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Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Park Needs Assessment
Steering Committee Meeting #2

- Technical Advisory Committee
- Study Areas (formerly Planning Areas)
- Park and Recreation Metrics
- Inventory Approach (List of Amenities)
- Future Steps and Meetings
Technical Advisory Committee Overview

- Purpose and Role
- Composition
- Technical Guidance
  - Inventory and Web Portal
  - Existing Conditions Analysis
  - Opportunity Analysis
Technical Advisory Committee – Purpose and Role

Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment

County of Los Angeles Department of Parks and Recreation

Board of Supervisors

Outreach Partners

Technical Advisory Committee

Steering Committee

PlaceWorks

Key Facilitators/Project Management
Parks Needs Assessment
GIS/Mapping

DakeLuna Consultants
Outreach, Engagement and Training

David Taussig & Associates
Economics, Real Estate Acquisition

GreenInfo Network
Online GIS Mapping

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Technical Advisory Committee Members

- County Chief Information Office (CIO) GIS Section
- County Department of Public Health
- County Department of Regional Planning
- California Department of Parks and Recreation
- Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)
- California State Polytechnic University, Pomona; California State University, Northridge; University of Southern California
TAC Overview: Technical Guidance

- **Inventory of recreation assets and existing infrastructure needs**
  - Data Sources
  - Inventory and Evaluation Tools
  - Web Portal Development

- **Existing Conditions Analysis Methodology**
  - Approach to spatial needs analysis

- **Opportunity Analysis Methodology**
  - Data sources
  - Innovative strategies
Study Areas
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- Purpose of Study Areas
- Methodology for creating Study Areas
- Boundaries of Study Areas
Study Areas: Purpose

- Determine geographic boundaries to use in ensuring that communities receive equal representation in the assessment and prioritization of projects

- Data and needs analysis may be based on other geographies as well
Study Areas: Methodology

City of Los Angeles Planning Areas (37)

LAX and Port of LA combined with neighboring Planning Areas (35)

Split Large Planning Areas >150K (8) to (16)

Study Areas from Subdivided Cities = 18

City of Los Angeles Study Areas = 43

Preliminary Division by:
- Park Planning Areas
- City Council Districts
- Major Roads/Freeways
- Natural Features (Rivers)

Other Cities (87)

Larger Cities: ~150k (7)

One study area per city

One Study Area per City = 80

Smaller Cities: <137k (80)

One study area per unincorporated community

One Study Area per Unincorporated Community = 20

Unincorporated Communities (188)

Geographically isolated communities with small populations (21)

Grouped into study areas according to:
- Community name and geography
- The County’s board approved statistical areas used as guide
- Population distribution

One study area per small population (149)

Grouped Unincorporated Communities = 30

Total = 191
Study Areas: Cities

- Every city has at least one study area
- Cities over 135,000 have more than one study area:
  - Los Angeles (43)
  - Long Beach (5)
  - Glendale, Santa Clarita, Lancaster, Palmdale, Pomona, Torrance and Pasadena (2 each)
- 16 cities include adjacent unincorporated areas into their Study Area:
  - Avalon, Bradbury, Cerritos, Claremont, Glendora, La Verne, Lakewood, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Lynwood, Palmdale, Pasadena, Rolling Hills Estates, South El Monte, San Dimas, Vernon
Study Areas: Unincorporated Areas

- 1 unincorporated community has two study areas
- 18 unincorporated communities have one study area each
- 21 geographically isolated unincorporated communities with small population were consolidated with an adjacent city
- 149 unincorporated communities were consolidated into 30 Study Areas
Study Areas: Recommendations

- The Park Needs Assessment should use the Study Area boundaries shown on the Draft Map as the basis for data gathering and analysis, with minor changes to be finalized by staff and consultant team.
Park and Recreation Metrics
Park and Recreation Metrics Overview and Discussion

- Purpose of Metrics
- Metrics Categories
- Inventory Approach (List of Amenities)
- Metrics Recommendation
Park and Recreation Metrics: Purpose

- Establish a set of park and recreation metrics that will be used to evaluate need in each study area
- Metrics will guide data collection and inform project prioritization
Park and Recreation Metrics: Categories

- Park Land
- Park Access
- Park User Density
- Park Amenities
- Park Condition
Park and Recreation Metrics: Park Land

Is there enough park land for the population?

- Will be measured as acres of existing park land per 1,000 people
- Will be measured by study area
- Will be compared to County standard of 4 acres per 1,000 people
Park and Recreation Metrics: Park Access

Is park land located where everyone can access it?

- Percentage and locations of households in the study area within a ½ mile walk of a park
  - Park does not have to be within study area

- ½ mile walk measured on actual walking paths
  - Takes into account barriers such as freeways and railroads
Park and Recreation Metrics: Park User Density

What is the population density around each park?

- Measured for the service area of each park in or near the study area
- Service area boundaries will account for physical barriers
- Measured in park acres per 1,000 population within the park service area
Park and Recreation Metrics: Park Amenities

List of Amenities to be Studied

- Quantify amenities in each park:
  - **Active:**
    - Tennis Courts
    - Basketball Courts
    - Baseball Fields
    - Soccer Fields
    - Other Multipurpose Fields
    - Skateparks
    - Fitness Zones
  - **Passive:**
    - Picnic Shelters
  - Playgrounds
Park and Recreation Metrics: Park Amenities

List of Amenities to be Studied

- Quantify amenities in each park:
  - Trails
  - Aquatic Facilities:
    - Splash Pads
    - Swimming Pools
  - Buildings:
    - Gymnasiums
    - Community Centers/Rec. Centers
    - Senior Centers
    - Freestanding Restrooms
  - Other Specialty Facilities
Park and Recreation Metrics: Park Condition

*Is the park well-maintained?*

- Rank the condition of each amenity in each park
  - Very Good
  - Good
  - Fair
  - Poor

- Examples of each amenity condition will be provided
Parks and Recreation Metrics: Community Profile Data

- **Health Data**
  - Obesity
  - Asthma
  - Air Quality
  - Environmental Hazards

- **Safety Data**
  - Gang Injunctions
  - Violent crime hot spots
  - Bike/Pedestrian Collisions

- **Access Data**
  - Bus/Rail Routes and Stops
  - Car ownership
  - Language isolation

- **Socioeconomic Data**
  - Race/ethnicity
  - Income
  - Age
  - Children under 18
Community Profile Data: Steering Committee Requests

- We have not been able to find useable sources for the following requested data:
  - Resources invested in parks
    - Limited information is available:
      - State park bonds (Propositions 12, 40, 84) and Prop. A
  - Population data that is more accurate than the Census
  - Sidewalk condition
  - Safe routes to school
  - Crosswalks
  - Park user characteristics
Park and Recreation Metrics: Recommendations

- The Park Needs Assessment will assess metrics in the following categories for existing parks in each Study Area:
  - Park land (acreage per 1,000 people)
  - Park access (percent of households within 10 minute walk of a park)
  - Park user density (acres per person within park service area)
  - Park amenities (variety and quantity)
  - Park conditions (level of maintenance needed for each amenity)

- The Needs Assessment will assess the variety of facilities discussed today, to be finalized by staff and consultants

- The Needs Assessment will include a Community Profile that analyzes existing health, safety, access, and socioeconomic conditions in each Study Area
Future Steps and Meetings

- Continued work on the Web Portal, for July launch
- Continued outreach to cities

- Steering Committee Meeting #3 – July 9th
  - Inventory Web Portal Review
    - Web Portal will be built based on the list of amenities specified in Park and Recreation Metrics

- Steering Committee Meeting #4 – October 29th
  - Existing Conditions Review
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