

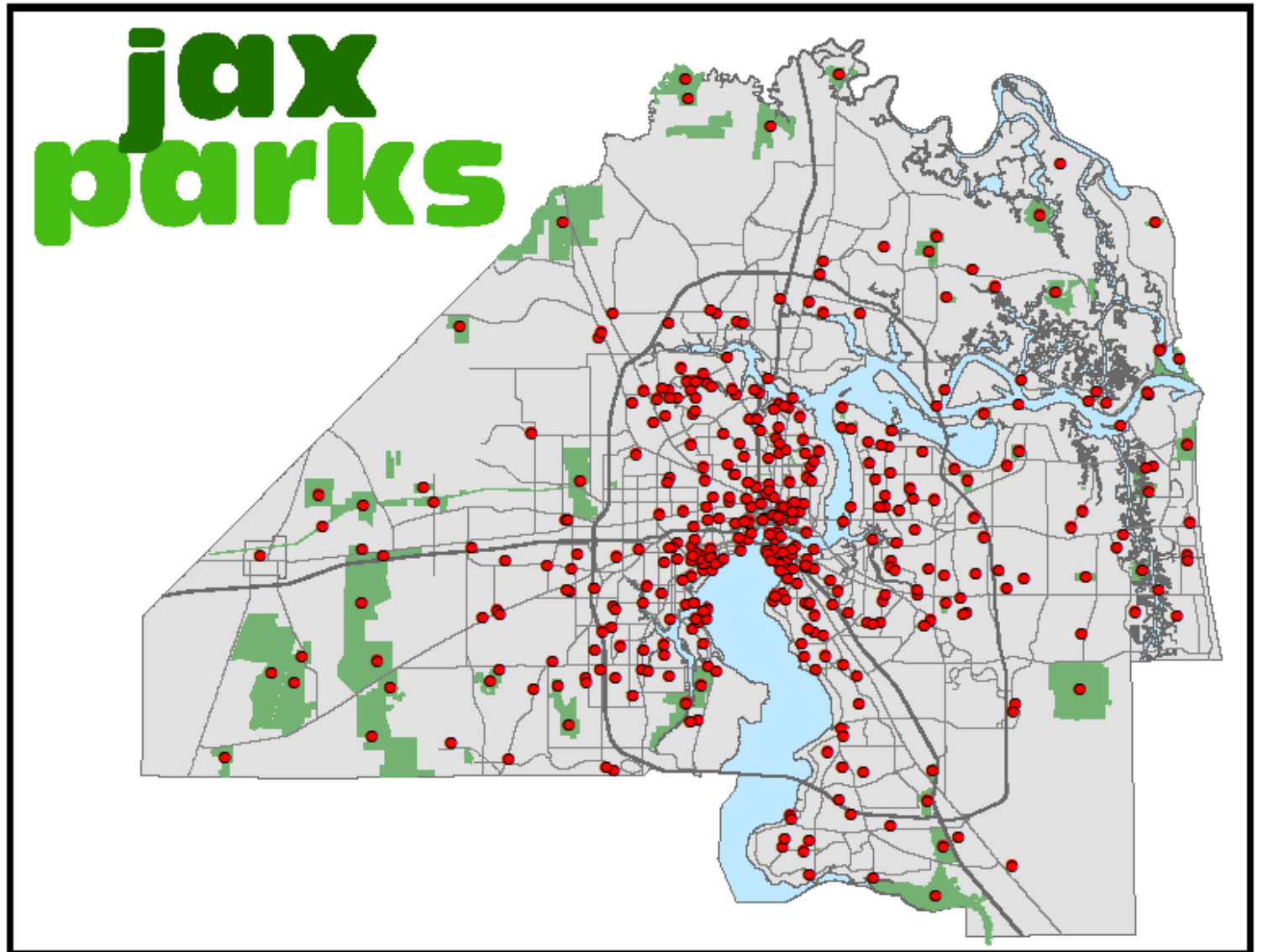


SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON PARKS AND QUALITY OF LIFE

SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

Overview

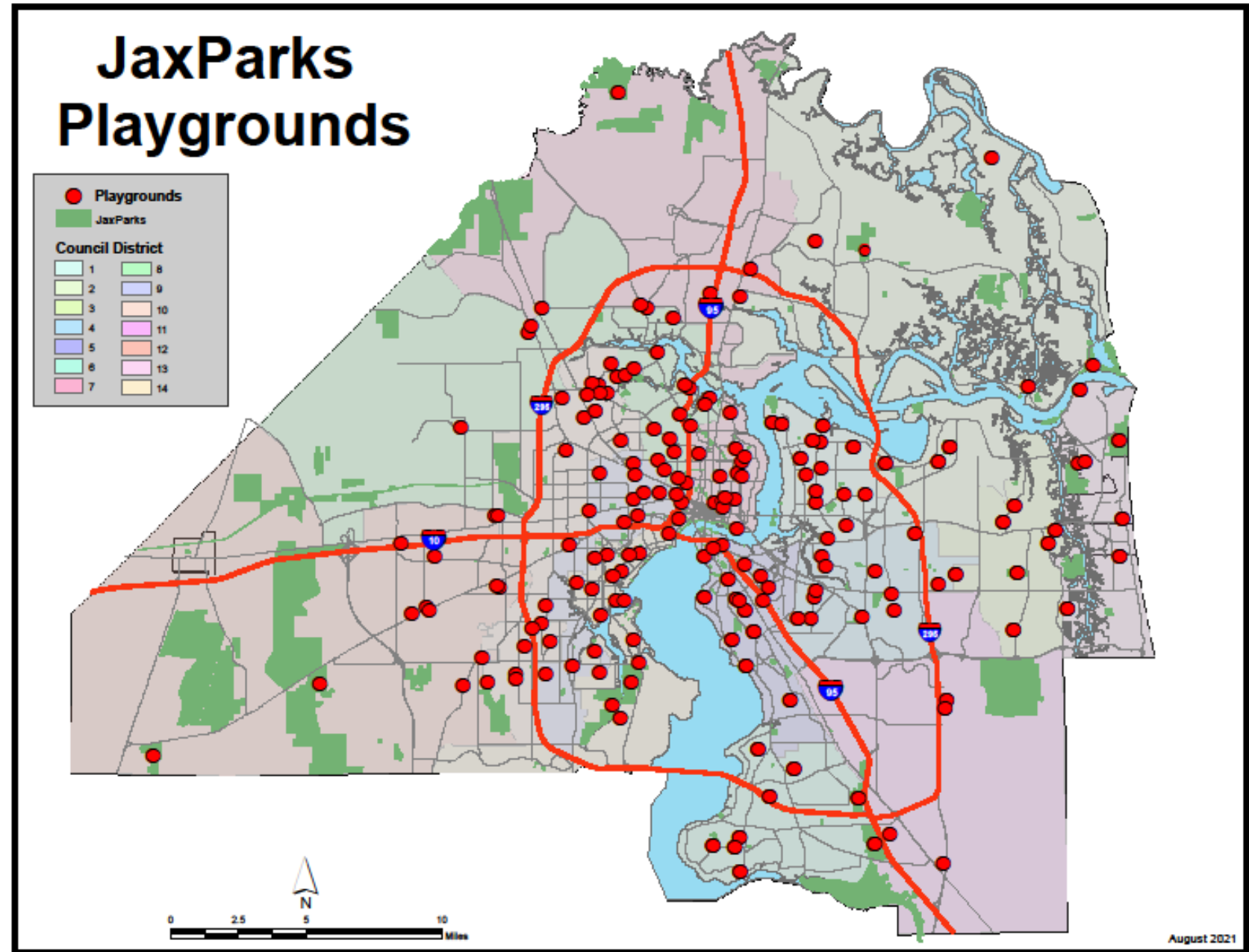
- Largest urban park system in US
- 80,000 acres
- 10 state parks
- 5 national parks
- 392 city parks: 36,831 acres
- 2 oceanfront parks with camping
- 59 miles of paved trails
- 141 miles of unpaved trails
- Countless trees and smiles.... And something for everyone!!!



Playgrounds

195 playgrounds

34 Replaced in the past 5 years









Playground Replacement

- Moved playground between shelters with more visibility
- Playground moved nearer to splashpad and lawn area
- Replaced vandalized and broken equipment
- Playground structures are more visible and offer challenges







Playground Replacement

- Average lifespan is 20 years
- Playground aging infrastructure
- Playgrounds should be inviting and offer different experiences
- Replacement playground coordinated with Art in Public Places







Playground Replacement

- Metal decking deteriorated, slides and climbing blocked off, interactive features broken and changed to metal panel.
- Original playground oversized.
- Colorful playground replacement.
- Between pavilion and pool.







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- More visible play.





Playground Replacement



- First inclusive playground and restroom.
- Existing facility underutilized and most components broken.
- Sensory garden added.



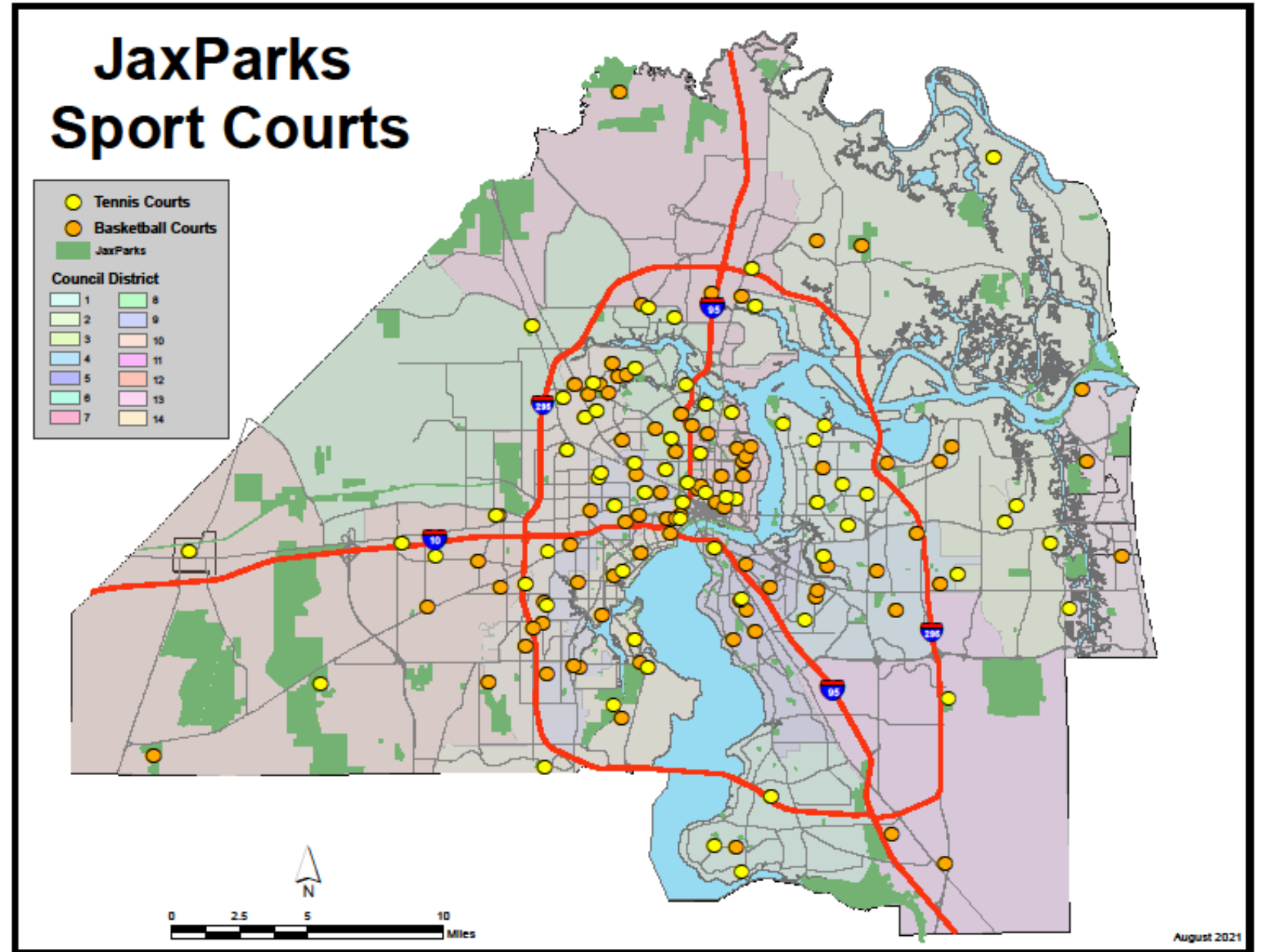
Safety Surface: Before & After



Courts

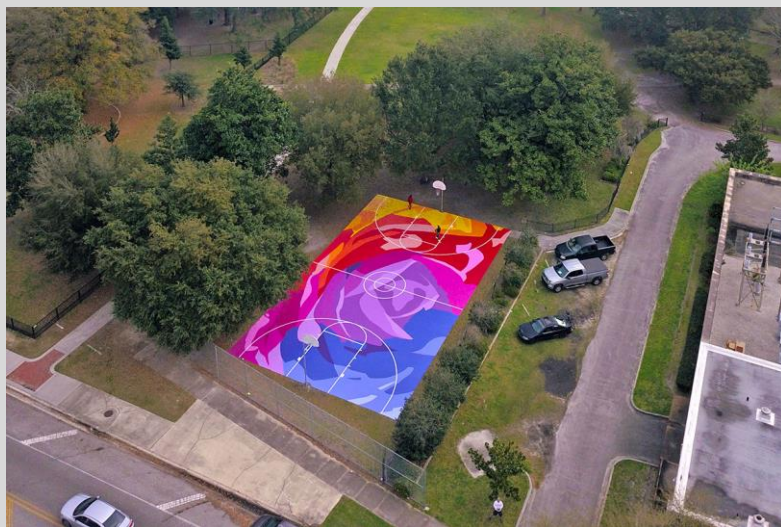
137 parks with courts
167 basketball courts
171 tennis courts

114 Replaced, new or
resurfaced in the past 5
years



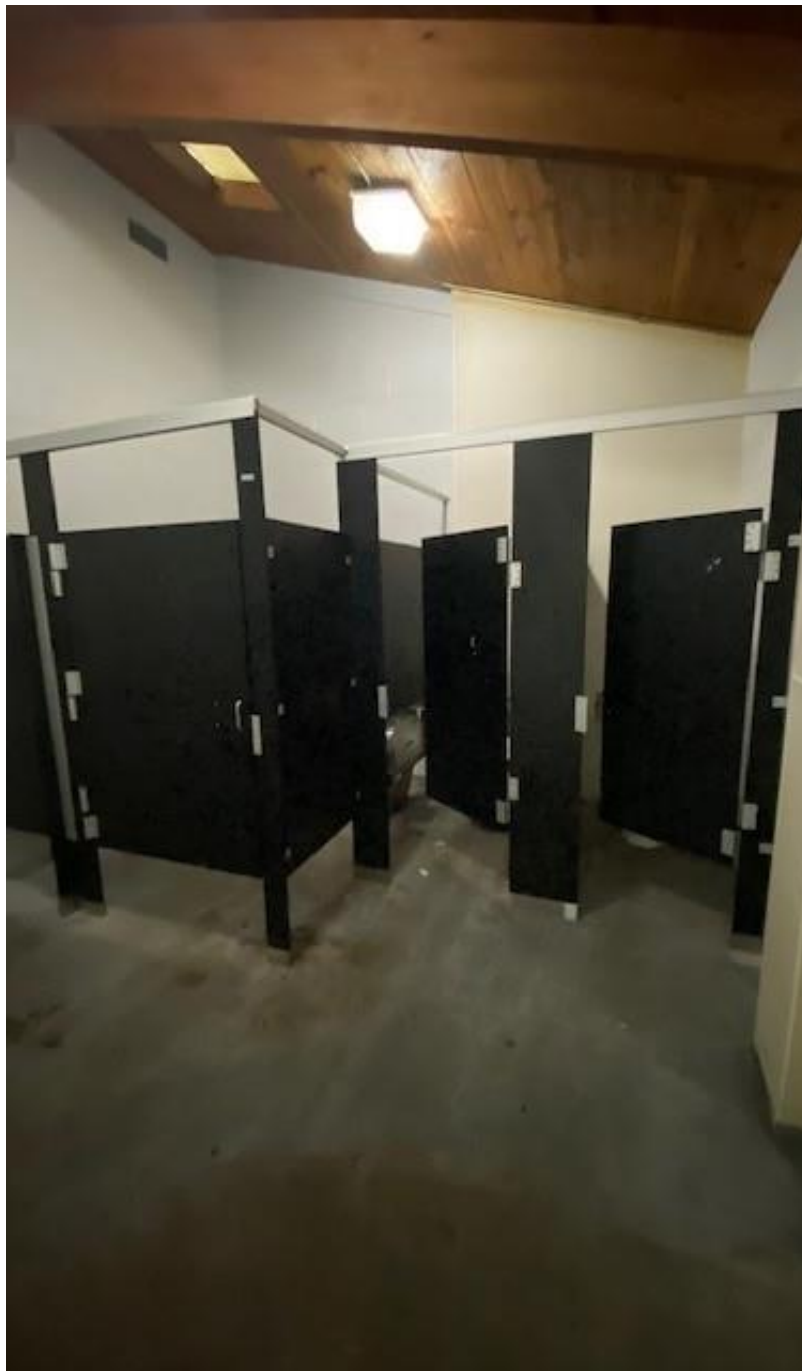
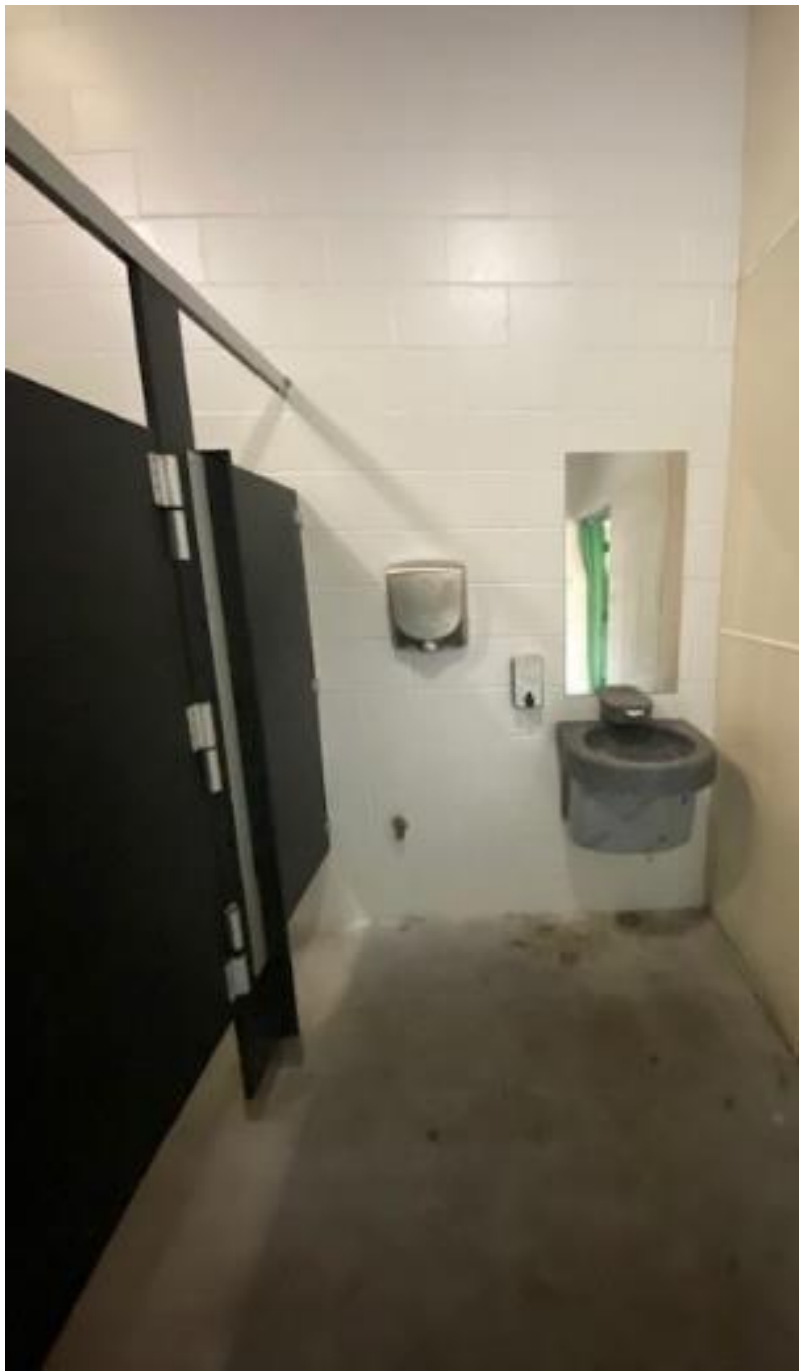








RESTROOMS: BEFORE









RESTROOM: DOORS BEFORE & AFTER



RESTROOM BUILDING

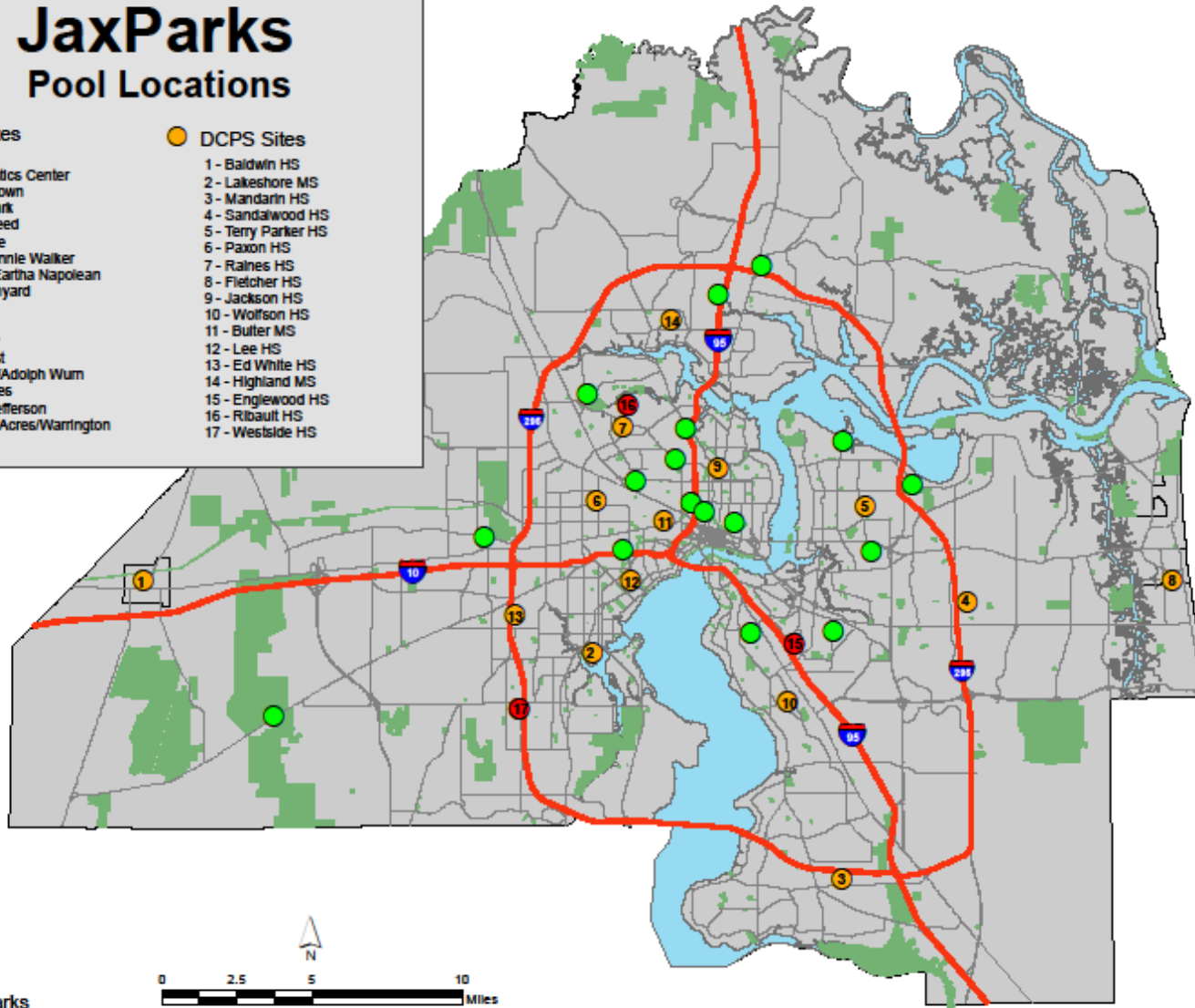
JaxParks Pool Locations

● COJ Sites

Carvill
Cecil Aquatics Center
Cianzel Brown
Charles Clark
Emmett Reed
Ft. Caroline
Grand/Johnnie Walker
Harts Rd/Eartha Napoleon
Julius Gulnyard
Kennedy
Mallison
Oceanway
Pine Forest
San Souci/Adolph Wum
Sunny Acres
Thomas Jefferson
Woodland Acres/Warrington

● DCPS Sites

1 - Baldwin HS
2 - Lakeshore MS
3 - Mandarin HS
4 - Sandalwood HS
5 - Terry Parker HS
6 - Paxon HS
7 - Raines HS
8 - Fletcher HS
9 - Jackson HS
10 - Wolfson HS
11 - Butler MS
12 - Lee HS
13 - Ed White HS
14 - Highland MS
15 - Englewood HS
16 - Ribault HS
17 - Westside HS



Swimming Pools

- 33 outdoor pools
- 1 indoor aquatic center
- All outdoor pools are 30+ years old and have aging infrastructure
- Pool Plaster has a lifespan of 10 years
- Replaster 3-4 pools per year
- Cost to replaster a pool averages \$150,000



POOL CONDITIONS



POOL RENOVATIONS

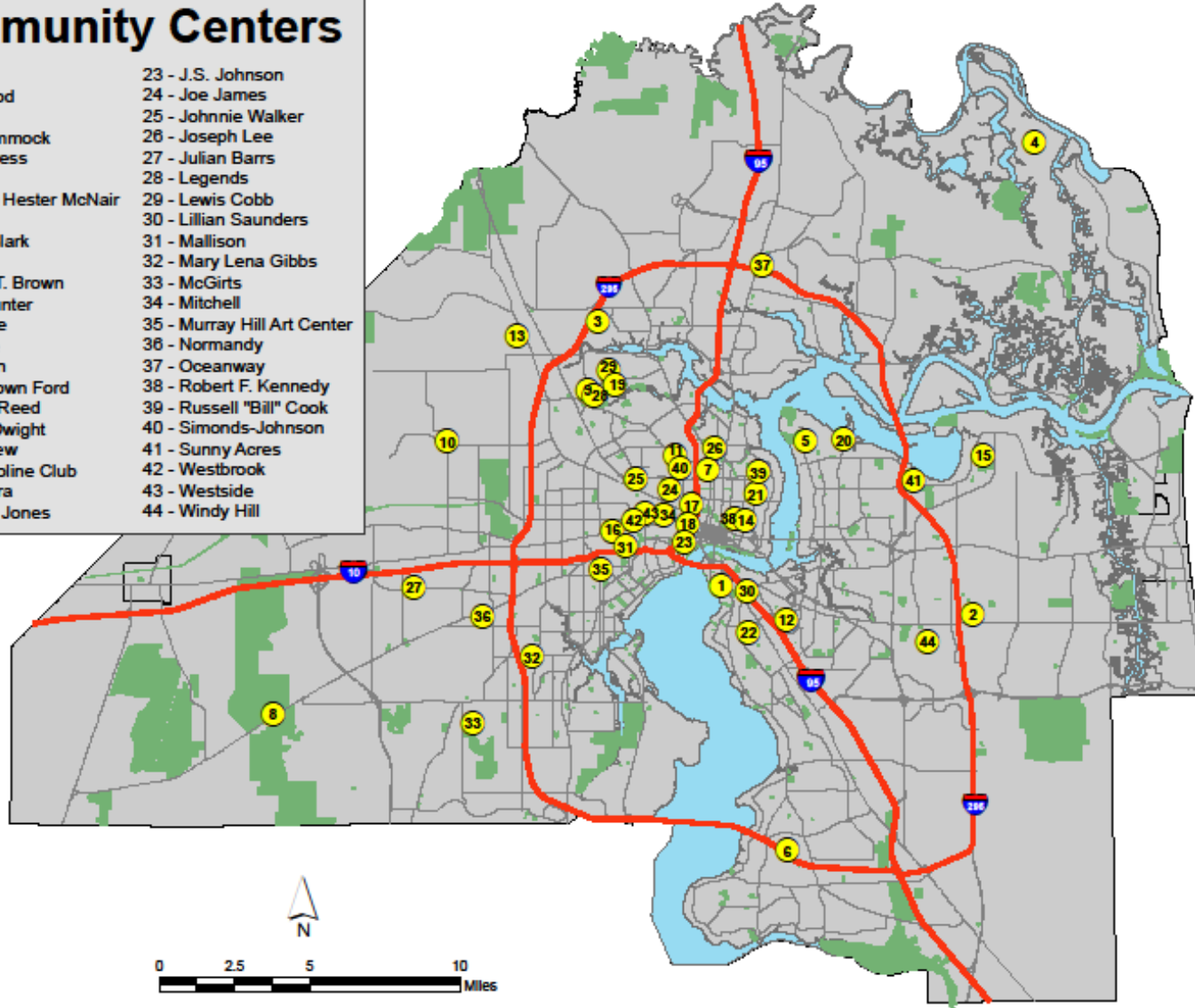
- **SPLASH SQUAD DROWNING PREVENTION**
 - This initiative's mission is to provide free swim lessons to youth whose family are facing financial difficulties. The program includes lessons from March - November at 7 community pools recently outfitted with heaters as well as 27 unheated pools during the summer which provides swim lessons to nearly 3,000 children annually.
- **Lifeguard Training** The City is one of the largest trainers of lifeguards not only training lifeguards for in house positions, but also for the community at large. The City employs 300 lifeguards to staff the 34 City Pools for the summer.

Aquatics Programming



Community Centers

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| 1 - Balis | 23 - J.S. Johnson |
| 2 - Beachwood | 24 - Joe James |
| 3 - Bethesda | 25 - Johnnie Walker |
| 4 - Black Hammock | 26 - Joseph Lee |
| 5 - Blue Cypress | 27 - Julian Barrs |
| 6 - Burnett | 28 - Legends |
| 7 - Catherine Hester McNair | 29 - Lewis Cobb |
| 8 - Cecil | 30 - Lillian Saunders |
| 9 - Charles Clark | 31 - Mallison |
| 10 - Cisco | 32 - Mary Lena Gibbs |
| 11 - Clanzel T. Brown | 33 - McGirts |
| 12 - Cuba Hunter | 34 - Mitchell |
| 13 - Dinsmore | 35 - Murray Hill Art Center |
| 14 - Eastside | 36 - Normandy |
| 15 - Ed Austin | 37 - Oceanway |
| 16 - Edith Brown Ford | 38 - Robert F. Kennedy |
| 17 - Emmett Reed | 39 - Russell "Bill" Cook |
| 18 - Florida Dwight | 40 - Simonds-Johnson |
| 19 - Forestview | 41 - Sunny Acres |
| 20 - Fort Caroline Club | 42 - Westbrook |
| 21 - Glen Myra | 43 - Westside |
| 22 - Henry T. Jones | 44 - Windy Hill |



Community Centers

- Operates 44 community centers throughout the City
- 16 are operated as by the Department and 28 are operated by partner associations
- Centers are of varying ages and conditions.

- **CLUB REC** – This exciting and energizing after school program provides opportunities for kindergarten to 5th grade youth to participate in group activities including crafts, games, recreational sports, cooking activities, special events and homework assistance. The program is free and operates weekdays [Hours: 2:30PM to 6PM] that coincide with the Duval County Public School schedule
- **TEEN WAREHOUSE** – An exciting and motivating program for middle and high school students grades 6-12 . Activities include arts, community outings, games, study time, sports and individualized programs. Special events and outings may require additional activity fees. The program is free and operates weekdays [Hours: 2:30PM to 6PM] that coincide with the Duval County Public School schedule
- **Youth Basketball** – The City operates a recreational basketball league that pulls teams from the various athletic associations through out the city. The league offers play for ages 5-16. The league attracts over 50 teams, and 500 players annually. The season is finished off with a City Championship playing the champions of the Police Athletic League's teams.

Afterschool Programming

- Department offers youth and adult programming for the community in parks and centers



- **REC-N-ROLL** – This urban parks initiative provides free, supervised structured and non-structured activities in 13 parks on weekdays during summer break, Jun - Aug [Hours: 10AM to 6PM]. Jax Parks hires current and retired high school athletics coaches to manage the sites and work with neighborhood youth.
- **SUMMER NIGHT LIGHTS** – This program operates in partnership with JSO, local media, non-profit and community-based organizations to target at-risk youth & focuses on anti-violence in five neighborhoods designated as high crime areas by The Jacksonville Journey and runs eight consecutive Friday and Saturday nights, beginning in June
- **SUMMER CAMP** – This exciting and energizing summer program provides opportunities for kindergarten to 5th grade youth to participate in group activities including crafts, games, recreational sports, cooking activities, special events and homework assistance. The program is low cost or free and operates weekdays Hours: 8AM to 5PM

Summer Programming

These programs encourage active lifestyles in our community and strive to be a positive influence participants. Activities include sports, homework assistance, cultural programs, teen programs, community service opportunities and more.

