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APPENDIX A

REGIONAL STUDY

AREA PROFILES

This project was previously called the Regional and Rural Edition (RRE) to emphasize its focus on regional and rural recreation needs and priorities. This project name was used during the data collection, and community engagement and outreach phases which occurred primarily in 2021. As this report was being completed in 2022, DPR decided to rename the project the Parks Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+) to clarify and better communicate that this project complements and offers new information not previously included in the 2016 Parks Needs Assessment (PNA), such as mapping and analyses related to population vulnerability, environmental benefits, environmental burdens, and priority areas for environmental conservation, environmental restoration, regional recreation, and rural recreation. (Please note that there remains some text and graphic references to the RRE in this document because that was the project name when some components of this study were completed.)

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY REGIONAL STUDY AREA PROFILE

STUDY AREA ID #3

- » Study Area Description
- » Study Area Demographics
- » Population Vulnerability
- » Regional Site Inventory
- » Environmental Benefits
- » Environmental Burdens
- » Regional Recreation Parks
- » Regional Recreation Park Access
- » Nature-Based Recreation Areas
- » Nature-Based Recreation Area Access
- » Nature-Based Recreation Amenities
- » Regional Trails
- » Regional Trail Access
- » Regional Site Visitorship
- » Community Engagement Themes
- » Regional Recreation Priorities
- » Environmental Conservation and Restoration Priorities

Note

This profile is not intended to stand alone. For definitions of key terms and a full description of the analysis summarized within please refer to Chapters 3 and 4 of the main report as well as Appendix C: Technical Resources.



STUDY AREA DESCRIPTION

LOCATION

The San Fernando Valley Study Area is bordered by the Santa Clarita Valley and the Angeles National Forest to the north, and the Santa Monica Mountains Study Area and Westside Study Area to the south. The Ventura County line is the western border of the study area, and the San Gabriel Valley and downtown Los Angeles make up the eastern border. The majority of the study area is comprised of neighborhoods within the City of Los Angeles including Tujunga, North Hollywood, Reseda, Woodland Hills, Sylmar and many others. The cities of Burbank, Glendale and San Fernando are located in the study area as well as several unincorporated communities including Universal City, Oat Mountain, Westhills, West Chatsworth, Kagel Canyon and Lopez Canyon.

GEOGRAPHY

The San Fernando Valley Study Area has several distinguishing geographic characteristics. Almost the entire study area is surrounded by distinct hillsides and mountain ranges, including the Santa Susana Mountains to the northwest, the Simi Hills to the west, the Santa Monica Mountains and Chalk Hills to the south, the Verdugo Mountains to the east, and the San Gabriel Mountains to the northeast. Looking southeast, high-rises from downtown Los Angeles can be seen from some neighborhoods, passes, and parks in the San Fernando Valley.

The Los Angeles River begins at the confluence of Calabasas Creek and Bell Creek and flows eastward along the southern regions of the study area. One of the Los Angeles River's two unpaved sections can be found at the Sepulveda Basin. The seasonal river, the Tujunga Wash, drains much of the western facing San Gabriel Mountains, and passes through the Hansen Dam Recreation Center in Tujunga, south along the Verdugo Mountains, through the eastern communities of the study area to join the Los Angeles River in Studio City. Mulholland Drive, which runs along the ridgeline of the Santa Monica Mountains, marks the boundary between the study area and Hollywood and the westside of the City of Los Angeles.

STUDY AREA ISSUES

Only a small portion of the study area is unincorporated. These communities are primarily low density, suburban communities, with the exception of the Universal Studios Specific Plan area, and Oat Mountain, which is primarily vacant land except for utility facilities. Many of these communities are near environmentally-sensitive and hazardous areas. Hazards facing these communities include wildfires, landslides and seismically induced liquefaction. Portions of the study area include Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) and there is development pressure on existing open space.

PARK AND RECREATION RELATED ISSUES

- » Several areas located in the central portion of the San Fernando Valley region were identified as having Very High Park Need in the 2016 Countywide Parks Needs Assessment. These study areas include Canoga Park-Winnetka, City of Glendale – Southside, Mission Hills-Panorama City-North Hills, North Hollywood-Valley Village and Van Nuys-North Sherman Oaks.
- » Large planning efforts within the study area, such as the Rim of the Valley Corridor, will help to provide more connections from urban centers to a network of preserved wilderness. The Rim of the Valley Corridor is a network of parks and trails that connects the mountain ranges that surround the San Fernando, Simi, Conejo, and La Crescenta Valleys.
- » Ongoing efforts to revitalize the Los Angeles River and its tributaries seek to enhance connections and increase the recreational and ecological benefits that these corridors provide within the study area. These include the LA River Master Plan and the Upper LA River and Tributaries Revitalization Plan.

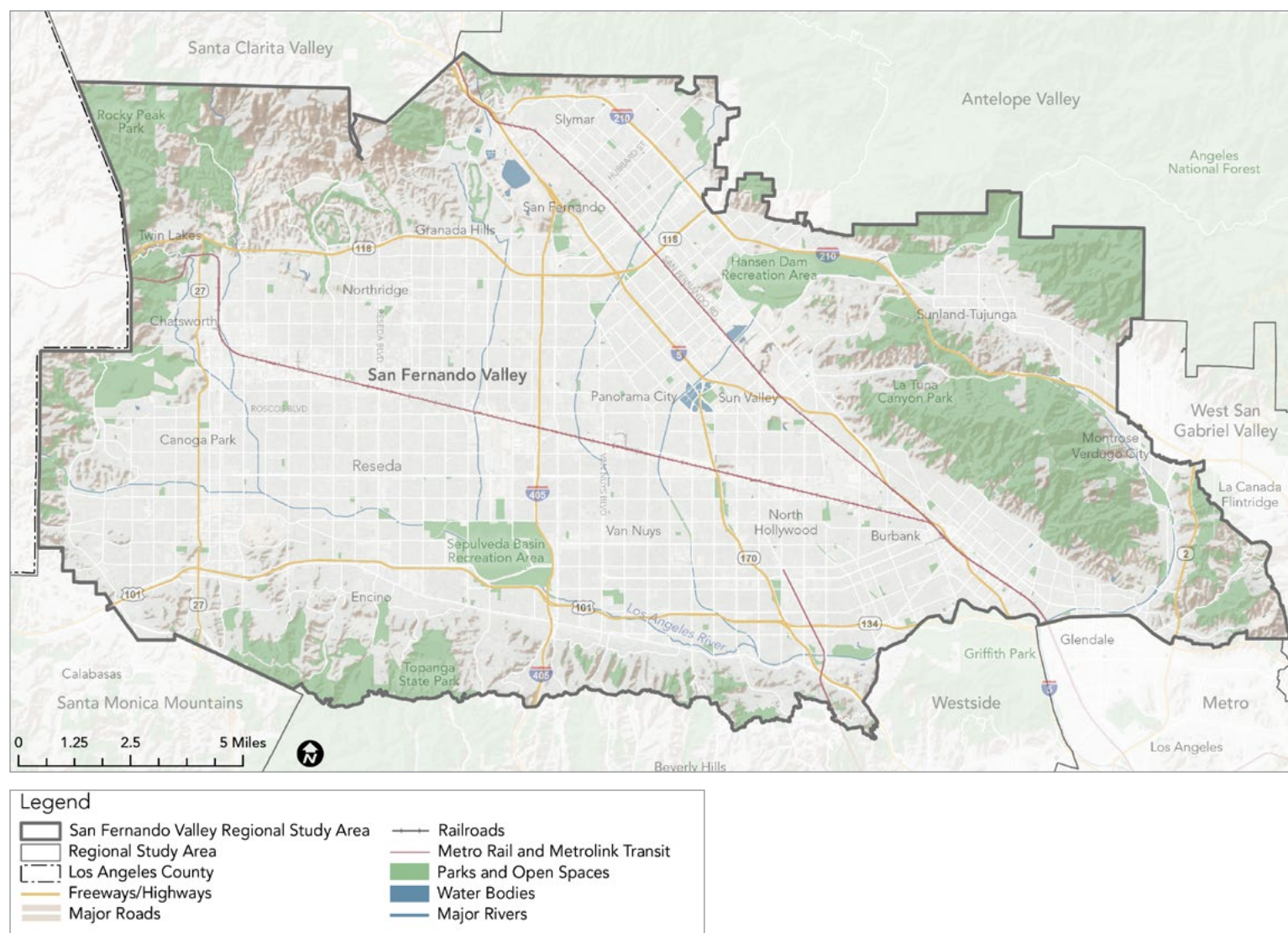
ANALYSIS FINDINGS

- » High concentrations of vulnerable populations are found evenly distributed across the region, including parts of Chatsworth, Sun Valley, and Woodland Hills.
- » Regional Recreation Parks, including Hansen Dam Park and Sepulveda Basin Recreation Area (including Lake Balboa Park and Woodley Ave. Park) are well served by public transportation in the area, but Nature-Based Recreation Areas and Regional Trails are largely inaccessible without the use of a personal vehicle or bicycle.
- » There are moderate rates of visitorship throughout the study area, with significant concentrations around Lake Balboa Park, Hansen Dam Park, and Laurel Canyon.
- » The highest Regional Recreation Need includes parts of Granada Hills due to its low visitorship and Sun Valley due to its vulnerable populations.
- » A few areas along the wildland-urban interface, such as Porter Ranch, Granada Hills, and West Hills, have been identified as priority areas for conservation.
- » Several areas, including portions of Burbank, Pacoima, and Sylmar, have been identified as priorities for restoration due to their relatively poor environmental health.
- » This study area only has 0.08 miles of regional trails per 1,000 residents, which is significantly below the countywide average of 0.33.

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THEMES

- » Inability to access the outdoors, lack of transportation, distance, cost, lack of knowledge, crowding, and time are identified as barriers to park use for residents in the study area.
- » Residents say they need more access to shade and water, more greenspace and parks, more transit and affordable access to parks and programs, safe trail networks and expanded connectivity, improved safety and better maintenance of facilities.
- » Approximately 40% of survey respondents say they are recreating outside more while another 40% say they are recreating less because of the pandemic. 87% say they are looking for recreation activities closer to home because of COVID.

SAN FERNANDO VALLEY REGIONAL STUDY AREA

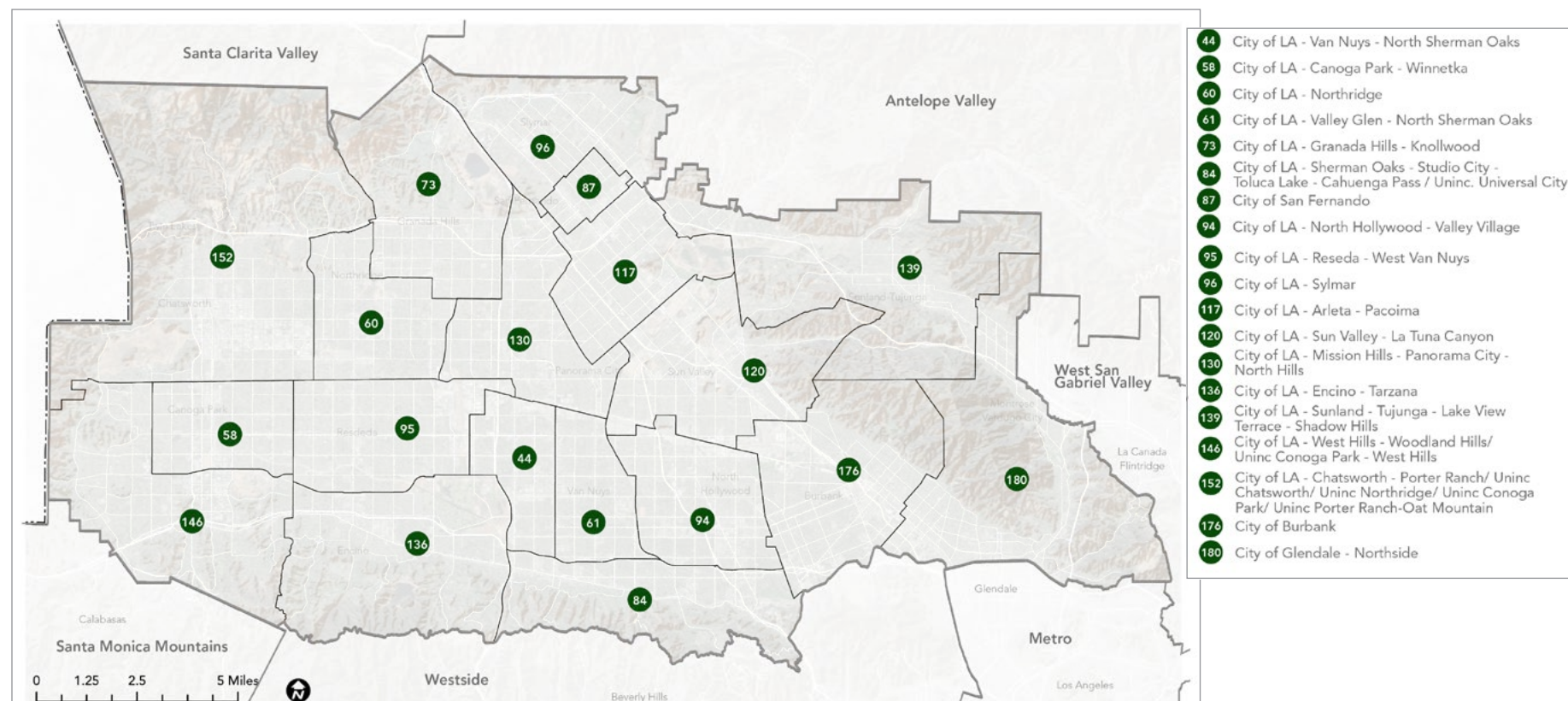


Map source: US Census, 2019; Esri, 2021; MIG, 2021; LAC GIS, 2021; USGS NHD, 2021

Note: All Regional Study Profile maps in this chapter include and refer to the sources listed here as basemap layers.

PNA STUDY AREAS LOCATED WITHIN REGIONAL STUDY AREA

This map shows the relationship of Regional Study Area to the boundaries of the study areas that were analyzed in the 2016 PNA.



Map source: PNA, 2016

STUDY AREA DEMOGRAPHICS

Population, Race, Ethnicity, Gender, Income, Age, and Education Level

Population	
Total	1,749,325

Race	Percentage
White	64.9%
Black or African American	3.9%
American Indian and Alaska Native	0.43%
Asian	10.5%
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander	0.13%
Some Other Race	16.2%
Two or More Races	3.8%
Total	100%

Ethnicity	Percentage
Hispanic or Latino	43.8%
Not Hispanic or Latino	56.2%
Total	100%

Income	Percentage
Less than \$25,000	21.4%
\$25,000-\$49,999	21.2%
\$50,000-\$74,999	16.9%
\$75,000-\$99,999	12.5%
\$100,000-\$150,000	14.0%
\$150,000+	13.0%
Total	100%

Gender	Percentage
Male	49.5%
Female	50.5%
Total	100%

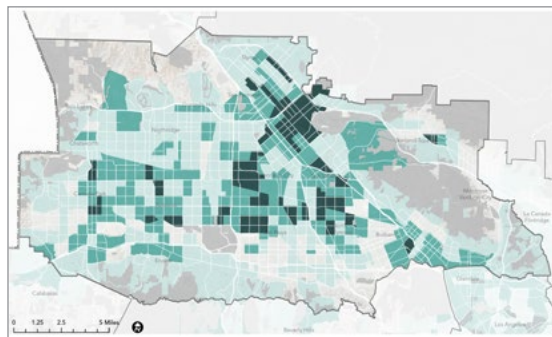
Age	Percentage
Under 5 years	6.2%
5 to 9 years	6.1%
10 to 14 years	6.1%
15 to 19 years	6.5%
20 to 29 years	15.1%
30 to 39 years	14.6%
40 to 49 years	14.6%
50 to 59 years	13.2%
60 to 69 years	9.1%
70 to 79 years	5.0%
80+ years	3.4%
Total	100%

Education Level	Percentage
Less than 9th Grade	13.1%
9th-12th grade	8.6%
HS Grad	20.8%
Some college, no degree	19.6%
Associates	6.8%
Bachelors	21.2%
Graduate or professional degree	9.8%
Total	100%

Source: Planning Area Framework, The Los Angeles County General Plan 2035.
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 Note: At the time that this report was prepared, 2020 Census results were not available.

POPULATION VULNERABILITY DIMENSIONS

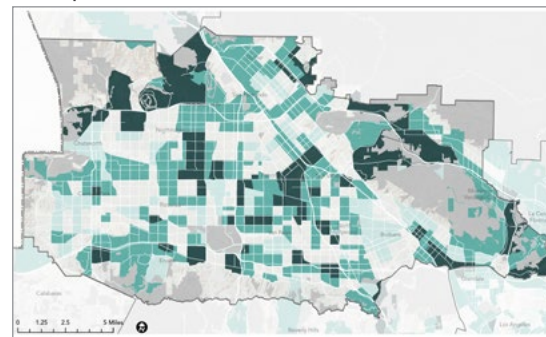
Social Barriers Dimension



Indicators:

- » High Poverty Rate
- » High Unemployment Rate
- » Majority-Minority Population
- » High % of Young Children
- » High % of Elderly Residents
- » High % of Non-English-Speaking Residents
- » Low % of Two-Parent Households

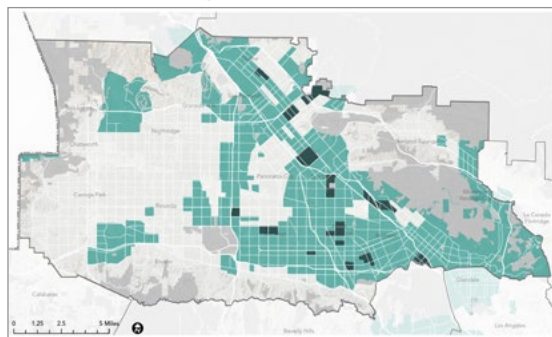
Transportation Barriers Dimension



Indicators:

- » Low Automobile Access
- » Low Public Transit Access
- » Low Active Commuting Rate
- » High Traffic Density
- » High Pedestrian Injuries

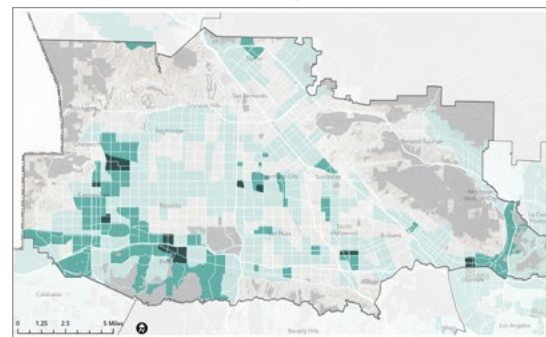
Health Vulnerability Dimension



Indicators:

- » Low Park Access
- » Low Tree Canopy
- » High % Impervious Surface
- » High Number of Excessive Heat Days
- » High Urban Heat Island Index Score

Environmental Vulnerability Dimension



Indicators:

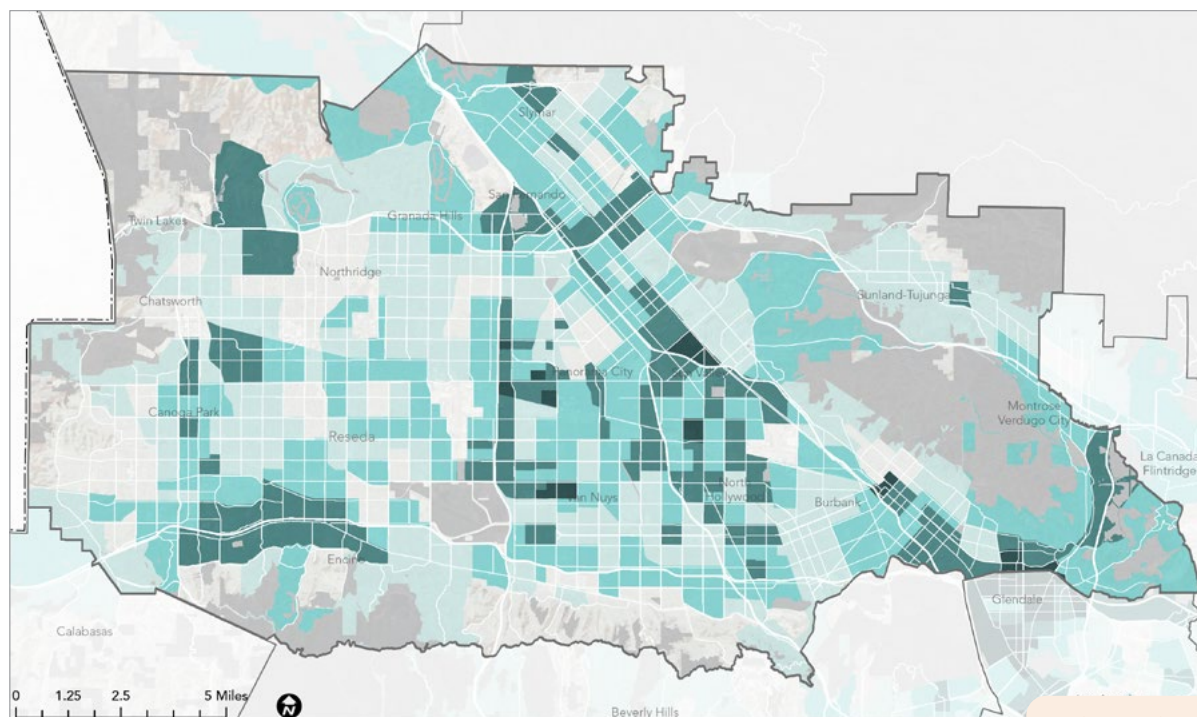
- » Reduced Life Expectancy at Birth
- » High Pollution Levels

Maps source: HPI, 2021; 2021 RRE Inventory

Legend

- Low
- Moderate
- High
- Regional Site Inventory
- San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
- Los Angeles County
- Major Roads

COMPOSITE POPULATION VULNERABILITY



Legend

- | | |
|---|---|
| Moderate to High Vulnerability for ONE Dimension | Regional Site Inventory |
| Moderate to High Vulnerability for TWO Dimensions | San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area |
| Moderate to High Vulnerability for THREE Dimensions | Los Angeles County |
| Moderate to High Vulnerability for FOUR Dimensions | Major Roads |

Social Barriers Dimension:



- Prevalence of:
- » Young Children
 - » Elderly
 - » Non-English Speaking Residents
 - » Single Parent Households
 - » Poverty
 - » Unemployment
 - » Majority-Minority Population

Transportation Barriers Dimension:



- » Limited Active Commuting
- » Limited Automobile Access
- » Limited Public Transit Access
- » High Traffic Density
- » High Pedestrian Injuries

Dimensions of Population Vulnerability

Health Vulnerability Dimension:



- » Reduced Life Expectancy at Birth
- » High Pollution Levels

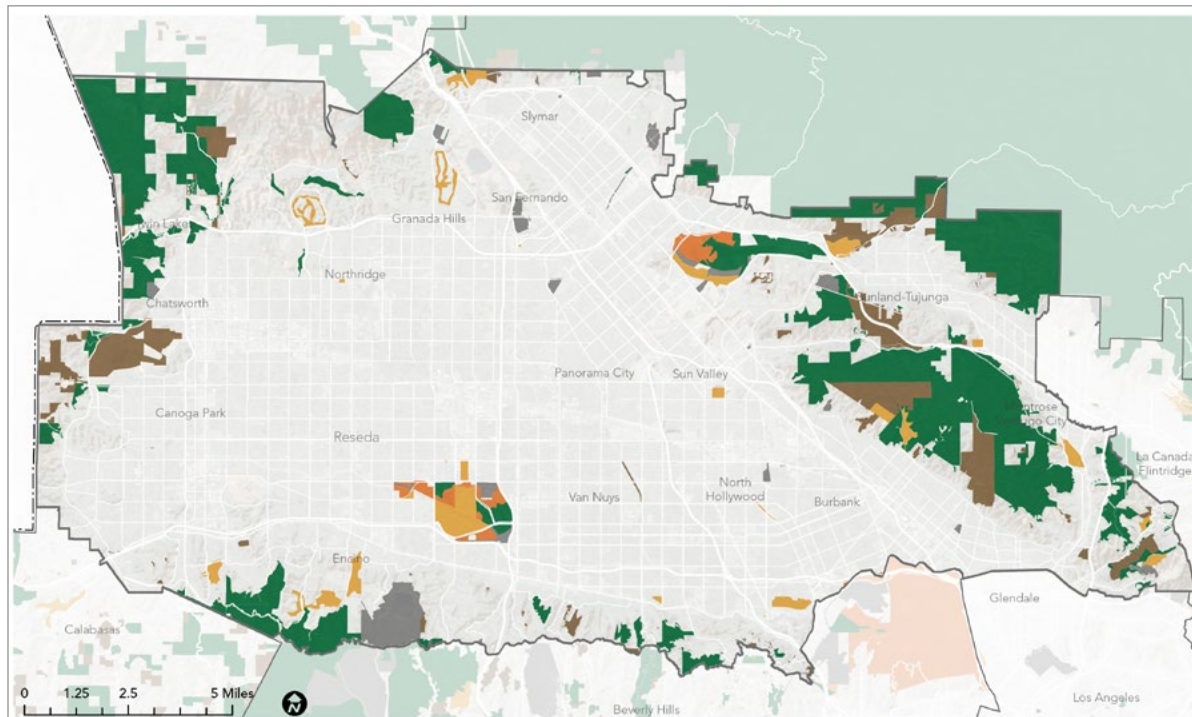
Environmental Vulnerability Dimension:



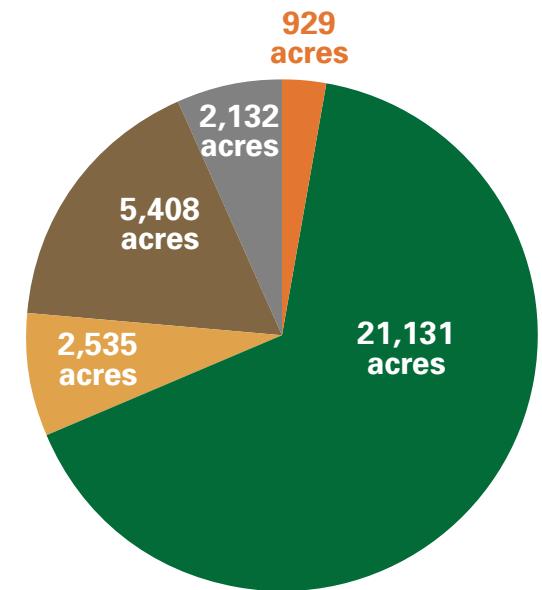
- » Limited Park Access
- » Limited Tree Canopy
- » High % of Impervious Surface
- » High Excessive Heat Days
- » High Urban Heat Island Index Score

Map source: HPI, 2021; 2021 RRE Inventory

REGIONAL SITE INVENTORY



Map source: 2021 RRE Inventory



- REGIONAL RECREATION PARKS
- NATURE-BASED RECREATION AREAS
- REGIONAL SPECIALIZED RECREATION AREAS
- CONSERVATION AREAS
- OTHER PUBLIC AND SEMI-PUBLIC OPEN SPACE



32,134
TOTAL ACRES OF
REGIONAL FACILITIES

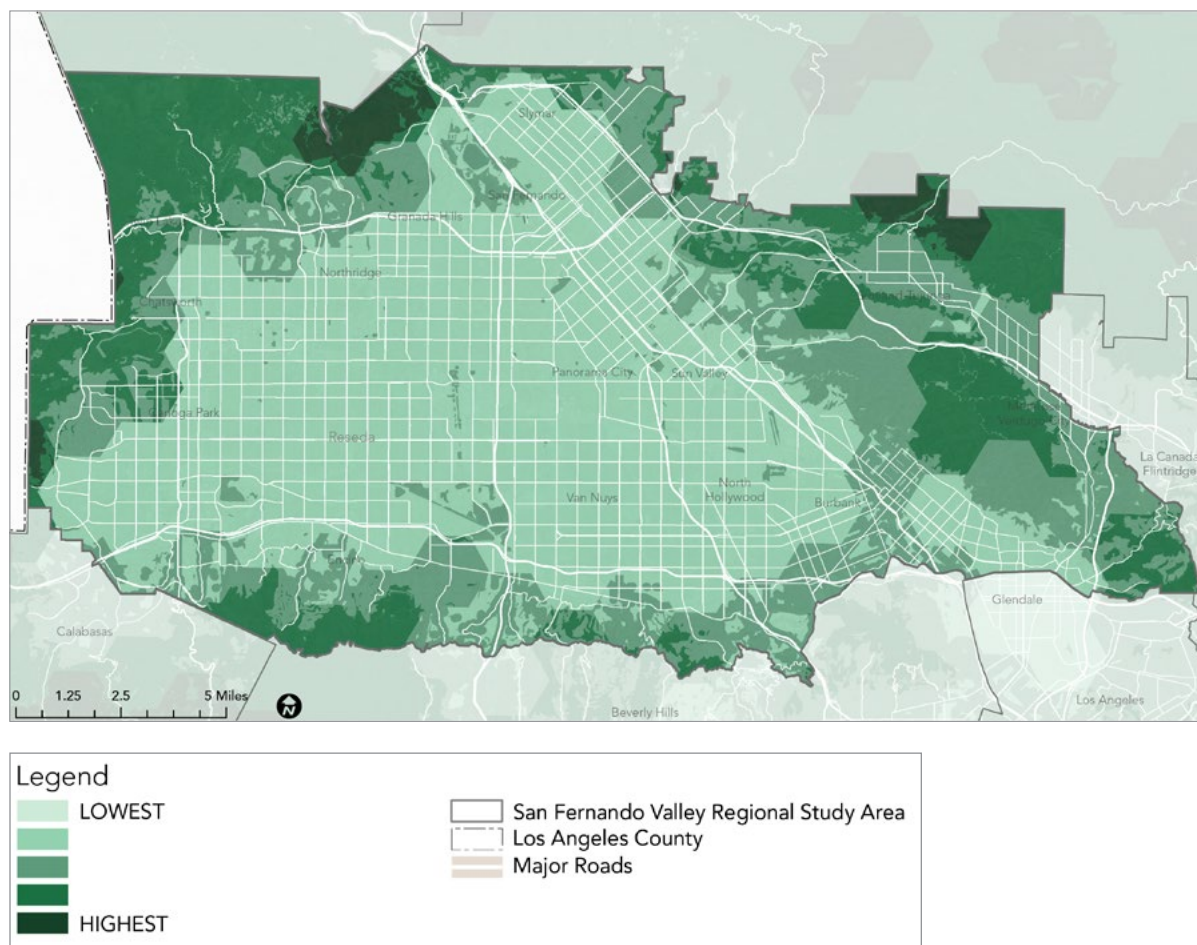


17%
OF THE TOTAL LAND
AREA IS REGIONAL
FACILITY LAND



18
ACRES OF REGIONAL
FACILITY LAND PER
1,000 RESIDENTS

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS



INDICATORS

Species Diversity. Species diversity data represent a count of the number of different species for amphibians, aquatic macroinvertebrates, birds, fish, mammals, plants, and reptiles.

Significant Habitat. Significant habitat values represent terrestrial habitats or vegetation types that are the focus of state, national, or locally legislated conservation laws, as well as key habitat areas that are essential to the survival and reproduction of focal wildlife species.

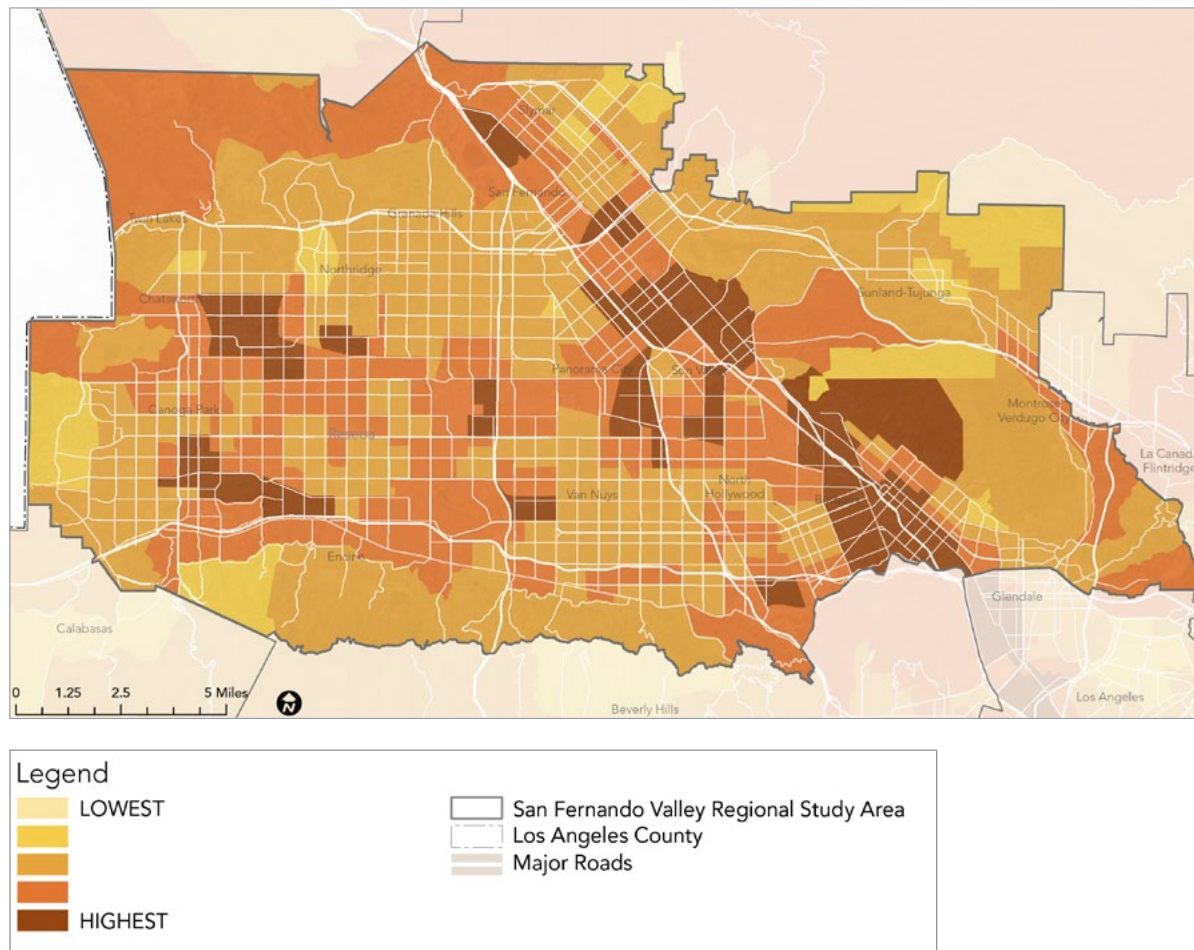
Habitat Connectivity. Habitat connectivity values summarize information on the presence of mapped terrestrial corridors or linkages and juxtaposition to large, contiguous, natural areas.

Proximity to Waterbody. Proximity to waterbody represents the distance to a water drainage network of the US. Proximity was categorized as less than 0.1 mile (highest benefit), 0.1 to 0.25 mile, 0.25 to 0.5 mile, 0.5 -1.0 mile, or greater than 1.0 mile (lowest benefit).

Habitat Type. Habitat types are divided into natural vegetation (high score), agriculture/barren/other (low score), and urban (lowest score).

Map source: CDFW ACE, 2021; USGS, 2021; COEHHA, 2021; CalFire FRAP 2015

ENVIRONMENTAL BURDENS



INDICATORS

Groundwater Threat. Groundwater threats come from many sources, including storage and disposal of hazardous materials on land and in underground storage tanks, dairy farms, concentrated animal-feeding operations, and water ponds generated for oil and gas development also pose threats to groundwater reserves.

Hazardous Waste. Hazardous waste facilities and generators pose widespread concerns for both human health and the environment from sites that serve to process or dispose of hazardous waste.

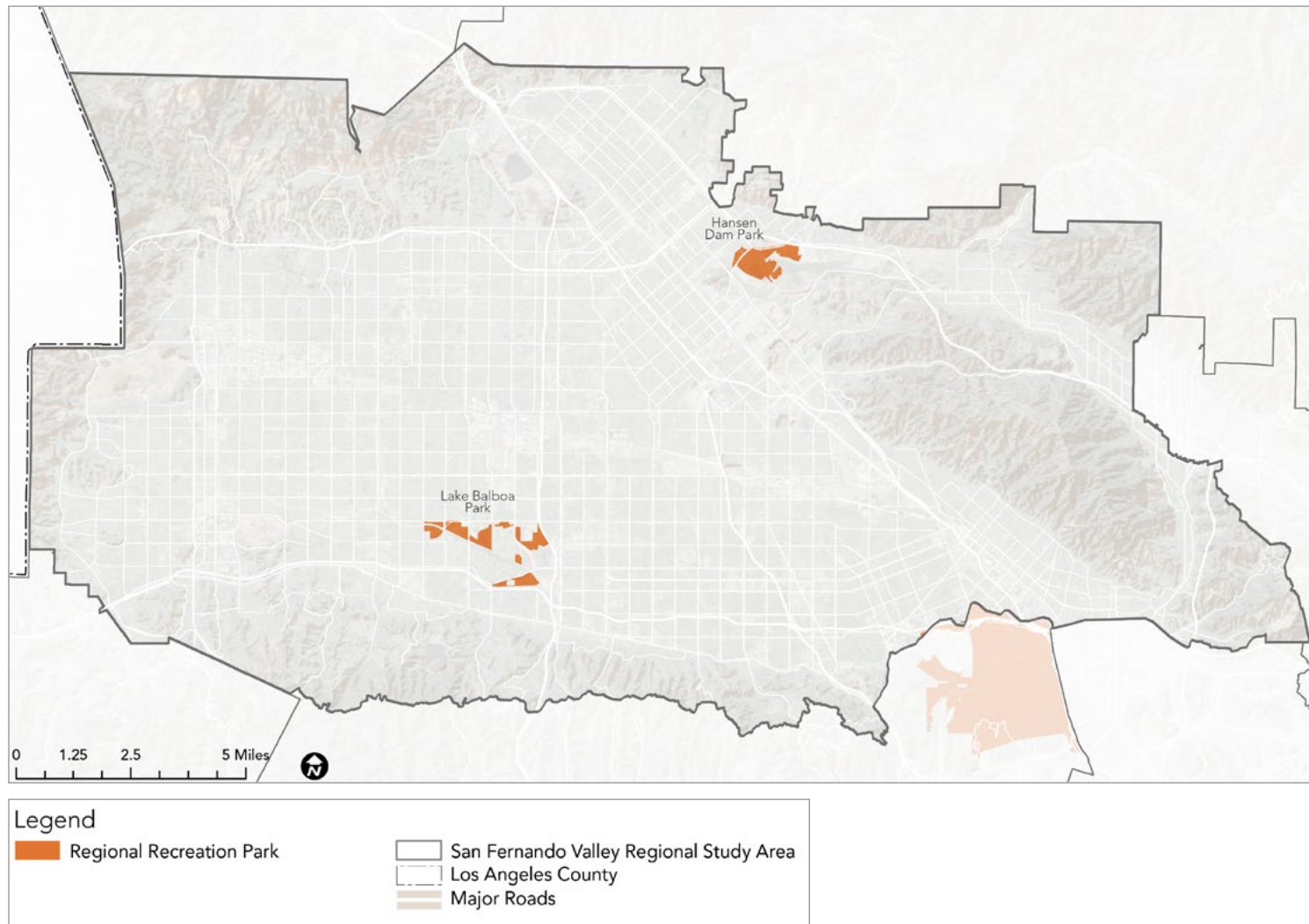
Drinking Water. Drinking water contaminants are introduced into drinking water sources in many ways, including natural occurrence, accidental discharge, industrial release, agricultural runoff and certain water disinfection methods.

PM2.5. Fine particulate matter (PM) that measures 2.5 microns or less in width represents a major contributor to air pollution and has been shown to cause significant adverse health effects, including heart and lung disease.

Pollution Burden. Pollution burden is composite indicator derived from seven exposure indicators (ozone and PM2.5 concentrations, diesel PM emissions, drinking water contaminants, children's lead risk from housing, pesticide use, toxic releases from facilities, and traffic density) and five environmental effects indicators (cleanup sites, impaired water bodies, groundwater threats, hazardous waste facilities and generators, and solid waste sites and facilities).

Map source: CDFW ACE, 2021; USGS, 2021; COEHHA, 2021; CalFire FRAP 2015

REGIONAL RECREATION PARKS



929

**ACRES OF
REGIONAL
RECREATION
PARKLAND**



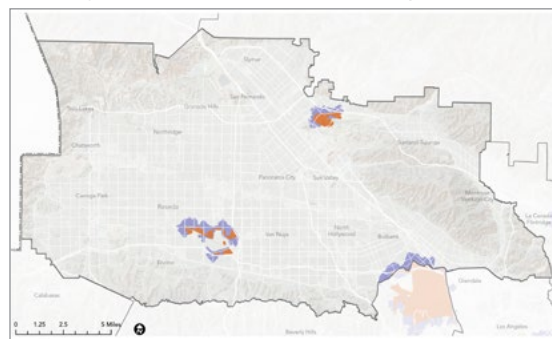
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**ACRES OF
REGIONAL
RECREATION
PARKLAND PER
1,000 STUDY
AREA RESIDENTS**

Map source: 2021 RRE Inventory

REGIONAL RECREATION PARK ACCESS

Walking Distance (0.5 miles from entry)

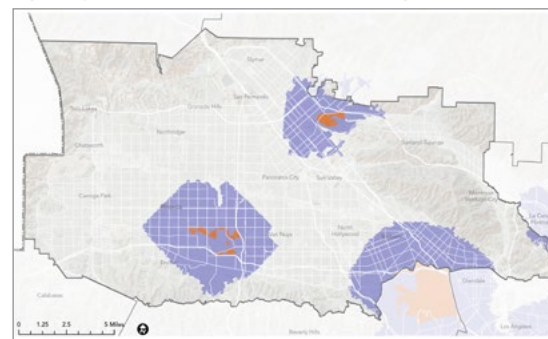


2% 
**OF RESIDENTS
LIVE WITHIN
WALKING DISTANCE
OF A REGIONAL
RECREATION PARK**

Legend

-  Areas within a 0.5-mile walk of a Regional Recreation Park Entry
-  Regional Recreation Park
-  San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
-  Los Angeles County
-  Major Roads

Cycling Distance (2.5 miles from entry)

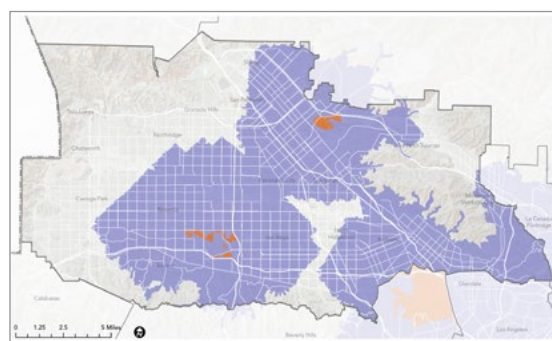



26% 
**OF RESIDENTS
LIVE WITHIN
CYCLING DISTANCE
OF A REGIONAL
RECREATION PARK**

Legend

-  Areas within a 2.5-mile bicycle ride of a Regional Recreation Park Entry
-  Regional Recreation Park
-  San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
-  Los Angeles County
-  Major Roads

Driving Distance (5 miles from entry)

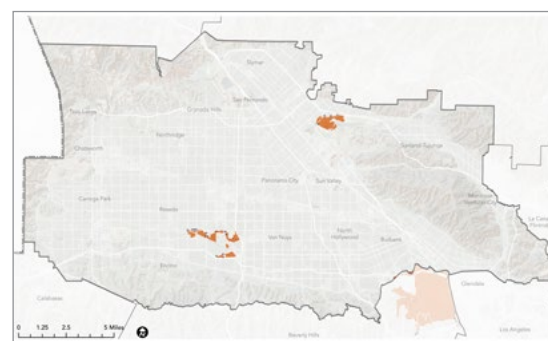


72% 
**OF RESIDENTS
LIVE WITHIN
DRIVING DISTANCE
OF A REGIONAL
RECREATION PARK**

Legend







-  Areas within a 5-mile drive of a Regional Recreation Park Entry
-  Regional Recreation Park
-  San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
-  Los Angeles County
-  Major Roads

Transit Service (entry is within 0.5 miles of transit stop)



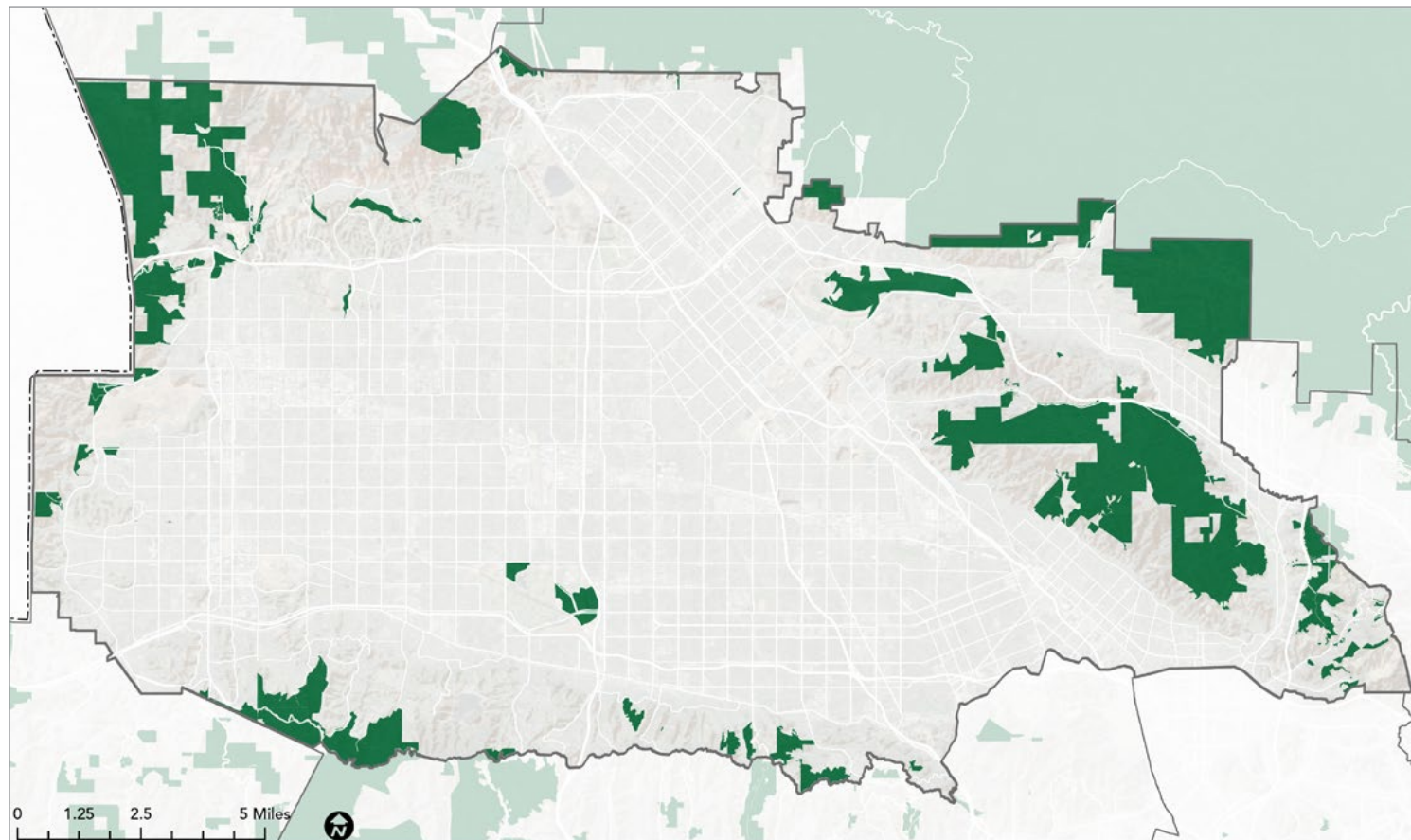
100% 
**OF REGIONAL
RECREATION PARK
ENTRANCES ARE
LOCATED WITHIN A
HALF-MILE WALK OF A
PUBLIC TRANSIT STOP**

Legend

-  Entry Point Served by Public Transit (located within a half mile of a Transit Stop)
-  Entry Point Not Served by Public Transit (not located within a half mile of a Transit Stop)
-  Regional Recreation Park
-  San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
-  Los Angeles County
-  Major Roads

Maps source: ArcGIS StreetMap Premium, 2021; 2021 RRE Inventory

NATURE-BASED RECREATION AREAS



21,131

ACRES OF
NATURE-BASED
RECREATION
AREA LAND



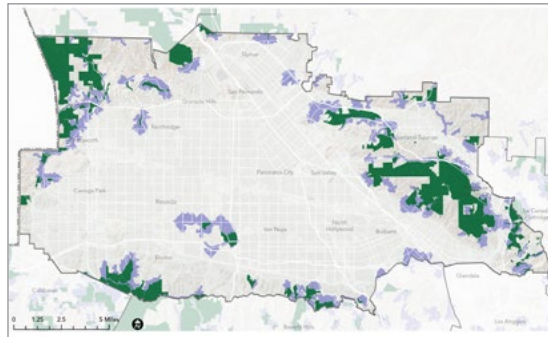
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ACRES OF
NATURE-BASED
RECREATION
AREA LAND PER
1,000 REGIONAL
STUDY AREA
RESIDENTS

Map source: 2021 RRE Inventory

NATURE-BASED RECREATION AREA ACCESS

Walking Distance (0.5 miles from entry)

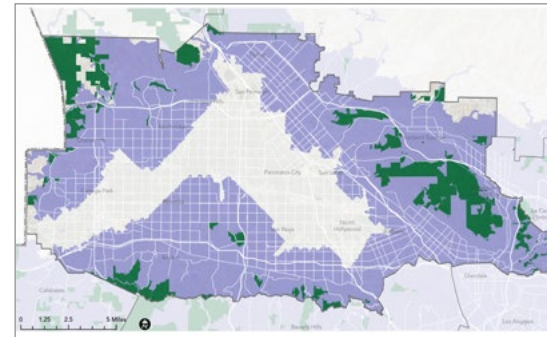


5% 
OF STUDY AREA
RESIDENTS LIVE
WITHIN WALKING
DISTANCE OF A
NATURE-BASED
RECREATION AREA

Legend

-  Areas within a 0.5-mile walk of a Nature-Based Recreation Area Entry
-  Nature-Based Recreation Area
-  San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
-  Los Angeles County
-  Major Roads

Cycling Distance (2.5 miles from entry)

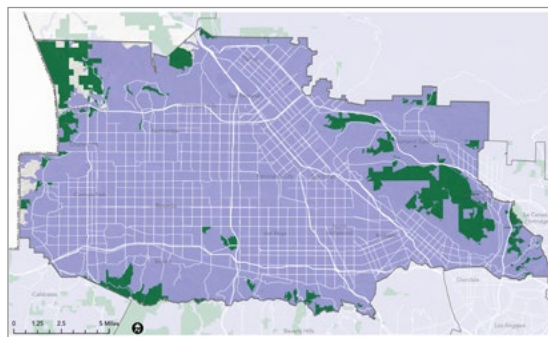


59% 
OF STUDY AREA
RESIDENTS LIVE
WITHIN CYCLING
DISTANCE OF A
NATURE-BASED
RECREATION AREA

Legend

-  Areas within 2.5-mile bicycle ride of a Nature-Based Recreation Area Entry
-  Nature-Based Recreation Area
-  San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
-  Los Angeles County
-  Major Roads

Driving Distance (5 miles from entry)

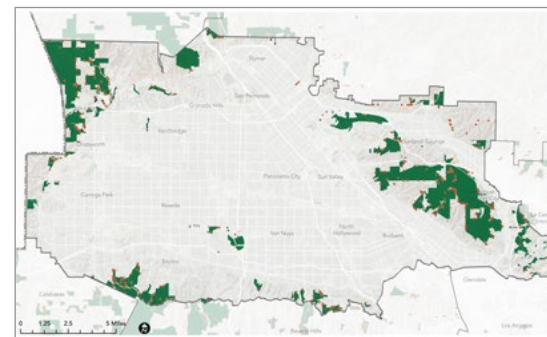


98% 
OF STUDY AREA
RESIDENTS LIVE
WITHIN DRIVING
DISTANCE OF A
NATURE-BASED
RECREATION AREA

Legend

-  Areas within a 5-mile drive of a Nature-Based Recreation Area Entry
-  Nature-Based Recreation Area
-  San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
-  Los Angeles County
-  Major Roads

Transit Service (entry is within 0.5 miles of transit stop)



9% 
OF NATURE-BASED
RECREATION AREA
ENTRY POINTS AREA
SERVED BY PUBLIC
TRANSIT

Legend

-  Entry Point Served by Public Transit (located within a half mile of a Transit Stop)
-  Entry Point Not Served by Public Transit (not located within a half mile of a Transit Stop)
-  Nature-Based Recreation Area
-  San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
-  Los Angeles County
-  Major Roads

Maps source: ArcGIS StreetMap Premium, 2021; 2021 RRE Inventory

REGIONAL RECREATION AMENITIES



GATHERING SPACES



0

Group Picnic Areas



62

Individual Picnic Areas



9

Indoor Event Spaces



7

Outdoor Event Spaces



SPORTS FACILITIES



0

Shooting Ranges



0

Archery Ranges



0

Snowsport Facilities



TRAILS AND PATHWAYS



3

Rock Climbing Areas



704

Trailheads



WATER-BASED RECREATION



2

Boating Areas



1

Swimming Areas



0

Watersport Facilities



4

Waterfront Access Areas



7

Fishing Areas



OVERNIGHT ACCOMMODATIONS



8

Tent Campsites



0

RV Campsites



EXPERIENTIAL LEARNING OPPORTUNITIES



8

Visitor Centers



6

Environmental Learning Facilities



4

Gardens



SUPPORT FACILITIES



8

Concessions



9,120

Parking Spaces

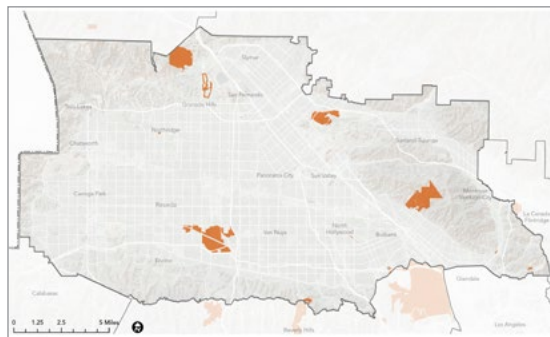


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Restrooms

REGIONAL RECREATION OPPORTUNITY TYPES

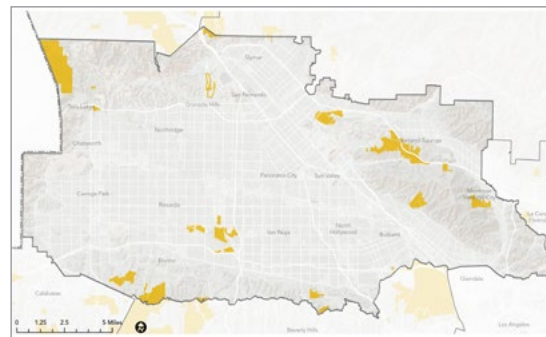
Gathering Spaces



Legend

- Regional Sites with Gathering Spaces
- San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
- Los Angeles County
- Major Roads

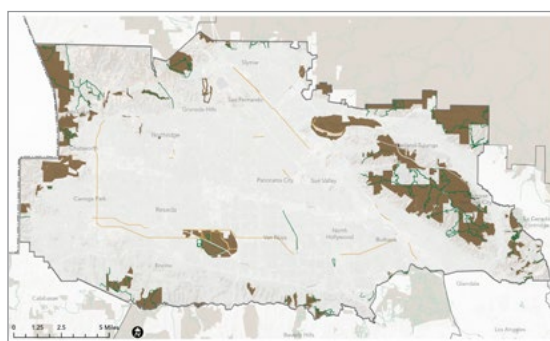
Sports Facilities



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- Regional Sites with Sports Facilities
- San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
- Los Angeles County
- Major Roads

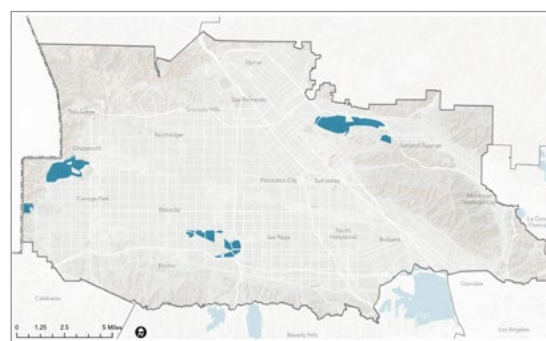
Trails and Pathways



Legend

- Regional Sites with Trails and Pathways
- San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
- Los Angeles County
- Major Roads
- Regional Trails
- Regional Bikeways

Water-Based Recreation



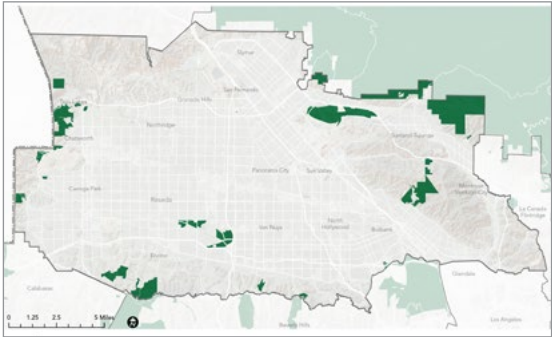
Legend

- Regional Sites with Water-Based Recreation
- San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
- Los Angeles County
- Major Roads

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REGIONAL RECREATION AMENITY ANALYSIS

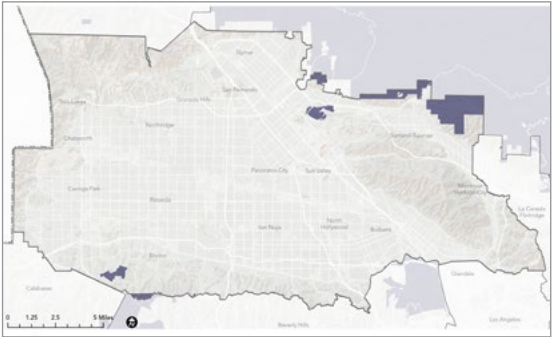
Experiential Learning Opportunities



Legend

- Regional Sites with Experiential Learning Opportunities
- San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
- Los Angeles County
- Major Roads

Overnight Accommodations

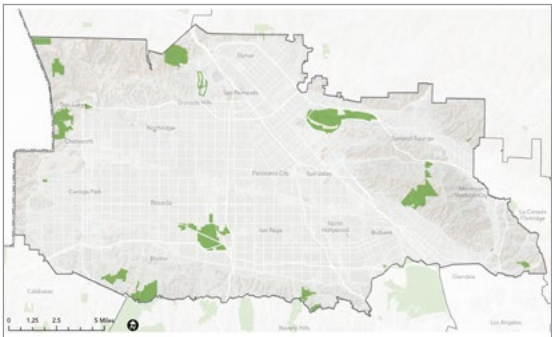


Legend

- Regional Sites with Overnight Accommodations
- San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
- Los Angeles County
- Major Roads

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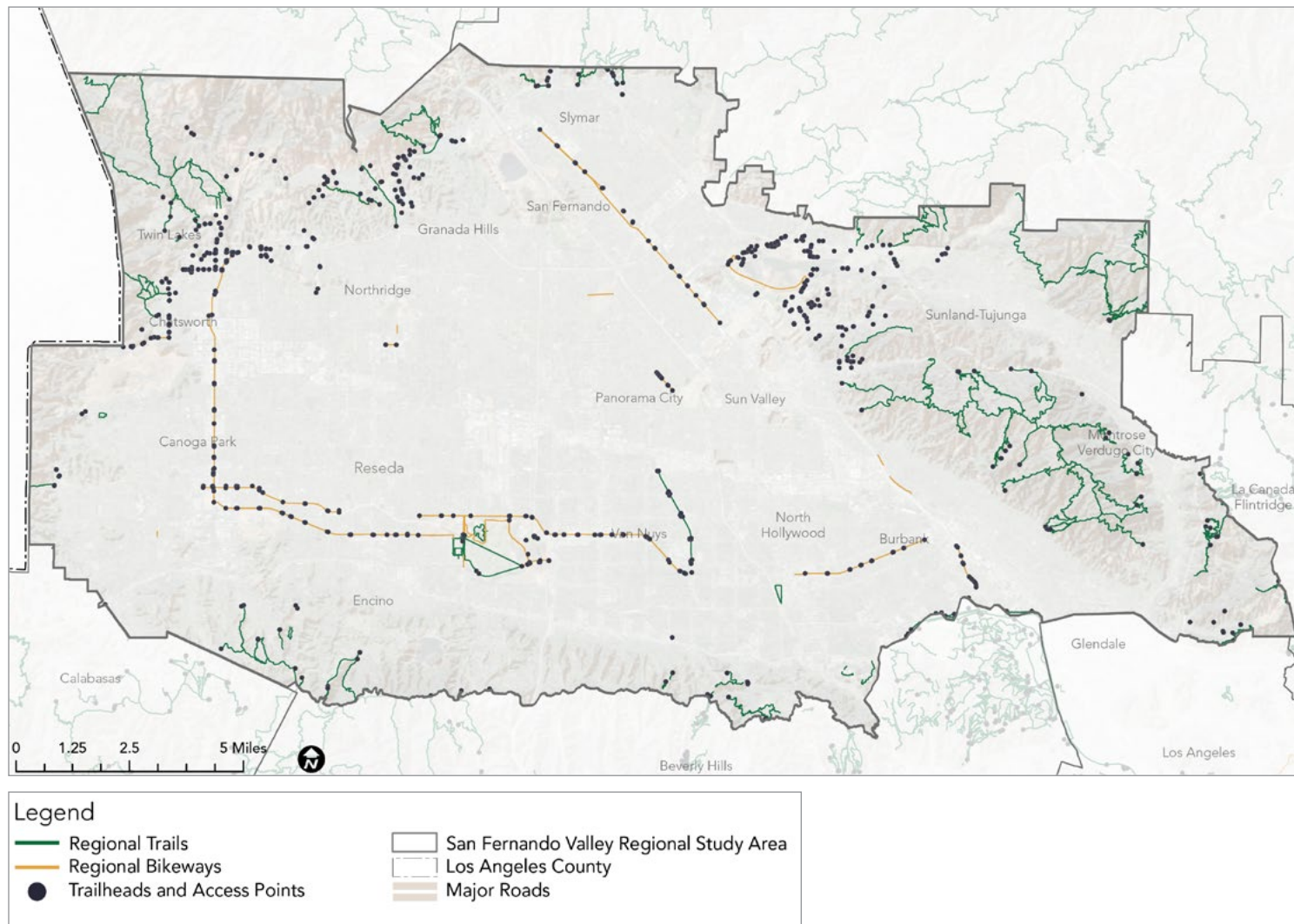
Support Facilities



Legend

- Regional Sites with Support Facilities
- San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
- Los Angeles County
- Major Roads

REGIONAL TRAILS



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**MILES OF
REGIONAL TRAIL**



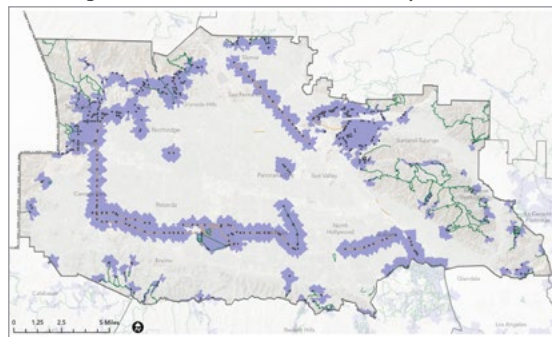
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**MILES OF
REGIONAL TRAIL
PER 1,000 STUDY
AREA RESIDENTS**

Map source: LAC DPR, 2021; 2021 RRE Inventory

REGIONAL TRAIL ACCESS

Walking Distance (0.5 miles from entry)

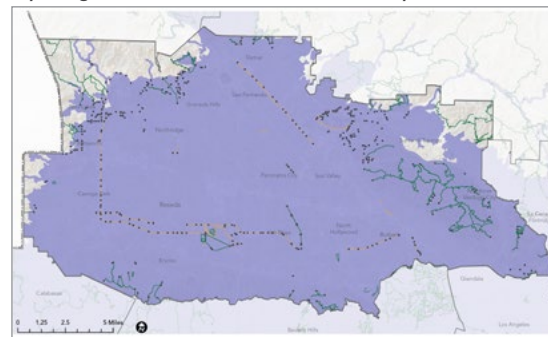


21% 
OF STUDY AREA
RESIDENTS LIVE
WITHIN WALKING
DISTANCE OF A
TRAILHEAD

Legend

-  Areas within a 0.5-mile walk of a Trailhead or Access Point
-  Regional Trails
-  Regional Bikeways
-  Trailheads and Access Points
-  San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
-  Los Angeles County
-  Major Roads

Cycling Distance (2.5 miles from entry)

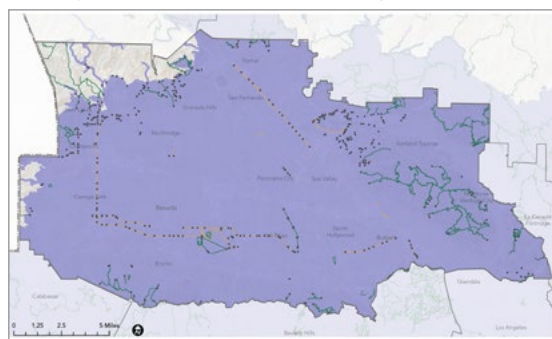


97% 
OF STUDY AREA
RESIDENTS LIVE
WITHIN CYCLING
DISTANCE OF A
TRAILHEAD

Legend

-  Areas within a 2.5-mile bicycle ride of a Trailhead or Access Point
-  Regional Trails
-  Regional Bikeways
-  Trailheads and Access Points
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Driving Distance (5 miles from entry)

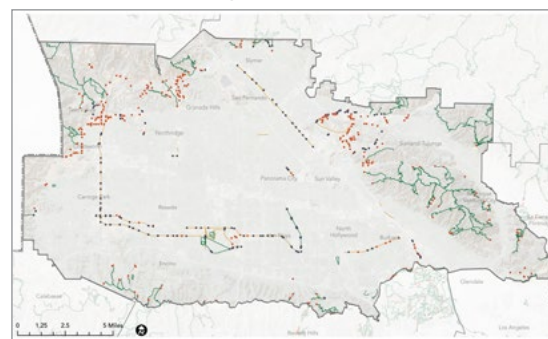



98% 
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RESIDENTS LIVE
WITHIN DRIVING
DISTANCE OF A
TRAILHEAD

Legend








-  Areas within a 5-mile drive of a Trailhead or Access Point
-  Regional Trails
-  Regional Bikeways
-  Trailheads and Access Points
-  San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
-  Los Angeles County
-  Major Roads

Transit Service (entry is within 0.5 miles of transit stop)



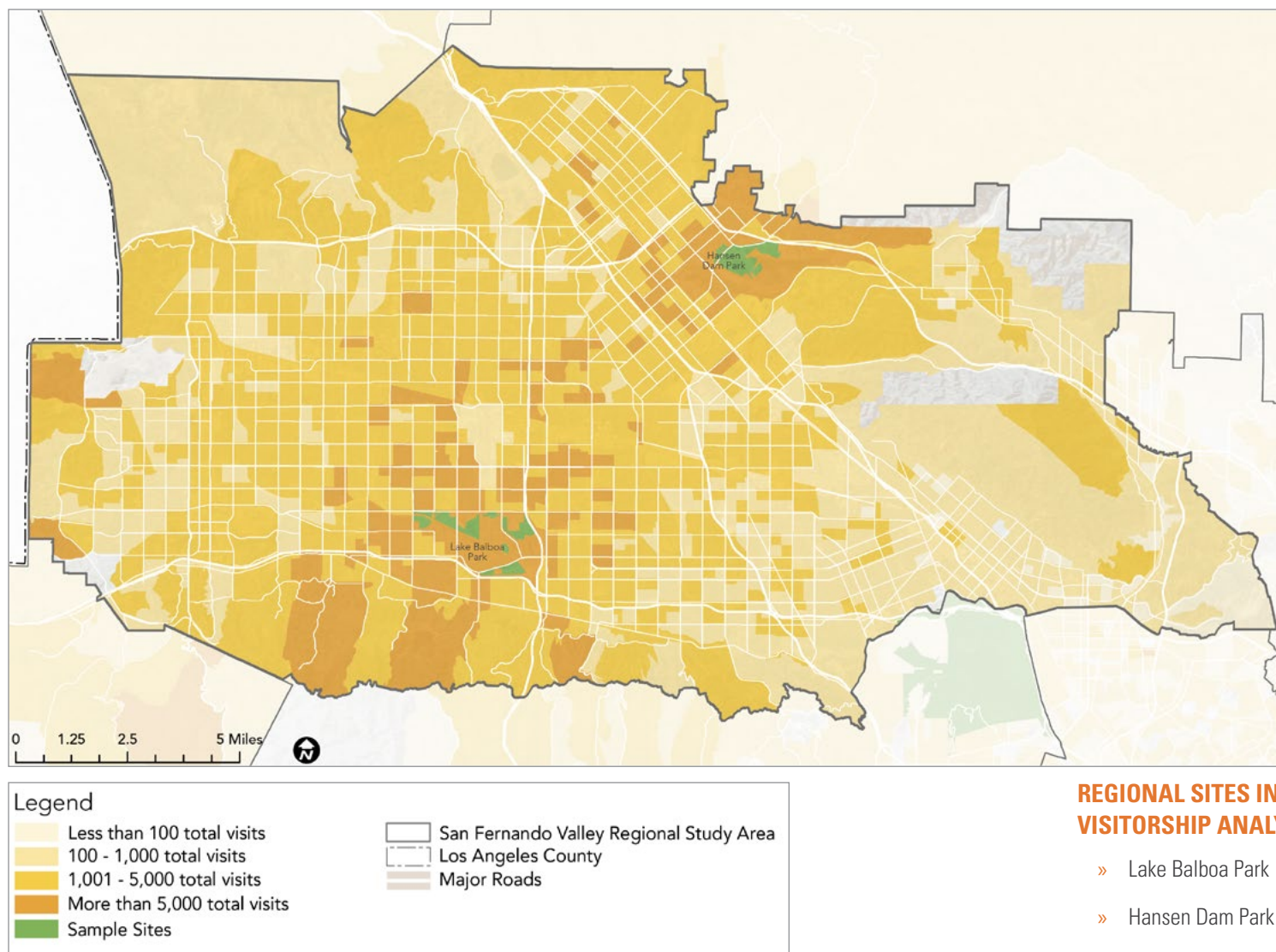
35% 
OF TRAILHEADS ARE
SERVED BY PUBLIC
TRANSIT

Legend

-  Trailhead or Access Point Served by Public Transit (located within a half mile walk of a Transit Stop)
-  Trailhead or Access Point Not Served by Public Transit (not located within a half mile walk of a Transit Stop)
-  Regional Trails
-  Regional Bikeways
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Maps source: LAC DPR, 2021; ArcGIS StreetMap Premium, 2021; 2021 RRE Inventory

REGIONAL SITE VISITORSHIP



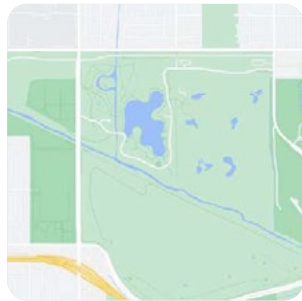
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VISITORSHIP REPORT 2019 - 2020

Lake Balboa Park

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PARKS
PLAN

VITAL STATISTICS



DESCRIPTION

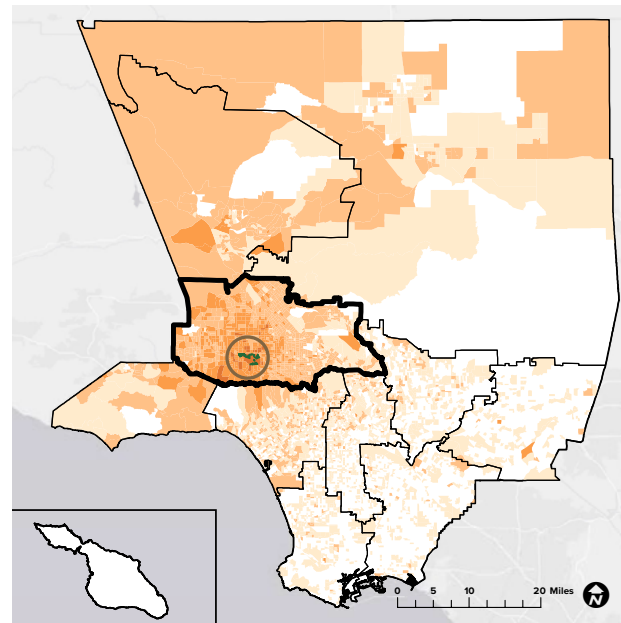
Lake Balboa Park, also known as Anthony C. Beilenson Park, is located in San Fernando Valley. The 19,600 square-foot grassy open space features a maritime-themed playground and an interactive drum play area. The park also has numerous picnic areas, walking and biking paths, restrooms, tennis courts and a multipurpose sports field. There is a lake for paddle boating, kayaking and fishing. Free parking is available and there are wheelchair-accessible entrances and paths.

KEY PARK AMENITIES

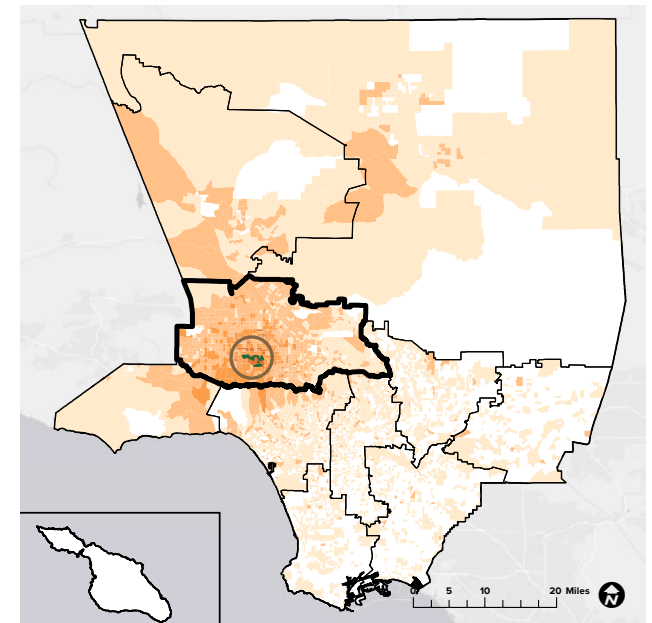
- Fishing Lake
- Boating Areas
- Tennis Courts
- Children's Play Area
- Group Picnic Areas
- Jogging/Walking Paths
- Biking Path
- Multi-Purpose Field

ANNUAL VISITORSHIP / VISITOR ORIGIN

2019
1,636,632 visitors



2020
968,599 visitors



78%
originated
from
within
LA County

22%
originated
from
outside
LA County

64%
originated
from
San Fernando
Valley

Lake Balboa Park
San Fernando Valley
Los Angeles County Regions

0-100
101-1,000
1,001-5,000
>5,000

82%
originated
from
within
LA County

18%
originated
from
outside
LA County

70%
originated
from
San Fernando
Valley

WEBSITE

www.laparks.org/aquatic/balboa

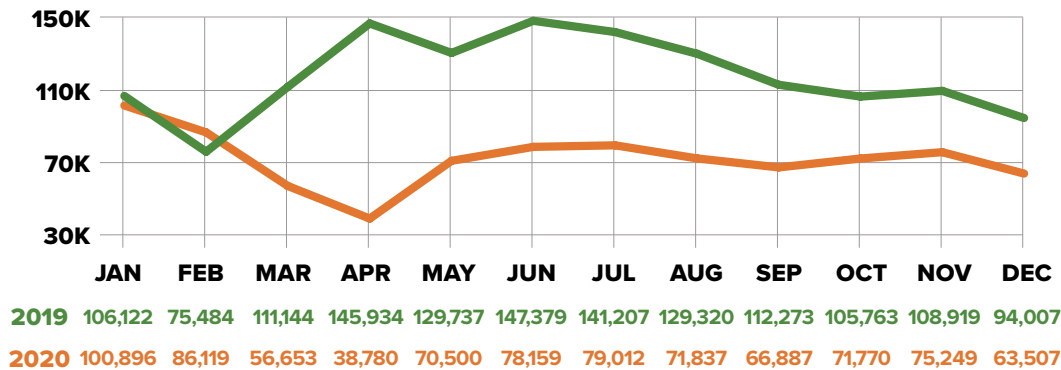
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VISITORSHIP REPORT 2019 - 2020

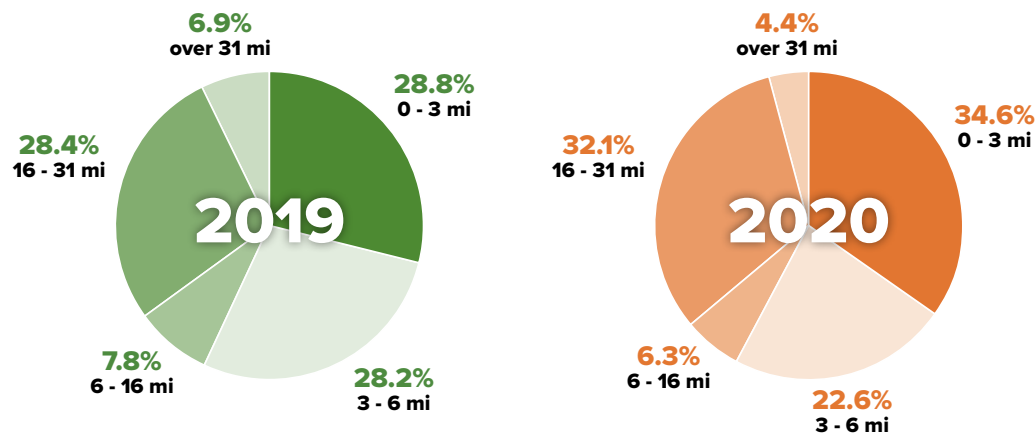
Lake Balboa Park



MONTHLY VISITORSHIP



TRAVEL DISTANCE



DEMOGRAPHICS

EDUCATION

	High School Diploma	Some College, No Degree	Associates Degree	Bachelors Degree	Masters Degree & Above
2019	16.1%	17.4%	6.3%	20.6%	7.0%
2020	16.1%	17.5%	6.3%	20.3%	6.7%

INCOME

	Less than \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$74,999	\$75,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 - \$124,999	More than \$125,000
2019	18.6%	16.6%	19.5%	11.7%	9.4%	24.1%
2020	19.9%	17.2%	19.7%	11.4%	9.0%	22.7%

GENDER IDENTITY

	Male	Female
2019	49.0%	51.0%
2020	48.8%	51.2%

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Amer-Indian	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	2 or More	Other
2019	0.2%	11.4%	4.4%	39.5%	41.5%	2.5%	0.4%
2020	0.2%	10.8%	4.5%	40.9%	40.7%	2.4%	0.3%

AGE

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
2019	21.7%	19.1%	18.2%	17.0%	12.8%	6.6%	4.6%
2020	21.8%	19.6%	17.9%	16.9%	12.7%	6.5%	4.6%

VISITORSHIP REPORT 2019 - 2020

Hansen Dam Park


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PARKS
PNA 1

VITAL STATISTICS**DESCRIPTION**

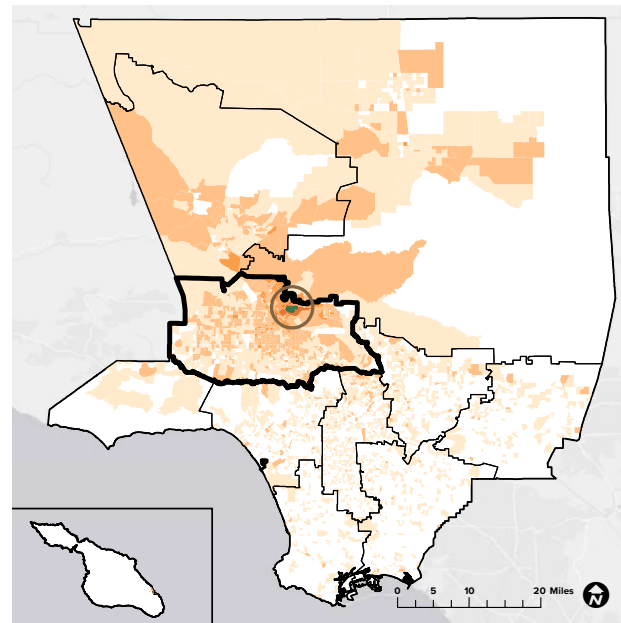
Hansen Dam Recreation Center and Park is a large open space located in the San Fernando Valley. Visitors can enjoy picnic areas and barbecue pits, children's play areas, baseball diamonds and soccer fields, the Hansen Dam Horse Park, the Hansen Dam Aquatic Center and the Hansen Dam Golf Course. The park has equestrian and walking trails where visitors can take to explore Angeles National Forest.

KEY PARK AMENITIES

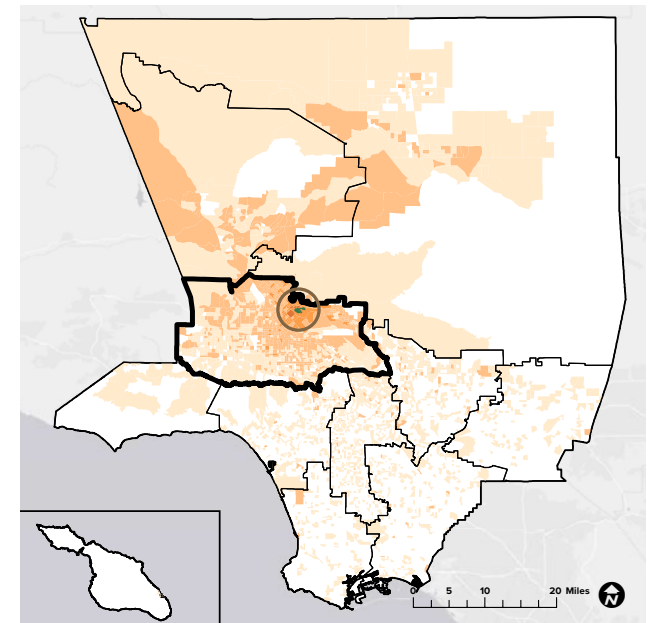
- Children's Play Areas
- Boating Area
- Swimming Beach
- Swimming Pool
- Baseball Fields
- Soccer Fields
- Volleyball Courts
- Equestrian Facilities
- Fishing Lake
- Fitness Zones
- Skate Park
- Group Picnic Areas

ANNUAL VISITORSHIP / VISITOR ORIGIN

2019
508,190 visitors



2020
405,504 visitors

**92%**

originated
from
within
LA County

8%

originated
from
outside
LA County

70%

originated
from
San Fernando
Valley

Hansen Dam Park**San Fernando Valley****Los Angeles County Regions**

0-100

101-1,000

1,001-5,000

>5,000

88%

originated
from
within
LA County

12%

originated
from
outside
LA County

72%

originated
from
San Fernando
Valley

WEBSITE

www.laparks.org/playgrounds/hansendamUAPRC

Sources: Unacast 2021 (LA County DPR 2020, LA County PNA 2016, ESRI 2021)

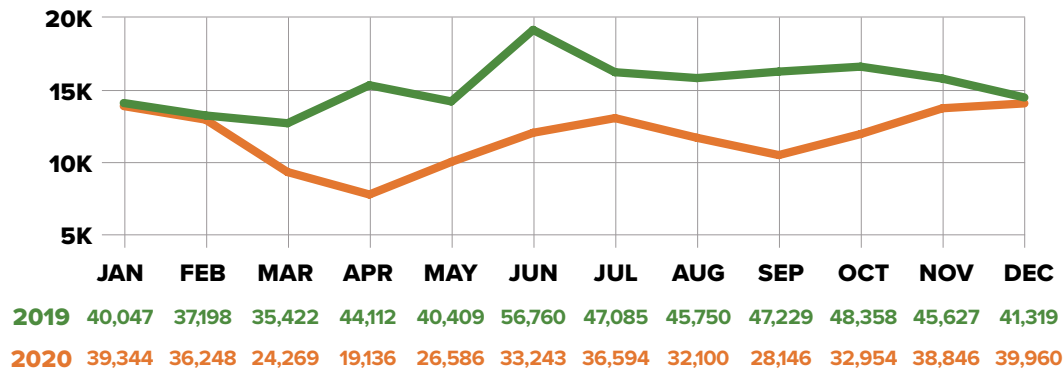
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Hansen Dam Park

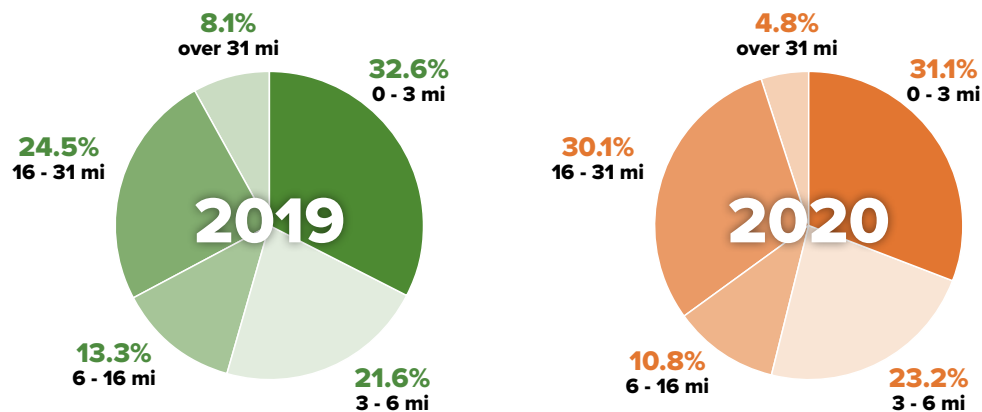


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MONTHLY VISITORSHIP



TRAVEL DISTANCE



DEMOGRAPHICS

EDUCATION

	High School Diploma	Some College, No Degree	Associates Degree	Bachelors Degree	Masters Degree & Above
2019	18.5%	15.6%	5.4%	14.7%	4.2%
2020	18.7%	15.9%	5.7%	14.6%	4.1%

INCOME

	Less than \$24,999	\$25,000 - \$49,999	\$50,000 - \$74,999	\$75,000 - \$99,999	\$100,000 - \$124,999	More than \$125,000
2019	21.3%	19.5%	21.4%	12.4%	8.5%	16.8%
2020	20.0%	18.7%	21.6%	12.9%	9.2%	17.4%

GENDER IDENTITY

	Male	Female
2019	49.5%	50.5%
2020	49.4%	50.5%

RACE/ETHNICITY

	Amer-Indian	Asian	Black	Hispanic	White	2 or More	Other
2019	0.2%	9.4%	4.7%	59.7%	24.1%	1.5%	0.3%
2020	0.2%	9.2%	4.5%	59.9%	24.3%	1.5%	0.2%

AGE

	18-29	30-39	40-49	50-59	60-69	70-79	80+
2019	23.9%	19.4%	17.7%	17.5%	11.6%	6.2%	3.7%
2020	23.8%	19.6%	17.9%	17.4%	11.8%	6.0%	3.6%

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THEMES

BARRIERS RESIDENTS EXPERIENCE TO USING REGIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES



HEAT

Hot summers make outdoor recreation activities difficult many months of the year.



LACK OF SHADE

Without shade, many parks and trails are unusable during hot months.



DISTANCE

Many park amenities are not available nearby.



LACK OF TRANSIT

Public transit wait and travel times to parks can be up to two hours or more and there are few options for carpooling or shuttles.



COST

Entry and parking fees are an obstacle for many residents.



TIME

Many residents do not have time, due to work or other reasons, to travel to and/or use regional parks and facilities.



LACK OF INFORMATION

Residents do not know where parks are located, what facilities are available, or how to use and get to amenities.



TOO CROWDED

Not enough facilities to meet demand, so popular parks and trails are often crowded.



SAFETY

Concerns about unhoused people and gang activity in parks, as well as pandemic safety precautions like social distancing in parks.



LIMITED ADA ACCESSIBILITY

Facilities and programming are not accessible to disabled and older residents, and many people find it difficult to get outside due to health issues.



LACK OF CONNECTIVITY

Not enough trail networks or safe biking and pedestrian options.



LACK OF OUTDOOR RECREATION AREAS

There is a need for more outdoor recreation spaces available to for public use.



LACK OF NEARBY GREENSPACE

Many residents live in park-poor communities and do not have access to parks or green spaces near to where they live.

“People want bike paths that have shade. Existing segments of the LA River bike path are unshaded and inhospitable and lack connectivity.”

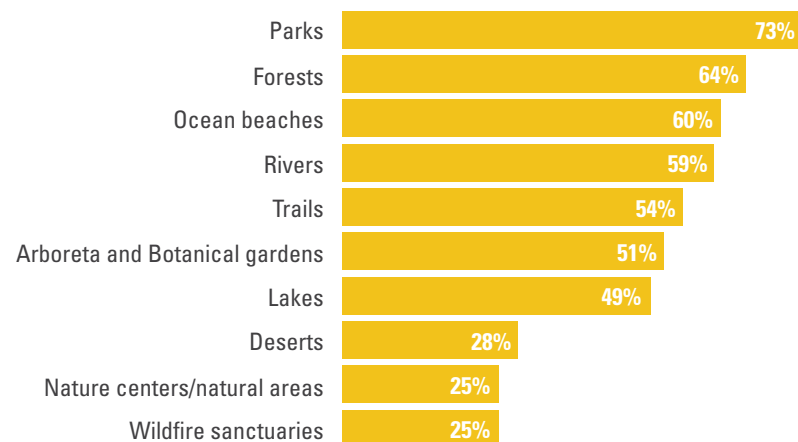
“It’s impossible for families without a vehicle to access some of these regional parks that are far from their homes.”

“All parks in the San Fernando Valley... need lots of maintenance.”

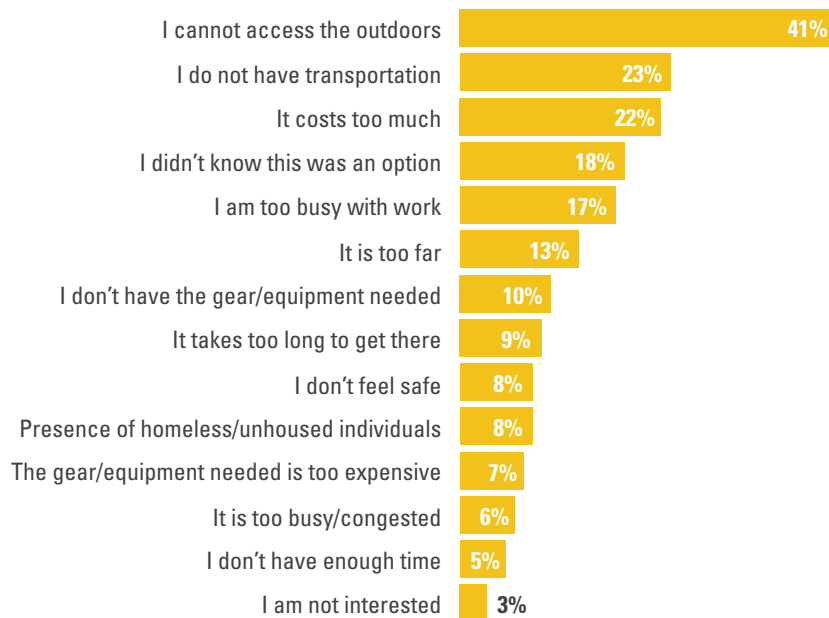
“Some park areas are restricted to sports teams and not open to the community.”

► *Residents Regional Parks Use and Activities*

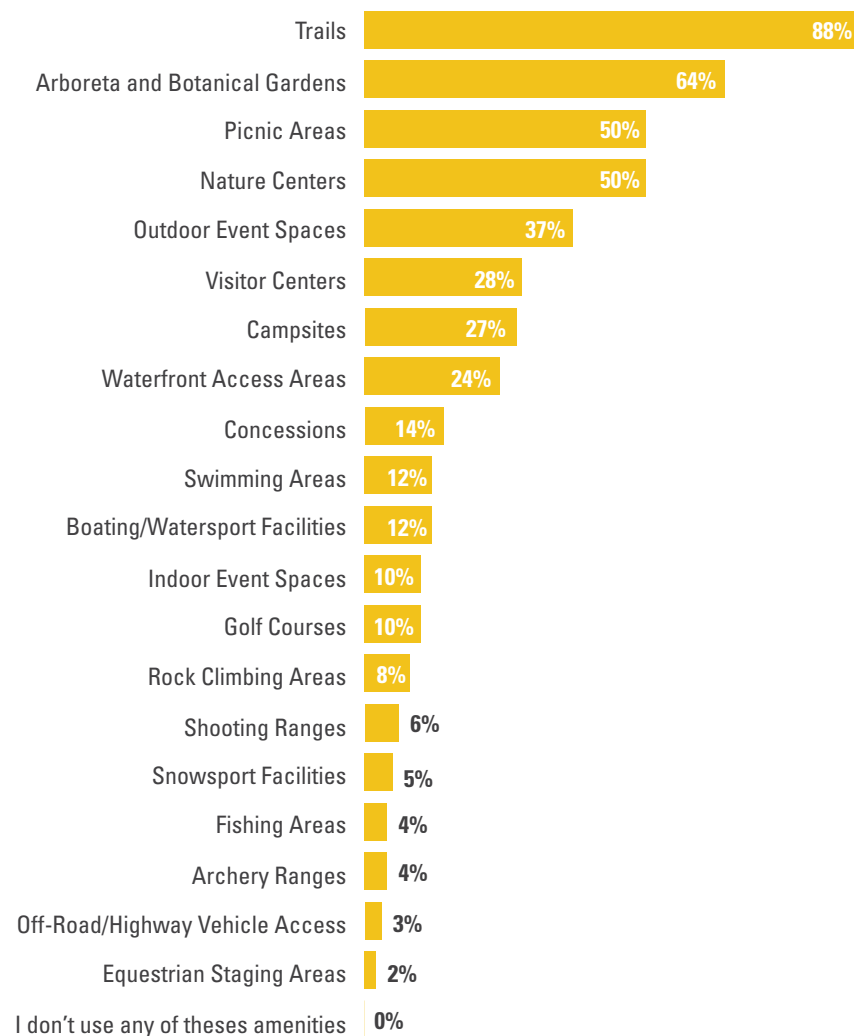
I visit these types of regional parks and facilities the most...



I can't go outside or to parks because...



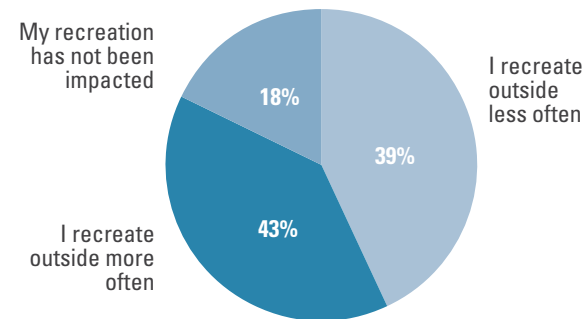
I use these regional park amenities most often:



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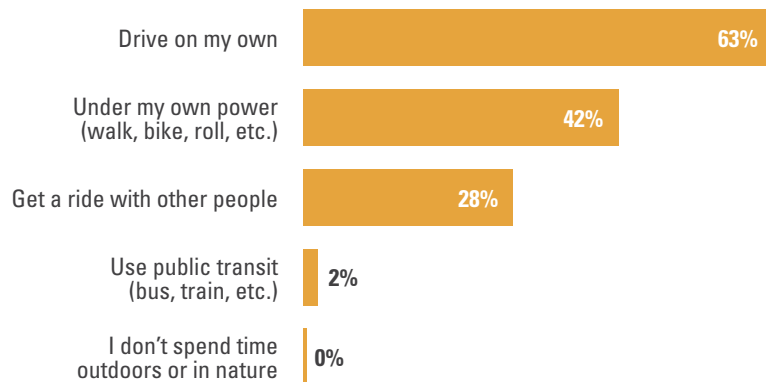
► Covid-19 Impacts on Recreation for Residents in the San Fernando Valley Region

COVID has affected how I recreate...

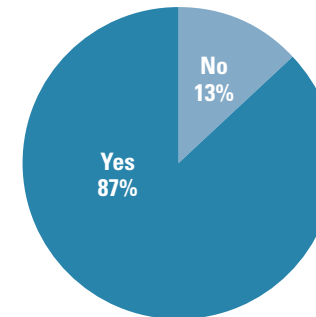


► Travel to Parks

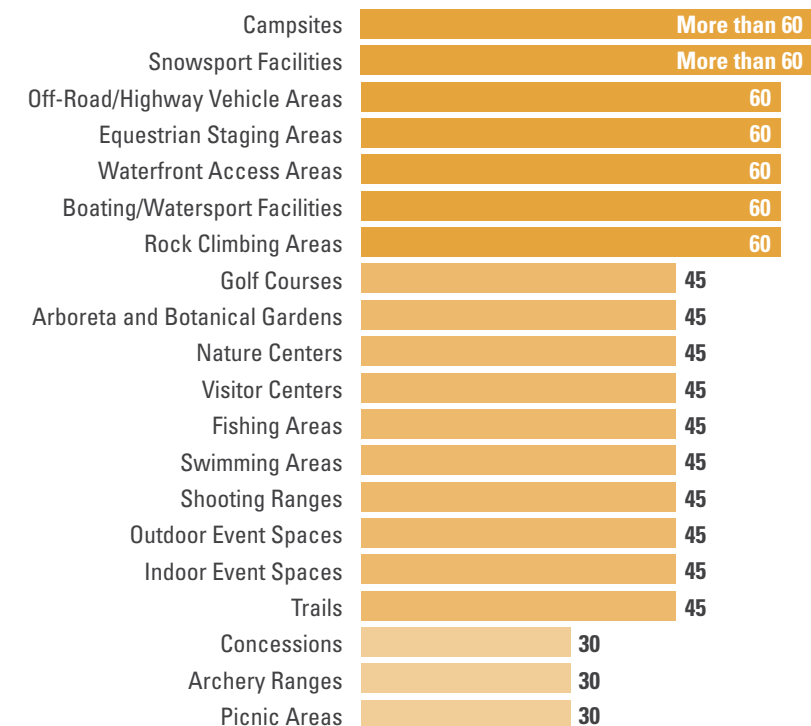
When I travel to parks, these are all the ways I get there...



Because of COVID I am looking for recreation opportunities closer to home...

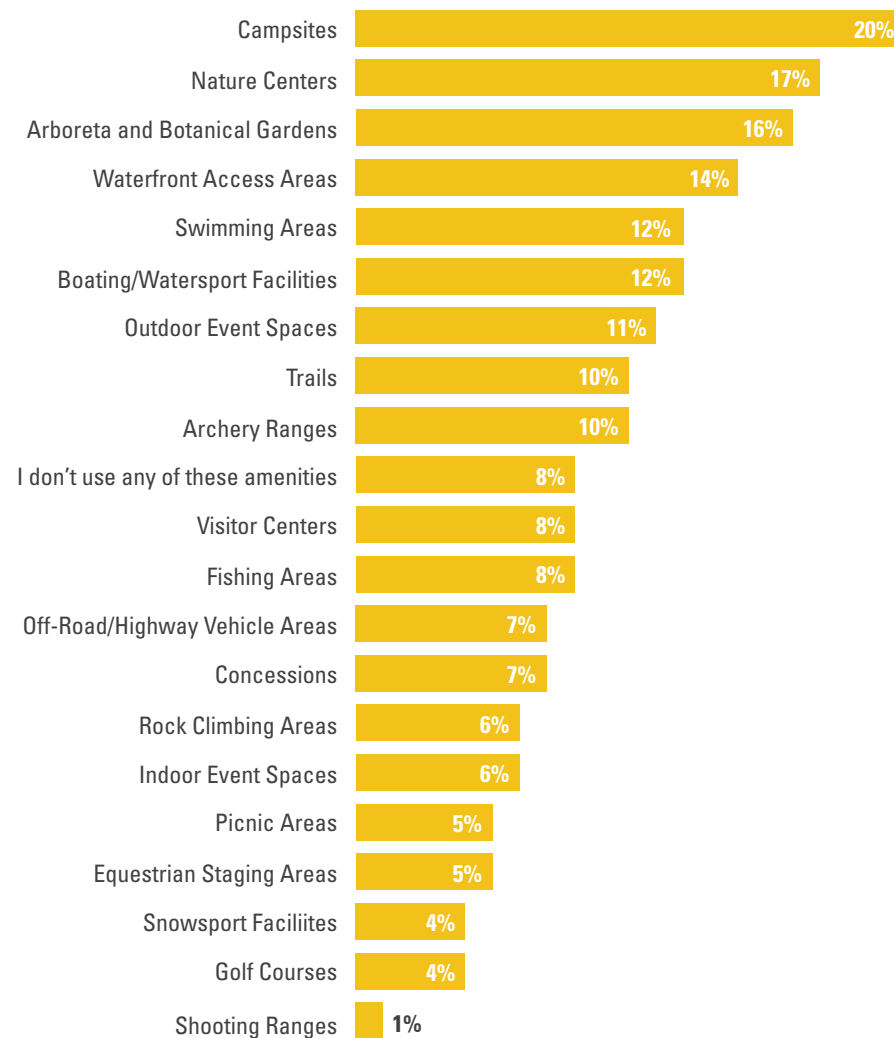


I'm willing to travel this many minutes to parks and amenities...



► *Regional Parks Needs in the San Fernando Valley Region*

The greatest parks needs in my community include...



► *Quality of Regional Park Amenities in the San Fernando Valley Region*

These amenities received the highest rate of good, fair or poor quality ratings from respondents...

Good

Arboreta and Botanical Gardens	81%
Trails	65%
Boating/Watersport Facilities	62%
Archery Ranges	50%
Nature Centers	50%
Equestrian Staging Areas	50%

Fair

Fishing Areas	50%
Equestrian Staging Areas	50%
Swimming Areas	46%
Visitor Centers	43%
Picnic Areas	40%

Poor

Snowsport Facilities	75%
Waterfront Access Areas	44%
Rock Climbing Areas	38%
Campsites	36%
Shooting Ranges	33%
Off-Road/Highway Vehicle Areas	33%

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT THEMES

COMMUNITY SUGGESTIONS TO INCREASE AND IMPROVE VISITS TO REGIONAL PARKS AND FACILITIES



MORE SHADE

More shade structures and trees in gathering and playground spaces and along trails.



ACCESS TO WATER

Water fountains for users and animals in parks and along trails, more splash pads and water features for cooling off, better access to lakes, and waterways in the area.



TRANSIT OPTIONS

Provide free and more frequent transit and shuttles to the beach and to parks.



ENHANCED SAFETY MEASURES

Provide more lighting and patrols in parks and along trails, and ensure visitors are adhering to social distancing and other protective measures during the pandemic.



ADDRESS HOMELESSNESS

Expand services to support unhoused people who use parks.



BETTER ACCESS TO INFORMATION

More and multilingual information and media about events at regional parks, locations, available amenities and opportunities to provide input.



IMPROVED SIGNAGE

Provide additional and interactive wayfinding, interpretive and multilingual signage in parks and along trails.



ADA ACCESSIBILITY

Provide wheelchair and disabled accessible trails and facilities, including restrooms and playgrounds.



EXPAND NATIVE AMERICAN ACCESS AND EDUCATION

Provide access to ceremonial spaces for gatherings and events and provide spaces for indigenous-led education centers and activities.



EXPAND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Open up park spaces for the community to hold more events and activities.



IMPROVED MAINTENANCE AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Clean, and maintain restrooms, trails and other facilities, deal with fire hazards, and provide more picnic tables and seating.



ADDITIONAL STAFF

Hire more park guides and maintenance staff to take care of trails and park infrastructure.



BETTER ACCESS TO PROGRAMS

Improve the online reservation system, gather community input to improve the variety of recreation programs, and provide bike rentals, affordable equipment and classes for all ages, especially youth, seniors and those with disabilities.



MORE RECREATION FACILITIES

Extend facilities hours, provide more outdoor equipment and publicly accessible recreation spaces, and build additional parks to meet demand.



EXPAND CONCESSIONS

Provide more concessions at parks and facilities.



PROVIDE FREE ENTRY TO FACILITIES

Organize free days for LA County residents at sites with entry fees and prioritize access at popular sites for those who come by transit, walk or bike to parks.



DEDICATED USE TRAILS

Provide separate trails for hiking, biking, equestrian use to help mitigate conflict and increase safety for all users along trails.



ENHANCE CONNECTIVITY

Provide shaded greenways and trail networks that connect communities, parks and trails, and provide safe transportation corridors for bicyclists, equestrians, pedestrians and wildlife.



EXPAND AND PRESERVE GREENSPACE

More trees, pocket parks, native habitat areas, learning gardens, and natural open spaces with native and regenerative landscaping for passive recreation and viewing wildlife.



ENHANCE PRESERVATION AND STEWARDSHIP

Organize stewardship and restoration activities at parks and along the LA River and provide more opportunities for natural and cultural education at parks.



PARTNERSHIPS WITH COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS

Expand park use and greenspace access through school and community partnerships and make it easier for groups to register and use parks and facilities.

“People would like to be able to bike or hike from river and tributary trails up into the mountains without having to drive and park.”

“Connect parks to public transit, prioritize access for visitors who use public transit or walk/bike to parks.”

“Parks are good places for cooling centers, resilience centers, tool libraries, and job training.”

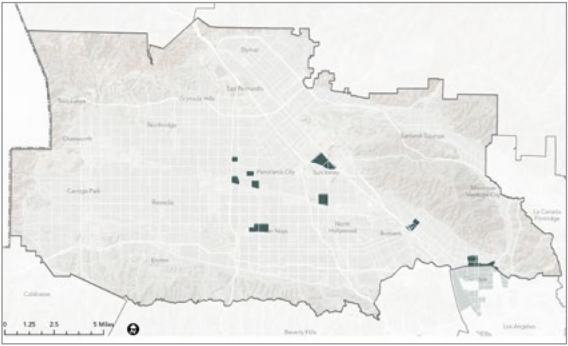
“Parks should provide space for community meetings and gatherings.”

“Examine the challenges of adding more parks in the San Fernando Valley.”

“Engage local residents to be stewards of their local parks.”

REGIONAL RECREATION PRIORITY ANALYSIS

Areas Experiencing the Highest Levels of Barriers and Vulnerability



High Levels
of Social and
Transportation
Barriers



High Levels
of Health and
Environmental
Vulnerability

Legend

- Areas of Moderate to High Vulnerability Across All Four Dimensions
- San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
- Los Angeles County
- Major Roads

Map source: HPI, 2021; 2021 RRE Inventory

Areas Located in Low Proximity to Regional Recreation Sites



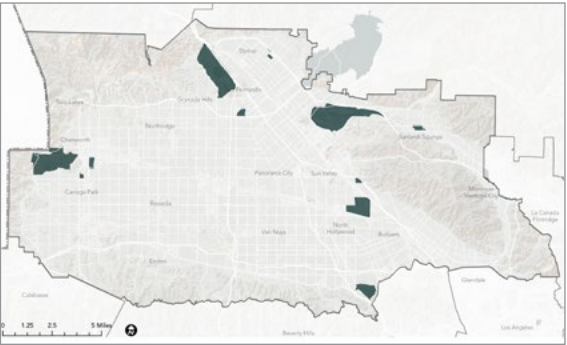
Low
Proximity
to Regional
Recreation
Sites

Legend

- Areas in Low Proximity to Regional Recreation Facilities (beyond a 2.5-mile bicycle ride to any Regional Recreation Park Entry Points, Nature-Based Recreation Area Entry Points or Trailheads and Access Points)
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Areas With Low Visitorship Rates to Regional Recreation Sites



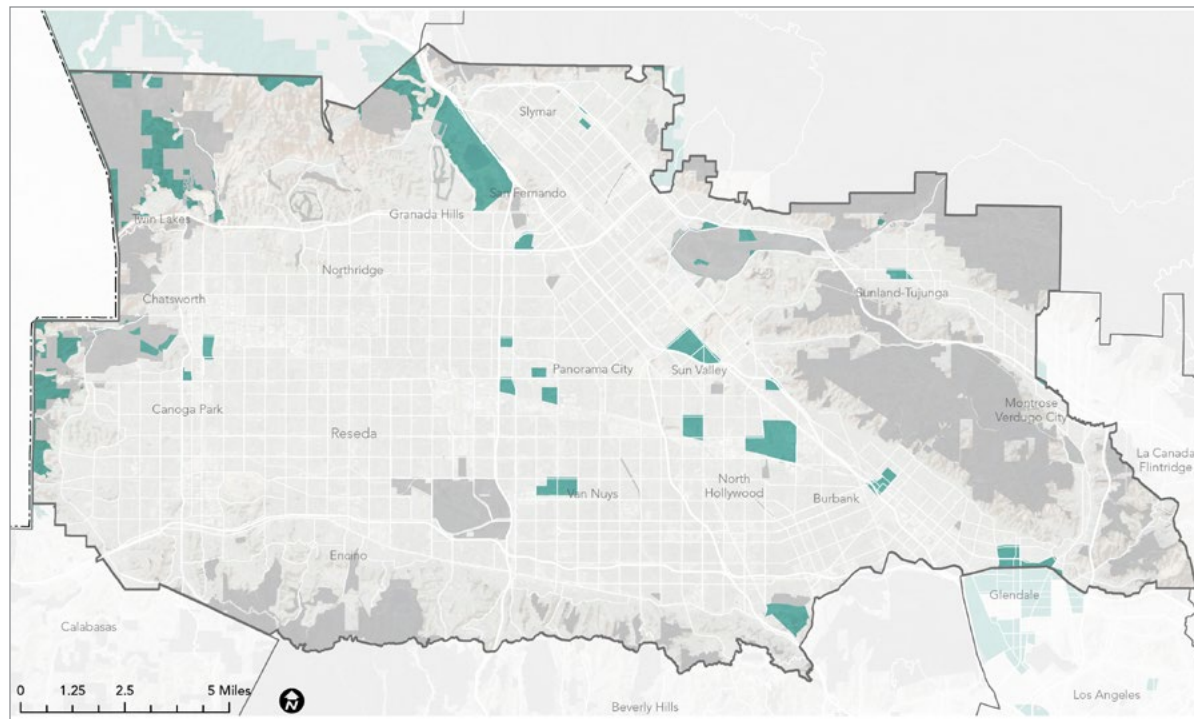
Low Visitorship
Rates to
Regional
Recreation
Sites

Legend

- Areas with Low Visitorship Rates (less than one observed visit per resident over the two-year period)
- San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
- Los Angeles County
- Major Roads

Map source: Unacast, 2021; 2021 RRE Inventory

REGIONAL RECREATION PRIORITY AREAS



Areas with:



**High Levels
of Social and
Transportation
Barriers**



**High Levels
of Health and
Environmental
Vulnerability**

**Areas of High
Regional
Recreation
Priority**



**Low Proximity
to Regional
Recreation Sites**



**Low Visitorship
Rates to Regional
Recreation Sites**

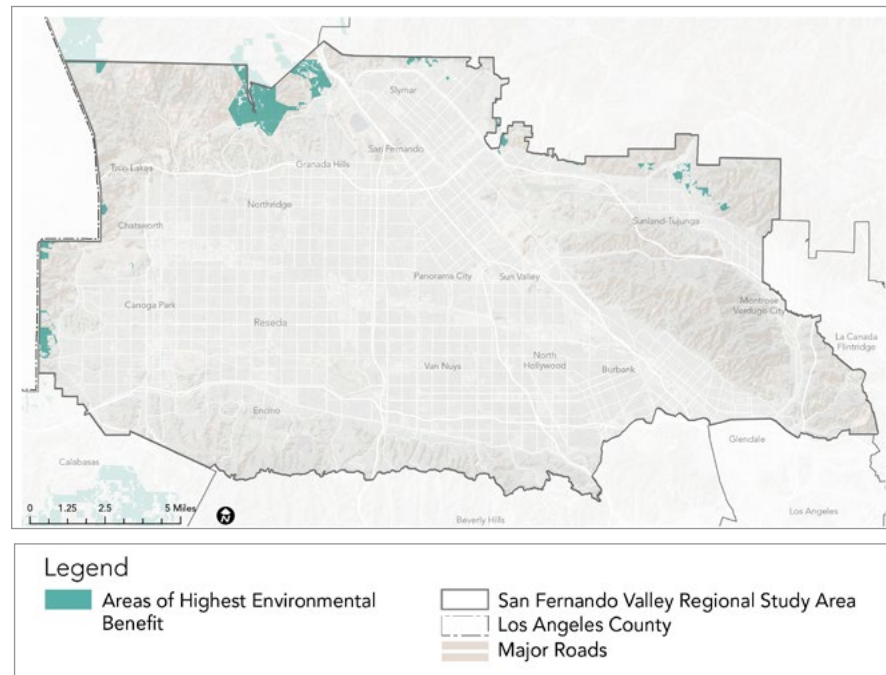
Legend

- Areas with ONE Indicator of Regional Recreation Need
- Areas with TWO Indicators of Regional Recreation Need
- Areas with THREE Indicators of Regional Recreation Need
- Regional Site Inventory
- San Fernando Valley Regional Study Area
- Los Angeles County
- Major Roads

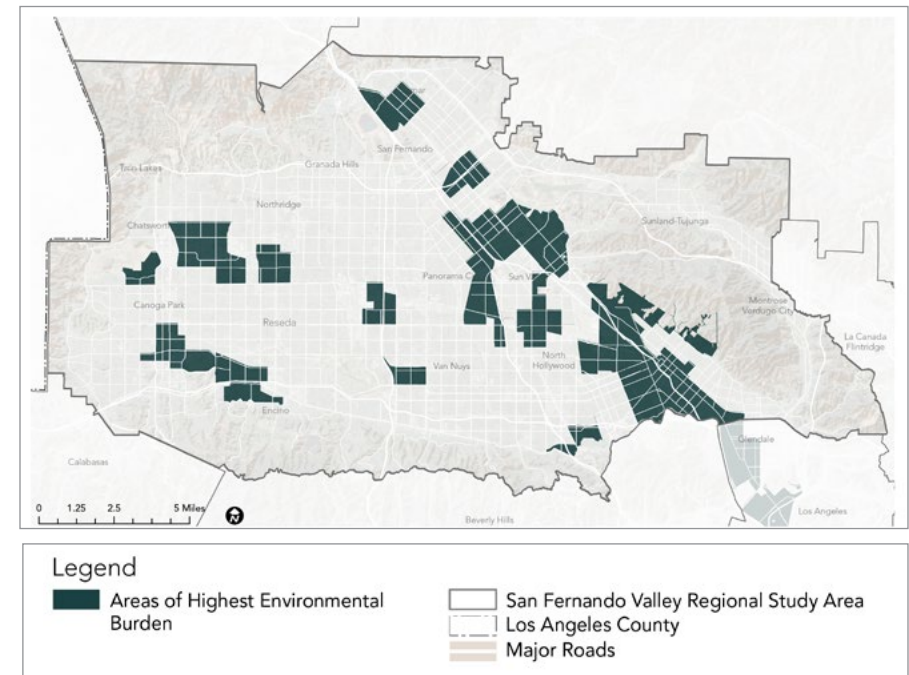
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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION AND RESTORATION PRIORITY AREAS

Priority Areas for Conservation



Priority Areas for Restoration



Maps source: CDFW ACE, 2021; USGS, 2021; COEHHA, 2021; CalFire FRAP 2015