

# Puente Hills Landfill Park

*Fulfilling a Promise to the Community*



**It is time to honor the commitment made to build the Puente Hills Landfill Park for the communities surrounding the former Puente Hills Landfill.**

In 2016, the LA County Board of Supervisors, in partnership with the Sanitation Districts, approved the Puente Hills Landfill Park Master Plan. This Park Master Plan transforms the former landfill into the long awaited park, serving those who lived next to the landfill for nearly 60 years.



Trails and open space



Wildlife habitat



Picnic spots



Children's nature area



As a condition of operating the landfill from 1983 until the landfill's closure in 2013, the Sanitation Districts agreed to set aside money to pay for the development, operation, and maintenance of the future park.

But for 20 years, the Sanitation Districts did not set aside any money to fund the park despite being required to do so. Now the park is in jeopardy of not being built.

1983-2004	2013	2016	Today
Sanitation Districts operated Puente Hills Landfill, once the largest landfill in the United States, with an obligation to pay for a community park	Landfill closes	Master Plan approved	Awaiting funding

## ***For the community, by the community***

Over 1,400 neighbors united and multiple resolutions and letters of support from local municipalities and community organizations were received as part of the Park Master Plan process.

The Puente Hills Landfill Park will serve the communities of Avocado Heights, Baldwin Park, Bassett, El Monte, Hacienda Heights, La Puente, Pico Rivera, Rowland Heights, Whittier, Valinda, and beyond.



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## Frequently Asked Questions



### What is the status of the Puente Hills Landfill Park?

The Park Master Plan for the Puente Hills Park was unanimously approved by the LA County Board of Supervisors in 2016 with broad support from community members, local organizations, and the Sanitation Districts. However, the work cannot begin because the Sanitation Districts have not provided enough funding for the park that was promised more than 35 years ago.

### Why are the Sanitation Districts involved?

The Puente Hills Landfill Park is located within the boundaries of the Puente Hills Landfill, which is owned by the Sanitation Districts of Los Angeles County, an independent governmental body separate from the County of Los Angeles. The Puente Hills Landfill was once the largest landfill in the United States before ending its landfill operations in 2013. As a condition of operating the landfill from 1983 until the landfill's closure in 2013, the Sanitation Districts agreed to set aside money to pay for the development, operation and maintenance of the future park.

### Why hasn't the park been built?

For 20 years during landfill operations, the Sanitation Districts did not set aside any money to fund the park for this community despite being required to do so. The Sanitation Districts have so far only set aside \$36 million for the park, a fraction of what is needed to build, operate, and maintain the 142-acre park, developed and approved by the County, Sanitation Districts, and the community in 2016.

### What needs to happen to get the park built?

The Sanitation Districts need to follow through on their obligation to fund the development, operation, and maintenance of the park.

### What is at stake?

The approved Park Master Plan will provide a community park with recreational programming and multi-use open space, including the elements listed below. They are all in jeopardy if the Sanitation Districts do not fund the park.

- Range of recreation & outdoor fitness
- Stair climb, walking/running path
- Universal accessibility
- Wildlife habitat & nature preserve
- Multi-use trails for horse riding, cycling, & hiking
- Bicycle education
- Dog park area
- Outdoor concerts and music in the park

## How can I get involved?

- Ask the Sanitation Districts to fulfill their obligation to the community and fund the park.
- Contact LA County Parks at [phlandfillpark@parks.lacounty.gov](mailto:phlandfillpark@parks.lacounty.gov) to show your support and ask questions.
- Learn more about the Puente Hills Park at: [parks.lacounty.gov/phlandfillpark](http://parks.lacounty.gov/phlandfillpark).