

Re: Parks Needs Assessment 2025 (Draft 05/15/25)

East Hollywood is in dire need of more green space for its many residents. One of the most densely populated neighborhoods in the city, we severely lack green space and shade cover for our residents. Especially compared to neighboring Silver Lake's 34% shade coverage, East Hollywood has less than 10%.

(<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2021-10-28/extreme-heat-built-environment-equity>)

We on the East Hollywood Neighborhood Council feel that Recreation and Parks can address this inequity by adding more green space, with adequate shade cover, to our neighborhood. Many vacant lots exist, such as 1444 Mariposa Ave, that could very easily be converted into green spaces for our community:



In fact, in 2019, such a lot was converted into the very popular Madison Ave Park & Community Garden:



East Hollywood is also home to Barnsdall Art Park, which is facing a 75% cut in its staffing in the mayor's proposed budget. This park is incredibly popular, home to the Hollyhock House and the Barnsdall Art Gallery, and its staffing MUST be maintained and increased.

(<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2025-05-07/frank-lloyd-wrights-hollyhock-house-could-close-due-to-city-budget-cuts>)

During the Slow Streets Pilot Program, East Hollywood ranked #2 among neighborhoods in need of parks. It is long overdue for an expansion of its green space, and increased shade coverage at the few existing parks we have. The East Hollywood Neighborhood Council strongly advocates for both as a part of Recreation and Parks's PNA 2025.

Supervision and maintenance are paramount for our existing and any new parks must feature adequate staffing, supervision, and equipment for a variety of playgrounds, community gardens, and sports fields for neighborhood use.

The best time to add green space to East Hollywood was 25 years ago, when the last PNA was done...the second best time is now!