# PARKS DEVELOPMENT

## PARKLAND ACQUISITION & DEVELOPMENT FUNDING STRATEGY

## COUNCIL WORKSHOP 2

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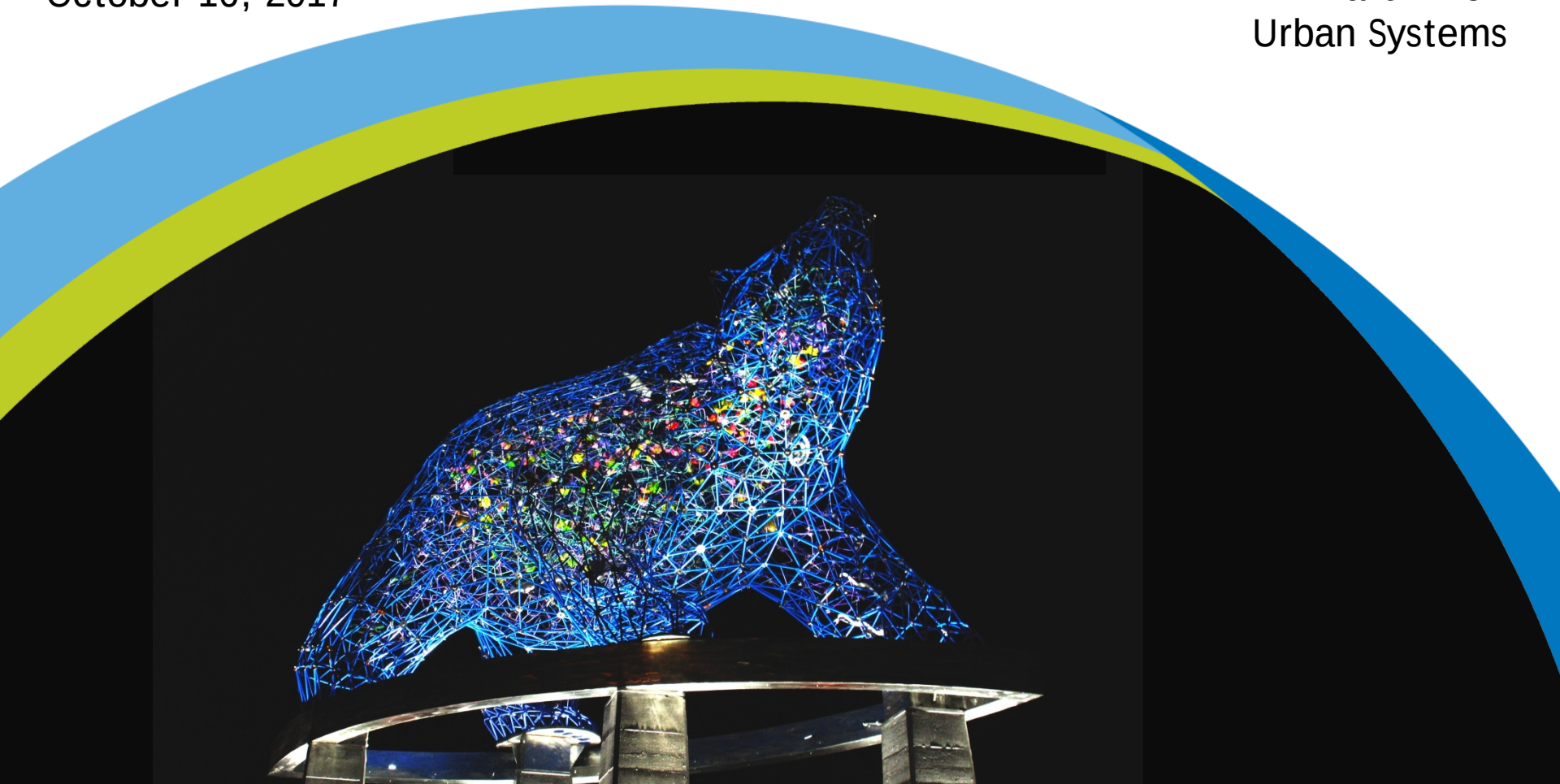

# Parks Funding – Workshop Series Overview

- Workshop #1 – Context and Public Policy Discussions
- Workshop #2 – Building an Evaluation and Priority Setting Tool
- Workshop #3 – Developing Our Funding and Financing Strategy

# Summary of Workshop #1 – October 2nd

What we heard:

- Shift the tilt from Parks Acquisition towards more Parks Development
- Do not draw funds away from other priorities such as transportation in order to fund parks, instead:
  - shift priorities within the existing budget, or
  - look for additional funding sources for parks
- Explore tools to collect funds for parks in specific urban areas that are densifying such as: Capri/Landmark; South Pandosy; Rutland Town Centre

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What we heard:

- Explore options for Parks Improvement DCCs with development community:
  - Explore tolerance for upward movement in Parks DCCs to pay for improvements?
  - Keep overall DCC rates the same but shift some component to parks development?
  - Provide developers with DCC credits for parks they build?

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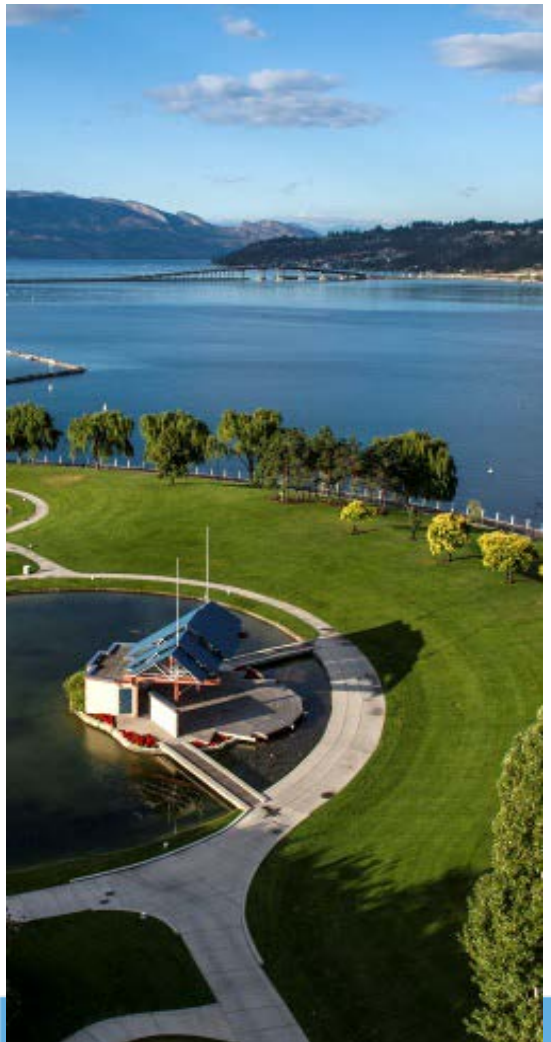

What we heard:

- Consider making the parks partnership requirements firmer and more consistent – ensure that as new neighbourhoods are built, developers provide them with finished neighbourhood parks

- Consider Linear Parks, along with Regional Parks and other parks not necessarily owned by the City, in the inventory of available parks space

- Explore potential to open up parks that aren't 100% developed, or don't yet meet our standards, however the potential likely depends on the situation

# More Data…requested by Council

- How does the parks standard per 1000 population growth change as we add other components?

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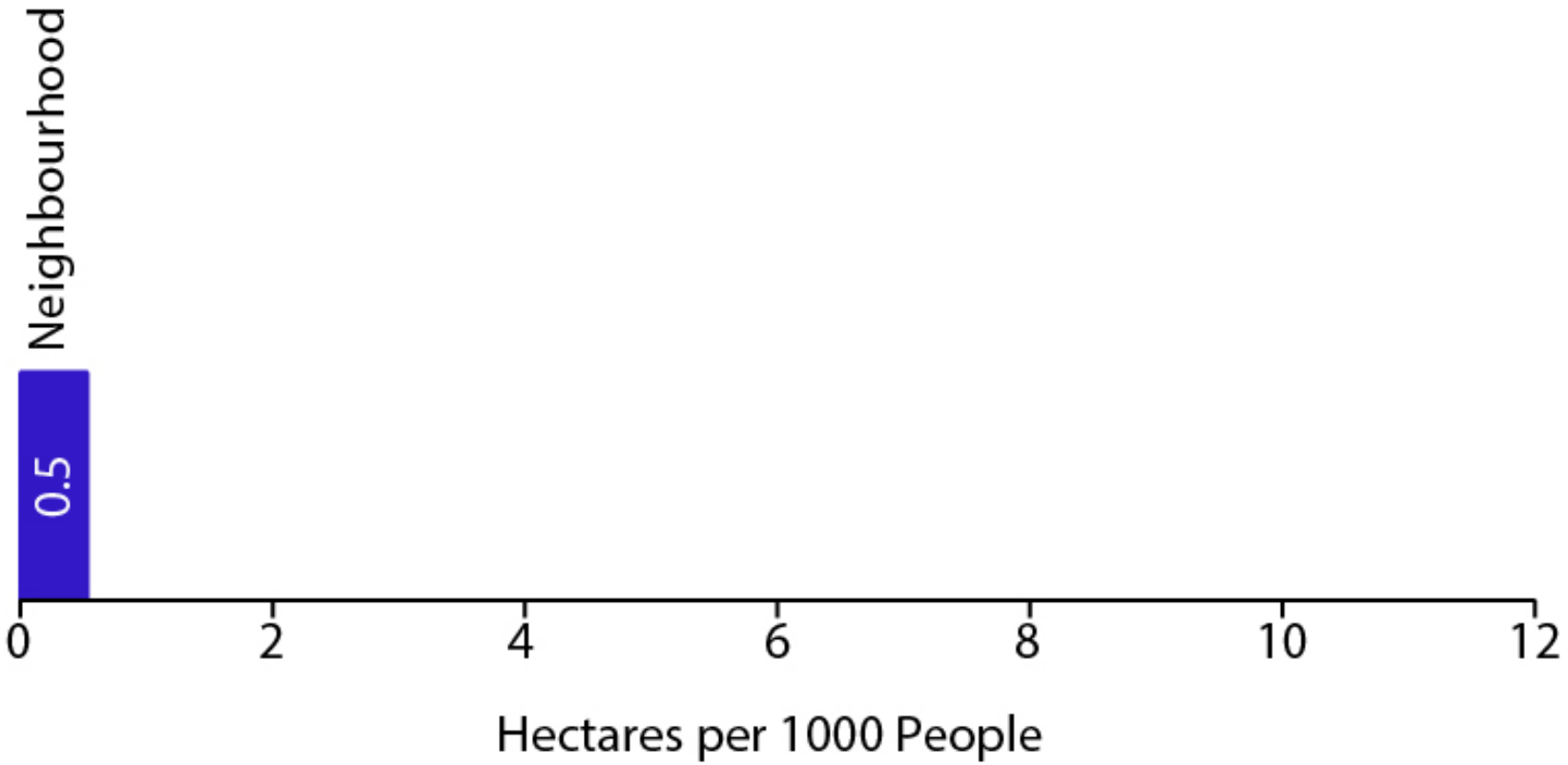

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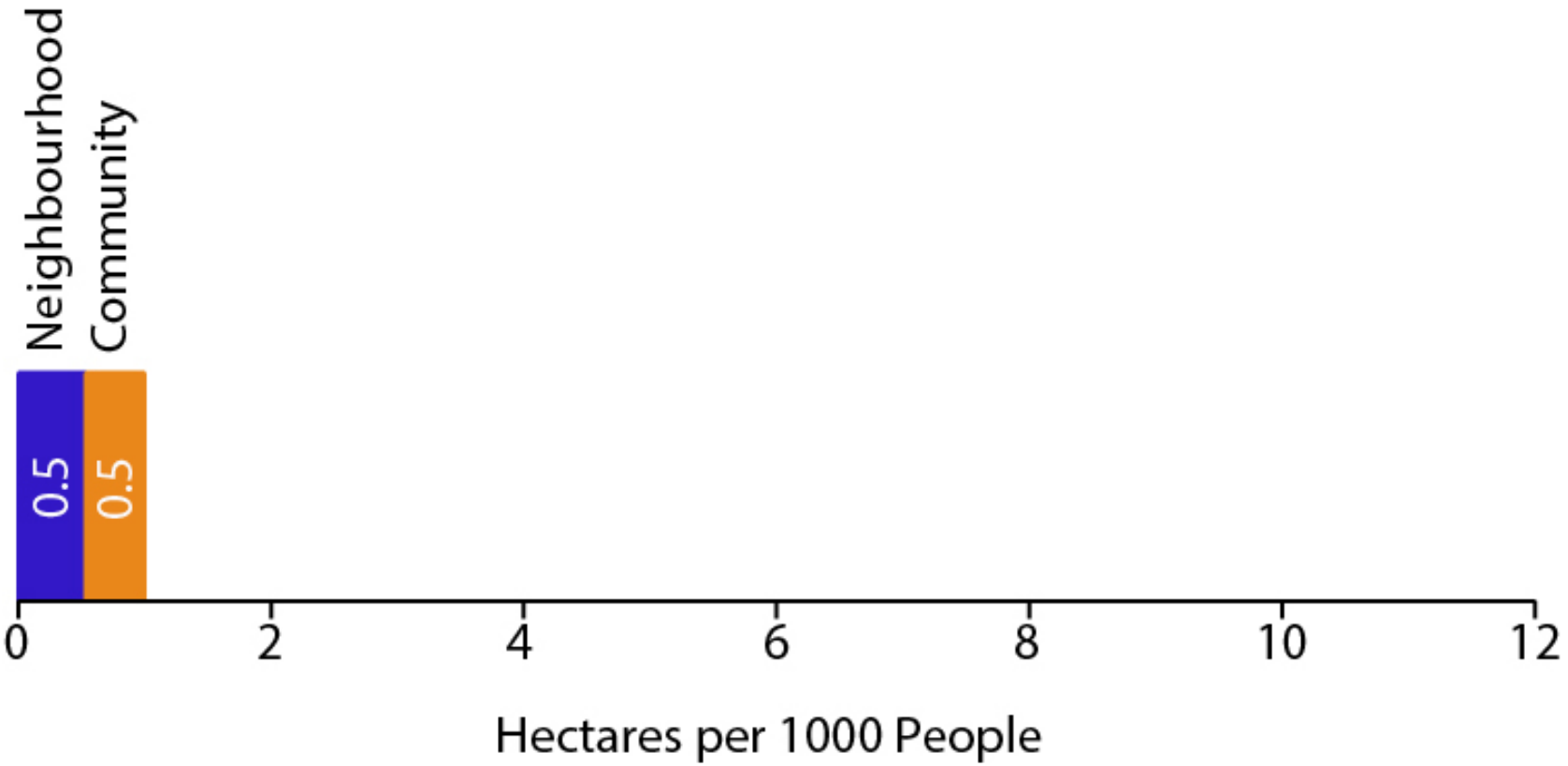

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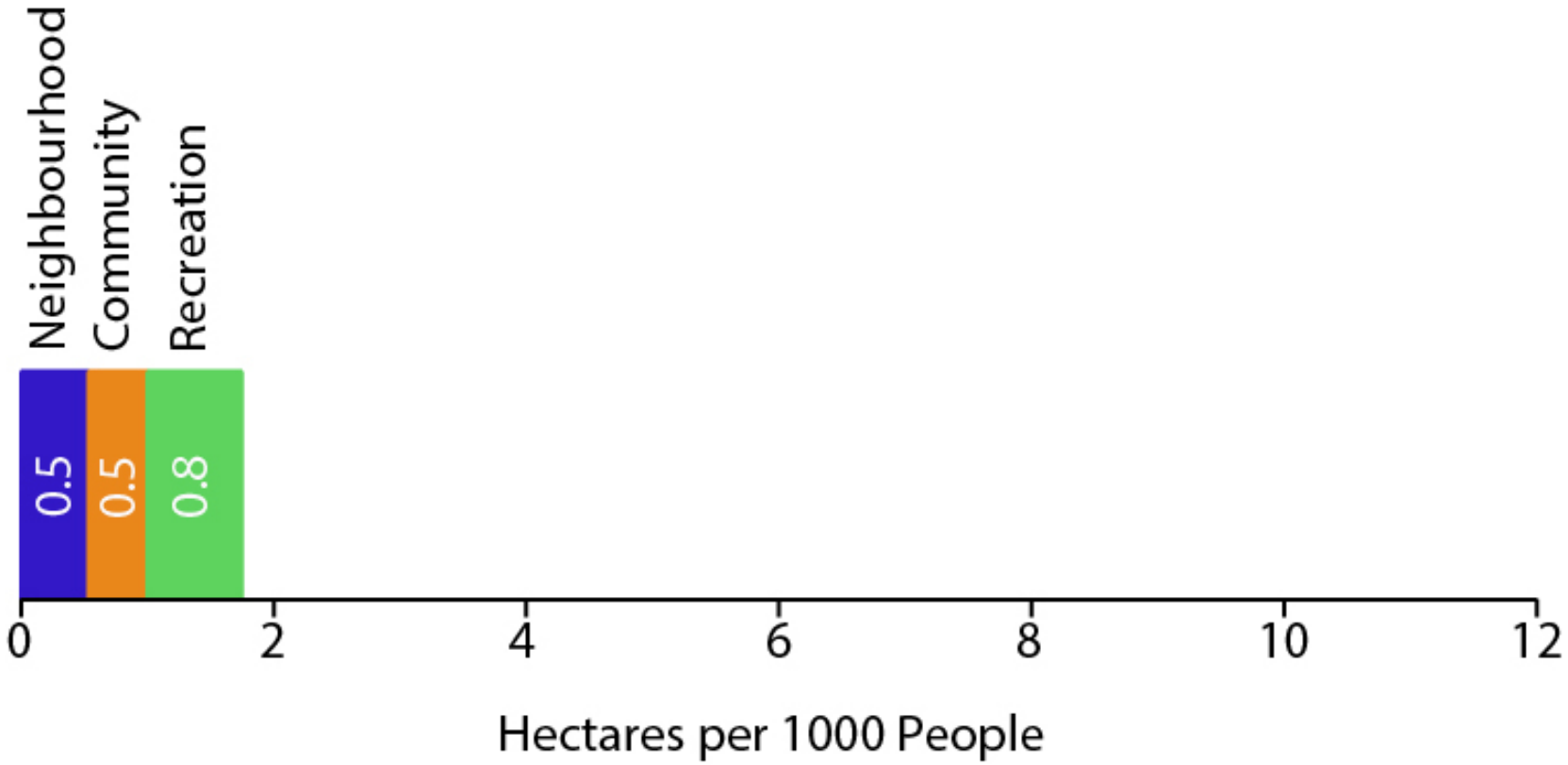

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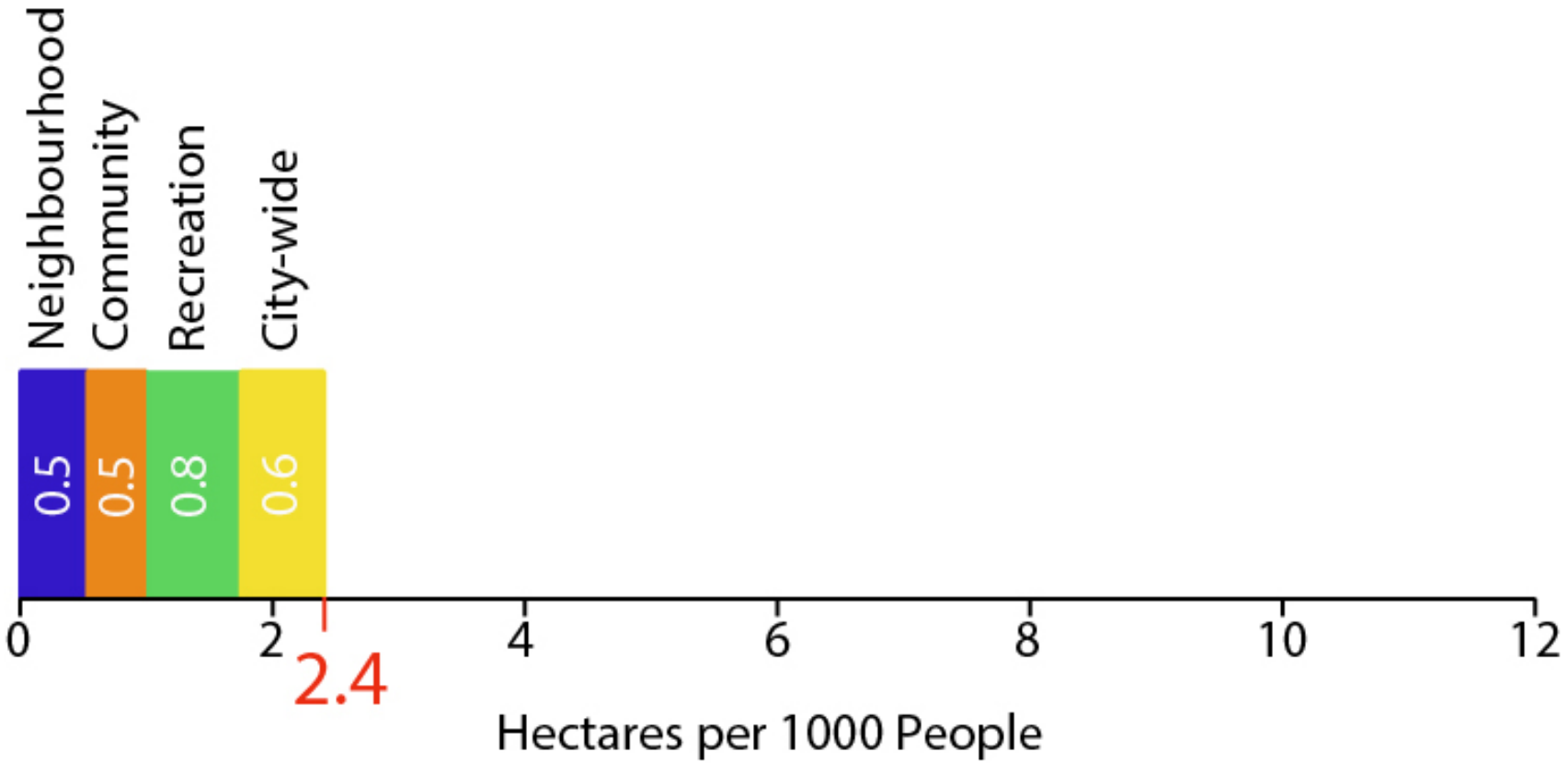

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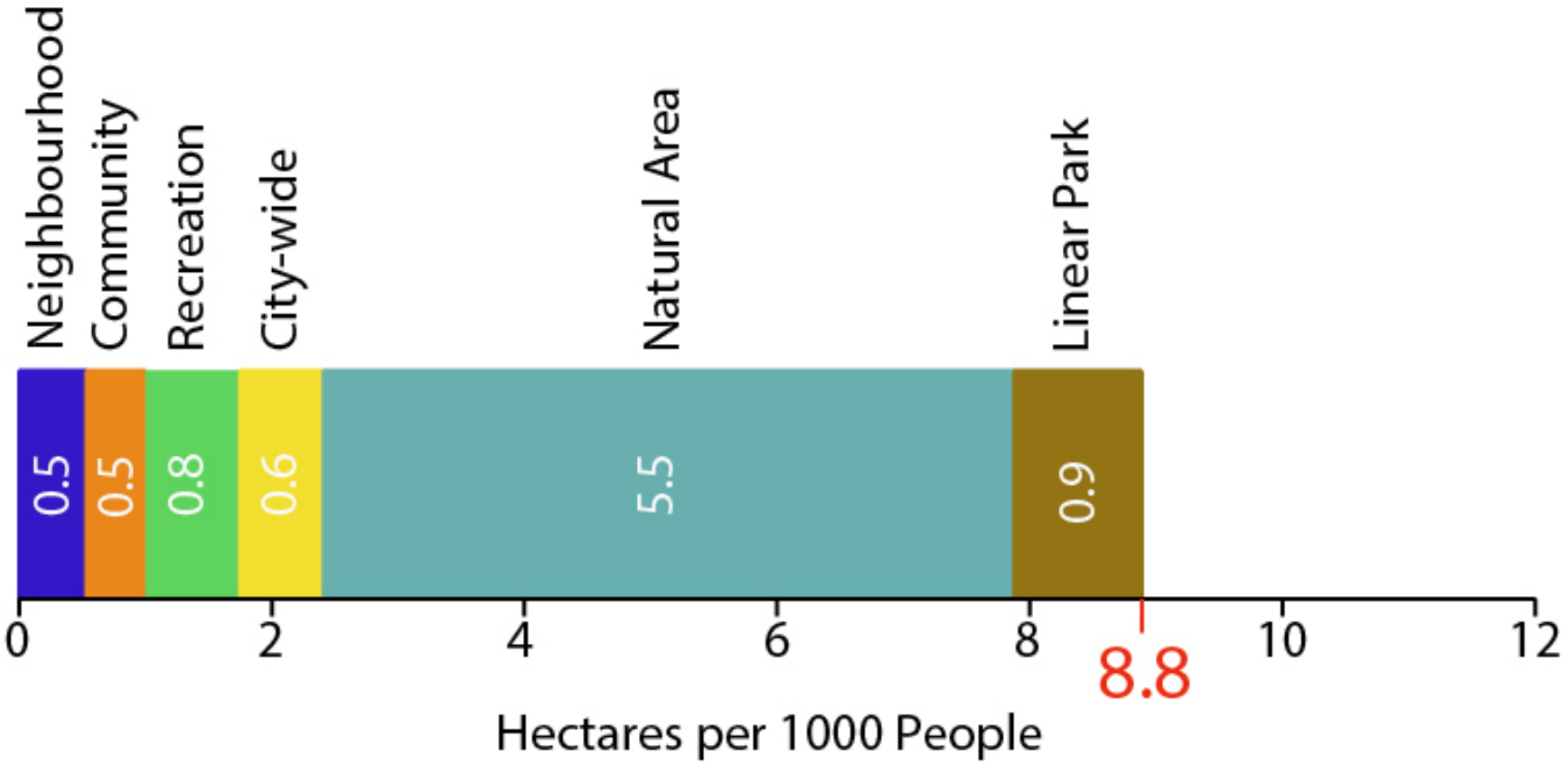

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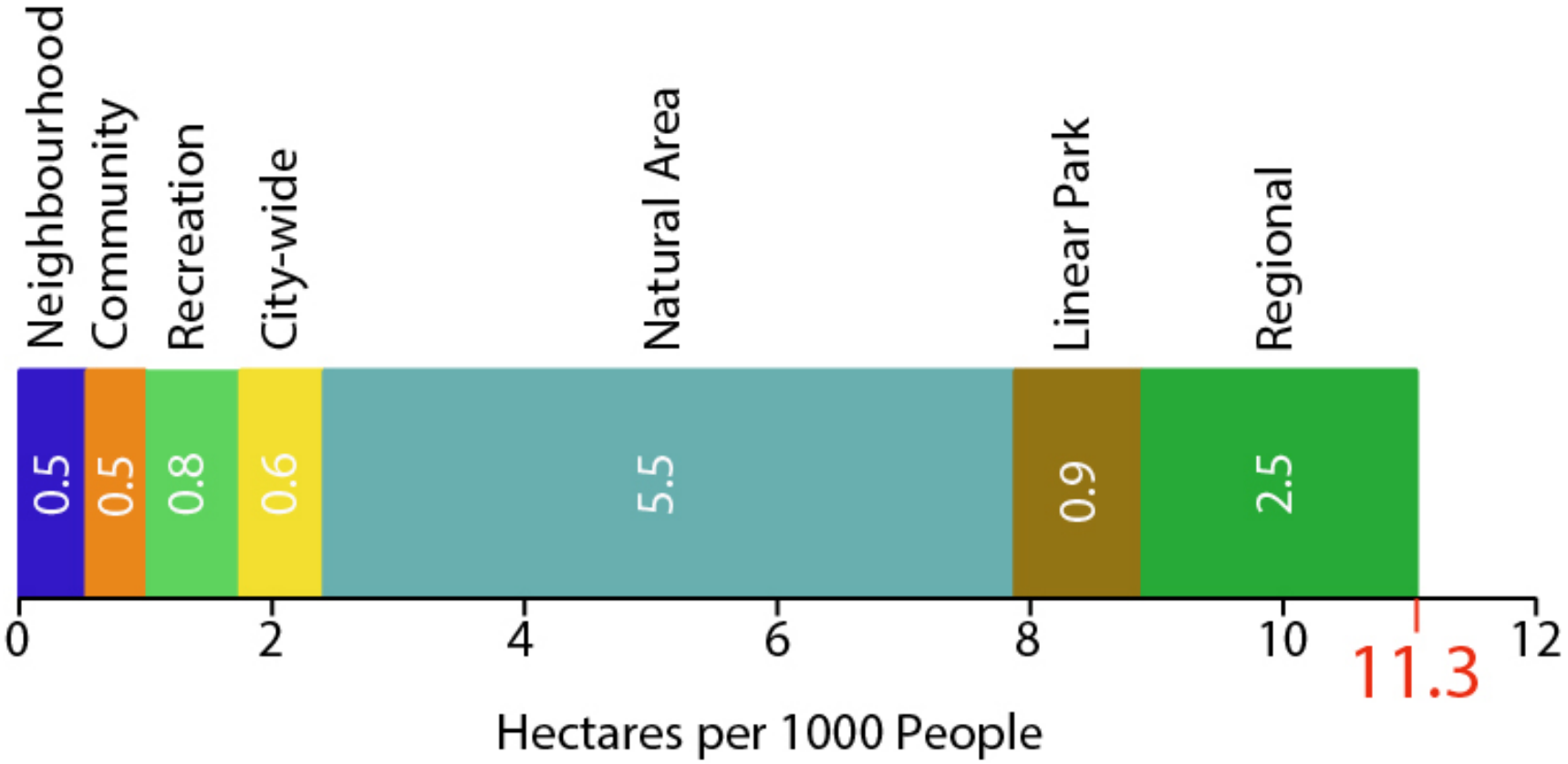

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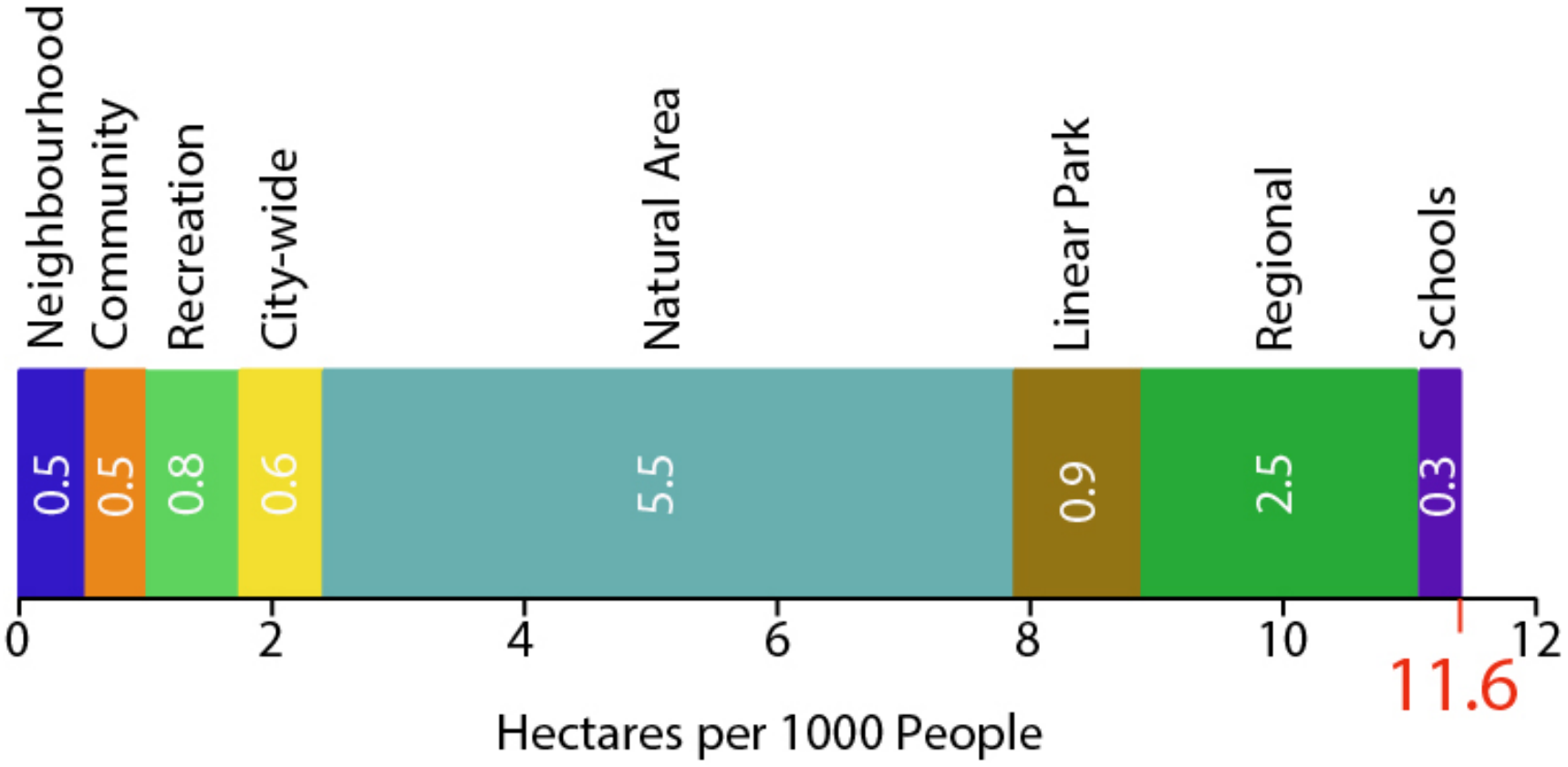

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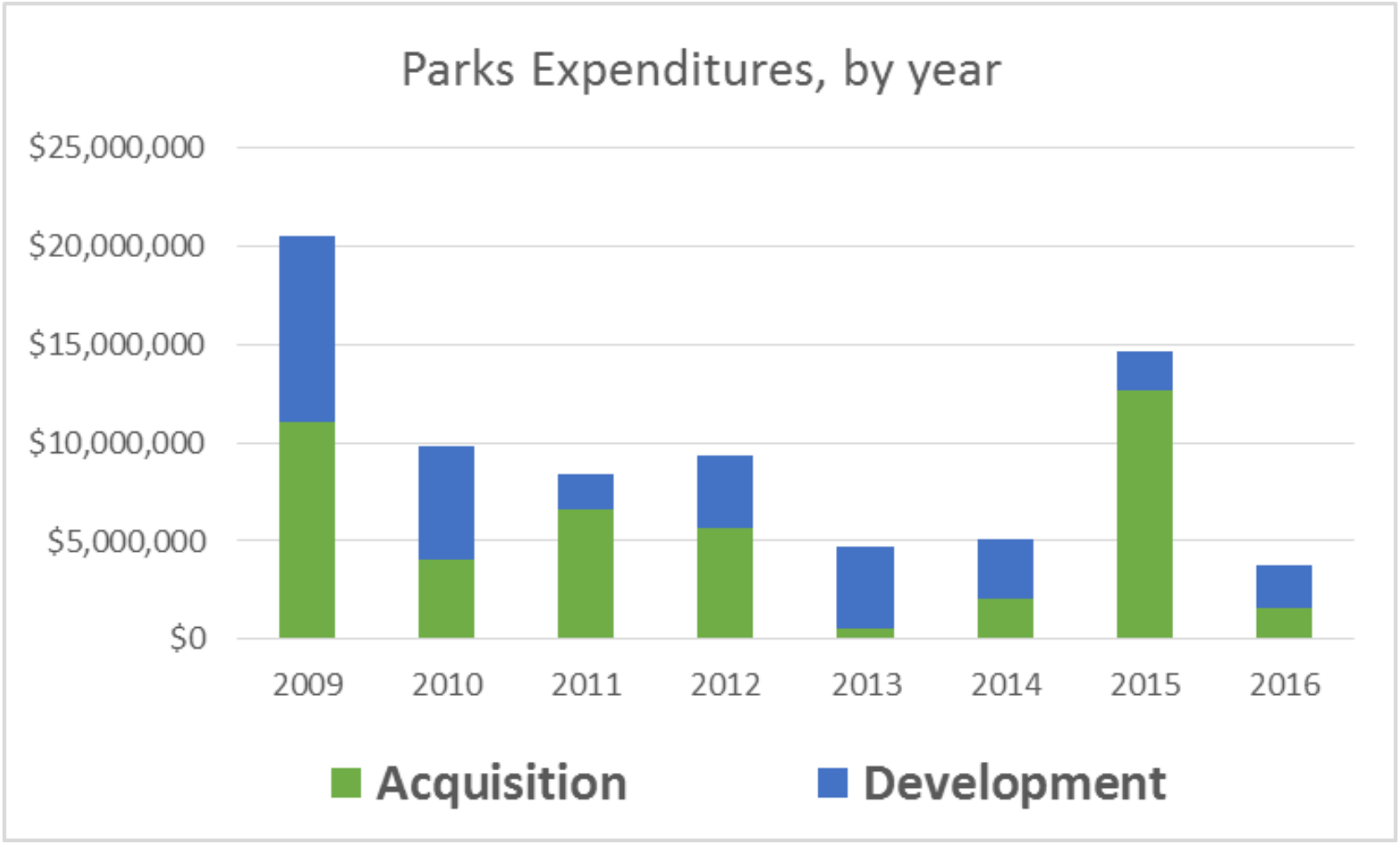

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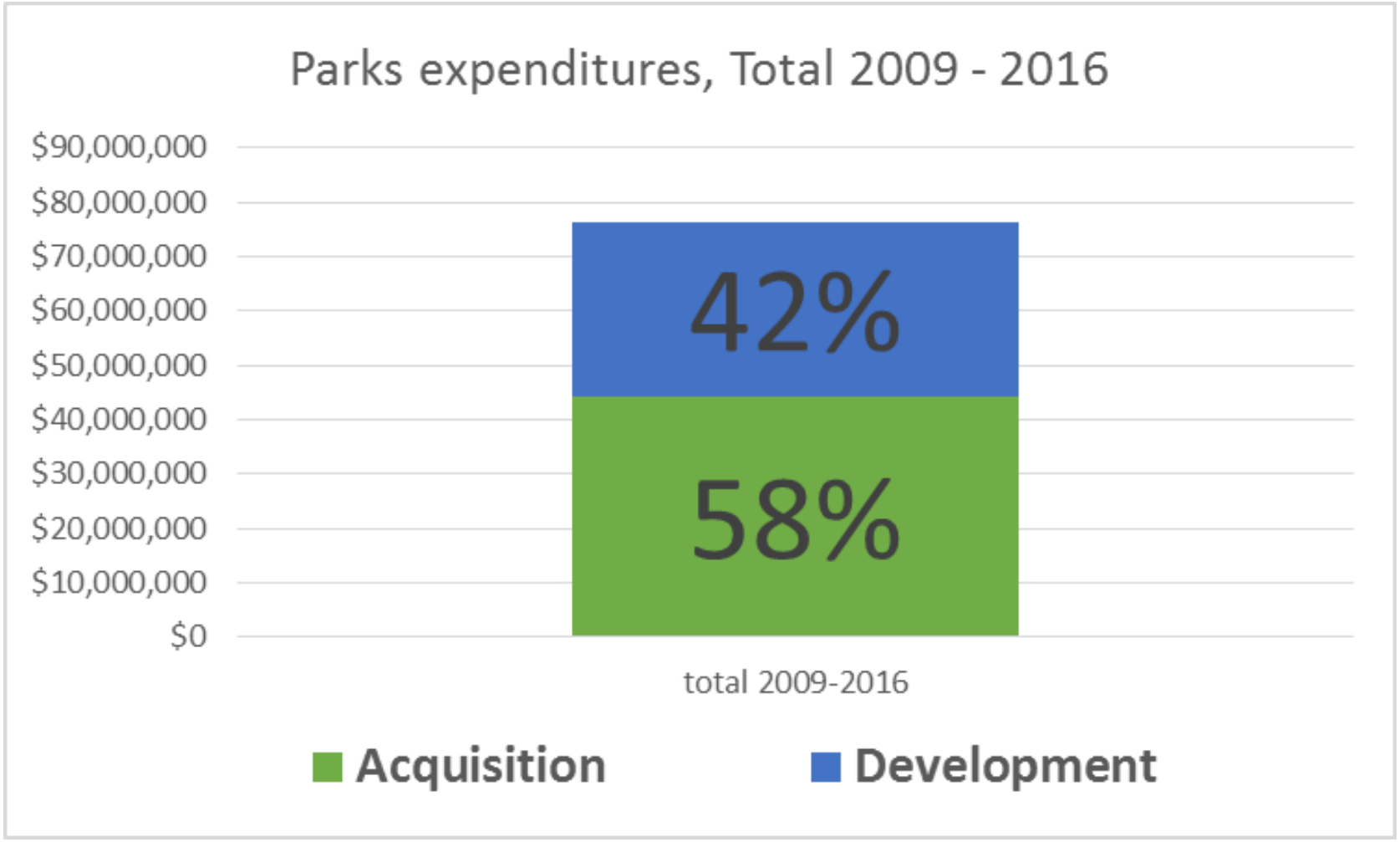


# What is the potential for a shift in the 'tilt'?

# How much would Council consider shifting from acquisition to development?

Considerations:

- Risks: e.g. may miss out on some acquisition opportunities, might not be acquiring enough parkland for future needs
- Benefits: e.g. could meet more needs for parks development, could make more use of existing parklands
- Other shifts: Could Development funds come from other budget areas? e.g. Linear Parks may have benefits to other budget areas such as flood protection, active transportation, drainage

# Setting Priorities: How to build a parks acquisition and development priority matrix

- Step 1 : Agree on criteria
- Step 2 : Place weight on each of the criteria

# 1. CONSISTENCY WITH PLANS

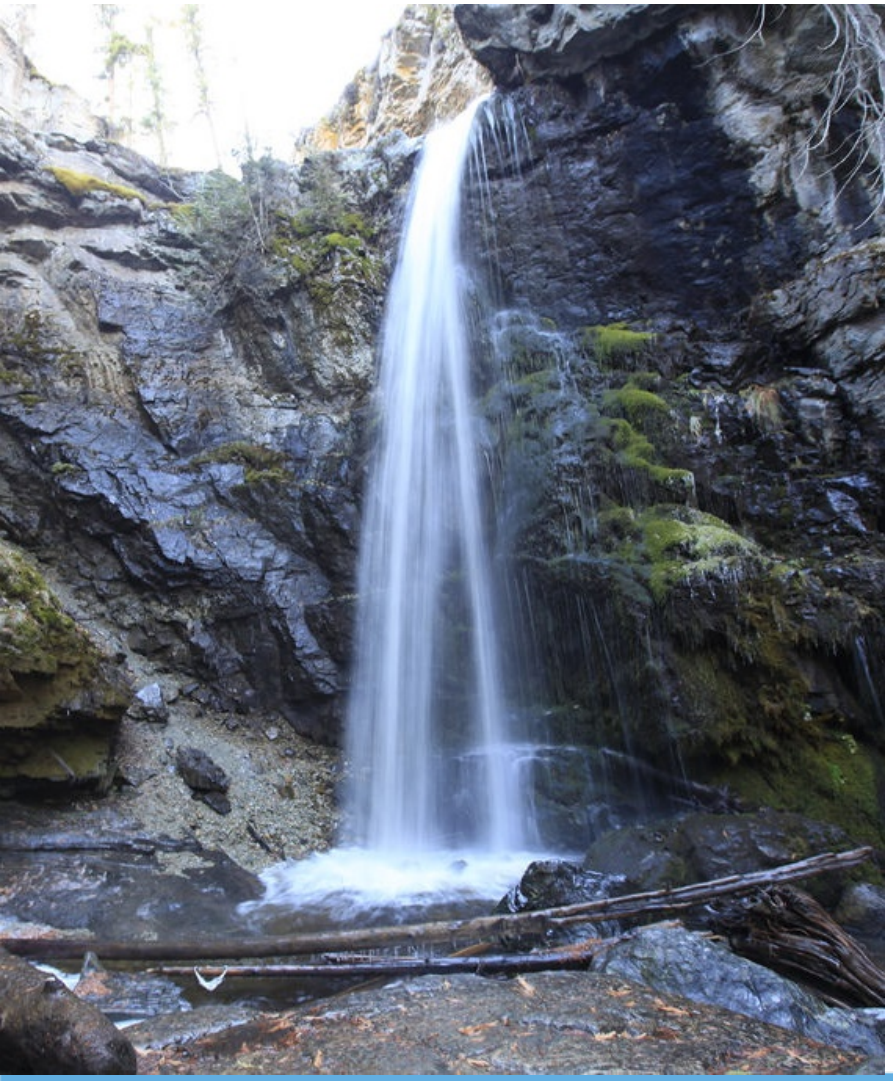
- Official Community Plan
- Infrastructure Plan
- Parks Master Plans

# 2. DEMOGRAPHICS

- Addressing gaps in provision for all ages and abilities
- Needs of current age-groups and characteristics
- Needs of future age-groups and characteristics

# 3. LOCATION

- Walkability
- Current park accessibility
- Proximity to other parks
- Connectivity improvement opportunities
- Destination for visitors and residents

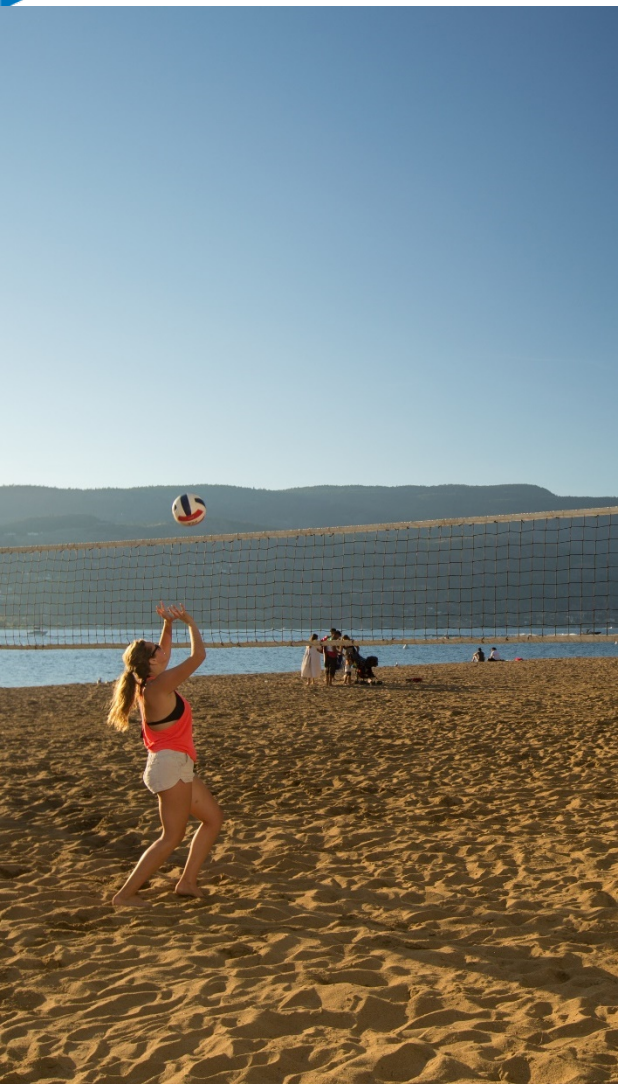


# 4. COMMUNITY INPUT/NEEDS

- Deficiencies
- Priorities
- Addresses needs of user groups
- Addresses park type needs
- Addresses socio-economic inequalities

# 5. COSTS / FUNDING

- Municipal budget availability
- Land cost
- Added value
- Maintenance costs
- Long-term benefits
- Rehabilitation of existing facilities
- Provision of new facilities
- Funding availability from Developers
- Funding availability from Neighbourhood groups



# 6. USAGE LEVEL

- Anticipated user levels
- Differences / similarities between other parks
- Existing park capacity levels

# 7. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

- Attraction for new visitors, e.g. Sports Tourism
- Visitor needs

# Exercise: Create a parks acquisition and development priority matrix

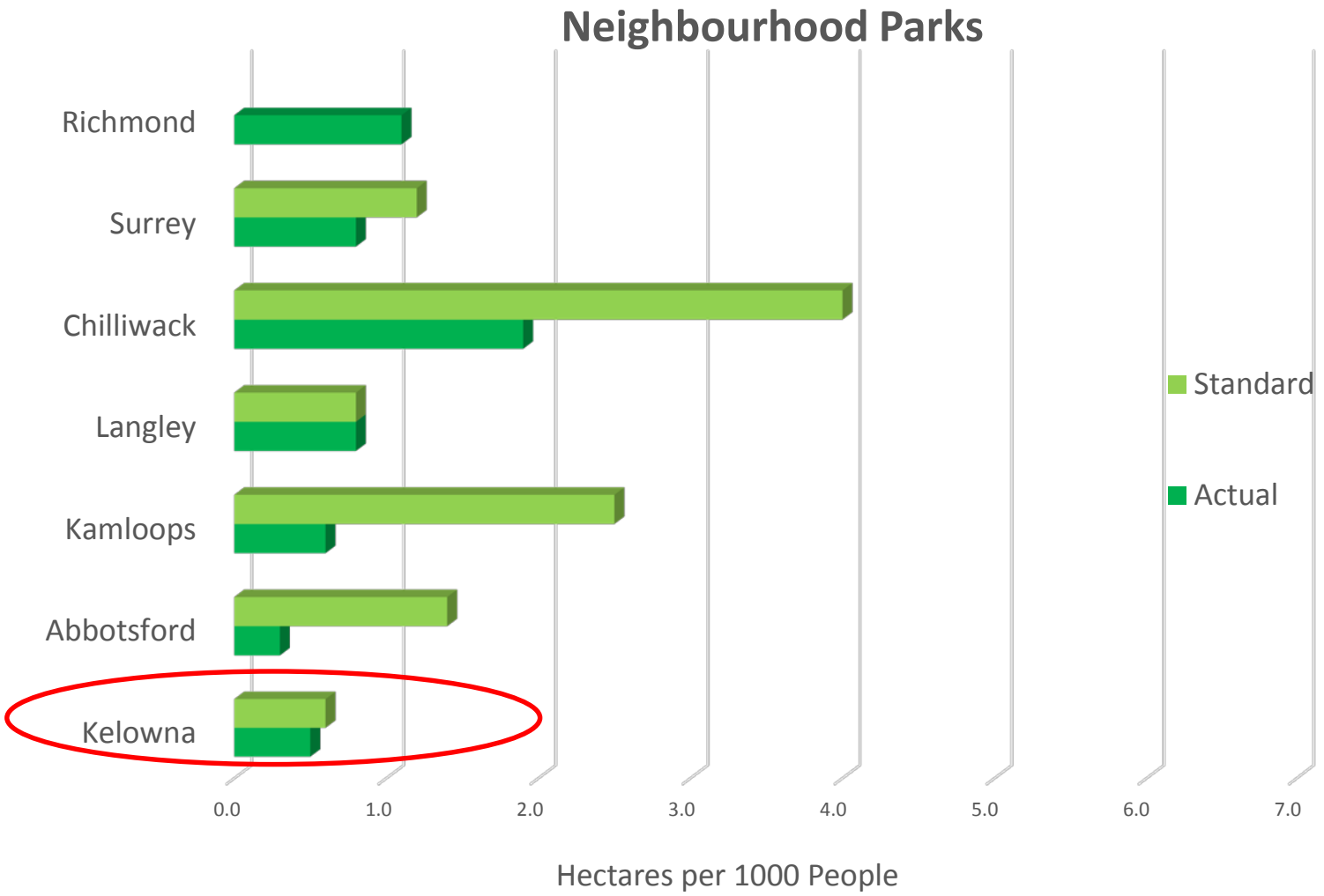
# Next Session

Workshop #3 – Developing Our Funding and Financing Strategy

# Back up slides

Comparative slides that we included in the last session, may need for this session

# Current Provision, including Neighbourhood, Community, City-Wide and Natural/Linear Parks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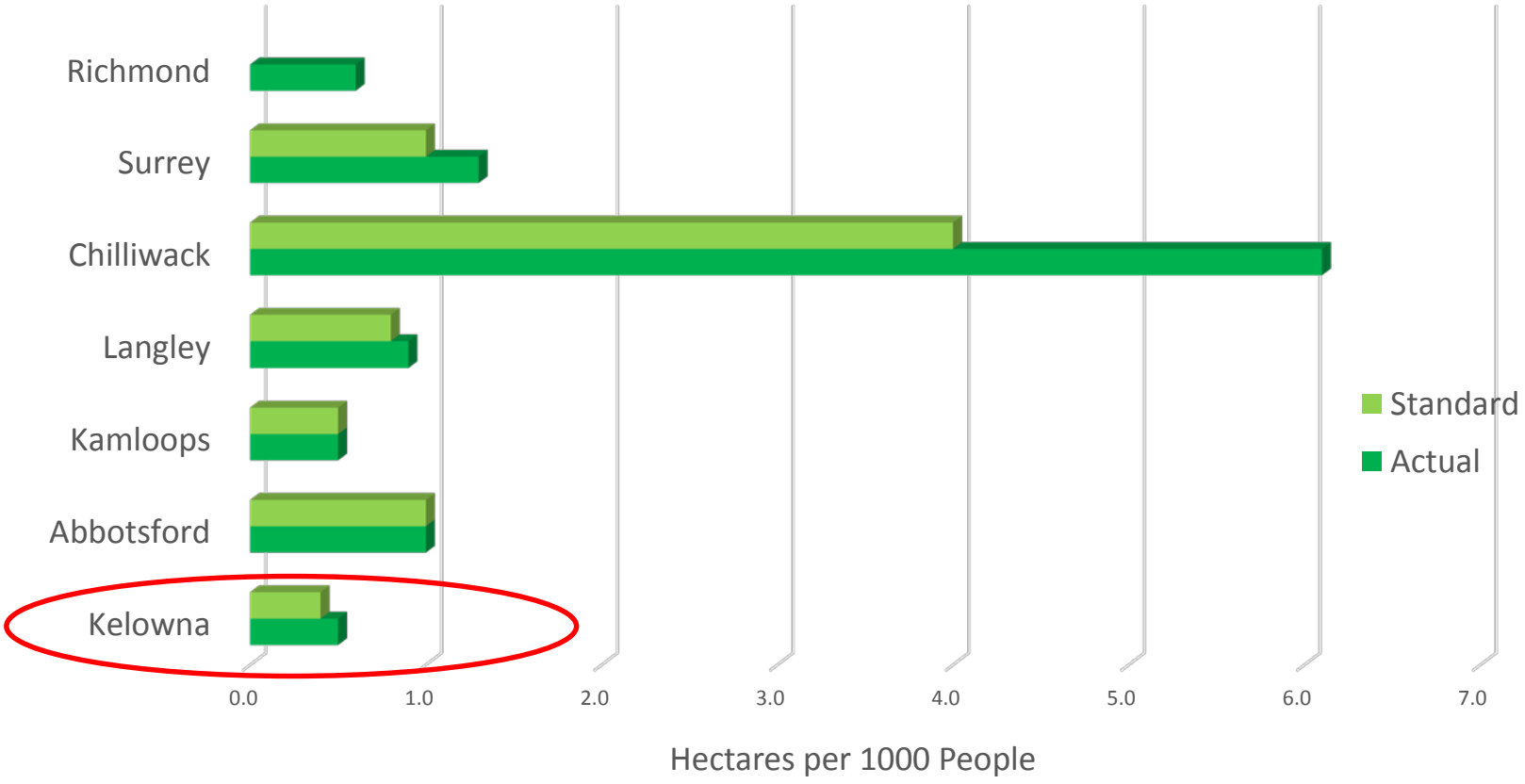
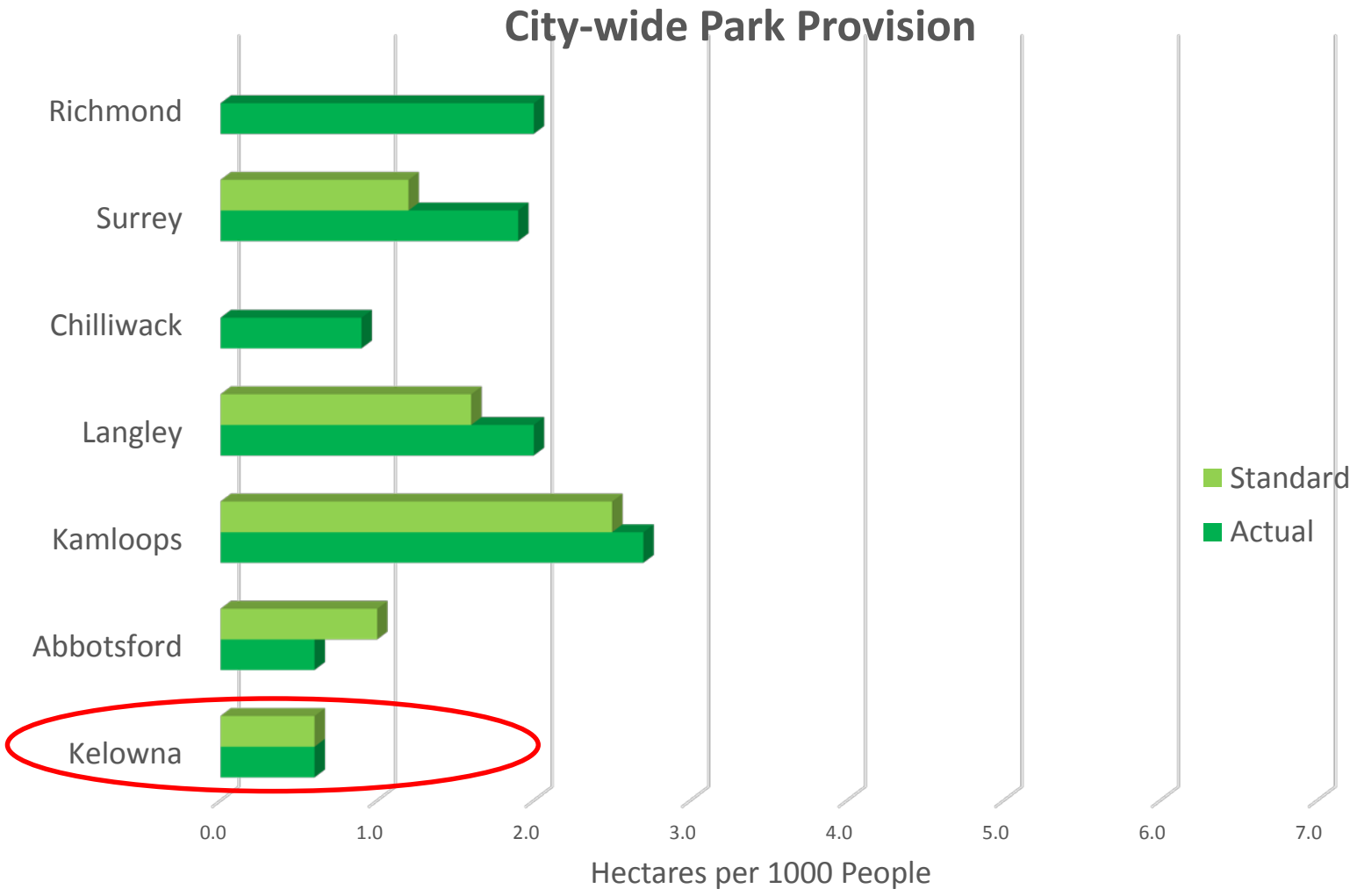
# Community Park Provision

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