

Parks and Recreation Department

2024 Annual Report on the City's Joint Use Program with School Districts

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What is Joint Use?

City and School District Partnerships

- Joint use provides for the shared use of the public facilities and resources.
- Includes neighborhood park amenities such as multi-purpose turf field, walking track, hardcourts, play equipment, and/or off-street parking.
- Joint use facilities are utilized by the public when school is not in session and are reserved for student use during school hours.



City's Joint Use Program with Schools

Total of 105 joint use facilities, 94 with San Diego Unified
Over 400 acres of recreational opportunities

- San Diego Unified School District
- Del Mar Union School District
- Poway Unified School District
- San Diego Community College District
- San Dieguito Union HS District
- San Ysidro School District
- Solana Beach School District
- South Bay Union School District

Recently opened joint use facilities

In 2024, four new or expanded JU facilities opened to the public.

Clairemont Canyons Academy Joint Use Facility

3.30 acres, multi-purpose natural turf field, walking track, hardcourts, parking lot, and shade trees.

Clairemont Community, CD 2

Spreckels Elementary School Joint Use Facility Expansion

4.99 acres, multi-purpose natural turf fields, ball infield, walking track, hardcourts, play equipment, and shade trees.

University Community, CD 6

Emerson Elementary School Joint Use Facility
1.60 acres, multi-purpose synthetic turf field, walking track, parking lot, and shade trees.

Southeastern San Diego Community, CD 8

Wangenheim Middle and Walker Elementary Schools Joint Use Facility Expansion
15.80 acres, multi-purpose natural turf fields, ball infields, walking track, comfort station/concession stand, play equipment, and shade trees.

Mira Mesa Community, CD 6

Play All Day Program with San Diego Unified

Expansion of the Joint Use Program

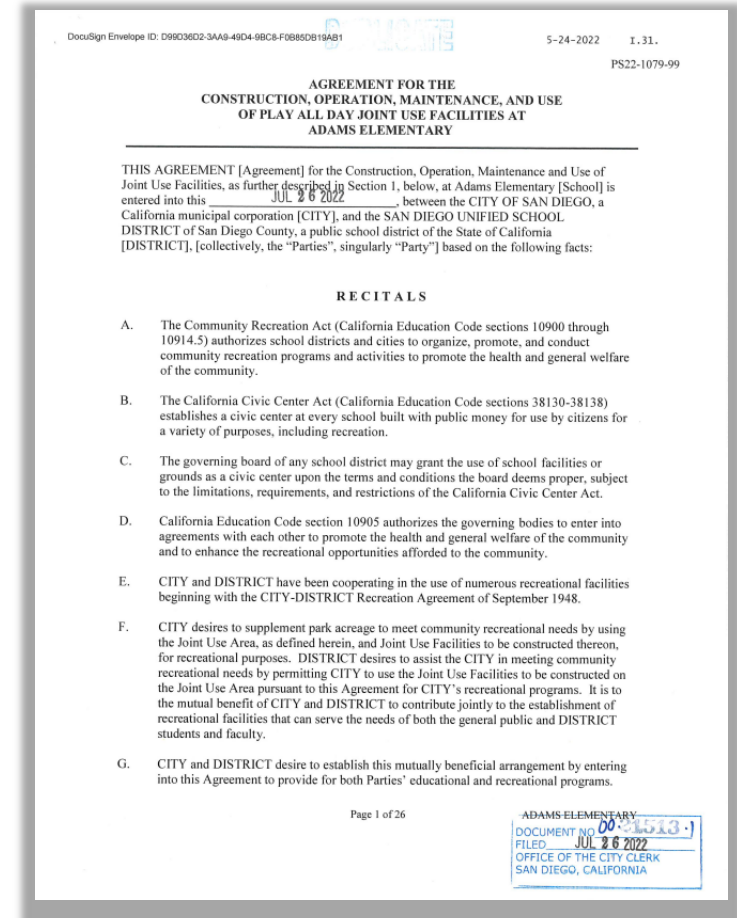
- Since 2016, **27** new or expanded joint use facilities with SDUSD have opened to the public.
- **10** future joint use facilities are in construction, **3** joint use facilities in design, **2** starting the public input process, and **12** identified in planning.
- SDUSD has utilized portions of a series of voter-approved capital improvement bond measures to construct new joint use facilities at school sites throughout the District.





Joint Use Agreements

- A joint use agreement is a site-specific formal agreement between the City and School District for the shared use, maintenance and operations.
- Per the 2019 City Audit Report, all joint use agreements with SDUSD must be updated to the new approved joint use agreement template
- 68 joint use agreements with SDUSD have been updating using the new template
- 32 remaining agreements still need to be updated



Joint Use Program Financial Contributions

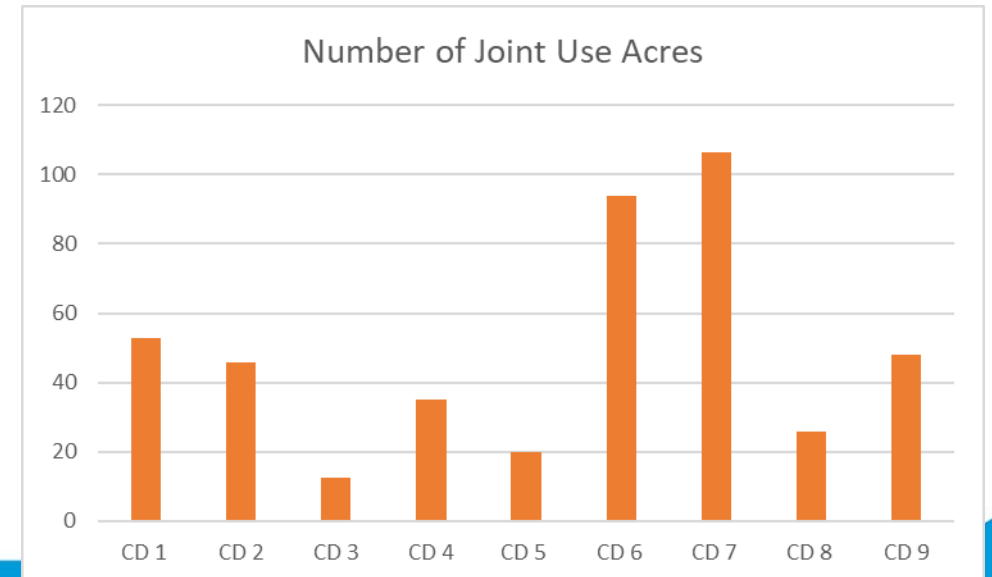
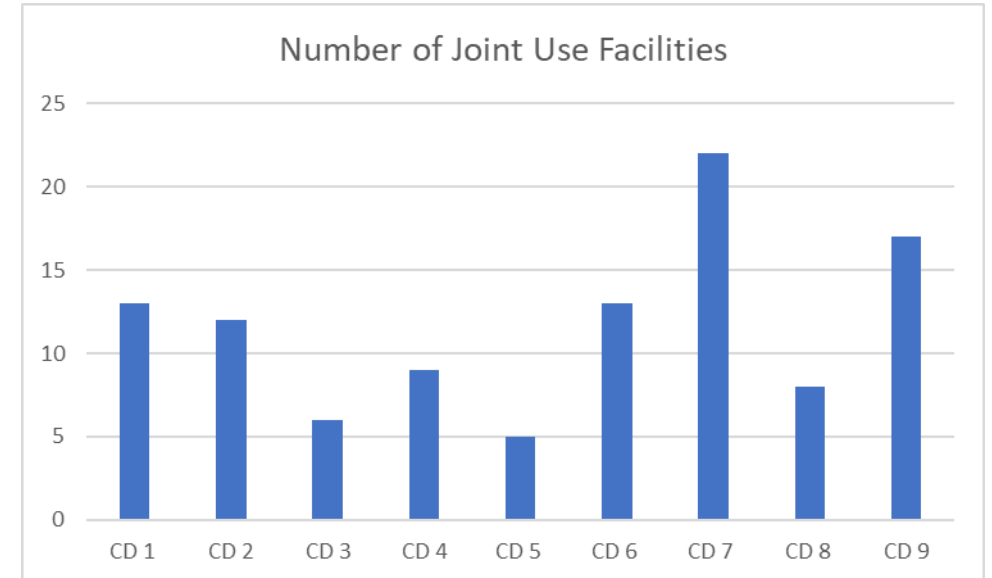
Parks and Recreation Department Fiscal Contributions for Joint Use

Description	Fiscal Year 2025	Fiscal Year 2026 Estimated
Number of Joint Use Sites added	4	3
Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) Position Adds	2	1.5
Ongoing Expense Added	\$338,305	\$319,495

- Ongoing expenses include personnel expenses, supplies, contracts, and utilities.
- The Fiscal Year 2026 estimate is based on the draft Five-Year Financial Outlook, which anticipates several new facilities coming on-line during the outlook period. The budget is subject to change during the upcoming annual budget development process.

Joint Use Opportunities

- The City is challenged to develop new joint use facilities with school districts other than SDUSD.
- These challenges are largely financial in nature because the other school districts do not have similar capital improvement bond measures that can be used to develop new joint use fields.



Joint Use Program Issues

- This year the Department worked with school districts on issues regarding:
 - Deterring illegal dog off-leash activity on joint use fields
 - Conducting maintenance of joint use fields during school hours
 - Identifying City funding for significant onetime maintenance reimbursement expenses



Joint Use Program Goals

- Explore opportunities to expand and support the City's Joint Use Program with School Districts
- Provide annual updates and reports to City Council
- For additional information please visit:
<https://www.sandiego.gov/park-and-recreation/parks/jointusefacilities>

