LOS ANGELES COUNTYWIDE COMPREHENSIVE PARK & RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT

Steering Committee Meeting #5
October 29, 2015
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- Welcome and Project Updates
- Regional Approach
- Existing Conditions Analysis
Welcome and Project Updates
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- Study Area Community Engagement Plans
- Education and Outreach Update
- Website Update
- Parking Lot
WELCOME AND PROJECT UPDATES

Community Engagement Plans

- 125 meetings scheduled
- 7 cities have declined to participate in community engagement phase
  - La Habra Heights
  - Industry
  - Irwindale
  - Lakewood
  - Manhattan Beach
  - Palos Verdes Estates
  - Rolling Hills Estates
WELCOME AND PROJECT UPDATES

Community Engagement Plans

- 17 cities have not yet submitted Community Engagement Plans:
  - Alhambra, Baldwin Park, Beverly Hills, Cudahy, Culver City, Diamond Bar, La Canada Flintridge, La Puente, La Verne, Lawndale, Lynwood, Maywood, Pomona, Rosemead, South El Monte, Vernon, West Hollywood, Walnut
WELCOME AND PROJECT UPDATES

Community Engagement Plans

Facilitator Trainings

- Monday, November 16th
  10am-12pm
  Roy A. Anderson Rec. Center
  Los Angeles

- Tuesday, November 17th
  6:30-8:30pm
  LA County Arboretum
  Arcadia

- Thursday, November 18th
  10am-12pm
  San Fernando Pool Facility
  San Fernando
WELCOME AND PROJECT UPDATES

Education and Outreach

Health Equity Workshops:

- Tuesday, November 3rd
  10am-12pm
  El Monte Senior Center
  El Monte

- Monday, November 9th
  10am-12pm
  Bateman Hall Auditorium
  Lynwood

- Friday, November 13th
  10am-12pm
  Roy A. Anderson Rec Center
  Los Angeles
WELCOME AND PROJECT UPDATES

Education and Outreach

Areas of Focus & Organizations Involved

- Southeast LA, South LA, West Athens/Westmont
  LA Neighborhood Land Trust

- Sun Valley, Valley Glen, Van Nuys
  Pacoima Beautiful

- Westlake, Hollywood, Wilshire East
  Korean Youth and Community Center

- Unincorporated East LA, Boyle Heights
  LA Neighborhood Land Trust

- South El Monte, El Monte, Baldwin Park
  Bike San Gabriel Valley
WELCOME AND PROJECT UPDATES

Education and Outreach

Areas of Focus & Organizations Involved

- La Puente, Unincorporated: West La Puente, Hacienda Heights, Valinda, Avocado Heights/Bassett
  *Bike San Gabriel Valley*

- Maywood, Bell, Huntington Park, South Gate, Cudahy
  *Mujeres de la Tierra*

- Paramount, Compton, Unincorporated Compton, Unincorporated East Rancho Dominguez
  *William C. Velasquez Institute*

- Inglewood, Hawthorne, Unincorporated Lennox, Lawndale
  *Lot to Spot*
Education and Outreach

- Social Media Campaign
  - Facebook and Twitter
  - Adults and teenagers countywide
  - Launching now
WELCOME AND PROJECT UPDATES

Website Update

- Oriented to general public
- Currently advertises Health Equity Workshops
- Will have clickable map/address entry feature for finding community meeting information

WE ALL NEED PARKS!

Parks provide countless health, social, environmental and economic benefits to communities. Communities with abundant parks and quality recreational facilities thrive.

The County of Los Angeles and all 88 cities are studying park and recreation facilities to better understand how to improve, expand and make parks more accessible so that all our communities can thrive.

COME TO A PARKS AND HEALTH EQUITY WORKSHOP

Come to a workshop to learn about the roles of parks in building healthy, thriving and engaged neighborhoods. Learn more about how the County and cities are taking stock of our parks, recreation facilities and open space—and what kind of shape they’re in. This is a once-in-a-generation chance to shape priorities for how and where park funding will go for the next several decades.

Let us know which workshop you’re attending and we’ll save a seat for you: ParkInfo@laparks.com

**NOVEMBER 3, 10AM-12PM**
El Monte Senior Center
3120 Tyler Ave., El Monte

**NOVEMBER 9, 10AM-12PM**
El Monte City Auditorium
11500 bulb Rd., Lynwood

**NOVEMBER 15, 10AM-12PM**
Roy A. Anderson Recreation Center, Comrie Hall
3302 W. Robison Lane, Los Angeles


www.lacountyparkneeds.com
WELCOME AND PROJECT UPDATES

Parking Lot

- Census Undercount
- Homeless
- Gang Violence
- Park Safety
- Rivers
- Green Infrastructure

- Crosswalk/Sidewalk Condition
- Climate adaptation
- Water
- Sustainability
- Criteria for Funding
Regional Approach
Regional Approach

- Regional Needs for Sustainability within Park and Recreation Facilities
- Needs of Regional Facilities
Regional Need for Sustainability

Final Park Needs Assessment report will recommend that future park and recreation projects constructed with public funds adhere to established sustainability best management practices, especially in the following areas:

- Green Infrastructure
- Water Conservation
- Climate Adaptation
- Connectivity and Trails
REGIONAL APPROACH

Needs of Regional Facilities

Regional Recreational Facilities:

- Owned/managed by a local public agency
- Subject to the Park Preservation Act
- At least 100 acres in size
- At least three amenity types beyond trails, restrooms, and picnic shelters

Image courtesy of LA County Dept. of Parks & Recreation
REGIONAL APPROACH

Needs of Regional Facilities

**goal**
- **ASSESS PUBLICLY OWNED/OPERATED PARKS**

**typology**
- **PARKS**
  - **LOCAL**
    - COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS
  - **REGIONAL**
    - PARK USER MEETINGS
    - 10 PROJECTS PER STUDY AREA
    - 5 PROJECTS PER FACILITY

**scale**
- **OPEN SPACE**
- **BEACHES**
- **TRAILS**
- **REGIONAL SPECIALTY FACILITIES***

**outreach**
- **REGIONAL**
  - SELF ASSESSMENT
  - 3 PROJECTS PER FACILITY

**prioritized list**
- **MAIN BODY**
- **ADDENDUM**

**final report**

*WITHIN A PARK
REGIONAL APPROACH

Needs of Regional Facilities

Regional Recreational Facilities:

1. Castaic Lake (County of Los Angeles)
2. Central Park (City of Santa Clarita)
3. El Dorado Regional Park, *East and West* (Long Beach)
4. Elysian Park (City of Los Angeles)
5. Ernest E. Debs Regional Park (City of Los Angeles)
6. Frank Bonelli Regional Park (County of Los Angeles)
7. Griffith Park (City of Los Angeles)
8. Hahamongna Watershed Park (City of Pasadena)
9. Hansen Dam Park (Los Angeles)
10. Heartwell Park (City of Long Beach)
REGIONAL APPROACH

Needs of Regional Facilities

Regional Recreational Facilities:

11. Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park (City of Los Angeles)
12. Kenneth Hahn State Recreation Area (County of Los Angeles)
13. Lake Balboa Park (City of Los Angeles)
14. Peter F. Schabarum Regional County Park (County of Los Angeles)
15. San Dimas Canyon Community Regional Park (County of Los Angeles)
16. Santa Fe Dam Regional Park (County of Los Angeles)
17. Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area (City of Los Angeles)
18. Whittier Narrows Recreation Area (County of Los Angeles)
19. Woodley Avenue Park (City of Los Angeles)
REGIONAL APPROACH

Needs of Regional Facilities

Regional Recreational Facilities - Assessment of Need

- Optional park-user meeting for each Regional Recreational Facility (as per operating agency decision)

- Agency can report up to 5 prioritized projects per facility

- If a project is included on a Regional Recreation Facility’s list, the same project cannot be included in a Study Area’s prioritized list.
REGIONAL APPROACH

Needs of Regional Facilities

Other Regional Facilities:

- Beaches/Harbors
  - Publicly owned and operated/maintained by a local public agency

- Open Space/Nature Centers
  - Publicly owned and operated/maintained by a local public agency
  - Subject to the Park Preservation Act

- Regional Specialty Facilities
  - Publicly owned and operated/maintained by a local public agency
  - Subject to the Park Preservation Act
  - Operated as its own facility
  - Includes: Arboretums, Specialty Gardens, Aquatic Centers, Equestrian Facilities, Golf Courses, Amphitheaters, Zoos, Sports Complexes
Regional Approach

Needs of Regional Facilities

Other Regional Facilities Assessment of Need

- Agencies will conduct an internal assessment of need for these facilities

- Each agency can submit up to 3 projects per facility, up to a total of 10 regional facility projects per Study Area per agency

- Any project that is included in the addendum cannot be included on a project list within the main body of the Needs Assessment
Existing Conditions Analysis
Existing Conditions Analysis

- Data Gathered through Web Portal
- Community Profile Snapshot
- Park Metrics
EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS
Data from Web Portal

- How many parks were added through the Web Portal? 696
- How many parks are there throughout the County? 3,024
- How many park acres are within the County? 903,797
- How many individual amenities were analyzed? 9,000
- Which amenity is there the most of? Playgrounds
EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

Community Profile Snapshot

Community Profile Snapshot includes:

- Population density
- Population distribution by age
- Population distribution by race/ethnicity
- Income level below 200% poverty
- No vehicle access
- Linguistic isolation
- Bike/ped collisions
- Violent crime
- Obesity rate
- Asthma ER visits
- Pollution burden
- Air quality data
EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

Community Profile Snapshot

28% of the population has INCOME BELOW 200% POVERTY LEVEL
The county average is 36%

24% of the population has NO VEHICLE ACCESS
The county average is 8%

51% of the population is LINQUISTICALLY ISOLATED
The county average is 23%
The dominant language is Spanish

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY AGE

POPULATION DISTRIBUTION BY RACE/ETHNICITY

BIKE / PED. COLLISIONS

POLLUTION BURDEN

VIOLENT CRIME

Very Low  Low  Moderate  High  Very High
EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

Key Community Characteristics
EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

Air Quality and Health Data
EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

Park Metrics

- Park Metrics used in Analysis of Park Need:
  - **PARK LAND**: is there enough park land for the population?
  - **PARK ACCESSIBILITY**: is park land located within a half mile radius of residents?
  - **PARK USER DENSITY (PARK PRESSURE)**: how much park land is available to the residents in the area around each park?
  - **PARK AMENITIES**: what amenities are available within the Study Area?
  - **PARK CONDITION**: is the park in good, fair, or poor condition?
## EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

### Park Metrics

**PARK LAND:** Is there enough park land for the population?

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**PARK ACCESSIBILITY:** Is park land located where everyone can access it?

- **57%** population living **WITHIN 1/2 MILE** of a park
- The county average is X% of the population living within 1/2 mile of a park

### PARK PRESSURE

How much park land is available to residents in the area around each park?

- **City Terrace Park**
  - 0.8 park acres per 1,000

- **Eugene A. Obregon Park**
  - 0.6 acres per 1,000

- **Ruben F. Salazar Park**
  - 0.3 acres per 1,000

- **Parque de los Sueños**
  - 0.2 acres per 1,000

- **Belvedere Community Regional Park**
  - 3.0 acres per 1,000
EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

Park Need

HOW MANY PEOPLE NEED PARKS?
Park Acres + Distance to Park + Population Density = Park Need

Los Angeles County Study Area

PARK NEED CATEGORY
- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low
- Very Low

Area within 1/2 mile of a park
Materials and Translation

- These three pages will be made available electronically to the Steering Committee and the public for all study areas.
- Will also be printed in English in poster size for the workshop.
- Translations will be available in Spanish, Chinese, Korean and Armenian.
- Languages selected because at least 15% of the population in at least one study area speaks English “less than well” and speaks this language.
## EXISTING CONDITIONS ANALYSIS

### Amenity Conditions

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Miles of trails outside of parks: 0

### AMENITY CONDITIONS SUMMARY

- **City Terrace Park**
- **Eugene A. Obregon Park**
- **Ruben F. Salazar Park**
- **Parque de los Sueños**
- **Belvedere Community Regional Park**
Future Steps and Meetings

- Health Equity Workshops on November 3, November 9 and November 14
- Facilitator trainings on November 16, 17 and 18.
- Toolkits will be available to meeting facilitators on or before December 1
- Base map, park metrics and park needs maps will be available for download from the website on or before December 1
- Attend community meetings – check website for meeting dates and locations
- Next Steering Committee Meeting is on March 24, 2015
  - Review of Prioritized Project Lists
Steering Committee Meeting #5
October 29, 2015