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## ['Park' Your Investments In Municipal Bonds.](#)

Parks make places nicer. Communities with parks have healthier environments for residents, with better air quality, more opportunities for active living and positive social engagement. They benefit the regional economy as well. Parks and open spaces improve real estate values to nearby residents as well as attract visitors, in turn helping local businesses.

The county and city of San Francisco understands both the social and economic benefits of parks. Using its gilt-edged general obligation pledge (the city is rated Aaa/AAA/AA+), San Francisco issued \$629.06 million in bonds through five series since 2010 for its [Clean and Safe Neighborhood Parks program](#). San Francisco Recreation and Parks Department (SFRPD) applied the proceeds to acquire, expand, and improve the parks, playgrounds and other open spaces in the city.

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