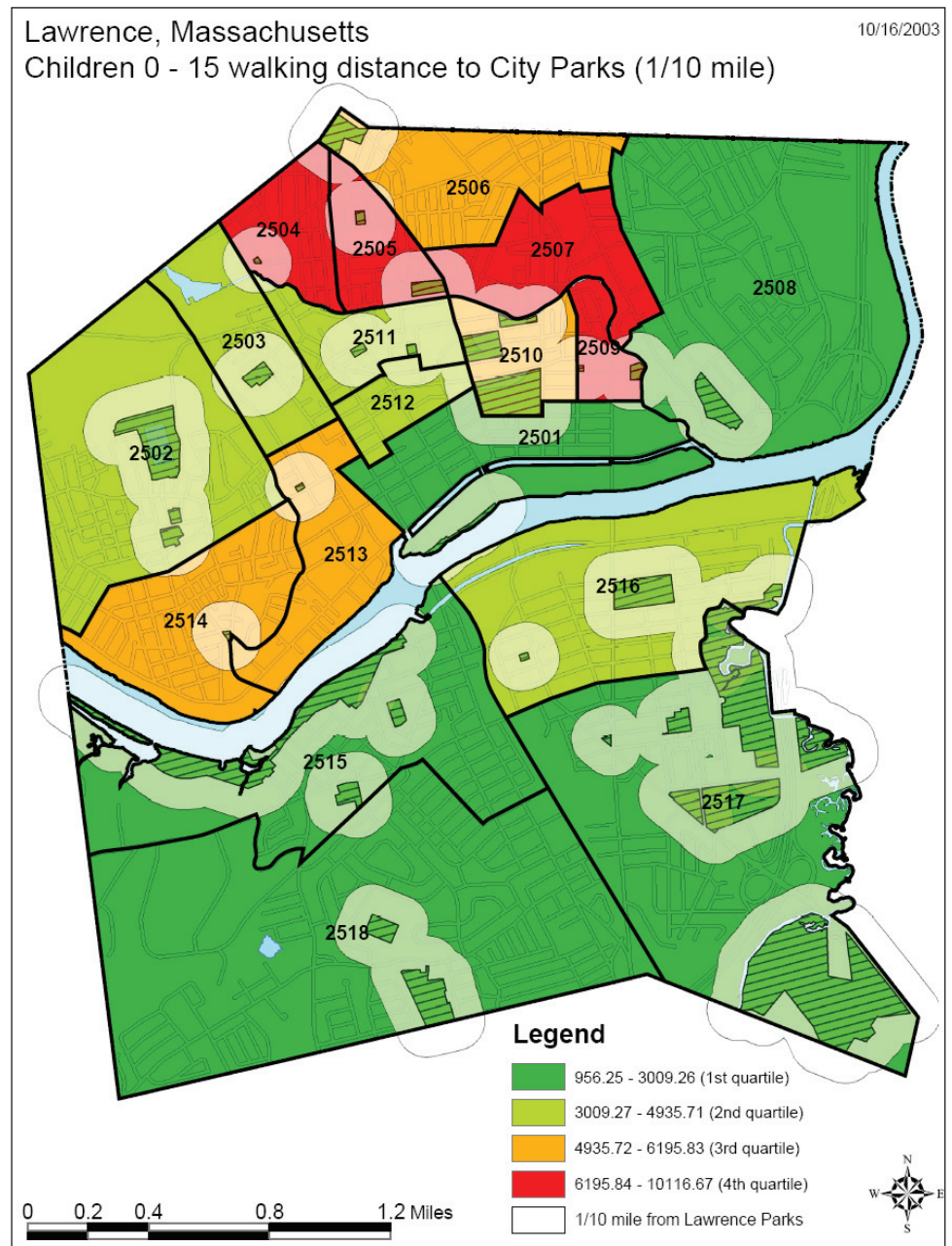# City of Lawrence Open Space Plan
Envisioning the City's Future

The 2004 Open Space Plan, prepared by Groundwork Lawrence under contract with the City of Lawrence, is the result of a strong commitment by the City and the community to improving Lawrence's parks, recreational facilities, and natural resources. As Lawrence enters the twenty-first century, there is a renewed spirit of optimism about the future, and shared dedication to making Lawrence a great place to live, work, and play. Building and maintaining the city's "green infrastructure" of parks, playgrounds, streets, trails, and historic landscapes is vital to this effort. It will require significant investment in both capital projects and maintenance, as well as increased citizen involvement. The 2004 Open Space Plan provides a framework to guide these actions and help create a safe, clean, and healthy environment for all Lawrencians.
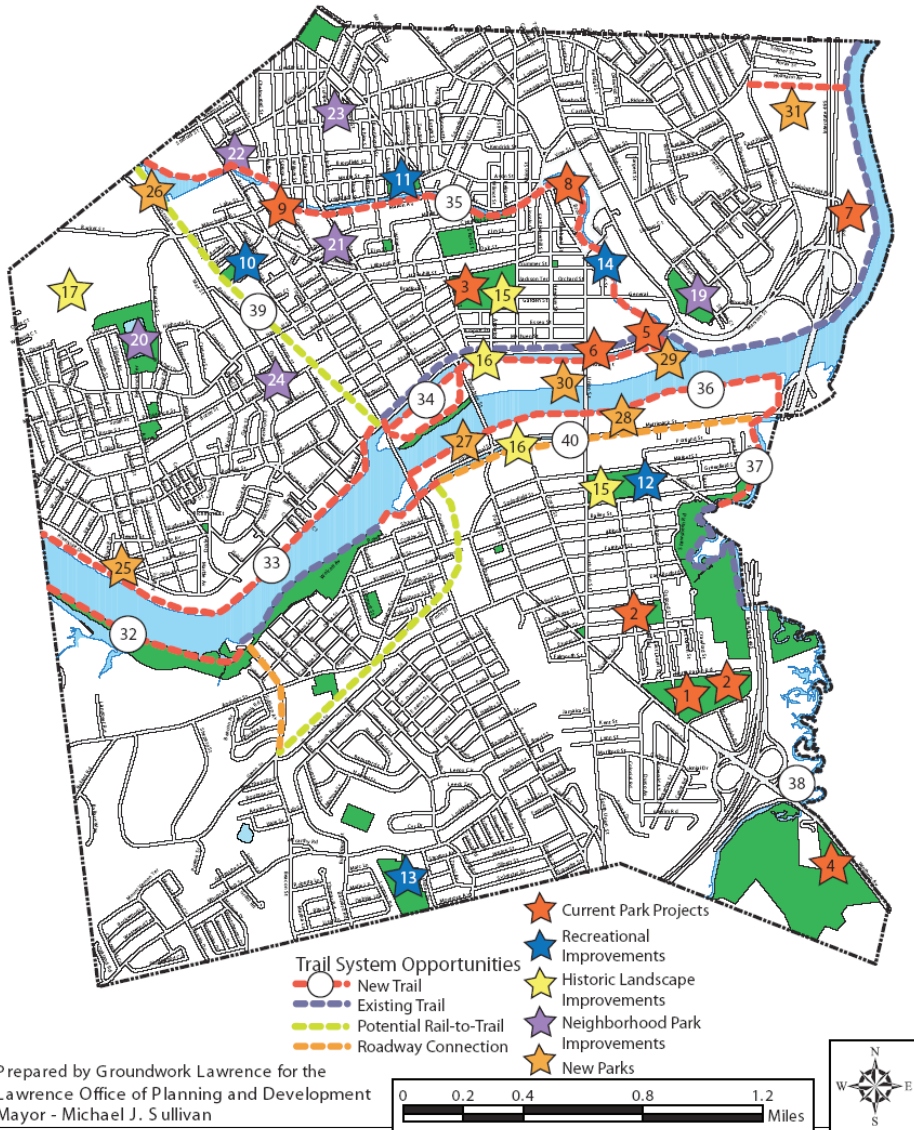
The Open Space Plan must be approved by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and must be on file in order for the City to qualify for state parks funding. As the consultant to the City, Groundwork Lawrence organized community meetings, conducted historic, geographic, and demographic research and analysis, and prepared recommendations for the city's review.

Lawrence, Massachusetts
Children 0 - 15 walking distance to City Parks (1/10 mile)
10/16/2003

Legend

■ (green)	956.25 - 3009.26 (1st quartile)
■ (light green)	3009.27 - 4935.71 (2nd quartile)
■ (orange)	4935.72 - 6195.83 (3rd quartile)
■ (red)	6195.84 - 10116.67 (4th quartile)
▢	1/10 mile from Lawrence Parks

0   0.2   0.4   0.8   1.2 Miles

This GIS map illustrates how Lawrence neighborhoods containing the highest density of children have the fewest number of parks within 1/10 mile walking distance of their homes.

To see the **City of Lawrence's 2003-2004 Open Space Plan**, click **here**.

5-YEAR ACTION PLAN: CAPITAL PROJECTS
City of Lawrence 2003-2004 Open Space Plan

This map illustrates the current park projects happening in the City, as well as those planned to happen over the next five years.

Project Funders/Partners:

- City of Lawrence

Groundwork Lawrence Role:

- Project management
- Technical consultant

Project Impacts:

- City of Lawrence is now eligible for state parks funding through Self-Help and Urban Self-Help programs.