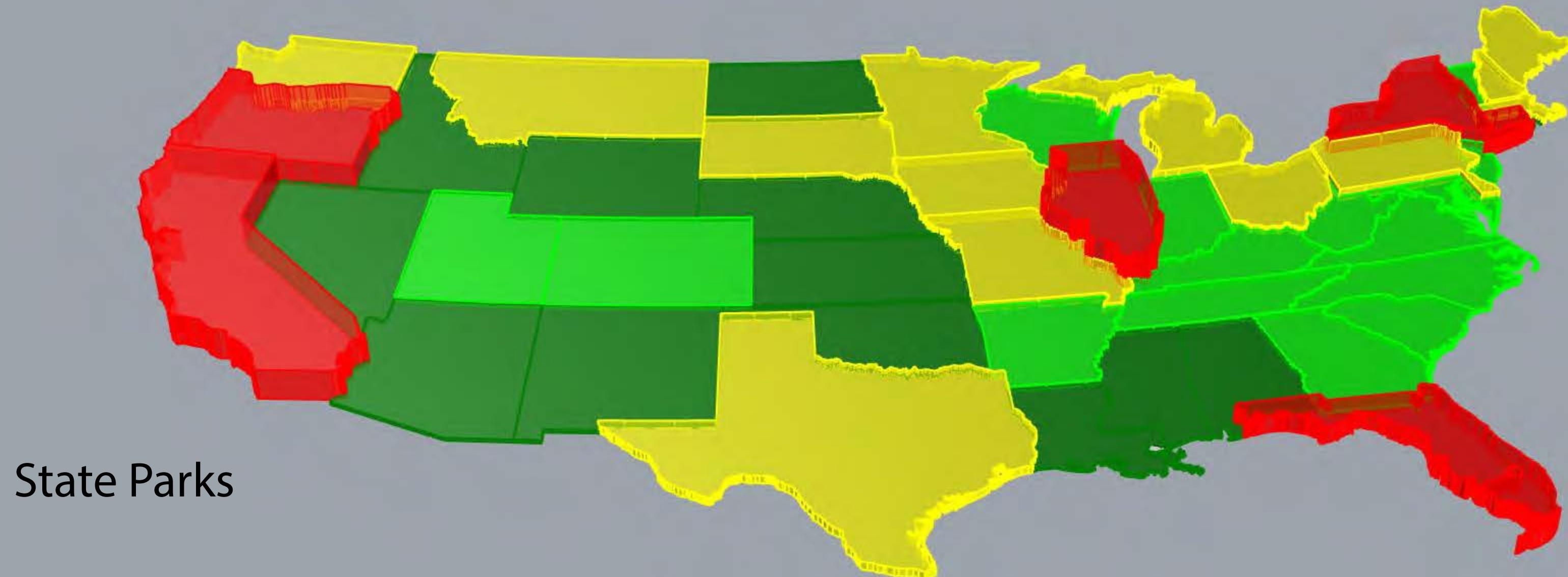




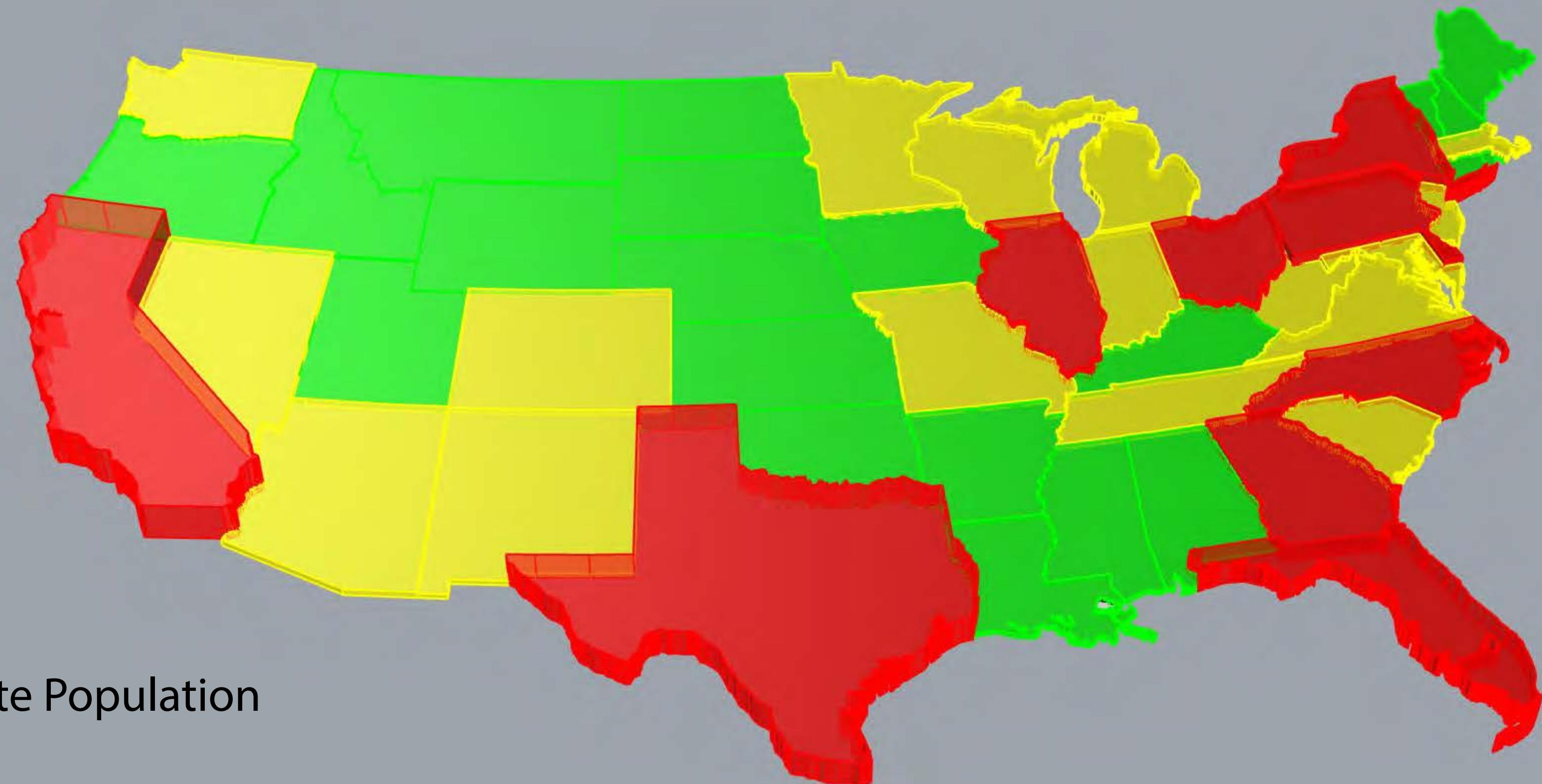


Parks to Population in State Parks

With the number of state parks and state population roughly correlating, this shows the need people have to get out and escape their city lives. But for most, traveling this far might not be an option. The rest of this atlas explores the need of local urban parks.

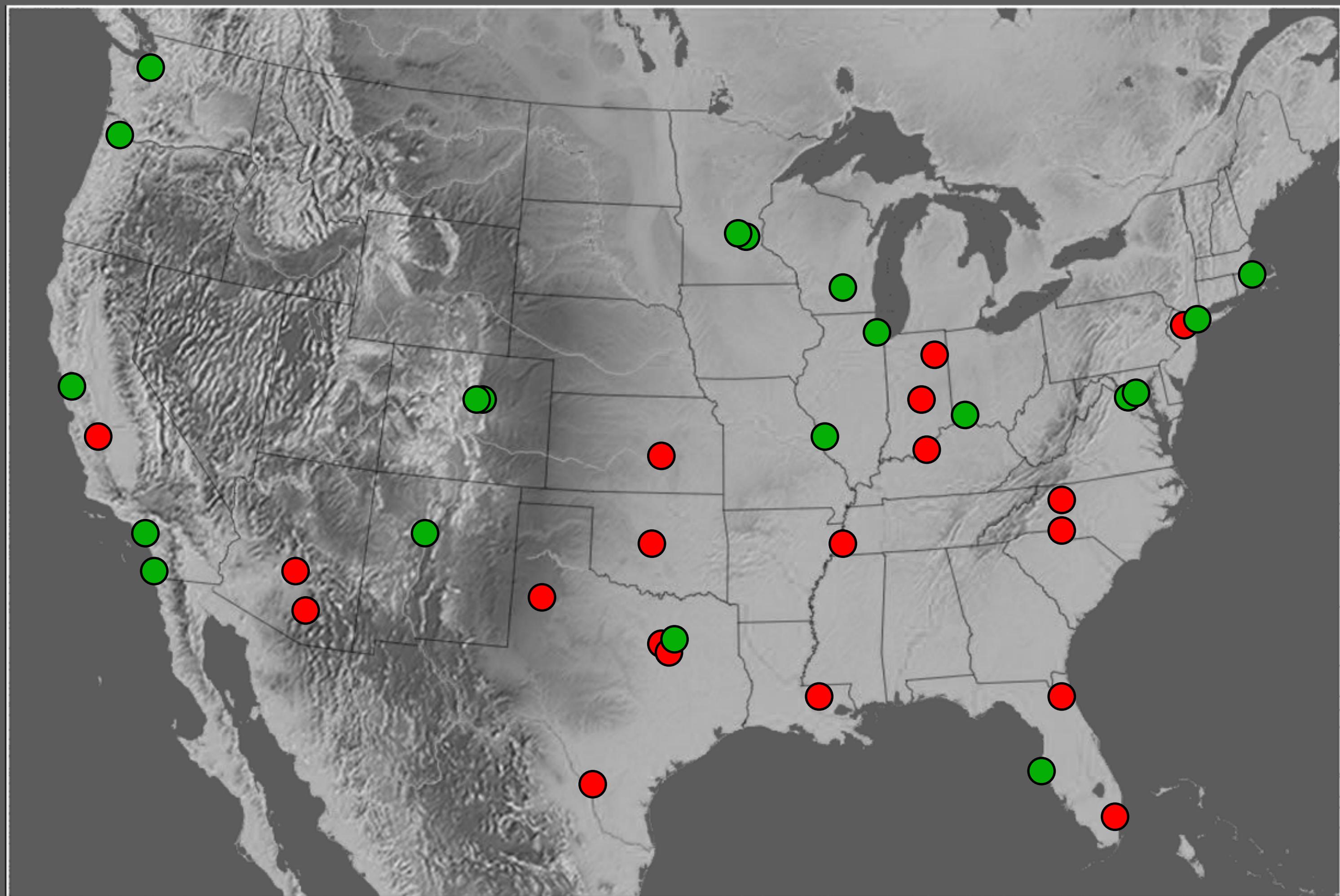


State Parks



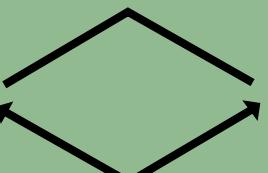
State Population

Best and Worst Cities by Park Score

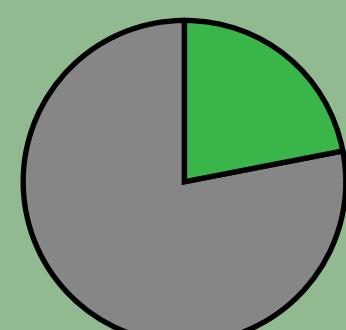




PARK
SCORE
35



PARK
ACREAGE
1,252



PARK % OF
CITY AREA
3%



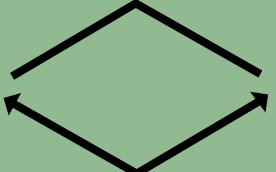
SPENDING PER
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BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA

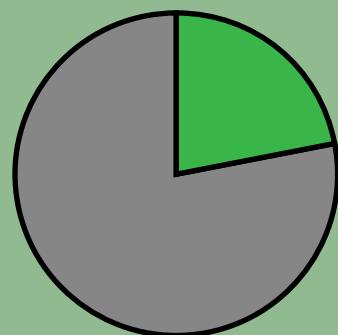




PARK
SCORE
28.5



PARK
ACREAGE
11,464



PARK % OF
CITY AREA
5%



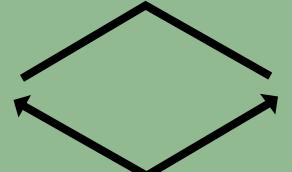
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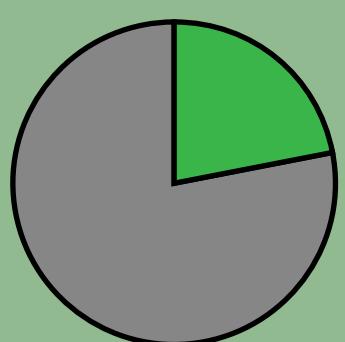




PARK
SCORE
80



PARK
ACREAGE
5,888



PARK % OF
CITY AREA
20%



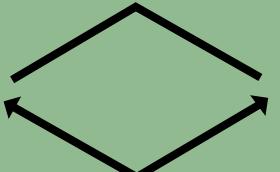
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SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA

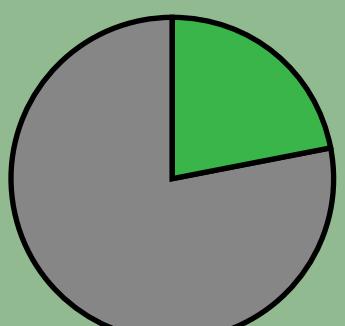




PARK
SCORE
79



PARK
ACREAGE
8,525



PARK % OF
CITY AREA
22%



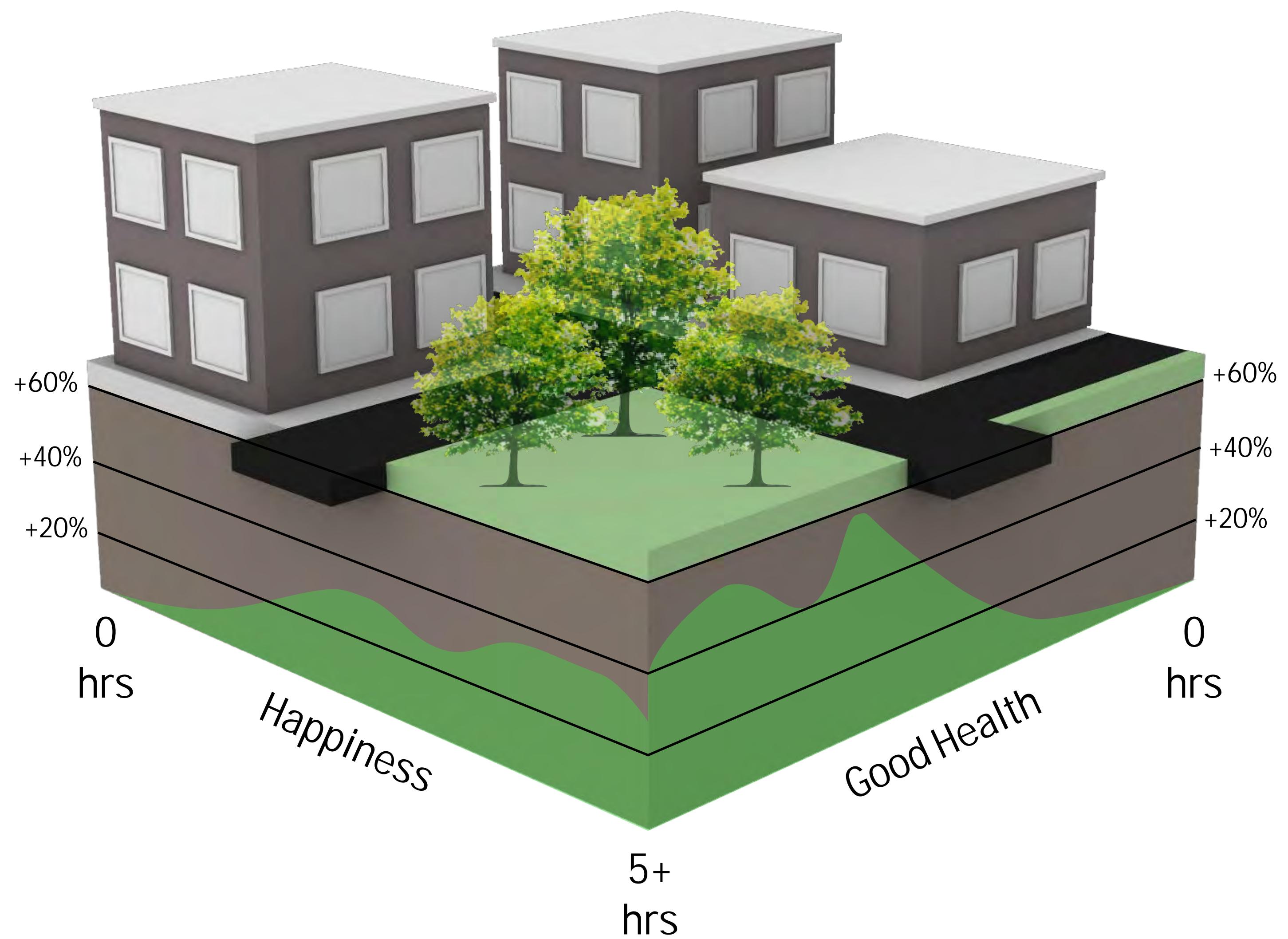
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WASHINGTON, D.C.



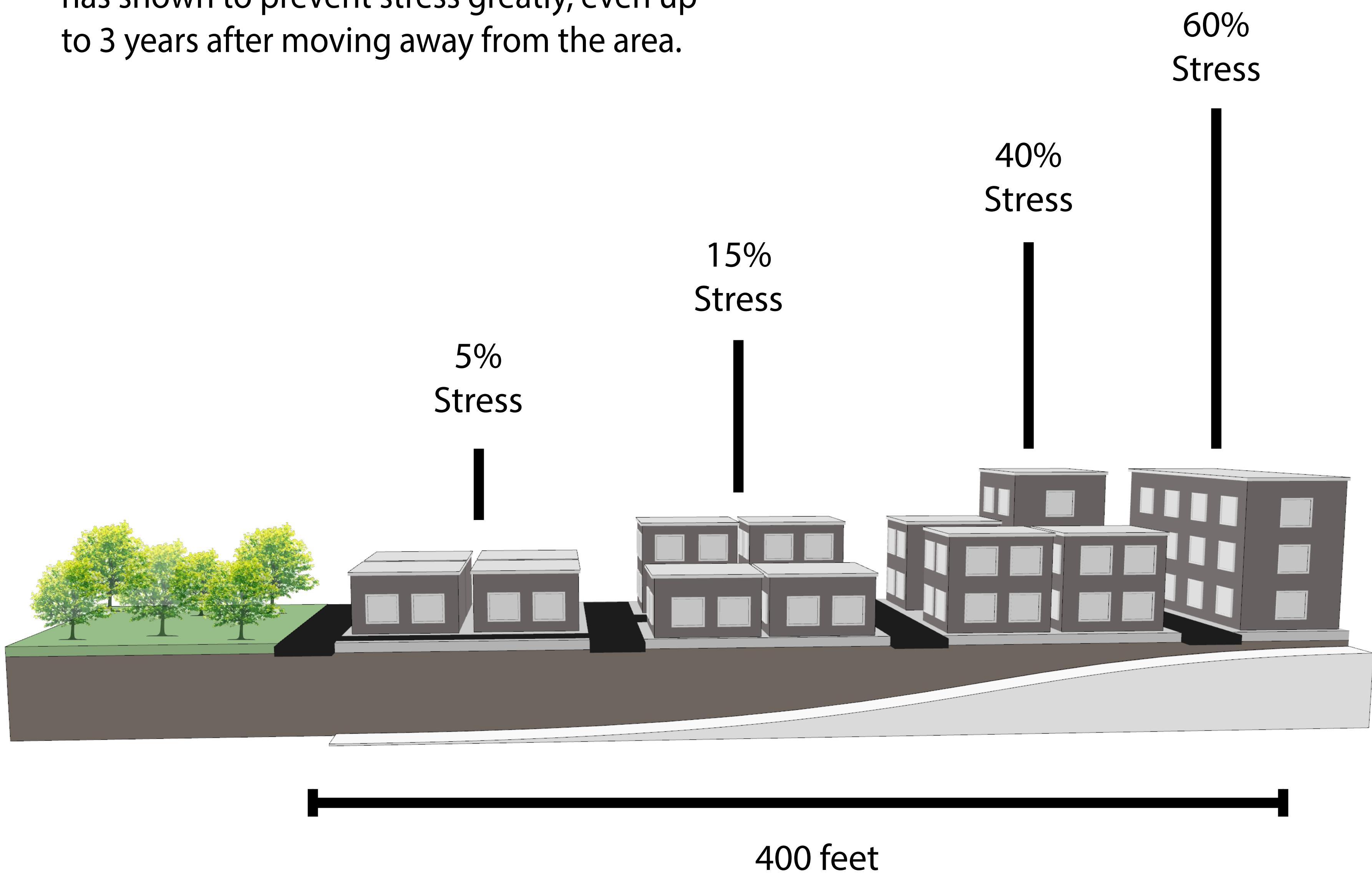


The Escape People Need



Worth the Walk

Living within 300 ft of a park or green space has shown to prevent stress greatly, even up to 3 years after moving away from the area.





Lack of Maintenance

New Orleans,
Louisiana

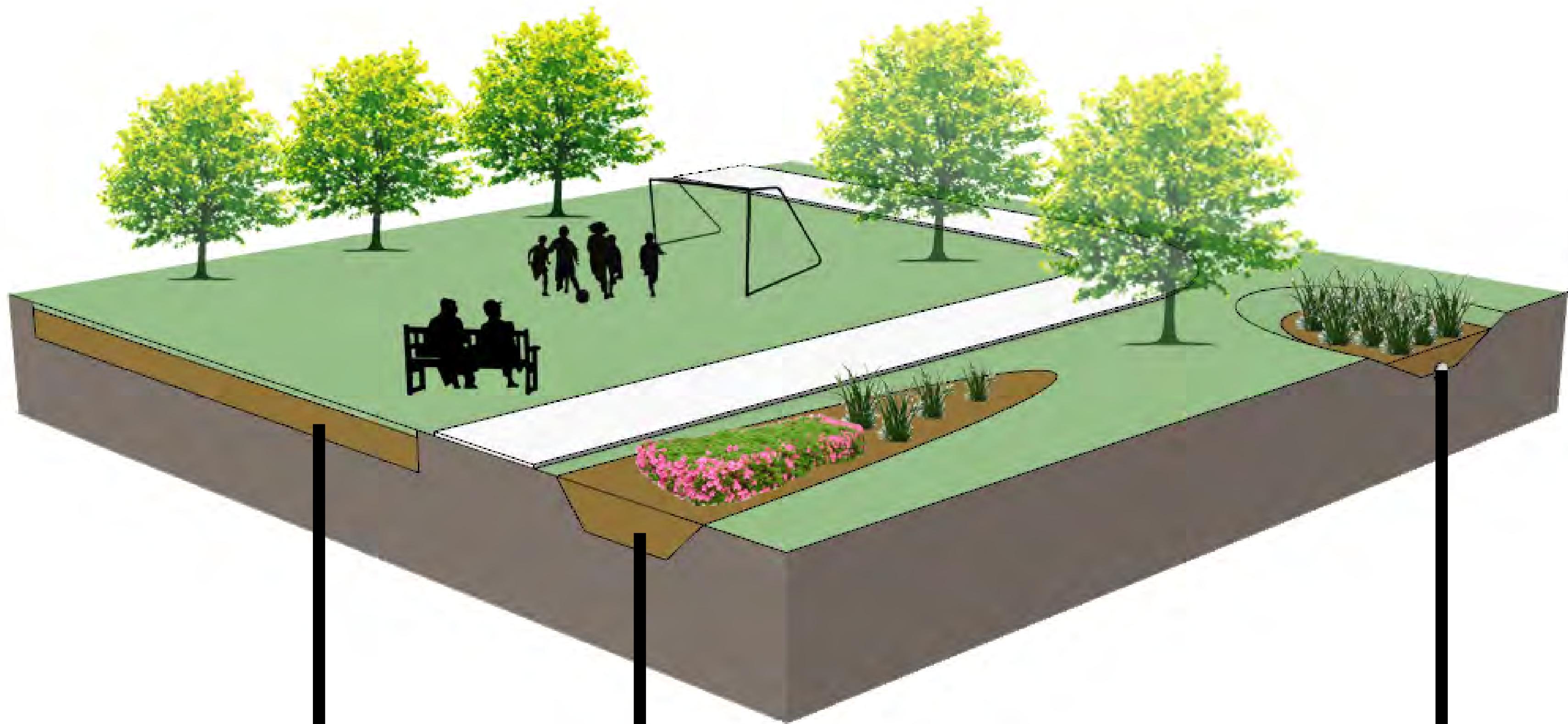
When cities start losing funding for parks, it is the maintenance at smaller local parks that take the hit. Tourist cities show this the worst, because they will fully support the parks in the tourist districts to promote their city when the parks for the citizens are grown up and run down.





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Natural Filter



Infiltration Lawns are usually the fields in parks that allow water to soak into them within their loose soil. The water is held in this ground until the grass and other vegetation can uptake it.

Rain gardens are meant to catch and retain water from other surfaces like roofs, pathways, parking lots, and other urban runoff. They work with high water retention soil and wetland edge plants like long grasses, wildflowers, and ferns.

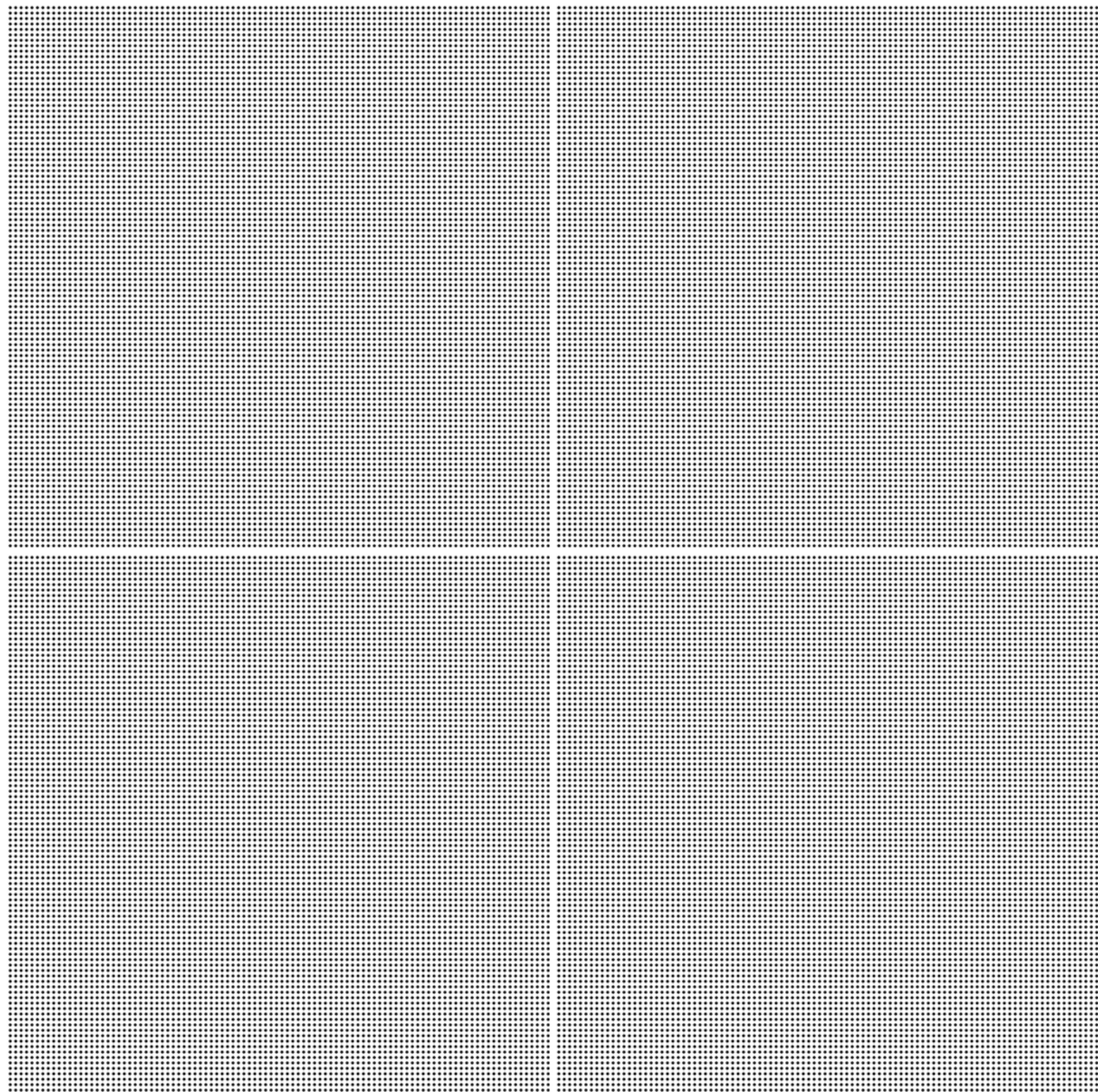
Bioswales are made to concentrate the water from rain to relieve stress from stormdrains. They are typically depressions in the ground in order to collect a lot of water and to filter it of pollutants with its high density of vegetation.

Huge Value of Water Filtration

Water Filtration in cities is usually a large expense.

Stormwater runoff grabs all of the pollutions from the streets and roofs including tar, oil, and many other unnatural chemicals that could harm waterways if they weren't properly cleaned. Parks with implemented green infrastructure help relieve the cost of stormwater maintenance.

The average 1 acre park can clean and maintain around 200,000 gallons of runoff a year.



This diagram shows 1 dot for each 5 gallons of stormwater a small park can maintain.



"Though parks are expensive to acquire and maintain in dense cities with high property values, their residents are even more in need of open spaces in which to exercise, unwind, and socialize. Parks are what make cities livable and attractive – not only to young, creative people, but to everyone."

"There are no words that can tell the hidden spirit of the wilderness, that can reveal its mystery, its melancholy, and its charm."

– Theodore Roosevelt

"I love New York cause you can quickly go from a chaotic city to a peaceful jungle just by stepping into Central Park"

"You can't tell a kid that it's time to exercise; that's a turn-off...you have to say, "Let's go to the park and have some fun! Then you get them to do some running, play on the swings, practice on the balance beam, and basically get a full workout disguised as play."

– Arnold Schwarzenegger

"I just want to go through Central Park and watch folks passing by. Spend the whole day watching people. I miss that."

– Barack Obama