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RANCHO PALOS VERDES Public Meeting JANUARY 27, 2016



LOS ANGELES COUNTYWIDE COMPREHENSIVE
PARK & RECREATION NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Tonight's Agenda

- 1. Introductions
- 2. Overview of LA Countywide Parks Needs Assessment
- 3. Review of City of Rancho Palos Verdes Park Master Plan Update
- 4. Review of Park Master Plan Recommendations
- 5. Open Forum/ Questions/ Comments
- 6. Public Exercise
- 7. Next Steps/ Conclusion

Introductions

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Rancho Palos Verdes Recreation & Parks

Park Needs Assessment Overview - Purpose

- The purpose of the Park Needs Assessment is to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the park and recreation needs and opportunities in Los Angeles County
- Approved by County Board in Feb. 2015

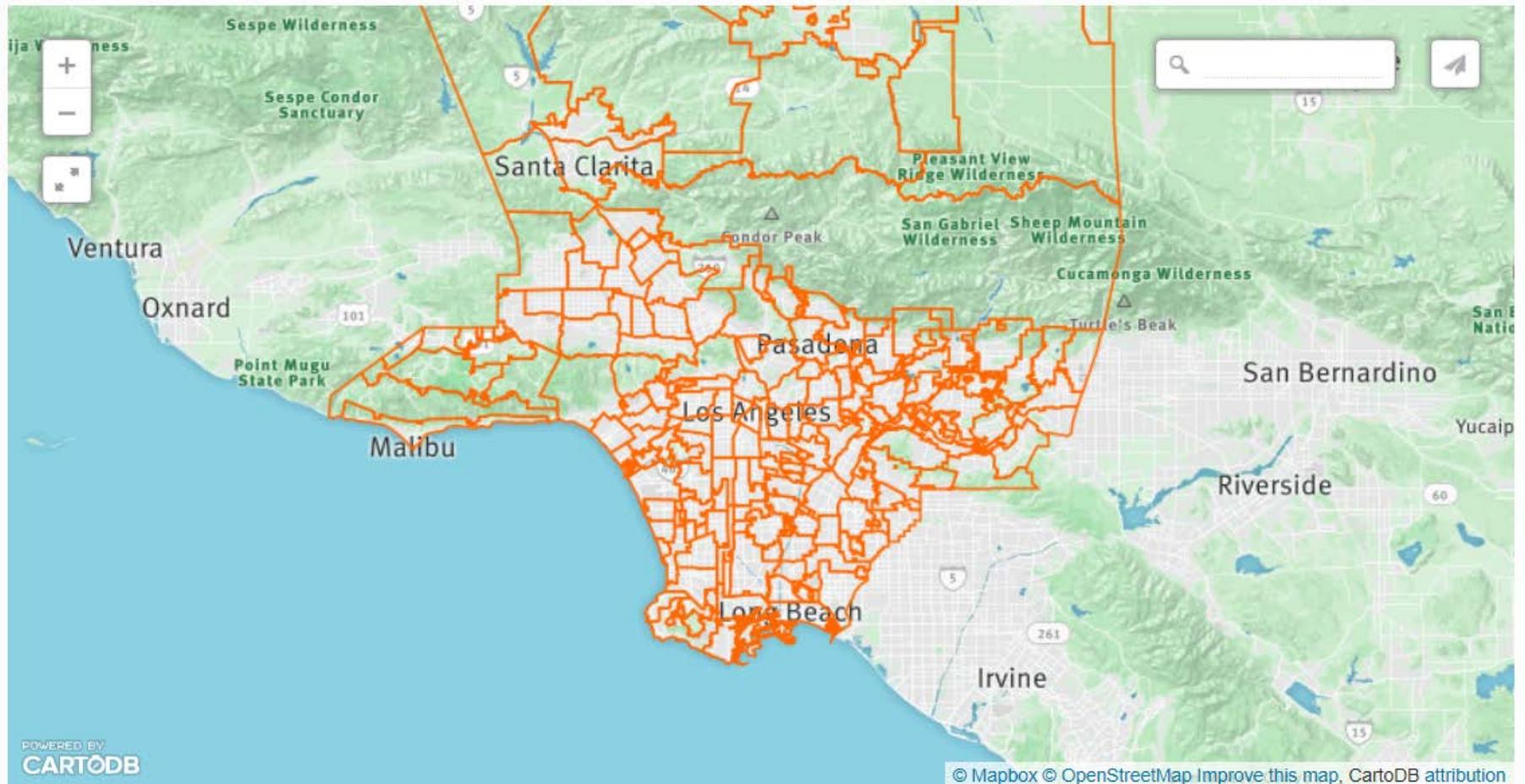


Park Needs Assessment Overview -

- County divided into 189 study areas
- Nearly every City in the County provided updated parks & amenities information.
- 95% of Cities are conducting public workshops



Park Needs Assessment 189 Study Areas



Park Needs Assessment Overview - Scope

- **The Park Needs Assessment covers all of Los Angeles County and includes:**
 1. An inventory of all existing parks in the County and an evaluation of their condition
 - Completed by County in unincorporated areas, and by each incorporated city
 2. An analysis of park needs within each Study Area in the County
 3. A prioritized list of park projects, and associated cost estimates, for each Study Area in the County

Park Needs Assessment Overview

- Final report will be submitted to the County Board of Supervisors in May, 2016
- The results of the Park Needs Assessment may be used by the County Board of Supervisors to:
 - Inform potential future County-wide park funding decisions
 - Inform future County-wide park planning decisions
- Your community may use the results for park planning and funding decisions within your community as well

Why is the County Doing This?

- **Proposition A (Measure A) & Proposition P**
 - Prop A Approved by CA Voters in 1992 and renewed in 1996:
Combined \$860 million in funding for park projects, maintenance and restoration
 - Funded wide range of projects throughout LA County
 - County attempted to replace Prop A with Proposition P in 2014
 - Failed narrowly: 63% in favor/37% opposed (2/3 approval required)
 - Prop A would have provided \$54 million annually for 30 years

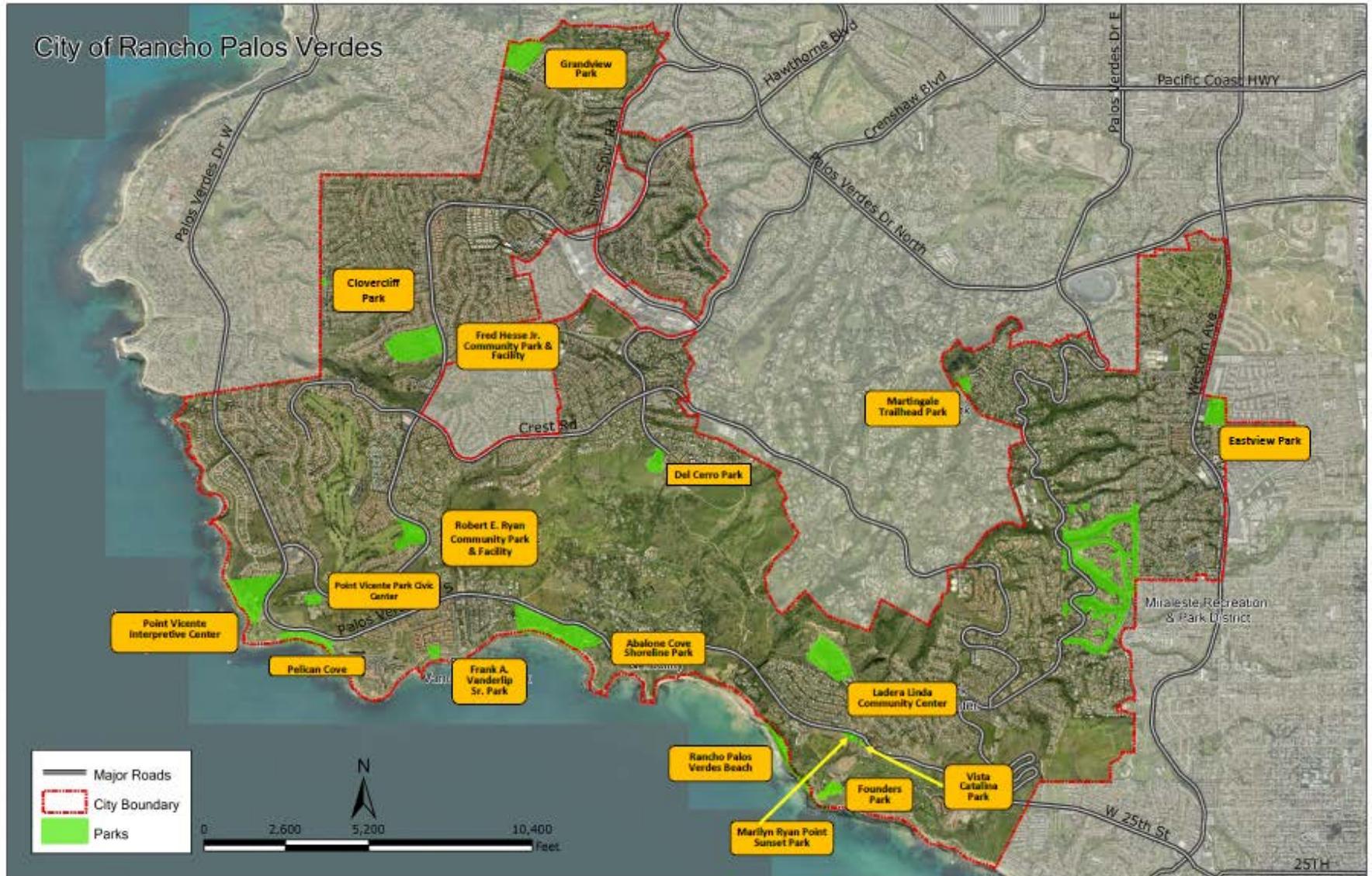
Park Needs Assessment Overview

- **Proposition A in Rancho Palos Verdes**
 - Acquisition of 160 acres of open space
 - PVIC Expansion
 - Lower Hesse Park Improvements
 - Portuguese Bend Acquisition
 - Trail/stairway Improvements
 - Eastview Playground (ADA Accessible)
 - Sunnyside Ridge Trail Development

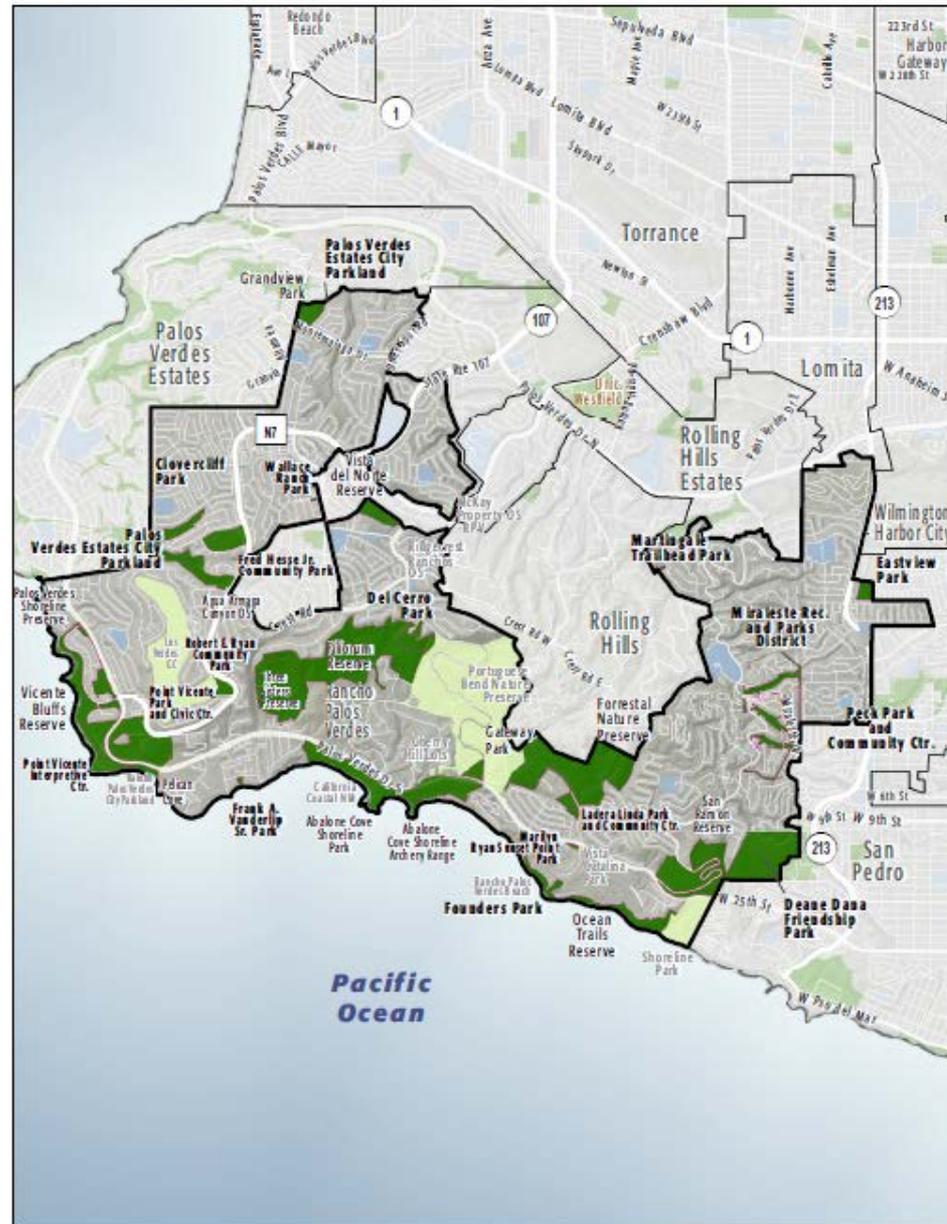
Park Needs Assessment Overview

- **The Countywide Parks Needs Assessment was initiated by the County to determine the need for park improvements and park project funding.**
- **It will likely be used to justify a future funding mechanism for park projects and improvement; e.g. Proposition**
- **There is no requirement for Cities to accept grant funds**

Map of Rancho Palos Verdes Park Sites



County Study Area Base Map



City of Rancho Palos Verdes

- Existing Park
- Existing Park Outside Study Area
- Existing School
- Other Open Space

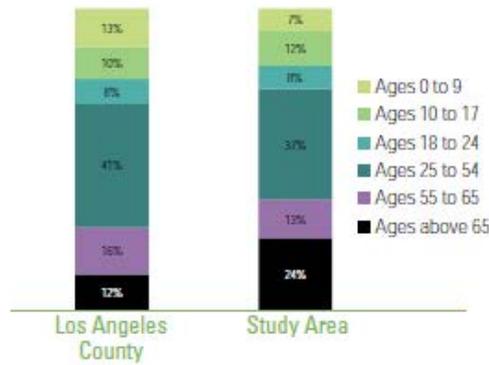
Community Profile Snapshot

10% of the population has **INCOME BELOW 200% POVERTY LEVEL**
The county average is 40%

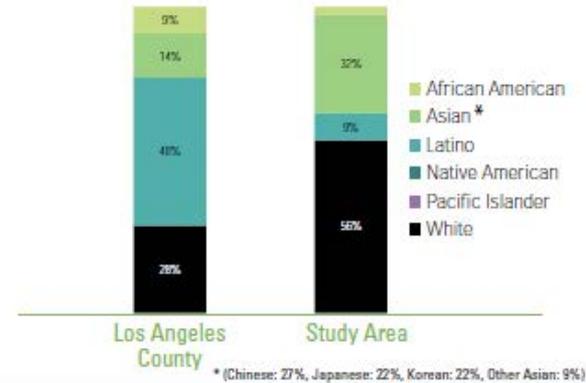
3% of the population has **NO VEHICLE ACCESS**
The county average is 10%

12% of the population is **LINGUISTICALLY ISOLATED**
The county average is 26%
The dominant language among those who are linguistically isolated is Chinese.

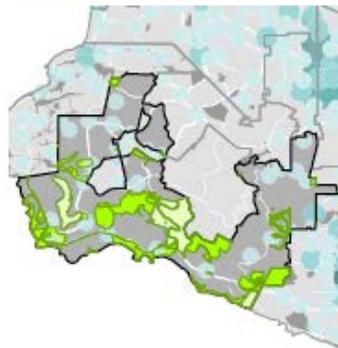
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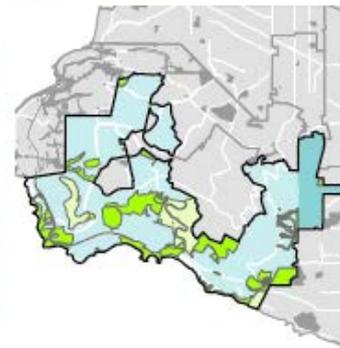
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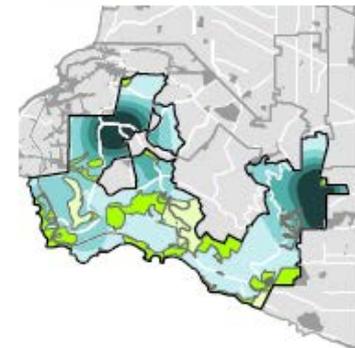
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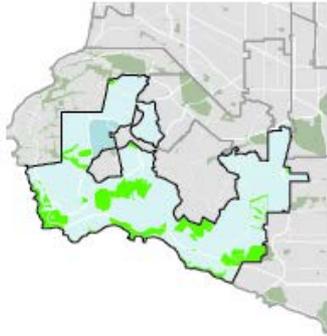
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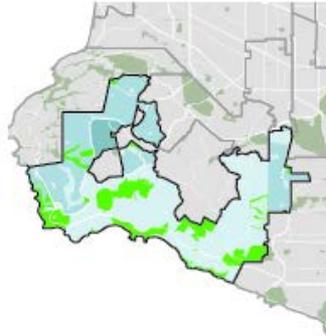
Very Low Low Moderate High Very High

KEY COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS

POVERTY



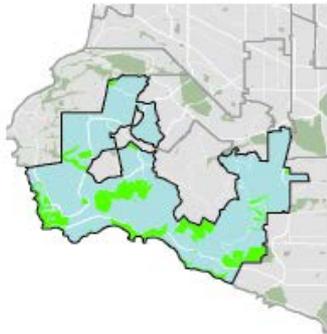
POPULATION DENSITY



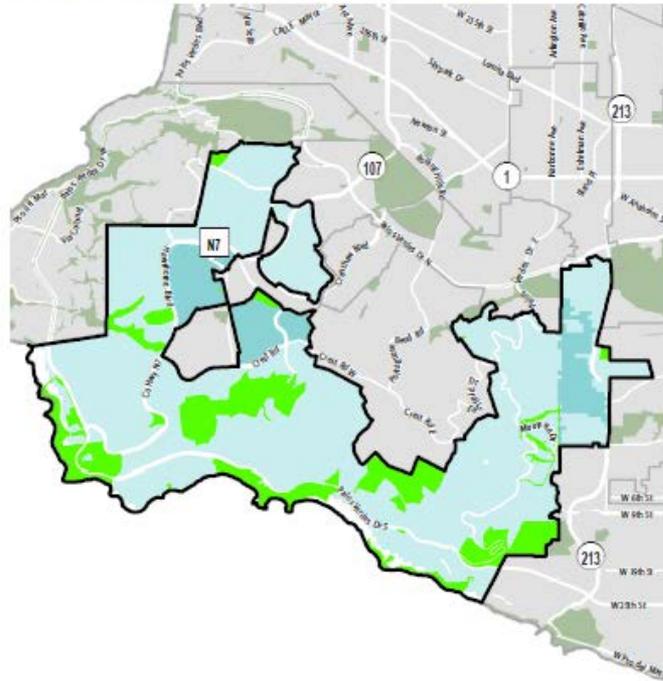
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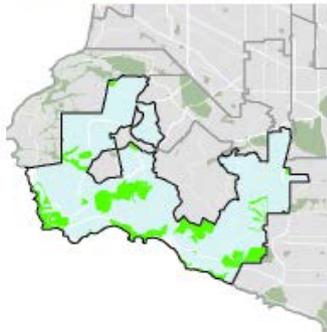
OBESITY



MAP OF COMBINED COMMUNITY CHARACTERISTICS



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Very Low Low Moderate High Very High

Key
Community
Characteristics

RPV Park Metrics

PARK LAND: Is there enough park land for the population?

849.5 PARK ACRES
within study area

42,372
POPULATION

20 PARK ACRES
PER 1,000

The county average is 3.3 park acres per 1,000

PARK ACCESSIBILITY:
Is park land located where
everyone can access it?

52%

of population living
WITHIN 1/2 MILE
of a park

The county average is 49% of the population living
within 1/2 mile of a park

WHERE ARE PARKS MOST NEEDED?

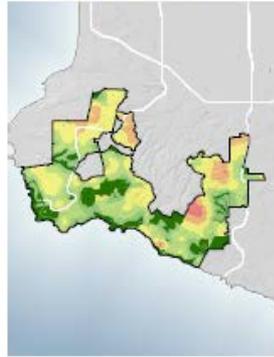
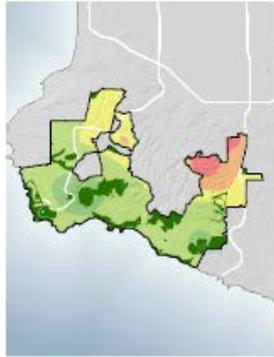
PARK ACRE NEED

+

DISTANCE TO PARKS

+

POPULATION DENSITY



= PARK NEED

*Calculated using the following weighting: (20% x Park Acre Need) + (20% x Distance to Parks) + (60% x Population Density)



PARK NEED CATEGORY

- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low
- Very Low
- No Population
- Area within 1/2 mile walk of a park

HOW MANY PEOPLE NEED PARKS?



The Need For Parks

AMENITIES PER 100,000 PEOPLE



■ Study Area
 ■ County Avg.
 ■ State Top Cities Avg.
 ■ Nation Top Cities Avg.

RPV Parks Master Plan

- 2 year process 2014-2015
- Approved by City Council on October 20, 2015
- Replaced prior 1989 Park Master Plan
- Followed Prior Efforts: Open Space Planning and Recreation and Parks Task Force (2002-2005) and Coast Vision Plan (Adopted 2008)

- Serves as a long range vision for the City's recreation future within a flexible framework.
- Provides a comprehensive strategy for addressing the future use of City's Parks, Recreation and Open Space Resources.
- Adaptable to changes in technology, demographics, economics, and shifting recreational trends.

- A Parks Master Plan is not a series of blueprints for projects.
- Significant park projects will have individual design/planning processes and public outreach efforts.

- **Recreation and Parks Department coordinates a comprehensive park system**
- **Over 1400 acres of open space**
- **17 parks and community centers**
- **Hundreds of special events, classes, programs and activities including Whale of a Day and Fourth of July Celebration**
- **Community partnerships**
- **Volunteer opportunities**



Master Plan Recommendations

Hesse Park

- Install fitness stations along walking path.
- ~~Install shade structures.~~
- Transition to drought-tolerant landscaping.
- Upgrade existing picnic tables, benches, and trash/recycling cans.
- ~~Construct tricycle path for tots.~~
- Resurface parking lot.
- ~~Fiber optic cabling allowing for unified communication with City Hall.~~
- Install solar power system on community building.
- Replace fencing on northern border of property.
- Stabilize the existing view point at the edge of western lawn in Upper Hesse and add benches.
- Replace current railroad tie stairs with concrete stairs.

Lower Hesse Park

- Incorporate results of Lower Hesse Park Improvement Project once completed. (scheduled for October 20, 2015)

Master Plan Recommendations Eastview



- Build dog park.
- ~~Install fitness stations along walking paths.~~
- Install staff office (portable).
- ~~Install shade structures.~~
- Improve amenities:
Improve/widen walking paths.



Master Plan Recommendations

Point Vicente Park/Civic Center

- ❑ Master Plan Design and Public Outreach Process Include the following recommended components to be included in Master Plan Process
 - City Hall
 - Community Center
 - Skate Park/Plaza (approved June 30, 2015)
 - Outdoor Swimming Pool
 - Shade Structures
 - Children's Playground
 - Walking paths w/fitness stations
 - Enhanced amenities: picnic tables, benches, trash/recycling cans/BBQs
 - Improved Village Green
 - Tennis courts
 - Permanent dog park
 - Wall of Honor
- ❑ Public Works Corporation Storage Yard Relocation
- ❑ Continue Process to shift 6.6 acre Active Recreation Parcel

Master Plan Recommendations

Ladera Linda Park

- ❑ Develop facilitated Master Plan and public outreach process for development of new Ladera Linda Park Community Center.
- ❑ Incorporate expanded Nature Center/Preserve Annex and Sheriff/Ranger drop-in office into Master Plan Process
- ❑ Upon completion of Master Plan Process, proceed with demolition of existing buildings and construction of new Community Center

- ❑ **Additional Enhancements:**
 - ~~Install fitness stations~~
 - ~~Install shade structures on lower level and paddle tennis level~~
 - Pave access road between lower and middle parking lots
 - ~~Install two bocce ball courts adjacent to paddle tennis courts~~
 - Improve landscaping on existing multi-use playing field
 - Upgrade surfacing of current asphalt play area: keep two basketball courts, ~~add one tennis court.~~
 - ~~Add tot tricycle course~~
 - Transition to drought-tolerant landscaping where feasible
 - Install interior paddle tennis fencing separating the two courts.

Park Planning/Design Projects/Processes (current & recently completed)

- Abalone Cove
- Lower Point Vicente Park
- Grandview
- Lower Hesse Park
- Del Cerro

Abalone Cove Shoreline Park

- Shoreline Park and Parking Lot Improvements- 2014
 - Upgraded Restroom
 - Parking lot
 - Established Park Pathways
 - Viewing Areas
 - Interpretive signage
 - Benches/Picnic Tables
 - Gathering Space



Master Plan Recommendations

Abalone Cove

Lower Point Vicente Park

- Phase 2 Interior Exhibit Update in progress.



Recommendations

Lower Point Vicente Park

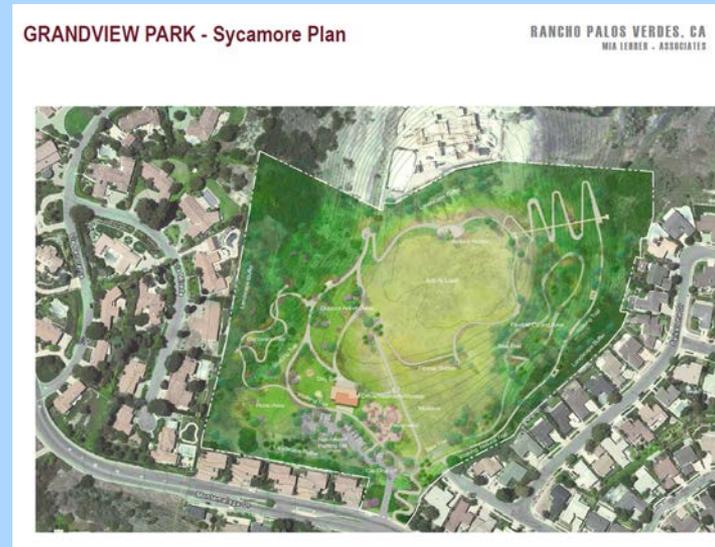
Grandview Park

18-Acre Passive Park (currently undeveloped)

2010 City Council Goal to improve accessibility and recreation at Grandview

Conceptual Plan for Grandview Park approved by Council and includes:

- ✓ Activity Lawn
- ✓ Viewing Nodes
- ✓ Fitness Stations
- ✓ Restrooms/Staff Office
- ✓ Playground
- ✓ Picnic Area
- ✓ Parking Lot
- ✓ Discovery Play Area
- ✓ Landscaping

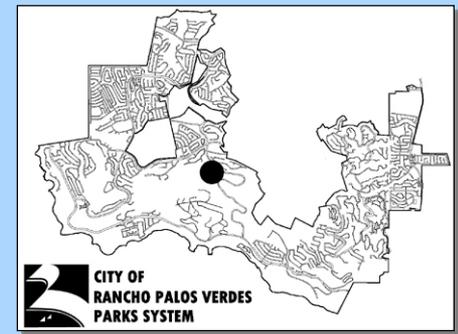


Next step is environmental review process. Environmental review documents will be available for public review.

Currently Unfunded



Del Cerro Park



- 3.9 acre park site
- Concerns: Proximity to Nature Preserve Entrance/Impact on Neighbors
- Recent parking changes implemented to reduced impact on adjacent neighborhoods
- Recommendations:
- Review/assess the parking measures to gauge effectiveness
- ~~Install restroom building.~~
- Install additional picnic tables and benches.
- Shift to drought tolerant landscaping.
- Implement native plantings at upper bluff edge

Additional Recommendations

- All Parks—Improve Amenities
- Transition to drought tolerant landscaping
- Ryan Park: Remodel or build new community building

Priorities Identified in Master Plan Update

Priorities

1. Adopt a “less is more” approach to future park planning and preserve the general character of existing parks.
2. Identify and apply methods to better protect and maintain existing parks and open space resources.
3. Be sensitive to potential impacts on part-adjacent neighborhoods.
4. Complete design process/phasing for Lower Hesse Park
5. Approve Lower Point Vicente Improvement Project expanded/enhanced indoor improvements.
6. Continue to address Preserve parking and neighborhood impact issues at Del Cerro Park and adjacent neighborhoods.
7. Confirm the desired components for Point Vicente Park/Civic Center and initiate Master Plan Process.
8. Approve a facilitated Master Plan and public outreach process for development of new Ladera Linda Park Community Center
9. Transition to drought-resistant landscaping where feasible.

Open Forum/ Questions/
Comments

Public Exercise

Tonight's Goal:

Generate List of up to 10 Park Projects

Your involvement tonight will help shape the list that will be sent to the County.

This list will be used by the County to assess Recreation needs County-wide.

Projects will not necessarily be built. That would require future Council action, future public involvement and funding availability

Public Exercise

Project Parameters

Acceptable

- Repairs to existing parks & amenities
- Addition of amenities to existing parks
- Creation of new parks or expansion of existing parks
- Can apply to a single park or multiple; e.g. Upgrade security lighting at Hesse Park or all parks

Not-Acceptable

- Park programming, including camps, classes, special events
- Park planning efforts, e.g. a City Hall Master plan

Public Exercise

Must Fit One of Three Categories

- Repair Existing Amenity
- Add or Replace Amenity at Existing Park
- Build New Park or Specialty Facility

Public Exercise: Process

Review Potential Projects (from Master Plan)

Consider/Discuss Additional Projects

Project Sheets Posted Around Room

Voting by Attendees (done with stickers, 10 per person, can put 0-10 stickers on any project)

Votes to be counted at meeting by audience volunteers

Top ten projects identified



POTENTIAL PROJECT VOTING FORM



Type of Project:
[Check One]

REPAIR
EXISTING
AMENITY

ADD OR REPLACE
AMENITY AT
EXISTING PARK

BUILD
NEW PARK OR
SPECIALTY FACILITY

Project Name: Synthetic Turf Soccer Fields

Location: Smith Park

Project Description:

Replace 2 existing soccer fields with 2 synthetic turf soccer fields

Vote Here:
[Place Stickers]

TOTAL VOTES:

Potential Projects

1. Improve Benches and Tables at All Park Sites
2. Improve/upgrade Trash/Recycling at all Park sites
3. Install artificial turf at Hesse Park upper field (recommended by County)
4. Improve Abalone Cove Beach Access Road
5. Build Dog Park at Eastview

Potential Projects

6. Improve/widen walking paths at Eastview
7. Replace Fencing on Northern Border of Property (Upper and Lower Hesse Park)
8. Replace railroad tie stairs at Hesse Park and Ladera Linda
9. Replace Ladera Linda Community Center
10. Install interior paddle tennis fencing

Potential Projects

11. Install interior paddle tennis fencing
12. Install solar power system on PVIC building
13. Install Phase 2 exhibits at PVIC
14. Build new community building at Ryan Park

7. Next Steps/ Conclusion

Submit results of Prioritized Projects to Council by Feb. 29, 2016

Cost Estimates Generated by County March 2016

County Draft Needs Assessment April 2016

Project Approval by Board of Supervisors May 2016



Questions/Comments? For more Information go to:

<http://lacountyparkneeds.org/>

or

<http://ca-ranchopalosverdes.civicplus.com/778/Park-Projects>

Or

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