



UPTOWN OPEN SPACE VISION PLAN

LONG BEACH CITY COUNCIL
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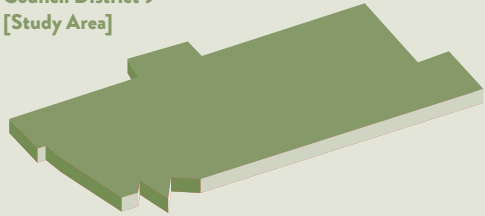
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WHAT IS THE PURPOSE OF THE PLAN?

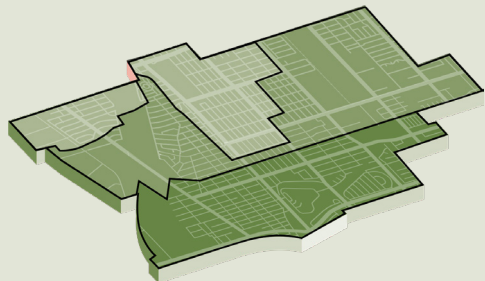
HEAL Zone



Council District 9
[Study Area]



Los Angeles County
Parks Needs Assessment



Background

- Plan for Uptown Long Beach
- Start with a plan as a foundation for long-term change

Desired Outcomes

- Build upon previous planning efforts including the Los Angeles County Park Needs Assessment
- Identify opportunities for new open spaces and parks based on community needs
- Develop concepts, programming and costs for priority projects

Funding

- HEAL Zone Grant and CD9 One-Time Funds (\$55,000)

A Need for Balance

- Need/access and goals
- Available space for new/re-envisioned space
- Long-term costs, maintenance, feasibility

Engage the Community

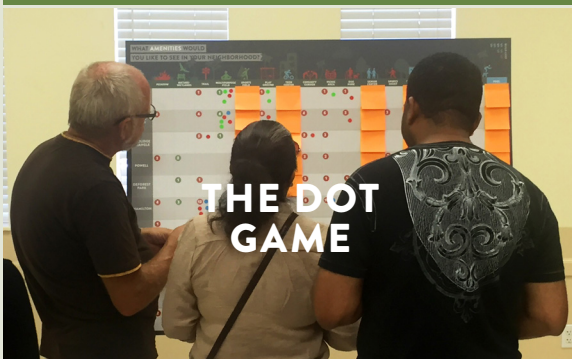
- Authentic discussion about the future vision for the community

AWARD WINNING COMMUNITY DRIVEN PROCESS



THE OPEN SPACE GAME

ROUND ONE OF WORKSHOPS



THE DOT GAME

ROUND TWO OF WORKSHOPS



THE COLOR BLOCK WALK

WORKSHOP THREE

Community Members as Experts

- Series of three engagement events
- Purposeful to create process that forced real-world decisions

Engagement Series

- **The Open Space Game:** Evaluate existing conditions, identify open space needs, and establish desired projects
- **The Dot Game:** Refine and prioritize list of open space projects and build consensus and community support for priority projects
- **The Color Block Walk:** Host a pop-up park event demonstrating a priority concept and celebrate the community's participation

How We Prepared

- Used Los Angeles County Parks Needs Assessment + other plans to inform existing conditions analysis
- A good place to start to focus the community on opportunities

VISION PLAN GUIDING PRINCIPLES

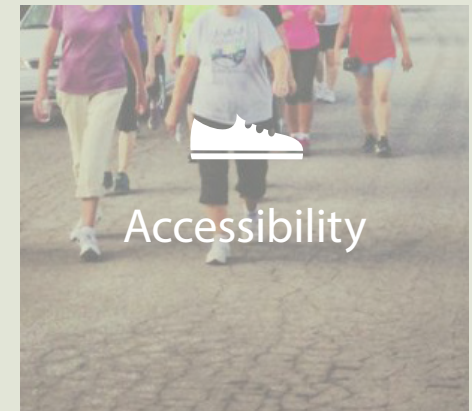
GROUNDING THE PLAN IN SHARED INTENTIONS



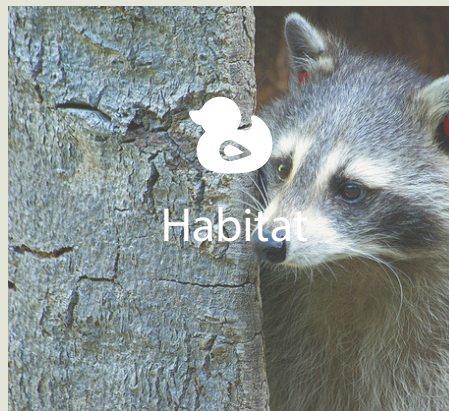
Strive to increase the total size of publicly accessible open space to reach greater parity with other parts of the city.



Use new park space to reduce impacts from the local environment while improving availability of healthy activities.



Provide opportunities for open space and recreational activities within walking distance of every resident.



Link open spaces and greenways into a continuous living system that connects local residents to wildlife and nature.



Plan and design the open space network to be environmentally and economically sustainable.



Create ways to better utilize public space in dense and built-out neighborhoods.

PLAN CONTENTS

INTRODUCTION



- Audience
- Study Area
- Background
- Principles

CONTEXT



- Literature Review
- Snapshot
- Physical Context
- Environment
- Heath
- Needs Assessment

FOUNDATION



- Existing Parks
- Existing Amenities
- Other Parks

OPPORTUNITY



- Opportunity Types
- Case Studies

COMMUNITY



- Pre-Planning
- Open Space Game
- Dot Game
- Color Block Walk
- Summary

VISION



- Network
- Principles
- Strategies
- Case Studies

IMPLEMENTATION



- Policies
- Funding
- Community
- Priority Projects
- Concepts/Costs

UPTOWN VISION PLAN PRIORITY PROJECTS



UNDERWAY PROJECTS

- A** MYRTLE NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTOR
- B** UPTOWN PLAZA PROGRAM
- C** DAVENPORT PARK EXPANSION
- D** DEFOREST WETLAND RESTORATION

PRIORITY PROJECTS

- 1** SR91 EMBANKMENT GREENBELT
- 2** COOLIDGE UNDERPASS
- 3** STARR KING MINI PARK
- 4** MCKINLEY PARK
- 5** DOWNEY AVENUE GREENBELT
- 6** VICTORIA STREET GREENWAY
- 7** GRANT BUFFER PARK
- 8** LOS ANGELES RIVER PARK

OPEN SPACE IMPACT SUMMARY

COMPTON

PARAMOUNT

BELLFLOW

GREENLEAF

70TH

STARR KING

COLLEGE SQUARE

68TH

710

HAMILTON

MCKINLEY

STARR KING

ARTESIA

JORDAN PLUS

LONG BEACH

COOLIDGE TRIANGLE
SCOTT

JORDAN

HOUGHTON

HARDING HOUGHTON PARK

GRANT

CHERRY

RAMONA PARK

LONGWOOD

DEFOREST PARK

GRANT

SAINT FRANCIS

POWELL

COLLINS

DOWNNEY

MARKET

CANDLEWOOD

Open Space Element

LONG BEACH GOAL

8.0

ACRES OF PARK PER 1000 PEOPLE

Existing Conditions

STUDY AREA

0.9

ACRES OF PARK PER 1000 PEOPLE

vs.

CITYWIDE

5.6

ACRES OF PARK PER 1000 PEOPLE

With Priority Projects

STUDY AREA

6.6

ACRES OF PARK PER 1000 PEOPLE

+

STUDY AREA

12

MILES OF OPEN SPACE CONNECTORS

CITYWIDE

6.1

ACRES OF PARK PER 1000 PEOPLE

FUTURE FORWARD



Tool for Implementation

The Uptown Open Space Vision Plan serves as a visionary document to guide potential future development of open space, and identifies new and innovative opportunities to fill a need for publicly-accessible open space and recreation facilities in North Long Beach.

The Vision Plan is a plan for future park investment, anticipated over a long-term horizon, which will be implemented incrementally over time as capital, maintenance, and operating resources allow.

As municipal resources for maintaining and programming existing park facilities are already strained, the Vision Plan is intended to be phased in over time, as projects, operations, and maintenance funding becomes available, and as we build greater stewardship with community and corporate partners.



**THANK
YOU**

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