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Regional and Rural Edition 2021



## PARKS NEEDS ASSESSMENT:

# Regional and Rural Edition

Completed in 2016, the Los Angeles Countywide Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment is a study that has helped to answer questions like:

- » Where are new parks most needed?
- » What are the priority park projects in each study area?
- » What is the condition of each amenity at each park and which needs to be upgraded?
- » What is the approximate total cost of developing new parks and improving existing parks to meet community needs?

Now, LA County Parks is working on the **Regional and Rural Edition**. This is an update to the Parks Needs Assessment and focuses on regional facilities and rural communities.



The need for **Regional** facilities, including regional parks, beaches and lakes, trails, and natural areas and open spaces.



The park needs of **Rural** communities which are primarily located in the Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, and Santa Monica Mountains.

## Why is this important?

We want to better understand and document regional and rural park and recreation needs. This will help with planning and funding for existing and future facilities to meet the county's needs.

Also, this is a good time to do this study as outdoor public spaces have become very popular during the COVID-19 pandemic. Specifically, many people have been going to beaches, parks, trails, natural areas, and gardens for recreation and relaxation.

## Who can get involved?

- » You, the residents of Los Angeles County! All communities within the County, including cities and unincorporated areas will be invited to take part.
- » Local agencies and community-based organizations will assist with online meetings, surveys, focus groups, interviews, and other COVID-safe outreach.
- » LA County Parks is leading this effort.
- » A Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) will help guide and inform key aspects of the project. The TAC includes representatives with expertise in beaches, parks, public health, regional planning, transportation, open space and conservation, sustainability, and mapping.



## What are the study areas?

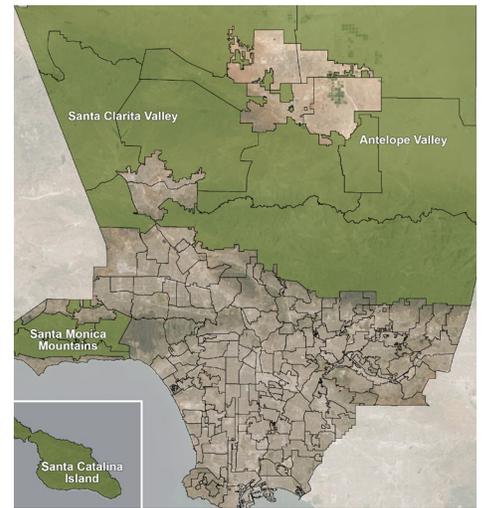
### REGIONAL STUDY AREAS

The 11 Regional Study Areas are based on Planning Areas established in the Los Angeles County General Plan adopted by the Board of Supervisors in 2015.



### RURAL STUDY AREAS

The 14 Rural Study Areas include communities in Antelope Valley, Santa Clarita Valley, Santa Monica Mountains, and Santa Catalina Island. These study areas are based on land use plans and area boundaries established in the General Plan and other planning documents.



## What will be included in the analysis?

- » Beaches and Lakes
- » Natural Areas and Open Spaces
- » Regional Parks
- » Trails
- » Arboreta and Botanical Gardens
- » Parks and Recreational Facilities in Rural Study Areas



### When will the Regional and Rural Edition be done?

Fall 2021

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