



One Water Committee

# Governor's Executive Order and Metropolitan's Activities Related to Non-Functional Turf

Item 6c

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# Governor Newsom's Executive Order N-7-22

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## Summary of Executive Order

- Calls on water agencies to move to Level 2 of water shortage contingency plans
  - Enact plans to ensure water shortage reduction *up to* 20%
  - Encourages agencies to go beyond 20% to prepare for long-term drought
- Directs DWR to develop strategies to improve water conservation
- Directs SWRCB to consider adoption of a non-functional turf regulation

## Executive Order N-7-22

- Non-Functional Turf

“By May 25, 2022, the Water Board shall consider adopting emergency regulations defining “non-functional turf” (*that is, a definition of turf that is ornamental and not otherwise used for human recreation purposes such as school fields, sports fields, and parks*) and banning irrigation of non-functional turf in the commercial, industrial, and institutional sectors except as it may be required to ensure the health of trees and other perennial non-turf plantings.”

## Executive Order N-7-22

# SWRCB Proposed Non-Functional Turf Regulation

- Focus on Commercial, Industrial, and Institutional (CII) properties
  - Excludes residential
  - Excludes park, sports fields, and other turf used for recreation or community events
- Allows irrigation of turf on the same valve as trees, shrubs, and other perennial plants
- Applies only to turf irrigated by potable water
- Held public meeting on April 21, 2022 to review proposed regulation and receive public comment

# Metropolitan's Activities in Non-Functional Turf Removal

## Metropolitan's Activities

### Commercial Turf Replacement Program

- Approximately 96 million square feet of commercial turf removed since July 1990
- Equivalent to ~63,800 residential front yard conversions
- Recently awarded DWR grant will be used to further increase program activity



# Commercial Turf Removal is Non- Functional Turf Removal







# Non-Functional Turf Removal



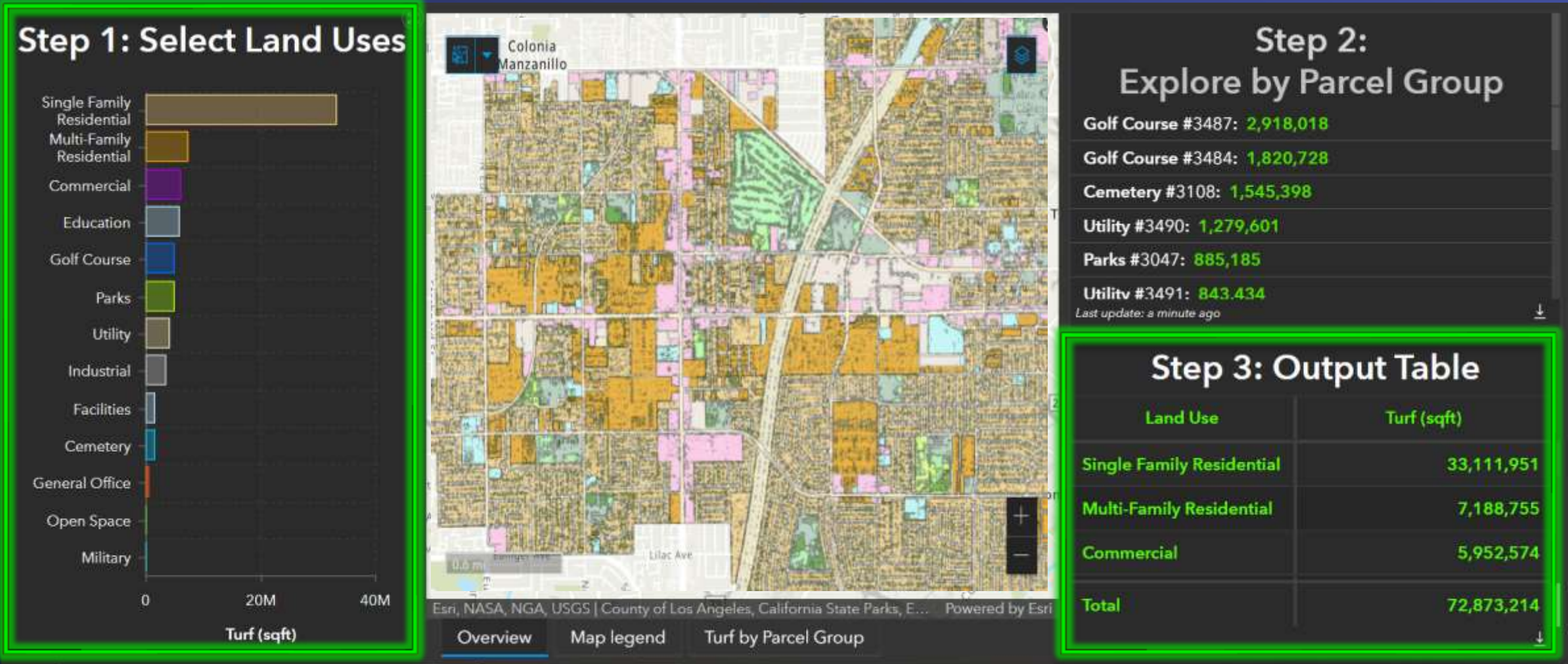
# Non-Functional Turf Removal



# Interactive Dashboard: Understanding the Prevalence of Non-Functional Turf



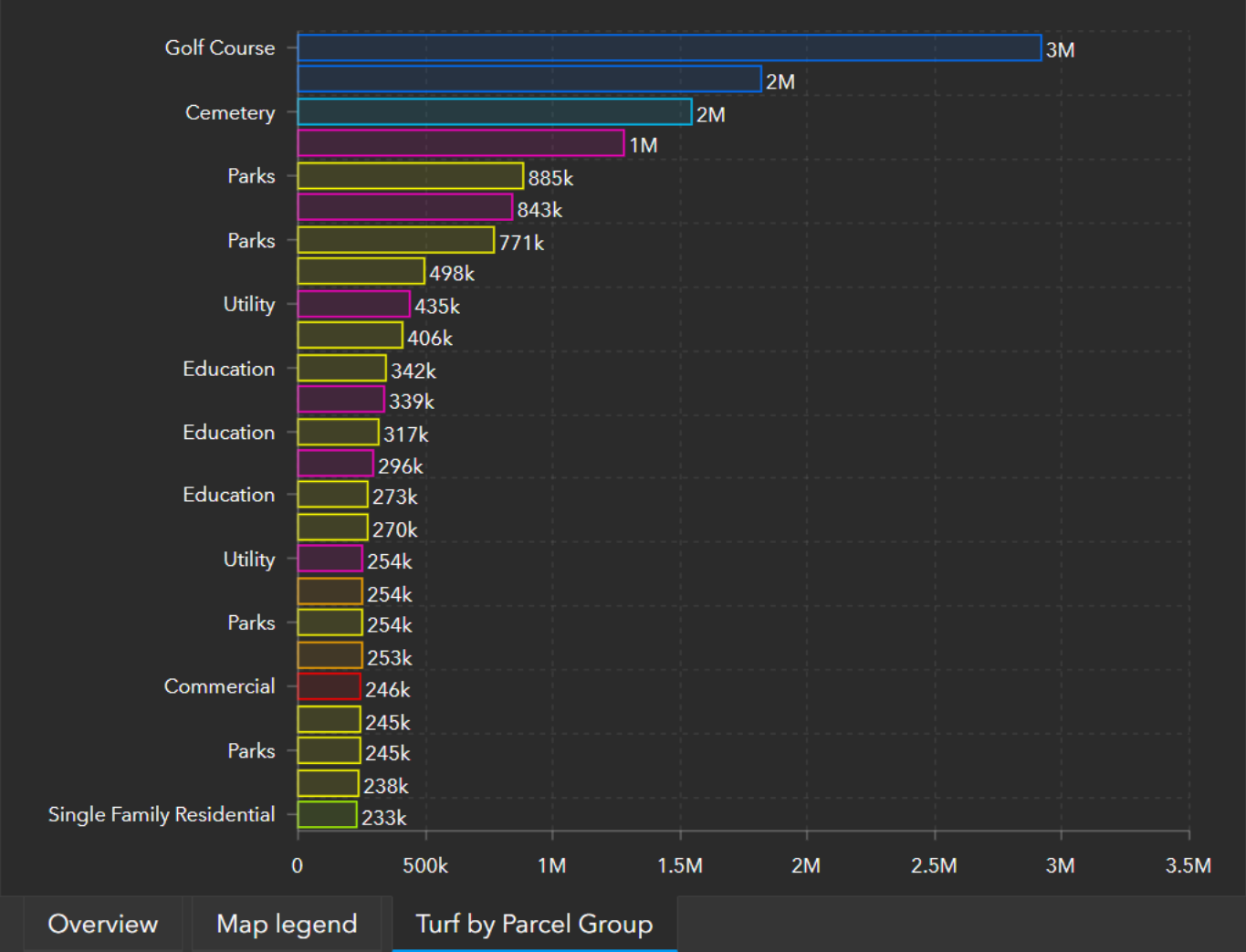
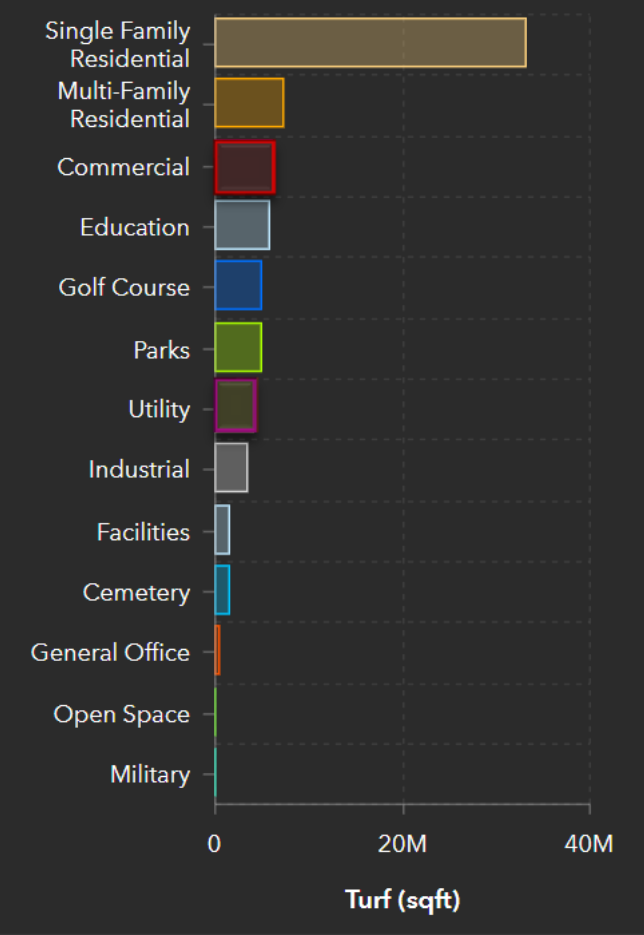
# Interactive Turf Measurement Dashboard





# Turf Measurement Dashboard: Ranked by amount of turf per parcel

## Step 1: Select Land Uses



## Step 2: Explore by

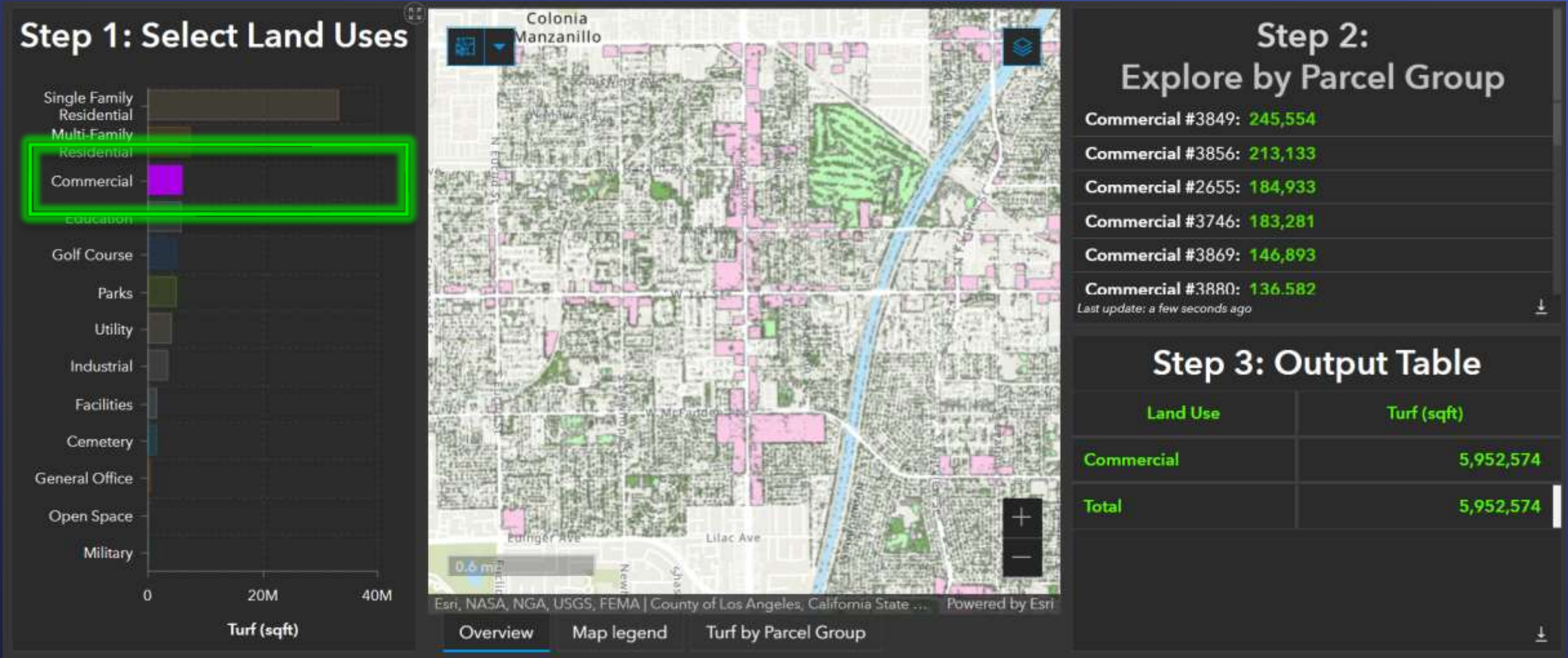
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Utility #3490:	1,279,601
Parks #3047:	885,185
Utility #3491:	843,434

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## Step 3: Output Table

Land Use	Turf (sqft)
Single ...	33,111,951
Multi-F...	7,188,755
Total	72,873,214

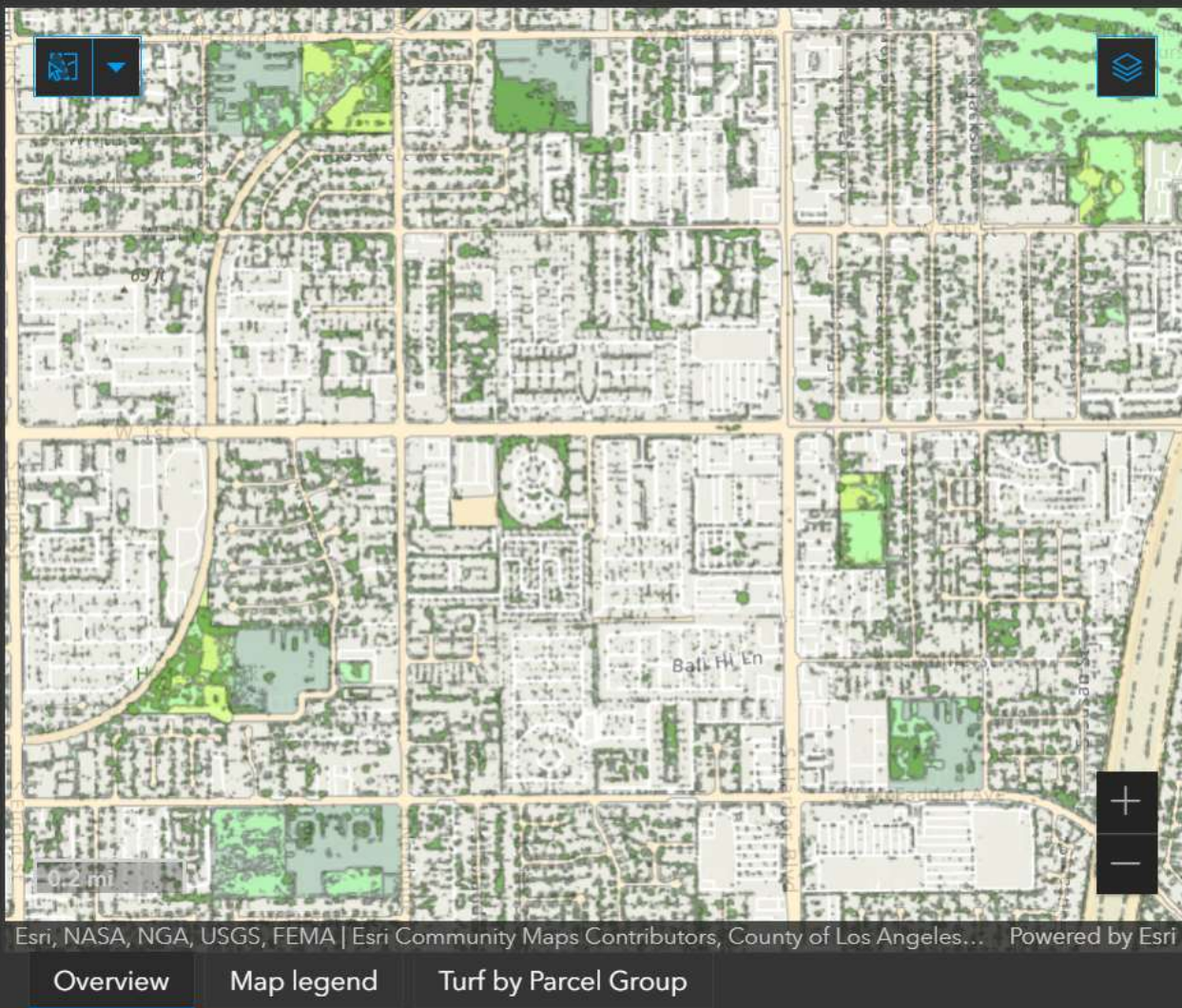
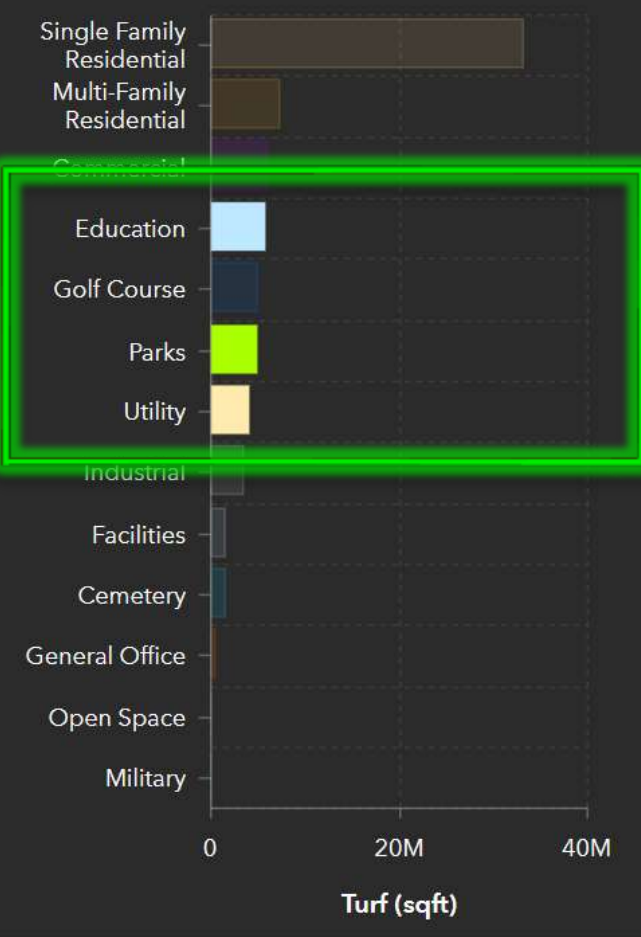
# Isolate categories to understand the magnitude of the issue





# Group categories and locate on map

## Step 1: Select Land Uses



## Step 2: Explore by Parcel

Utility #3490:	1,279,601
Parks #3047:	885,185
Utility #3491:	843,434
Parks #3039:	771,117
Education #1957:	498,113
Utility #3492:	434,814
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## Step 3: Output Table

Land Use	Turf (sqft)
Education	5,772,300
Parks	4,824,773
Utility	3,971,438
Total	14,568,512

## Next Steps

- Utilize recently awarded DWR grant to further increase commercial non-functional turf replacement program activity
- Continue to assist public agencies with non-functional turf replacement projects
- Expand turf measurement dashboard to entire service area
- Support development of city and county non-functional turf ordinances



