



CITY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND PARKS

PARK NEEDS ASSESSMENT

RAP BOARD MEETING

4 SEPTEMBER 2025

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AGENDA

1. Updates:

- Project Schedule
- General Updates

2. Draft PNA Walkthrough

3. Budget Data and Cost Estimates

4. Prioritization Updates

5. Next Steps



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PROJECT SCHEDULE: FOUR PHASES

1

GROUNDING

MEETING WITH INTERESTED
PARTIES AND GROUNDING
IN EXISTING DATA AND
REPORT REVIEW

2

EVALUATION

CONDUCTING RESEARCH
AND ANALYSIS TO
UNDERSTAND NEEDS
AND OPPORTUNITIES

3

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REFINING FINDINGS INTO
A DRAFT PNA

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FINAL PNA

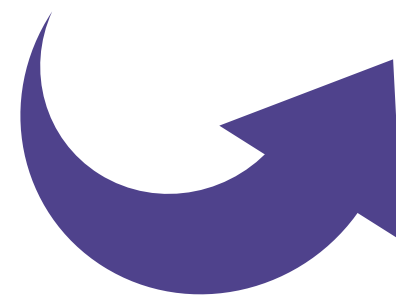
SHARING THE
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 **WE ARE HERE!**

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

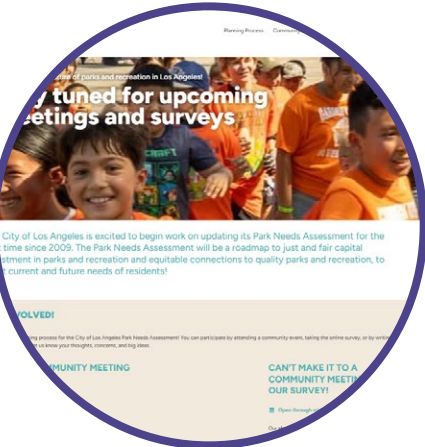
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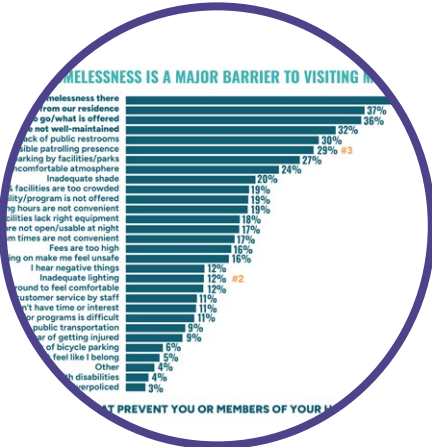
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ENGAGEMENT



4,146
Online Survey
Responses



1,008
Statistically Valid
Survey Responses



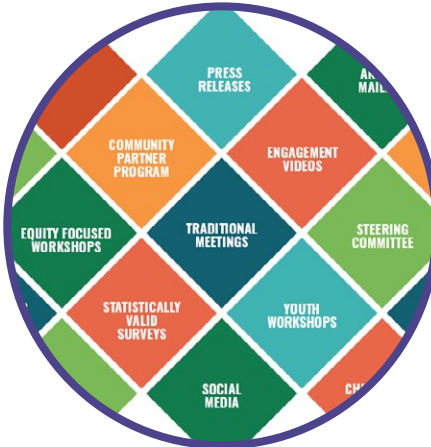
267
Phase 1 Community
Meeting Attendees



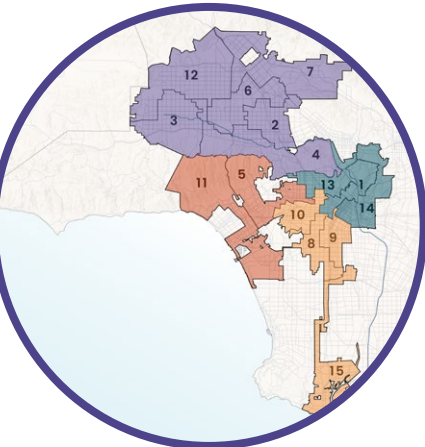
290
Pop-Up
Attendees



60,000+
Social Media
Interactions/Impressions



7
Tribal Briefings



10
Council District
Briefings



11
Interest Group
Meetings



12
Community Partner
Organizations



2
Youth
Workshops



100,000
Mailed Postcards



55,000+
Reel Views

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ENGAGEMENT MEETINGS + POP UPS



Lakeview Terrace (Phase 2)

Image Source: OLIN



CicLAVIA: Koreatown meets Hollywood

Image Source: The Robert Group



Granada Hills (Phase 2)


Image Source: Mark Hovator




YMCA Healthy Day For Kids

Image Source: TRG

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PROJECT WEBSITE




[Find a Park](#)
[Planning Process](#)
[Community Engagement](#)
[Resources](#)
[FAQ](#)




Did you know?


There are about 500 parks in Los Angeles

The City of Los Angeles is excited to begin work on updating its Park Needs Assessment for the first time since 2009. The Park Needs Assessment will be a roadmap to just and fair capital investment in parks and recreation and equitable connections to quality parks and recreation, to meet current and future needs of residents!




LA Park Needs Assessment 2025





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Transcript

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SUMMER 2025 SURVEY

WELCOME

The City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks Department would like your input to help determine park and recreation priorities for our community.

Your responses will be confidential. Only aggregated survey results will be shared.

This survey will take about 10 minutes to complete. We greatly appreciate your time!

When the survey closes, we will hold a raffle for Park Needs Assessment gear. If you would like to be part of the raffle, please provide your contact information at the end of the survey.

What is your ZIP Code?

UPCOMING ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

POP-UPS

August

TUES

5

Sun Valley Neighborhood Council National Night Out

6:00–8:30p

Sun Valley Recreation Center
8133 Vineland Ave, Sun Valley, CA 91352

[More information here!](#)

PREVIOUS COMMUNITY MEETINGS

Each meeting included a 20 minute presentation by the Project Team followed by an open house where attendees were invited to provide feedback or ask questions. There was a youth activity table as well as informational and interactive boards. Materials were available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, and Armenian. Community members were welcome to stop by any time within the 2 hour window!

July

TUE

1

Virtual via Zoom

6:00–7:30p

[Watch the Recording Here!](#)

June

SAT

28

Granada Hills Recreation Center (a.k.a. Petit Park)

10:00a–12:00p

PHASE 2 COMMUNITY MEETING MATERIALS

Community Meeting Recording

[Watch the Phase 2 Community Meeting](#)

Community Meeting Presentation

- English & Spanish
- Korean
- Armenian
- Mandarin

Community Meeting Boards

- English & Spanish
- Korean
- Armenian
- Mandarin

NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL REPORTS

City of LA Neighborhood Councils are an important part of this project because

WEBSITE RESOURCES

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

**12 COMMUNITY
PARTNER
ORGANIZATIONS**



UPCOMING PHASE 3 MEETINGS

6 Community Meetings

- 2 Traditional In-Person Open-House
- 1 Virtual Open House
- 3 Deep Dives

2 Interest Group Workshops

2 Tribal Outreach/Listening Sessions

4 Equity Group Sessions

2 Steering Committee Meetings

Various Pop-Up Events

**FIND OUT MORE DETAILS
ON THE WEBSITE!**



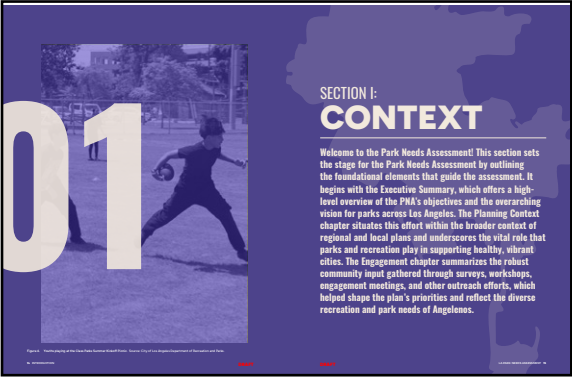
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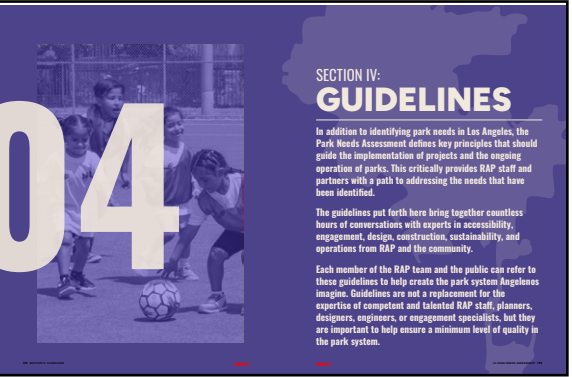


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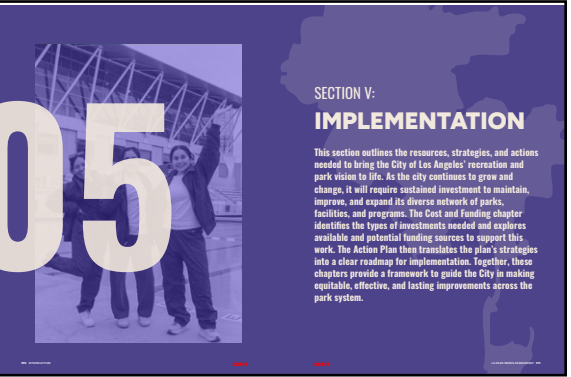
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Ongoing Engagement

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Level of Service Standards



5. IMPLEMENTATION

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Costs and Funding

Chapter 15:
Action Plan

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.

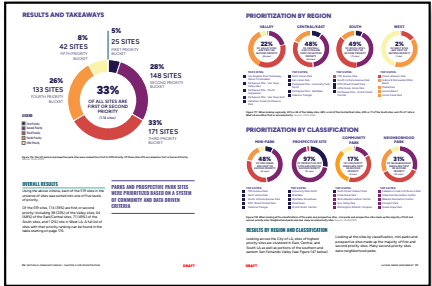
Start here to find your park or park site in the Universe of Sites table!

FIRST PRIORITY					
Rank	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	

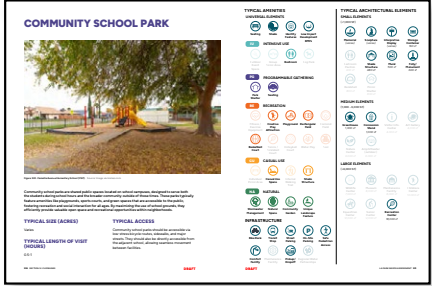
SECOND PRIORITY					
39	111th Place Pocket Park	0.09	Mini Park	South	
80	1st And Broadway Civic Center Park	1.96	Neighborhood Park	Cen/East	
123	4206 S Main St Maintenance Yard	0.48	Single Purpose Site	South	
119	49th Street Pocket Park	0.19	Mini Park	South	
93	61st Street Pocket Park	0.12	Mini Park	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. Source: OLIN, 2025.

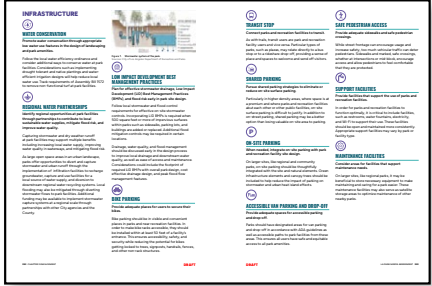
LEARN HOW THE PARK WAS PRIORITIZED



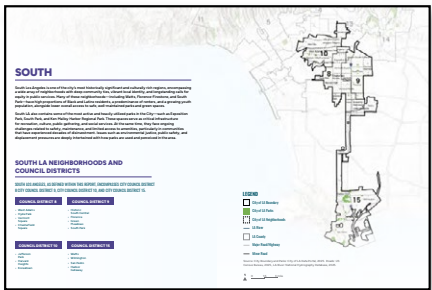
LEARN ABOUT THE PARK'S CLASSIFICATION



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

LA'S PARKS HELP US THRIVE EVERYDAY BY PROVIDING SPACES TO PLAY, LEARN, AND CONNECT IN NATURE.

Parks are for all Angelenos.

They connect us to nature, to the mountains and the ocean, to each other. They are places to escape the heat, attend festivals, see live oak trees, eat carne asada, or paddle in steel boats with family and friends. They are our front and backyards, the places we instinctively gravitate to. They knit the very fabric of our city together and make it feel like home.

From a young age, playgrounds transform into the backdrops for endless imaginative adventures, and open fields provide the perfect setting for impromptu soccer games with friends. The laughter, the friendly competition, the sheer joy of running freely are experiences not just about physical activity but about building friendships, learning teamwork, and fostering creativity that are foundational to social and emotional development.

As we get older, parks evolve with us. Impromptu games give way to tournaments and our imagination runs wild with what to grow in community garden plots. Nature becomes our sanctuary.

THROUGH THESE SHARED SPACES, PARKS ENRICH OUR LIVES AND HELP US THRIVE.

Figure 6. People Using Area at Angels Gate Park. Source: Google/ChrisHill/KA, 2025.

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CHAPTER 2:
PLANNING CONTEXT

EQUITY, INFRASTRUCTURE, AND PARK SPECIFIC MASTER PLANS

In addition to the Key Reports summarized above, several regional and national, planning documents play pivotal roles in understanding the intersection of Equity and Infrastructure with the future of our Parks System. Local Park-Specific planning efforts are instrumental in bringing forward park needs and community objectives for some of RAPs largest parks.

SEPULVEDA DAM BASIN MASTER PLAN AND ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, 2011

Prepared By: U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

Summary: Identifies land use classifications and multiple resource management topics for the Sepulveda Basin. The USACE is updating the Master Plan during 2025.

SEPULVEDA BASIN VISION PLAN, 2024

Prepared By: City of Los Angeles BOE and RAP

Summary: The plan proposes 48 district projects across a 25-year horizon for land within the Sepulveda Basin. Projects emphasize climate resiliency and access for both neighboring communities and the region-at-large. Objectives aim to balance the recreational, ecological, cultural, and resiliency functions.

COEXISTENCE IN PUBLIC SPACE, 2021

Prepared By: SPUR (San Francisco Bay Area 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.

A VISION FOR GRIFFITH PARK, 2013

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.

RECYCLED WATER MASTER PLAN, 2012

Prepared By: LADWP and LA County Public Works, LASAN and LABOE

Summary: Strategies to maximize implementation potential of expanded recycled water use to help secure a more sustainable water supply for the City. Important to LA's parks is the inclusion of new recycled supplies to meet non-potable demands.

STORMWATER CAPTURE MP, 2015

Prepared By: LADWP

Summary: Investigates the use of stormwater as a supply for the City of LA including both groundwater recharge and direct use. Creates funding mechanism for projects that either capture and augment the City's groundwater aquifers or directly use water through site-specific storage and distribution.

ENHANCED WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN(S)

Prepared By: Various²¹

Summary: The City of LA exists within several watersheds, including the Upper LA River, Santa Monica Bay, Ballona Creek, Dominguez Channel, and Marina del Rey watersheds. Several Watershed Management plans are relevant for park compliance across RAPs system.

LASAN BIODIVERSITY INDEX BASELINE REPORT, 2022

Prepared By: City of Los Angeles, Department of Public Works, Bureau of Sanitation and Environment

Summary: Uses 25 metrics to assess the City's progress towards a no-net loss biodiversity target. This creates scores for the existing biodiversity of parks to track goals moving forward.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES LA RIVER REVITALIZATION MASTER PLAN, 2007

Prepared By: City of Los Angeles Department of Public Works Bureau of Engineering

Summary: Identifies a number of improvements that relate to LA River adjacent park spaces and an interconnected system of green streets and walking loops.

LA RIVER MASTER PLAN, 2022

Prepared By: LA County Public Works

Summary: Community-based goals, design guidelines, and equity-focused strategies for multi-benefit 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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CHAPTER 3:
ENGAGEMENT

MEETINGS AND OUTREACH

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSES

Twenty-three open house meetings followed an interactive format designed to encourage active involvement. After an introductory presentation, participants explored stations with informational and interactive boards. Informational boards provided participants with greater detail about the project. Interactive boards provided participants with opportunities to express their opinions and preferences. RAP staff and consultants were available to answer participants' questions.

VIRTUAL OPEN-HOUSE MEETINGS

Virtual open houses provided a way for those unable to attend the in-person open houses to hear the same presentation from any location. Following the presentation, a moderated Q+A session gave participants the opportunity to ask questions and engage with the project content.

ENGAGEMENT MATERIALS

Materials provided at the meetings: project boards, project fact sheets, sticky note comments cards and contact information. A large city map allowed participants to indicate where they live and parks they frequently use. Materials were available in English, Spanish, Mandarin, Korean, and Armenian.

IN-PERSON OPEN HOUSES PROVIDE A FORUM FOR RESIDENTS TO GIVE DIRECT FEEDBACK AND BE IN DIALOG WITH THE PROJECT TEAM.

Figure 45. Community members in conversation at the Phase 1 community meeting at Ramona Hall. Source: OLIN, 2025.

Figure 46. Phase 2 community meeting at Lafayette Recreation Center. Source: OLIN, 2025.

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SECTION 2: RECREATION AND PARKS TODAY



CHAPTER 4:
HISTORY OF THE PARK SYSTEM




Figure 68. Panoramic view of Griffith Park, 1900. Source: Los Angeles Public Library Photo Collection.

CITY OF LOS ANGELES RECREATION AND PARKS STORY

Land Stewardship (Pre-1781)
Los Angeles, known as "Tovangar" in the Tongva language, has been the home of indigenous people such as the Tongva, or Gabrieleño, Fernandoño Tataviam, and the Chumash for over 10,000 years.¹¹

city of Los Angeles and its surrounding areas, extending from the Santa Monica Mountains to the Channel Islands.¹² Present-day downtown Los Angeles was primarily inhabited by the Tongva and their settlements were both independent and interconnected. In the 18th century, Spanish settlers established missions throughout California to spread Catholicism and strengthen allegiance to Spain, and many Indigenous communities were enslaved at these missions.¹³

MANY PRESENT-DAY PARK SITES ARE RELATED TO HISTORIC VILLAGE SITES OR SACRED SITES OF INDIGENOUS PEOPLES.

Indigenous knowledge and present day research reveals that many present-day park sites are related to historic village sites or sacred sites of Indigenous Peoples. Spanish baptismal records collected by the

The Early Years (1781-1885)
The City of Los Angeles was established by a group of settlers under Spanish colonial rule as a farming community in 1781.¹⁴ Under Anglo-American rule, which began in 1848, the City inherited two Spanish-style open plazas that structured public life: Plaza Park and Central Park (present-day Pershing Square).¹⁵ These plazas were organized with formal lawns and fountains with eventual additions such as fountains and walkways as the surrounding neighborhoods developed more residential and commercial uses.¹⁶ As the City's population grew, it gradually began to acquire parcels of land to meet the needs of the residents for park purposes such as Eastlake Park (present-day Lincoln Park) which was acquired in 1874.¹⁸

In the San Fernando Valley, many park sites have ties to historic locations of Fernandoño Tataviam sites, such as Sepulveda Basin, which is near the site of the historic village Suticanga. The name Suticanga means "the Place of the Oaks," and was established near a freshwater spring along the basin.¹⁹ Present-day Sepulveda Basin recreation areas were part of the fishing, hunting, and gathering grounds of the inhabitants of Suticanga.²⁰ The living descendants of the many Indigenous communities of Los Angeles continue to engage with the land through contemporary spiritual practices and climate activism.²¹




Figure 71. Map of the old portion of the city surrounding the plaza, Los Angeles City, March 20th, 1879 by William A. D. Source: Library of Congress, Geography and Map Division.




Figure 70. Bird's-Eye View of Central Park (Pershing Square) Los Angeles, 1880s. [Lithographed 1880s] Source: Los Angeles Times Photographic Collection. UCLA Library Original Collection.

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CHAPTER 5:
RAP BY THE NUMBERS

PARK AMENITIES
Across the park system, there are thousands of park amenities, including active and passive areas, recreation facilities, habitat or natural areas, trees, and iconic structures like the Griffith Observatory or the Greek Theatre. The system is so vast it can be difficult to encapsulate the extent of features.

During 2024, RAP completed an assessment of about 34 types of recreational amenities at 355 sites. RAP completes this assessment annually.

These amenities are rated as good, fair, or poor and help provide a detailed understanding of a facility's current condition. These annual condition scores help inform RAP's decision-making processes regarding maintenance, repairs, and future investments.



Figure 69. Source: pages of the Pacific Park in West LA. Source: UCLA.

RAP BY THE NUMBERS

16,000+ ACRES OF PARKLAND

489 PARKS

92 MILES OF TRAILS

1,711 FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES & 5,000 PART-TIME EMPLOYEES

32 Skate Parks	5 Golf Courses	300 Diamond Fields	26 Amphitheaters	8 Community Gardens	617 Parking Lots
165 Recreation & Senior Centers	374 Outdoor Fitness Areas	446 Basketball Hoops	223 Picnic Shelters	11 Concession Stands	51.5 Pickleball Courts
447 Playgrounds	370.5 Tennis Courts	115 Fitness Zones	1 Bandshell	44 Equestrian Rings	3 Roller Hockey Rinks
59 Swimming Pools	13 Splash Pools	1,504 Bathrooms	89 Volleyball Courts	2 Disc Golf Courses	1 Nature Centers
12 Museums	14 Dog Parks	94 Gymnasiums	235 Multipurpose Fields	101 Rectangular Fields	3 Childcare Buildings

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CHAPTER 6:
CURRENT BUDGET AND FINANCE

STAFFING SNAPSHOT

RAP has not recovered from staffing cuts during the Great Recession. Between FY 2008 when RAP full-time staffing peaked and FY 2015 when it hit an all-time low, 750 full-time positions were eliminated from the department. Since FY 2015, only 153 positions have been restored as of FY 2025, meaning the majority of these positions were eliminated and never restored.¹⁴

Among all City departments, RAP is the largest employer of part-time employees. As full-time employment has decreased, RAP has increasingly relied on part-time staff to take on greater responsibilities. RAP's part-time staff budget has remained nearly constant over the past 15 years. Over the same period, the part-time personnel costs have increased per-employee. For context, in 2009, the minimum wage in California was \$8 per hour.¹⁵ In 2015, the City of Los Angeles adopted a \$15 per hour minimum wage.¹⁶ As of 2025, the minimum wage in the City of Los Angeles is \$17.87 per hour. Hourly minimum wages effectively doubled between 2009 and 2015 although the RAP budget for part-time personnel has remained relatively constant. As a result, RAP has fewer hours of part-time work annually.

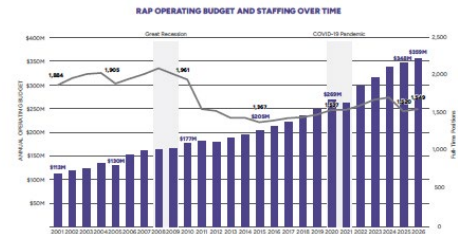


Figure 72. RAP's budget has grown steadily, but full-time staffing remains below pre-recession levels, revealing a persistent gap between funding and staffing. Source: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.

IMPACT OF STAFFING AND BUDGET CUTS ON OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

Interviews with RAP staff revealed the following challenges resulting from budget constraints:

- RAP's operating resources are declining despite responsibilities growing. RAP staff are being asked to do more with less, leading to staff burnout, deferred maintenance, and growing waitlists for programs. For example, recreation centers used to have staff on Sundays, but now do not as a result of a strained budget. Anecdotally, RAP staff discussed a decline in maintenance quality due to lower staffing and less frequent visits to service parks. Staff also shared that RAP switched from a system of dedicated gardener caretakers for each park to a system where staff visit parks on rotation within a district.
- RAP faces recruitment and retention difficulties due to limited resources and lower wages compared to other departments. RAP provides pathways into City services with part-time positions and established onboarding and training practices. Agencies like the Department of Water and Power and the Port of Los Angeles offer higher salaries and more overtime opportunities, making it difficult to retain staff after RAP trains skilled positions.
- Deferred maintenance is increasing, resulting in greater long-term costs. With a focus on essential tasks like litter removal, restroom cleaning, and landscaping, other necessary upkeep is often delayed, leading to more expensive repairs and increased City liability over time.
- RAP is responsible for providing shelters during emergencies, creating additional and unpredictable workload for staff. As extreme events increase in intensity and frequency, this will be a growing role for RAP within the city.
- Over the long term, during economic downturns, RAP staff positions are eliminated more quickly and in larger numbers than they are recovered. Vacant full-time positions continue to be eliminated in budgets year-over-year. Between FY 2024 and FY 2025, 207 vacant full-time positions were eliminated or discontinued, further straining RAP's operating needs.

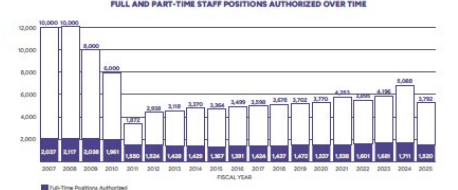


Figure 73. RAP has less than half the authorized positions today as it did before the Great Recession.¹⁷ Source: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.

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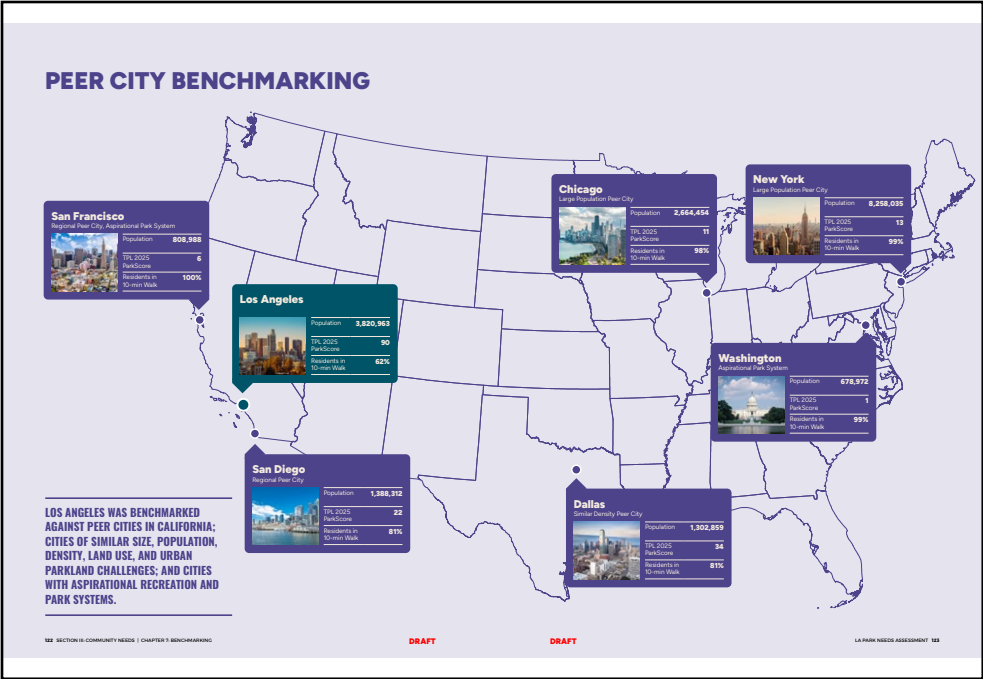
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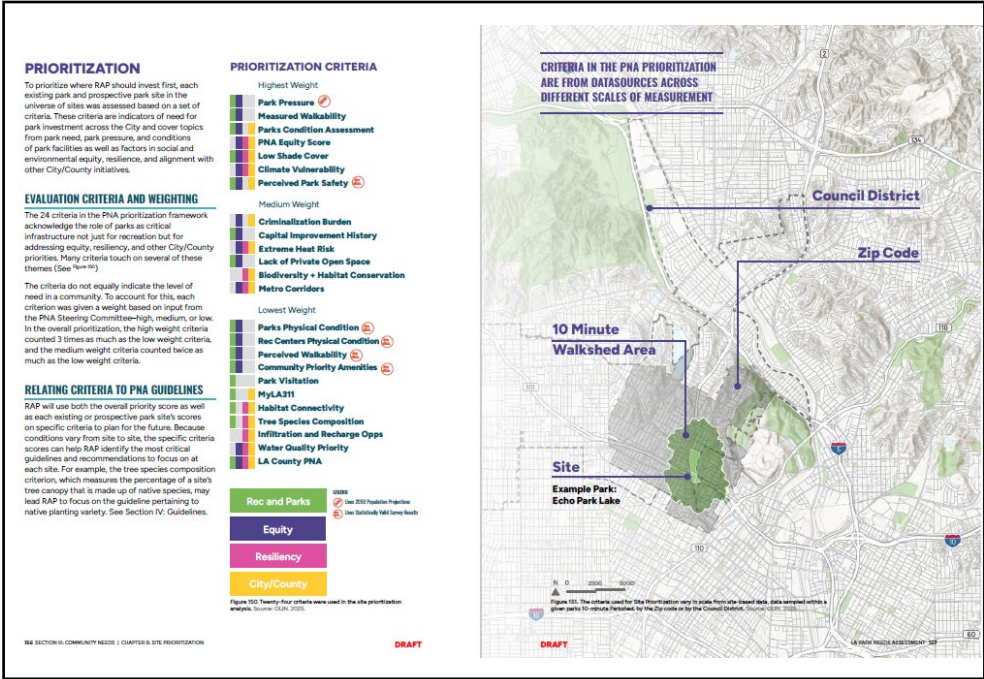
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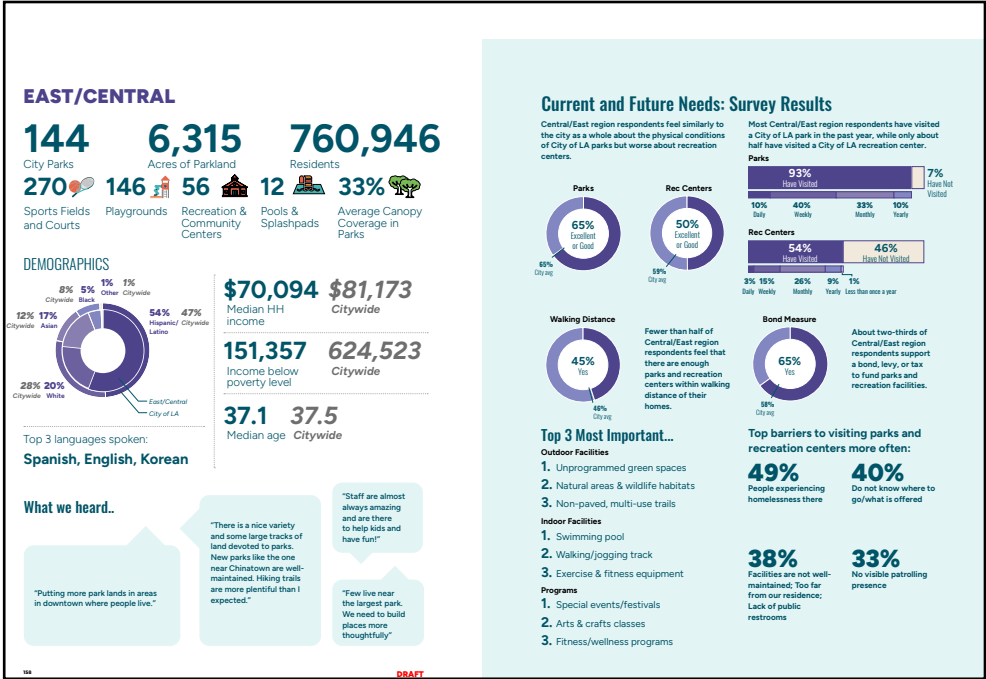
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SECTION 3: COMMUNITY NEEDS

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

97TH STREET POCKET PARK



Classification: Mini Park
Region: South
Acres: 0.13

ARTS DISTRICT PARK



Classification: Mini Park
Region: Central/East
Acres: 0.51

CABALLERO CREEK CONFLUENCE PARK



Classification: Neighborhood Park
Region: Valley
Acres: 1.5

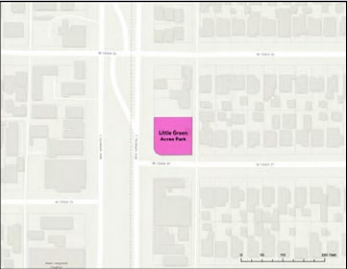
LEO POLITI ELEMENTARY SCHOOL (CSP)



Classification: Community School Park
Region: Central/East
Acres: 2.02

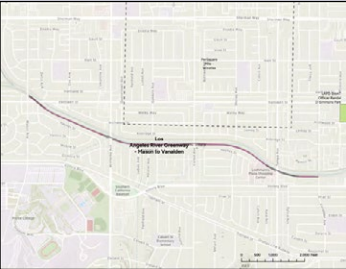
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LITTLE GREEN ACRES PARK



Classification: Specialty Facility
Region: South
Acres: 0.23

LOS ANGELES RIVER GREENWAY - MASON TO VANALDEN



Classification: Greenway
Region: Valley
Acres: 6.22

ORD AND YALE STREET PARK



Classification: Mini Park
Region: Central/East
Acres: 0.6

PROSPECTIVE PARK SITE- DOWNTOWN



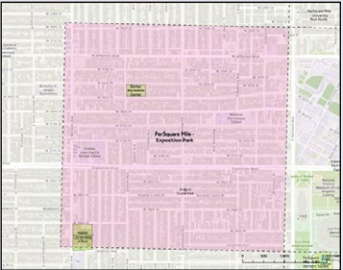
Classification: Neighborhood Park
Region: Central/East
Acres: 3

PROSPECTIVE PARK SITE - EAST VERMONT SQUARE



Classification: Neighborhood Park
Region: South
Acres: 3

PROSPECTIVE PARK SITE - EXPOSITION PARK



Classification: Neighborhood Park
Region: South
Acres: 3

PROSPECTIVE PARK SITE - N HIST SOUTH CENTRAL



Classification: Neighborhood Park
Region: South
Acres: 3

PROSPECTIVE PARK SITE - NORTH HOLLYWOOD



Classification: Neighborhood Park
Region: Valley
Acres: 3

PROSPECTIVE PARK SITE- PICO-UNION



Classification: Neighborhood Park
Region: Central/East
Acres: 3

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SECTION 4: GUIDELINES

CHAPTER 10:
SITE PLANNING

Figure 212. Loop trail at Rungt Canyon Park supports appreciation, circulation, and wellness.
Source: City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, November 2020.

CONNECTIVITY

STREET GRID CONNECTIVITY

Maintain physical and visual connections to the street grid.

Parks and recreation facilities should be thoughtfully integrated into the fabric of surrounding neighborhoods. They should be sited to minimize disruption to the street grid, which is integral to a functional transportation network. Where streets do not continue through a park or recreation facility site, efforts should be made to maintain physical and visual connections, such as gateways, sight lines, or walking paths through the site in line with those streets.

SEAMLESS PUBLIC SPACE

Ensure seamless connections between parks and recreation facilities and other adjacent public spaces.

Residents do not typically perceive differences in ownership, but they do perceive differences in experiences and missing connections. Barriers and breaks in access limit attractiveness and visibility. Regional ecosystems also do not observe jurisdictional boundaries and must be thought of as integrated, functional systems.

Figure 213. Internal walking trail at Delta Park allows users to explore the park.
Source: City of Los Angeles, Department of Recreation and Parks, November 2020.

INTERNAL WALKING TRAIL

Connect features in parks to each other using circulation.

Walking trails in parks allow users to explore the various features of a park and connect to adjacent uses. They also help keep users off of any sensitive native vegetation or planted areas. Walking trails can offer different difficulty levels to accommodate a variety of age groups, exercise goals, and unique park experiences.

TRAIL CONNECTION

Maintain connections to the paved trail network.

Trail users are park and recreation facility users. Parks and recreation facilities can serve as trailheads, trail destinations, or locations to stop and rest along a trail. Parks and recreation facilities may also host critical trail links, leading to a more connected system.

SAFE ROUTES/PASSAGES

Create safe routes to parks and recreation facilities.

Critical to equitable access and connectivity is ensuring people have safe ways to get to parks and recreation facilities from homes, schools, libraries, transit stops, and other destinations within their neighborhoods. Well-lit, well-paved sidewalks and trails, partnerships with community organizations and public agencies, and opportunities to overcome physical and perceived barriers should be prioritized.

TRAIL MODE SEPARATION

Separate trails into paths for horses, cyclists, and pedestrians.

On larger sites, where space allows, separating trails for horses, cyclists, and pedestrians can enhance safety and reduce conflicts among users moving at different speeds. This separation also reinforces the sense that trail users are within a park or recreation environment. Differentiated trail materials can further support this approach: for example, a walking path might be surfaced with stone fines, while an adjacent bike trail could be paved with asphalt and an equestrian trail might use packed dirt or stone suited to horse hooves.

LOOP TRAIL

Provide a loop trail for people to explore, circulate, and recreate.

Loop trails provide opportunities for people to explore parts of a park or recreation facility site that they may not otherwise be aware of with confidence, knowing that they will end up where they started. When they are a specifically measured length, loop trails allow users to easily walk, jog, bike, or skate to a number of steps or miles they may be targeting for exercise and wellness.

CHAPTER 12:
ONGOING ENGAGEMENT

Figure 215. Community members at an engagement meeting in Granada Hills share ideas to help shape inclusive and equitable park planning.
Source: Parks Division, 2020.

ENGAGEMENT GUIDELINES

Community engagement is vital to an equitable, inclusive, and sustainable park system. An equity-driven, community-led approach will not just result in engagement findings that are more reflective of Los Angeles's diverse population, it will also lead to projects that offer multiple benefits, including:

- Inclusive and accessible public spaces: Engaging a broad range of community members—particularly those not traditionally included in park planning processes—allows for a diversity of expertise about park uses, safety, desired amenities, and many other elements. This on-the-ground knowledge from residents, alongside input from less-served community groups, can lead to parks that better serve local communities and all Angelenos alike, resulting in better system-wide alignment with community needs.
- A sense of communal ownership: People who participate in planning and designing their park are more likely to develop a sense of healthy ownership and pride, cultivating long-lasting stewardship relationships with their local public spaces. This connection can help improve park safety, maintenance, use, and sustainability, and leads to greater trust and transparency.
- Leadership identification and cultivation: Park planning and design processes offer a platform to cultivate community leaders. The result is an active group of residents with stronger ties to the site, facility, and staff which aid in fostering an overall sense of trust.
- Equity in access and outcomes: Historically, park planning across Los Angeles has not always been equitable. Engagement, particularly in marginalized communities, needs to be a core element of planning processes from the beginning, with the aim to reduce disparities in access to quality green space and provide equitable distribution of resources.

From design to operations, meaningful community engagement for park projects should aim to create dynamic and inclusive processes where every Angeleno feels welcomed and heard. Engagement at every scale should prioritize communities that have historically been underserved by public

investment and underrepresented in park planning, budgeting, and decision-making processes. To implement inclusive engagement processes, they should be developed and implemented in partnership with community members and community-based organizations (CBOs), and adopted to reflect and be relevant to specific communities' needs.

Metrics can be used not only to define the milestones necessary for a successfully completed project but also the strengths and challenges of the engagement process itself. Creating a plan to routinely collect and report out engagement data during the life cycle of a project not only builds in transparency and trust, but also creates a standard that parks can use to keep themselves accountable to internal and community goals.

ACQUISITION

Community engagement during the acquisition phase of a park project should keep residents adequately informed about the acquisition process, and guided by community input. This includes information on the location of the new facility, its classification (e.g., neighborhood park or neighborhood nature park), potential amenities, accessibility measures, and plans to thoughtfully integrate it into the existing community.

VISION PLANNING

Community-driven vision planning encourages and empowers residents to take an active role in shaping their environment and city. Whether planning for a new park or reimagining an existing one, engagement at this phase should involve multiple sessions for community members and key stakeholders to develop a robust and inclusive vision for a new project with RAP. The community's vision will set the course for a park that meets the needs and cultural contexts of its community. At this stage, RAP can begin building a base of community members to champion the new park site.

CHAPTER 11:
PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

MINI PARK

Figure 181. Patton S Pocket Park. Source: Lauren Echz, 2020.

Mini parks are very small spaces, typically less than one acre in size, designed to provide walkable access to greenery and seating within dense neighborhoods. These parks often maximize their utility with features like benches and trees. Due to their limited size, mini parks tend to be more passive and simpler in their designs, offering quick places of respite.

TYPICAL SIZE (ACRES)
~1

TYPICAL LENGTH OF VISIT (HOURS)
0.25-1

TYPICAL ACCESS
Mini parks should be accessible by foot via local streets and sidewalks. They should be located away from busy roadways and noisy areas to support quiet neighborhood use.

TYPICAL AMENITIES

UNIVERSAL ELEMENTS IN ALL ZONES

- Seating
- Shade
- Identity Features
- Low Impact Development BMPs

INTENSIVE USE

- Outdoor Event Space
- Group Picnic Area
- Restroom
- Dog Park

PROGRAMMABLE GATHERING

- Park Shelter
- Seating

RECREATION

- Fitness / Exercise Facility
- Creative Play Attraction
- Playground
- Rectangular Field
- Basketball Court
- Tennis / Pickleball Court
- Volleyball Court
- Water Play
- Pool

CASUAL USE

- Individual Picnic Area
- Casual Use Space
- Internal Walking Trail
- Shade Structure

NATURAL

- Stemcor Management
- Natural Space
- Community Garden
- Unique Landscape Feature

INFRASTRUCTURE

- Bike Rack
- Transect Stop
- Street Parking
- On-Street Parking
- Safe Pedestrian Access
- Support Facility
- Maintenance Facility
- Polymer Dropoff
- Regional Water Partnerships

TYPICAL ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS

SMALL ELEMENTS (<1,000 SF)

- Monument (100' x 10')
- Sculpture (100' x 10')
- Interpretive Display (100' x 10')
- Storage Container (10' x 10')
- Restroom Pavilion (40' x 10')
- Shade Structure (40' x 10')
- Hand (50' x 10')
- Fully Monument (10' x 10')
- Benches (50' x 10')
- Phone Shelter (10' x 10')

MEDIUM ELEMENTS (1,000 - 6,000 SF)

- Greenhouse (1,000' x 10')
- Concession Stand (1,000' x 10')
- Visitor Info Center (1,000' x 10')
- Art Gallery (4,000' x 10')
- Nature Center (6,000' x 10')
- Amphitheater (Outdoor) (6,000' x 10')

LARGE ELEMENTS (>6,000 SF)

- Wildlife Center (2,000' x 10')
- Museum (1,000' x 10')
- Maintenance Facility (8,000' x 10')
- Children's Center (10,000' x 10')
- Equestrian Center (12,000' x 10')
- Senior Center (12,000' x 10')
- Recreation Center (16,000' x 10')



CHAPTER 13:
LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS

COMMUNITY GARDEN PLOTS

Population-Based Standard

Level of Service (LOS) 0.0 (Current) vs 0.0 (Recommended) per 1,000

Number of Community Garden Plots: 8 in 2025 vs 9 by 2050

Peer Median: Washington, DC (0.2), San Francisco, CA (0.1)

Priority Investment Rating: 127

5-Year Change in Participation: N/A

Supports Maintaining LOS Standard (Green diamond), Supports Raising LOS Standard (Red triangle)

DIAMOND FIELDS

Population-Based Standard

Level of Service (LOS) 0.8 (Current) vs 1.0 (Recommended) per 10,000

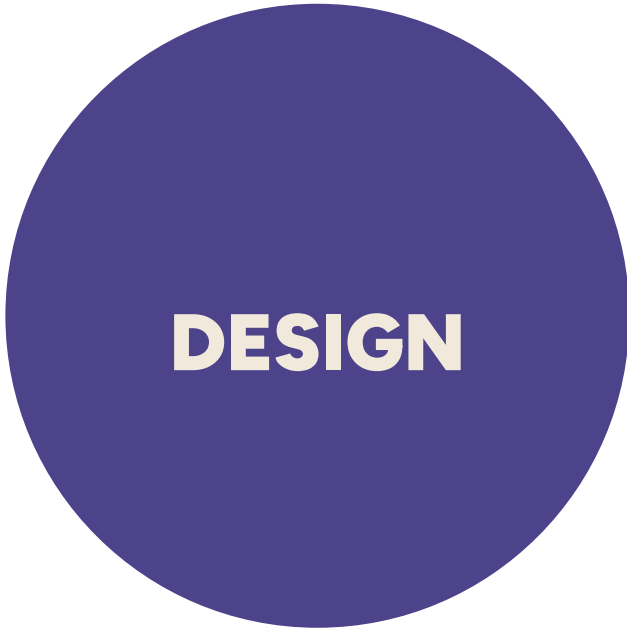
Number of Diamond Fields: 300 in 2025 vs 432 by 2050

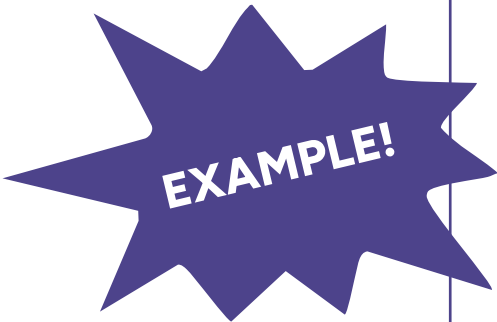
Peer Median: Chicago, IL (2.6)

Priority Investment Rating: 59

5-Year Change in Participation: 5.9

Supports Maintaining LOS Standard (Green diamond), Supports Raising LOS Standard (Red triangle)





BASKETBALL HOOPS

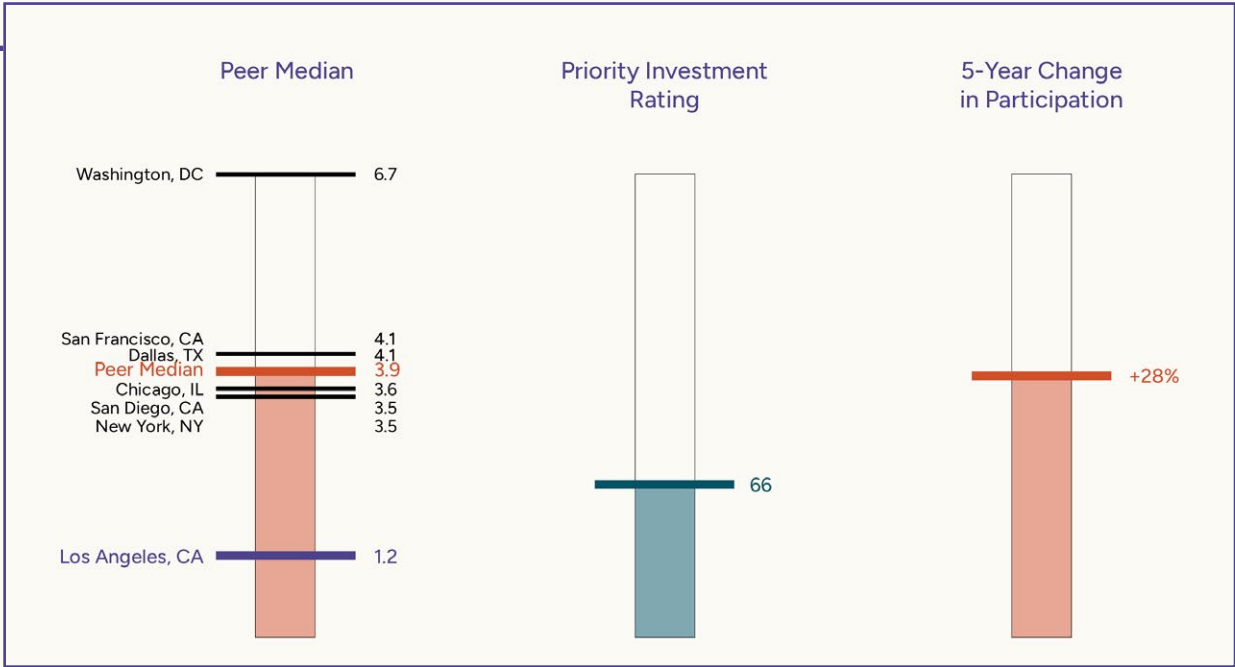
Population-Based Standard



The current number of amenities and the number to be added or reduced/removed by 2050.

Whether the recommended level of service (LOS) is higher or lower than the current level of service.

The data that was used to build the recommended LOS. These data points are the peer median level of service, priority investment rating, and 5-year national participation change.



How the above data points inform the recommended LOS. For example, if the peer median LOS is greater than Los Angeles, it suggests raising the LOS.



CHAPTER 14:
COSTS AND FUNDING




Figure 100: Restroom facilities at the Inwood Day Recreation Area. Source: City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks.

TYPES OF COST, ASSUMPTIONS, AND APPROACH

CAPITAL ESTIMATES

In the overall cost matrix, standardized costs are applied to the actual conditions of park amenities at each park site, as assessed by RAP, to arrive at project costs citywide to the year 2050. For amenities or elements that do not have a specific assessment, such as individual benches, the cost matrix includes estimates for current and future needs over the next 25 years. For new facilities, the proposed counts are based on the proposed level-of-service (LOS) standards for RAP. (See Chapter 13: Level of Service Standards.) For example, if RAP wants to increase its LOS for basketball courts to match peer cities, the number of new courts needed to meet the new LOS standard is added to the new courts column. This is also true for the total acres of new parks desired. In the case of new parks, new amenity costs were applied to each of the 36 prospective park sites identified using the "Per Square Mile" tool (See Chapter 8: Site Prioritization).

AMENITIES, HABITAT, AND SOFT COSTS ARE INCLUDED IN OVERALL COST CALCULATIONS.

PERSONNEL ESTIMATES

Future staffing needs and associated personnel costs are based on an average of three estimation methods.

- Increasing capacity and level of service by 1.5 times (150%) to meet anticipated demand and elevate overall service delivery.
- Returning staffing to RAP's prior, known peak in FY2008 (130% 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 130% increase. Restoring part-time employee counts would require a 258% increase.
- Increasing staff per acre to align with peer systems (200%). Stated on the average staff per acre against peer park systems, RAP would need to increase staff capacity by 200% to meet the service level of peers.

EXPENSE ESTIMATES

Expenses are based on an applied salary-to-expense ratio of 20%, based on the historical average from RAP's FY2015–FY2025 budgets.

Based on this initial approach, RAP would need to increase its operating budget by 75% to increase staff capacity to a level more consistent with prior service levels, desired service quality, and peers.

RAP COULD RESTORE STAFFING LEVELS, A HIGHER LEVEL OF SERVICE AND ALIGN CAPACITY TO PEERS BY INCREASING ITS OPERATING BUDGET BY 75%.

PERSONNEL AND EXPENSE ESTIMATE SUMMARY

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. Staffing Consistent to Prior Staffing Levels	\$193M	\$82M	\$5M	\$275M	\$58M	\$333M	50%
2. Increase Capacity to Provide A Higher Level of Service	\$176M	\$143M	\$7M	\$323M	\$68M	\$391M	75%
3. Increase Capacity to Align to Peers	\$253M	\$109M	\$7M	\$368M	\$78M	\$446M	100%
Average	\$206M	\$110M	\$6M	\$322M	\$68M	\$390M	75%

Figure 100: Personnel and Expense Estimates. All costs are in 2025 dollars based on 2025 staff salaries and expenses. These estimated operating costs do not include City General Fund Fundamentals, land collection, or utilities. Source: 100M Analysis of data provided by RAP and Trust for Public Land. City has been benchmarking peer cities only, not including City Budget Year FY2025.

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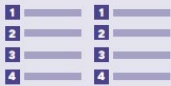
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CHAPTER 15:
ACTION PLAN


SEEK TO ADDRESS RESIDENTS' TOP CITYWIDE PRIORITIES FOR AMENITIES AND PROGRAMS

SEE CHAPTER 3: ENGAGEMENT



ACCOUNT FOR DIFFERENT PRIORITIES IN DIFFERENT PARTS OF THE CITY

SEE CHAPTER 9: REGIONAL SNAPSHOTS




USE THE SITE PLANNING GUIDELINES TO EVALUATE AND IMPROVE FORM AND FUNCTION

SEE CHAPTER 10: SITE PLANNING

CONSIDER SITE-SPECIFIC NEEDS IDENTIFIED BY THE PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

See Addressing Site-Specific Needs at the end of Section IV.




CONSIDER CITYWIDE NEEDS BASED ON LEVEL OF SERVICE

SEE CHAPTER 13: LEVEL OF SERVICE STANDARDS

300	▲	432
in 2025		by 2050
89	▼	70
in 2025		by 2050


CONSULT THE CLASSIFICATIONS TO IDENTIFY TYPICAL AMENITIES AND APPLICABLE GUIDELINES

SEE CHAPTER 11: PARK CLASSIFICATIONS



CONTINUE TO MEANINGFULLY ENGAGE WITH RESIDENTS

SEE CHAPTER 12: ONGOING ENGAGEMENT



SECURE SUSTAINABLE FUNDING FOR RECREATION AND PARKS


SEE CHAPTER 14: COST AND FUNDING

RAP-LED FUNDING STRATEGIES

- Increase earned-revenue generation.
- Expand partnerships with non-profits and build a conservancy model.
- Leverage State and Federal funding sources.

FUNDING STRATEGIES REQUIRING PARTNERSHIP

- Increase the Charter mandated allocation of property tax revenue to RAP.
- Evaluate property tax assessments.
- Evaluate sales taxes.
- Evaluate City bond options: general obligation and revenue bonds.



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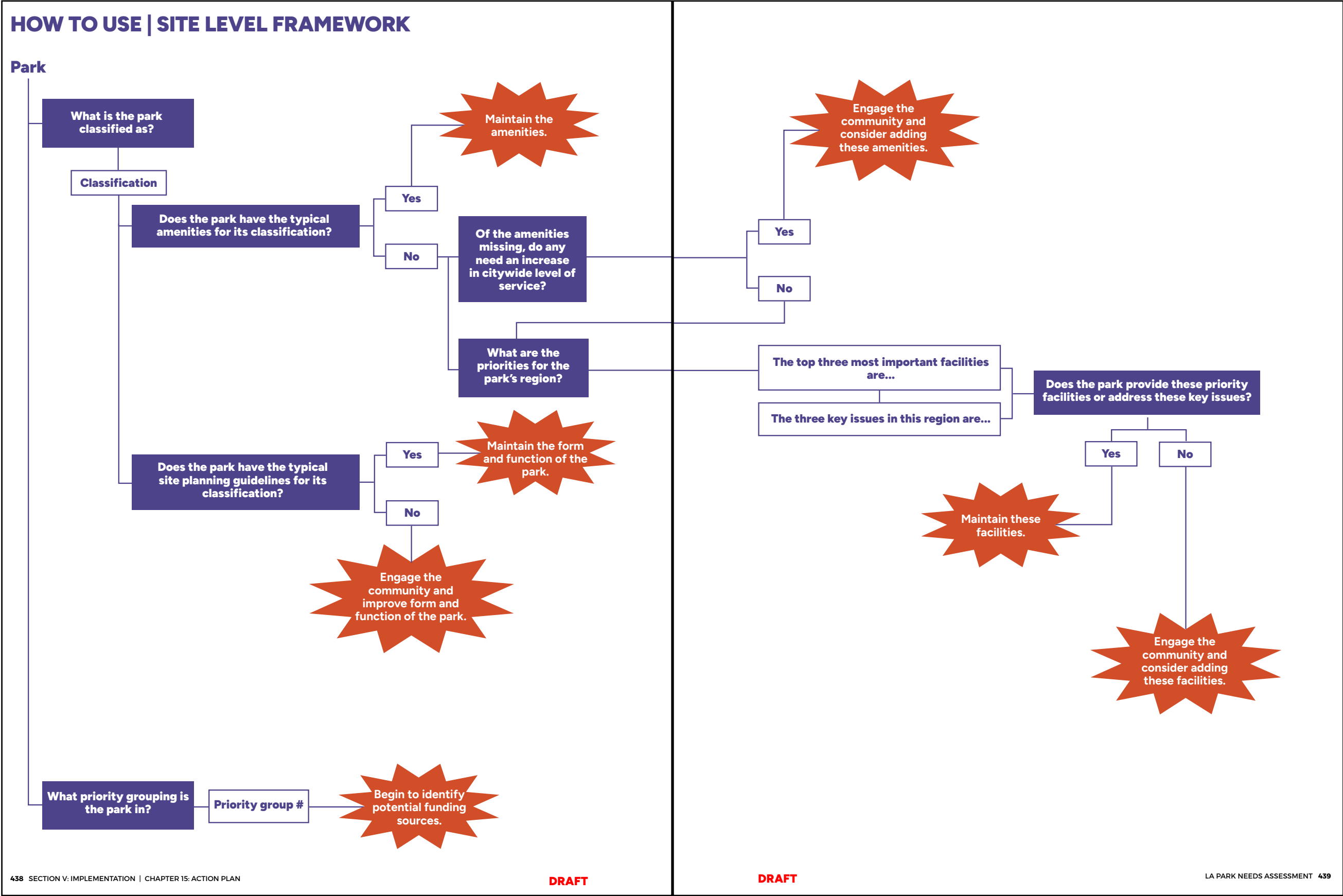
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SECTION 5: IMPEMETATION

ACTION PLAN



BUDGET DATA AND COST ESTIMATES

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**



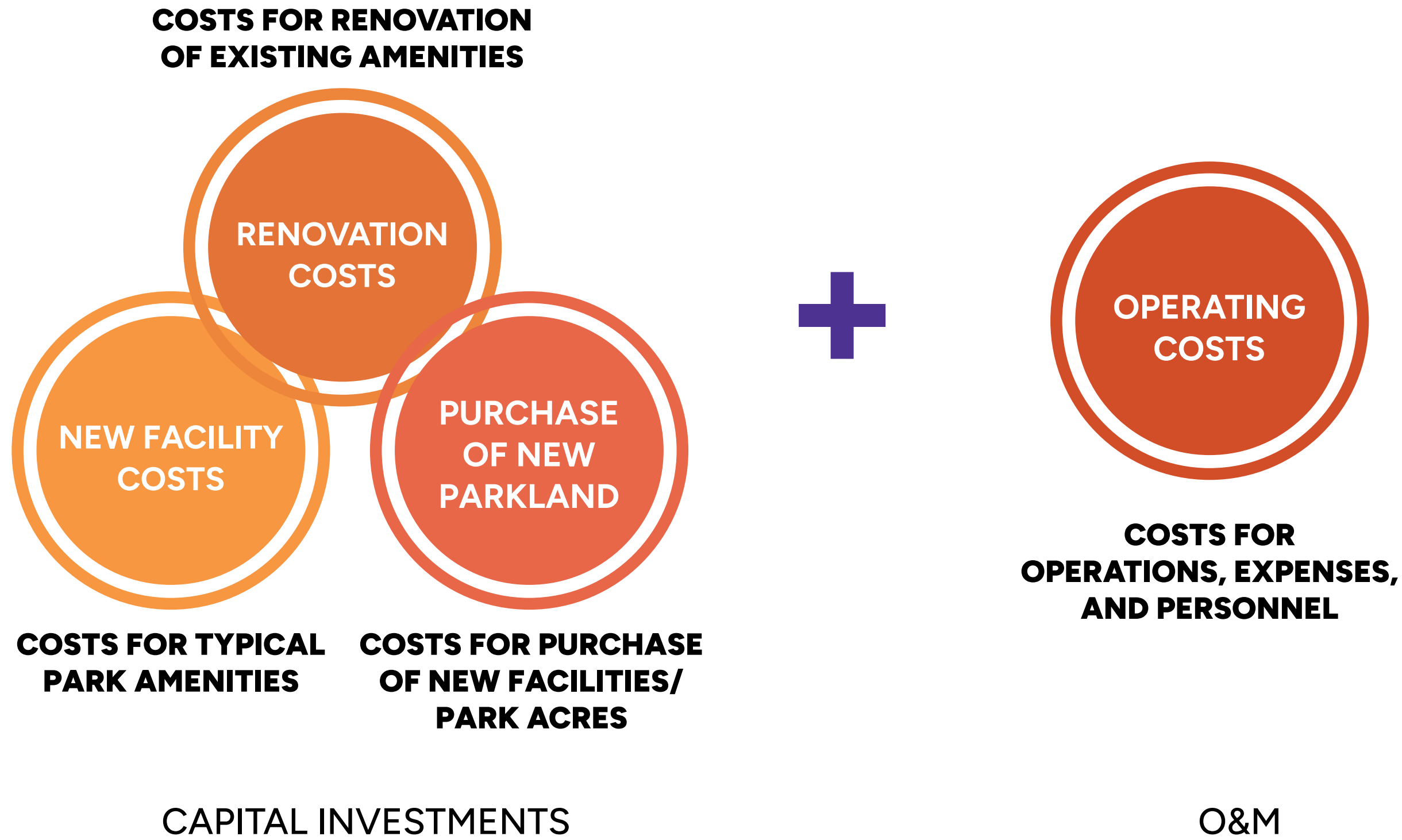
**USE COST ESTIMATES
TO SIZE CAPITAL
AND OPERATIONS
& MAINTENANCE
FUNDING NEEDS**



**IDENTIFY POTENTIAL
FUNDING SOURCES**

**SUPPORT RAP ON
POTENTIAL FUNDING
MECHANISM
STRATEGIES**

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



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CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

APPROACH



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



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



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

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CAPITAL INVESTMENTS

APPROACH



PARK FACILITIES
ARCHITECTURAL ELEMENTS
INFRASTRUCTURE ELEMENTS
NEW PARK FACILITIES & ACQUISITION

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PERSONNEL

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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

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ONE TIME CAPITAL NEED (IN 2025 DOLLARS)
INCLUDES DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

~\$15B

ANNUAL OPERATING NEEDS*
STAFFING, OPERATIONS, GENERAL FUND
REIMBURSEMENT

**~\$525-
\$625M**

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

NOTE: TOTALS ARE BASED ON COST ESTIMATES THAT DO NOT INCLUDE ESCALATION AND ARE IN 2025 DOLLARS.

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COST TOTALS (WITHOUT ESCALATION)

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

ONE TIME CAPITAL NEED (IN 2025 DOLLARS)

INCLUDES DEFERRED MAINTENANCE

~\$15B

Deferred Maintenance	~\$2.6B
Level of Service Goals	~\$12.1B
<i>New facilities and acres to meet peer city levels</i>	

NOTE: TOTALS ARE BASED ON COST ESTIMATES THAT DO NOT INCLUDE ESCALATION AND ARE IN 2025 DOLLARS.

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COST TOTALS (WITHOUT ESCALATION)

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

ANNUAL OPERATING NEEDS*
STAFFING, OPERATIONS, GENERAL FUND
REIMBURSEMENT

**~\$525-
\$625M**

Total for Staff Increases to Meet Staffing Gap
Year 1

~\$322M

Total for Expenses
Year 1

~\$68M

General Fund Reimbursements

UP TO \$220M

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

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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

EVALUATE A NEW PROPERTY TAX ASSESSMENT

- PROP K SUCCESSOR
- COMMUNITY FACILITIES DISTRICT

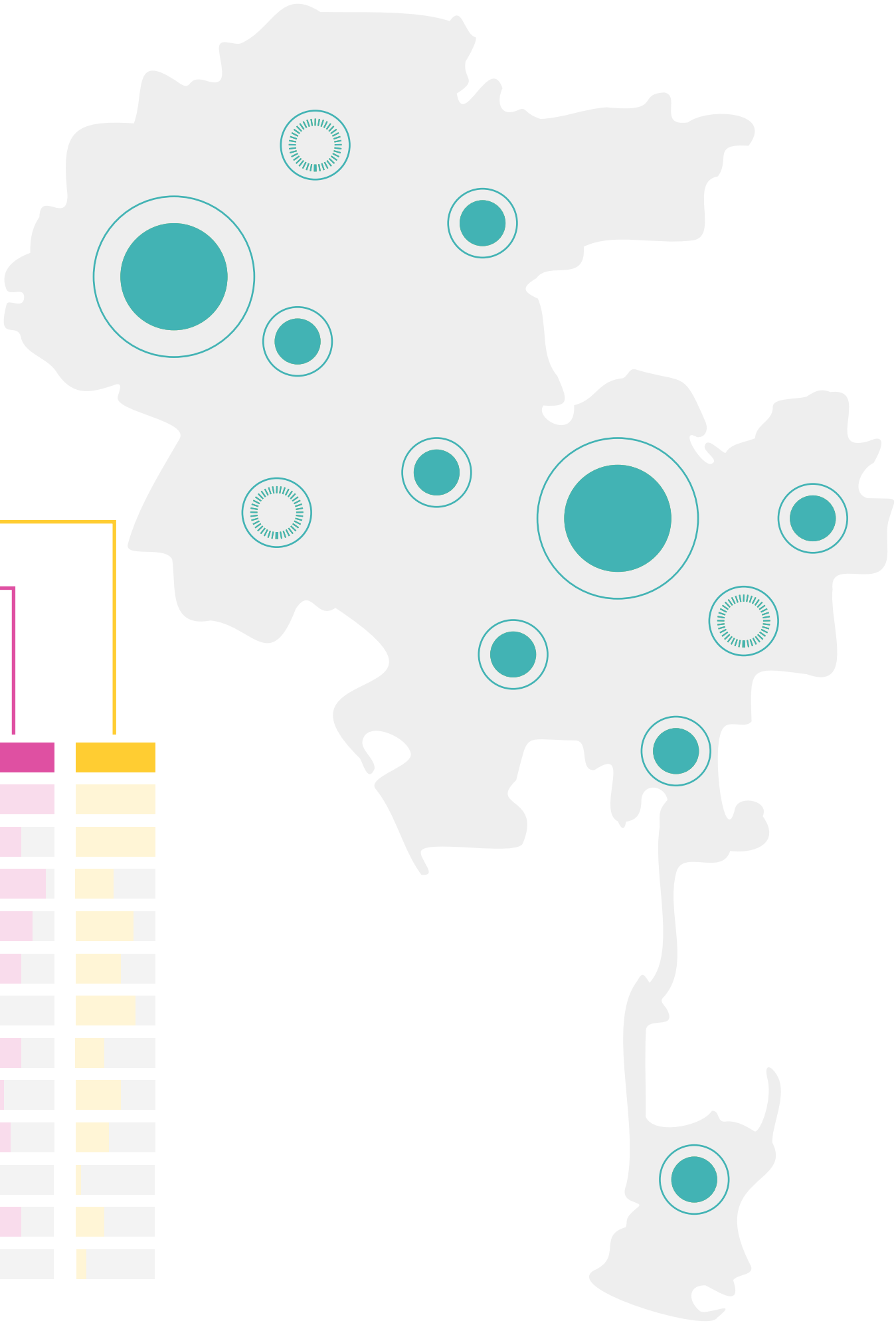
EVALUATE SALES TAXES

EVALUATE CITY BOND OPTIONS

FUTURE DISCUSSION *At SC #6 in September we will discuss implementation strategies with this group*

PRIORITIZATION UPDATES



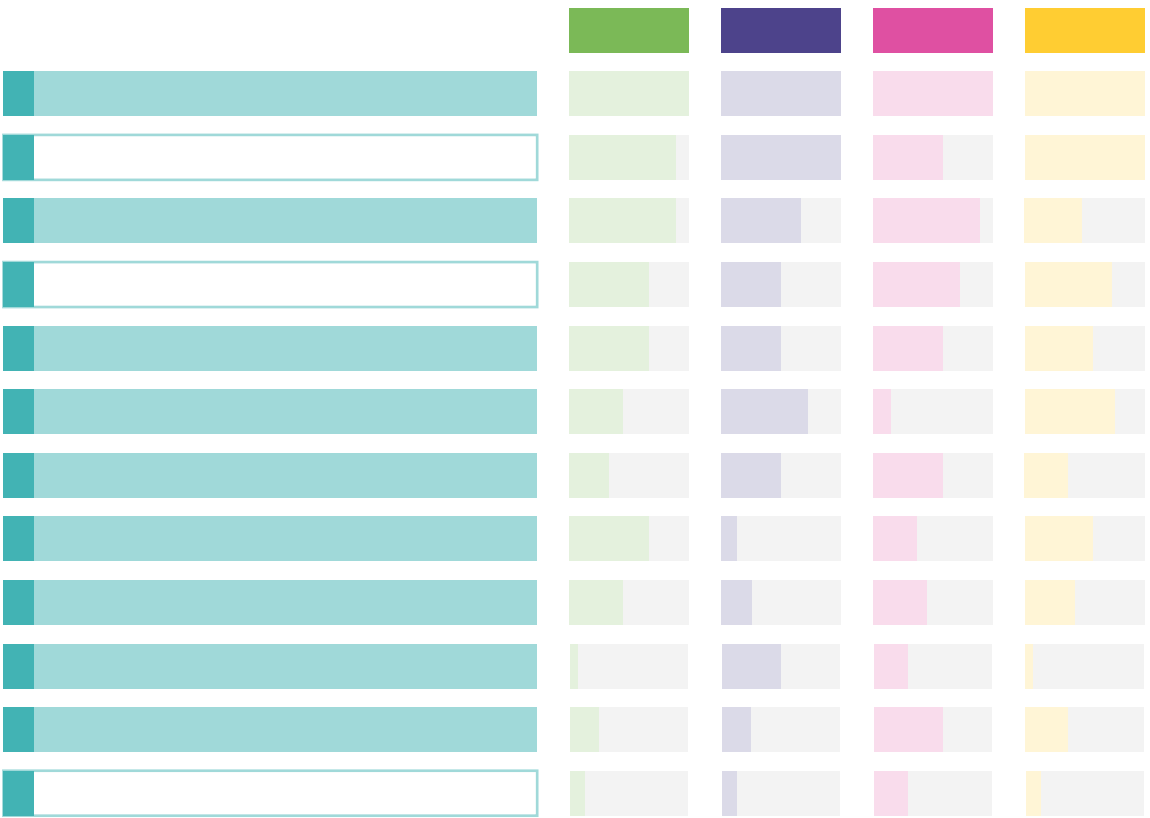


CITY/COUNTY METRICS

RESILIENCY METRICS

EQUITY METRICS

REC/PARKS METRICS



**EXISTING AND
POTENTIAL PARKS**

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PARK PRIORITIZATION STRATEGY

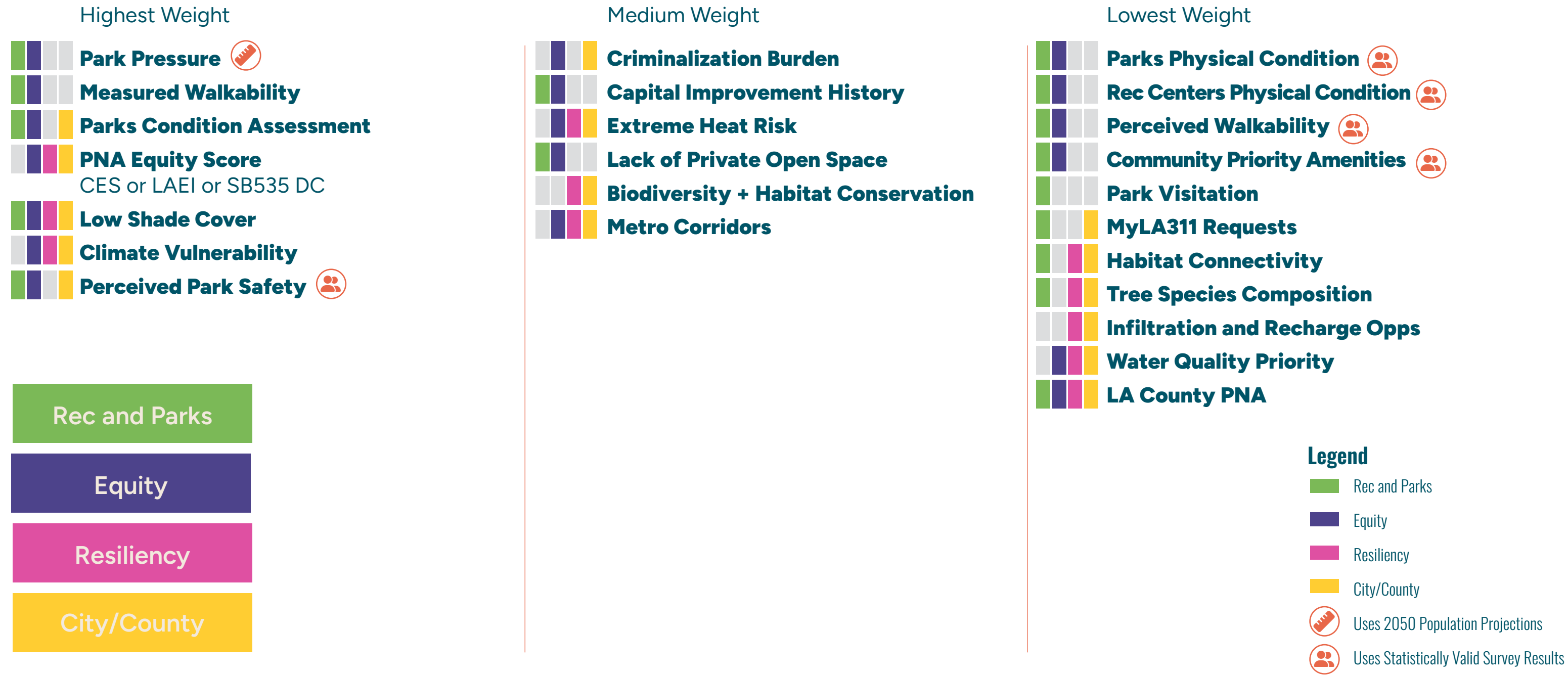
UPDATES TO THE THE CRITERIA FOR SITE-BASED EVALUATION ARE SHOWN BELOW. THESE WERE BASED ON DISCUSSIONS WITH THE STEERING COMMITTEE, RAP, AND WITHIN THE CONSULTANT TEAM.

		Rec and Parks	Equity	Resiliency	City/County
Highest Weight		Park Pressure Measured Walkability <small>RAISED</small> Parks Condition Assessment <small>RAISED</small>	PNA Equity Score CES or LAEI or SB535 DC Low Shade Cover <small>RENAMED</small>	Climate Vulnerability	 Perceived Park Safety
			Criminalization Burden Capital Improvement History Extreme Heat Risk <small>NEW</small> Lack of Private Open Space <small>RENAMED</small>	Biodiversity + Habitat Conservation	Metro Corridors
Lowest Weight		Parks Physical Condition <small>LOWERED</small>		Habitat Connectivity	Infiltration and Recharge Opp.
		Rec Centers Physical Condition <small>LOWERED</small>		Tree Species Composition	Water Quality Priority
		Perceived Walkability <small>LOWERED</small>			LA County PNA
		Community Priority Amenities			
		Park Visitation MyLA311 Requests			
		Legend  Uses 2050 Population Projections  Uses Statistically Valid Survey Results			

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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.



COMPOSITE SCORE

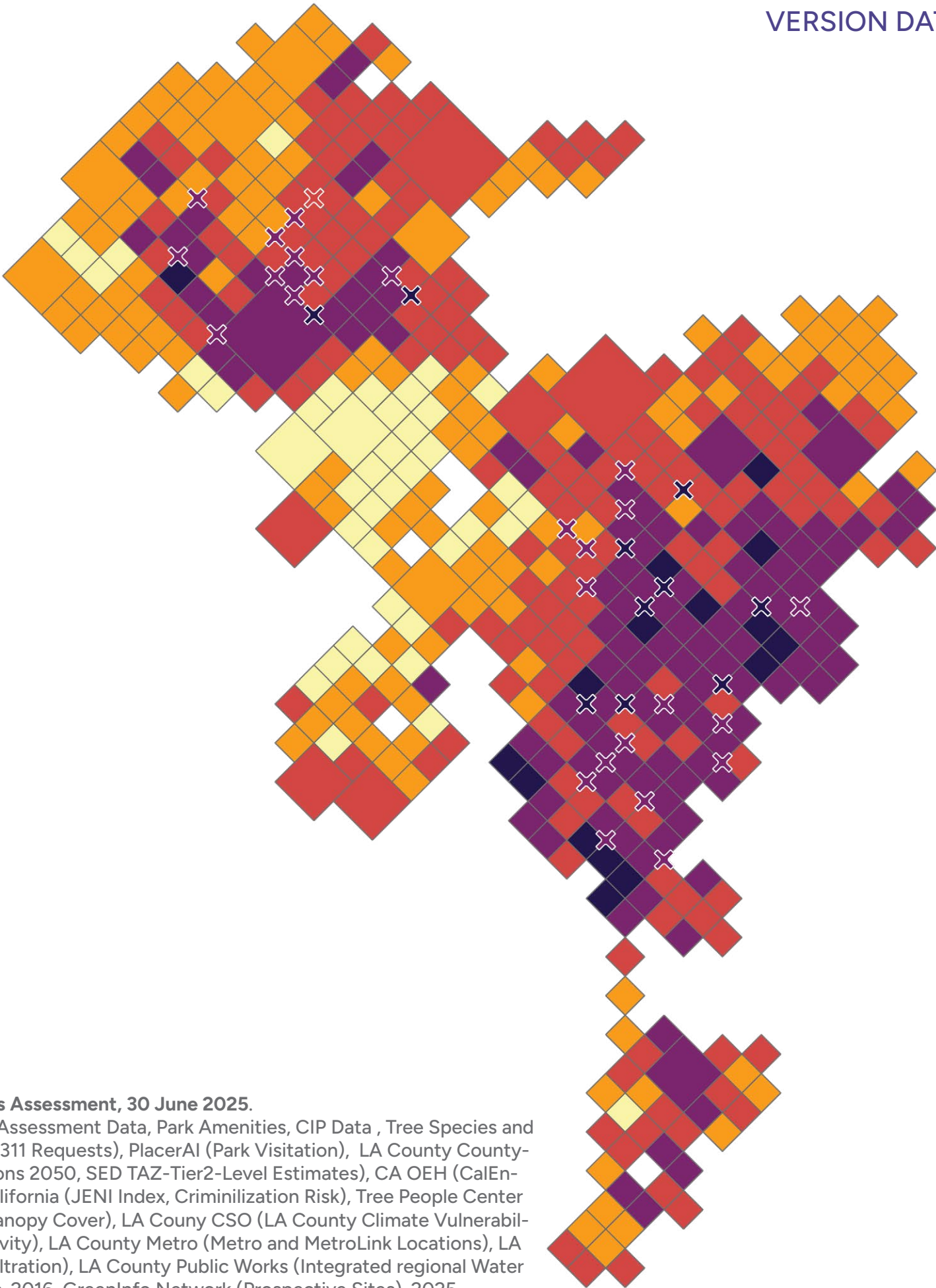
THE COMPOSITE SCORE SHOWS HIGH PRIORITY SITES CLUSTERED IN EAST, CENTRAL, AND SOUTH LA AS WELL AS THE SOUTHERN AND EASTERN SAN FERNANDO VALLEY.

Legend

-  RAP Site
-  Prospective Site
-  First Priority
-  Second Priority
-  Third Priority
-  Fourth Priority
-  Fifth Priority

OLIN Draft Site Based Evaluation, City of LA Department of Recreation and Parks, LA Park Needs Assessment, 30 June 2025.

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), PlacerAI (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 Couny CSO (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.

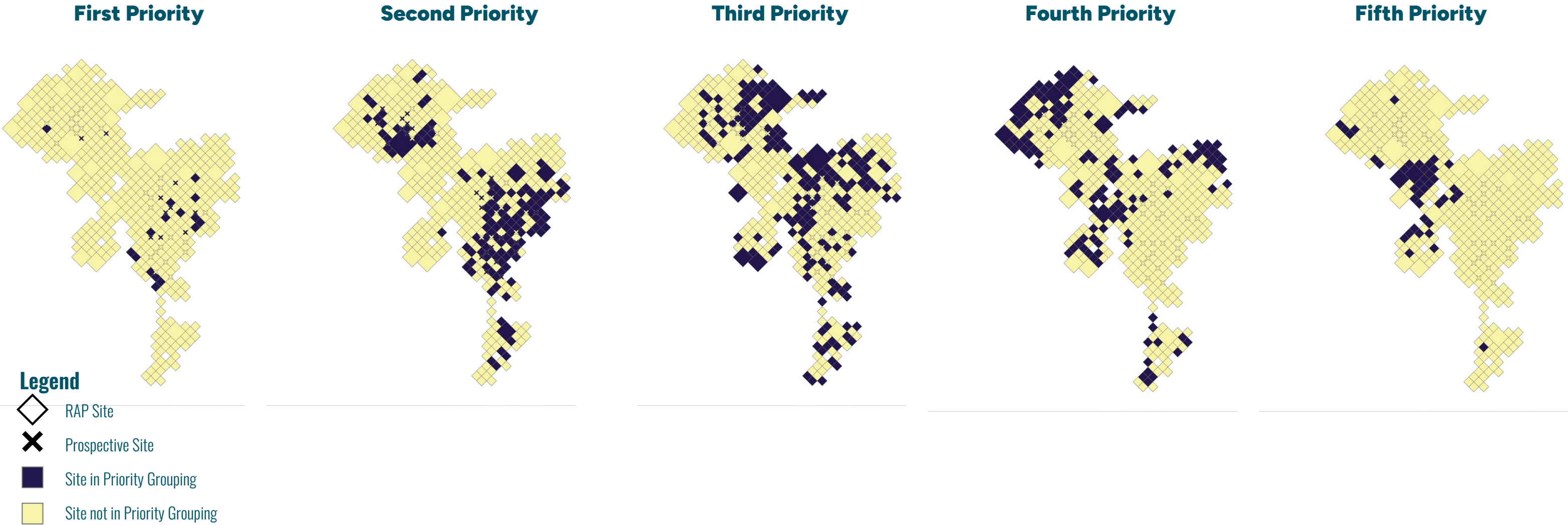


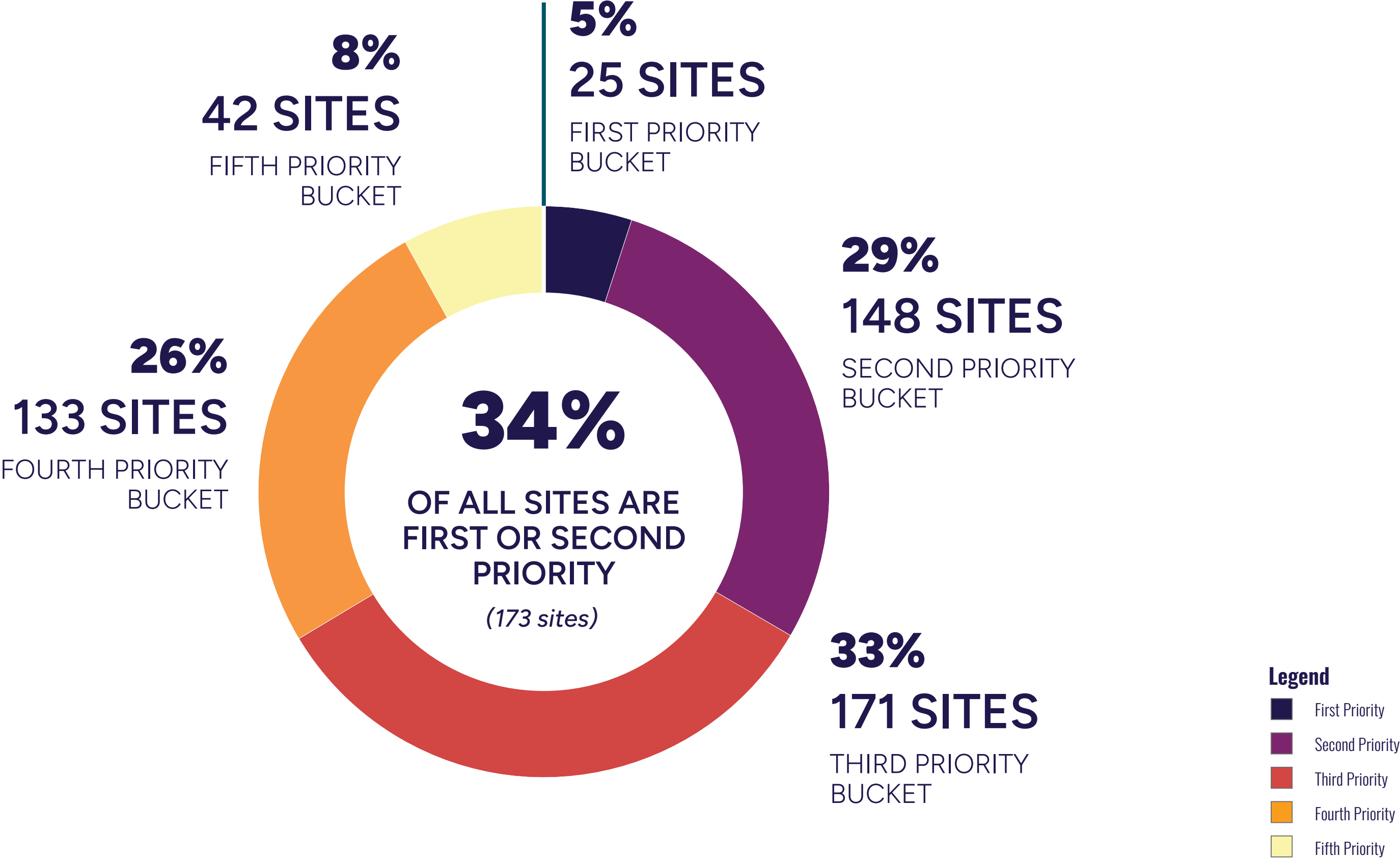
LA Park Needs Assessment

COMPOSITE PRIORITIZATION SCORE

SITE BASED EVALUATION

VERSION DATED: 30 JUN 2025





LA Park Needs Assessment

HIGHEST PRIORITY SITES

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105TH STREET
POCKET PARK



Region: South

PNA Classification: Mini Park

11TH AVENUE
PARK



Region: South

PNA Classification: Mini Park

97TH STREET
POCKET PARK



Region: South

PNA Classification: Mini Park

ARTS DISTRICT
PARK



Region: Central/East

PNA Classification: Mini Park

PERSQUARE MILE
- N HIST SOUTH
CENTRAL



Region: South

PNA Classification: Neighbor-
hood Park

PERSQUARE
MILE - NORTH
HOLLYWOOD



Region: Valley

PNA Classification: Neighbor-
hood Park

PERSQUARE MILE
- PICO-UNION



Region: Central/East

PNA Classification: Neighbor-
hood Park

PERSQUARE MILE
- WESTLAKE-
KOREATOWN



Region: Central/East

PNA Classification: Neighbor-
hood Park

CABALLERO CREEK
CONFLUENCE
PARK



Region: Valley

PNA Classification: Neighborhood Park

LEO POLITI
ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL (CSP)



Region: Central/East

PNA Classification: Community
School Park

LITTLE GREEN
ACRES PARK



Region: South

PNA Classification: Specialty
Facility

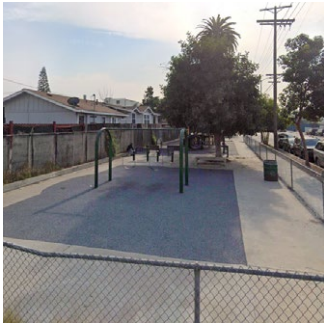
LAR GREENWAY
- MASON TO
VANALDEN



Region: Valley

PNA Classification: Greenway

ROLLAND CURTIS
PARK



Region: South

PNA Classification: Mini Park

SAINT JAMES
PARK



Region: Central/East

PNA Classification: Mini Park

SAN JULIAN PARK



Region: Central/East

PNA Classification: Specialty
Facility

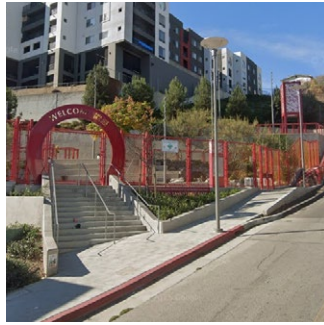
SIXTH STREET
VIADUCT PARK



Region: Central/East

PNA Classification: Community
Park

ORD AND YALE
STREET PARK



Region: Central/East

PNA Classification: Mini Park

PERSQUARE MILE
- DOWNTOWN



Region: Central/East

PNA Classification: Neighbor-
hood Park

PERSQUARE MILE
- EAST VERMONT
SQUARE



Region: South

PNA Classification: Neighbor-
hood Park

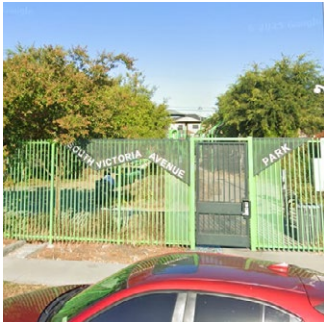
PERSQUARE MILE
- EXPOSITION
PARK



Region: South

PNA Classification: Neighbor-
hood Park

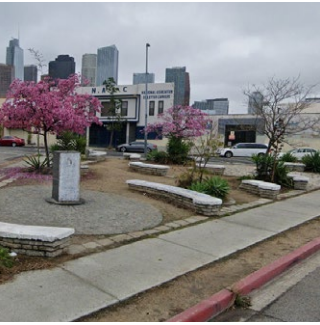
SOUTH VICTORIA
AVENUE PARK



Region: South

PNA Classification: Mini Park

VALENCIA
TRIANGLE



Region: Central/East

PNA Classification: Mini Park

VERMONT
MIRACLE PARK



Region: South

PNA Classification: Mini Park

NEXT STEPS AND UPCOMING DATES

ENGAGEMENT

NEXT STEPS

**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

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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

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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

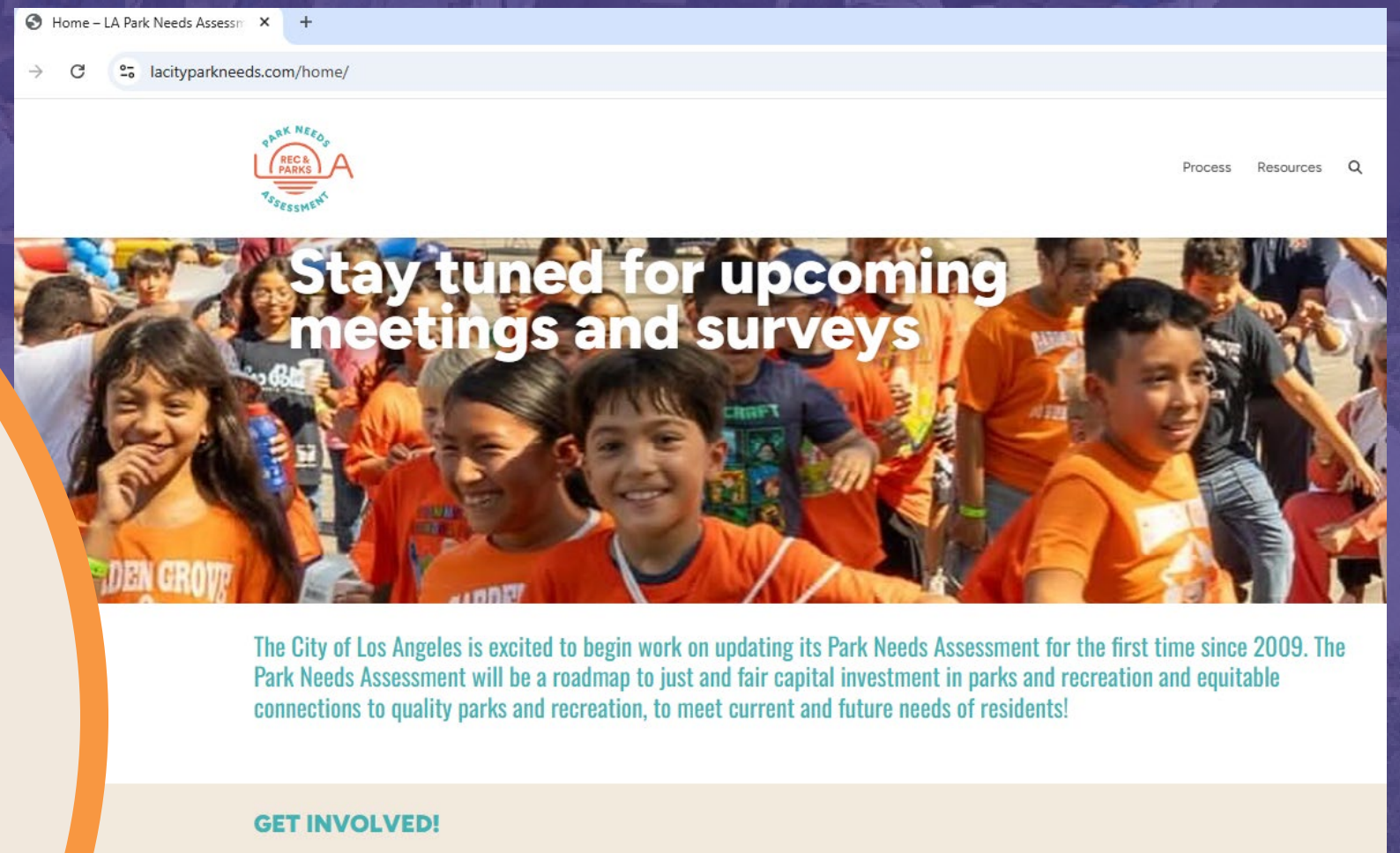
WEBSITE

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.

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