

NYS Statewide Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan (SCORP)

2014-2019



Overview of Presentation

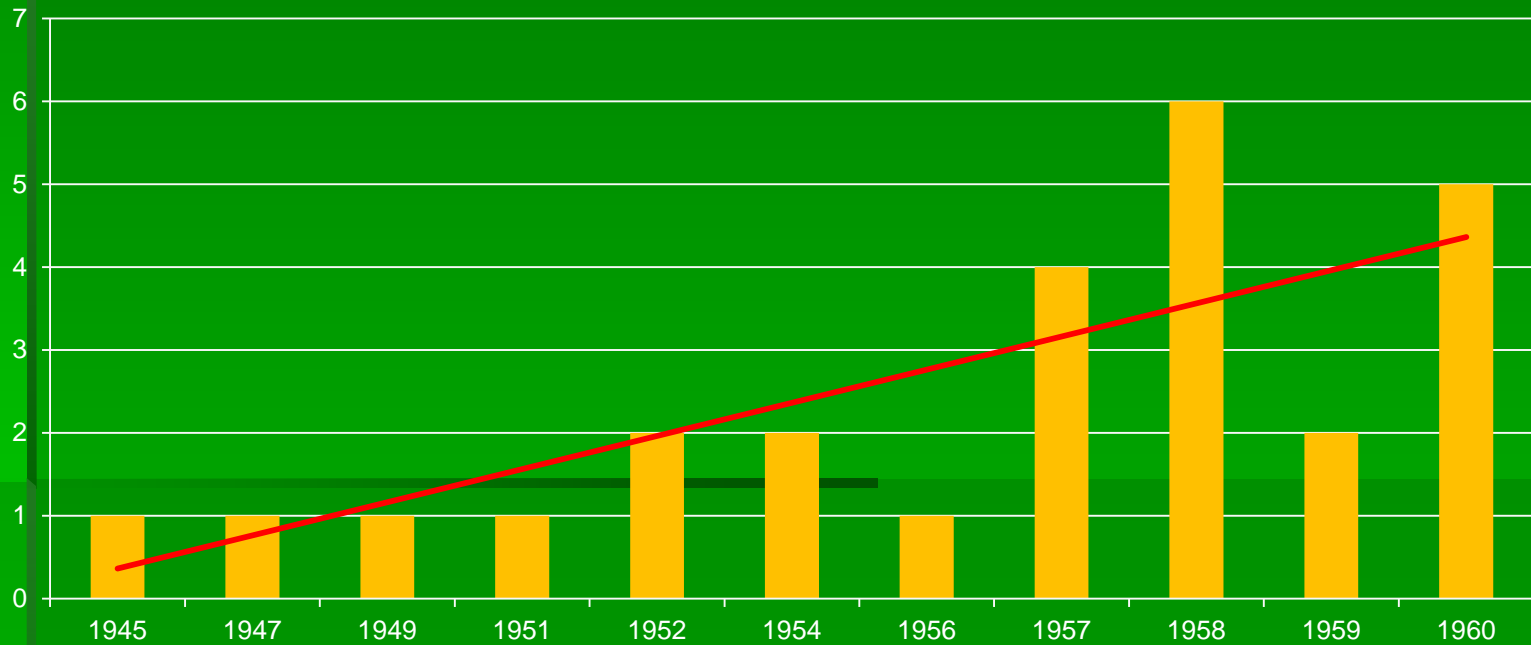
- Recreation Resources in NYS
- Changes from the 2008-2013 SCORP
- Role of Resource and Facility Planning Bureau
- History and purpose of the Land and Water Conservation Act
- Methodology behind SCORP's Relative Index of Need (RIN)

NYSOPRHP

- 180 state parks
- 18 nature centers
- 35 historic sites
- 8,355 campsites
- 67 marine facilities / boat launches
- 67 developed beaches
- Over 800 cabins / rentals
- 53 water recreation facilities
- 2,000+ miles of trails
- 350,000 acres across NYS
- 29 golf courses

NYSOPRHP – Growth

Growth of NYS Parks and Historic Sites (1946-1970)



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NYS DEC Lands

- 4.3 million acres of land
- 907,000+ acres of conservation easements
- 52 campgrounds
- 12 fish hatcheries
- Over 400 boat launches and fishing access sites
- 4,000+ miles of trails

Other Recreation Resources

- County Parks, Beaches, Pools, Skateparks, Golf Courses, etc.
- Private Campgrounds / Recreation Areas



Changes to the SCORP

- Streamlined, succinct document
- Technology helped tremendously during the data collection and analysis phase
- A more visual document—more photos, less text



Land and Water Conservation Act



The LWCF in New York



- John B. Thacher State Park
- James Baird State Park
- Grafton Lakes State Park
- Bear Mountain State Park
- Saratoga Spa State Park
- Sunken Meadow State Park

Role of SCORP in NYS



- Statewide policy direction
- Recreation status report
- Overall guidance for recreation resource protection, planning, and development

Chapters of SCORP

- Introduction
- Planning Process
- Research and Analysis
- Goals and Recommendations
- Implementation and Funding
- Environmental Impacts



The Planning Process – Principles

- Planning is a Continuous Process
- Planning Must be Comprehensive
- Planning Must be Coordinated Process with Public Participation



Goals and Recommendations



- Enhancing and Revitalizing the State Outdoor Recreation System

- Resource and Facility Planning

- Master Plans completed for 15 facilities statewide
- Management Plans completed for numerous parks / historic sites

- Goals:

- Redesigning / Reinventing Parks
- Creating a sustainable parks system



Goals and Recommendations

- Improving Connections between Recreation, Economics, Sustainability and Healthy Lifestyles
 - The Value of the Outdoors (Economic, Human Spirit, and Natural)
 - Reducing Obesity through Outdoor Recreation
 - Goals:
 - Launch “Explore Your Outdoors” campaign
 - Improve, expand, and repair recreation facilities
 - Reconnect kids and adults with the outdoors
 - Protect natural connections between parks



Goals and Recommendations

- Strengthening the Link between People, Nature, and Resource Stewardship
 - Engage park visitors through programming at parks and historic sites
 - Continue to restore, conserve, and protect the biodiversity of state lands



Statewide Programs

- DEC
- DOS
- OPRHP
- Canal Corporation
- DOT
- DOH



Implementation

- Keep Parks and Outdoor Recreation Areas Open
- Performance Metrics
- Improve Access
- Sustainable Recreation Facilities



Funding

- Federal

- LWCF
- Recreation Trails Program
- Forest Legacy Program

- State

- Environmental Protection Fund (EPF)
- Grant allocation

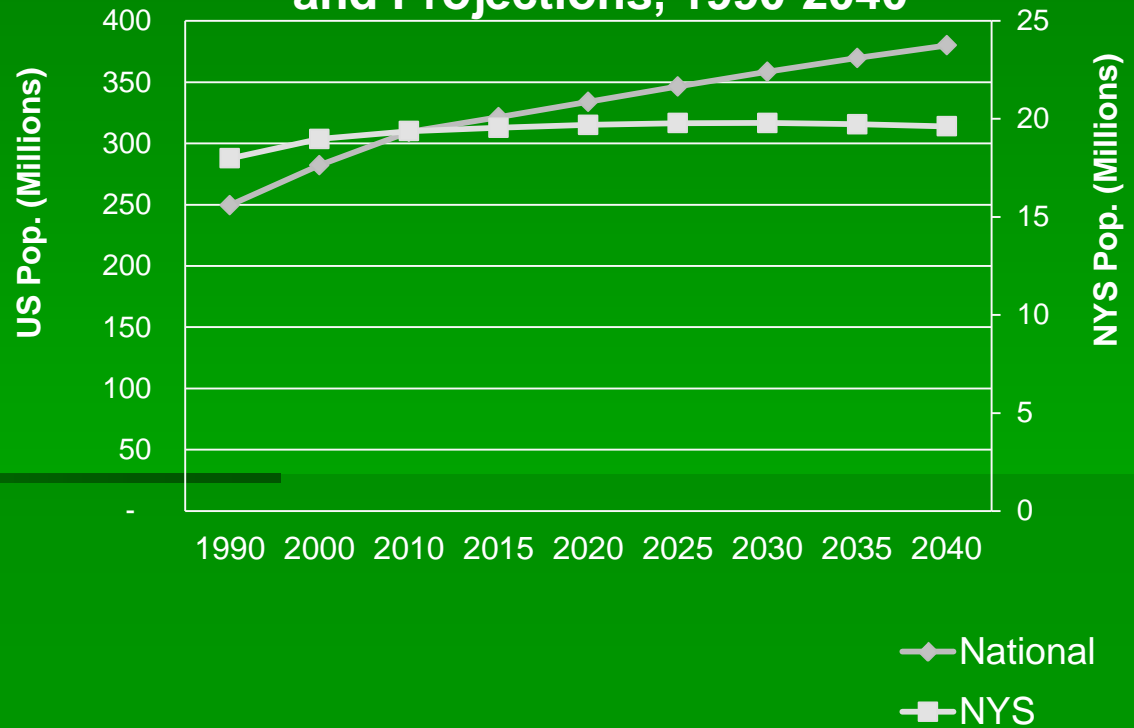
- Partnerships

- Acquisitions
- Cooperative/Management Agreements
- Friends Groups
- Concessions
- Gifts
- Sponsors
- Volunteers
- Research

Research and Analysis

- Population trends and demographics
- General Public Recreation Survey
- Recreation Facility Inventory

New York State & National Population and Projections, 1990-2040



Source: Cornell Program on Applied Demographics (PAD) and US

Public Recreation Survey

2013 Recreation Survey

At the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation we work hard every day to ensure the quality of your experience at our State Parks and Historic Sites. We also assist in the development of parks and cultural facilities at the local level. We seek the views and opinions of New York State citizens such as yourself to help us learn how we are doing and how we can best plan for the future. You have been randomly selected to participate in our latest survey. Your answers are particularly important for this effort to be successful. We wish to hear from you, even if you have not participated in any outdoor recreation activities or visited any parks in the past year. Please take the time to complete this survey form.

***Regardless of where it occurred, how many days did you participate in each of the following activities during calendar year 2012?**

Relaxing in the park - picnicking, playground use, nature areas and gardens.

Swimming - Ocean, lake and river swimming and private pools.

Bicycling - On and off-road biking including mountain

Golfing - 9/18/par 3 courses, but not miniature golf driving ranges.

Court Games - Tennis/Handball/Racquetball/Basketball

Field Sports - Baseball/Soccer/Football, etc.

Walking for enjoyment - including jogging/day hiking

Camping - Tenting/Backpacking/RV usage (# of nights)

Fishing - From land or boat (# of days may also be boating)

Boating - Motorboating / Sailing / Canoeing / Kayaking

2013 Recreation Survey

What are the 3 types of recreation facilities most needed within 30 minutes of your home?

Facility Type

Drop (please specify)

- No additional facilities are needed
- Local parks for picnicking/playground use
- Camping/Backpacking/Boating/RV usage
- Trails for hiking/biking/equestrian use
- Golf Courses
- Tennis/Handball/Racquetball Courts
- Baseball/Football/Soccer Fields
- Campgrounds
- Fishing access points
- Boating facilities (Marinas, Ramps, etc.)
- Water recreation facilities

The following information is being collected to statistical research:

In what ZIP code is your home located? (enter ZIP code)

Age

What was your age on your last birthday?

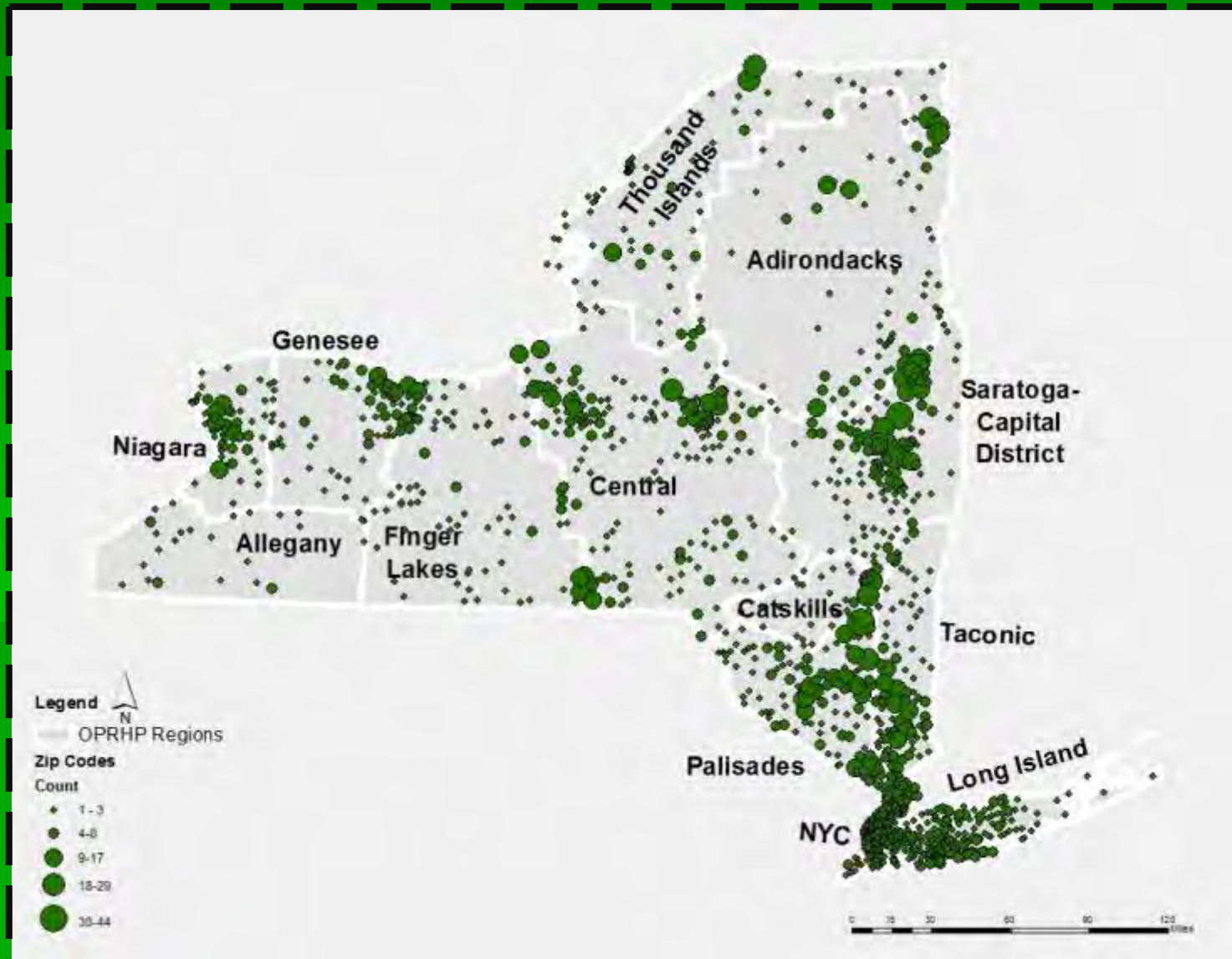
Including yourself, how many members of your immediate household are in each category?

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senior citizens (61 and older)	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

How would you characterize your community?

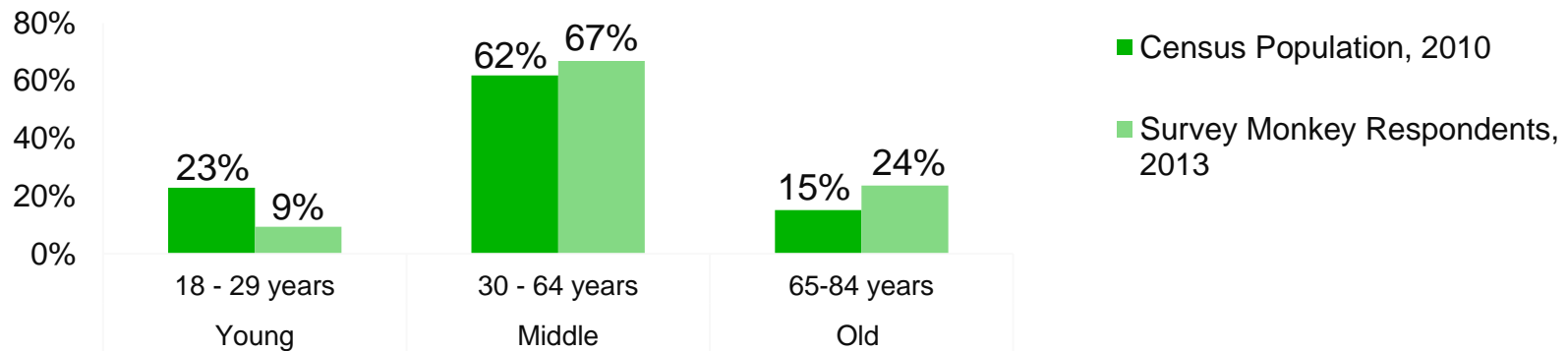
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Zip Codes of Survey Respondents

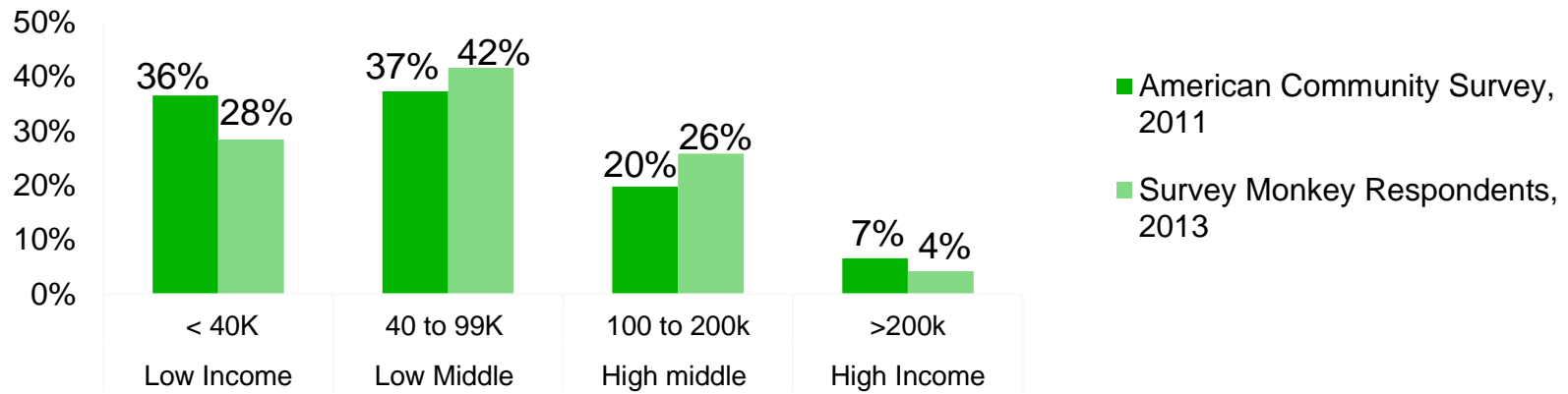


Results- Demographics

Population and Survey Respondents, Age



Population and Survey Respondents, Income

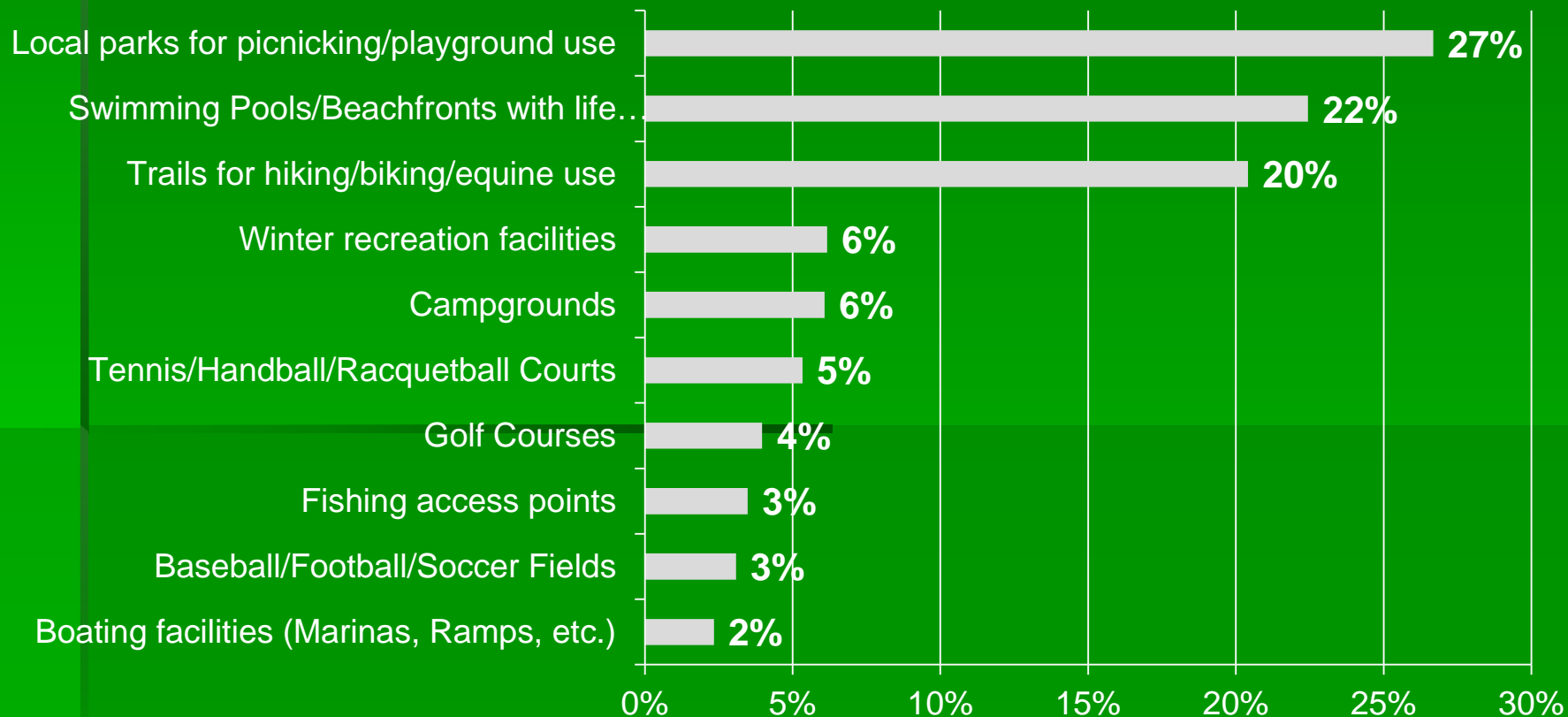


Results – Activities

2012 Activity Participation and Activity Days					
Activity	2012 Participation		2012 Activity Days		Per Participant
Walking for Enjoyment - including jogging/day hiking	12,892,228	20.25%	612,082,197	55.84%	47.48
Relaxing in the Park - picnicking, playground use, visiting nature areas or gardens	12,497,573	19.63%	159,236,899	14.53%	12.74
Swimming - Ocean, lake and river swimming and public and private pools	9,463,546	14.87%	109,070,526	9.95%	11.53
On and off-road biking including mountain biking	5,231,355	8.22%	51,840,992	4.73%	9.91
Motor boating/Sailing/Canoeing, Kayaking, etc.	4,435,908	6.97%	27,826,552	2.54%	6.27
Field Sports- Baseball/Soccer/Football, etc.	3,357,543	5.27%	28,580,614	2.61%	8.51
Court Games - Tennis/Handball/Racquetball/Basketball, etc.	3,332,135	5.23%	24,730,878	2.26%	7.42
Local Winter Activities- Ice Skating/Cross Country Skiing/Snowshoeing	3,067,683	4.82%	17,042,229	1.55%	5.56
Camping- Tenting/Backpacking/RV usage	2,831,970	4.45%	17,625,031	1.61%	6.22
Fishing - from land or boat	2,721,649	4.28%	19,133,393	1.75%	7.03
Golfing - 9/18/par 3 courses	1,888,807	2.97%	16,083,391	1.47%	8.52
Downhill Skiing/Snowboarding	1,422,305	2.23%	9,343,580	0.85%	6.57
Snowmobiling	513,080	0.81%	3,517,504	0.32%	6.86
Total	63,655,783	100%	1,096,113,786	100%	17.22

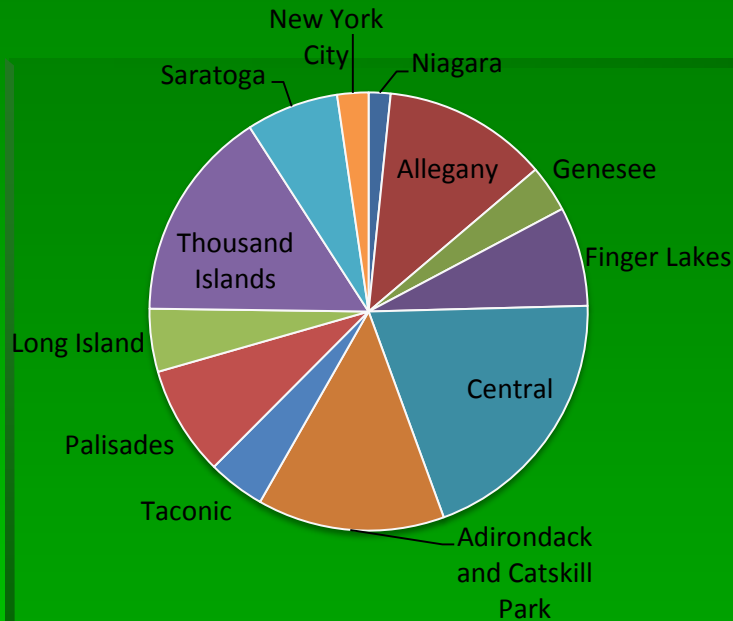
Results – Facilities Most Needed in Community

Types of Facilities Most Needed

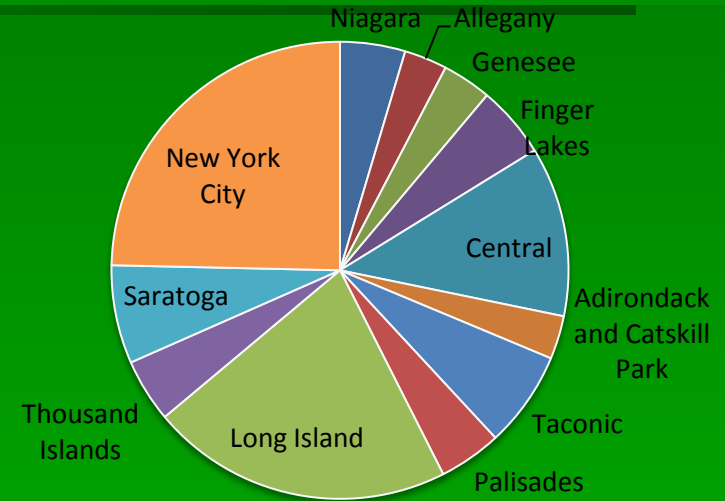


Recreation Facility Inventory

Acreage of sites by Region



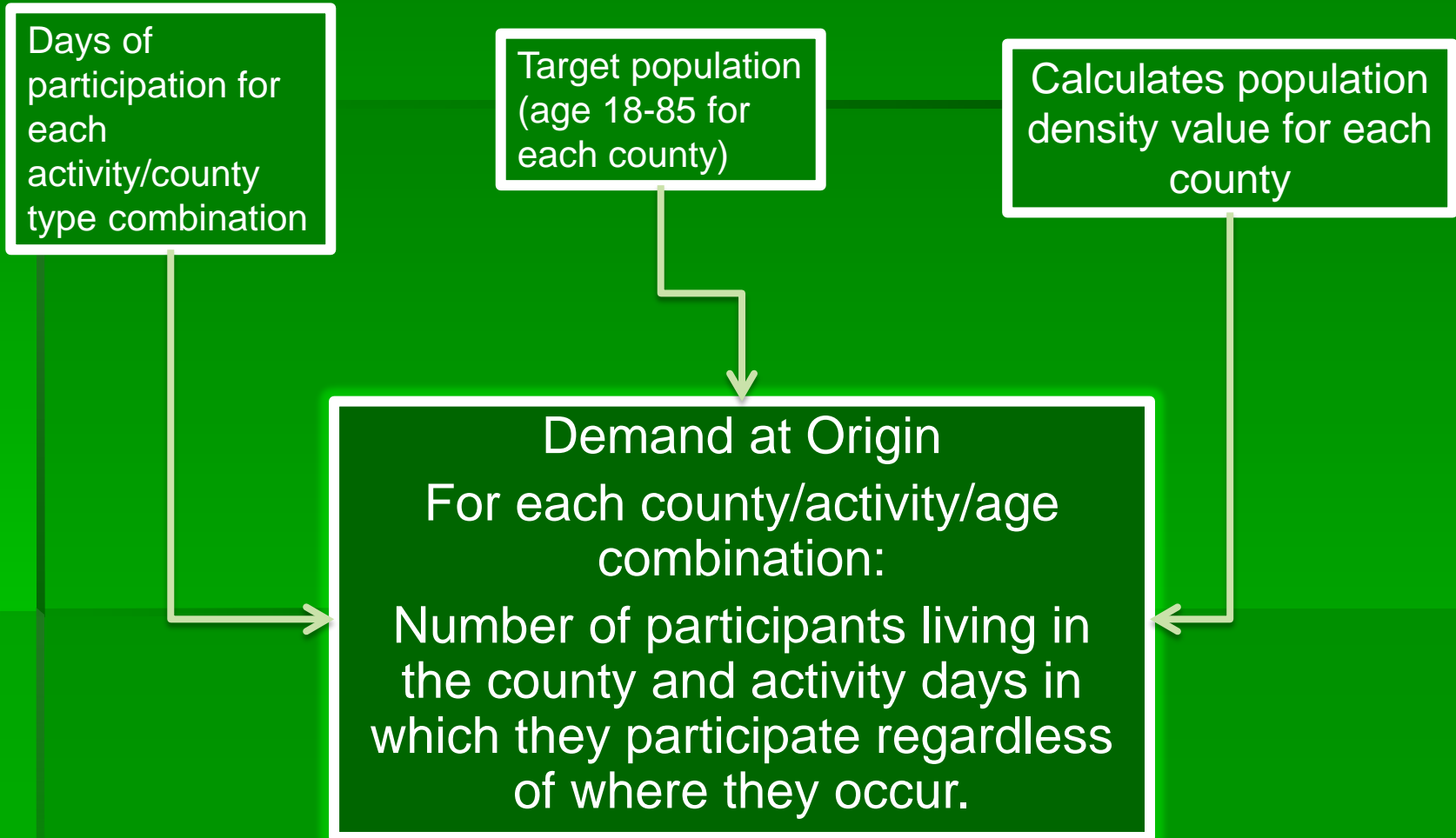
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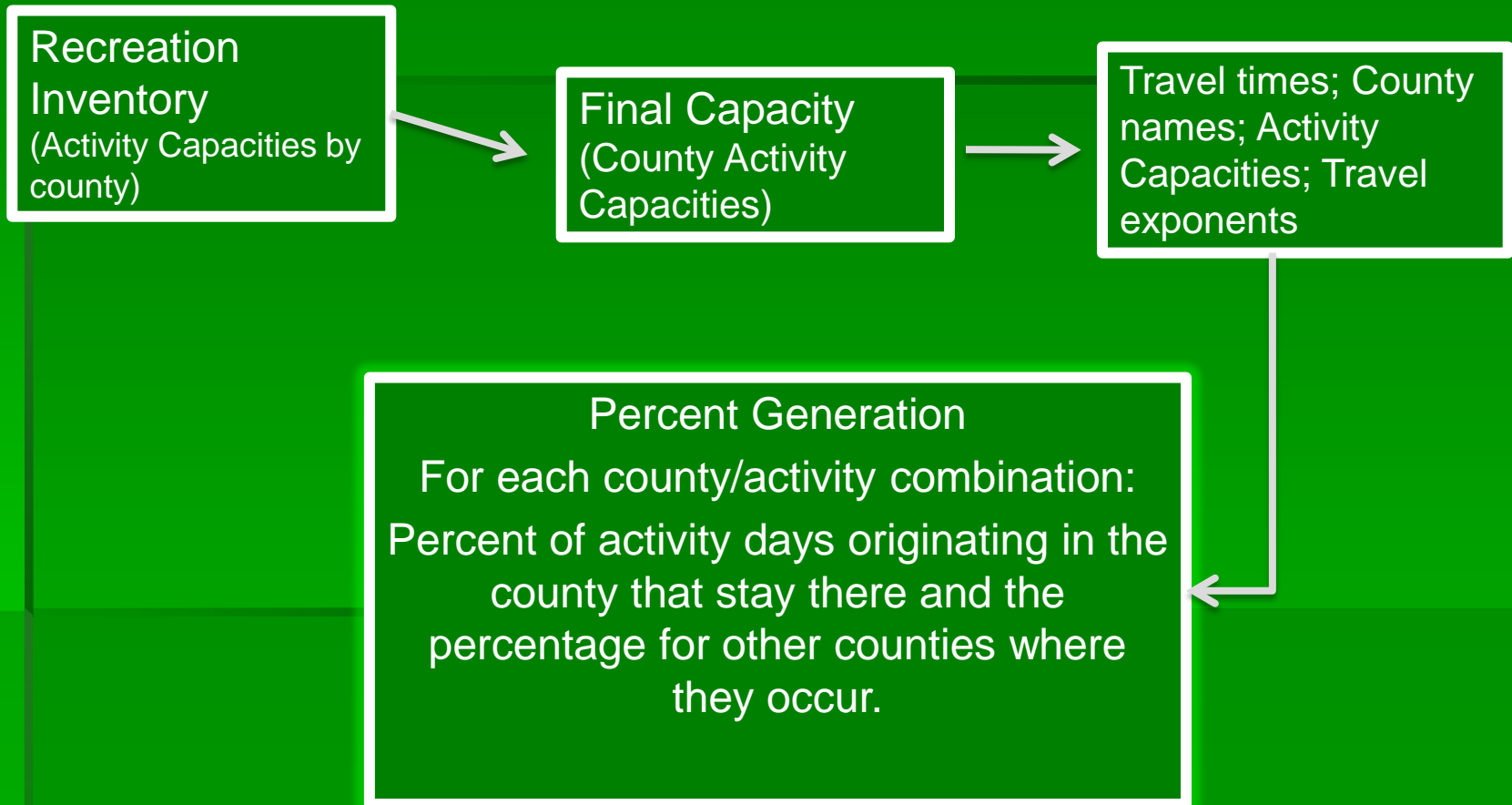


Methodology of Relative Index of Need (RIN)

Demand at Origin



Percent Generation



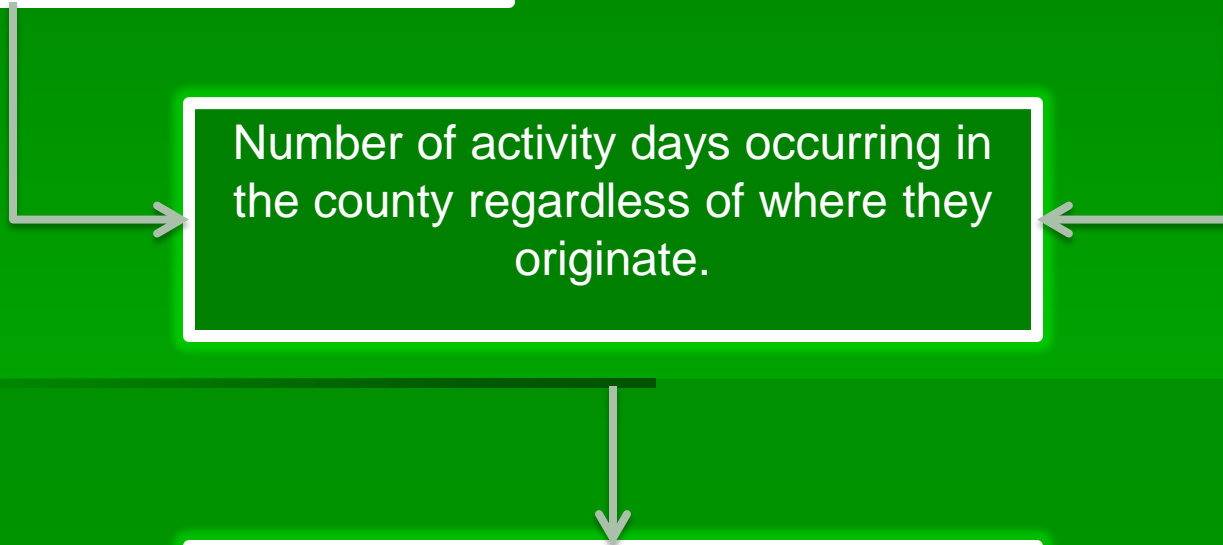
Activity Distribution

Percent Generation
(Percent of activity days
originating in the county that stay
there and the percentage for other
counties where they occur)

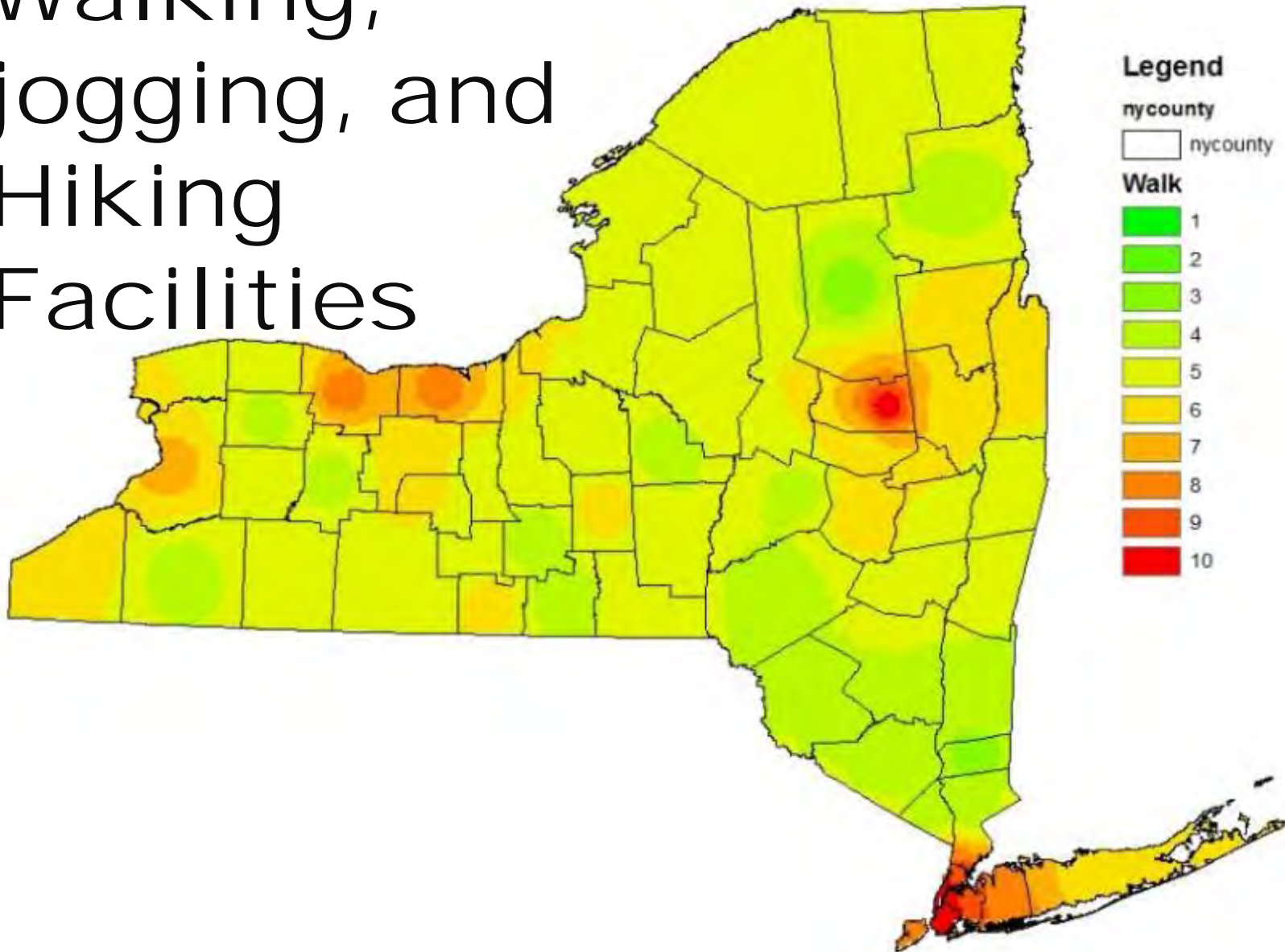
Demand at
Origin

Number of activity days occurring in
the county regardless of where they
originate.

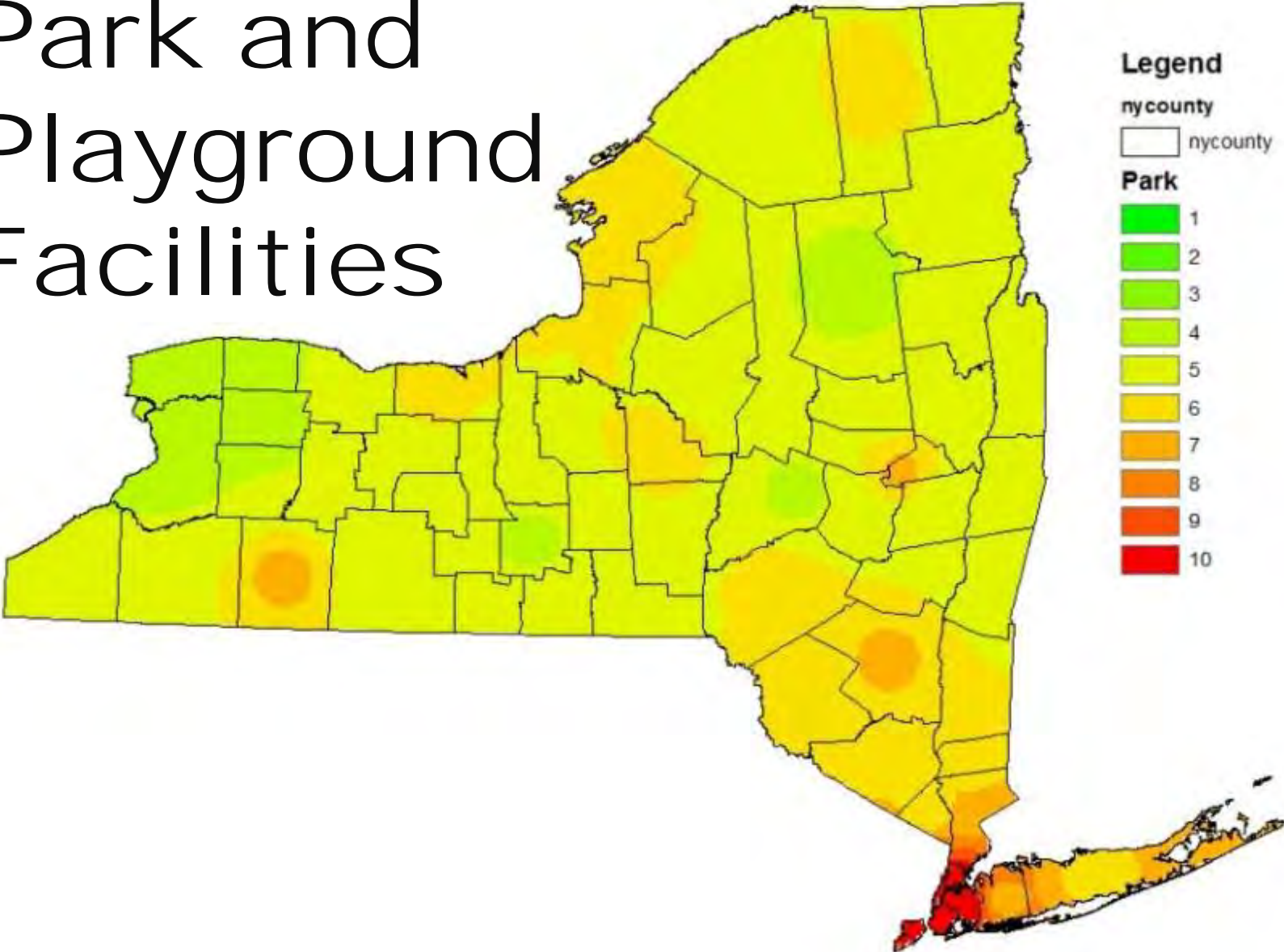
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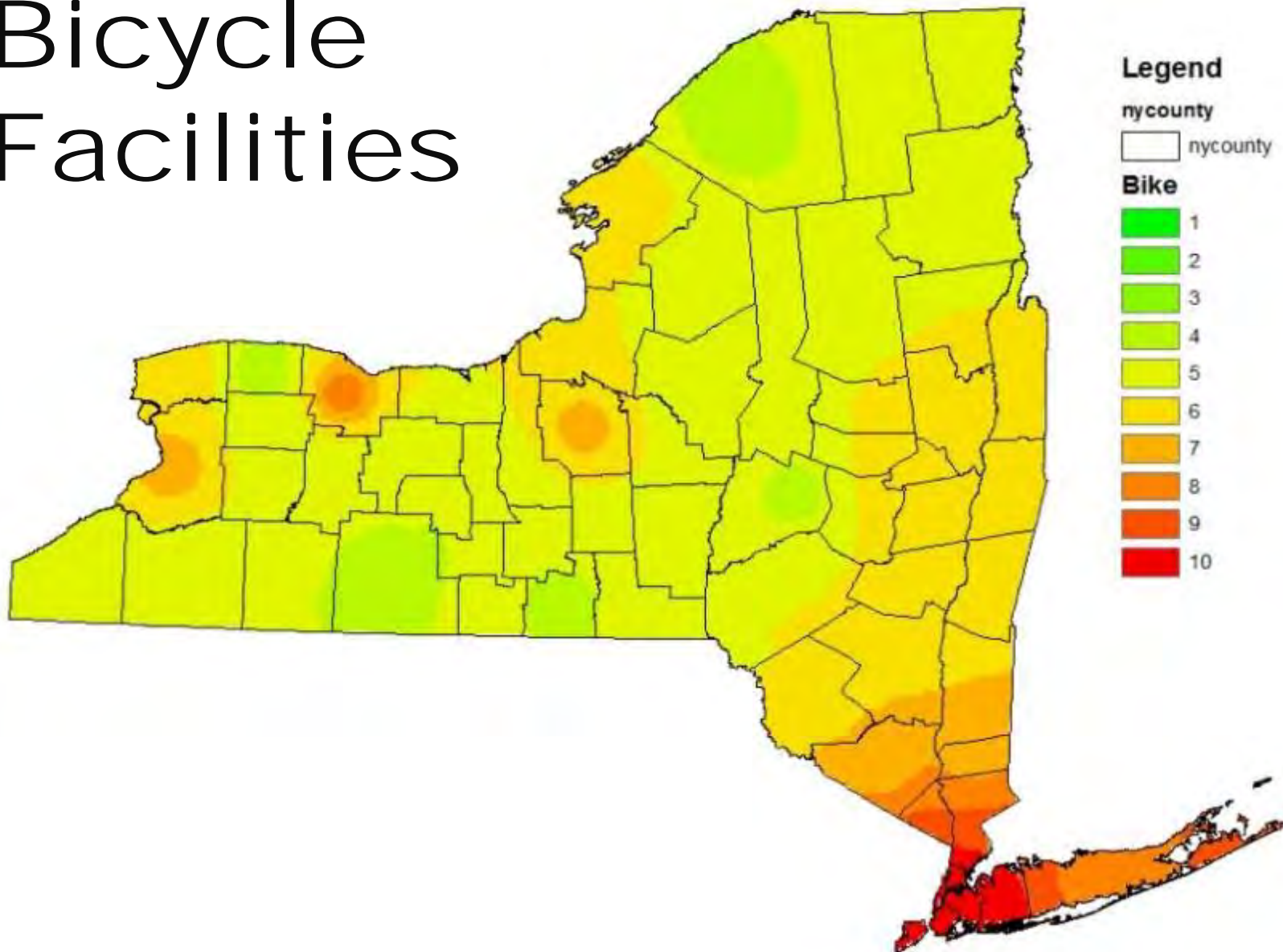
Walking, jogging, and Hiking Facilities



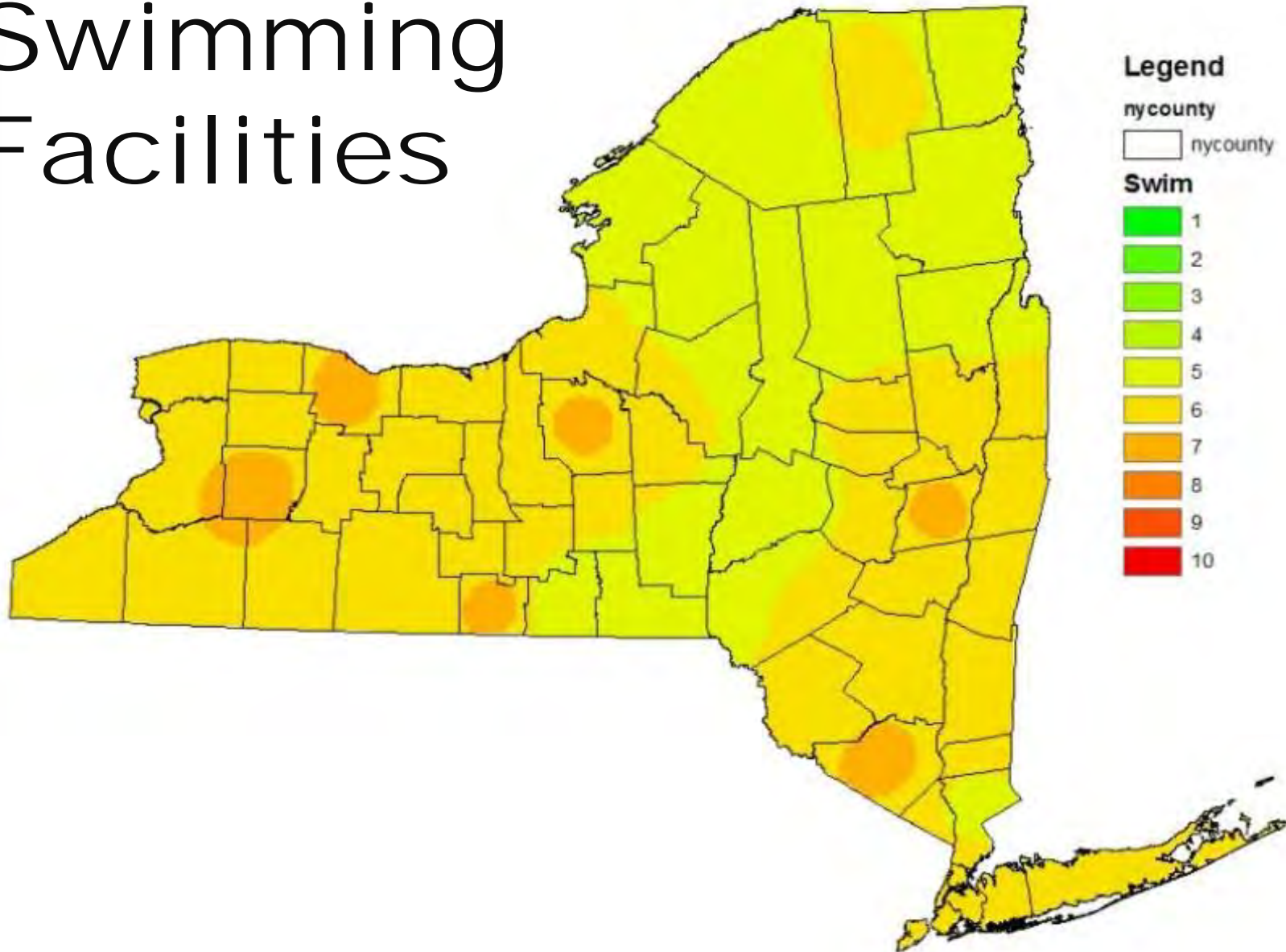
Park and Playground Facilities



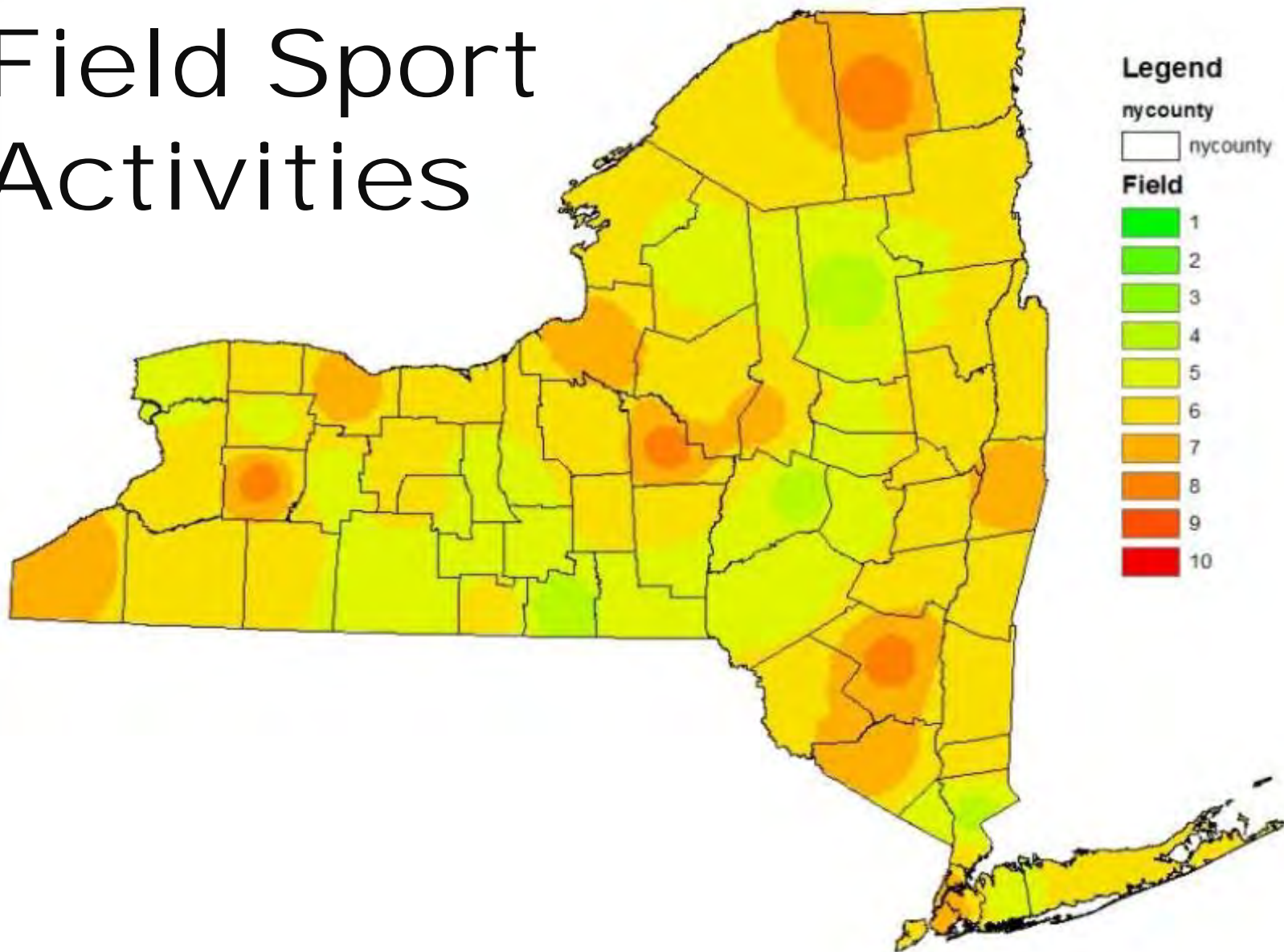
Bicycle Facilities



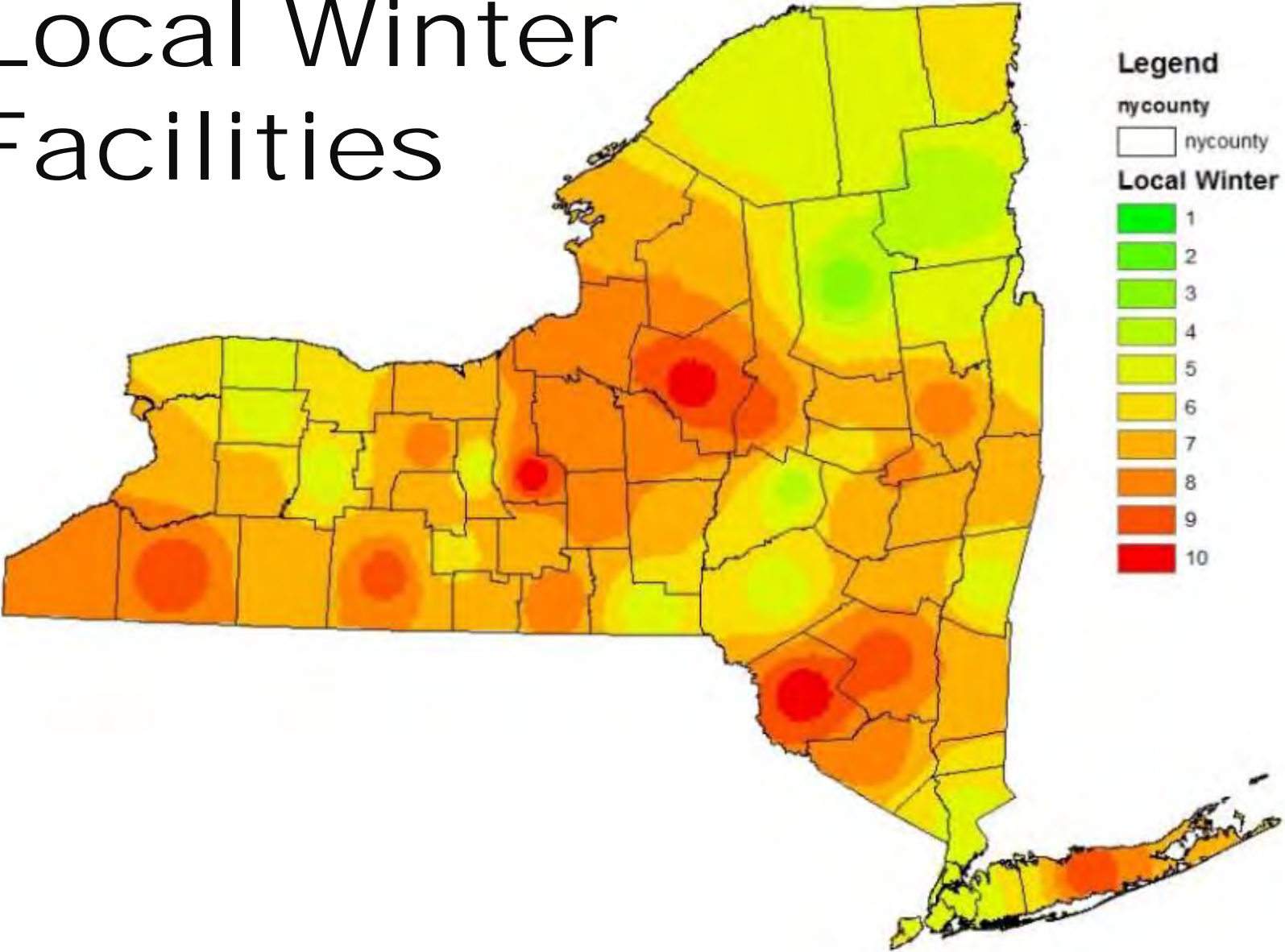
Swimming Facilities



Field Sport Activities



Local Winter Facilities



Environmental Impacts





State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA)

- Requires all state and local agencies to consider environmental factors in Agency decision-making process and actions
- Balances environmental impacts with social and economic factors



Action

- The Adoption of the updated SCORP
 - Guides future recreational planning, activities and development
- As Lead Agency OPRHP Prepared a Generic Environmental Impact Statement (GEIS) for SCORP
 - GEIS focuses on the adequacy, clarity, and appropriateness of the stated initiatives, goals and recommendations that implement the vision of SCORP.



Alternatives

- Not preparing a Plan
- Adopting 2008 Plan
- Preparing a New Plan
 - This is the preferred alternative



Environmental Impacts and Mitigation

- Planning Process
 - Trends, Issues, and Needs
 - Initiatives, Goals, and Recommendations
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Environmental Impacts and Mitigation

- Land Conservation
- Statewide Programs
- Implementation
- Cumulative Impacts

Questions and Comments

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Comments will be accepted until

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