

DeForest Park Environmental Stewardship Center

Parks and Recreation Commission
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DeForest Park Environmental Stewardship Center Summary

- DeForest Park Vision Plan identified Environmental Stewardship Center
- Conservation Corps of Long Beach (CCLB) awarded \$1,200,000 Rivers and Mountains Conservancy grant to build satellite office along the Lower Los Angeles River
- Invest grant funding to improve park while serving as CCLV base of operations for work along the Lower Los Angeles River and stewardship activities in DeForest Park and Wetlands
- Center will also offer
 - Environmental education and classes
 - Community rooms for public use and neighborhood meeting location
 - Office space and training areas for CCLB
 - Restrooms

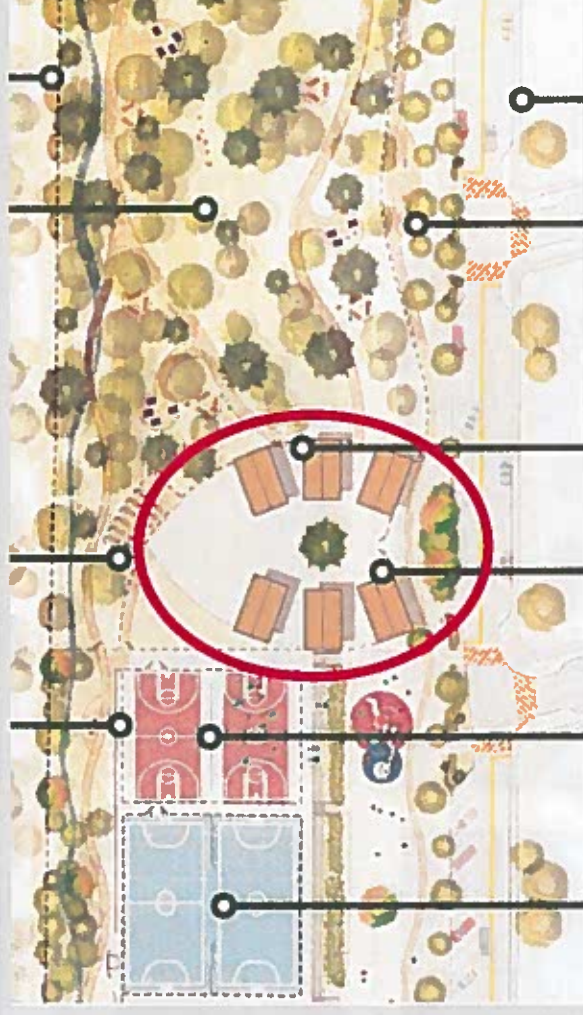
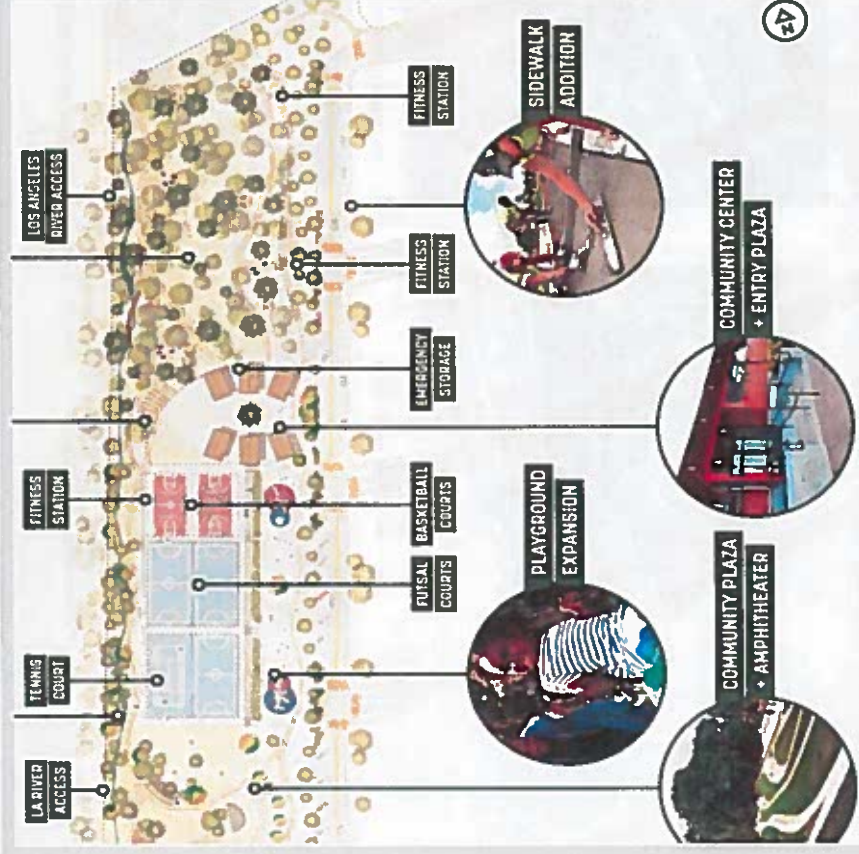


Environmental Stewardship Center - Proposed Location

- Proposed location adjacent to the existing Community Center building
- Replacing restroom building
 - Feedback: restroom building is nuisance or locked rendering it unusable
 - Replacing restroom building with Center was better use of activated space
- Center designed to fit the aesthetic of DeForest Park
 - Informed through community engagement during Vision Plan process
 - Will include replacement restrooms that can be monitored and locked each day by CCLB



Environmental Stewardship Center - Proposed Location



- Community Center & Entry Plaza



Environmental Stewardship Center - Proposed Design



1. JORDAN VALLEY PARK MAINTENANCE



2. OCEAN BEACH COMFORT STATION KEVIN DE FREITAS



3. OCEANSIDE HARBOR FACILITY SANDIE BADINES



4. WATER CAPTURE



5. OCEAN PARK



6. COWICHE CANYON



Environmental Stewardship Center - Proposed Design



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Proposed Right-of-Entry Permit Terms

- Term: Two years, September 1, 2020 through August 30, 2022
- Renewal: One, one-year option to renew at Director discretion
- Termination: 60 days written notice, ensuring Permittee shall not leave the Department with an unfinished building or site
- Funding: All demolition, site preparation, and construction shall be paid for by Permittee and any additional funding be needed secured by Permittee
- Site Preparation: Demolish existing restroom building, remove all debris, cap any unused utilities and prepare site for new building structure



Proposed Right-of-Entry Permit Terms

- Ongoing Maintenance and Rights: Permittee enter into lease with Department for long-term operation of Environmental Stewardship Center, completed prior to conclusion of construction and opening of the Center
- Permits: Permittee pay fees and secure all demolition, grading, utility and construction permits necessary for construction, all contractors shall be licensed, bonded and insured and must follow all City policies for prevailing wage when working on public property
- Insurance: Permittee and agents maintain all applicable insurance and endorsements, as required and approved by City Risk Manager



Commission Action & Next Steps

- Authorize Director of Parks, Recreation and Marine to approve a new park amenity and execute all documents necessary to issue a Right of Entry Permit to Conservation Corps of Long Beach for construction of Environmental Stewardship Center at DeForest Park for a period of two years from September 1, 2020 through August 30, 2022
- Recommend to City Manager approval of Environmental Stewardship Center for public recreation at DeForest Park, which meets a recreational need within City
- Next Steps
 - City Council approval of the Right-of-Entry Permit
 - Department to enter into long-term lease with CCLB for operation of Center
 - Proposed lease to be brought to Commission and City Council at later date
 - New building will ultimately become City property



