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Sent: Tuesday, February 2, 2021 2:44 PM

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Cc: Jane Addams Neighborhood Assoc <Addams90805@gmail.com>

Subject: Agenda item #16 2/21: Feasibility of open space adjacent to the Los Angeles River

-EXTERNAL-

City Clerk please include this in the record for the agenda item:

Dear Councilmembers, Mayor, and City Manager,

I am so encouraged to see this agenda item.

The community and I personally have participated in planning and community efforts to add open space along the LA River since RiverLink originated and was rolled out to the public in 2003. Along with the extensive LA River Master Plan NOW is the time for the city to step up and actively meet these plans stated goals for the community.

As you are well aware the West and North sides of Long Beach are significantly lacking in open space compared to other areas in the city. We need a concise and specific master plan that will follow through with over 2 decades of effort to expand available open space for public use and health. In addition, due to adverse uses in some parcels an EIR is necessary to evaluate the toxicity of these sites and possible concerns to our water supply and health.

I have attached the stated goals for RiverLink promoted to the community in 2003. Nothing has changed. This plan must be implemented to acquire the few remaining parcels and create MOUs with pertinent agencies to allow public, recreational use along the River, as we have planned, as soon and robustly as possible.

Interests are very high in the community to expand our open space and extensive funds are available from a variety of sources to acquire and clean up any sites that require it. The sooner the better.

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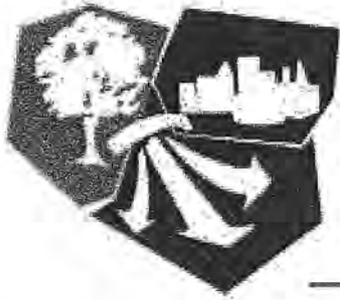
I support this effort 100% and look forward to the city finally following through on their ongoing promises to the community to acquire parcels for open space made over the last several decades.

Now is your opportunity to bring equity to the communities that need it the most. Proper planting will help reduce the impact of the worst air quality in the nation to help bring environmental equity to these areas as well. Our health and well being depends on this.

Best Regards,

Laurie Angel

Jane Addams Neighborhood Association



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Long Beach RiverLink...An Overview

"What is your vision for the land on the East Bank of the L.A. River and how will you get there?" This is the question the Long Beach RiverLink team will be posing to residents of the 1st, 2nd, 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th districts--the Los Angeles River Watershed Districts. We need to know what residents want...community input is extremely vital...and taken very seriously...in this envisioning process

What is Long Beach RiverLink? It is one step toward making the Open Space Element of the City's General Plan a reality. It is also an initial move toward increasing Long Beach's ratio of 3.6 acres of open space per 1,000 residents to 8 acres, as approved by the City Council last year. The vision created will be based on community input and address real-world constraints.

What is RiverLink's methodology and scope? RiverLink's first phase is to envision use for the land along the East Bank of the Los Angeles River from just North of the 91 Freeway heading south to the mouth of the Los Angeles River and its estuary in San Pedro Bay. This approximately 9-mile long potential greenway is comprised of separate, not entirely contiguous, parcels. Although the City does not own all of the land in question, knowing what residents want is vital for planning, as land becomes available for sale.

The Anaheim and Willow Street corridors are included in this envisioning process, as is a North/South city corridor. Why? Because those linkages will help bring Long Beach residents to the Los Angeles River Greenway. A linkage between the Aquarium of the Pacific and the Golden Shore Wetlands and River Trail is also under consideration

Connectivity, beauty, function, creating a sense of time, place and character, incorporating concepts of sustainability and considering issues of maintenance, security and liability, and, listening to residents are the Phase I goals of RiverLink. An initial Study Document, plus a PowerPoint presentation, based on 5 months of Design Team research and public outreach, will be the Phase I deliverable to the City of Long Beach.

After the CalPoly Design Team finishes its Study and presents its interpretation of the Community's Vision, a team of independent professionals will review and comment and solicit more core community input, to "fine tune" and augment the final Phase I Vision deliverable, thus providing the City of Long Beach with a robust Vision Document, which the City will use to seek funding for implementation of the RiverLink Vision.

How will the public to be involved? The Long Beach RiverLink team held three public outreach workshops for City Council District residents in early March. A series of four more Public Outreach meetings is also scheduled for April 5th, April 12th and 19th.

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These larger public outreach workshops will supplement ongoing outreach to Neighborhood Groups. Meetings will be scheduled in the evening and on weekends, so more residents may participate. Notice will be given through local newspapers, neighborhood association newsletters, and flyers in public places. Information will be sent out as far in advance as possible to ensure high attendance.

The RiverLink hotline telephone--562/434-5177--is another source for input. If a neighborhood organization wants the team to present to them...it will be there!

It is hoped that residents will eagerly share not only their creative ideas for use of the space along the River, but also their concerns. Maps will be provided, courtesy of the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, as discussion aids.

A Working Group of Regional Stakeholders is being formed to provide technical and environmental input and of course, the Steering Committee, which is comprised primarily of representatives of City officials, will also oversee the process. The information these key project team members provide will be vital to producing deliverables that incorporate all views.

How will conflict about land use be resolved? Any differing ideas about land use will be resolved through consensus building. Problem solving techniques will be employed, involving education, consideration of fit with the entire project, identification of priorities and usages that most closely fit the priorities of all residents, and the City's desire to create more open space for its residents.

Who is on the Long Beach RiverLink Team? Directing the Long Beach RiverLink Project for the City is Dennis Eschen, Manager of Planning and Development for the City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine.

With the Long Beach City Council's unanimous consent on January 14 this year, the San Pedro Bay Estuary Project, a consensus-building non-profit organization, was engaged by the City to implement the envisioning process, administer and supervise the RiverLink project.

Key team members are Senior Project Manager Joan Greenwood, an environmental consultant and project manager Long Beach-based Targhee, Inc.; Project Manager Susan Zoske, President of the San Pedro Bay Estuary Project; and faculty and graduate students from Cal Poly Pomona's Studio 606 Landscape Architecture program. The CalPoly Design Team's Vision for the River land will incorporate not only community input, but also land use ordinances, rulings, guidelines provided them by the City of Long Beach and the Watershed Division of the Los Angeles County Department of Public Works.

Besides reviewing current land usage, the design team is researching the historical context of our River, and the part it played in the lives of Long Beach citizens. Did you know, for example, that Steelhead Trout spawned in the L.A. River as recently as 50 years ago?

The Long Beach RiverLink project may not be able to re-create what used to be, but its goals are of the highest order...to listen to Long Beach residents and give them a gift of parkland and open space that, literally, will continue to give back to the Community in perpetuity.

Contact Information for Long Beach RiverLink:

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San Pedro Bay Estuary Project

A California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation

The San Pedro Bay Estuary is the terminus of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel River Watersheds in Southern California. It holds the third largest port complex in the world and two world-class aquariums. Four coastal cities line its shores: San Pedro, Wilmington, Long Beach and Seal Beach. Its two watersheds encompass 86 cities and diverse eco-systems. Home to abundant industrial, urban, recreational and natural environmental features, it is stunning in its diversity and presents complex opportunities for positive synergy.

● Mission Statement

- To foster a new economically and environmentally sound vision for the San Pedro Bay Estuary
- To ensure that an estuary of Local, State and National significance is created that is beautiful, clean, fosters estuarine life, welcomes visitors and allows for economic and environmentally sound operation of the Los Angeles and Long Beach ports, and other existing water-dependent businesses
- To create a unique destination location for visitors based on the San Pedro Bay's beaches, ocean, estuary and aquaria

Goals

To assess, conserve and coordinate multi-jurisdictional implementation efforts to restore the San Pedro Bay Estuary through a consensus building process based on current and proposed Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed planning initiatives

To encourage scientifically sound, economically beneficial, smart growth approaches consistent with the principles of environmental justice that will result in the restoration of the San Pedro Bay Estuary

To promote research, education programs and technology advances to meet current and future needs of stakeholders in the San Pedro Bay Estuary Restoration process

To maximize local, county, state and federal agency participation in the restoration of the San Pedro Bay Estuary by providing a framework for stakeholder involvement and assessment of water quality improvements resulting from implementation of local coastal watershed management plans

To provide a mechanism for establishing joint efforts for funding and implementing structural water quality improvement and conservation projects upstream of the San Pedro Bay Estuary

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What is Long Beach RiverLink?

- A major step toward improving Quality of Life by increasing open space and low-impact recreational opportunities
- Demonstrates strong city-supported commitment to meaningful neighborhood input
- A program of the *San Pedro Bay Estuary Project*
- Phase I conducted on behalf of the Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine, Agreement #28110 approved by the City Council on January 14, 2003

What is Phase I: Just a Beginning

- Responds to need for a community-driven **Local Vision** for connecting Long Beach neighborhoods to the **Regional Vision** for a **Los Angeles River Greenway**
- Supports goals of the recently updated *Open Space Element* of the *General Plan*
- Consistent with the City Council-approved Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine strategic goal of increasing ratio of parks and open space from 3.6 acres to 8 per 1,000 people

What will Phase II involve? More planning and opportunities for public input

- Future Parks, Recreation and Marine Master Plan creation process
- Environmental Review Activities associated with site-specific projects -- Compliance with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA)

What will Phase III entail? Site-specific plans and designs

- More opportunities for public comment

Who is involved?

- City of Long Beach Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine (Project Sponsor)
- *San Pedro Bay Estuary Project* (Prime Contractor)
- 606 Studio – Environmental Design Team from Cal Poly Pomona's School of Landscape Architecture (Subconsultant engaged by *San Pedro Bay Estuary Project*)
- Targhee, Inc. (Subconsultant engaged by *San Pedro Bay Estuary Project*)
- Other City Departments and Agencies interested in co-operative funding efforts in support of environmental improvement projects with broad social and economic benefits
- Community Stakeholders
- Neighborhood Stakeholders
- Regional Stakeholders interested in community-based, multi-purpose open space projects consistent with the principles of Watershed Management

Where are we focusing Phase I efforts?

- Connecting neighborhoods in Council Districts 1, 2, 6, 7, 8 and 9 to the **Los Angeles River Greenway** and the **San Pedro Bay Estuary**

How are we going to do it?

- Three Rounds of Council District Workshops; Different objective for each round
- City-wide Public Meeting tentatively scheduled for Saturday, June 14, 2003
- Collaboration with other City Departments and Agencies

What are multi-purpose, open space projects?

- Improve river and ocean water quality
- Enhance flood protection
- Provide low-impact recreational opportunities
- Encourage groundwater recharge
- Provide habitat for native and migrating species

What are the short-term goals?

- Include other grass roots and government-sponsored planning efforts
- Involve the Community at the beginning
- Map a wide range of future choices
- Use an iterative approach to create the "Vision"
- Create a Steering Committee to Advise City Policy-makers
- Create a Working Group to Advise Steering Committee on Technical and Environmental issues and concerns

What is a "Traditional" Planning Approach?

- Decide through analysis and research
- Educate the public about the solution
- Post the "Plan"
- Persuade the Public to accept the "Plan"

Why is Long Beach RiverLink different?

- Scenario Approach – Explore lots of options
- Consider economic and social benefits, too
- Integrate other Feasibility Studies and Strategic Plans conducted by other government agencies completed or in-process (North Long Beach Strategic Plan, County Dominguez Gap Restoration Feasibility Study, City's DeForest and Chavez Wetlands Feasibility Study)

What are some of the steps in the Process?

- Collect Information
- Work with Stakeholders
- Conduct Community Workshops to develop new ideas
- Share and compare thoughts and ideas
- Establish criteria for evaluating options
- Publicize the "Vision" produced by professionals engaged by *San Pedro Bay Estuary Project approved by the City Council*
- Monitor on-going planning and project implementation activities

What are some of the upcoming Phase I events?

- More District Workshops in April
- Public Meeting in June to Present 606 Studio Study Report and get feedback
- More Council District Workshops to Consider Additional Scenarios
- Vision Document Available for Distribution in early October
- Final Phase I Report presented to Steering Committee in October

If you need more information, contact,

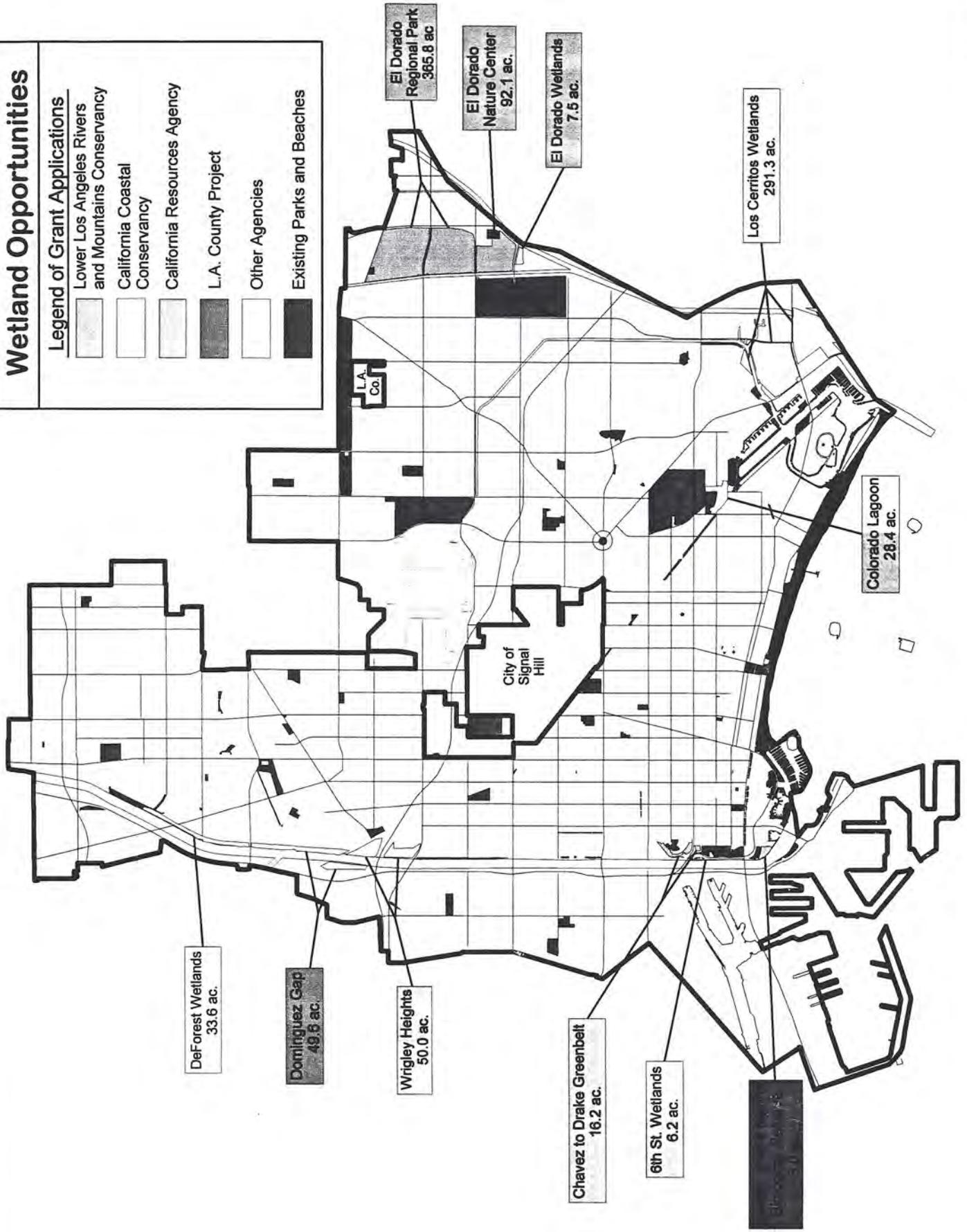
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Wetland Opportunities

Legend of Grant Applications

-  Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy
-  California Coastal Conservancy
-  California Resources Agency
-  L.A. County Project
-  Other Agencies
-  Existing Parks and Beaches





Welcome to the
Long Beach RiverLink
Community Meeting...

RiverLink Contact Information:

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We will be happy to visit your group...
please call us!

Focusing on District 9

AGENDA

Susan Zoske

- I. Introductions
 - A. RiverLink Team
 - B. Participants
- II. What is Long Beach RiverLink?
- III. Break out into working groups and begin filling out surveys
~~~~~ Break ~~~~~
- IV. Envision, design and draw on District maps

*Please help yourself to some refreshments!*

Next Meetings: April 5th — 10 am — noon, Bixby Park, 130 Cherry Avenue, Dist. 1 & 2  
April 5th — 2 — 4 pm, Houghton Park, 6301 Myrtle, Dist. 9  
April 12th — 10 am — noon, Faith Presbyterian Church, 500 E. San Antonio Drive, Dist. 8  
April 12th — 10 am — noon, Cal Rec Community Center, 1550 Martin Luther King Avenue, Dist. 6  
April 19th — 2 — 4 pm, Silverado Park, 1545 W. 31st, Dist. 7

**THANK YOU FOR COMING!**

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Contact the RiverLink Team and we will make a presentation  
to your organization or neighborhood association...  
we want to hear from you!  
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## Long Beach RiverLink

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### **YOU'RE INVITED!**

*The Second in a Series of RiverLink District-Wide  
Community Outreach Meetings  
is Coming to Your Neighborhood Soon...*

*The April Meeting Schedule is as follows:*

|             |                    |                                                               |               |
|-------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|
| Dist. 1 & 2 | Saturday, April 5  | Bixby Park, Room 2<br>130 Cherry Avenue                       | 10 am to noon |
| Dist. 9     | Saturday, April 5  | Houghton Park Multi-Purpose Room<br>6301 Myrtle Avenue        | 2 to 4 pm     |
| Dist. 8     | Saturday, April 12 | Faith Presbyterian Church<br>500 E. San Antonio Drive         | 10 am to noon |
| Dist. 6     | Saturday, April 12 | Cal Rec Park Community Center<br>1550 Martin Luther King Ave. | 2 to 4 pm     |
| Dist. 7     | Saturday, April 19 | Silverado Park<br>1545 W. 31st                                | 2 to 4 pm     |

- >>> *The RiverLink Project is the first step toward implementing the Department of Parks, Recreation & Marine Open Space Element of their Strategic Plan, and, increasing Available Open Space and Parkland to 8.0 acres per 1,000 Long Beach Residents.*
- >>> *The RiverLink Team needs your input and guidance to create a Vision for the land along the East Bank of the Los Angeles River as it runs through Long Beach, and your ideas for connecting the City to the River.*
- >>> *At the meeting, we will ask you to: ~ fill out unique surveys ~ do some drawing and design ~  
~ discuss your dream for urban parkland.  
~~ Please bring photographs of the sorts of things you would like to see along the River ~~*
- ~ Be prepared for a creative, fun experience. Food and Refreshments will be provided. ~*

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**From:** Glennis Dolce [mailto:glennisd@me.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 1, 2021 12:00 PM

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**Subject:** Agenda Item 16

**-EXTERNAL-**

City Clerk - please ensure the comments below are included in the package to councilmembers.

Council members,

When Council approves a project such as Riverlink (2015), residents have the right to expect that it will be followed through to the desired conclusion-establishment of Riverlink! We need to be able to trust that you will do as you say.

Making this parcel into an RV storage facility means that your votes cannot be trusted. Do you want to be trusted?

For any council member supporting this agenda item, it will mean that residents can support and trust you.

I encourage you all to vote "yes" and also include 3701 Pacific Place in the study.

Regards,

Glennis Dolce

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**From:** Lynette Ferenczy [mailto:lferenczy62@verizon.net]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 1:25 PM

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**Cc:** Lynette Ferenczy <lferenczy62@verizon.net>

**Subject:** CC Meeting Feb 2, 2021 - Parkland Study

**-EXTERNAL-**

Council members,

I want to express my appreciation to council members Austin, Zendejas and Uranga for agendizing this item.

While parkland acreage has been added to the westside in the past few years, the west and north areas of the City remain sorely lacking in open space providing only about 1 acre per 100,000 residents as opposed to the eastside of approx. 16 acres per 100,00 residents. The westside has greater density, higher pollution, and not coincidentally, the highest rate of asthma, cancer and related mortality along with greater poverty and unemployment.

The promise of Riverlink, which was proposed in 2001, updated in 2007 and approved by Council in August 2015, would greatly improve park inequity on the westside and create a means for the community to enjoy the LA River and open space while improving breathable air. The Lower LA River Revitalization Project also envisions green space along the river making it accessible to walkers, bikers, and equestrians. The largest parcel of land that was targeted by the county and city was 3701 Pacific Place, which is currently at risk of becoming a parking lot instead of parkland and approx. 20 acres at 712 Baker Street, directly south of the Pacific Place property, of becoming a 226 unit housing development. Grants are available to support purchasing land and the community is energized to support finding the funding and participating in planning efforts.

This is perhaps the last moment in which we can reach out and do something for our city that approximates the decidedly incredible success of the 1960s and the establishment of El Dorado Park on the eastside. For any council member supporting this agenda item, it will forever be your legacy to be a part of a great endeavor. I encourage you all to vote "yes" and also to include 3701 Pacific Place and 712 Baker Street in the study.

Sincerely,

**Lynette Ferenczy**  
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**From:** Richard Gutmann [mailto:rwgutmann@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Saturday, January 30, 2021 5:58 PM

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**Cc:** Mayor <Mayor@longbeach.gov>; CityAttorney <CityAttorney@longbeach.gov>; CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

**Subject:** 3701 Pacific Place

**-EXTERNAL-**

Dear Councilmembers,

I hope you will all read and heed what this local architect had to say to City Manager Tom Modica regarding the ill-conceived plans to build a giant self-storage facility at 3701 Pacific Place in the Los Cerritos neighborhood.

Richard Gutmann  
Riverpark Coalition

Dear Mr. Modica:

As a resident of the Los Cerritos neighborhood, an architect licensed by the State of California and a LEED accredited professional, I am reaching out to you to voice my strong opposition to the proposed RV parking lot and storage facility at 3701 Pacific Place.

I am pleased to see the toxic remediation of the site with confidence of its benefit to the immediate and surrounding communities. I also believe that the light industrial use, located in the midst of a residential neighborhood provides NO benefit to them. The zoning of this site to allow a light industrial development in opposition to the RiverLink plan can be characterized as nothing short of reckless and irresponsible. It responds to the ill fated move to pave the banks of the LA River in concrete in the 1930s. The developers tepid response of providing river access and minimal green space at the perimeter of the proposed development is a weak attempt at placating its opponents. This development and use group remains ill placed. Responsible leadership needs to work to support the restoration and revitalization of the river bank with publicly accessible and responsible developments in consideration of the prevalent use group that currently exists and in support of the restoration of flora and fauna. Long Beach leaders have an opportunity to set an example of what the LA watershed can be for not only our local communities but for all communities along the River.

Please Mr. Modica, work to act responsibility and sensitively in consideration of our community and our environment.

Respectfully,

Keith G. Tyschper, AIA, LEED AP

**From:** MIKE HENDERSON [mailto:n2balance@aol.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, January 30, 2021 11:44 AM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** RiverPark Coalition

**-EXTERNAL-**

Michael Henderson  
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January 30th, 2021

Re: Riverpark Coalition

I'm writing to show my support for the Riverpark Coalition and asking for your support as well.

I've resided here in Long Beach for over the past 30 years moving here from Torrance. I have witnessed many changes mostly for the good of the community. When I moved to my current home 20 years ago, the site of this subject was a Golf driving range. The night's sky was a glow with the range spot lights.

What I would like to see and what this neighbors want is a Park at 3701 Pacific Place.

In our current Pandemic state, indoor gyms as been closed, neighborhood gatherings have stopped, and traveling for me has come to a halt. What I and my neighbors require is outdoor green space for our physical activity. I'm asking for the Elected Officials to make this happen for our current situation and for the future of our children.

What does the City of Long Beach want to be known for, a Storage site in a neighborhood that clearing doesn't want it or the much needed green space?

I'm counting on you to support the RiverPark.

Sincerely,

Michael E. Henderson

**From:** corlisslee@aol.com [mailto:corlisslee@aol.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, February 2, 2021 11:56 AM

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**Subject:** agenda item 16 Parks Feasibility Study

**-EXTERNAL-**

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Council members,

I want to express my appreciation to council members Austin, Zendejas and Uranga for agendizing this item.

While the text document attached to the agenda item recounts that parkland acreage has been added to the westside in the past few years, the westside remains sorely bereft of open space (see my attachment with screenshots or use the links below to see documentation on Long Beach parks). The westside has greater density, higher pollution, and not coincidentally, the highest rate of asthma, cancer and related mortality along with greater poverty and unemployment.

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Appreciatively,

Corliss Lee  
President Eastside Voice  
Board Member Riverpark Coalition  
Board Member CARP  
Board Member Long Beach Reform Coalition

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references:

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## **City of Long Beach**

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## **Memorandum**

**Councilmember Al Austin II**  
**Eighth District**

# **R-16**

**Date:** February 2, 2021

**To:** Mayor and Members of the City Council

**From:** Councilmember Al Austin II, Eighth District  
Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, First District  
Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Seventh District

**Subject:** Feasibility of open space adjacent to the Los Angeles River

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### **RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

**Request City Manager to study feasibility of acquiring open space for public park development along LA River consistent with the Long Beach RiverLink plan and the Lower LA River Master Plan and report back within 60 days.**

### **BACKGROUND:**

Developing new public access and open space along the Los Angeles River has been a long-standing goal in Long Beach and Los Angeles County.

Long Beach developed the RiverLink plan in 2007, identifying opportunities along the L.A. River for additional park space. The Lower L.A. River Revitalization Plan was developed in 2018, following Assembly Bill 530 by Assembly Speaker Anthony Rendon.

Long Beach has established many acres of parks and open space along the Los Angeles River in recent years that are now accessible to the community, with more projects under development.

These include 32 acres of the DeForest Wetlands, and 3.5 acres at Molina Park, both of which opened in 2018. Los Angeles County opened more than 35 acres of the Dominguez Gap Wetlands in 2008, which provides additional trails and open space adjacent to the river. Other projects that are currently under design or development include the Drake-Chavez Greenbelt, the Hamilton Loop, the Wrigley Greenbelt, LB-MUST, and the 51<sup>st</sup> Street Greenbelt.

All of these park projects are on publicly-owned parcels.

We would like to request the City Manager to assess the feasibility of acquiring additional open space adjacent to the Los Angeles River, including potential funding sources at the local, county, state and federal levels, and report back to the City Council.

**FISCAL IMPACT:** No fiscal impact analysis was able to be conducted.

# City of Long Beach City Parks & Open Space

By Park Type and Size in Acres



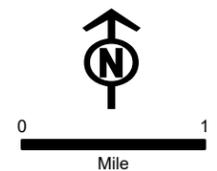
### Park Type

- Regional
- Community
- ▲ Neighborhood
- ◆ Greenway
- Mini
- Special Use
- Golf Course
- Beach
- Park
- Golf Course

| Regional Parks                       |       | Neighborhood Parks                             |       |
|--------------------------------------|-------|------------------------------------------------|-------|
| <b>2 parks totaling 612.6 acres</b>  |       | <b>21 parks totaling 153.9 acres</b>           |       |
| 1 EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK            | 365.6 | 15 MARINA VISTA                                | 17.5  |
| 2 THE BEACH                          | 247.0 | 16 WARDLOW                                     | 16.1  |
| <b>Community Parks</b>               |       | <b>Special Use Parks</b>                       |       |
| <b>12 parks totaling 467.2 acres</b> |       | <b>31 parks totaling 348.7 acres</b>           |       |
| 3 EL DORADO PARK WEST                | 117.4 | 77 EL DORADO NATURE CENTER & COMMUNITY GARDENS | 108.0 |
| 4 HEARTWELL                          | 114.2 | 78 COLORADO LAGOON                             | 30.0  |
| 5 RECREATION                         | 68.4  | 79 MARINE STADIUM                              | 23.1  |
| 6 STEARNS CHAMPIONS                  | 31.2  | 80 CHITTICK FIELD                              | 18.9  |
| 7 HOUGHTON                           | 26.1  | 81 MARINA GREEN                                | 18.5  |
| 8 CESAR E. CHAVEZ                    | 25.6  | 82 DE FOREST NATURE TRAIL                      | 14.5  |
| 9 SCHERER                            | 25.1  | 83 RAINBOW LAGOON                              | 11.7  |
| 10 VETERANS                          | 14.7  | 84 SHORELINE AQUATIC                           | 10.7  |
| 11 BIXBY PARK                        | 14.1  | 85 DOWNTOWN MARINA MOLE                        | 9.3   |
| 12 SILVERADO                         | 11.7  | 86 MARINE PARK (MOTHERS BEACH)                 | 9.3   |
| 13 CHERRY                            | 9.9   | 87 RAINBOW HARBOR ESPLANADE                    | 8.3   |
| 14 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR             | 8.7   | 88 AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC                     | 8.2   |
|                                      |       | 89 GOLDEN SHORE MARINE RESERVE                 | 7.6   |
|                                      |       | 90 RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS                         | 7.3   |
|                                      |       | 91 HEARTWELL PARK (CAMPFIRE)                   | 7.0   |
|                                      |       | 92 DAVIES LAUNCH RAMP                          | 6.1   |
|                                      |       | 93 SIMS POND                                   | 6.0   |
|                                      |       | 94 GOLDEN SHORE RV                             | 5.9   |
|                                      |       | 95 SOUTH SHORE LAUNCH RAMP                     | 5.9   |
|                                      |       | 96 LINCOLN                                     | 5.5   |
|                                      |       | 97 RANCHO LOS CERRITOS                         | 4.8   |
|                                      |       | 98 BELMONT POOL COMPLEX                        | 4.7   |
|                                      |       | 99 QUEEN MARY EVENTS                           | 4.6   |
|                                      |       | 100 BELMONT PIER AND PLAZA                     | 3.6   |
|                                      |       | 101 TERRACE THEATER                            | 2.6   |
|                                      |       | 102 JACK DUNSTER MARINE RESERVE                | 2.6   |
|                                      |       | 103 LONG BEACH MUSEUM OF ART                   | 1.6   |
|                                      |       | 104 LONG BEACH SENIOR CENTER                   | 1.3   |
|                                      |       | 105 AMPHITHEATER ON THE PROMENADE              | 0.6   |
|                                      |       | 106 LA BELLA FONTANA DI NAPOLI                 | 0.4   |
|                                      |       | 107 LEEWAY SAILING CENTER                      | 0.3   |
|                                      |       | <b>Golf Courses</b>                            |       |
|                                      |       | <b>5 courses totaling 503.2 acres</b>          |       |
|                                      |       | 108 EL DORADO PARK                             | 155.0 |
|                                      |       | 109 SKYLINKS                                   | 154.5 |
|                                      |       | 110 RECREATION PARK                            | 117.2 |
|                                      |       | 111 RECREATION PARK 9 HOLE                     | 40.0  |
|                                      |       | 112 HEARTWELL PARK                             | 36.6  |

| Greenway Parks                      |      | Mini Parks                              |      |
|-------------------------------------|------|-----------------------------------------|------|
| <b>10 parks totaling 63.9 acres</b> |      | <b>31 parks totaling 25.81 acres</b>    |      |
| 36 BLUFF PARK                       | 18.5 | 46 ROSIE THE RIVETER                    | 3.19 |
| 37 PACIFIC ELECTRIC RIGHT-OF-WAY    | 10.9 | 47 JACKSON STREET                       | 2.83 |
| 38 WRIGLEY                          | 10.5 | 48 FOURTEENTH STREET                    | 2.09 |
| 39 VICTORY                          | 5.7  | 49 LIVINGSTON DRIVE                     | 1.93 |
| 40 CHANNEL VIEW                     | 5.2  | 50 WILL ROGERS                          | 1.77 |
| 41 JACK NICHOL                      | 3.7  | 51 BAYSHORE PLAYGROUND                  | 1.75 |
| 42 SLEEPY HOLLOW                    | 3.7  | 52 TANAKA                               | 1.40 |
| 43 SANTA CRUZ (VICTORY)             | 2.3  | 53 ROTARY CENTENNIAL                    | 1.21 |
| 44 DAISY AVENUE                     | 2.1  | 54 PLYMOUTH AND ELM                     | 1.12 |
| 45 SOUTH STREET PARKWAY             | 1.3  | 55 BIRDCAGE                             | 1.00 |
|                                     |      | 56 PLAZA ZAFERIA                        | 0.81 |
|                                     |      | 57 BOUTON CREEK                         | 0.80 |
|                                     |      | 58 CARROLL                              | 0.65 |
|                                     |      | 59 LOS ALTOS PLAZA                      | 0.65 |
|                                     |      | 60 OVERLOOK PARK                        | 0.62 |
|                                     |      | 61 ROSE                                 | 0.57 |
|                                     |      | 62 ARBOR STREET                         | 0.43 |
|                                     |      | 63 PEACE                                | 0.40 |
|                                     |      | 64 FELLOWSHIP                           | 0.39 |
|                                     |      | 65 ORANGE                               | 0.30 |
|                                     |      | 66 BURTON W CHACE                       | 0.29 |
|                                     |      | 67 LILLY                                | 0.26 |
|                                     |      | 68 ALAMITOS AT 72ND                     | 0.26 |
|                                     |      | 69 THE COLONNADE                        | 0.21 |
|                                     |      | 70 LOOKOUT                              | 0.16 |
|                                     |      | 71 LOMA VISTA                           | 0.16 |
|                                     |      | 72 OFFICER DARYLE W BLACK MEMORIAL PARK | 0.14 |
|                                     |      | 73 MIRACLE ON 4TH STREET                | 0.14 |
|                                     |      | 74 MAURICE 'MOSSY' KENT                 | 0.11 |
|                                     |      | 75 TREASURE ISLAND                      | 0.10 |
|                                     |      | 76 EAST VILLAGE ARTS                    | 0.09 |

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# Parkland Maps

Corliss Lee

1/31/21

| Regional Parks               |       |  |
|------------------------------|-------|--|
| 2 parks totaling 812.8 acres |       |  |
| 1 EL DORADO REGIONAL PARK    | 365.8 |  |
| 2 THE BEACH                  | 347.0 |  |

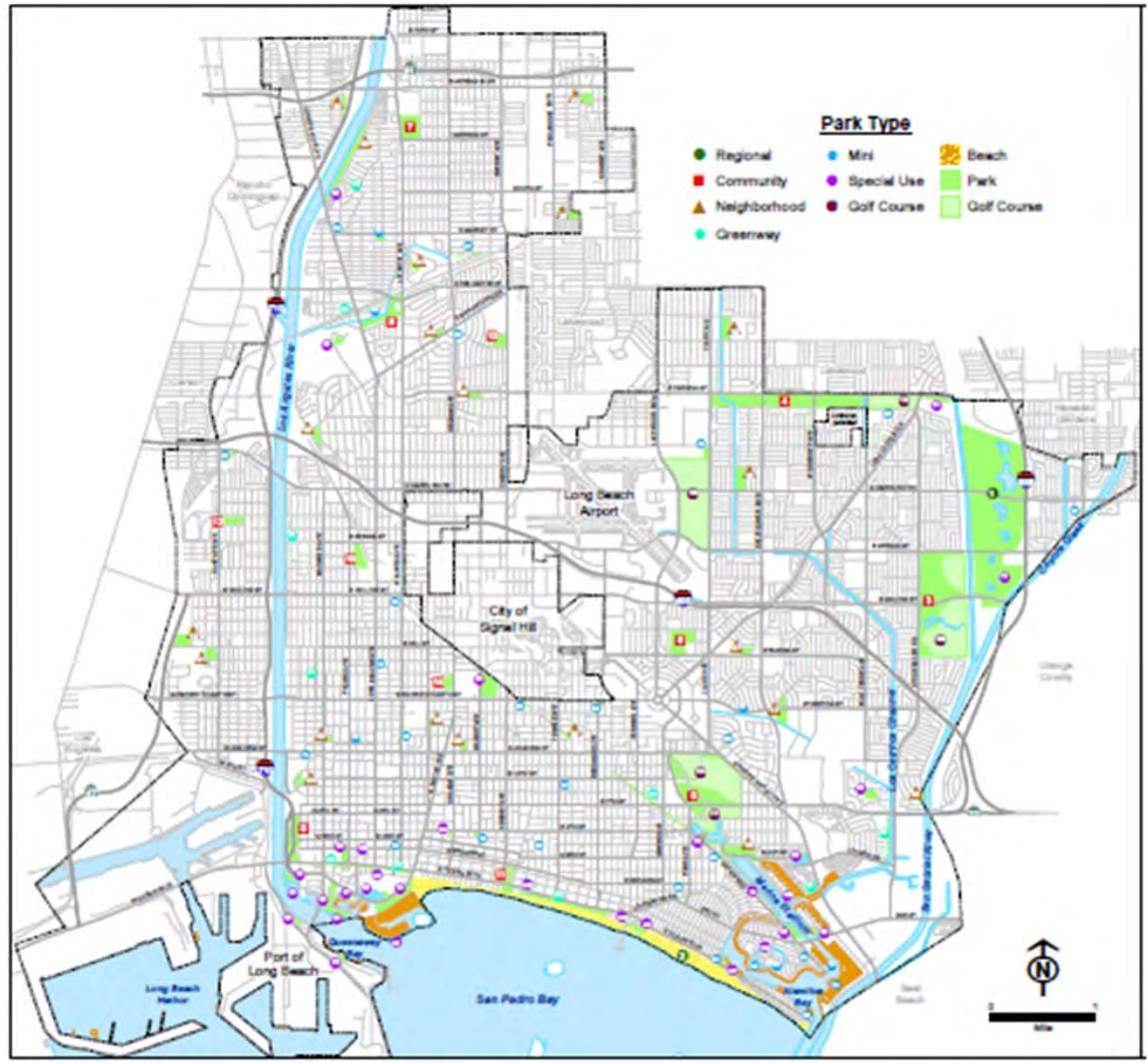
  

| Community Parks               |       |  |
|-------------------------------|-------|--|
| 12 parks totaling 487.2 acres |       |  |
| 3 EL DORADO PARK WEST         | 117.4 |  |
| 4 HEARTWELL                   | 114.3 |  |
| 5 RECREATION                  | 88.4  |  |
| 6 STEARNS CHAMPIONS           | 31.3  |  |
| 7 HOUGHTON                    | 28.1  |  |
| 8 ORISKAN S. CHAVEZ           | 25.8  |  |
| 9 SCHERRER                    | 25.1  |  |
| 10 VETERANS                   | 14.7  |  |
| 11 BOBBY PARK                 | 14.1  |  |
| 12 SILVERADO                  | 11.7  |  |
| 13 CHERRY                     | 8.8   |  |
| 14 MARTIN LUTHER KING JR.     | 8.7   |  |

| Greenway Parks                   |      |  |
|----------------------------------|------|--|
| 10 parks totaling 63.8 acres     |      |  |
| 36 BLUFF PARK                    | 18.8 |  |
| 37 PACIFIC ELECTRIC RIGHT-OF-WAY | 10.8 |  |
| 38 WINDLEY                       | 10.5 |  |
| 39 VICTORY                       | 8.7  |  |
| 40 CHANNEL VIEW                  | 5.2  |  |
| 41 JACK NICHOL                   | 3.7  |  |
| 42 BERRY HOLLOW                  | 3.7  |  |
| 43 SANTA CRUZ (VICTORY)          | 3.3  |  |
| 44 DAIRY AVENUE                  | 2.1  |  |
| 45 SOUTH STREET PARKWAY          | 1.3  |  |

| Mini Parks                              |      |  |
|-----------------------------------------|------|--|
| 21 parks totaling 25.91 acres           |      |  |
| 46 ROSE THE ROUTINE                     | 3.18 |  |
| 47 JACKSON STREET                       | 2.83 |  |
| 48 FOURTEENTH STREET                    | 2.58 |  |
| 49 LIVINGSTON DRIVE                     | 1.83 |  |
| 50 WILL RODERS                          | 1.77 |  |
| 51 BAYSHORE PLAYGROUND                  | 1.75 |  |
| 52 TRINITY                              | 1.40 |  |
| 53 ROBERTY CENTERHALL                   | 1.21 |  |
| 54 PLYMOUTH AND RILE                    | 1.13 |  |
| 55 BROADWAY                             | 1.00 |  |
| 56 PLAZA ZAPARRA                        | 0.81 |  |
| 57 SUTTON CREEK                         | 0.80 |  |
| 58 CARROLL                              | 0.80 |  |
| 59 LOS ALTOS PLAZA                      | 0.80 |  |
| 60 OVERLOOK PARK                        | 0.80 |  |
| 61 ROSE                                 | 0.57 |  |
| 62 ANCHOR STREET                        | 0.43 |  |
| 63 PEACE                                | 0.40 |  |
| 64 FELLOWSHIP                           | 0.38 |  |
| 65 ORANGE                               | 0.30 |  |
| 66 BURTON W. CHACE                      | 0.28 |  |
| 67 LILLY                                | 0.28 |  |
| 68 ALABASTER AT FINE                    | 0.28 |  |
| 69 THE GOLDMANS                         | 0.21 |  |
| 70 LOCKOUT                              | 0.18 |  |
| 71 LOMA VISTA                           | 0.18 |  |
| 72 OFFICE DAVID WILKINSON MEMORIAL PARK | 0.14 |  |
| 73 WINDLE ON 4TH STREET                 | 0.14 |  |
| 74 WILSON'S "BOBBY" KENT                | 0.11 |  |
| 75 TREASURY ISLAND                      | 0.10 |  |
| 76 SOUTHWEST ARTS                       | 0.09 |  |

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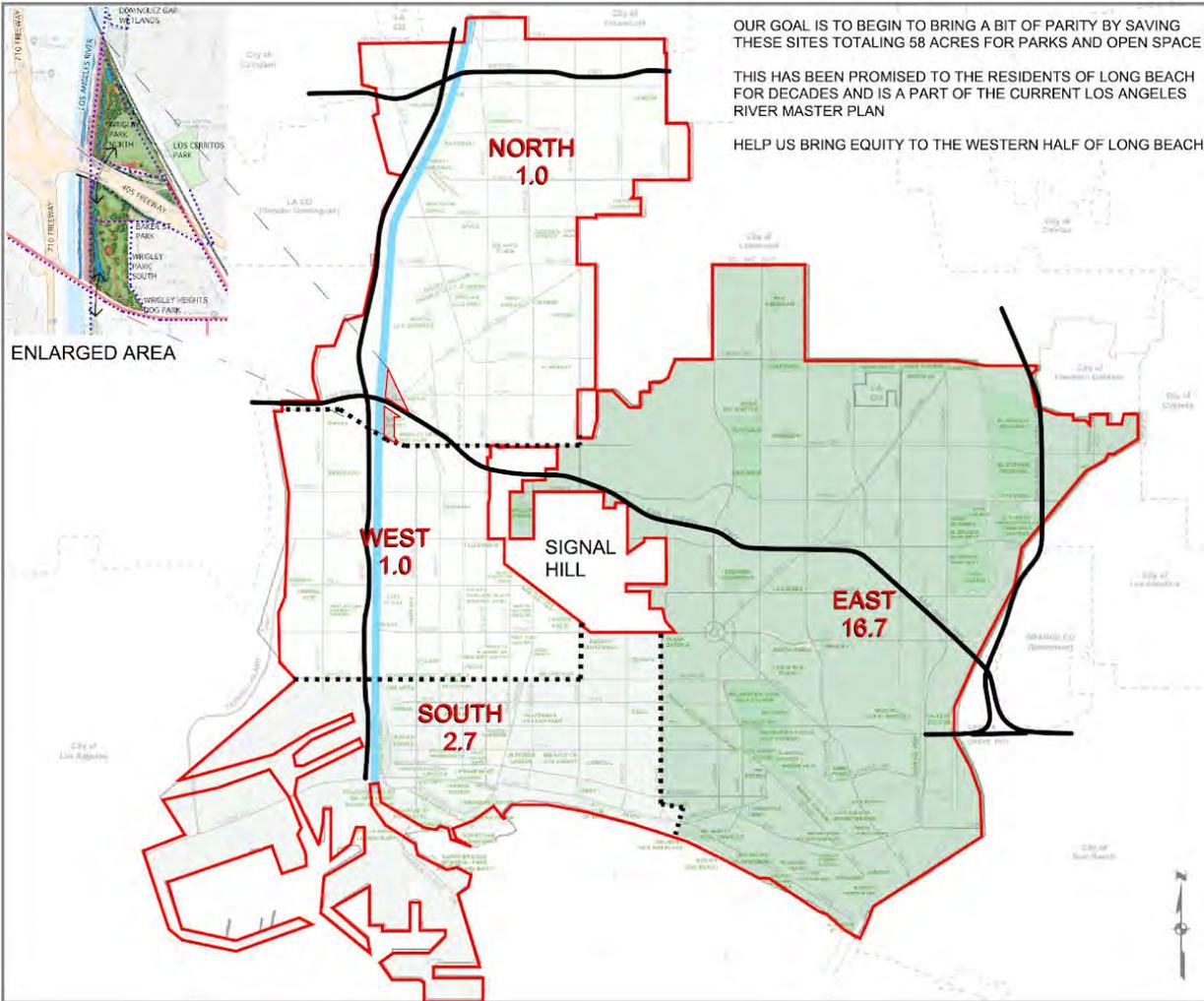


| Neighborhood Parks              |      |  |
|---------------------------------|------|--|
| 21 parks totaling 153.9 acres   |      |  |
| 15 MARINA VISTA                 | 17.0 |  |
| 16 WARDLOW                      | 16.1 |  |
| 17 WHALEY                       | 12.8 |  |
| 18 WOODS                        | 12.8 |  |
| 19 PAN AMERICAN                 | 12.0 |  |
| 20 DEPOSED                      | 10.8 |  |
| 21 ADMIRAL KIDD                 | 9.8  |  |
| 22 LOS ORRITOS                  | 7.8  |  |
| 23 RAGONIA                      | 7.0  |  |
| 24 DRAKE                        | 6.3  |  |
| 25 COOLIDGE                     | 6.1  |  |
| 26 ED "POPE" DAVENPORT          | 5.8  |  |
| 27 LOS ALTOS                    | 4.8  |  |
| 28 BERRY KNOLL                  | 4.0  |  |
| 29 SCARBURY                     | 3.8  |  |
| 30 MACARTHUR                    | 3.8  |  |
| 31 ATLANTIC PLAZA               | 3.3  |  |
| 32 ORIZABA                      | 2.7  |  |
| 33 BRANST & MAURICE, SR.        | 2.3  |  |
| 34 COLLIERE ESTATES             | 2.3  |  |
| 35 BRADLEY (Under Construction) | 1.8  |  |

| Special Use Parks                              |       |  |
|------------------------------------------------|-------|--|
| 21 parks totaling 345.7 acres                  |       |  |
| 69 EL DORADO NATURE CENTER & COMMUNITY GARDENS | 108.0 |  |
| 78 COLORADO LAZARUS                            | 30.0  |  |
| 79 MARINE STADIUM                              | 23.1  |  |
| 80 CHITICK FIELD                               | 18.8  |  |
| 81 MARINA GREEN                                | 18.0  |  |
| 82 DE FOREST NATURE TRAIL                      | 14.0  |  |
| 83 RAINBOW LAZARUS                             | 11.7  |  |
| 84 SHORELINE AQUATIC                           | 10.7  |  |
| 85 DOWNTOWN MARINA WALK                        | 9.3   |  |
| 86 MARINE PARK (MOTHERS BEACH)                 | 9.3   |  |
| 87 MARINE HARBOR REPLACEMENT                   | 9.3   |  |
| 88 AQUARIUM OF THE PACIFIC                     | 8.3   |  |
| 89 GOLDEN SHORE MARINE RESERVE                 | 7.8   |  |
| 90 RANCHO LOS ALAMITOS                         | 7.3   |  |
| 91 HEARTWELL PARK (CAMPER)                     | 7.0   |  |
| 92 DAVIES LAUNCH RAAP                          | 6.1   |  |
| 93 BIRCH POND                                  | 6.0   |  |
| 94 GOLDEN SHORE RV                             | 5.8   |  |
| 95 SOUTH SHORE LAUNCH RAAP                     | 5.8   |  |
| 96 LINCOLN                                     | 5.0   |  |
| 97 RANCHO LOS ORRITOS                          | 4.8   |  |
| 98 BELMONT POOL COMPLEX                        | 4.7   |  |
| 99 QUEEN MARY BUNDS                            | 4.4   |  |
| 100 BELMONT PARK AND PLAZA                     | 3.8   |  |
| 101 TERRACE THEATER                            | 2.8   |  |
| 102 JACK DUNSTON MARINE RESERVE                | 2.8   |  |
| 103 LONG BEACH MUSEUM OF ART                   | 1.8   |  |
| 104 LONG BEACH SENIOR CENTER                   | 1.3   |  |
| 105 AMPHITHEATER ON THE PIERHEAD               | 0.8   |  |
| 106 LA BELLA FONTANA DI NAPOLI                 | 0.4   |  |
| 107 LIBRARY BUILDING CENTER                    | 0.3   |  |

| Golf Courses                   |       |  |
|--------------------------------|-------|--|
| 3 courses totaling 363.3 acres |       |  |
| 10 EL DORADO PARK              | 188.0 |  |
| 10 BOYLSON                     | 154.0 |  |
| 10 RECREATION PARK 9 HOLE      | 117.3 |  |
| 10 HEARTWELL PARK              | 43.0  |  |

<http://www.longbeach.gov/globalassets/sustainability/media-library/documents/nature-initiatives/action-plan/green-map/lb-city-parks-map>



OUR GOAL IS TO BEGIN TO BRING A BIT OF PARITY BY SAVING THESE SITES TOTALING 58 ACRES FOR PARKS AND OPEN SPACE

THIS HAS BEEN PROMISED TO THE RESIDENTS OF LONG BEACH FOR DECADES AND IS A PART OF THE CURRENT LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN

HELP US BRING EQUITY TO THE WESTERN HALF OF LONG BEACH

### PARK INEQUITIES

Prepared by RiverParkCoalition.org  
Current as of Monday Dec. 28, 2020

# 8 Parks Map

2002 AVERAGE PARK ACRES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS WAS 5.4 ACRES

THE CITY ESTABLISHED A GOAL OF 8 ACRES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS

THE CURRENT AVERAGE IS 5.54 ACRES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS

**NORTH** SECTOR  
**1.0** PARK ACRES PER 100,000 RESIDENTS

#### MAP FEATURES

- Parks
- City Boundary
- Surrounding City
- 3701 Pacific place (former Golf Learning Center)



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NOTE:  
Park equity  
Issue:

Eastside has  
17X as much  
Parkland as  
westside

# Cal EnviroScreen Maps



Environmental Topics

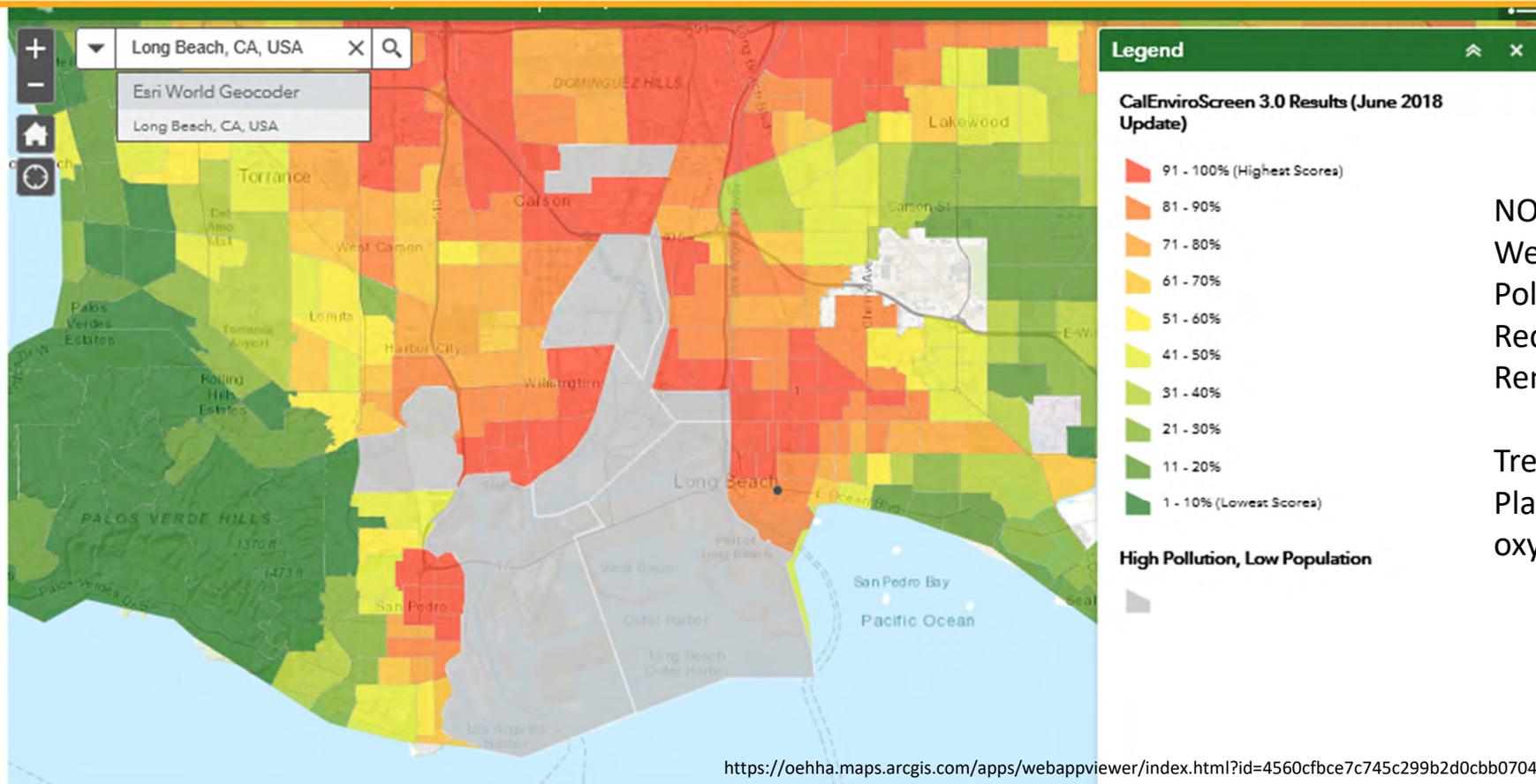
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NOTE:  
Westside  
Pollution  
Requires  
Remediation

Trees and  
Plants provide  
oxygen

**From:** diana lejins [mailto:dianalejins@yahoo.com]  
**Sent:** Saturday, February 6, 2021 5:59 PM  
**To:** Pablo Rubio <Pablo.Rubio@longbeach.gov>  
**Cc:** diana lejins <dianalejins@yahoo.com>  
**Subject:** Fw: RiverPark - 3701 Pacific Place LB

**-EXTERNAL-**

Please enter into the record for Council meet Tues re this property...  
Thanx

[Sent from Yahoo Mail on Android](#)

**Subject: RiverPark**

I am writing re the proposed development at 3701 Pacific Place, the former Golf Driving Range. What they plan on developing is a storage site consisting of an asphalt parking lot for 580 vehicles (trailers, campers, boats, trucks), a three-story structure and office space (77,000 sf with 11 Truck Loading Docks), and a carwash. This site formerly stored toxic waste and sewage that was buried and covered by a plastic membrane in the 1980s to limit neighborhood exposure to dangerous gases. They are now grading and moving this toxic soil, kicking up hazardous dust that is carried by the prevailing winds into our community.

Western Long Beach has a severe need of more parks and open space because historical development favored industry with high levels of pollution. We can stop the development of this brownfield site and work with Federal, State, and Local Agencies to create more forested parks and open space to serve as the lungs of our neighborhoods and create equity. Currently the eastern side of Long Beach has seventeen times more parks acreage and open space than the west.

Let's think about the long-term health of our neighborhood and our future generations. There will never be another opportunity for the city to acquire and develop this many acres for parkland. When city hall talks about equity, it shouldn't be just empty words.

We object to the proposed project because:

- \* Loss of the last large piece of open space to development
- \* Construction noise
- \* Stirring up of contaminated soils
- \* Storage yard and warehouse visible from the Los Cerritos Park
- \* Declining property values because of industrial use
- \* Not a fit with our community

Additionally:

- 1) The City has not requested a full EIR, only what is called a Mitigated Negative Declaration. You may review the document at: <http://www.longbeach.gov/lbds/planning/environmental/reports/>
- 2) The Development has not been fully entitled, yet the developer has been allowed to grade the site flat and remove all vegetation.
- 3) The developer has been allowed to build a fifteen foot mound of dirt for the purposes of compacting the soil that is commonly done after the permit for construction has been issued (no issue to date).

- 4) The Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) has not completed its study of the site, not held a public meeting, yet grading has spread potentially contaminated dust into our neighborhood.
- 5) Traffic caused by the proposed development has not been fully analyzed nor how it will impact our air quality or traffic patterns.
- 6) Potentially contaminated storm drainage has not been adequately studied or addressed.
- 7) Property Re-Zoned from Open Space to Industrial in 2018, without adequate notice to Neighbors of Los Cerritos, Wrigley, or Bixby Knolls.

Diana Lejins, Founder  
Environmental Concerns of Greater Long Beach

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**Sent:** Saturday, February 6, 2021 8:07 PM  
**To:** Pablo Rubio <Pablo.Rubio@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** Fw: River property

**-EXTERNAL-**

Please enter this letter into the Tues City Council record for the item on 3701 Pacific Place.

DL

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**Subject:** River property

I am protesting the unconscionable development at 3701 Pacific Place in Long Beach.

Highest and best use is key in any development. The proposed build-out is not the highest and best use for the neighborhoods, for the river, and for the city as a whole. This project has not been vetted properly and would create nothing but an eyesore for the city and the citizens of Long Beach. The potential for toxicity and subsequent lawsuits are a blaring reality.

There are so many more reasons why this is not an appropriate project that are too numerous to list here. Please reconsider this project and consider the possibility of a River Park that could help balance the inequities and imbalance of parkland/open space throughout Long Beach.

Yours truly  
Diana Lejins

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**From:** pamela.salyer@verizon.net [mailto:pamela.salyer@verizon.net]  
**Sent:** Friday, January 29, 2021 2:04 PM  
**To:** CityClerk <CityClerk@longbeach.gov>  
**Subject:** 3701 Pacific Place Project

**-EXTERNAL-**

As a resident of Long Beach, I oppose the RV parking lot proposal project at 3701 Pacific Place. An essential EIR study should be

conducted for the site. A solution of pollution.

The legacy of westside greenspace you leave the city, would be remembered and appreciated forever.

P Salyer District 8  
Friend of LA River Project