



Parks & Recreation

Civics Academy



The Vibe



October 8, 2025



6pm – 8pm



Tonight's Agenda

1.

Welcome
& Intros

2.

Presentation
& Dinner

3.

Group Activity

4.

Wrap up

Welcome Message



Derek Schweigart, Director

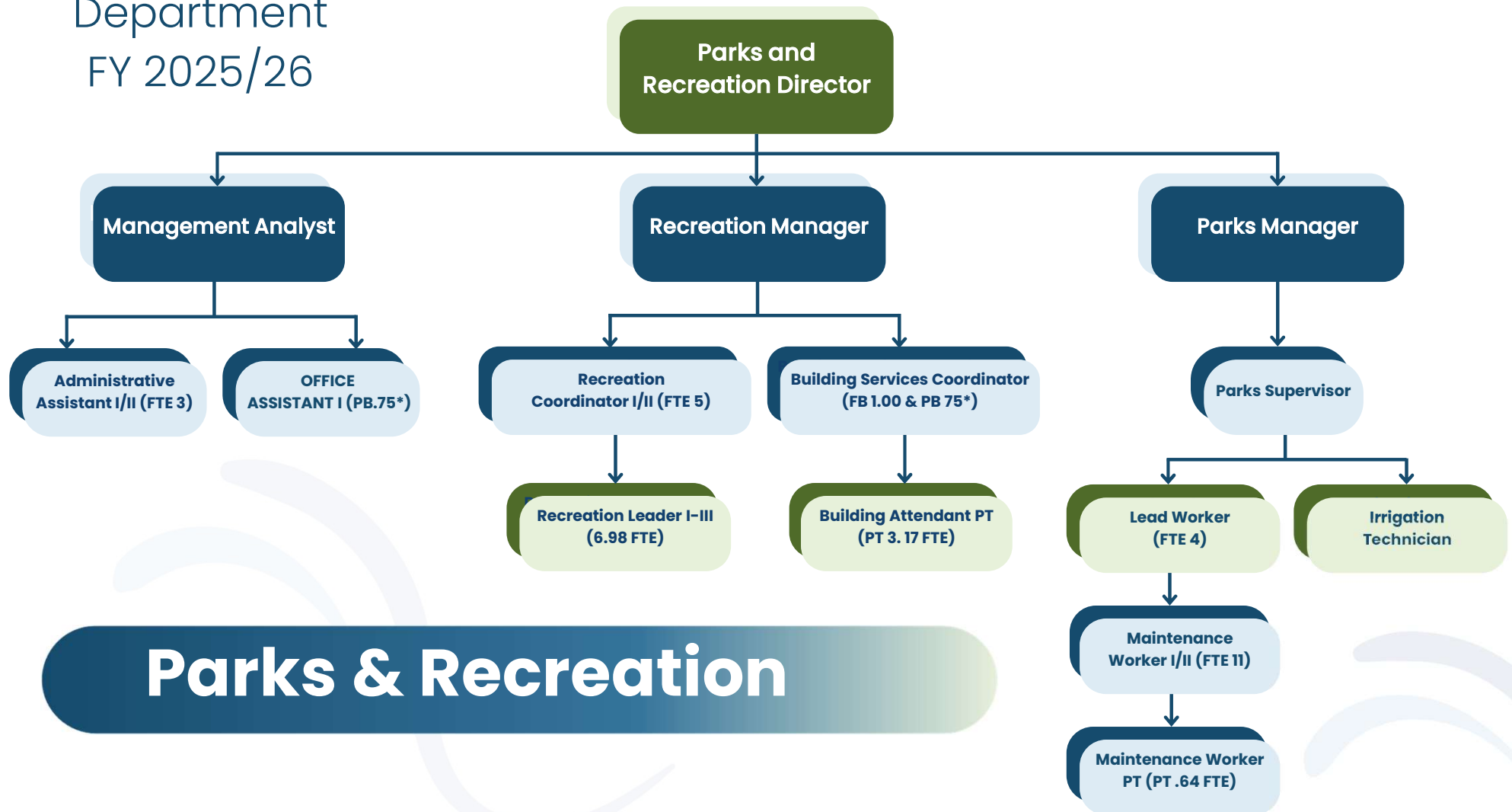
About Us

Foster City Parks and Recreation manages the City's parks, recreation activities, and community events.

We pride ourselves on offering a wide range of educational, creative, and fun programs and events, and beautiful outdoor spaces. We do this through the use of our three recreation facilities to offer classes and room rentals; **24 community parks** that provide a variety of amenities for any occasion; and **over 20 special events** a year that bring the community together!



Department
FY 2025/26



Parks & Recreation

*The part time benefited Office Assistant and Building Services Coordinator 30-hour positions will remain vacant and unfilled during our two-year closure of the Recreation Center

General Info FY 25/26



Operating Budget

\$11,630,139 FY 25/26



Staffing

30 Full Time Positions

40+ Part Time Positions
(10 Full time equiv.)

Parks Division **STATS**



24 Parks

Most per capita in Bay Area

Sports Fields

- 7** Synthetic Sports Fields
- 5** Natural Turf Sports Field
- 13** Tennis Courts
- 6** Pickleball Courts
- 7** Full Size Basketball Courts

Medians, Other

- 8** Medians
- 44** Cul-de-Sacs
- 3** Walkways
- 16** Georgina Squares
- 7** Island Bridges



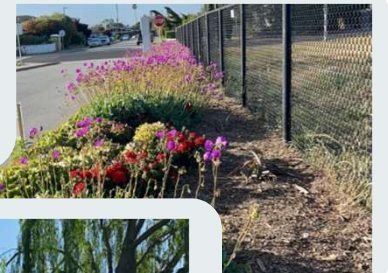
The Parks Maintenance Team

Parks Maintenance AT WORK



Parks System **PROJECTS**

- Foster City Landscape Enhancement
- Bridgeview Park Landscaping
- Park Monument Signs
- Sea Cloud Park Landscaping
- Utility Art Box Program

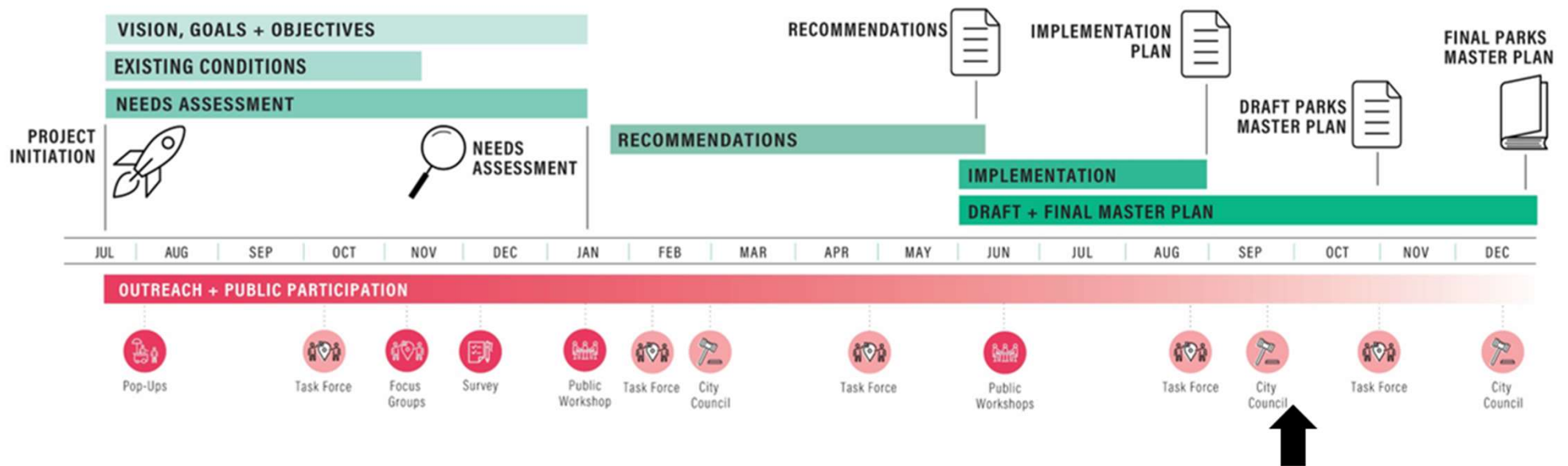


Park System **Master Plan**

- Guides long-term park investment
- Aligns community needs with City goals
- Provides direction for park improvements



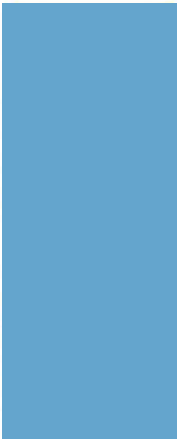
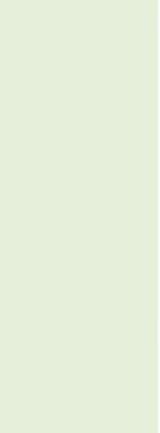
Parks System Master Plan



Canada Goose **Management Plan**

- Implementation Plan adopted by Council
- Wildlife Innovations selected to implement
- Implementation begins in late October





MEET THE

Recreation Division

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Fun Fact:

Many of our full-time staff grew up in Foster City and attended the same programs they now supervise or support!



Staffing

7 Full-time Staff

40➤ Part-time Staff

Recreation **PROGRAMS**

- Contract Classes & Camps
- Sports Leagues
- Senior Trips & Drop-in
- The VIBE Teen Center
- Park Concessions



Classes & **PROGRAMS**

During our peak season in the summer, we offer about 300 classes and programs (including camps)



144-300

PER SEASON

Facility & Park **RENTALS**

- Community Center and The Vibe
- Parks & Sports Fields
- Other (school sites, tennis, pickleball courts)



Rentals & Reservations

In an average year, we process:

5,926

Room rental applications

746

Park rentals

178

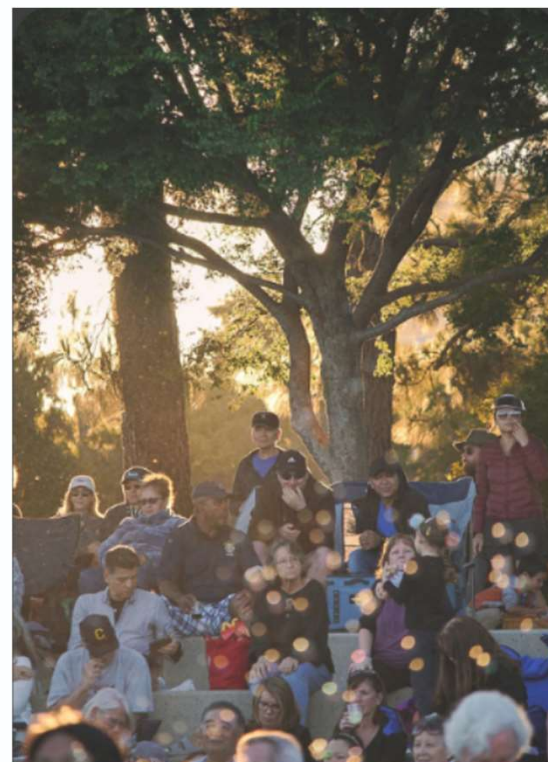
Field application permits

(translates to 5,147 individual field reservations)





SPECIAL EVENTS



“ —
We create
community
through people,
parks, and
programs
— ”

Foster City Community Center **REBUILD PROJECT**

- Project Background
- Construction anticipated through 2026
- Interior finishes & closeout April – July 2026
- Reopen mid to late 2026

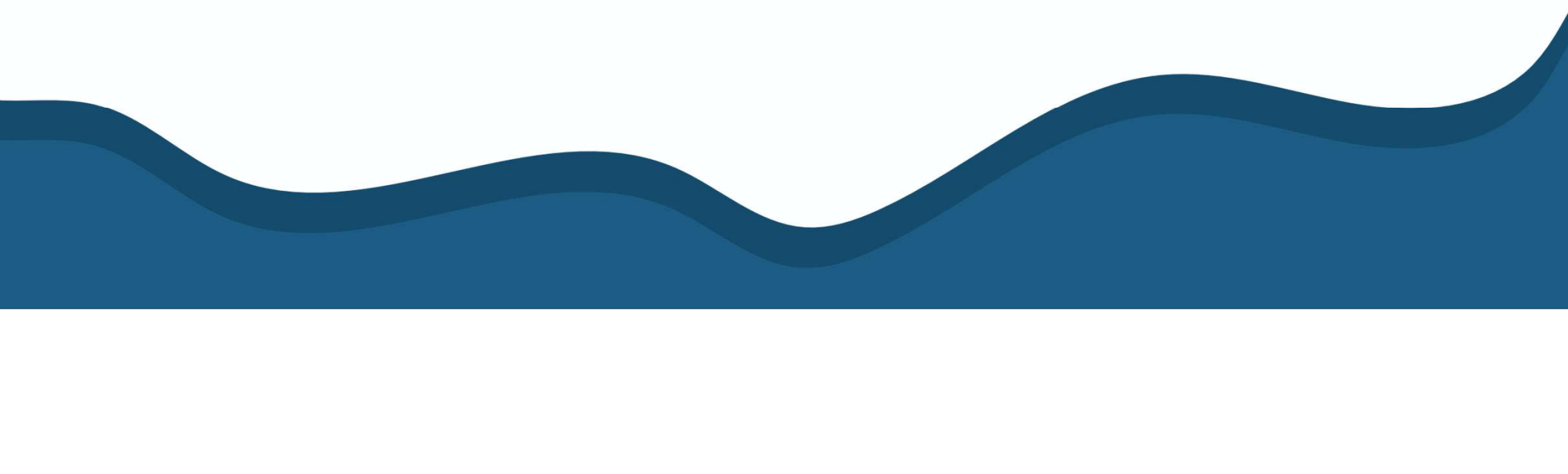
<https://rebuildtherec.org>



Group Activity Project

New Community Center

Vision for our New Center



Group Activity 1: Building our Community Tree

Directions: In groups of 5, you will discuss and complete a Community Tree.

● **Roots = The Foundation of the new Community Center**

What are the values, needs, and resources that give the Community Center a strong base?

Examples: Safe environment, a welcoming space, equity, respect, inclusive spaces, etc...

● **Trunk = The Strength of the new Community Center**

What helps support the foundation of the center? What will keep the facility strong?

Examples: Responsive and reliable staff, quality programs, inclusive practices, input, etc...

● **Branches = What Grows from the new Community Center**

How can the center expand and extend its reach? What programs, classes, events, and services can be offered?

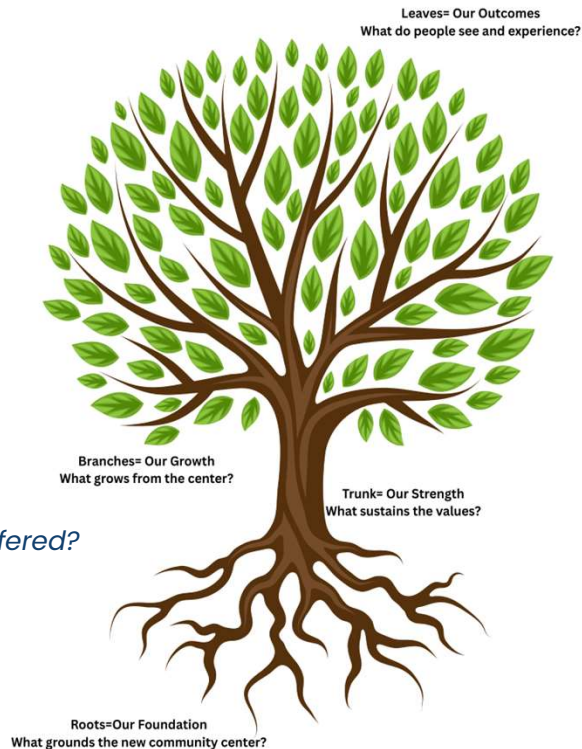
Examples: fitness (yoga, martial arts), art (paint, theater, cultural celebration), language classes, book club, etc...

● **Leaves = The Outcomes from the new Community Center**

What impact and benefits do people experience from the new center and its programs?

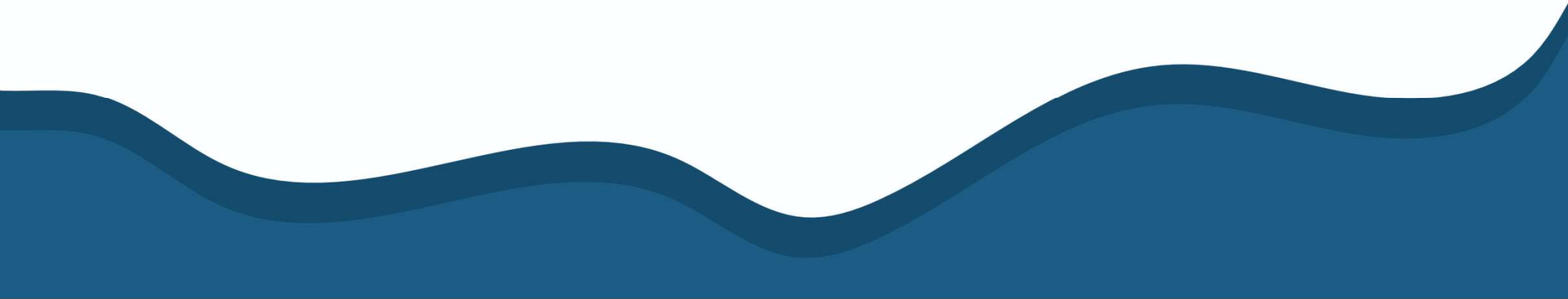
Examples: Seniors feeling more connected, families enjoying safe and affordable programs, stronger sense of community pride, etc...

Foster City Community Tree





Questions?



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