



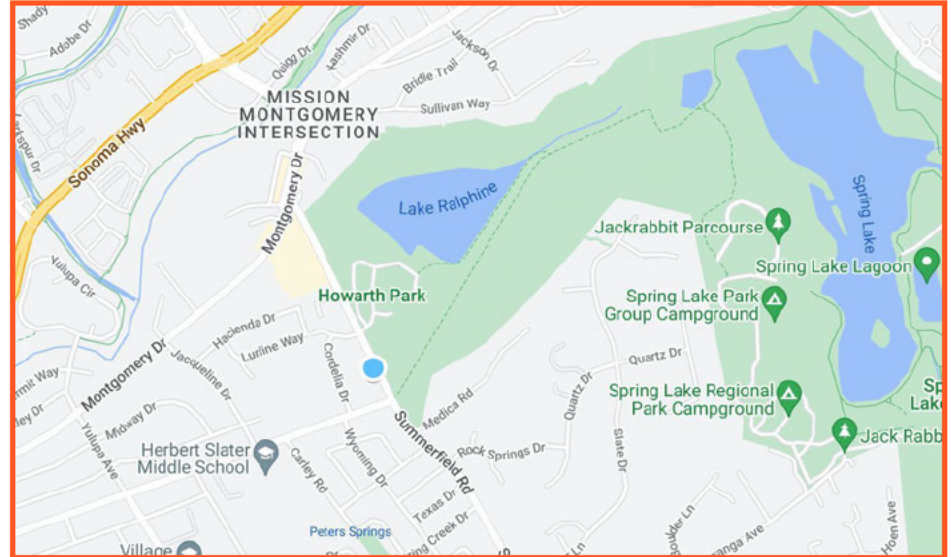
# Howarth Park Case Study

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# Howarth Park Safety

## Problems:

- People are starting to see Howarth Park as an unsafe place, especially at night
- Not intended demographic at Howarth.
- Lake and trail users are more likely to be on edge.



# Existing Conditions

## Survey Responses

- Most people believed Howarth is becoming noticeably rundown.
- Majority sees park as unsafe at night.
- Bathrooms are very unsafe

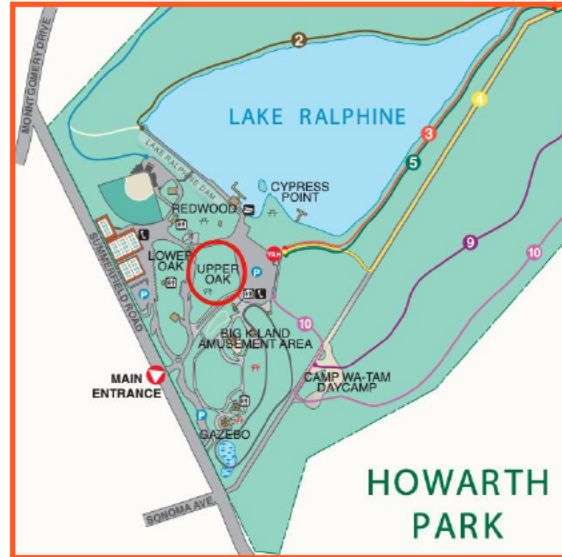




# Existing Conditions

## (continued)

- General public is not benefiting from the current park conditions
- Most people currently benefiting are the homeless



# Summer night lights - Case Study

- This program has been used in Los Angeles
- Adds more light throughout the park
- Asks that people around the park leave their lights on until midnight
- Has made gang violence go down and people feel more comfortable going to the park
- The program does many night time activities to keep people around til night



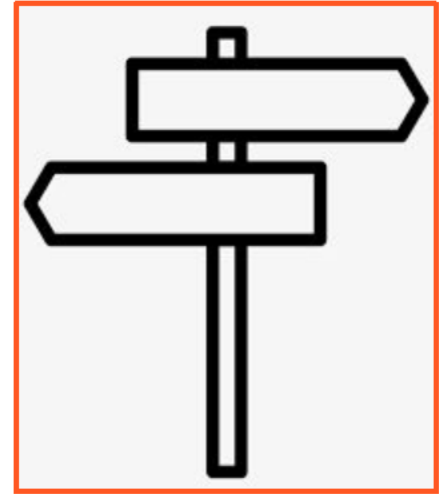
# Importance

- Parks provide a way of exercising for children.
- Parks are proven to provide cleaner air in a community.
- Parks provide habitat to wildlife.
- Parks provide a greater sense of community.



# Short Term Recommendations

- Hiring/installing park surveillance
- Regular Restroom checks/cleanings
- Temporary in the ground solar lights
- Regular cleaning of water fountains
- More garbage cans
- Compost cans
- Planters/Flowers
- Be more respectful/considerate of our animal life
- Bird feeder



# Longer Term Recommendations

- Restrooms remodel (more accessible ect)
- Added entertainment (play structures, cleaner area/picnic tables etc)
- Sensor lights/lit pathways
- Remodeled water fountains (more modernized)
- Park security





# Lessons Learned

- Safety is the main issue causing the park to look runned down

Our group's views have not changed. Our goal is to still have the city work on the parks safety. It is important to listen to the words being said by the people who do go and try to enjoy the park, so for that our views on the unsafety of the park have not changed. We have also learned the more you learned about a topic the more you want to motivate others to help on the issue.

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