

# PARKS



## VALUE PROPOSITION

*I expect to have equitable access to safe and resilient parks and natural areas that meet my recreational and leisure needs, support health and well-being, protect the environment and offer opportunities to connect me to nature and others in my community.*

KEEP IN MIND:

## Influencing Factors

Influencing factors can create variances in comparison data from year-to-year and from municipality-to-municipality.



### Demographics & Community Use

*Operating costs vary through demand on resources by the community*



### Geography

*Varying topography affects the number of hectares*



### Maintenance Levels

*Level of management applied to natural areas in parks*



### Mix of Maintained & Natural Parkland

*Costs of maintained parkland are typically more costly than natural areas*



### Service Standards

*Amenities available, park maintenance standards and sports field classes*



### Weather Conditions

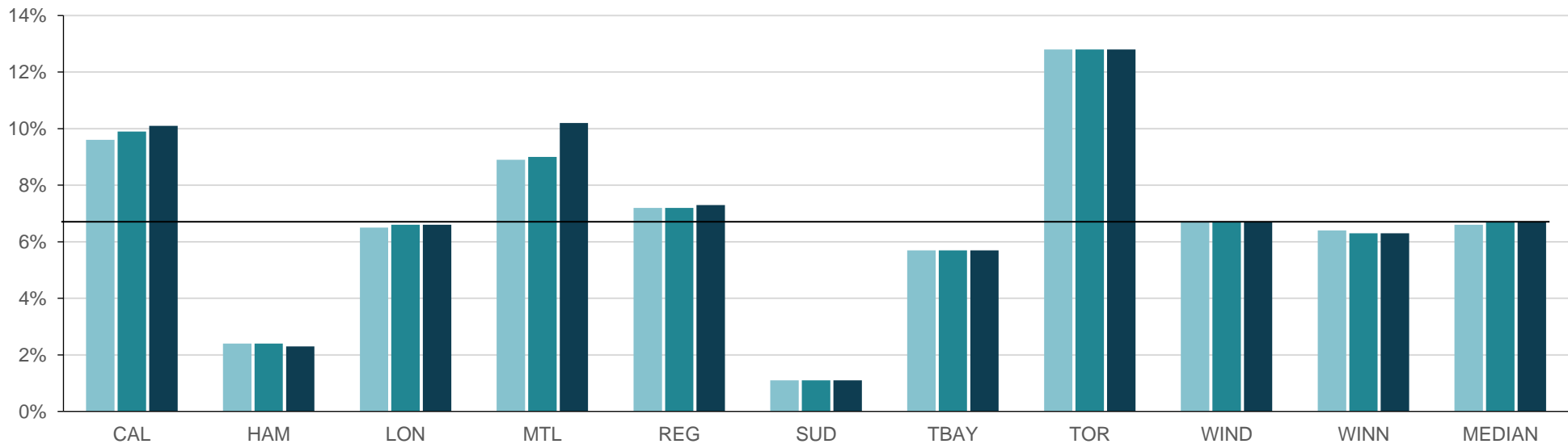
*Operating costs vary per season and changes in weather*

*For a full description of influencing factors, please go to: [www.mbncanada.ca](http://www.mbncanada.ca)*

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**Figure 22.1 All Parkland in Municipality as a Percent of Total Area of Municipality**

This measure reflects all parkland (natural and maintained) as a percentage of a municipality's total area. While some municipalities with a predominantly urban form may find it more difficult to establish new or expand existing parks within their developed core area, others with larger geographic areas of unsettled lands may have small percentages of parkland. These account for the differences in the results.



2017	9.6%	2.4%	6.5%	8.9%	7.2%	1.1%	5.7%	12.8%	6.7%	6.4%	6.6%
2018	9.9%	2.4%	6.6%	9.0%	7.2%	1.1%	5.7%	12.8%	6.7%	6.3%	6.7%
2019	10.1%	2.3%	6.6%	10.2%	7.3%	1.1%	5.7%	12.8%	6.7%	6.3%	6.7%

Source: PRKS125 (Community Impact)

Montreal: The increase in 2019 is due to the updating of the database of local parks and the acquisition of natural spaces for the Grand Parc de l'Oest.

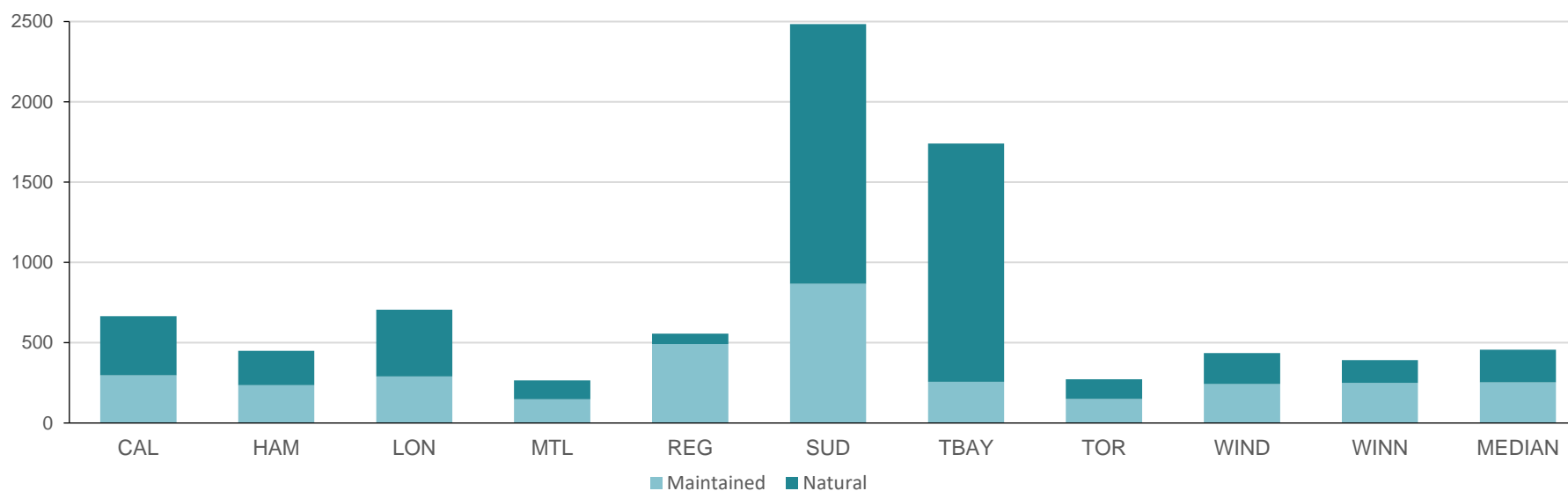
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**Figure 22.2 Hectares of Maintained and Natural Parkland in Municipality per 100,000 Population**

Maintained Parkland includes hectares where the municipality is responsible for the direct and non-recoverable costs (should incur costs) to maintain and are available for public use. This could include hectares owned by the municipality or school boards (if a reciprocal agreement is in place) and/or those leased from other third parties (through a formal lease agreement) as long as they are made available for public use.

Natural Parkland includes forests, meadows, storm water management buffer areas above the waterline (unless they are maintained to a high standard) which are lands surrounding ponds and rivers if these areas are part of the trail system or open space system which are available for public use.

In many cases, there is little to no change in the number of hectares reported year over year, therefore only 2019 data is presented.



Maintained	298	235	290	148	491	867	257	149	243	250	253
Natural	367	214	416	118	65	1617	1484	124	192	142	203
Total	665	449	706	266	556	2484	1741	273	435	392	503

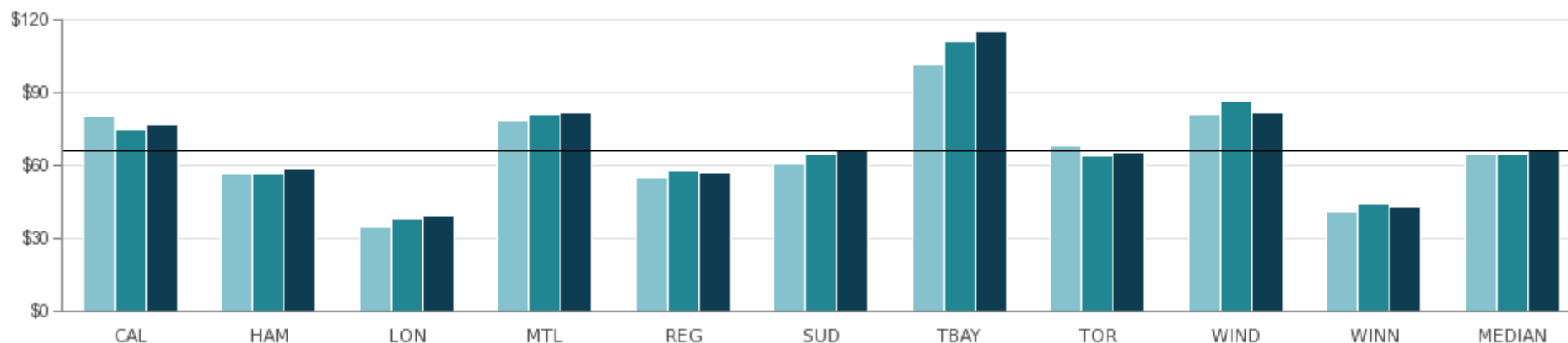
Source: PRKS205 (Service Level), PRKS210 (Service Level), PRKS215 (Service Level)

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**Figure 22.3 Operating Cost of Parks per Capita**

This measure reflects the operating cost to maintain parkland. Maintained Parkland includes hectares where the municipality is responsible for the direct and non-recoverable costs (should incur costs) to maintain and are available for public use. This could include hectares owned by the municipality or school boards (if a reciprocal agreement is in place) and/or those leased from other third parties (through a formal lease agreement) as long as they are made available for public use.

Natural Parkland includes forests, meadows, storm water management buffer areas above the waterline (unless they are maintained to a high standard) which are lands surrounding ponds and rivers if these areas are part of the trail system or open space system. These hectares include those for which the municipality is responsible for the costs (should incur costs) of maintaining and which are available for public use.



2017	\$80.79	\$56.90	\$35.00	\$78.29	\$55.29	\$60.97	\$101.93	\$68.48	\$81.50	\$40.94	\$64.73
2018	\$74.77	\$56.38	\$38.02	\$81.41	\$57.97	\$64.91	\$111.45	\$64.38	\$86.53	\$44.03	\$64.65
2019	\$77.41	\$58.45	\$39.47	\$82.12	\$57.07	\$66.98	\$115.24	\$65.34	\$81.63	\$42.57	\$66.16

Source: PRKS230 (Service Level)

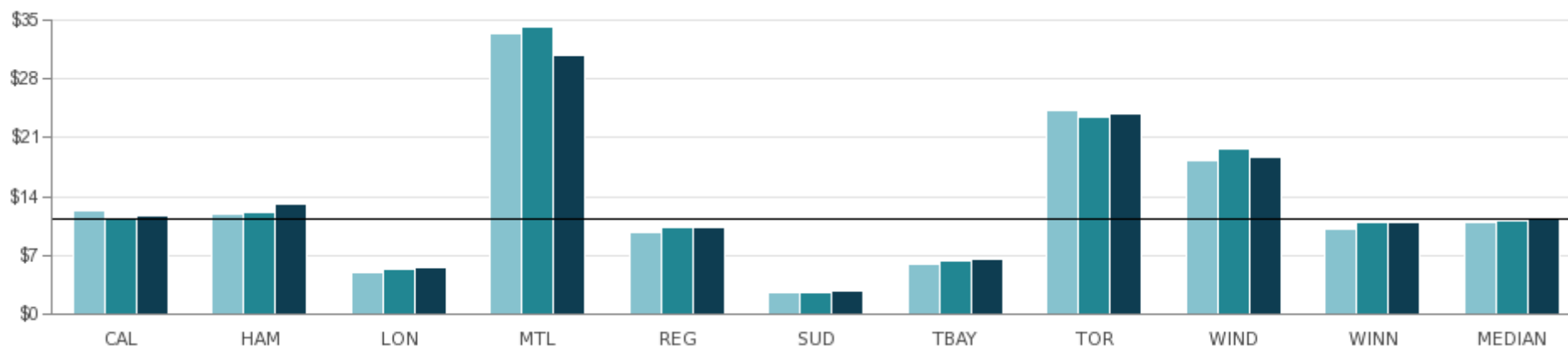
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**Figure 22.4 Operating Cost per Hectare - Maintained and Natural Parkland**

The measure includes the operating cost for maintained and natural parkland that the municipality is responsible to maintain and are available for public use. The higher the population density per hectare of parkland is, the greater the number of users, resulting in increased costs.

Maintained parks have higher maintenance standards and levels of maintenance activity than natural areas. Differences in service standards established for maintained parks and variations in level of management applied to natural areas affect the results. Refer to Figure 22.2 for description of maintained and natural parkland.

(In Thousands)



2017	\$12,400	\$11,808	\$4,895	\$33,549	\$9,696	\$2,456	\$5,854	\$24,351	\$18,372	\$10,148	\$10,978
2018	\$11,265	\$12,059	\$5,375	\$34,226	\$10,277	\$2,614	\$6,401	\$23,505	\$19,611	\$11,004	\$11,135
2019	\$11,636	\$13,017	\$5,587	\$30,857	\$10,264	\$2,697	\$6,618	\$23,914	\$18,783	\$10,861	\$11,249

Source: PRKS315 (Efficiency)

Montreal: An increase of 14.26% in total park area with a small increase in park operating costs (3.2%) resulted in lower costs per hectare in 2019.

