

Como Regional Park Transportation Implementation Plan



PUBLIC OPEN HOUSE

*Como Regional Park
Transportation Implementation Plan (TIP)*

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Agenda

- 6:30-7:00PM - Presentation
 - Study Purpose/Purpose of Meeting
 - Background Information
 - Analysis
 - Recommendations
 - Next Steps
- 7:00-8:00PM - View Recommendations



Purpose of Study

- Provide recommendations to address transportation issues in Como Regional Park
- Consider current conditions plus known future plans



Purpose of Meeting

- Update on project progress
- Present preliminary recommendations/options
- Receive input on recommendations/options

We will use your feedback to:

- Create a comprehensive package of final recommendations
- Complete phasing/staging



Previous Studies

- Reviewed 27 previous studies and documents
- Many changes and improvements have been made to the Park since the Master Plan, but many recommendations have never been implemented



Community Input

- Open House #1 - April 14th
- Public Issues Survey
 - Online (1,816)
 - Open House (81)
 - On-Site - Campus/Como Town (379)



Overall Survey Results

- 63% non-resident, 37% resident
- Most visit attractions, neighbors use more for recreation
- Most visit between 1 -11 times/year, neighbors more often
- Zoo is area most often visited, Como Lake for neighbors
- Issues - **parking supply, parking demand, green space**, historic elements, traffic safety, transit



PAC Input

- Review of background data
- Local neighborhood surveys
- Brainstorming
- Goals/criteria
 - Preserve green space to the greatest extent possible
 - Meet parking demand of existing and planned park facilities for Average Summer Peak
 - Increase mode share of transit, pedestrian, and bicycle to the park and increase capture rate (percentage of total visitors) using remote parking/shuttle



Summary of Issues

- Not enough close parking
- Shuttle system is underutilized
- Concerns about losing green space
- Traffic congestion
- Pedestrian safety
- Limited support of other modes (bike, transit, etc.)



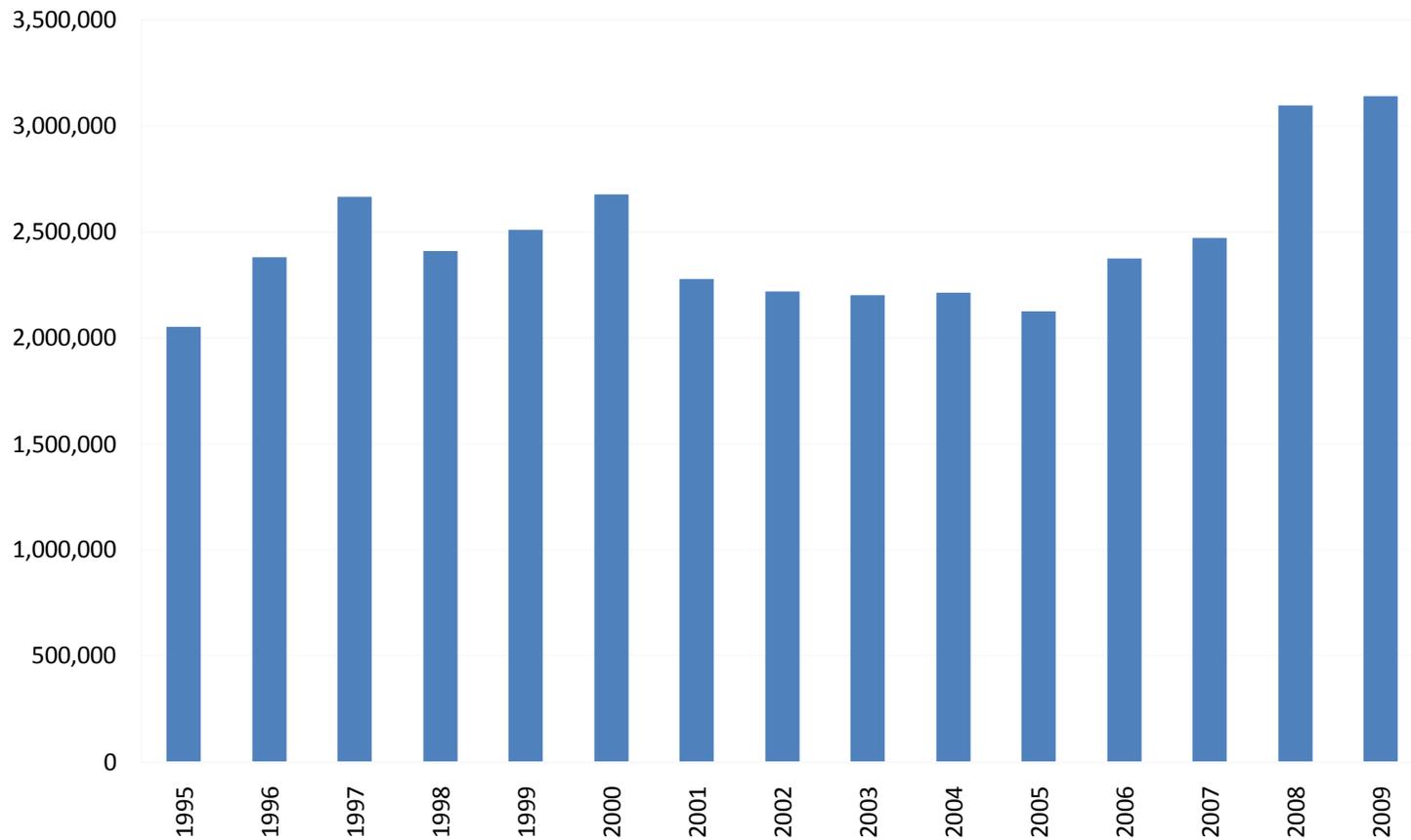
Existing Conditions Analysis

- Attendance
- Parking Capacity
- Parking Use
- Mode Share and Shuttle

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Como Regional Park – Estimated Visitors Per Year

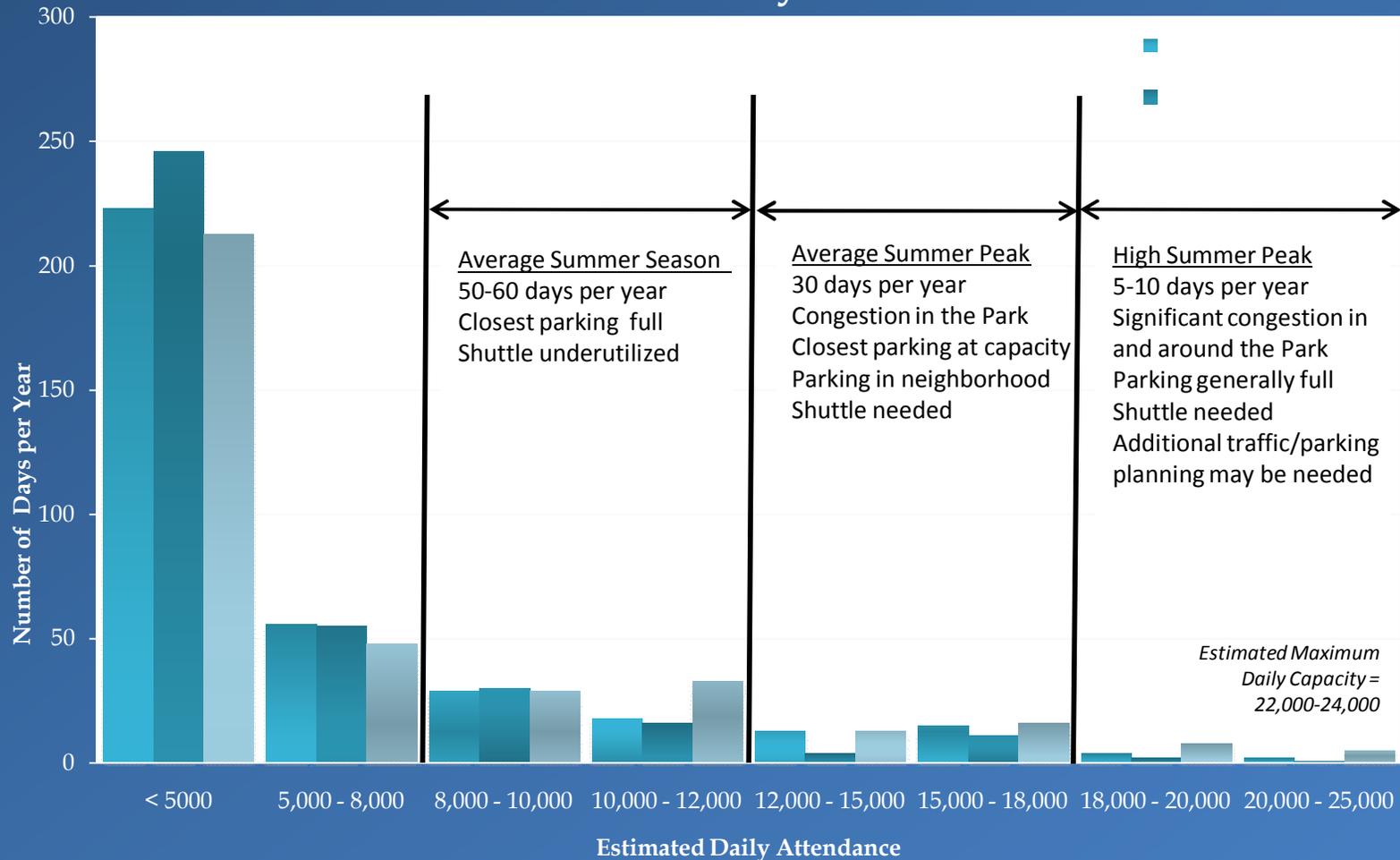


Source: Metropolitan Council

Note: Revised factors and calculation methodology were implemented by the Metropolitan Council, starting with the 2008 estimate.



Como Park Zoo & Conservatory Attendance Estimates

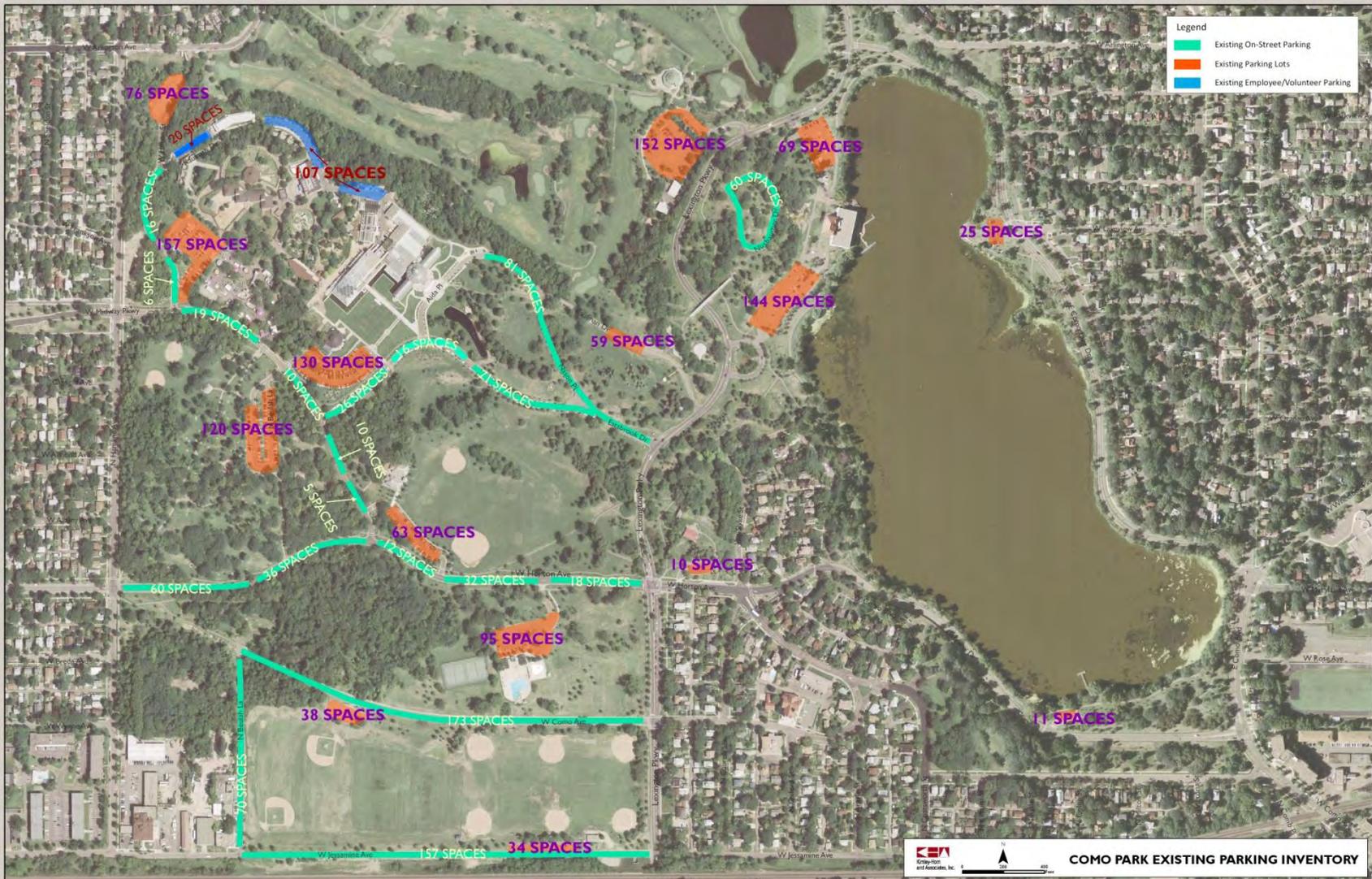




Parking Capacity

- 2,188 total spaces
- 547 spaces within 5-min walk of Zoo/Conservatory/Como Town - multiple competing uses
- 450 spaces in Como Shuttle lot at State Fair
- 100-400 spaces being used in the neighborhood

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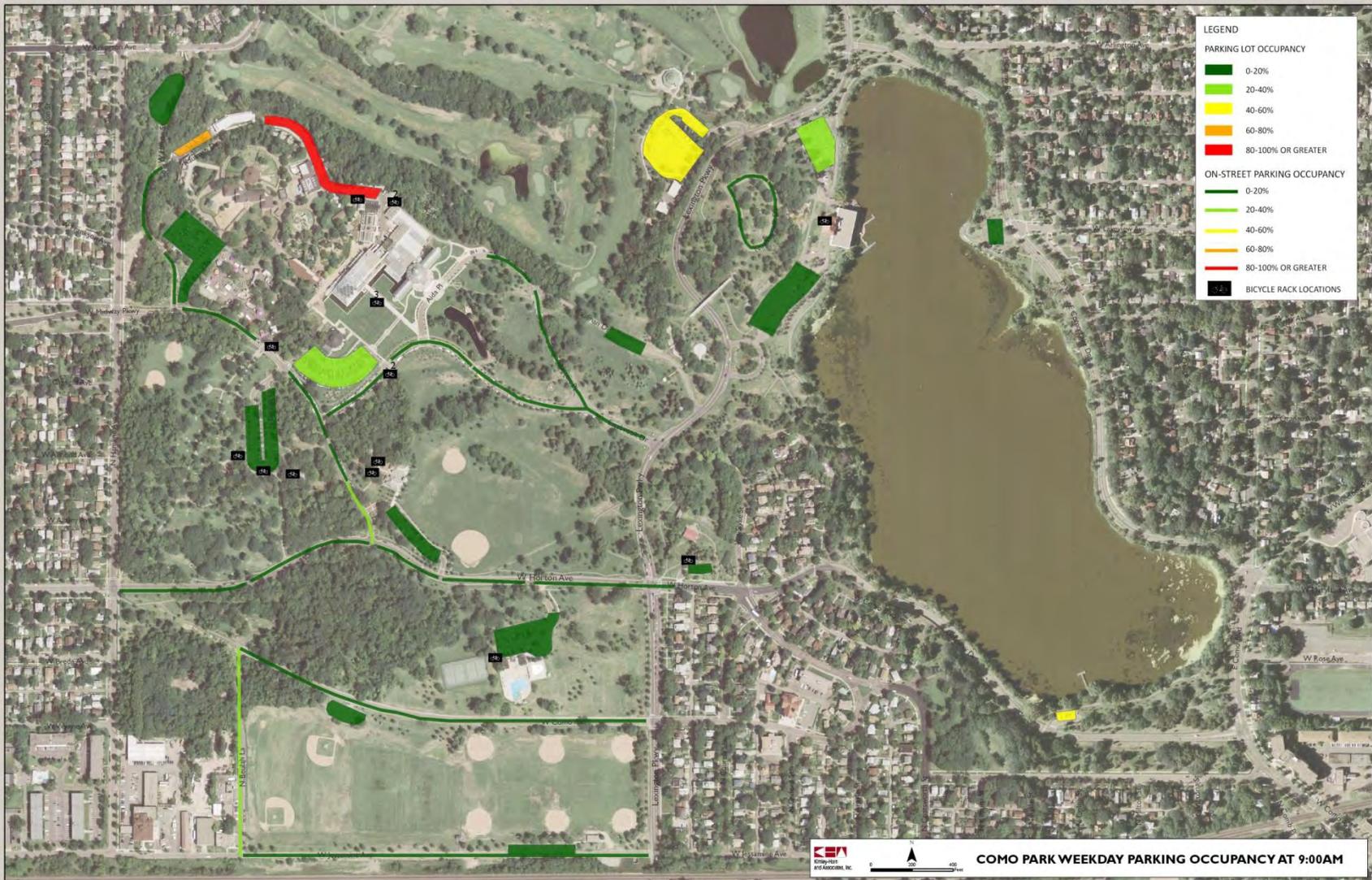


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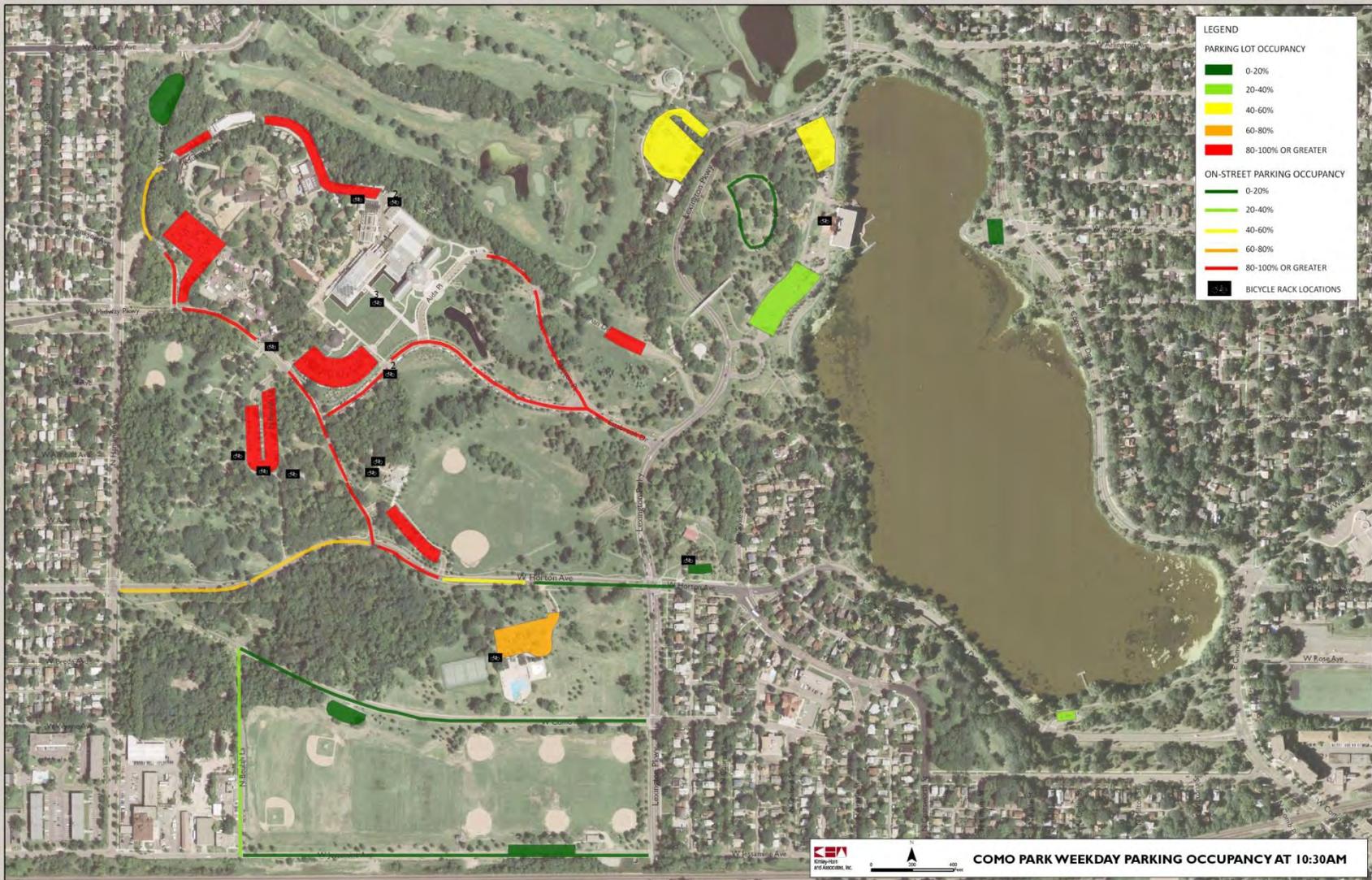
Parking Use -Weekday (Average Summer Season)

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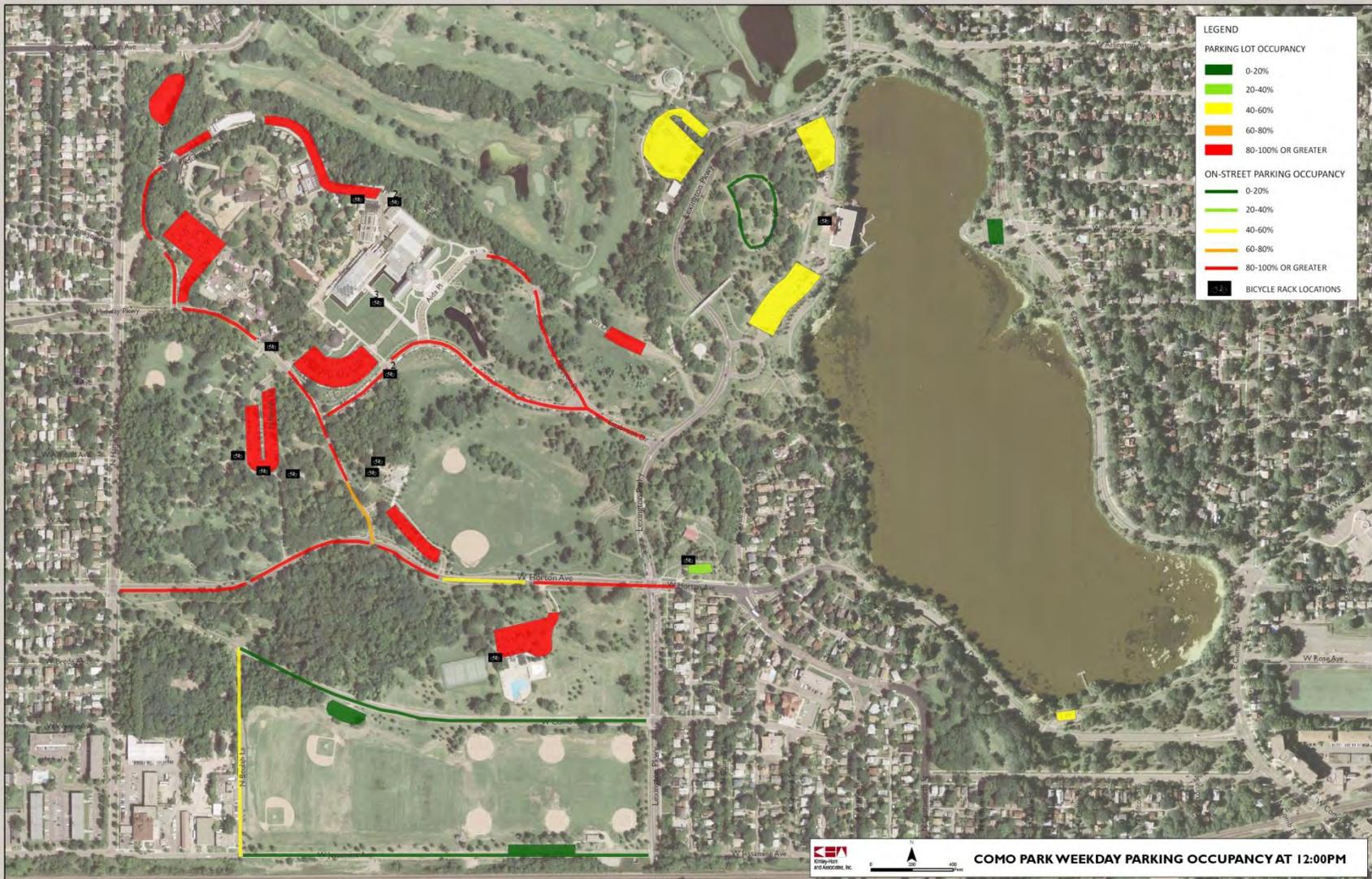


COMO PARK WEEKDAY PARKING OCCUPANCY AT 9:00AM

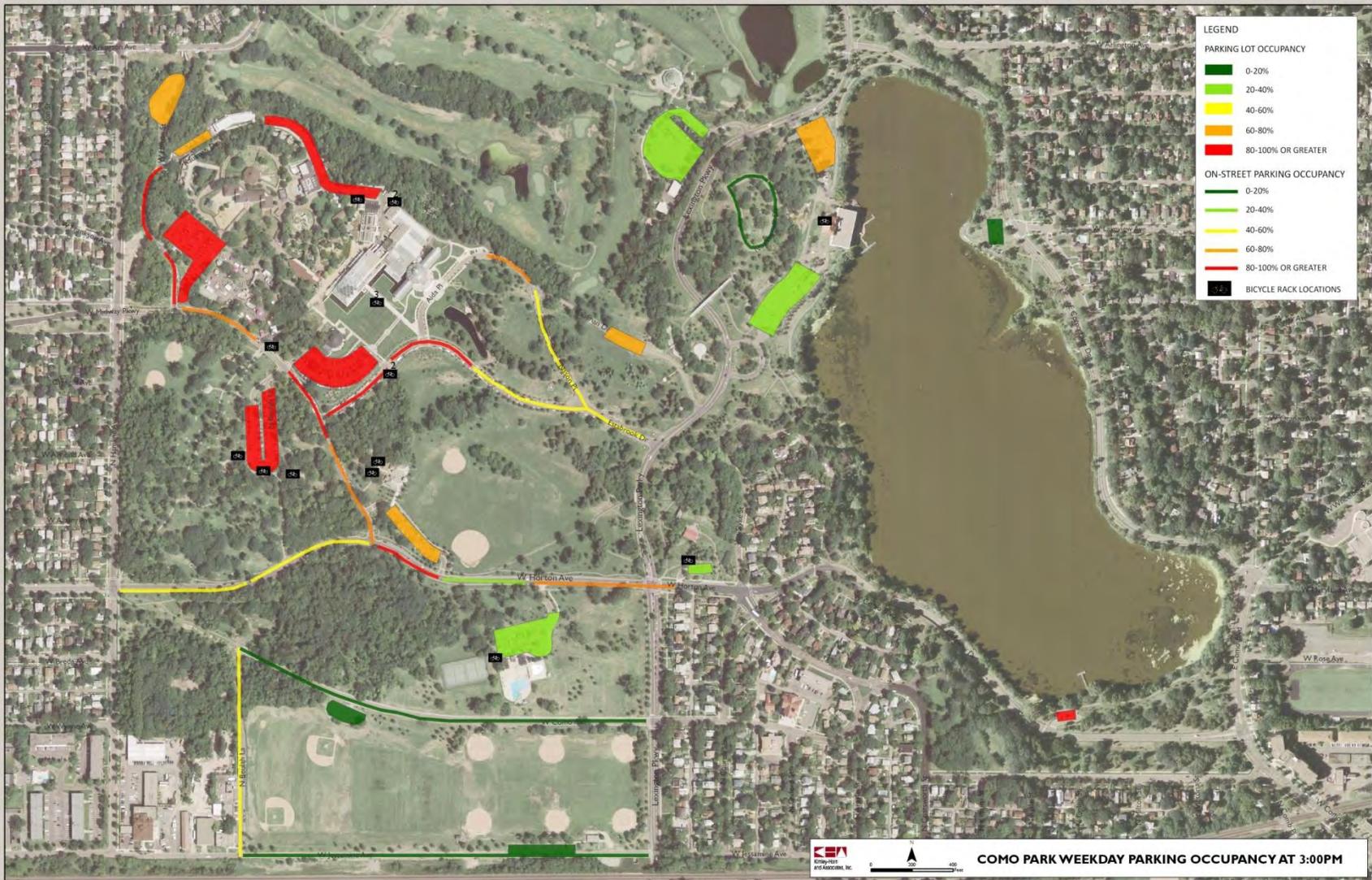
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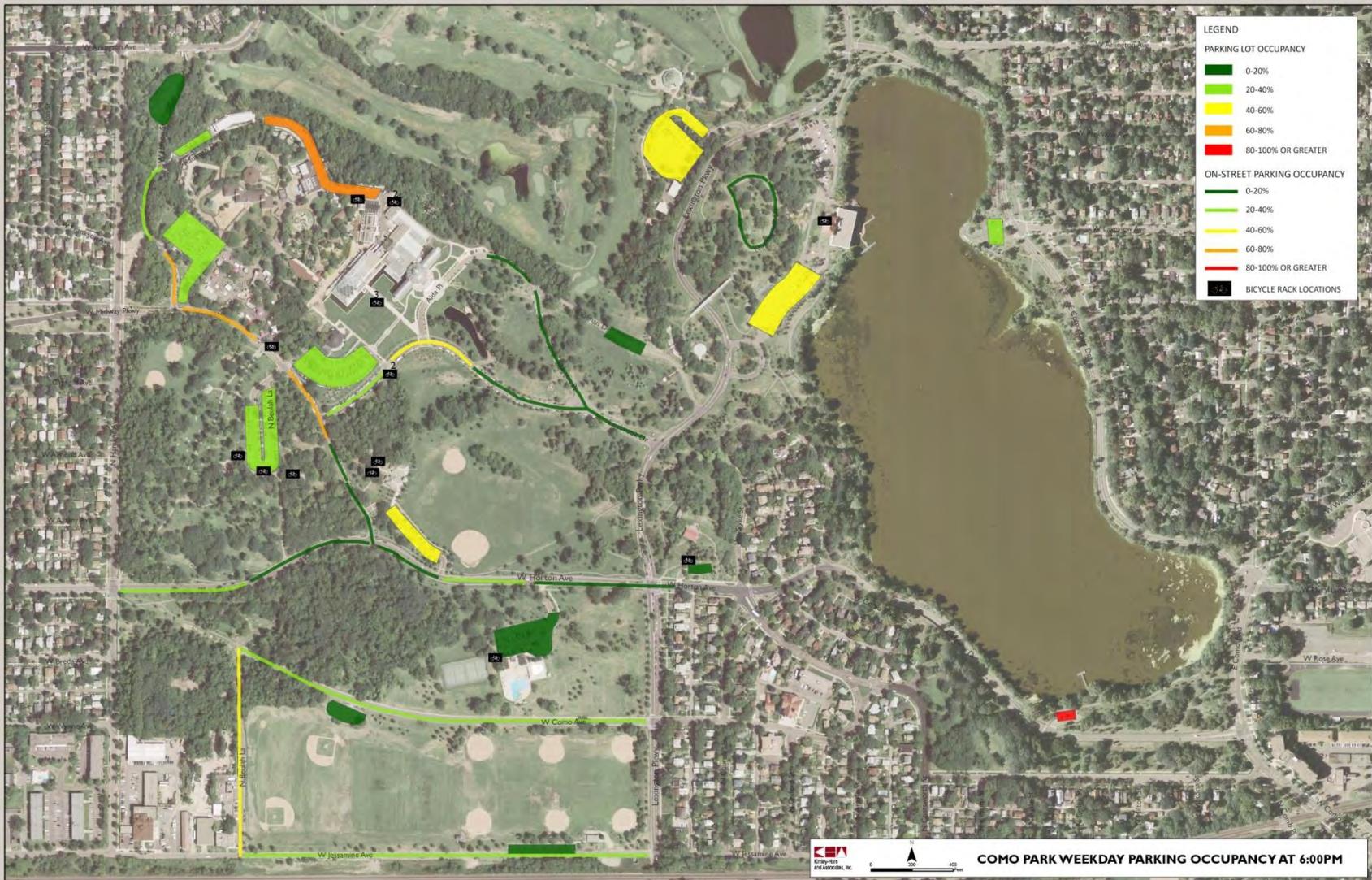
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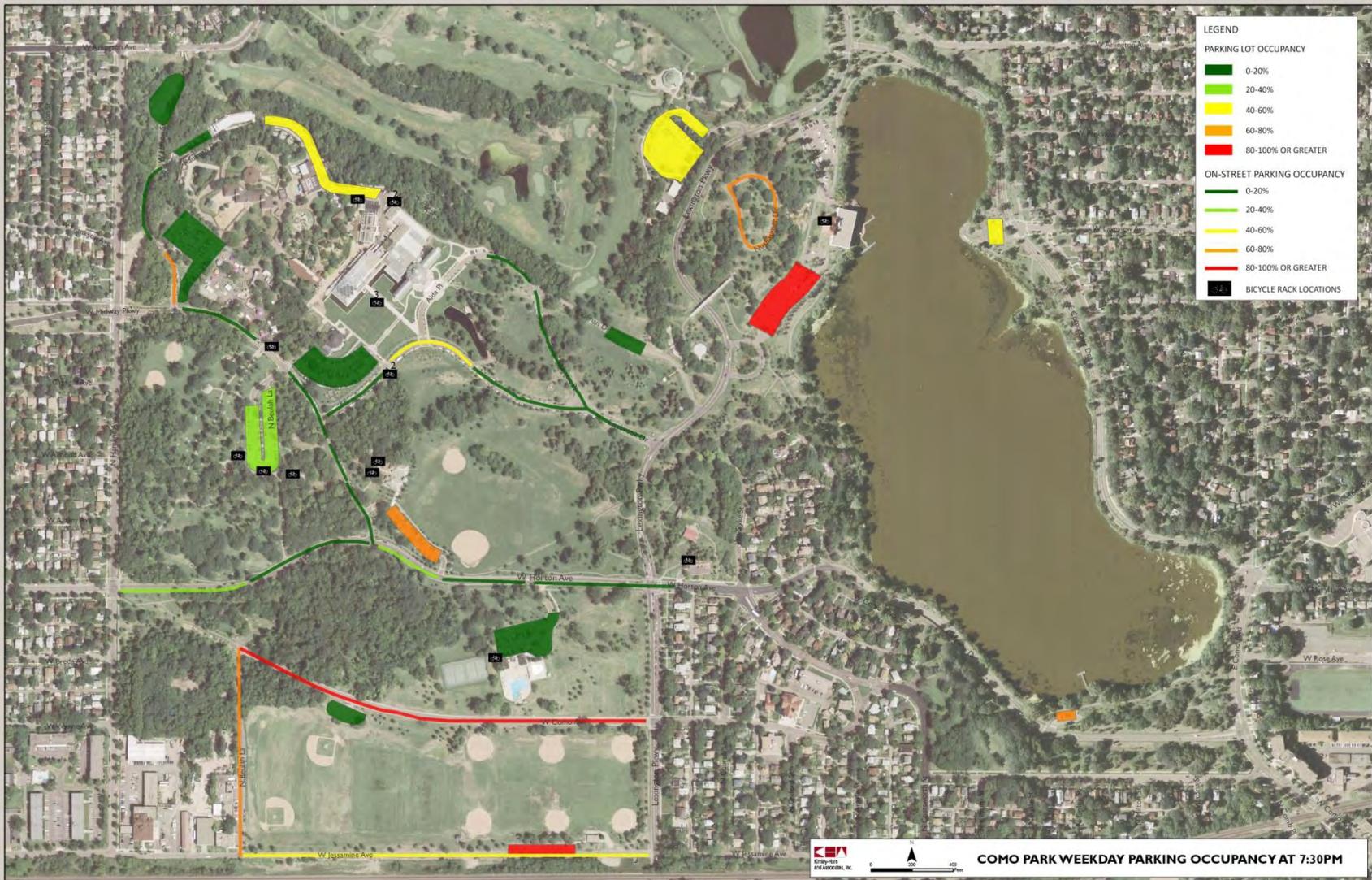
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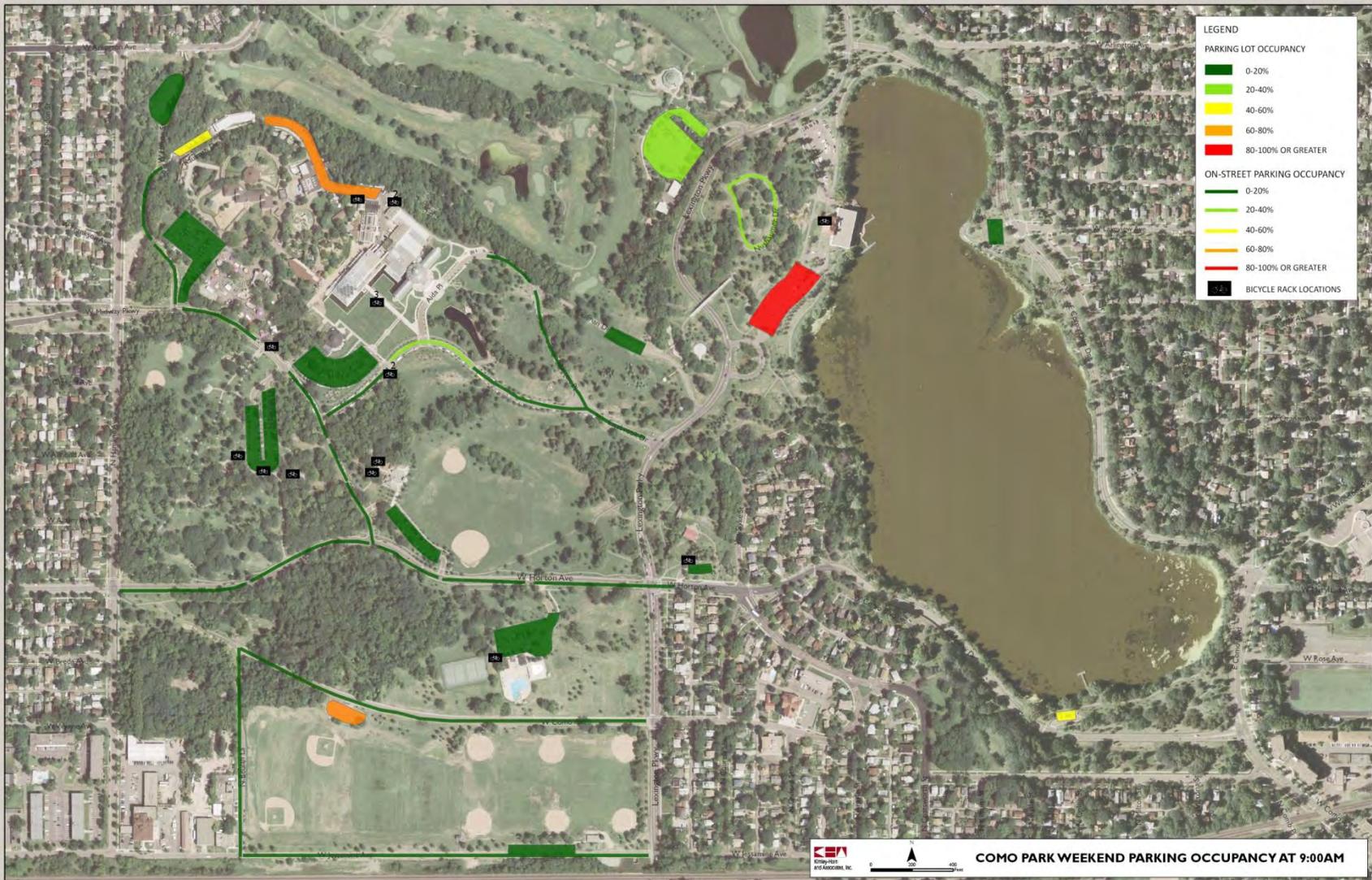


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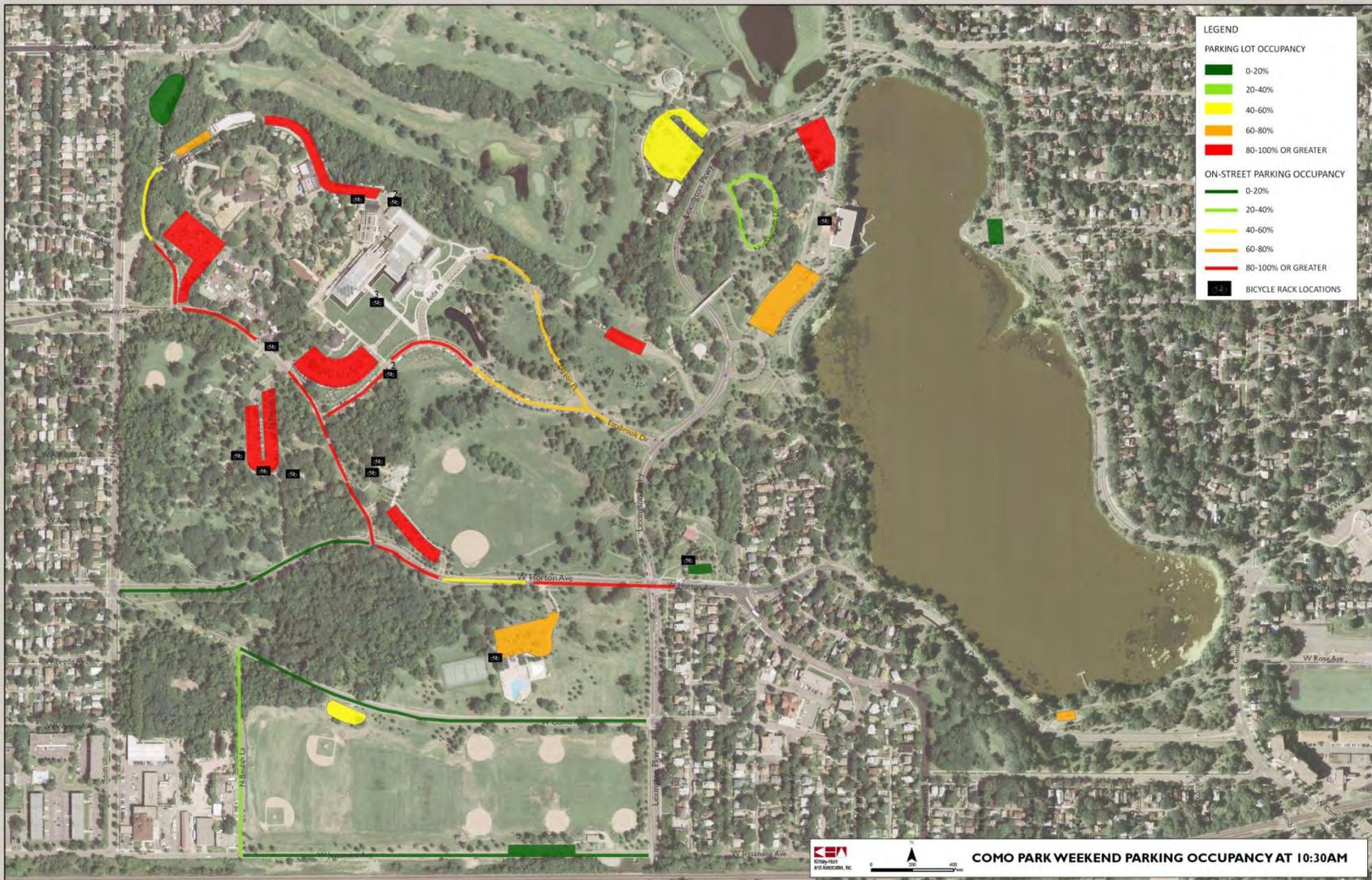


Parking Use - Weekend (Average Summer Peak)

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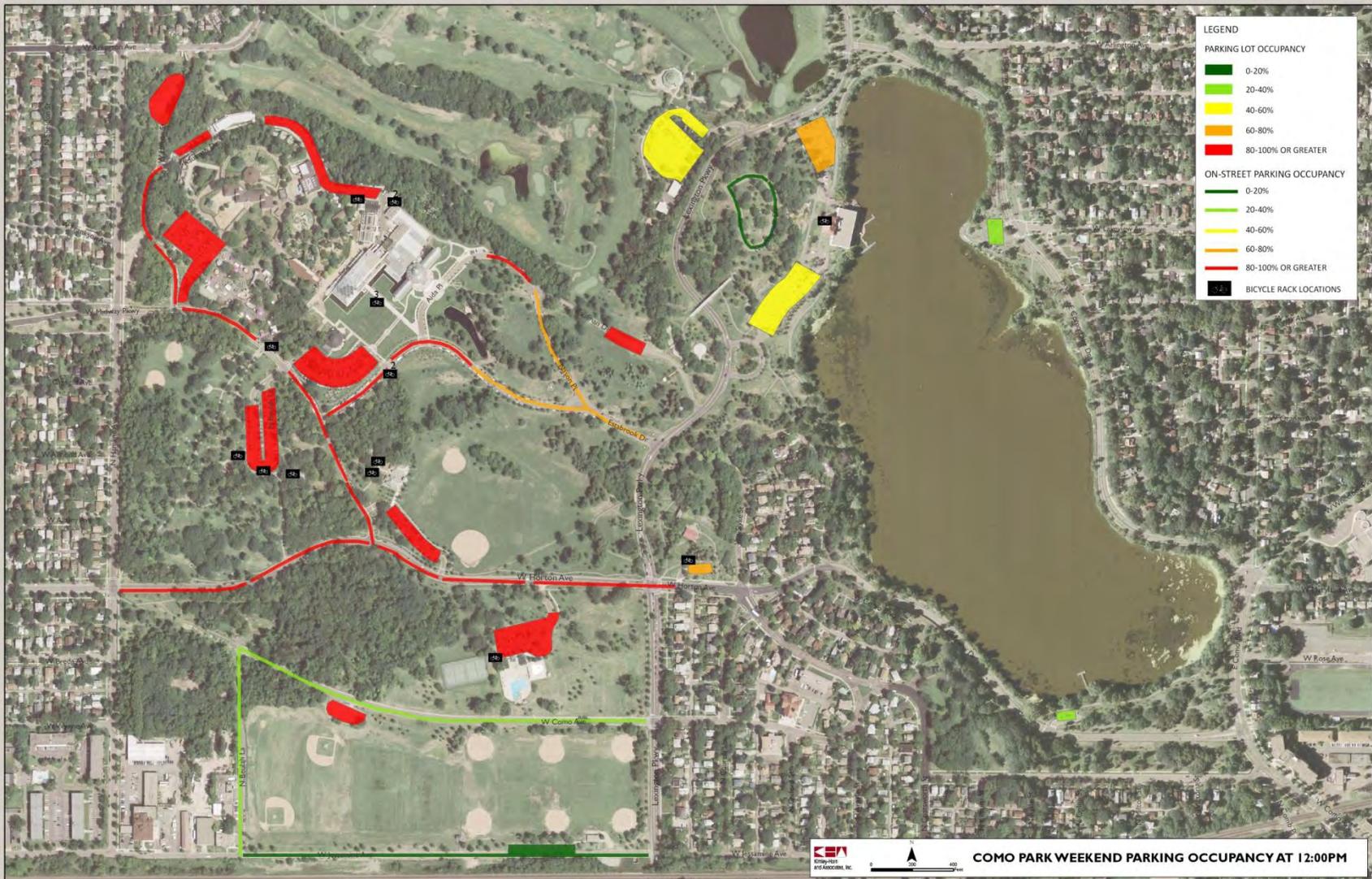
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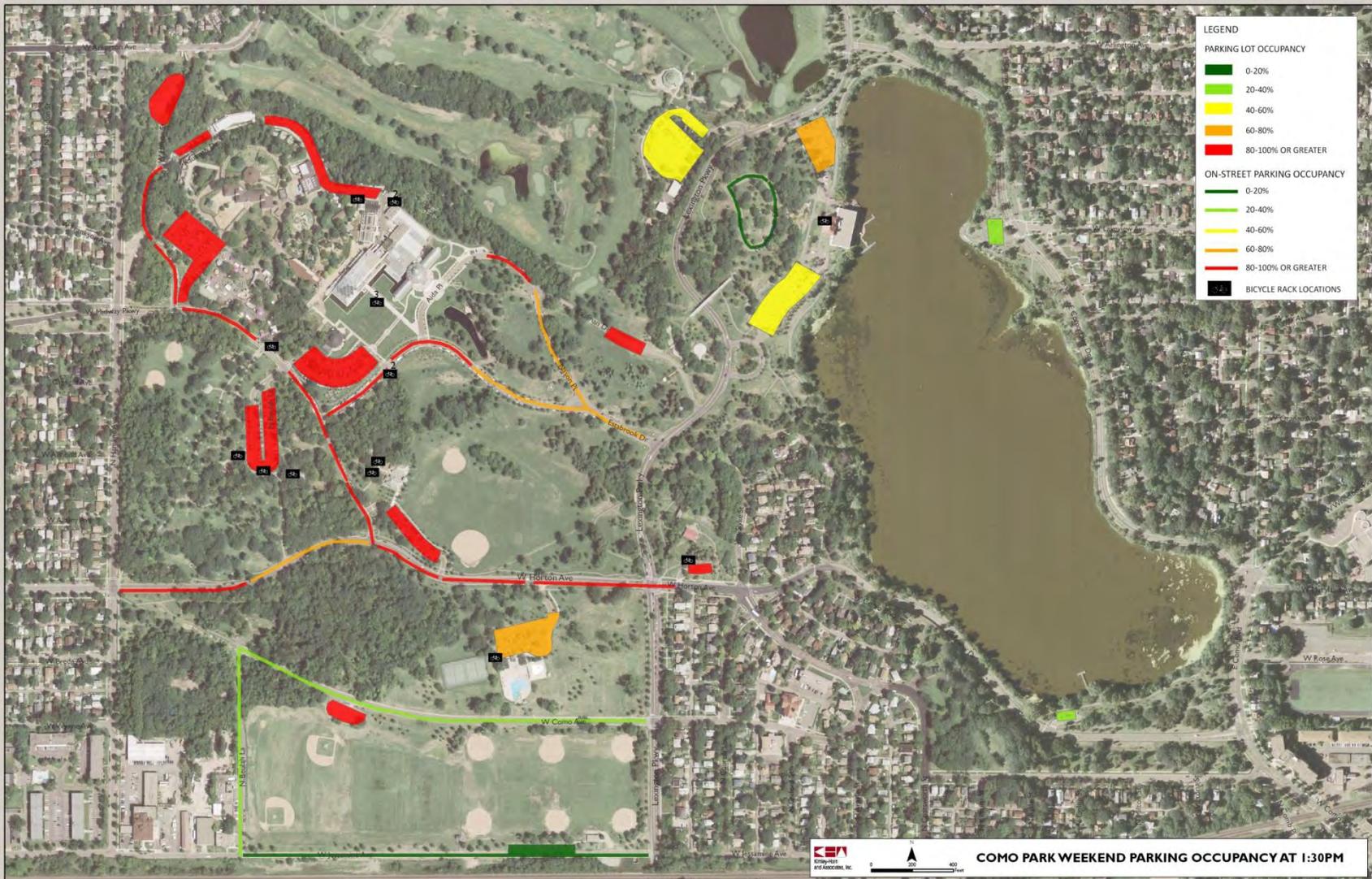
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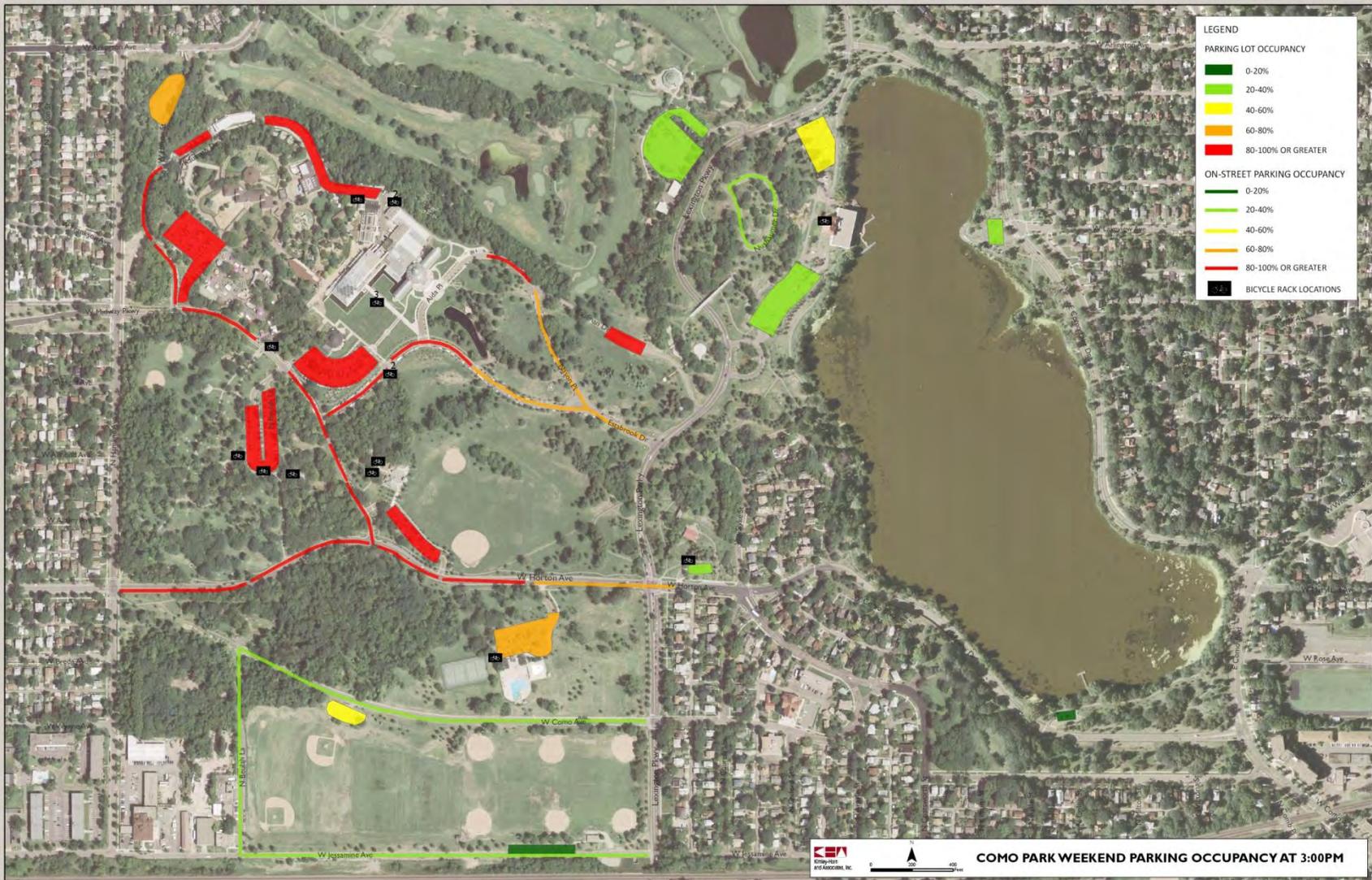
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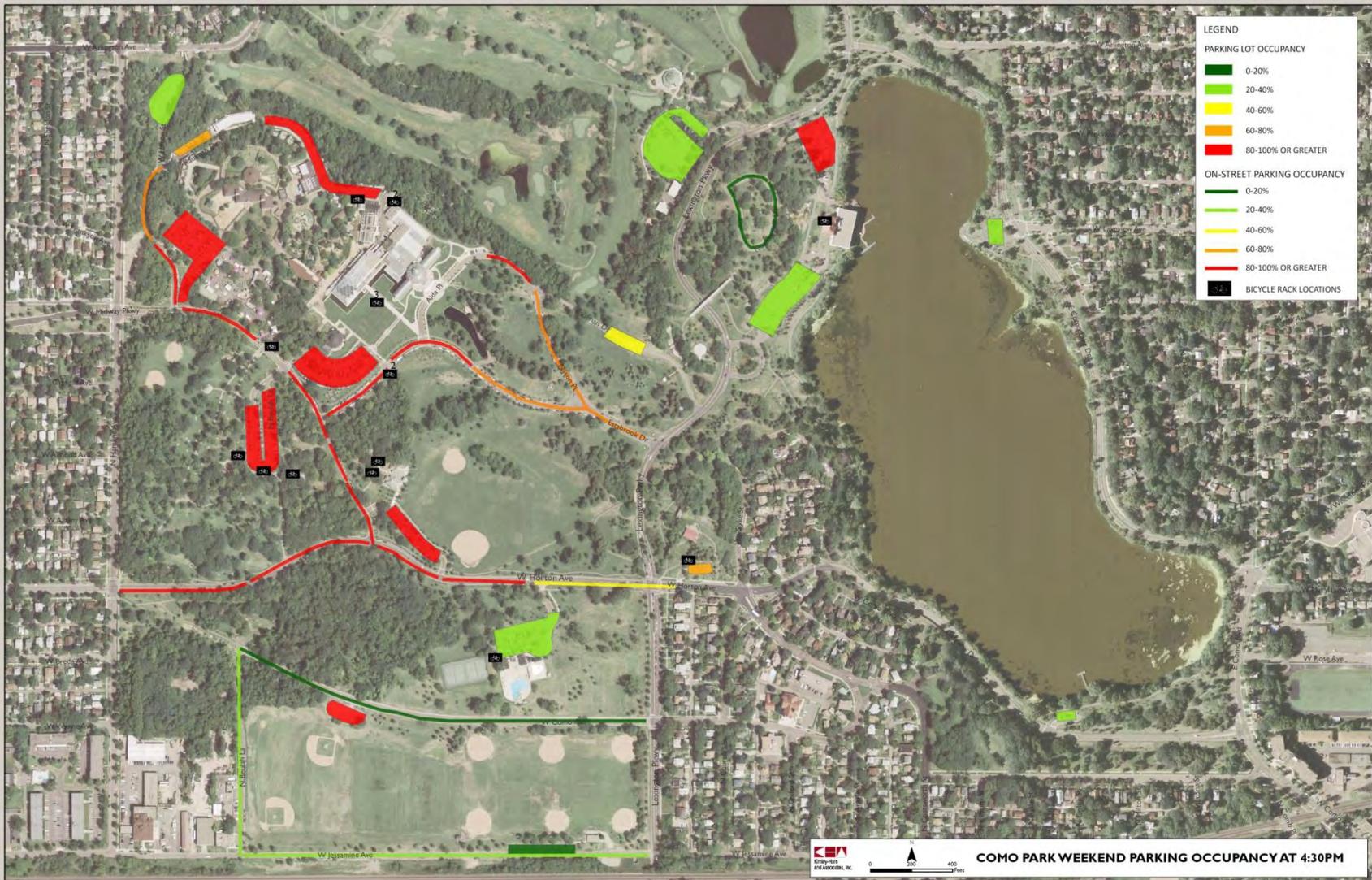
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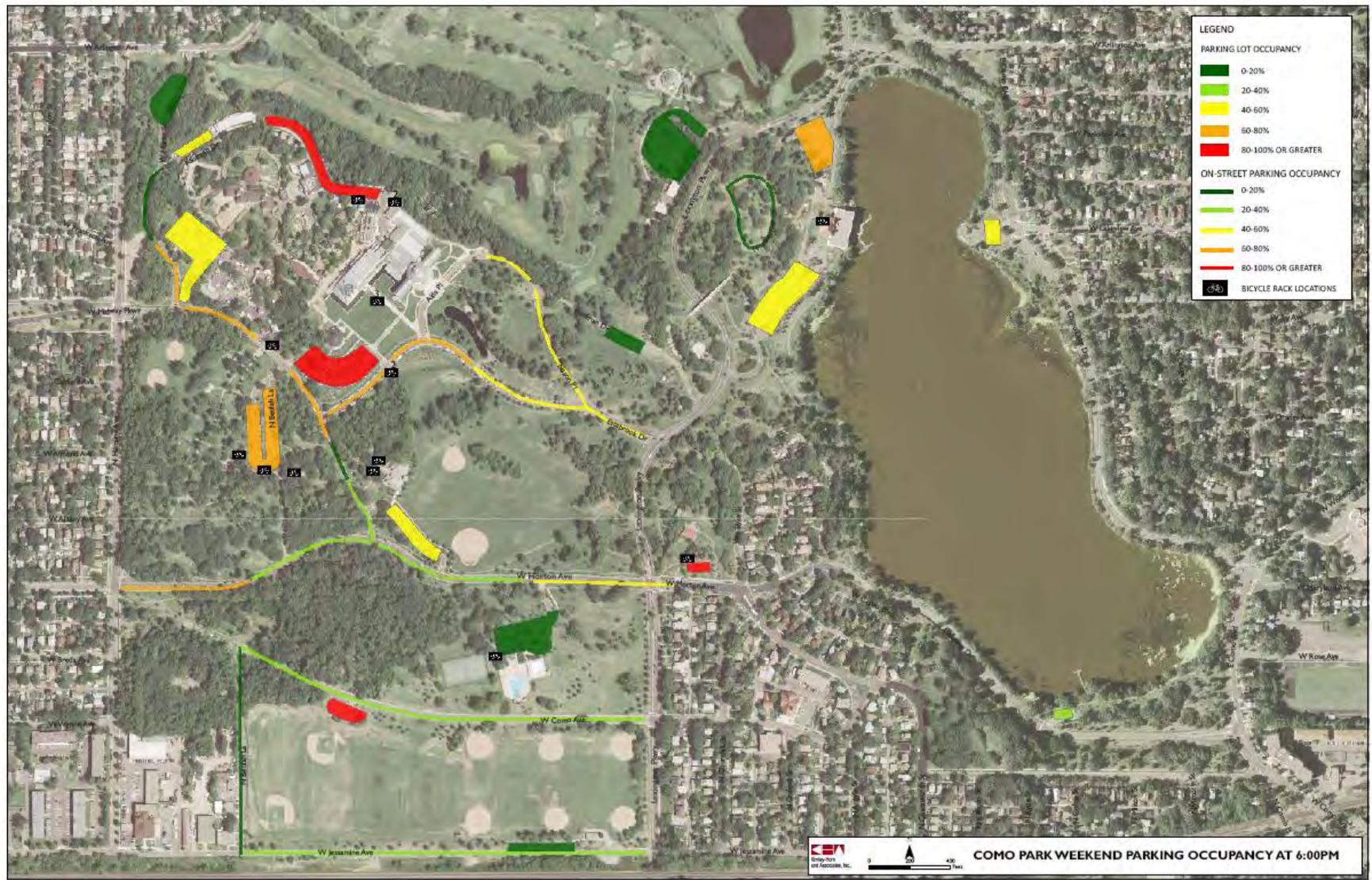
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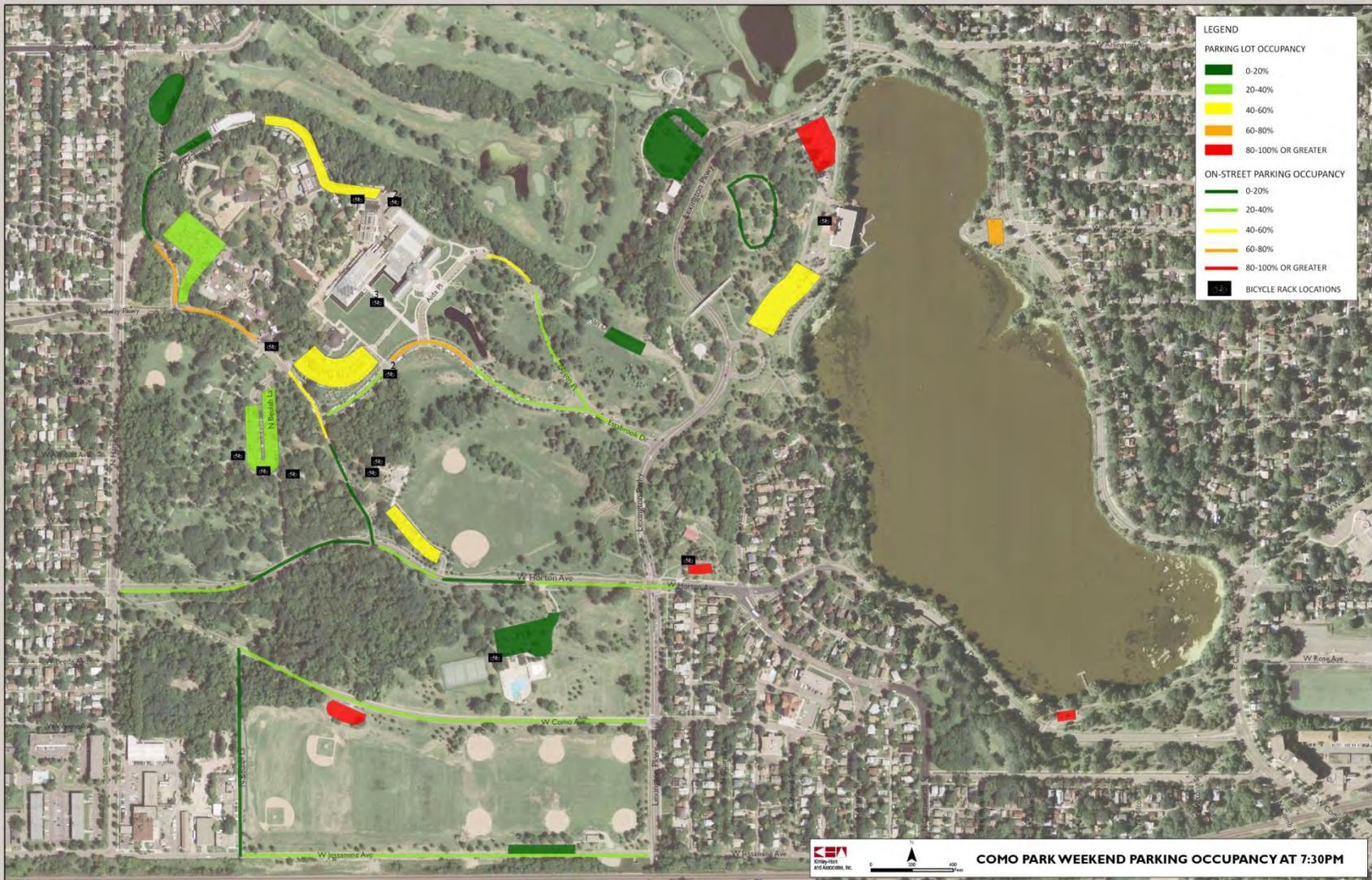
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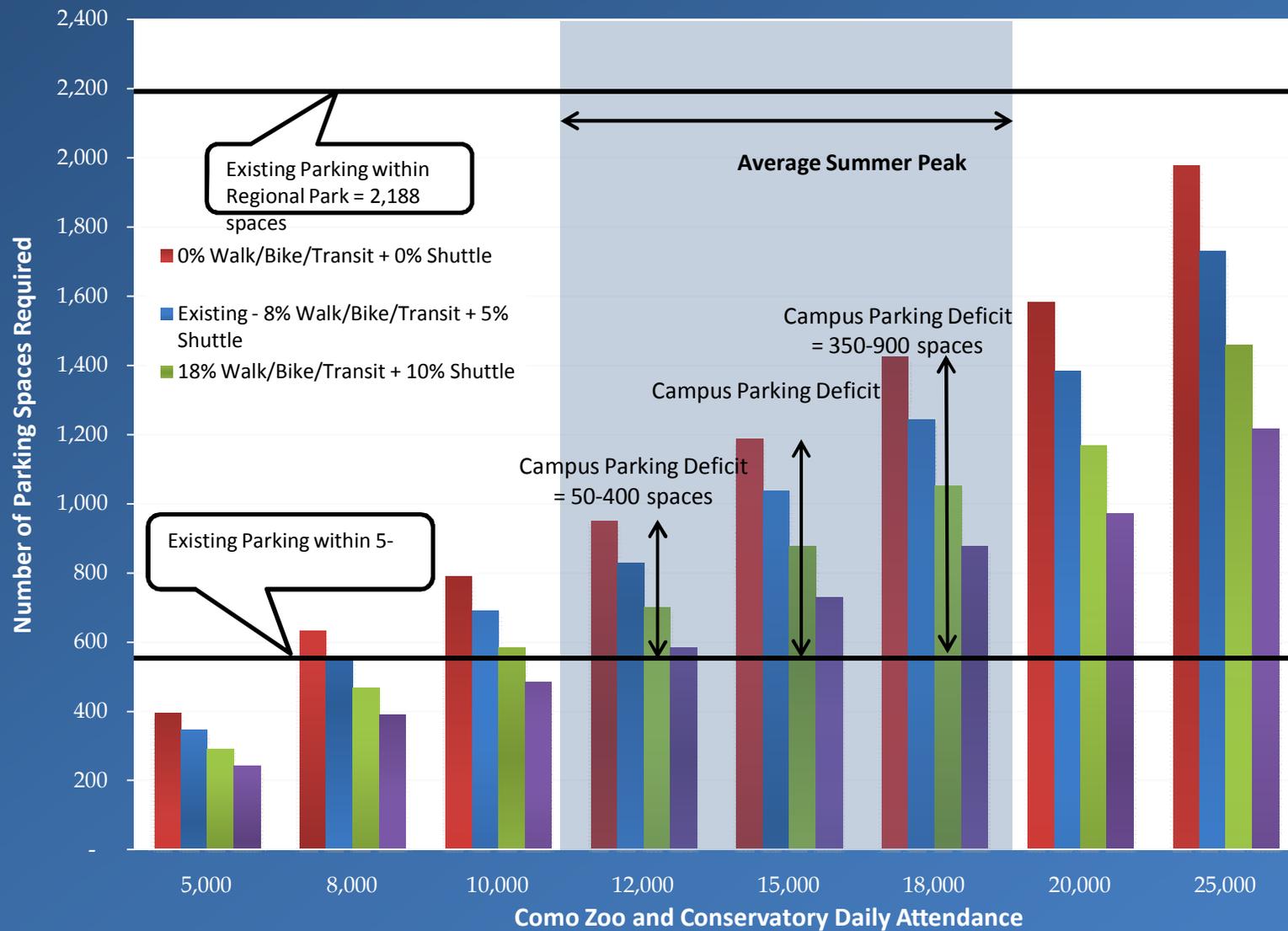




Summary of Parking Use

- Parking within 5-minute walk of Zoo/Conservatory is generally full from 10 am to 4 pm
- Maximum number of parked vehicles counted was 1,502 at 1:30 pm on Saturday
 - 70% utilization
- Average turnover rate 3.5 vehicles/space/day

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Summary of Recommendations

- Roadway
- Parking
- Bike/Pedestrian
- Transit/Shuttle
- Signing/Wayfinding

****Please view exhibits posted on website****



Next Steps

- Finalize recommendations
 - Package improvements
 - Phasing/staging recommendations
- Prepare draft plan
- Present plan for approval

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THANK YOU