



LOS ANGELES COUNTYWIDE COMPREHENSIVE PARKS & RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT



we all need
PARKS
for healthy, thriving and engaged communities

INVENTORY

Accurate data about the size and location of all existing parks in the county were critical to completing the Parks Needs Assessment. These data were not available in a single database; therefore, the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation collaborated with 86 cities to complete the first ever Countywide inventory of existing parks.

LOCAL PARKS are under 100 acres and contain active amenities such as athletic courts and fields, playgrounds, and swimming pools.

REGIONAL RECREATION PARKS are over 100 acres and contain active amenities such as athletic courts and fields, playgrounds, and swimming pools.

REGIONAL OPEN SPACE includes facilities that are more than 5 acres and generally contain only passive amenities such as visitor centers, trails, picnic shelters, or restrooms.

NATURAL AREAS are generally larger than 100 acres and contain no reported amenities.

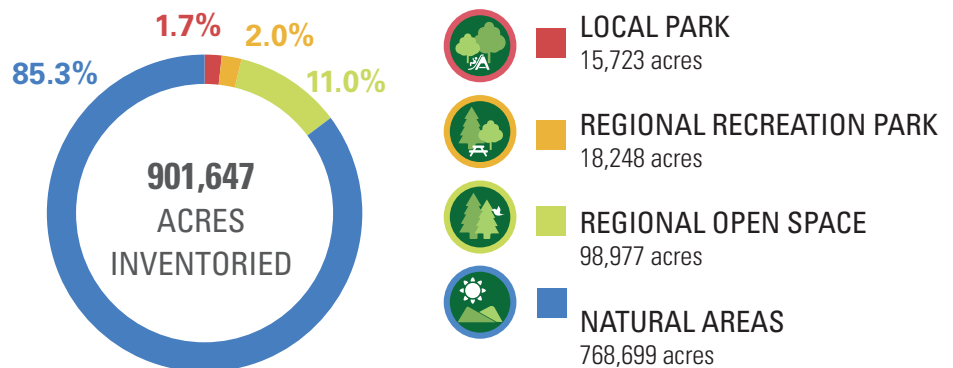
PARK METRICS



For more information, visit
LACountyParkNeeds.org

The Parks Needs Assessment establishes a new way to understand and think about parks, recreation, and open space by:

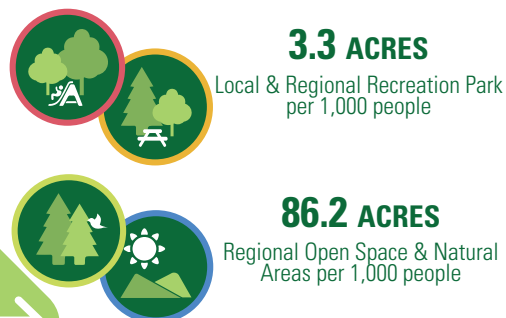
- Considering **parks as key infrastructure** needed to maintain and improve the quality of life for all County residents
- Using a **new series of metrics** to determine park need
- Supporting a **need-based allocation of funding** for parks and recreation
- Emphasizing both **community priorities** and **deferred maintenance projects**



3,023 FACILITIES INVENTORIED:



► How much park land is in the County?

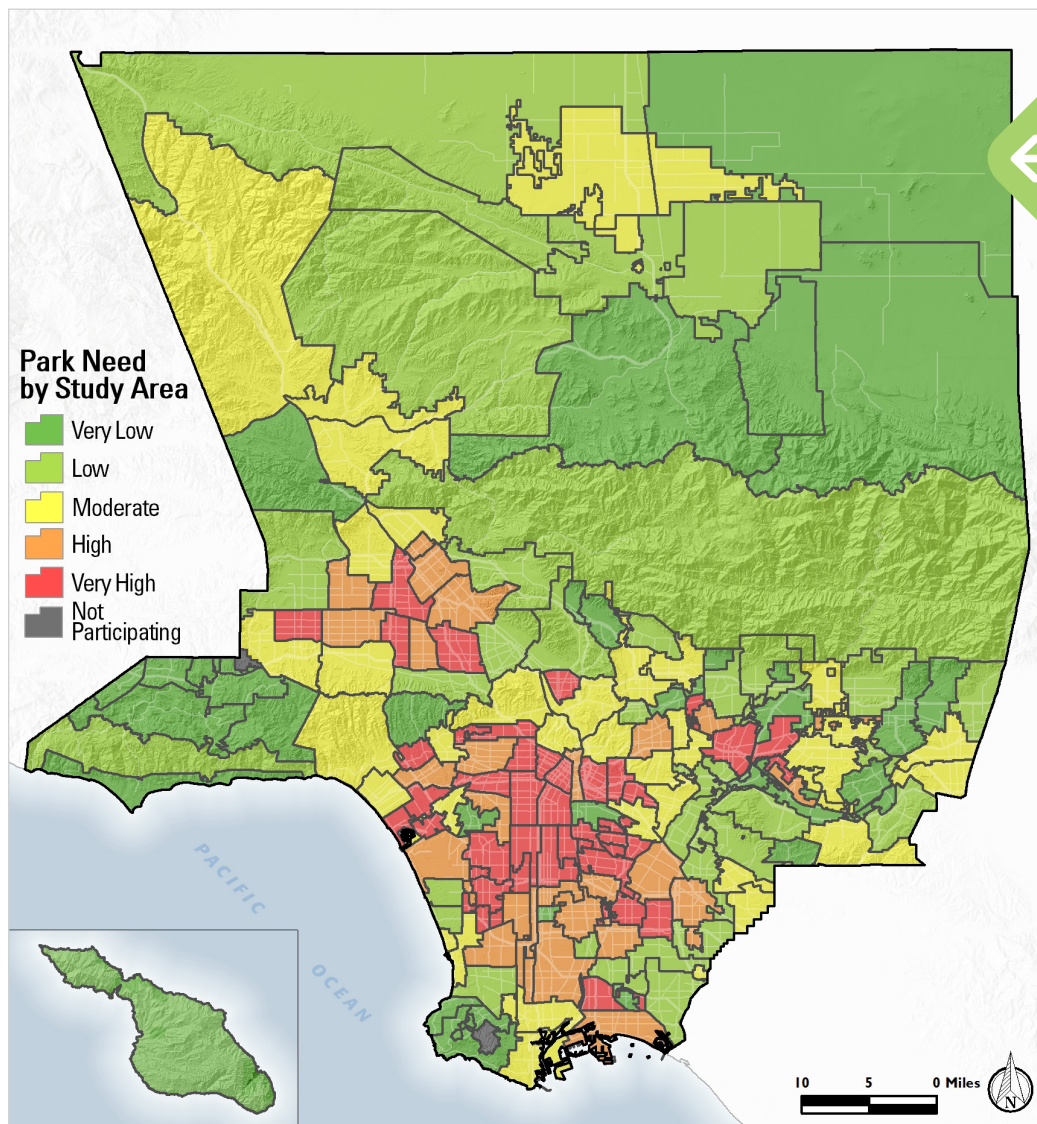


► How much land is available to residents in the area around each park?



► How much of the population has access to parks?

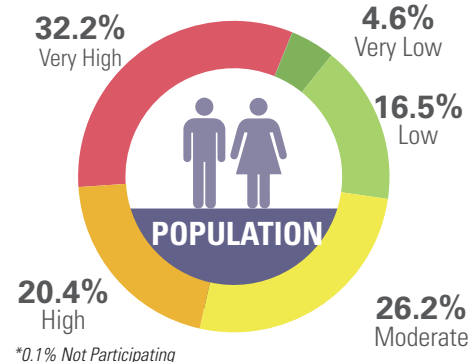




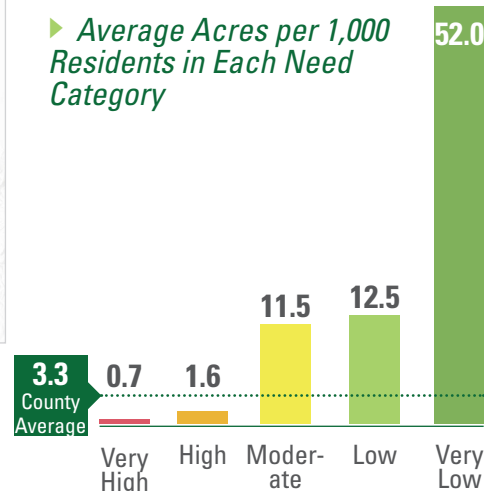
PARK NEED

The results of the analysis of the park metrics were combined to determine an overall park need level for each Study Area. This approach creates a framework for assessing park need from a Countywide perspective.

Population in Each Need Category*



Average Acres per 1,000 Residents in Each Need Category



Population reached via media

2.5 million+
Traditional Media



1.1 million+
Social Media



30K+ views
Project Website



Community Workshops Process



Review existing parks and metrics.



Develop comprehensive list of potential projects.



Prioritize top ten park projects.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

A Countywide education and awareness effort informed residents about the Parks Needs Assessment and encouraged them to attend a community workshop in their Study Area, where residents prioritized their communities' top ten parks projects.

\$8.8 billion



Prioritized Projects

\$12 billion



Deferred Maintenance

\$0.7 billion



Specialized Facilities

\$21.5 billion



COST ESTIMATE

Cost estimates were developed for the top ten prioritized park projects from each community workshop and for all deferred maintenance projects.