6a. Livable Neighborhoods

What is Livability?

Neighborhood livability is a key part of the Vision for Moreno Valley in 2040. Livability may mean different things to different people, but it is influenced by a wide range of factors including job opportunities, housing costs, access to community services, leisure options, sense of community, and clean air and water.

Parks and Recreation

- **28 PARK FACILITIES**
  - 7 Community Parks,
  - 21 Neighborhood Parks

- **5 RECREATIONAL FACILITIES**
  - 4 Community Centers,
  - 1 Senior Center

- **545 TOTAL ACRES OF PARK LAND**
  - 2.62 Acres per 1,000 Residents

- **32 ATHLETIC FIELDS**
  - Ball Fields, Multi-use Fields

Fig. 1: Parks, Trails, and Facilities

Moreno Valley offers a range of parks and recreational opportunities within the city with Box Springs Regional Park and Lake Perris State Park nearby.

Fig. 2: Service Areas

Parks and recreational facilities are generally well distributed throughout the city, and most residential neighborhoods are within 1 mile of a neighborhood park, although there are fewer facilities in the northeastern portion of the city.

Housing

Fig. 3: Median Home Sale Price


Fig. 4: Median Monthly Rent

$1,571 Median Monthly Rent (2018)

Fig. 5: Housing Types

- **19 Affordable/Public Housing Units**
  - (3 Senior Housing Sites)

Home prices and rents have risen in recent years, but buying a home in Moreno Valley is still more affordable than other communities in Riverside County. Existing housing in the city is predominantly single-family. Having a range of housing options suitable for people of all ages and incomes is an important component of livability for many people.

Community Safety

Fig. 6: Crime Per Capita, 2018

Overall, crime rates in Moreno Valley are lower than other nearby cities of comparable size.

Community Priorities

In a recent survey, we asked the community to share their thoughts about what the priorities for the future should be. The results of one of the questions, shown below, highlights some aspects of livability that the community would like to see addressed in the updated General Plan.

"Thinking about community health and sense of pride, please tell us if you think these things are a high, medium, or low priority for Moreno Valley over the next 20 years:"

- A. Attracting more grocery stores, farmers’ markets, and healthy food stores or restaurants
- B. Making Moreno Valley feel safer
- C. Promoting festivals, neighborhood block parties, and other community events
- D. Expanding the range of cultural and performing arts programs for all ages from seniors
- E. Introducing healthy living and community fitness programs
- F. Expanding the multi-use trail system and creating more connections in the community and with the surrounding State and regional parks
- G. Other

The graph shows the percent of respondents who identified the provided topics as a "High Priority."

Of these responses, the top 3 priorities are:

- Making Moreno Valley feel safer
- Attracting more grocery stores, farmers’ markets, and healthy food stores or restaurants
- Expanding the range of cultural and performing arts programs for all ages from children to seniors