2022 Los Angeles Countywide Parks Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+)

USER GUIDE

WELCOME TO THE PNA+!

This User Guide is intended to help you navigate the PNA+ Final Report and quickly find the information you are looking for.

1. How is the PNA+ Final Report organized?

The PNA+ Final Report consists of the following chapters and appendices:

Chapters:

- Chapter 1: Introduction
- Chapter 2: Community Engagement
- Chapter 3: Environmental Conservation and Restoration
- Chapter 4: Regional Recreation
- Chapter 5: Rural Recreation
- Chapter 6: Key Findings, Metrics, Recommendations, and Next Steps

Appendices

- Appendix A: Regional Study Area Profiles
- Appendix B: Rural Study Area Profiles
- Appendix C: Technical Resources
- Appendix D: Case Studies
- Appendix E: Survey Results
- Appendix F: Visitorship Reports

2. The PNA+ Final Report is over 200 pages long! Is there a summary?

Yes, please refer to the **Executive Summary.**

3. I would like to better understand the purpose of this study. Do you have some background information?

Yes, please refer to the **Chapter 1: Introduction** which explains the purpose of the report, including its focus on equity.

4. I want to learn more about the community engagement and outreach process for the PNA+.

Please refer to **Chapter 2: Community Engagement** which explains the outreach strategies and tools used for the project.

5. I want to better understand how priority environmental conservation and restoration areas were identified.

Please refer to **Chapter 3: Environmental Conservation and Restoration** which discusses ecosystem services, the role of regional parks and open spaces, environmental benefits and burdens, environmental conservation and restoration priority areas, and opportunities for environmental conservation and restoration.

6. I am interested in learning more about regional recreation in Los Angeles County.

Please refer to **Chapter 4: Regional Recreation** which offers information on the regional context for parks and recreation, regional site and trail inventory, regional recreation metrics and highlights, community use and perceptions based on survey results, regional recreation priority analysis, and opportunities for increasing access to the benefits of regional recreation.

7. What are the park and recreation needs of rural communities? I would like to know what the PNA+ says about this.

Please refer to **Chapter 5: Rural Recreation** which offers information on the rural context for parks and recreation, inventory of rural sites, rural recreation metrics and highlights, community use and perceptions based on survey results, rural recreation priority analysis, and opportunities for increasing access to the benefits of rural recreation.

8. What are the report's key findings and recommendations?

Please refer to **Chapter 6: Key Findings, Metrics, Recommendations, and Next Steps** which summarizes the key findings, metrics for tracking purposes, and recommendations and next steps that are organized by the following categories: funding priorities; park, trail, and open space provision; collaboration and coordination; access and information; community engagement; and capacity building.

9. I am looking for information for a specific Regional Study Area. Where can I find that?

Please refer to **Appendix A: Regional Study Area Profiles.** Profiles are available for the following eleven (11) Regional Study Areas:

1. Antelope Valley
2. East San Gabriel Valley
3. Gateway
4. Metro
5. San Fernando Valley
6. Santa Catalina Island
7. Santa Clarita Valley
8. Santa Monica Mountains
9. South Bay
10. West San Gabriel Valley
11. Westside

10. I am looking for information for a specific Rural Study Area. Where can I find that?

Please refer to **Appendix B: Rural Study Area Profiles.** Profiles are available for the following fourteen (14) Rural Study Areas:

1. Northwest Antelope Valley
2. Northeast Antelope Valley
3. Leona Valley/Lake Hughes/Lake Elizabeth
4. Unincorporated Lancaster/Unincorporated Palmdale/Quartz Hill
5. Castaic/Val Verde
6. Agua Dulce/Canyon Country
7. Acton/South Antelope Valley
8. Littlerock/Sun Village/Juniper Hills
9. Lake Los Angeles/Pearblossom/Llano/Valyermo
10. Stevenson Ranch/Newhall Ranch
11. Unincorporated Angeles National Forest/ Unincorporated Sylmar
12. Santa Monica Mountains North Area
13. Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Zone
14. Santa Catalina Island

11. I am interested in learning more about the data regarding environmental benefits and burdens, and population vulnerability. How can I get more information?

Please refer to **Appendix C: Technical Resources** which contains information about the data used to determine concentrations of environmental benefits and burdens, population vulnerability, regional recreation need, and rural recreation need.

12. Do you have examples of projects that address the environmental conservation and restoration, and regional and rural recreation needs identified in the PNA+?

Yes, please refer to **Appendix D: Case Studies** which includes sample of plans, projects, and programs in Los Angeles County that are enhancing environmental benefits, expanding equitable access to regional and rural recreation, addressing barriers to access, and mitigating population vulnerabilities.

13. I understand that various surveys were conducted as part of this study. Can I see the results in detail, including the qualitative responses?

Yes, please refer to **Appendix E: Survey Results** which includes the question-by-question results from the Tribal Needs Survey, Regional Needs Survey Summary, and Rural Needs Survey Summary.

14. I want to see the visitorship data for the sample park sites that are included in this study.

Please refer to **Appendix F: Survey Reports** which includes visitor information for 41 sites that span the eleven (11) Regional Study Areas and include a wide range of natural settings and recreational opportunities. The visitorship data covers the two-year time frame from January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2020.

15. Do you have an interactive map viewer that I can use to look at the different layers of information from the PNA+?

Yes, we have developed the PNA+ Map Viewer which can be accessed at this link.

16. I want to do my own mapping and analysis using data from the PNA+. Are the data layers available online?

Yes, please visit the County of Los Angeles Enterprise Geographic Information Systems website which contains the data layers from the PNA+.