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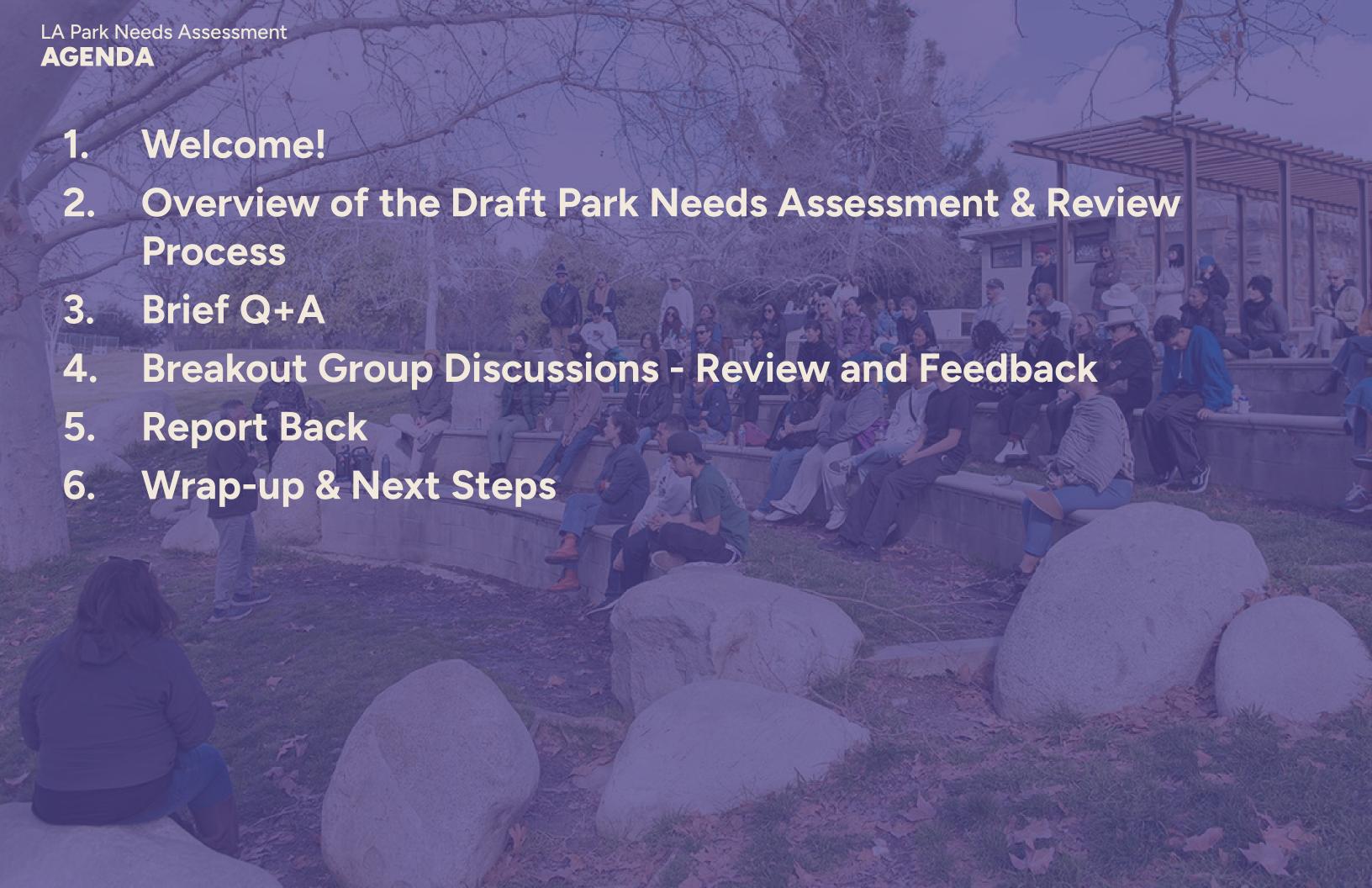
PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT

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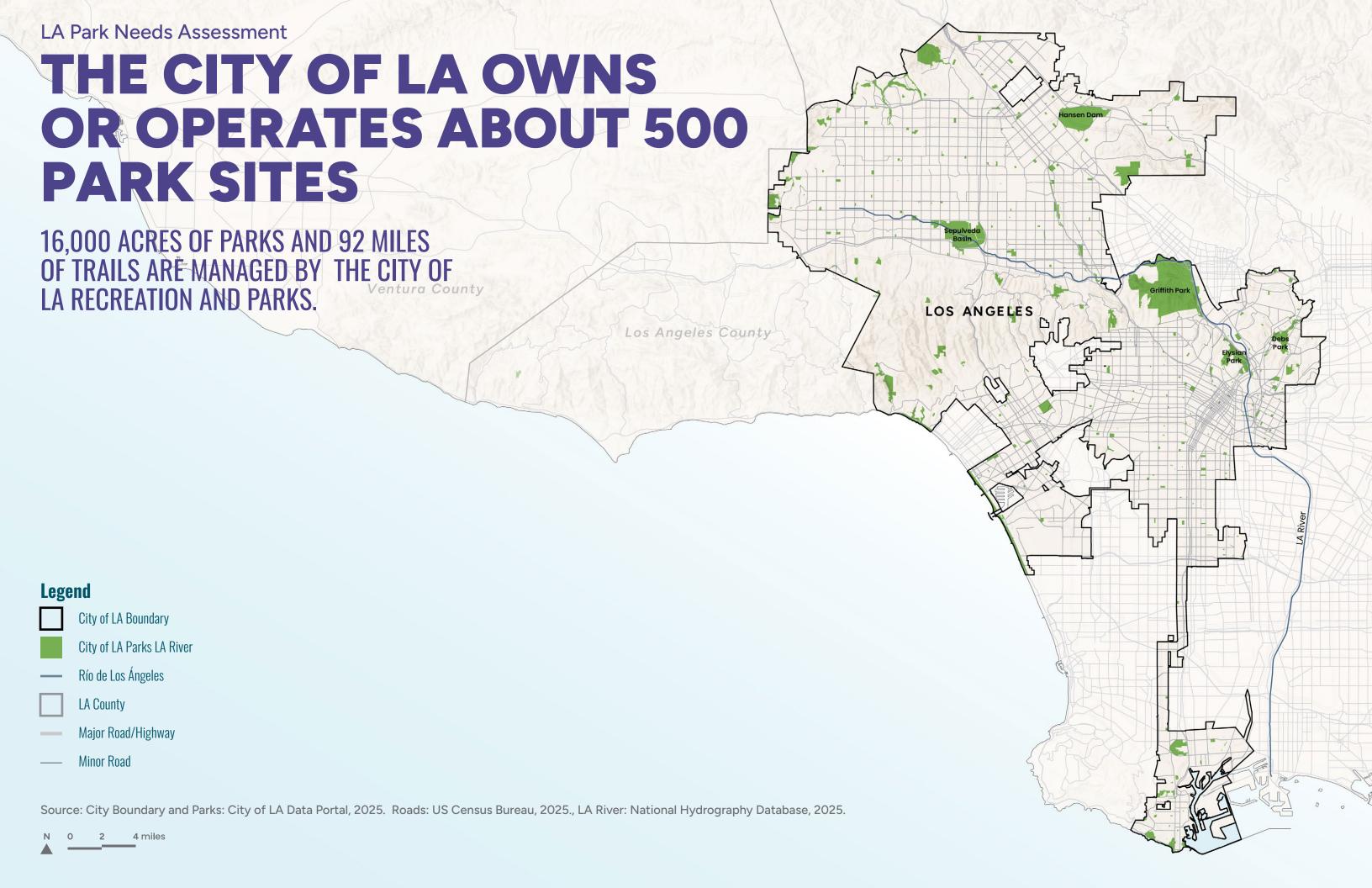


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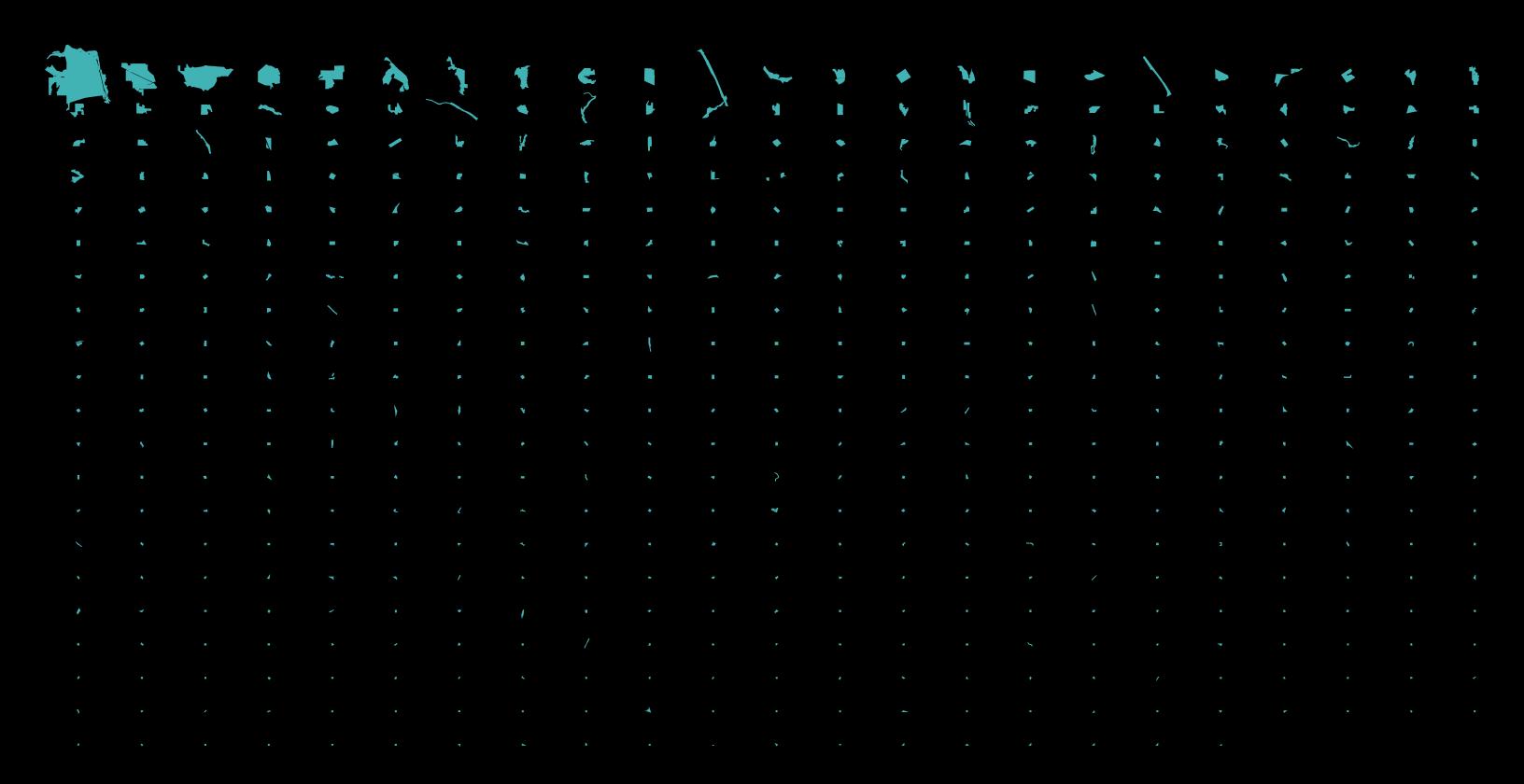
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16,000+ ACRES



PROJECT PURPOSE

Identify current and future needs, challenges, and opportunities for improvement across the City's parks and recreational facilities.

The PNA will guide future investment in park infrastructure and amenities that is reflective of the diverse cultures and communities of the City of Los Angeles.



PROJECT PURPOSE

The PNA is a system-wide assessment and evaluation of RAP parks and facilities, focusing on park needs up to and beyond 25 years into the future.





LA Park Needs Assessment **ENAGEMENT SO FAR** PHASE 1 ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS Ramona Hall (CD 1) **Tarzana Rec Center (CD 3)** Wilmington Rec Center (CD 15) Westchester Rec Center (CD 11) **Lincoln Park Senior Center (CD 14)** Algin Sutton Rec Center (CD 8) Victory Vineland Rec Center (CD 2) **PHASE 2 ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS** JT Harvard Rec Center (CD 8) Friendship Auditorium (CD 4) Sepulveda Rec Center (CD 6) **Lake View Terrace Rec Center** (CD7) Pan Pacific Park Senior Center (CD 5) Lafayette Rec Center (CD 10) South Park Rec Center (CD 9) Alpine Rec Center (CD 1) **Evergreen Rec Center (CD 14) Granada Hills Rec Center (CD 12)** Peck Park Rec Center (CD 15) POP-UPS AND YOUTH EVENTS: PHASE 1 Tarzana Earth Day **SEACA Youth Workshop** LA Maker Faire, YMCA Healthy Day For Kids, (Youth Outreach), **CicLAvia** and LASAN Earth Day (Pop Up) **POP-UPS AND YOUTH EVENTS: PHASE 2 National Night Out/Sun Valley Lotus Festival** Salute to Recreation **Lincoln Heights RC** Source: City Boundary: City of LA Data Portal, 2025. Roads: US Census Bureau, 2025., LA River: National Hydrography Database, 2025.





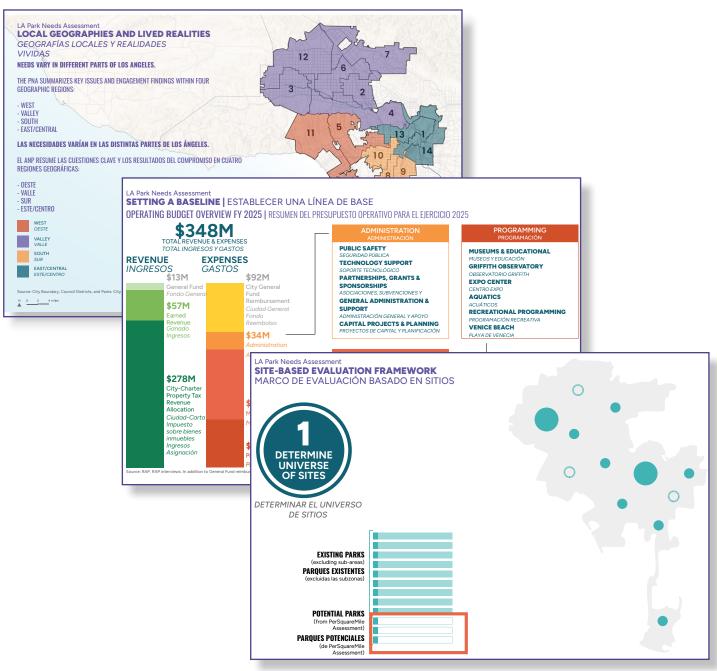




COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

PHASE 2 MEETINGS

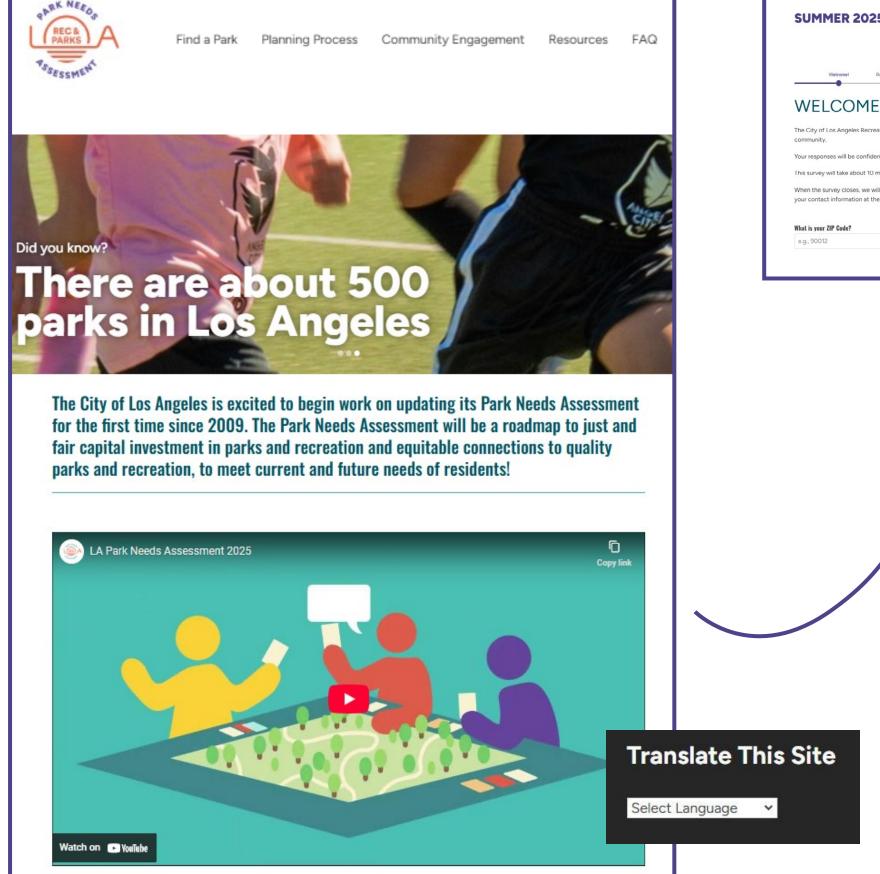


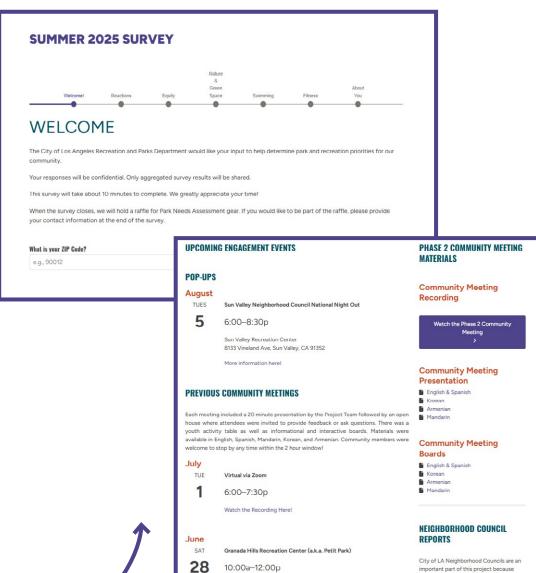


ENGAGEMENT BOARDS & SLIDES (ENGLISH/SPANISH)

+ PARALLEL MATERIALS IN ARMENIAN, KOREAN, MANDARIN

PROJECT WEBSITE





WEBSITE RESOURCES

- Interim Survey
- Phase 3 Community Meetings/ Events Information & Materials
- Draft PNA content will be online in early September



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UPCOMING PHASE 3 MEETINGS

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Community Meeting #1 & 2: Traditional In-Person Open House

4 September, 2025 Bellevue Rec Center

Community Meeting #2: Traditional In-Person Open House

6 September, 2025 Westwood Rec Center

Community Meeting #3: Virtual Open House

9 September, 2025 Virtual

Community Meeting #4: Deep Dive: Budget, Cost Estimates, and Decision Making

10 September, 2025 *Virtual*

Community Meeting #5: Deep Dive: Classifications, Level of Service, and Guidelines

11 September, 2025 *Virtual*

Community Meeting #6: Deep Dive: Site Prioritization

18 September, 2025 *Virtual*

POP-UP EVENTS

Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods Conference

27 September, 2025 LA City Hall

Hispanic Heritage Month Movie

24 September, 2025 Loren Miller RC

Fiesta Party, North Hollywood

26 September, 2025 North Hollywood RC

*Additional Potential Pop-Ups: CicLAvia South Central, CicLAvia Heart of LA

TRIBAL OUTREACH

LANAIC Listening Session

9 September, 2025 Virtual

COMMUNITY PARTNER PROGRAM

Phase 3 Roundtable

August 21, 2025 Virtual

EQUITY GROUP SESSIONS

Equity-Focused Workshop

9 September, 2025 | 10am-12pm Location TBC

Equity-Focused Workshop

10 September, 2025 | 10am-12pm Location TBC

Equity-Focused Workshop

23 September, 2025 | 10am-12pm Location TBC

Equity-Focused Workshop

24 September, 2025 | 10am-12pm Virtual

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Steering Committee Meeting #6

September 16, 2025

Steering Committee Meeting #7

November 18, 2025

INTEREST GROUP WORKSHOPS

Founders & Foundations

28 August, 2025 *Virtual*

Broad Ranging Interest Group

28 August, 2025 *Virtual*

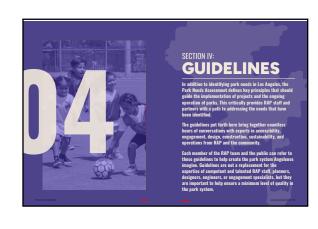


LA Park Needs Assessment DRAFT PNA SECTIONS AND CHAPTERS











1. CONTEXT

Chapter 1:

Executive Summary

Chapter 2:

Planning Context

Chapter 3:

Engagement

2. RECREATION AND PARKS TODAY

Chapter 4:

History of the Park System

Chapter 5:

RAP by the Numbers

Chapter 6:

Current Budget and Finance

3. COMMUNITY NEEDS

Chapter 7:

Benchmarking

Chapter 8:

Site Prioritization

Chapter 9:

Regional Snapshots

4. GUIDELINES

Chapter 10:

Site Planning

Chapter 11:

Park Classifications

Chapter 12:

Ongoing Engagement

Chapter 13:

Level of Service Standards

5. IMPLEMENTATION

Chapter 14:

Costs and Funding

Chapter 15:

Action Plan

SECTION 1: CONTEXT

'HOW TO USE THE PNA'

PNA SHORTCUTS FOR THOSE INTERESTED IN A SPECIFIC PARK

The PNA is organized and designed to be a tool for understanding and advancing park equity and investment. Users can first locate their park or prospective park site of interest in the Universe of Sites table found in Chapter 15: Action Plan. From there, readers can refer back to earlier chapters to explore how that site scores in terms of prioritization, what classification it falls under, and which guidelines apply for its future planning, design, and development. Chapter 9: Regional Snapshots offers additional context for where the site sits within the City.

Start here to find your park or park site in the Universe of Sites table!

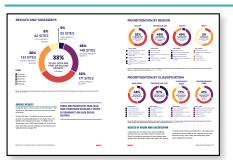
FIRS	ST PRIORITY Title	Size (Acres)	PNA Classification	Region	Composite Score
22	105th Street Pocket Park	0.11	Mini Park	South	
1	11th Avenue Park	0.21	Mini Park	South	
5	97th Street Pocket Park	0.13	Mini Park	South	
11	Arts District Park	0.51	Mini Park	Cen/East	
25	Caballero Creek Confluence Park	1.53	Neighborhood Park	Valley	
12	LAR Greenway - Mason to Vanalden	6.22	Greenway	Valley	
20	Leo Politi Elementary School (CSP)	2.02	Community School Park	Cen/East	
13	Little Green Acres Park	0.23	Mini Park	South	
7	PerSquare Mile - Downtown	3.00	Prospective Site	Cen/East	
14	PerSquare Mile - East Vermont Square	3.00	Prospective Site	South	
17	PerSquare Mile - Exposition Park	3.00	Prospective Site	South	
15	PerSquare Mile - N Hist South Central	3.00	Prospective Site	South	
23	PerSquare Mile - North Hollywood	3.00	Prospective Site	Valley	
24	PerSquare Mile - Pico-Union	3.00	Prospective Site	Cen/East	
6	PerSquare Mile - University Park North	3.00	Prospective Site	Cen/East	
18	PerSquare Mile - Van Nuys - Valley Glen	3.00	Prospective Site	Valley	
8	PerSquare Mile - Westlake	3.00	Prospective Site	Cen/East	
9	PerSquare Mile - Westlake-Koreatown	3.00	Prospective Site	Cen/East	
21	Rolland Curtis Park	0.09	Mini Park	South	
2	Saint James Park	0.90	Mini Park	Cen/East	
3	San Julian Park	0.29	Mini Park	Cen/East	
16	Sixth Street Viaduct Park	12.52	Community Park	Cen/East	
4	South Victoria Avenue Park	0.26	Mini Park	South	
10	Valencia Triangle	0.06	Mini Park	Cen/East	
19	Vermont Miracle Park	0.22	Mini Park	South	

SECOND PRIORITY

39	111th Place Pocket Park	0.09	Mini Park	South
80	1st And Broadway Civic Center Park	1.96	Neighborhood Park	Cen/East
123	4206 S Main St Maintenance Yard	0.48	Single Purpose Site	South
119	49th Street Pocket Park	0.19	Mini Park	South
93	61st Street Pocket Park	0.12	Mini Park	South
67	6th & Gladys Street Park	0.34	Mini Park	Cen/East

Figure 21. Each park or park site is listed in the Table of Sites, which lets readers know how it is prioritized, its classification, and its region.

LEARN HOW THE PARK WAS PRIORITIZED



LEARN ABOUT THE PARK'S CLASSIFICATION



LEARN WHAT GUIDELINES APPLY



LEARN ABOUT REGIONAL NEEDS AND INITIATIVES



PRIORITIZATION

See how parks and park sites are scored based on need, equity, access, and other criteria to understand which sites rise to the top.

The Prioritization chapter starts on page 153.

CLASSIFICATIONS

Learn how each park and park site is classified by size, type, and function to help provide guidelines to meet current and future needs.

The Classification chapter starts on page 239.

GUIDELINES

Find best practices for site planning, amenities, and level of service standards for different park classifications.

The Guidelines chapter starts on page 217.

REGIONAL SNAPSHOTS

Explore and understand community needs and challenges unique to each region in the City.

The Regional Snapshots chapter starts on page 189.

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SECTION 1: CONTEXT



CHAPTER 1: EXECUTIVE SUMMARY



CHAPTER 2: PLANNING CONTEXT





Prepared by: 5P-UN (San Francisco Bay Vies Planning and Urban Research Association). Summary: Provides useful tactics and approaches for engaging issues of the unhoused community in public spaces, and the best ways to organize engagements that foster productive conversations towards the betterment of public space for users.

COEXISTENCE IN PUBLIC SPACE, 2021

Prepared By: SPUR (San Francisco Bay Area
Planning and Urban Research Association)

A VISION FOR GRIFI
Prepared By: City of Lo
Summary: Building off

Prepared By: City of Los Angeles RAP Summary: Building off the 1978 Master Plan, this Vision Plan aims to preserve the urban wilderness identity of Griffith Park and its biodiversity while enhancing the existing programmatic uses of the park.

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RECYCLED WATER MASTER PLA

LASAN and LABOE
Summary: Strategies to maximize implem
potential of expanded recycled water use
secure a more sustainable water supply fo
City. Important to LA's parks is the inclusion



TORMWATER CAPTURE MP, 2015

mmany: investigates the use of stormwater a supply for the City of LA including both pundwater recharge and direct use. Creates suffiging mechanism for projects that either capture all augment the City's groundwater aquifers or ectify use water through site-specific storage and tribution.



MANAGEMENT LA RIVER MASTER PLAN, 2022

Prepared By: LA County Public Works Summary: Community-based goals, design guidelines, and equity-focused strategies for multibenefit projects for the 51 miles of the LA River. Includes areas within and around several City of LA Parks as Planned Project sites.

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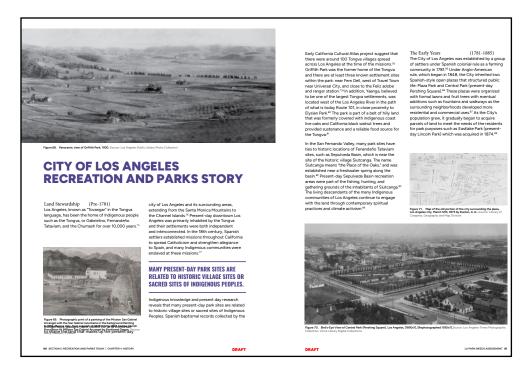
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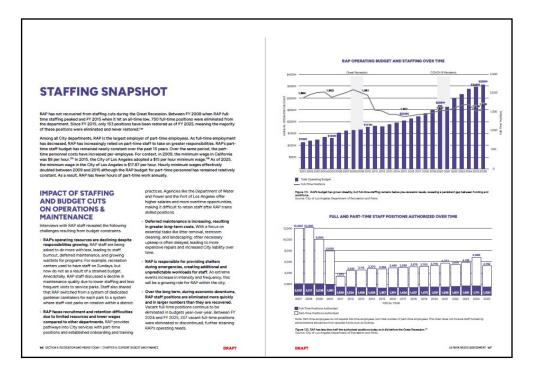
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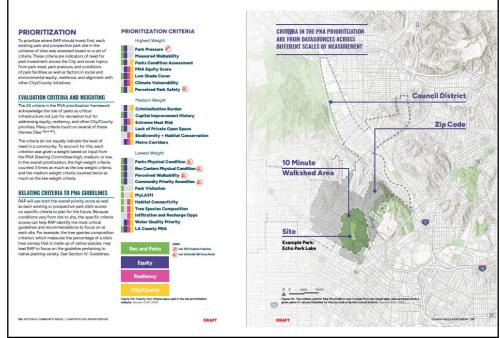
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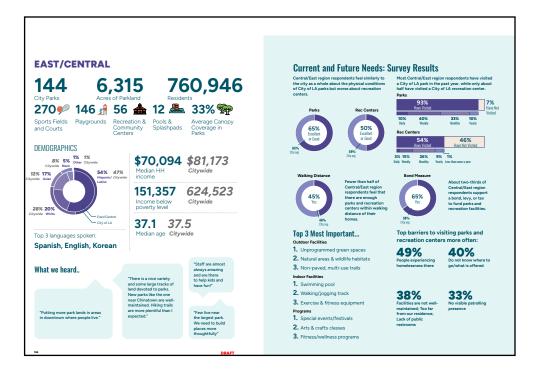
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CHAPTER 8: SITE PRIORITIZATION



CHAPTER 9: REGIONAL SNAPSHOTS



SECTION 3: COMMUNITY NEEDS

SITE PRIORITIZATION

FIRST PRIORITY SITES

THESE SITES REPRESENT THOSE THAT **SCORED THE HIGHEST OUT OF ALL 519 IN** THE PRIORITIZATION FRAMEWORK. THEY RANGE IN CLASSIFICATION, SIZE, AND **REGION.**

105TH STREET POCKET PARK



Classification: Mini Park

Region: South Acres: 0.11

11TH AVENUE PARK



Classification: Mini Park

Region: South Acres: 0.21

CABALLERO CREEK CONFLUENCE PARK



ARTS DISTRICT PARK

Classification: Mini Park Region: Central/East

Acres: 0.51



Region: Valley Acres: 1.5



Classification: Neighborhood Park

Classification: Mini Park **Region: South**

97TH STREET POCKET

Acres: 0.13

PARK

LEO POLITI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CSP)



Classification: Community School Park

Region: Central/East Acres: 2.02

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LITTLE GREEN ACRES **PARK**



Classification: Specialty Facility

Region: South Acres: 0.23

PROSPECTIVE PARK SITE-DOWNTOWN



Classification: Neighborhood Park

Region: Central/East Acres: 3

PROSPECTIVE PARK SITE - N HIST SOUTH CENTRAL



Classification: Neighborhood Park

Region: South Acres: 3

LOS ANGELES RIVER GREENWAY - MASON TO VANALDEN



Classification: Greenway

Region: Valley Acres: 6.22

PROSPECTIVE PARK **SQUARE**

Classification: Neighborhood Park

Region: South

Acres: 3

PROSPECTIVE PARK SITE - NORTH HOLLYWOOD



Classification: Neighborhood Park

Region: Valley Acres: 3



ORD AND YALE STREET

Classification: Mini Park

Region: Central/East Acres: 0.6

PARK

PROSPECTIVE PARK SITE - EAST VERMONT SITE - EXPOSITION **PARK**



Classification: Neighborhood Park

Acres: 3

Region: South

PROSPECTIVE PARK **SITE-PICO-UNION**



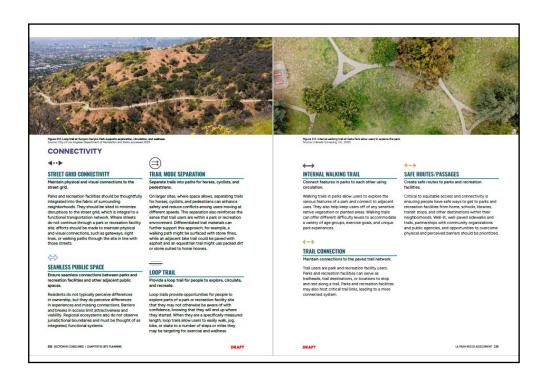
Region: Central/East Acres: 3

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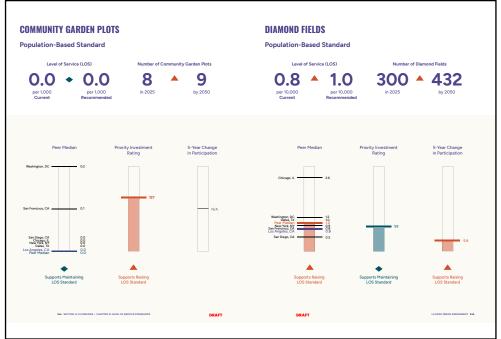
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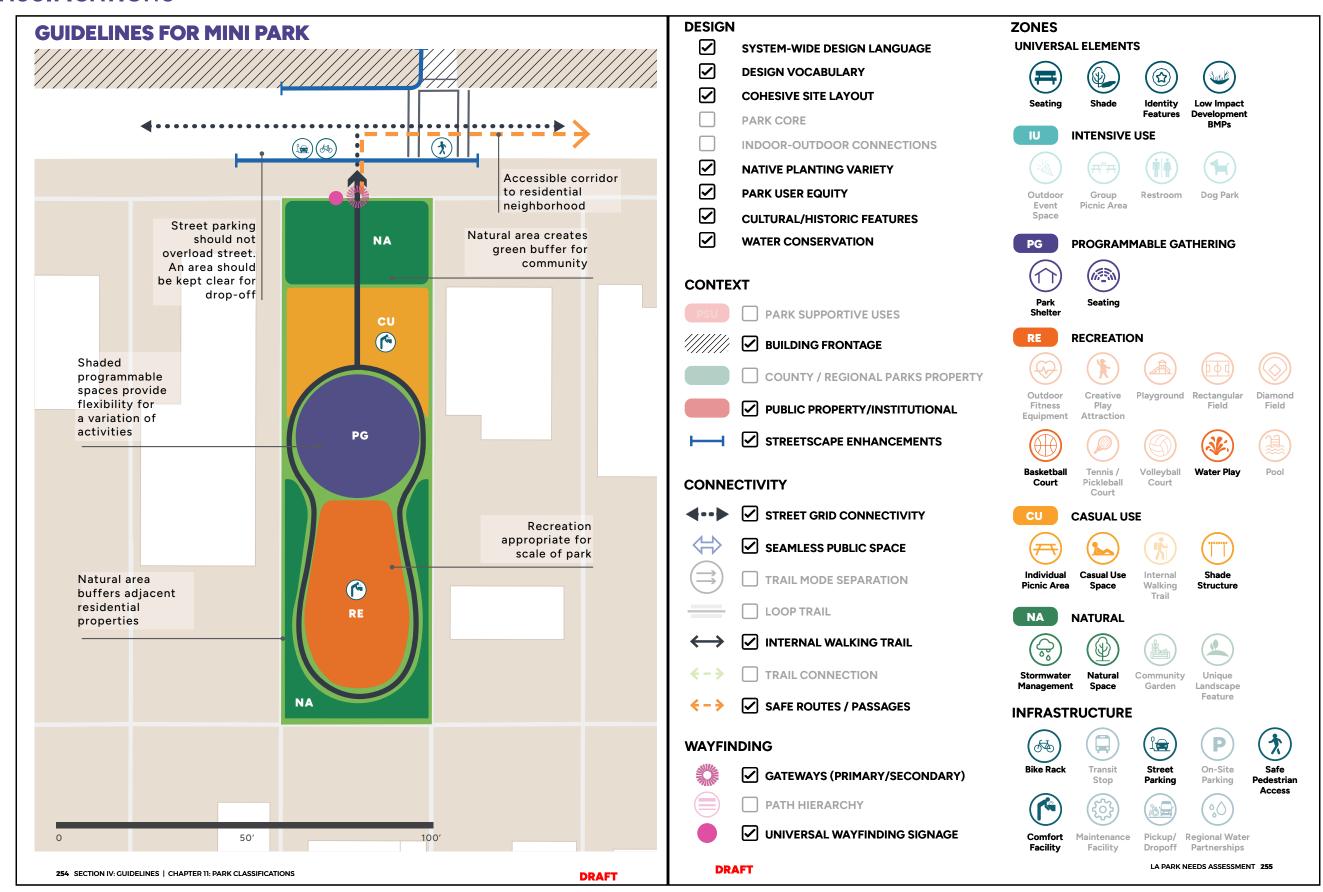




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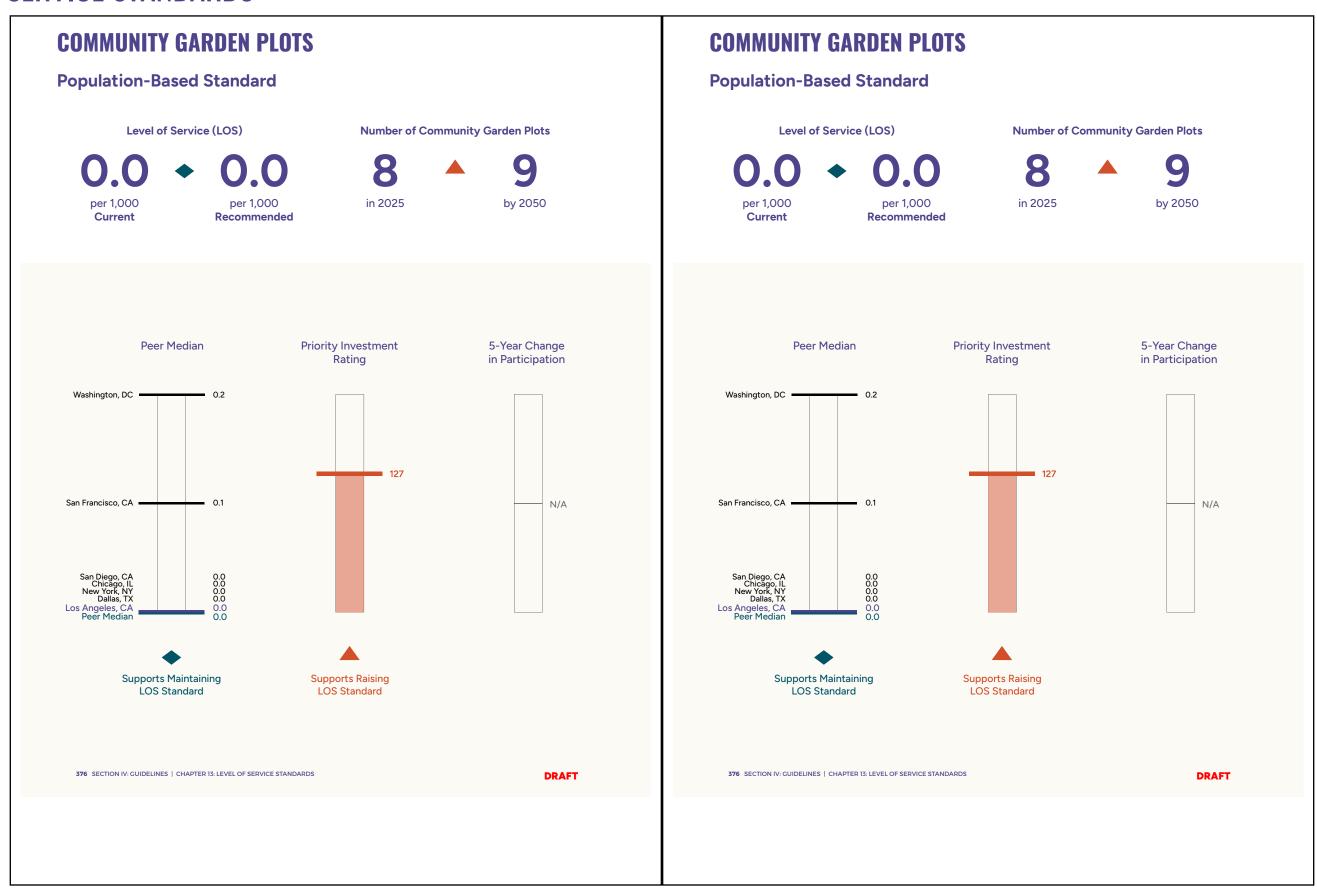
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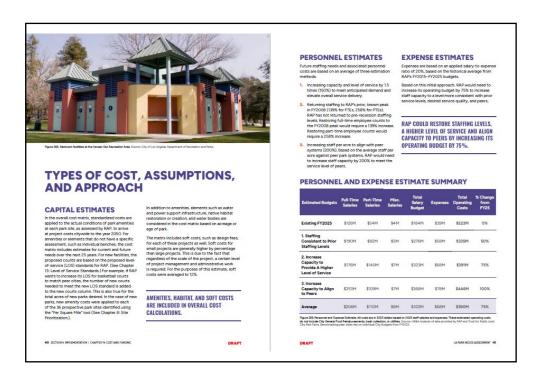
LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS



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CHAPTER 14: COSTS AND FUNDING



CHAPTER 15: ACTION PLAN



SECTION 5: IMPLEMETATION

COSTS AND FUNDING

FUNDING STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS

Los Angeles Recreation and Parks relies on a combination of public funding sources for critical capital improvements and the daily operations at more than 16,000 acres of parkland. As discussed in Chapter 6: Current Budget and Finance, RAP achieves this with an increasingly constrained budget. Some parts of the City have limited park space that is seeing increased pressure as a result of new development. More funding is needed – now and in the years to come.

This section describes strategies that the City of Los Angeles and RAP could use to increase funding for its park system, some of which have not yet been tested. While RAP should remain attuned to state and federal funding sources, many of the following funding strategies are within the City's, and even RAP's, direct control. Strategies like building out an ecosystem of conservancies across the park system or evaluating opportunities to increase earned revenue take time to implement. The pursuit of additional funding, including the promising possibility of increasing revenue, should never compromise RAP's fundamental mission of providing accessible recreation programs to all Angelenos.

The funding strategies explored in more detail are:

	Applicable Use		
Funding Strategy	Capital	Operations and Maintenance	
RAP-Led Funding Strategies			
Increase earned-revenue generation		X	
Expand partnerships with non-profits and build a conservancy model	Х	X	
Leverage State and Federal funding sources	Х		
Funding Strategies Requiring Partnership			
Increase the Charter mandated allocation of property tax revenue to RAP	Х	X	
Evaluate property tax assessments	Χ	X	
Evaluate sales taxes	Χ	X	
Evaluate City bond options: general obligation and revenue bonds	Х		

Figure 282.Funding strategy recommendations and their applicable use. Source: OLIN, 2025.

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Figure 283. Families ice skating at the Pershing Ice Rink opening. City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.

RAP-LED FUNDING STRATEGIES

INCREASE EARNED-REVENUE GENERATION

RAP can strengthen its financial sustainability by strategically reviewing and optimizing its existing revenue-generating programs, while remaining dedicated to the agency's fundamental mission of providing accessible recreation programs to all Angelenos. Affordability and earned revenue are not necessarily in conflict, and programs that produce revenue can help support new and exciting recreational opportunities that reflect community interests. Reassessing RAP's earned revenue could include conducting a market analysis that compares current fee structures, such as those for facility rentals, sports leagues, classes, or special events, with similar offerings provided by peer agencies and private providers in the region. If current rates are below those offered by peer institutions, particularly non-profit organizations with an interest in providing accessible services, there may be opportunities to adjust pricing while maintaining affordability and equitable access for residents.

RAP could also expand and diversify its revenue streams by collecting parking fees at new parks, improving and promoting concessions within the park system, or creating sponsorship opportunities for park maintenance or capital investment.

PARKING

RAP could evaluate free and paid parking across the park system to identify locations for paid parking, particularly in high-traffic locations where free RAP managed parking sits adjacent to paid parking.

CONCESSIONS

In addition to reviewing pricing of existing concessions, RAP may consider new offerings. Creative examples of high demand concessions exist in urban park systems across the country. In Philadelphia each summer and fall, Parks on Tap attracts tens of thousands of residents to pop up beer gardens across the city, generating vital revenue to support the city's parks and offering a fun way for residents to explore new parks. Run by FCM Hospitality in partnership with Philadelphia Parks & Recreation and Fairmount Park Conservancy, Parks on Tap offers local craft beer, food, and vibrant social space within the city's parks. The partnership allows Philadelphia Parks & Recreation to administer the program with limited staff effort. The program covers its own operating costs and generates thousands of dollars in revenue for the parks system. In the 2019 season alone, Parks on Tap generated \$1.1 million in revenue. After covering program expenses, revenue supports trail improvements, tree plantings, signage, and free cultural events in parks with no direct investment

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ACTION PLAN



FOCUS ON THE HIGHEST **PRIORITY SITES**

SEE CHAPTER 8: SITE PRIORITIZATION

105TH STREET POCKET PARK



Region: South PNA Classification: Mini Park

11TH AVENUE **PARK**



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97TH STREET POCKET PARK



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Region: Valley PNA Classification:

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CSP)



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Community School Park

LITTLE GREEN ACRES PARK

Region: South PNA Classification: Specialty

PERSQUARE MILE

- EAST VERMONT

SQUARE



Region: Valley

ORD AND YALE STREET PARK



Region: Central/East **PNA Classification: Mini Park**

PERSQUARE MILE - DOWNTOWN



Region: Central/East **PNA Classification: Neighbor**

Region: South

PNA Classification: Neighbor-

PERSQUARE MILE - N HIST SOUTH **CENTRAL**



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PERSQUARE MILE - EXPOSITION **PARK**



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PNA Classification: Neighbor-

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SAINT JAMES

Region: Valley

PERSQUARE

MILE - NORTH

HOLLYWOOD

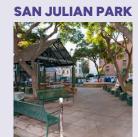
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Region: South PNA Classification: Mini Park



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Mini Park



PERSQUARE MILE

- PICO-UNION

Region: Central/East

Region: Central/East **PNA Classification: Specialty**

VERMONT

PERSQUARE MILE - WESTLAKE-**KOREATOWN**



Region: Central/East

SIXTH STREET VIADUCT PARK



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Community

SOUTH VICTORIA VALENCIA TRIANGLE AVENUE PARK



Region: South PNA Classification: Mini Park

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Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Mini Park

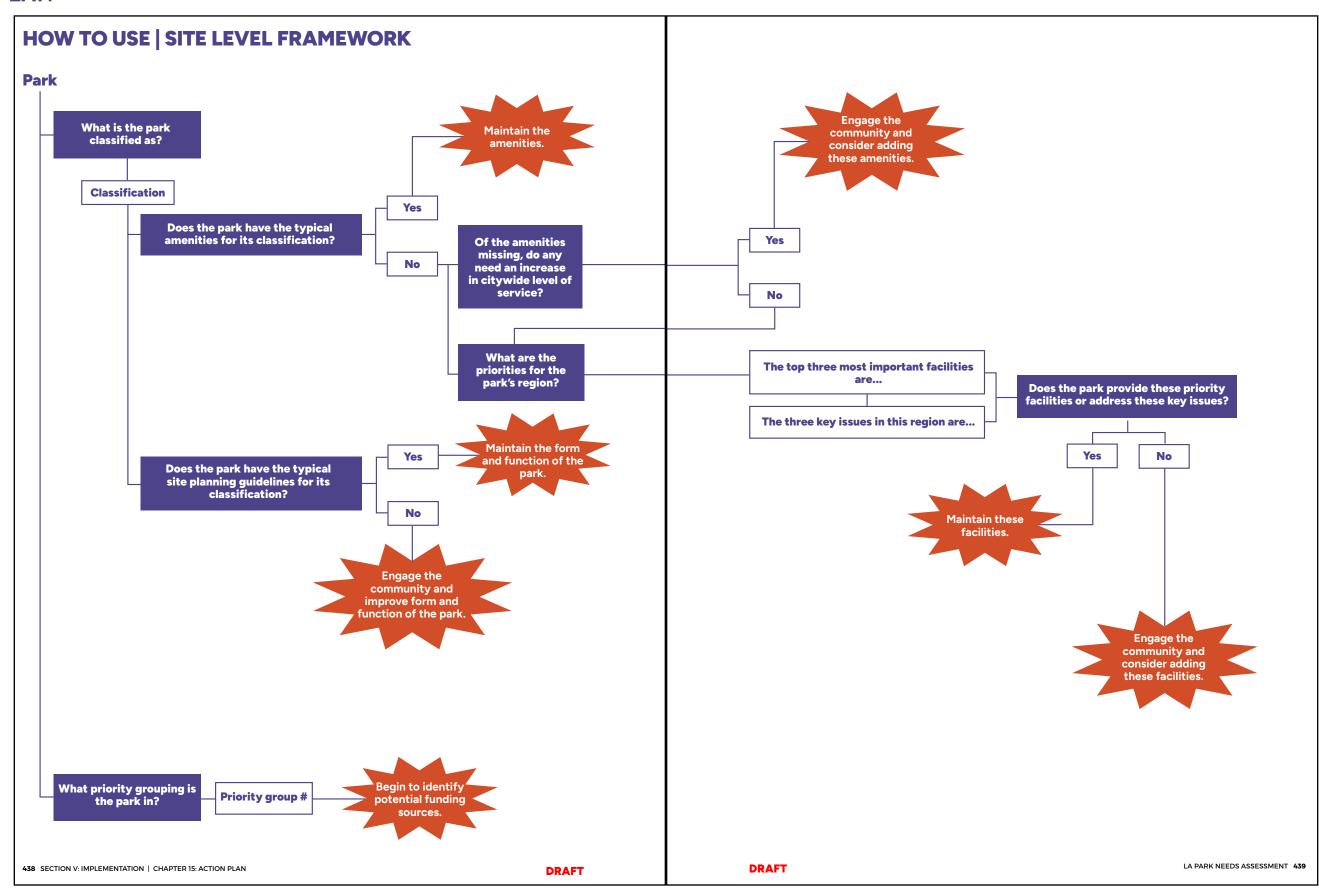


Region: South **PNA Classification: Mini Park**

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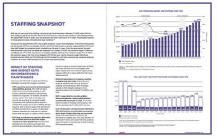


































Find a Park Planning Process Ammun. FAQ

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CAPITAL LIFE CYCLE

Capital facilities, including parks and recreation facilities, have a life cycle. New parks and facilities are planned, built, and operated. Periodically, they must be evaluated to help ensure that they are still serving their intended purpose and to determine whether they need to be updated to better meet residents' changing needs. Over time, without thoughtful investment and improvement, facilities can become outdated, over- or underutilized, or costly to maintain. Mapping out a clear capital life cycle helps the Department of Recreation and Parks systematically assess when facilities should be maintained, renovated, repurposed, or replaced. This chapter explains how the capital life cycle ties to the PNA's guidelines and supports proactive stewardship of the City's recreation and parks system—ensuring that public assets remain safe, functional, and responsive to community priorities.

Acquisition Vision Planning Design Construction Operation Evaluation

New parks are needed in the City. For some parks, their life cycle begins with acquisition from other government agencies or developers, private donations, or purchase. This process should be closely linked to ongoing consideration of park access and supply needs.

SITE PLANNING

Site planning guidelines provide a clear and consistent roadmap for designing new parks and recreation facilities, refreshing existing sites, and evaluating whether improvements are needed.

PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

The new park classification system in the PNA seeks to clarify how existing parks function and provides guidelines about future park and recreation facility typologies that may be necessary to meet the needs of current and future residents.

Learn More

SEND FEEDBACK

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HOW TO COMMENT AND REVIEW



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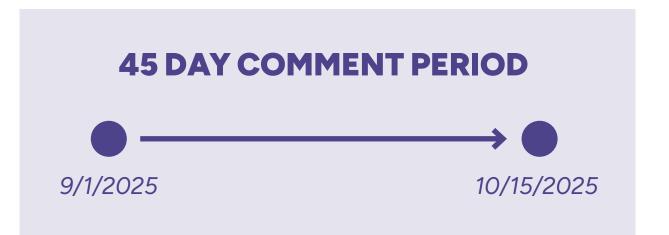
PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

The new park classification system in the PNA seeks to clarif, how existing parks function and provides guidelines about future park and recreation facility typologies that may be necessary to meet the needs of current and future residence.

Learn More

SEND FEEDBACK

needs.parks.lacity.gov







PARK PRIORITIZATION STRATEGY

UPDATES TO THE THE CRITERIA FOR SITE-BASED EVALUATION ARE SHOWN BELOW. THESE WERE BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE, RAP, AND WITHIN THE CONSULTANT TEAM.

Rec and Parks

Equity

Resiliency

City/County

Highest Weight

Park Pressure

Measured Walkability RAISED

Parks Condition Assessment

RAISED

PNA Equity ScoreCES or LAEI or SB535 DC

Low Shade Cover RENAMED

Climate Vulnerability

Conservation

Perceived Park Safety

Criminalization Burden
Capital Improvement History
Extreme Heat Risk^{NEW}

Lack of Private Open Space RENAMED

Biodiversity + Habitat Metro Corridors

Lowest Weight



Parks Physical Condition LOWERED



Rec Centers Physical Condition LOWERED



Perceived Walkability LOWERED



Community Priority Amenities

Park Visitation

MyLA311 Requests

Habitat Connectivity

Tree Species Composition

Infiltration and Recharge Opp. Water Quality Priority LA County PNA

Legend



Uses 2050 Population Projections



Uses Statistically Valid Survey Results

PARK PRIORITIZATION STRATEGY

ADDITIONALLY, DUE TO THE MULTI-BENEFIT NATURE OF MANY OF THE CRITERIA, THE FOUR OVER-ARCHING CATEGORIES HAVE BEEN USED INSTEAD TO FLAG APPLICABLE CRITERIA AS SHOWN BELOW.

Lack of Private Open Space





COMPOSITE SCORE

THE COMPOSITE SCORE SHOWS HIGH PRIORITY SITES CLUSTERED IN EAST, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH LA AS WELL AS THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.

Legend

↑ RAPS

× Pro

Prospective Site

First Priority

Second Priority

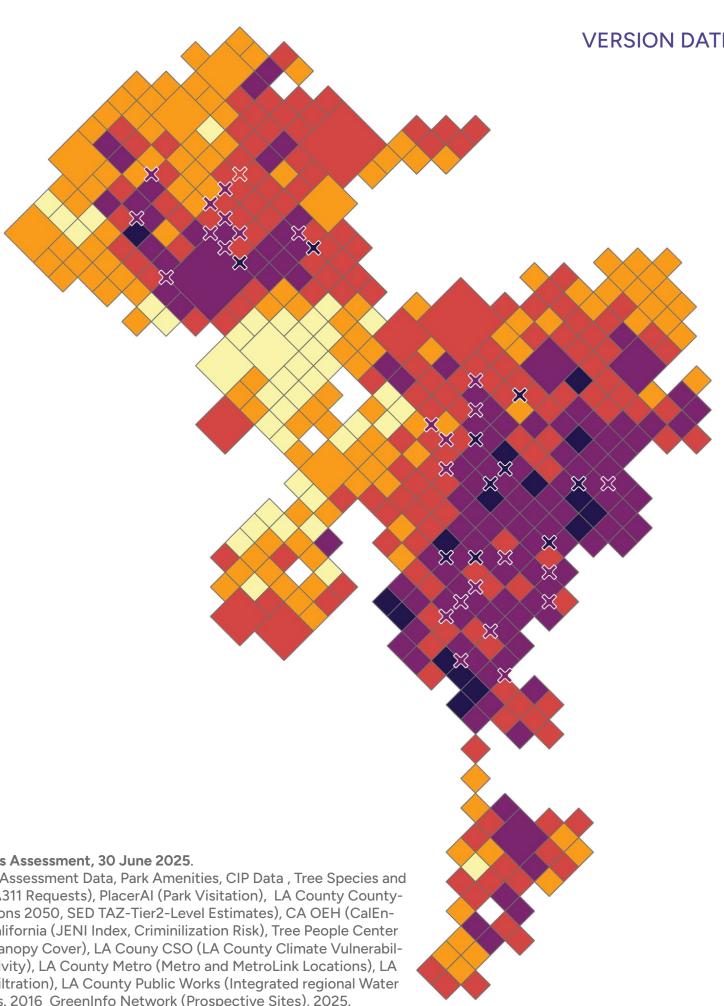
Third Priority

Fourth Priority

Fifth Priority



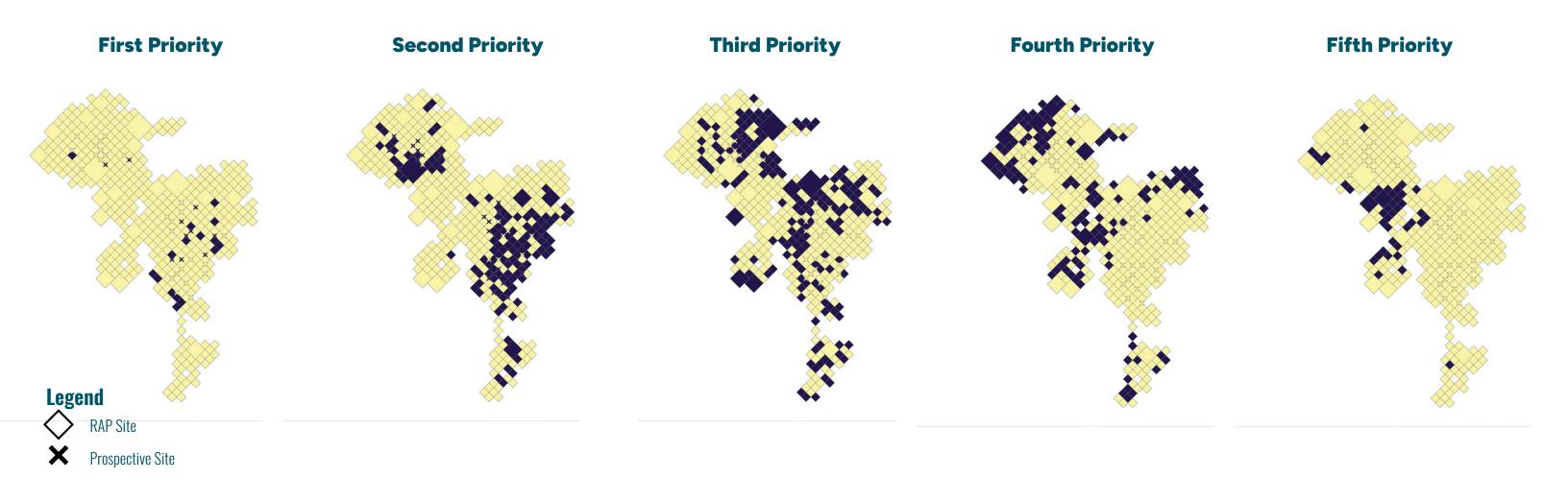
Source: OLIN with data from the City of LA Department of Recreation and Parks (Park Conditions Assessment Data, Park Amenities, CIP Data, Tree Species and Locations, Park Amenities, Park Sites), PNA Statistically Valid Survey, City of LA Data Portal (MyLA311 Requests), PlacerAl (Park Visitation), LA County County-wide Address Management System (Walkshed Road Segments, 2024), SCAG (Population Projections 2050, SED TAZ-Tier2-Level Estimates), CA OEH (CalEnviroScreen-4.0, SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities), LA Controller (LA Equity Index), Catalyst California (JENI Index, Criminilization Risk), Tree People Center for Urban Resilience (Tree Canopy Cover), City of LA Office of Forestry Management (Park Tree Canopy Cover), LA County Climate Vulnerability Assessment), LASAN (Biodiversity Index Baseline Report, Habitat Quality and Habitat Connectivity), LA County Metro (Metro and MetroLink Locations), LA Department of Water and Power (Stormwater Capture Master Plan Geophysical Categories for Infiltration), LA County Public Works (Integrated regional Water Management Plan, Water Quality Priority Areas), LA County Parks and Recreation (LAC Park Needs, 2016 GreenInfo Network (Prospective Sites), 2025.



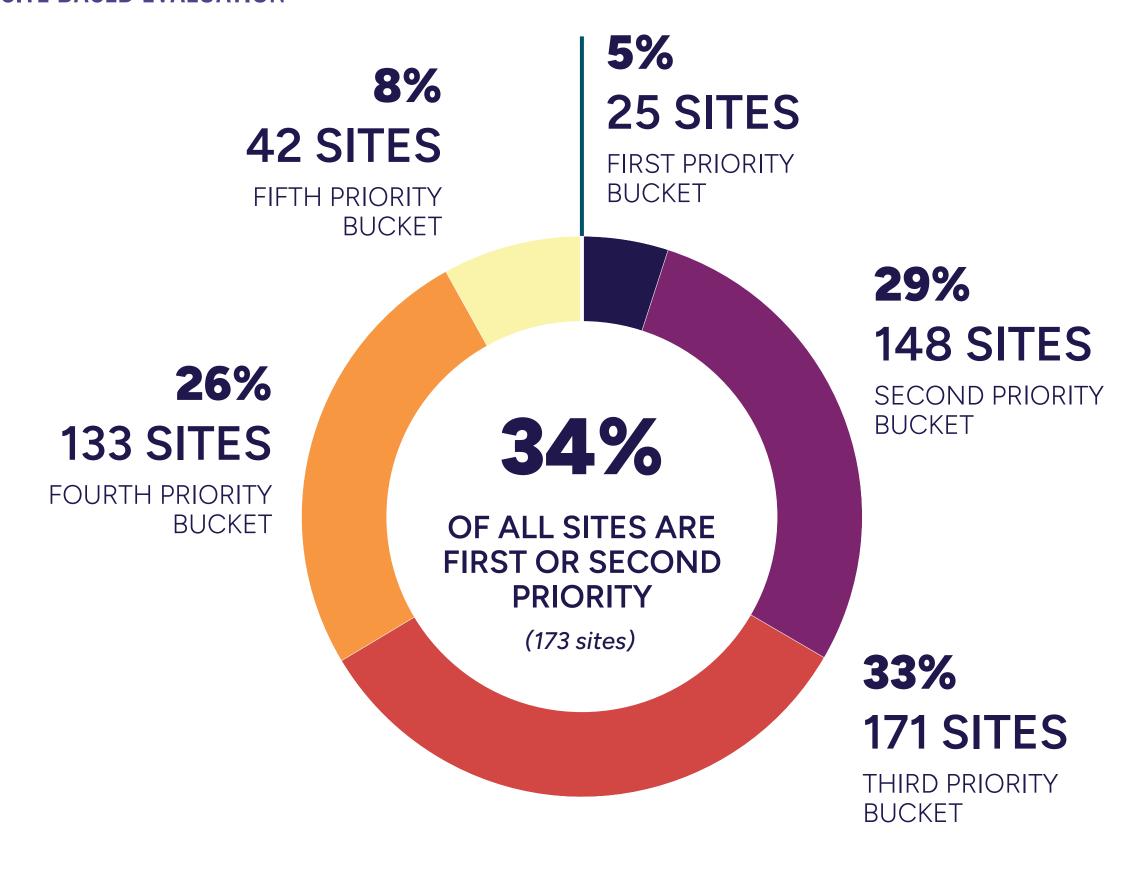
Site in Priority Grouping

Site not in Priority Grouping

COMPOSITE PRIORITIZATION SCORE SITE BASED EVALUATION



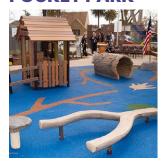
LA Park Needs Assessment OVERALL STATISTICS SITE BASED EVALUATION





HIGHEST PRIORITY SITES

105TH STREET POCKET PARK



Region: South PNA Classification: Mini Park

CABALLERO CREEK CONFLUENCE PARK



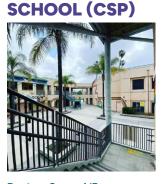
Region: Valley PNA Classification: Neighborhood Park

11TH AVENUE **PARK**



Region: South PNA Classification: Mini Park

LEO POLITI ELEMENTARY



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Community School Park

97TH STREET POCKET PARK



Region: South PNA Classification: Mini Park

LITTLE GREEN

ACRES PARK

ARTS DISTRICT PARK



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Mini Park

LAR GREENWAY - MASON TO **VANALDEN**



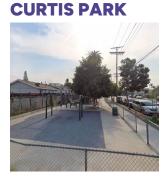
Region: Valley PNA Classification: Greenway PNA Classification: Specialty Facility

PERSQUARE MILE - N HIST SOUTH CENTRAL



Region: South PNA Classification: Neighborhood Park

ROLLAND



Region: South PNA Classification: Mini

PERSQUARE MILE - NORTH HOLLYWOOD



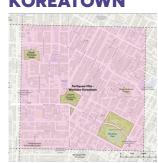
Region: Valley PNA Classification: Neighborhood Park

PERSQUARE MILE - PICO-UNION



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Neighborhood Park

PERSQUARE MILE - WESTLAKE-**KOREATOWN**



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Neighborhood Park

SAINT JAMES PARK



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Mini Park

SAN JULIAN PARK



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Specialty Facility

SIXTH STREET VIADUCT PARK



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Community Park

PERSQUARE MILE -**WESTLAKE**



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Neighborhood Park

PERSQUARE MILE -**DOWNTOWN**



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Neighborhood Park

PERSQUARE MILE - EAST VERMONT

Region: South



Region: South PNA Classification: Neighborhood Park

PERSQUARE MILE - EXPOSITION **PARK**



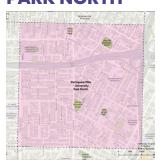
Region: South PNA Classification: Neighborhood Park

PERSQUARE MILE - VAN NUYS VALLEY GLEN



Region: Valley PNA Classification: Neighborhood Park

PERSQUARE MILE - UNIVERSITY **PARK NORTH**



Region: Central/East

SOUTH VICTORIA AVENUE PARK



Region: South PNA Classification: Mini

VALENCIA TRIANGLE



Region: Central/East PNA Classification: Mini Park

VERMONT MIRACLE PARK



Region: South PNA Classification: Mini Park



ECONOMICS PROCESS

THE PNA IS CONSIDERING HOW VARIOUS COSTS TIE TO THE OVERALL ECONOMICS OF LA PARKS



EVALUATE BUDGET AND STAFFING DATA



BENCHMARK LA RAP SYSTEM BUDGET AND STAFFING AGAINST PEER CITIES



IDENTIFY EXISTING FUNDING GAPS



USE COST ESTIMATES
TO SIZE CAPITAL
AND OPERATIONS
& MAINTENANCE
FUNDING NEEDS

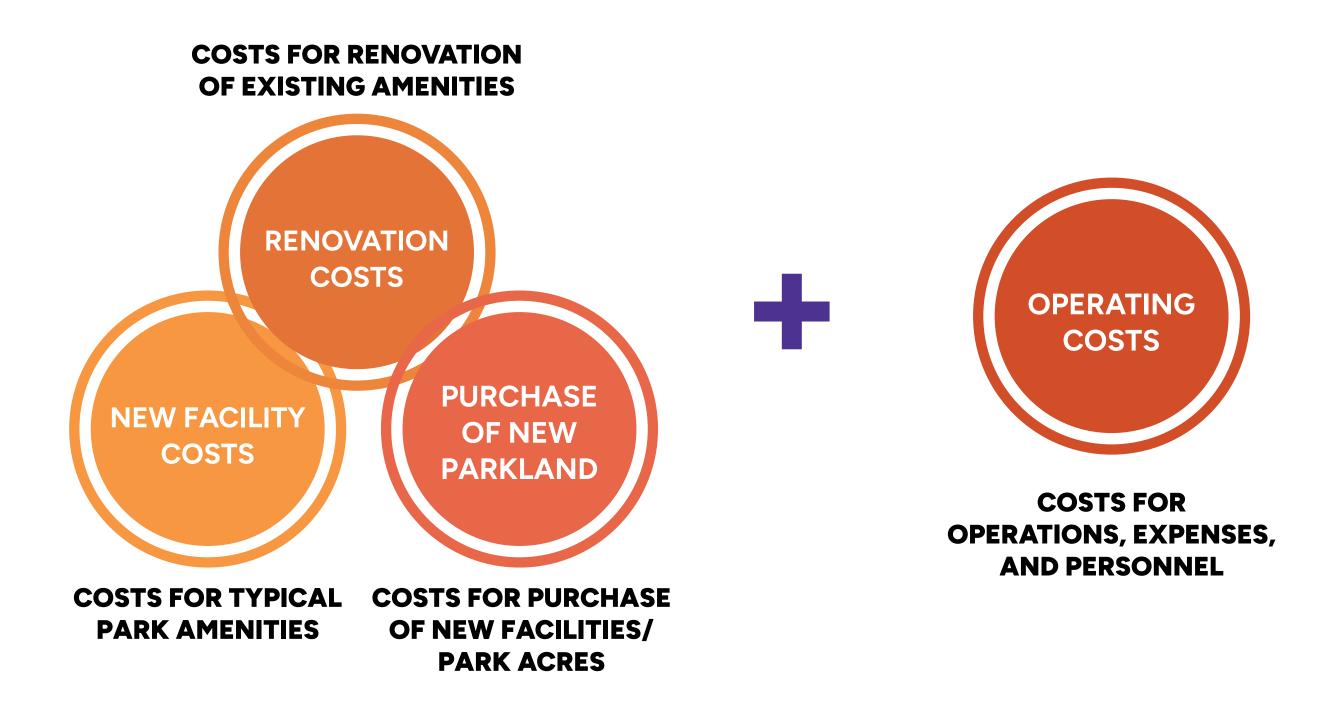


IDENTIFY POTENTIAL FUNDING SOURCES

SUPPORT RAP ON POTENTIAL FUNDING MECHANISM STRATEGIES

OVERALL APPROACH

THE PNA WILL CREATE A BUDGET ESTIMATE FOR SYSTEM-WIDE IMPROVEMENTS



LA Park Needs Assessment CAPITAL INVESTMENTS APPROACH



An amenity is in fair condition and is functional but needs minor or moderate repairs.

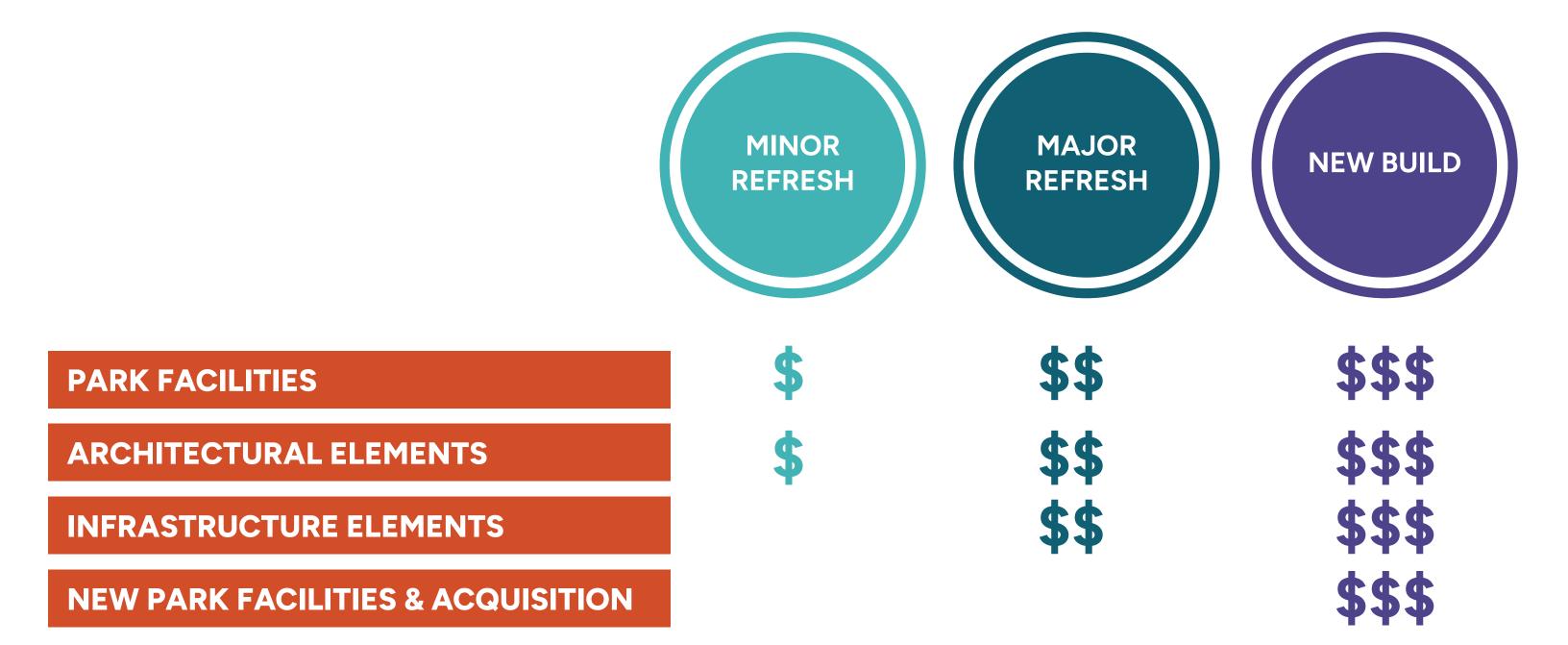


An amenity is in **poor condition** and is largely
unusable and **requires major repairs** to be
functional.



A facility is **identified as a need** in the overall system and is considered a **new build**.

LA Park Needs Assessment CAPITAL INVESTMENTS APPROACH



PERSONNEL

To estimate future staffing needs and associated personnel costs, the Consultant Team used three methods and averaged among them.

- 1. Increase capacity and level of service by 1.5 times (150%) to meet anticipated demand and elevate overall service delivery.
- 2. Return staffing to RAP's prior, known peak in FY2008 (139% for FTEs, 258% for PTEs). RAP has not returned to pre-recession staffing levels. Restoring full-time employee counts to the FY2008 peak would require a 139% increase. Restoring part-time employee counts would require a 258% increase.
- **3. Increase staff per acre to align with peer systems (200%).** Based on the average staff per acre against of peer park systems, RAP would need to increase staff capacity by 200% to meet the service level of peers.

EXPENSES

To estimate associated expenses, the Consultant Team applied a salary-to-expense ratio of 20%, based on the historical average from RAP's FY2015–FY2025 budgets.

LA Park Needs Assessment OPERATING COSTS THREE-PRONG APPROACH

Estimated Budgets	Full-Time Salaries	Part-Time Salaries	Misc. Salaries	Total Salary Budget	Expenses	Total Operating Costs	% Change from FY25
Existing FY2025	\$126M	\$54M	\$4M	\$184M	\$39M	\$223M	0%
1. Increase Capacity to Provide A Higher Level of Service	\$190M	\$82M	\$5M	\$276M	\$58M	\$335M	50%
2. Staffing Consistent to Prior Staffing Levels	\$176M	\$140M	\$7M	\$323M	\$68M	\$391M	75 %
3. Increase Capacity to Align to Peers	\$253M	\$109M	\$7M	\$368M	\$78M	\$446M	100%

ONE TIME CAPITAL NEED (IN 2025 DOLLARS)

~\$15B

INCLUDES DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

ANNUAL OPERATING NEEDS*

STAFFING, OPERATIONS, GENERAL FUND REIMBURSEMENT

~\$525-\$625M

*THIS REPRESENTS THE TOTAL ANNUAL NEED. THE 2025 RAP BUDGET WAS ~\$350M.

COST TOTALS (WITHOUT ESCALATION)

BREAKING IT DOWN: WHAT'S IN \$15B

ONE TIME CAPITAL NEED	(IN 2025 DOLLARS)
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~\$15B

INCLUDES DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

Deferred Maintenance

~\$2.6B

Level of Service Goals

~\$12.1B

New facilities and acres to meet peer city levels

COST TOTALS (WITHOUT ESCALATION)

BREAKING IT DOWN: WHAT'S IN \$525-\$625M

ANNUAL OPERATING NEEDS*

STAFFING, OPERATIONS, GENERAL FUND REIMBURSEMENT



Total for Staff Increases to Meet Staffing Gap

Year 1

Total for Expenses

Year 1

General Fund Reimbursements

~\$322M

~\$68M

UP TO \$220M

*THIS REPRESENTS THE TOTAL ANNUAL NEED. THE 2025 RAP BUDGET WAS ~\$350M.

LA Park Needs Assessment
COST TOTALS (WITHOUT ESCALATION)

PERSQUAREMILE SITES



PERSQUAREMILE SITES

~\$24.7M

TOP 15 PRIORITY SITES*

BASED ON A PER ACRE AVERAGE OF THE SYSTEM COST

*DEPENDENT ON PSM LAND AVAILABILITY



FUNDING STRATEGY RECOMMENDATIONS

RAP-LED FUNDING STRATEGIES + STRATEGIES REQUIRING PARTNERSHIPS

RAP-LED FUNDING STRATEGIES

INCREASE EARNED-REVENUE GENERATION

- PARKING
- CONCESSIONS
- SPONSORSHIP

LEVERAGE STATE AND FEDERAL FUNDING SOURCES

- MEASURE W
- PROP 4
- PROP O

EXPAND PARTNERSHIPS WITH NON-PROFITS AND BUILD A CONSERVANCY MODEL

STRATEGIES REQUIRING PARTNERSHIPS

INCREASE THE CHARTER
MANDATED ALLOCATION
OF PROPERTY TAX
REVENUE TO RAP

PROPERTY TAX
ASSESSMENT

- PROP K SUCCESSOR
- COMMUNITY
 FACILITIES DISTRICT

EVALUATE SALES TAXES

EVALUATE CITY BOND OPTIONS



ENGAGEMENT
NEXT STEPS

Upcoming Phase 3
engagement event

Upcoming Phase 3 engagement events across the City!

COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Community Meeting #1: Traditional In-Person Open House

4 September, 2025 Bellevue Rec Center

Community Meeting #2: Traditional In-Person Open House

6 September, 2025 Westwood Rec Center

Community Meeting #3: Virtual Open House

9 September, 2025 *Virtual*

Community Meeting #4: Deep Dive: Budget, Cost Estimates, and Decision Making

10 September, 2025 *Virtual*

Community Meeting #5: Deep Dive: Classifications, Level of Service, and Guidelines 11 September, 2025 Virtual

Community Meeting #6: Deep Dive: Site Prioritization

18 September, 2025 *Virtual*



TRIBAL OUTREACH

LA City County NAIC Listening Session
9 September, 2025
Virtual

EQUITY GROUP SESSIONS

Equity-Focused Workshop

9 September, 2025 | 10am-12pm Highland Park Recreation Center Playground

Equity-Focused Workshop

10 September, 2025 | 10am-12pm Augustus F. Hawkins Nature Park

Equity-Focused Workshop

23 September, 2025 | 10am-12pm Balboa Sports Complex

Equity-Focused Workshop

24 September, 2025 | 10am-12pm Virtual



POP-UP EVENTS

Los Angeles Congress of Neighborhoods Conference 27 September, 2025 LA City Hall

Hispanic Heritage Month Movie 24 September, 2025 Loren Miller RC

Fiesta Party, North Hollywood 26 September, 2025 North Hollywood RC

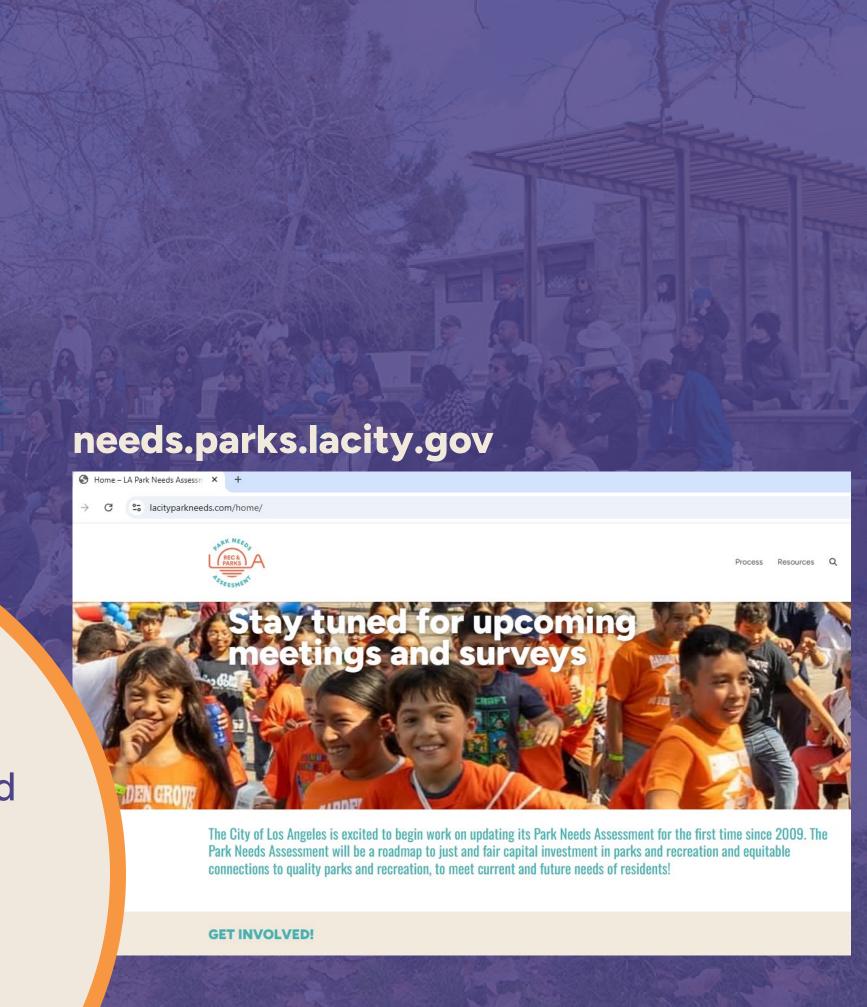
* Additional Potential Pop-Ups: CicLAvia South Central, CicLAvia Heart of LA LA Park Needs Assessment

WEBSITE

NEXT STEPS

The project website will be updated with the draft PNA for the public to review!

Each chapter of the PNA will live on the website and link to other chapters.



The Draft PNA comment period is from **September 1 - October 15.**

You can comment on the plan on our website here!









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