



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION

"Parks Make Life Better!"

Norma E. García-González, Director

Alina Bokde, Chief Deputy Director

**County of Los Angeles
Parks and Recreation Commission**

AGENDA

January 29 at 10:00 a.m.
Hollywood Bowl
2301 Highland Ave, Los Angeles, CA 90068

COMMISSION MEMBERS

Alma K. Martinez, **Secretary**, First District
Tamika L. Butler, **Chair**, Second District
Kurt Cabrera-Miller, Third District
Melissa Balocca, Fourth District
Deanne Boublis, **Vice Chair**, Fifth District

1. CALL TO ORDER
2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT
3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE
4. ROLL CALL
5. ELECTION OF COMMISSION OFFICERS (Action)
 - a. Chair
 - b. Vice Chair
 - c. Secretary
6. PUBLIC COMMENT

This is the opportunity for members of the public to address the Commission regarding any items that are within the jurisdiction of the Commission. Those who wish to provide public comment may submit their names to enter the queue for verbal comment. Speakers are reminded of the three-minute time limit. Written public comments can also be submitted prior to and during the meeting via email to commission@parks.lacounty.gov. Please include the Agenda Item and meeting date in your correspondence. All correspondence received shall become part of the official record. Supporting documentation can be obtained at the Commission webpage <https://parks.lacounty.gov/park-commission>

7. APPROVAL OF October 2, 2023 MEETING MINUTES (Action)
8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT
9. UPCOMING BOARD ITEMS
10. BUDGET

11. NAMING OF NEW PARK IN WEST ATHENS/ WESTMONT COMMUNITY (Action)

12. APPROVAL OF LA COUNTY PARKS PICKLE BALL POLICY (Action)

13. DEPARTMENT OPERATIONS REPORT

- a. Strategic Plan Update
- b. Lighting Assessment Study
- c. Lifeguard Recruitment

14. DEPARTMENT WINTER PROGRAMS REPORT

- a. Nature Centers
- b. Sports
- c. Recreation
- d. Special Events

15. REGIONAL PARKS AND OPEN SPACE DISTRICT REPORT

16. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

2024 Commission Meeting Dates:

January 29, 2024

April 1, 2024

July 1, 2024

October 7, 2024

17. ADJOURNMENT

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**MEETING MINUTES FOR THE OCTOBER 2, 2023
LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING
Don Knabe Community Regional Park, 19700 Bloomfield Ave, Cerritos, CA 90703**

Present: Commissioners: Tamika Butler, Kurt Cabrera-Miller, and Deanne Boublis

Absent: Commissioners: Alma Martinez and Melissa Balocca

1. CALL TO ORDER

The Quarterly Meeting called to order by Commission Chair Tamika L. Butler at 9:34 a.m.

2. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Commissioner Deanne Boublis read the LA County Land Acknowledgment.

3. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Commissioner Kurt Cabrera-Miller led the Pledge of Allegiance.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Commissioner Tamika Butler provided instructions for members of the public to address the Commission on items of interest that are within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Commission. There was no public comment.

5. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES (Action)

Commission Chair Tamika L. Butler asked for a motion to approve July 10, 2023, Commission Meeting Minutes. Motion made by Commissioner Deanne Boublis, seconded by Commissioner Kurt Cabrera-Miller, the motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: 3 – Commissioner Tamika L. Butler, Commissioner Kurt Cabrera-Miller, and Commissioner Deanne Boublis. There was unanimous consent to move forward. Commissioner Alma K. Martinez and Melissa Martinez were not present to vote. There was unanimous consent to move forward. Minutes were approved as distributed.

6. DIRECTOR'S UPDATE

Director Norma E. García-González provided an overview on the following:

1. Hurricane Hillary Brief Update/Impact
2. UCLA Evaluation of Parks After Dark (PAD)
 - a. Mercy Santore, Deputy Director East Agency, provided a summary in detail on the UCLA Evaluation and of PAD.
3. Parks After Dark Update
4. ARPA Funding – Enhanced Programs (Sports, Cultural and Specialty)



7. DEPARTMENT ITEMS

a. Budget

Deputy Director Malou Rubio presented an overview of the FY 2023-24 Budget Request status-phase 3 (Supplemental Changes) - Funded by Realignment of Existing Resources. She also discussed the additional funding needs due to cost increases and new facilities request.

b. Coming Board Letters/Board Motions:

Special Assistant Astrid Ochoa provided an update on the upcoming Board Items for July through September 2023.

c. Department Operations Plan

Chief Deputy Director Alina Bokde provided an update on the changes to the Department Operations Plan for FY 2023-2024. She discussed Parks and Classifications, Park Hours, Senior Centers, Parks with Senior Nutrition and Activities. As well as Regional Parks, Regional Parks with Boating Lakes, Nature Centers, and Aquatics (year-round pools).

d. Programs

• Aquatics

Joe Goss, Regional Recreation Director provided an overview of the Aquatics Fall Activity Schedule that included Everybody Swims, Swim Lessons, Water Exercise, LAP Swim and Youth Sports in the aquatic centers/pools. In addition to the Aquatics Fall Programs (Novice Youth Sports, Swim Team, Dive Team and Artistic Swimming). As well as the Lifeguard Ready Training with the session dates.

• Sports

Carl Cooper, Deputy Director for the South Agency provided a Fall Sports Programming. This included: Flag Football - Los Angeles RAMS sponsored, Soccer, Youth Sports that involves Everybody Plays & Fee and Based Sports Clinics (Partners Clinics). The LA County's Youth Cheer Program was offered at 13 parks with over 438 participants enrolled. In addition, the Los Angeles Clippers Community Courts Projects began in June 2023. Victoria Park had a full court replacement (first completed) and there is plan for 117 gym and outdoor basketball courts to be refurbished and completed by the end of 2025.

• Recreation

Mercy Santoro, Deputy Director for the East Agency provided a summary of the Fall Preview Cultural Experiences and Events that included: Hispanic Heritage, Girl's Empowerment, Trick or Treat Village, Dia De Los Martes, Fishing Derby, Harvest Festival, and Parks After Dark Winter Wonderland. Also presented an overview of Recreation Core Programs, Safe Passages, Everybody Plays & Nutrition, Our SPOT, Youth@Work, Older Adult Programs and Contract Classes.



- **Natural Areas Fall Programming**

Kevin Regan, Deputy Director for the Regional Agency provided a summary of the Natural Areas Fall Programming which included Core Programming in all eight nature centers (Nature Center Discover, Everybody Explores, and Nature Knowledge Nights). And the Special events (Family Campfire Night, A Day in Nature, NCA Volunteer Recognition, Halloween Nature Crawl, Creature of Halloween) and Collaborative Programs (Nature in Your Neighborhood Community Campfire and Community Access Program at the Ford Theatre).

- e. **Strategic Plan Update**

Chief Deputy Director Alina Bokde provided an update on the September Community Meetings and the direction of the Department over the next five years with the Strategic Plan. This is in reference to Goal #2: Strengthen Programs, Experiences, and Engagement in Community. 2.1.4 Hold an annual community meeting at each neighborhood and community park in September to provide and solicit feedback for the yearly program schedule and park planning projects. There were 63 meetings held at parks and nature centers. Over 400 surveys completed in English, Spanish and Mandarin.

8. RPOSD Report

Christina Angeles, Deputy Director Regional Park and Open Space District, provided a summary on the RPOSD Measure A Grants Administration Manual Update and the Replacement Grants Management System.

9. COMMISSIONER COMMUNICATIONS

Concurrence for 2024 Commission Meetings dates.

10. DEPARTMENT SPECIAL EVENTS

Chief Deputy Director Alina Bokde provided an overview of the 2023: Girl's Empowerment, Harvest Festival, Día de Los Muertos, and Hispanic Heritage program and activities.

11. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Chair Tamika L. Butler asked if there was a motion to adjourn the meeting. Motion made by Commissioner Kurt Cabrera-Miller, seconded by Commissioner Deanne Boublis to adjourn the meeting at 11:12 a.m., the motion carried by the following votes:

Ayes: 5 – Commissioner Tamika L. Butler, Commissioner Kurt Cabrera-Miller, and Commissioner Deanne Boublis. There was unanimous consent to adjourn the meeting. Commissioner Alma K. Martinez and Melissa Martinez were not present to vote.

Respectfully Submitted,

Elva Espinoza
Commission Secretary

APPROVED BY CHAIR

DATE



Park Commission Meeting

January 29, 2024





Agenda

1. Call to order
2. Land Acknowledgement
3. Pledge of Allegiance
4. Roll Call
5. Election of Commission Officers
6. Public Comment
7. Approval of Oct 2, 2023 Meeting Minutes (Action)
8. Director's Report
9. Upcoming Board items
10. Budget
11. Naming of New Park in West Athens/Westmont Community (Action)
12. Approval of LA County Parks Pickle Ball Policy (Action)
13. Department Operations Report
14. Department Winter Programs Report
15. Regional Parks and Open Space District Report
16. Commissioner Communication
17. Adjournment

Los Angeles County Land Acknowledgement

The County of Los Angeles recognizes that we occupy land originally and still inhabited and cared for by the Tongva, Tataviam, Serrano, Kizh, and Chumash Peoples. We honor and pay respect to their elders and descendants – past, present, and emerging – as they continue their stewardship of these lands and waters. We acknowledge that settler colonization resulted in land seizure, disease, subjugation, slavery, relocation, broken promises, genocide, and multigenerational trauma.

This acknowledgment demonstrates our responsibility and commitment to truth, healing, and reconciliation and to elevating the stories, culture, and community of the original inhabitants of Los Angeles County. We are grateful to have the opportunity to live and work on these ancestral lands. We are dedicated to growing and sustaining relationships with Native peoples and local tribal governments, including (in no particular order) the:

Fernandeño Tataviam Band of Mission Indians
Gabrielino Tongva Indians of California Tribal Council
Gabrielino/Tongva San Gabriel Band of Mission Indians
Gabrieleño Band of Mission Indians – Kizh Nation
San Manuel Band of Mission Indians
San Fernando Band of Mission Indians





Roll Call



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Election of Commission Officers




Agenda Item 5



Public Comment



Agenda Item 6



Approval of October 2, 2023, Minutes (Action)



Agenda Item 7



Director's Report

Norma E. García-González
Director



Agenda Item 8

Fall program wrap up ([video](#))





Los Angeles Clippers Community Courts Project

- LA Clippers and DPR held a Press Event at Jesse Owens Park on November 16, 2023
- Court was dedicated as a Westbrook Community Court
- Collaboration project between the Clipper's Foundation, DPR, and the Los Angeles County Parks Foundation
- \$5M donation for renovation of 117 gyms and outdoor basketball courts refurbished by the spring of 2025.



LA Clippers Community Court Celebration ([video](#))



Measure A Adaptive Play Grant

November 2023



City of Burbank

Parks, Recreation & Community Services
Department

- First Adaptive Play Grant in RPOSD History



Measure A Adaptive Play Grant
CITY OF BURBANK
PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DEPARTMENT
November 2023





2028 Olympics - Frank G. Bonelli Regional Park





Upcoming Board Items



Agenda Item 9

Board Motions

Agenda Date	Board Motion Subject	Supervisor
02/06/24	Capital Project Budget Revision to Support Extension of Summer Swim Season at Los Angeles County Pools	Hahn, 4 th District



Budget Report Malou Rubio

Deputy Director Administrative
Services Agency

Agenda Item 10



FY 2024-25 BUDGET REQUEST

Critical Unmet Needs - Funded by Ongoing Revenue

1. Staffing for Nighttime Closure at Park Facilities - 31.0 positions
2. Case Workers for Homeless, Mental Health and Social Services - 4.0 positions
3. Unincorporated Youth and Adaptive Sports, Cultural Events, and Specialty Programming - \$1.7 million



FY 2024-25 BUDGET REQUEST

Unfunded Critical Unmet Needs – Structural Deficit

1. Ongoing Funding for ARPA-Funded Positions for Existing Pool Programs - 110.0 positions
2. Cost Increases for Maintenance and Security Services Contracts - \$1.2 million
3. Cost Increases for Utilities and Fuel - \$4.95 million



FY 2024-25 BUDGET REQUEST

Unfunded Critical Unmet Needs - Safety

1. Installation of Park Security Lights
2. Safety/Tree Maintenance - 5.0 positions, \$1.5 million for services and supplies/equipment

FY 2024-25 BUDGET REQUEST

New Facilities Requests

Supervisory District 1 - \$4,689,000

- Santa Fe Dam Emerald Necklace Mobility Hub – 1.0 position, \$325,000 for services and supplies/equipment
- San Gabriel Valley Aquatic Center - 26.0 positions, \$1,665,000 for services and supplies/equipment
- Project Restroom - New Restroom Building – Whittier Narrows – 1.0 position, \$88,000 for services and supplies/equipment (FY 2022-23)
- River Park – 2.0 positions (FY 2022-23)

Supervisory District 2 - \$477,000

- Wishing Tree Park – 3.0 positions (FY 2022-23)
- Earvin Magic Johnson Park – 3.0 positions (FY 2022-23)

FY 2024-25 BUDGET REQUEST

New Facilities Requests

Supervisory District 4 - \$1,437,000

- Nogales Park – 1.0 position (FY 2021-22)
- Whittier Aquatic Center – 7.0 positions, \$90,000 for services and supplies (FY 2021-22)
- Atlantic Avenue Property Acquisition (72nd Street Expansion) – 1.0 position, \$163,000 for services and supplies/equipment
- Walnut Nature Park – 3.0 positions, \$219,000 for services and supplies/equipment

Supervisory District 5 - \$913,000

- Williams Ranch Public Park – 2.0 positions, \$179,000 for services and supplies/equipment
- Project Restroom - New Restroom Building - Eaton Canyon Natural Area – 1.0 position, \$84,000 for services and supplies/equipment (FY 2022-23)
- Los Valles Trail, Deer Lake Highland Phase II Trails, and Tesoro Highlands Trails -2.0 positions, \$162,000 for services and supplies/equipment



Naming a New Park in the Community of West Athens/ Westmont (Action)



Agenda Item 11

A New Park

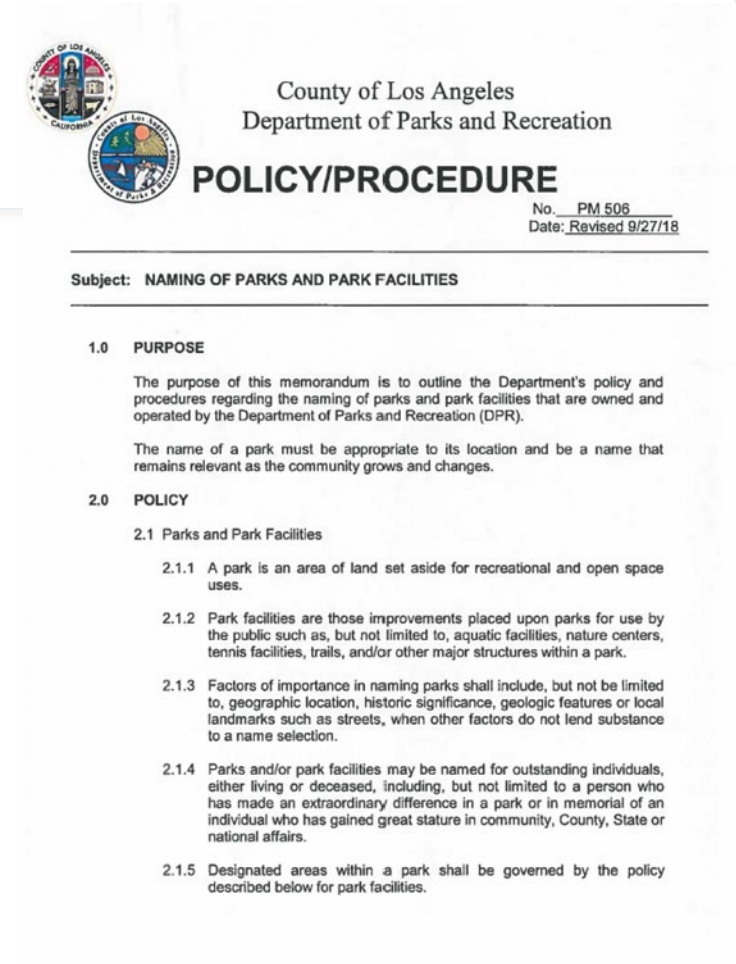
A new pocket park is being constructed on the corner of 95th Street and Normandie in the community of West Athens / Westmont. The park is .16 acres in size and will include:

- Playground for 2-5 years
- Trees and landscaping
- Seating wall
- Benches & tables
- Drinking fountain
- Open space for outdoor programming
- Storage for recreation equipment



Naming Policy PM 506

- Naming Park facilities may come from the Department, Board Office, or community. For this park, we did not receive any nominations.
- Park facilities may be named for outstanding individuals either living or deceased. In this case the proposed name is based on geographic information.
- The Planning division conducts research and makes a recommendation.
- A memo is drafted to the Director for her endorsement. With the endorsement of the Commission, a letter of notification shall be sent to the appropriate member of the Board. The name becomes effective immediately.





Community Engagement

DPR conducted an engagement survey. A total of 27 stakeholders responded with very diverse suggestions for the park name. Several variations of the 95th Street name were suggested, but no name consensus was identified with the community outreach efforts.



Recommended Name: 95th Street Park

- The Department has a long-standing tradition of naming parks based upon geographic street name location.
- Naming the new park after the street it is located on allows park patrons to easily identify the location of the park.
- Choosing a street name for a park allows the name to always remain relevant as long as the street name remains the same.



Questions?



Approval of LA County Parks Pickle Ball Policy (Action)

Agenda Item 12



Pickleball



Introduction

- Pickleball is one of the fastest growing sports in Los Angeles County, as such DPR is committed to seeking opportunities to create new pickleball courts at County Parks.
- DPR, as a steward of public parklands, must do this thoughtfully, including:
 - balancing the protection of green spaces and the provision of park amenities
 - addressing compatibility issues (such as noise, parking, adjacency of uses, community concerns)
 - avoiding displacement of existing park amenities
 - recognizing that staff does not have the capacity to constantly monitor the use of sports amenities and resolve conflicts that may arise

Project Initiation Requirements

- DPR's Planning and Development Agency determines whether a request for pickleball courts meets the following minimum requirements:
 - A funding source has been identified.
 - Available land has been identified and the proposed location does not displace existing amenities.
 - The proposed location must be at least 250 feet away from residentially zoned or used properties.
 - There should be infrastructure to support the proposed pickleball courts such as restrooms, ADA path of travel, and parking.



Additional Policy Considerations

- In balancing ongoing requests, DPR will consider park need from our Parks Needs Assessment.
- The temporary or permanent addition of pickleball court lines to existing tennis courts is not permitted.
- Conversion of existing tennis courts will only be considered at tennis centers.
- Any proposed conversions of tennis courts to pickleball courts by concessionaires must also meet DPR's minimum standards.
- Tennis centers may not convert all of their tennis courts to pickleball.



Project Feasibility

- DPR's Planning and Development Agency confirms that the proposed pickleball court(s) may be physically accommodated at the requested location.
- The Planning Division evaluates the potential impacts of the proposed pickleball courts based upon site visits, consultation with field agency staff, and review of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) Initial Study Checklist of questions.
- The Development Division works with the field agency and Budget to determine if a New Facilities Request (NFR) is needed for ongoing operations and maintenance.

Community Outreach and Engagement

- Meet with adjacent homeowners, neighborhood or town councils, and other key stakeholders to determine if there is community need and support for the proposed new pickleball courts.
- Develop and disseminate a survey to collect public opinion on the development of new pickleball courts at the requested location. The survey should be translated into languages that are widely used in the community and should be made available online and on paper for a period of a minimum of two weeks.
- Coordinate with the field agency to prepare and distribute flyers and other materials needed to encourage the public to complete the survey.
- Analyze the data collected via community meetings and surveys and prepares a report with a summary of key findings and recommendations.

Questions?



Department Operations Report



Agenda Item 13

Strategic Plan Update

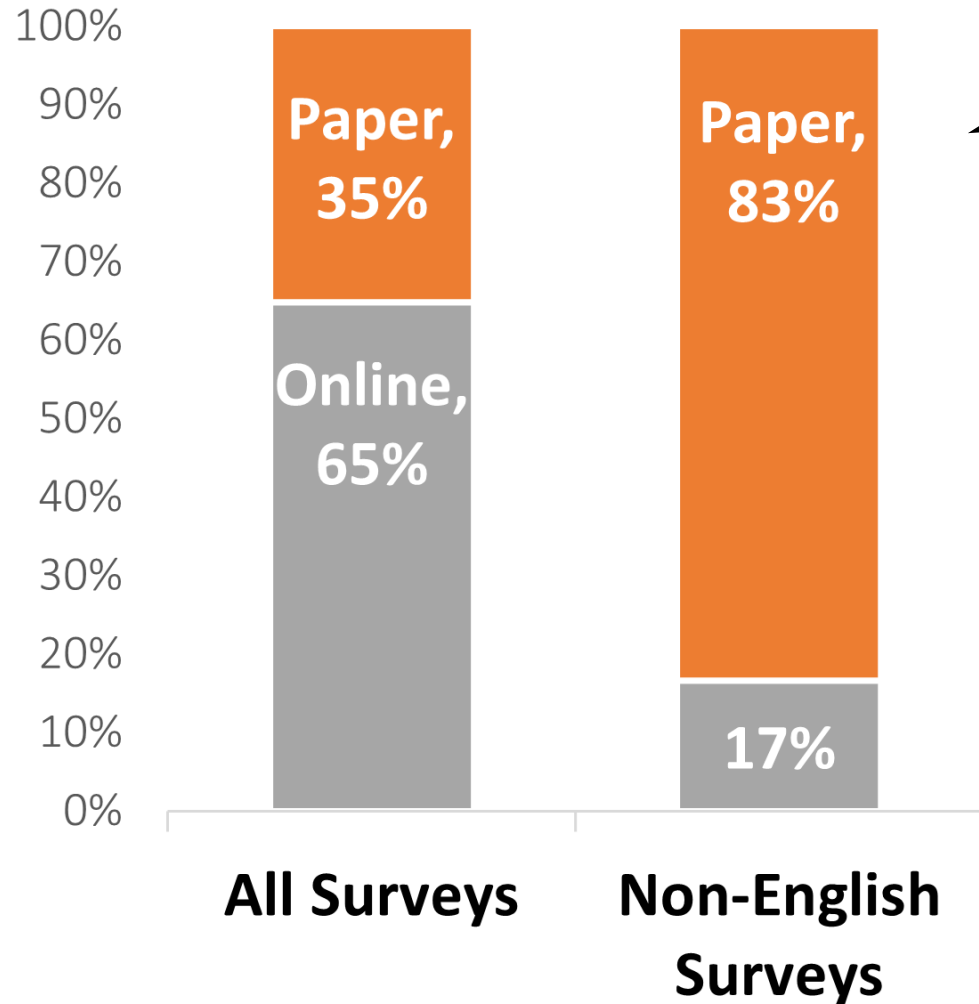
1. September 2023 Survey Results
2. March community shareback
 - Budget submission
 - Safety
 - Announce September 2024 meetings
3. Safety Ordinance



Survey Administration

2023 Annual Park Community Meeting Survey

Survey Participation & Format

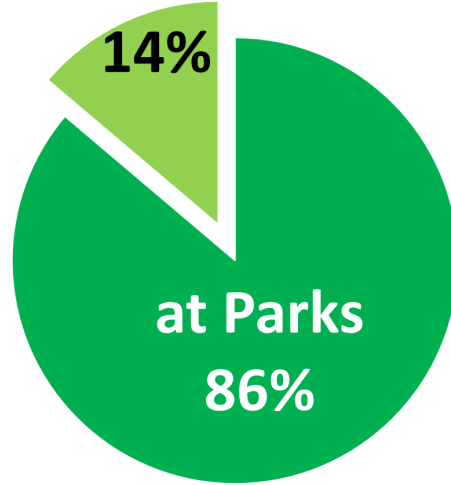


750+ surveys were received, an average of 11 per meeting.

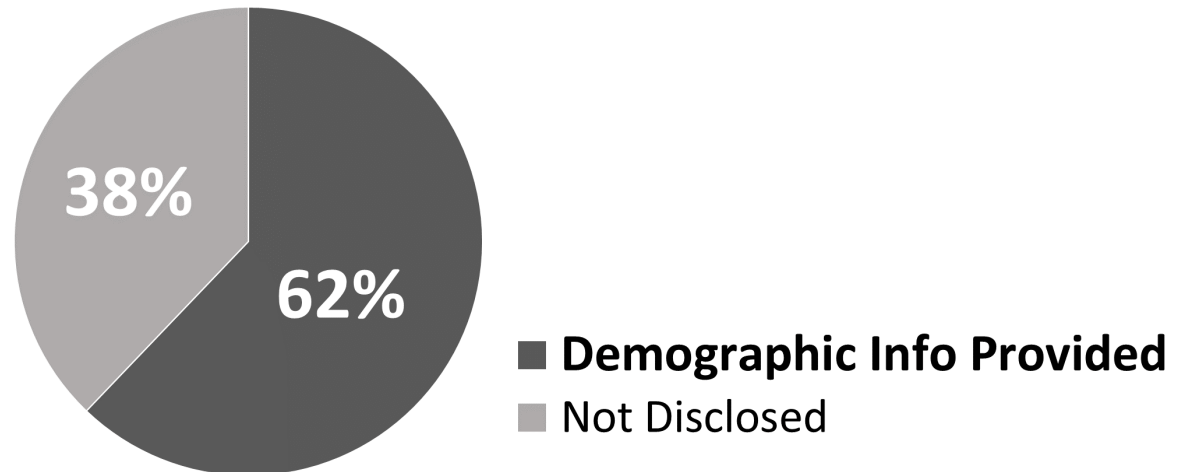
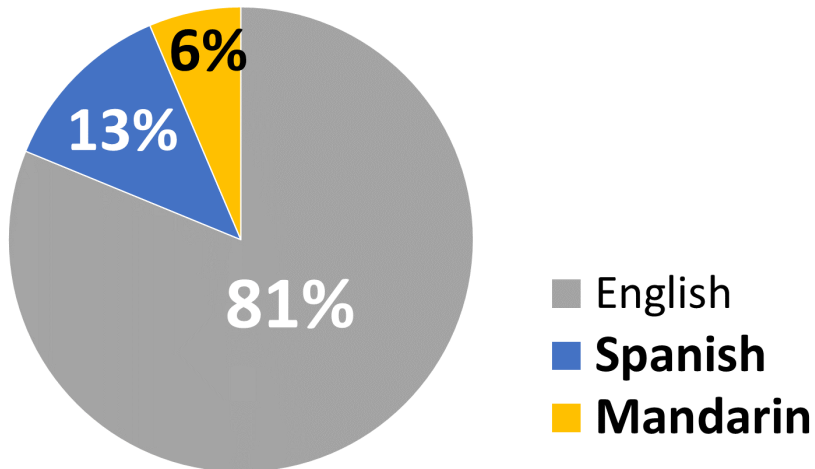
- **35% were paper surveys**, requiring manual entry
- **83% of non-English surveys** received were **paper format**

Survey Respondent Data

at Nature Centers



- **86%** of surveys were completed **at Parks** & **14%** at **Nature Centers**
- **19%** were received in **Spanish & Mandarin**, requiring **translation**
- **62%** of provided **Demographic info**

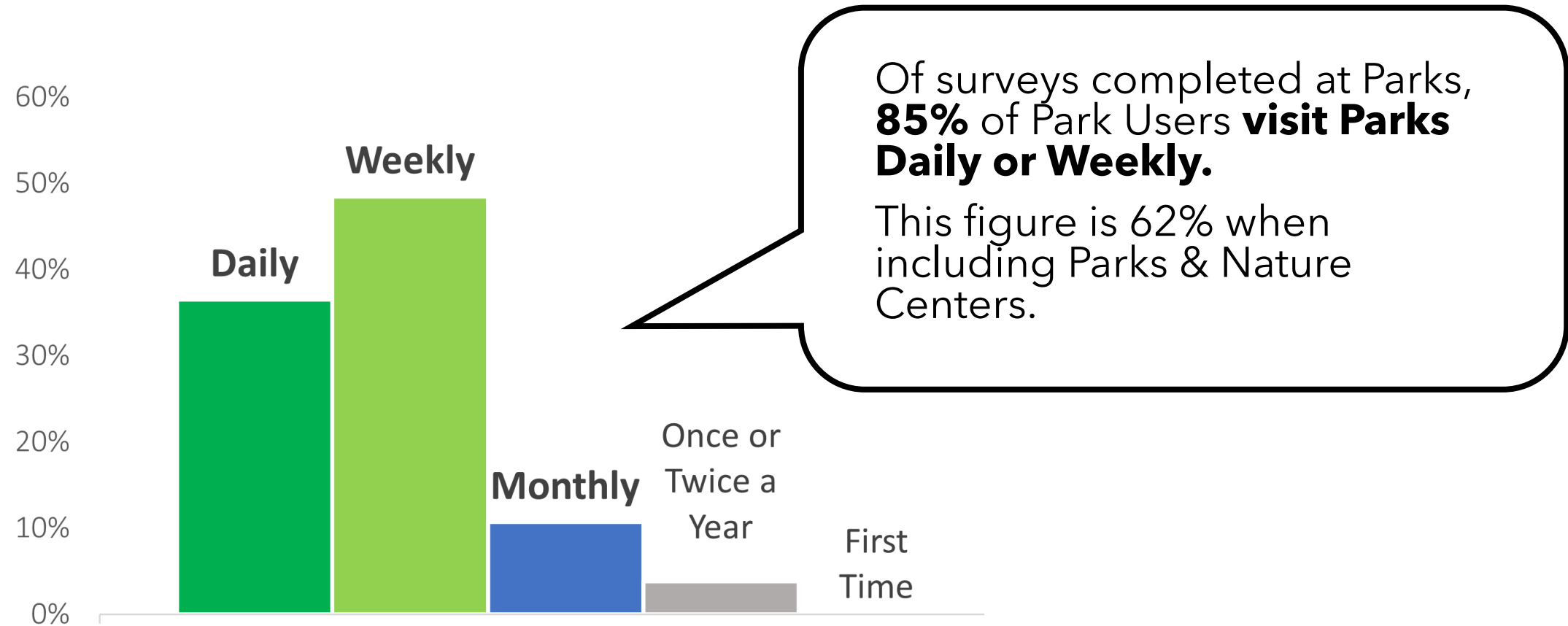


What We Learned: Survey Results

2023 Annual Park Community Meeting Survey

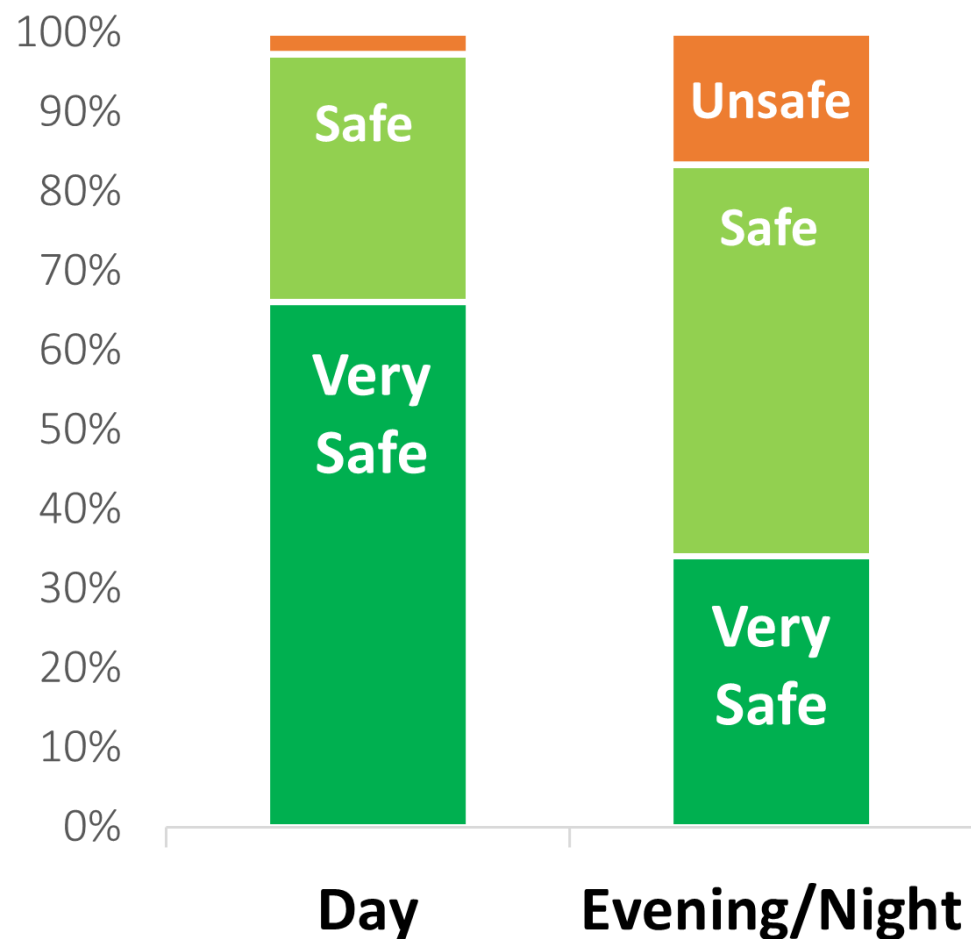
Park Use

How often do you visit your Park?



Park Safety

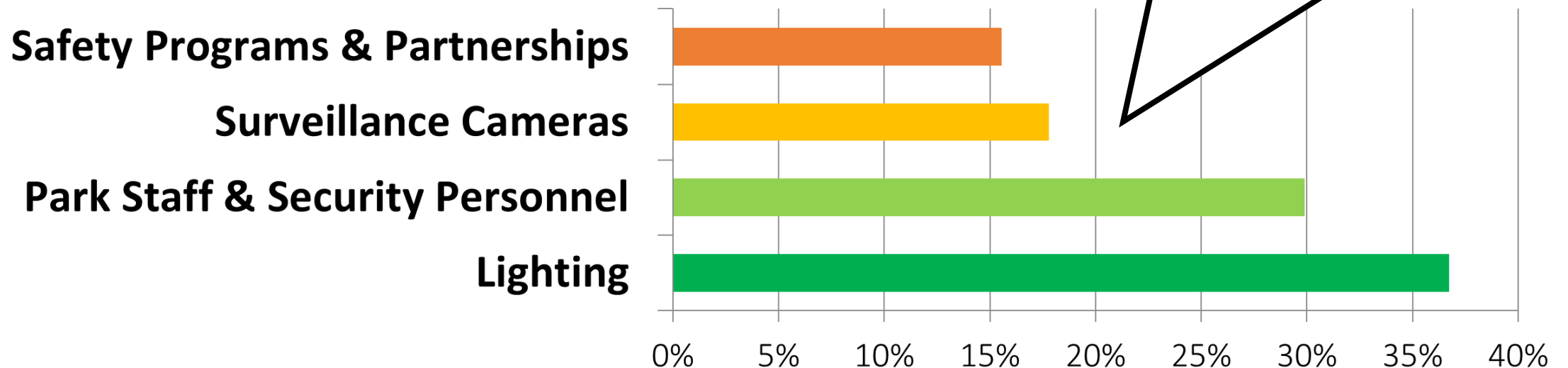
Do you feel safe at your Park?



- **98%** of survey respondents **feel safe during the day** & **83%** feel safe in the **evening or at night**.
- **17%** do not feel safe in the **evening or at night**.

Park Safety

Respondents reported that **Lighting** & **Parks Staff & Security Personnel** are successful Park **safety measures**.



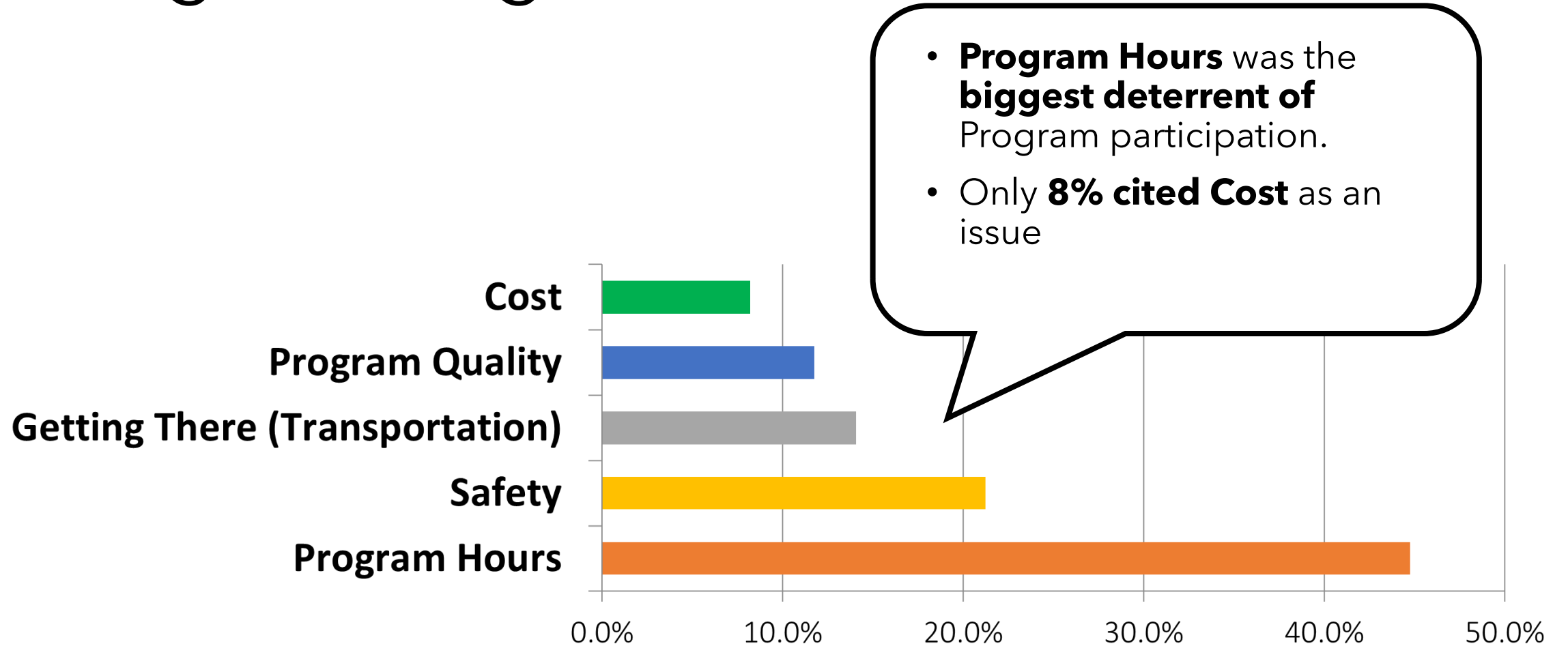
Which security measures are working well?

Park Safety

Physical improvements, including **lighting** and **surveillance cameras**, are important for making parks safe.

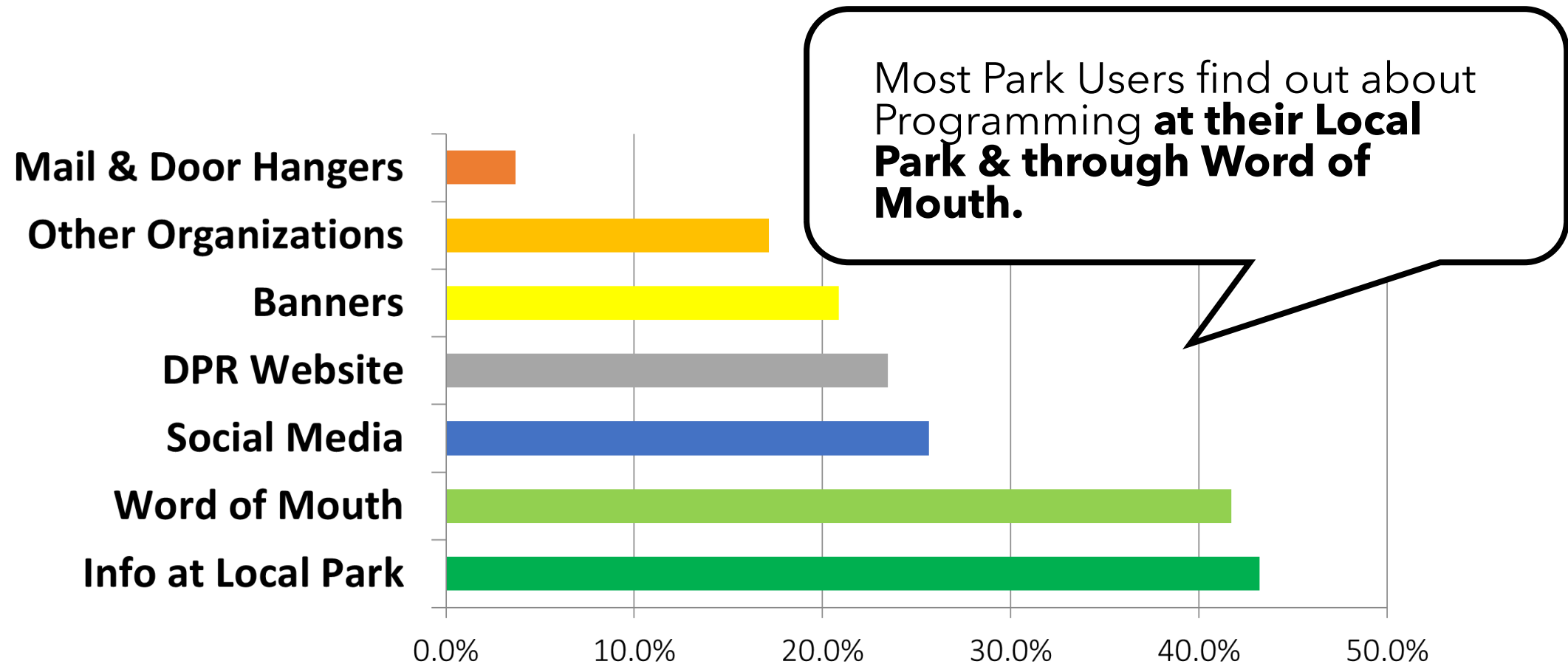
To maintain and enhance park safety, additional investments are also needed in **staffing** and **programming**.

Programming



What prevents you from participating in Programs

Programming



How do you learn about Park Programs?

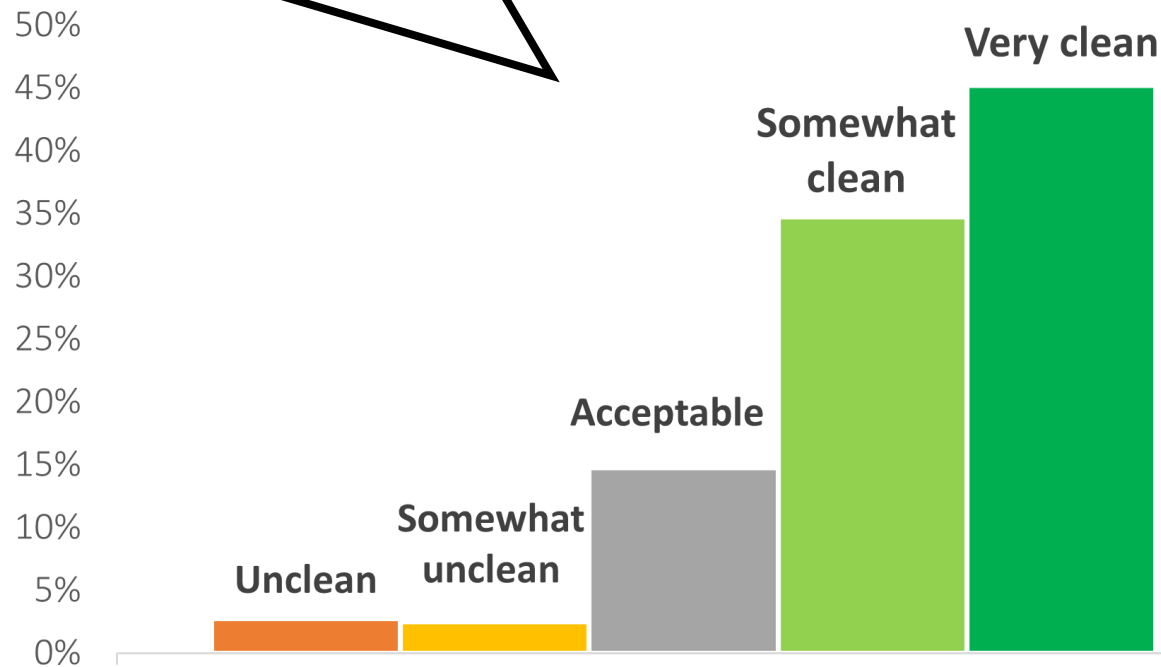
Programming

DPR has made programming **more affordable**, but more can be done to increase participation, such as **expanding program hours and improving park safety**.

Most find out about park programs through **information at local parks, word of mouth, and through social media**.

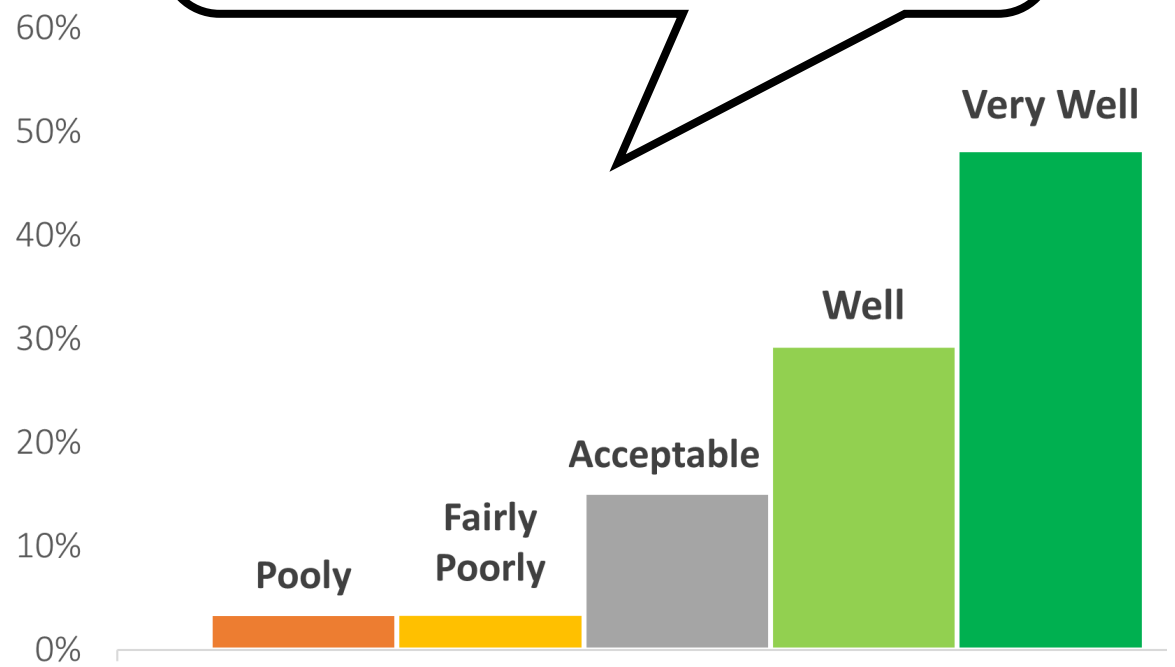
Maintenance

80% of survey respondents said **Park Facilities** are **Clean** or **Very Clean**.



How Clean are Park Facilities?

77% said Park **Grounds & Landscaping** are **Well** or **Very Well** maintained.



How well-maintained are Park Grounds & Landscaping?

Questions?

LA County Parks New Safety Ordinance



What are we addressing?

- Increased incidents impacting park safety
 - 288 safety incidents reported at Parks in FY 22-23
- Higher turnover of experienced staff due to park safety
- Safety incidents impacting employee morale
- In Community Meetings, Park safety is top priority
- SEIU 721 has employee safety as one of their key issues

Incidents reported by park staff

- *"I was spit on and was told that they had COVID and they also made a racial slur to me."* (East Agency)
- *"I was struck on the head by a large hard object for closing restroom and unplugging extension cord."* (South Agency)
- *"I was leaving work when (a man who frequents the senior center) attempted to grope me."* (East Agency)
- *"Park patrons were asked to move their vehicle from an illegal parking spot near a trail when they began yelling and making death threats."* (North Agency)
- *"I was walking the grounds when (a park patron with multiple incidents) yelled and charged at me with something in their hands."* (East Agency)
- *"An intoxicated man attempted to force themselves into the OurSpot Teen Center and began harassing and insulting us when we asked him to leave."* (South Agency)
- *Park Patron harassed staff on their personal phone by sending texts and inappropriate photos.* (South Agency)

Proposed Safety Ordinance is modelled after Best Practices

- Extensive Research from multiple jurisdictions, including
 1. City of Portland
 2. City of Glendale
 3. City of Roseville (CA)
 4. City of Montclair (CA)
- Working Group made up of County Counsel, DPR Staff and Parks Sheriffs Bureau
- Engaged the Park Equity Alliance
- Presented to SEIU 721
- Presented to DPR Employees

Safety Ordinance

- Safety Ordinance will provide additional tools to support a safer environment for all park users and staff while providing a structured and fair approach to dealing with park violations that impact safety at parks.
- Currently, many employee safety incidents do not reach the level of crime and/or assaults (*i.e. spitting and/or throwing objects at staff, threatening and harassing staff, and vandalism*).
- If a crime and/or assault is committed, Park Sheriff may arrest an individual. However, they may return to the park that same day or next day and continue (increase) the behavior towards staff.
- Grants authority to the Director and/or designees to exclude a person from the park for a set period.

Safety Ordinance

- Warning is required before issuing a removal or exclusion order unless the behavior or conduct involves certain type of conduct, such as dangerous or threatening behavior
- Exclusion may cover one park or multiple locations

Exclusion Period for Non-Serious Offenses	
Prior Offense	Exclusion Period
First	30 days
Second	90 days
Third +	180 days

Exclusion Period for Serious Offenses*	
Prior Offense	Longer Exclusion Period
First	60 days
Second	120 days
Third +	270 days
* Felonies; property damage of \$1,000 or more; dangerous or threatening behavior.	

Appeals Process

- The Safety Ordinance will establish an Appeals Process to ensure due process so that the individual that is being excluded from the park will have the right to a fair hearing to present their case
- Director to appoint hearing impartial hearing officers from within the Department
- Hearing officer to hold informal hearing and issue written decision issued within ten (10) business days from the issuance of the citation



Questions?



Lighting Assessment Study



Park Lighting Assessments

Overview

- During community outreach in 2021 through 2023 for the Strategic Plan, park lighting as a park safety strategy was a recurring theme with community
- SD2 received constituent concerns on the lack of lighting at night to support park safety and recreation activities
- In 2022, DPR allocated one-time salary savings to hire a consultant team that specializes in outdoor lighting assessments using drone imagery to evaluate existing lighting to support safety and programming
- This study is the first of its kind for the Department
- Investment: **\$650,000** for reports on **61 parks** selected for planned evening/night programs

Park Lighting Assessments

Report Overview

- **61 Reports Include:**



1. Drone Imagery



2. Ground-truthing w/ Nighttime Photos



3. Inventory Matrix of Existing Lighting



4. Lighting Recommendations



5. Preliminary ROM Cost Estimates

- **Improvement Cost Summary:**

1. Total Acreage Assessed: **1,388 acres**

2. ROM Cost Range:

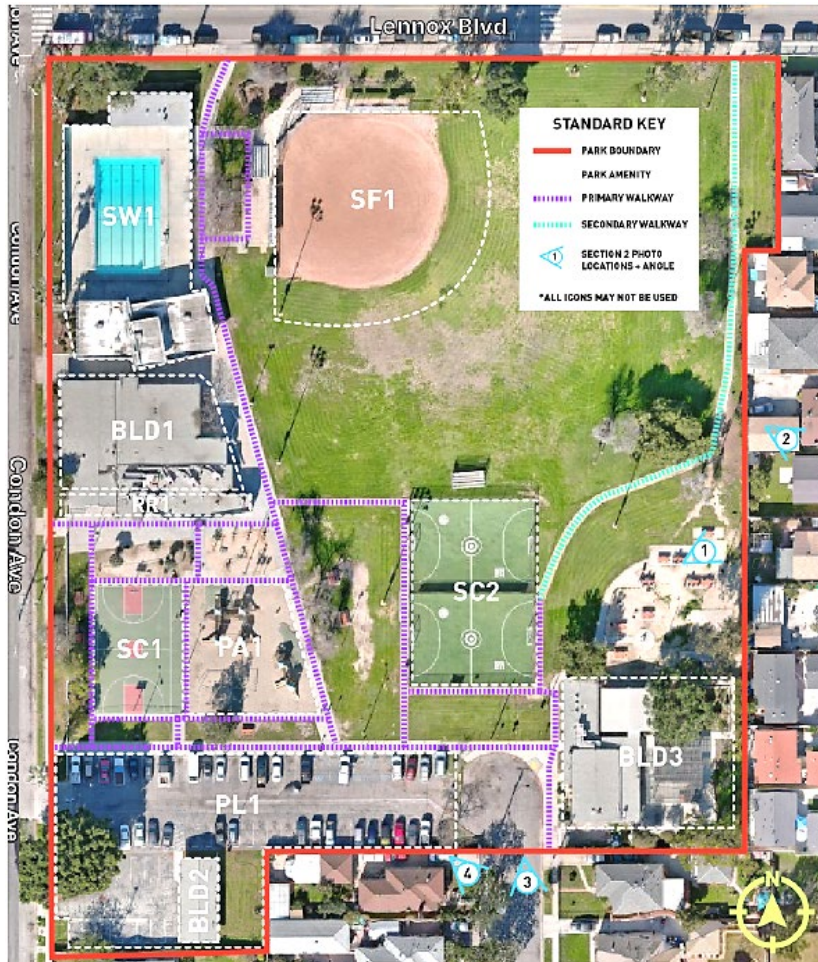
1. Low: \$52,800 (George Lane)

2. High: \$6,391,200 (Veterans Park)

3. Average: \$652,800/park

Park Lighting Assessments

Aerial Drone Photography



Lennox Park

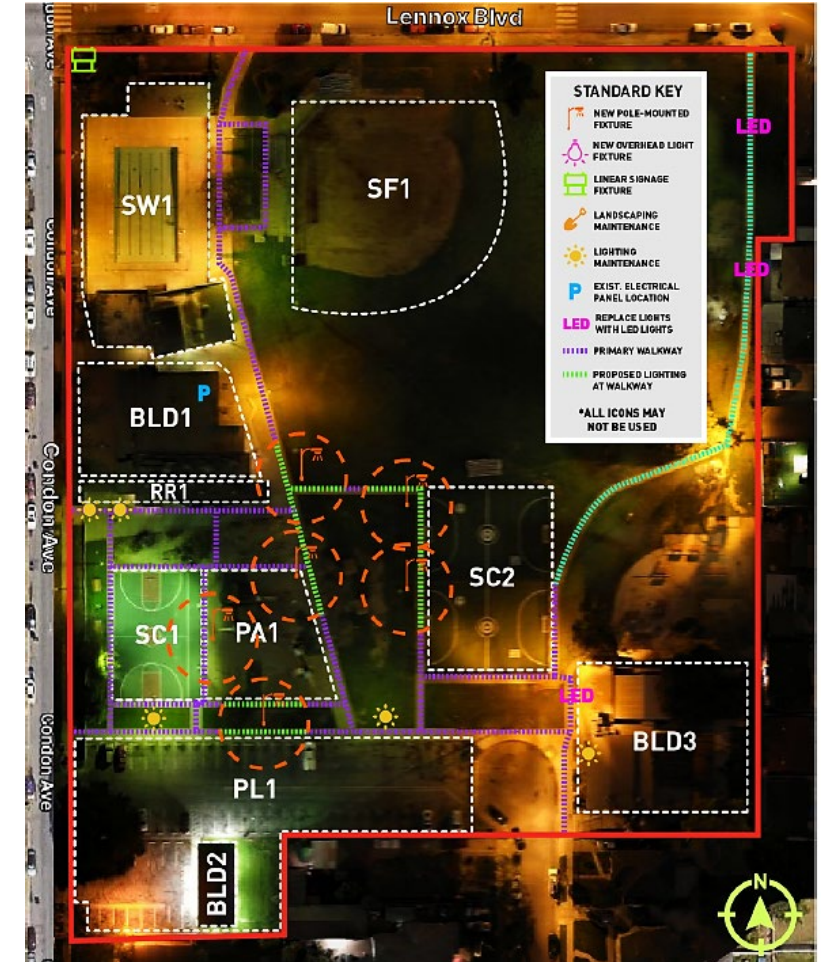
* Day versus Night *

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to determine park amenities, walkways, parking and other key elements

Nighttime Aerials >

to determine light patterns & dark areas with recommendations for new lighting

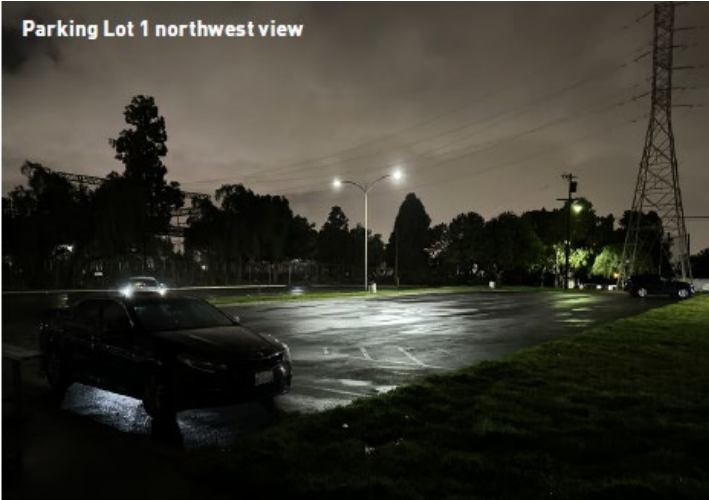


Lennox Park

Park Lighting Assessments

Ground-truthing: Nighttime Site Walks

* Safety Focus Areas *



Parking Lot 1 northwest view

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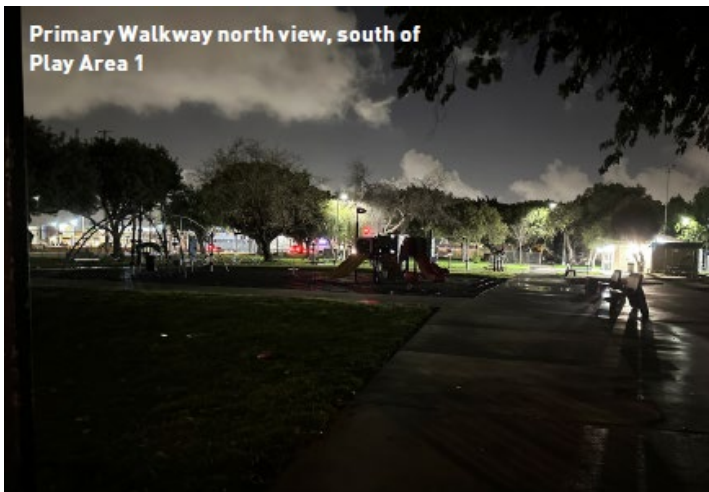
Needs additional lighting

Restroom >

Sufficient lighting



Restroom 2 entrances



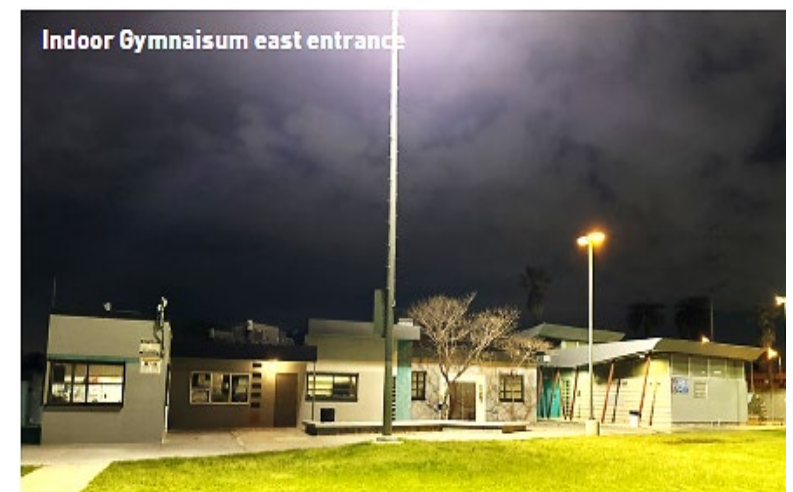
Primary Walkway north view, south of
Play Area 1

< Primary Walkway

Needs additional lighting

Building Entrance >

Sufficient lighting



Indoor Gymnasium east entrance

Park Lighting Assessments

Ground-truthing: Nighttime Site Walks

Parking Lot 2 east view



* Safety Focus Areas *

< Parking Lot

Needs additional lighting

Restroom >

Sufficient lighting

Restroom 4 Women's entrance



Primary Walkway east view from
Parking Lot 2



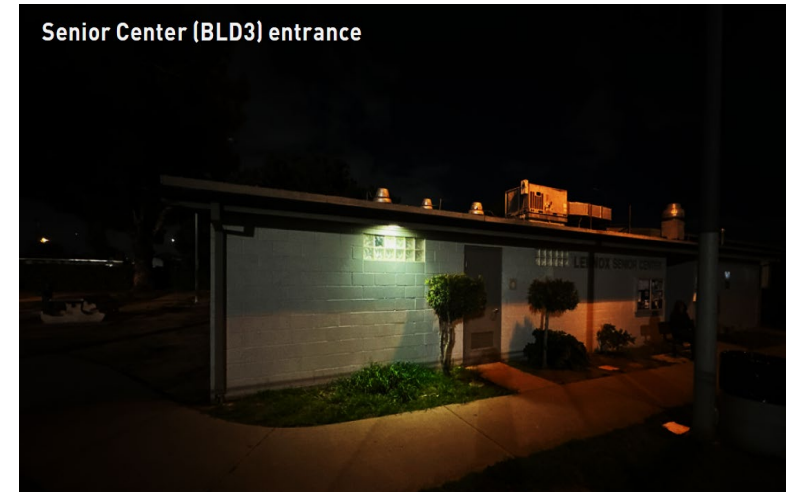
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Sufficient lighting

Building Entrance >

Needs additional lighting

Senior Center (BLD3) entrance



Park Lighting Assessments

Park Prioritization, Funding & Budget Allocation



1. **Park Prioritization: Framework**

Select parks based on Office of Violence Prevention Violence Score
Security Incident Data + Staff Input



2. **Park Prioritization: Recommendations**

Next Park Deputies Meeting: Present Recommendations



3. **Discuss Funding Opportunities**

Board Discretionary Dollars (UUT, ARPA, CDBG), Infrastructure Grants,
CEO Capital Programs, DPR Salary Savings



4. **Establish Lighting Projects & Budgets**

Lifeguard Recruitment

Joe Goss, Regional Recreation Director



Recruitment & Hiring- Pools

Column1	Swim Tests	Schools Visited	Community Events	LRT Candi- dates	Moved to HR processing
North	28	81	28	34	17
East	40	66	31	4	29
South	30	159	24	28	18
Central	55	60	13	16	47
Total	153	376	96	82	111



Recruitment & Hiring - Lakes



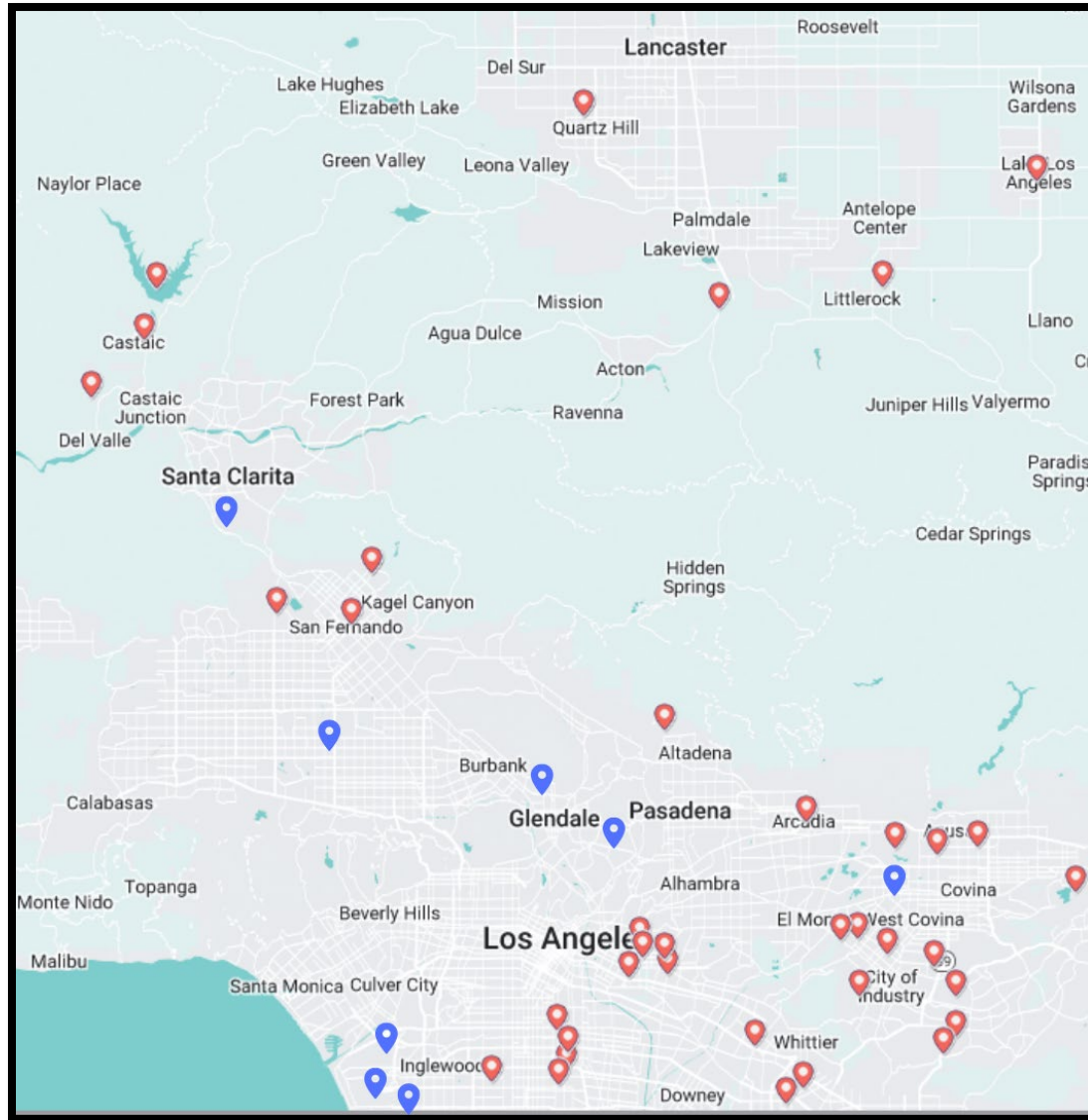
	Swim Tests Conducted	Schools Visited	Community Events Attended	Moved to HR processing
Lakes	137	49	43	4





Hiring Status

- Hiring Goal: 500 pool Lifeguards
- Currently have 320 lifeguard positions filled
- Lifeguard positions needed to fill: 180
- Candidates in hiring process: 111



Medical Clinics

- **El Segundo** - Westchester Medical Group
- **Glendale** - Glendale Adventist Occupational Medicine Center
- **Irwindale** - Concentra (Acquired by Concentra in September 2021. Services due to contract amendment in May 2022.)
- **Burbank** - Concentra (Added via Emergency Contracting in May 2023)
- **Van Nuys** - Concentra (Added via Emergency Contracting in May 2023)
- **Torrance** - Concentra (Added via Emergency Contracting in May 2023)
- **Long Beach** - Concentra (Added via Emergency Contracting in May 2023)
- **Santa Clarita/Saugus** - Concentra (Added via Emergency Contracting in May 2023)



Department Winter Program Report

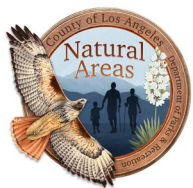


Agenda Item 14

Nature Centers

Kevin Regan, Deputy Director Regional Facilities
Agency





Winter

Pre-school Storytime

Every Friday, 11am at Stoneview Nature Center
Launched in November, it quickly became one of a hit, averaging over 20 people (kids and adults)

For the Love of Nature Special Event

Saturday, Feb 10, 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM at San Dimas Canyon Nature Center
Family-friendly event features animal exhibits, composting presentations, 20+ community booths, and nature crafts

Holiday Pet Paw-ty

Saturday, Dec 9, 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Deane Dana Friendship Park
Featured pet-friendly booths, crafts, photo booth, and ugly sweater pet competition

C.A.R.E Program (Caring About Restoring Earth)

Wednesday, Nov 15, 3:30pm-4:30pm at San Dimas Canyon Nature Center
Focused on some of the negative human impacts made on the environment, and how we can make small changes to help decrease our negative human footprint.

Agents of Discovery - SoCal Explorer Campaign

From Oct 13 to Dec 18, each nature center hosted an Agents of Discovery mission during the regional SoCal Explorer Campaign.
Eaton Canyon Nature Center had the 2nd most popular mission. Whittier Narrows had the 3rd most popular mission. There were 76 missions in SoCal.

A Day in Nature

Saturday, Feb 24, 10:00 AM to 2:00 PM at Stoneview Nature Center
Will feature animal presentations, community booths, nature crafts, and will close with a drum circle

Tamale Workshop

Tuesday, Dec 16, 10am to 12pm, \$25 per person
Participants learned how to make tamales (chicken, pork, vegan), fourth time hosting this workshop, sells out every year

Nature Center Discovery

Every Saturday, 10:00am & 12:00pm at every nature center
Fun presentations consist of learning about local plants and animals, seasonal sightings, and local history.

Trail Revival Day

Wednesday, January 13 at Eaton Canyon Nature Center
Staff, docents and 26 volunteers worked to widen the "Meadow Trail" that had been overgrown.



Pre-School StoryTime



For The Love of Nature Special Event



Holiday Pet Paw-ty



C.A.R.E Program



Agents of Discovery



A Day In Nature Special Event



Tamale Workshop



Nature Center Discovery



Trail Revival Day

Coming Soon



Earth Day Celebration



Telescope Programs



Raptor Rescue Rehab



Super Special Art Show



Docent Training



Twilight Hikes



Bark Ranger "Pet Leash Law"



Invasive Plants Removal



Desert Discovery

Earth Day Celebrations

Hosted at Stoneview Nature Center, Eaton Canyon Nature Center & San Dimas Canyon Nature Center. Celebrate Earth Day at these family-friendly events as we make recycled crafts, host park clean ups, and more.

Telescope Program

Visit Devil's Punchbowl for a night under the stars. Participants will look out of telescopes into the sky, while local astronomers give presentations describing constellations, planets, nebulae and galaxies.

Raptor Rescue Rehab

In spring, San Dimas Canyon Nature Center park staff and docents will rehabilitate and release sick, injured or orphaned native California raptors back to the wild. Strive to educate about minimizing man's negative impact on wildlife, and the importance of conservation of our natural resources.

Super Special Art Show

Saturday, March 26, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM at Deane Dana Friendship Park. Featuring sensory activities, resource fair, special need vendors, art competition, photos with superheroes, and live presentations by special need performers.

Docent Training

Docent Training is held at these nature centers: Eaton Canyon, Placerita, Vasquez Rocks and San Dimas Canyon. Docent Training is an important part of our, as docents contribute knowledge and nature skills to introduce the community to the natural world.

Twilight Hikes

Explore Vasquez Rocks during the magical twilight and early evening full moon hours! These fun, collaborative, interpretive hikes are led by trained staff and volunteers and will highlight the park's amazing natural and human histories.

Bark Rangers

In spring, Stoneview Nature Center will launch "Bark Rangers" an outreach campaign focused on the "pet leash law". Dogs will become "Bark Rangers" if their owner takes on oath to keep their dog on leash while at Stoneview and other parks. Tabling events will also take place.

Invasive Plants Removal

Hosted at Stoneview Nature Center, Eaton Canyon Nature Center & San Dimas Canyon Nature Center. Staff and volunteers work together to remove invasive plants from hiking trails.

Desert Discovery

Explore Los Angeles County's 16 Wildlife & Wildflower Sanctuaries. Each month join a park naturalist to learn about their ecological importance.

Sports

Carl Cooper, Deputy Director South County
Community Services Agency





Cheer Program

- 550 Participants enrolled
 - Each Agency participated in an agency competition before the Cheer Off
 - Cheer Challenge and Sharp Competition
- Countywide Cheer Off Competition
 - January 20th at The EXPO Center in City of Industry, over 1,500 participants and families in attendance.



2024 Winter Sports Programming

- JR Clipper Basketball
 - 2980 Participants Departmentwide
- 3 Jr Clipper Clinics
 - North Agency - Castaic
 - South Agency - Bethune
 - East Agency - City Terrace
- 3 Jr Clipper GIRLS Clinics "GROW HER GAME"
 - North Agency - George Lane/Feb 16th
 - South Agency - Adventure Park /March 8th
 - East Agency - Bassett Park/Feb. 17th



Spring Sports



- Dodger Dreamteam
 - Offering Baseball and Softball ages 5-18
 - Dodgers provide uniforms, equipment, funding, educational classes, coaches clinics, and more
- Youth Baseball and Girls Softball
 - Offered to all other non-Dodger Dreamteam sites
 - Ages 5-15



Recreation and Special Events

Mercy Santoro, Deputy Director East County
Community Services Agency



Children's Programs: Every Body Plays After School

- Operate at 59 Parks, 2:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. offering a variety of afterschool program activities providing a safe space for kids to allow them to learn new skills, meet new friends, and join provided structured programs.
- This winter, Every Body Plays all 59 afterschool sites will be providing GameFest activities with games and tournaments for a night of friendly competition.
- Throughout February the sites will be holding Black History Month celebration activities for the Afterschool program. That include arts & crafts, movie nights with experiences that include food and giveaways.



LOS ANGELES COUNTY
Parks & Recreation
Life. Enjoyed.

Pamela Park
2236 Goodall Ave, Duarte CA 91010 | 626-357-1619

EVERY BODY PLAYS MOVIE NIGHTS

FRIDAYS, STARTING AT 4:30PM
IN THE
COMMUNITY ROOM

Free water & popcorn!

1/12/24 1/19/24 1/26/24

NICKELODEON
THE
SpongeBob
squarepants
MOVIE

THE SECRET
LIFE OF
PETS 2

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION



TINY TOTS

TINY TOTS IS A RECREATIONAL BASED PROGRAM THAT AIMS TO FOSTER POSITIVE CHILD DEVELOPMENT THROUGH PLAY AND SOCIALIZATION. OUR PROGRAM OFFERS A SAFE AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT FOR CHILDREN TO LEARN AND THRIVE. WE OFFER A VARIETY OF ORGANIZED AND INFORMAL RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES, SUCH AS MUSIC AND MOVEMENT, PROVIDING CHILDREN WITH OPPORTUNITIES TO GAIN KNOWLEDGE AND LIFE EXPERIENCES.



9AM - 12PM MORNINGS OR AFTERNOONS 1PM - 4PM

MONDAY - THURSDAY

\$45

PER WEEK

REGISTRATION
REQUIRED

AGES: 3-5

STARTING

SEP 5

MUST BE FULLY POTTY TRAINED

Tiny Tots

- Tiny Tots: Designed for 3-5-year-olds, fosters positive child development by combining interactive play and song to teach numbers and the alphabet, complemented by specialized activities and Cultural Events. The program emphasizes socialization and a holistic learning experience for young participants.
 - To ensure a safe environment for children's learning and development, with ongoing staff training to enhance teaching effectiveness and promote enjoyable learning experiences. This winter, the program will feature festive activities, parties, arts & crafts, and special guest appearances enriching the holiday season for young participants.
 - Tiny Tot Sites: Loma Alta Park - San Angelo Park - Mayberry Park - Manzanita Park
- Full cost recovery program provided at San Angelo, Mayberry and Manzanita
- Community Development Block Grant provided at Loma Alta

Parks After Dark Spring DJ Academy

The Art of Spinning DJ Academy returns in March 2024!

- This is work-based learning program for Probation deferred youth ages 18-24 years.
- Youth will receive up to 160 hours of paid internship and will gain hands-on DJ experience at select Parks After Dark sites.
- Youth will learn the foundations of becoming a DJ, and other industry related subjects by trained professionals, and will gain experience on the How To's of starting their own business.
- This program is funded by the Probation Department and part of our Youth@Work initiative and all participants will apply with the designated AJCC.



**PARKS AFTER DARK**
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF PARKS & RECREATION

SPRING PAD DJ ACADEMY

COMING TO A PARK NEAR YOU!

<u>DAYS</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>DATES</u>
4 DAYS A WEEK	4:00 PM - 8:30 PM	MARCH - APRIL

The PAD DJ program, “The Art of Spinning” is a work-based learning program that will offer up to 90 youth the chance to work 180 hours and complete a course on comprehensive DJ training. Youth participating in the DJ program will earn \$16.90 per hour!

<https://yaw.opportunity.lacounty.gov/yaw-participant>
OR
<https://tinyurl.com/YouthLACounty>

**department of economic opportunity**
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

CONTRACT CLASSES

2023- 2024 Contract Class Highlights

- Estimated Instructor pay: \$412,257
- Total number of Contract Classes offered: 3,5691
- Park Patron enrollment: 17,232
- Total number of Instructors: 477

Top Classes in 2023

- Table Tennis, International Folk Dance & Line Dancing, Badminton, Soulful Steps, Karate, Zumba, Alta Jam, and Youth Hip Hop



Parks After Dark (PAD) 2.0 Year-Round Engagement Team

- PAD vans will generate awareness for the Parks After Dark program throughout the year and gain input on most needed programs and services.
- Our newly formed Street Team will attend targeted community events across the count to connect with communities, engage visitors at park events, schools, neighborhoods adjacent to parks, and more.
- PAD vans are equipped with sound systems, large screen displays, recreation games, and supplies



Street Team launches Spring 2024





Senior & Older Adults

LA County Senior & Older Adults is a great place for adults ages 55+ years to stay fit, be active, and meet new people.

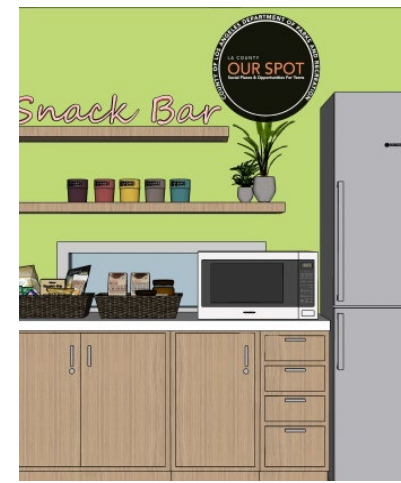
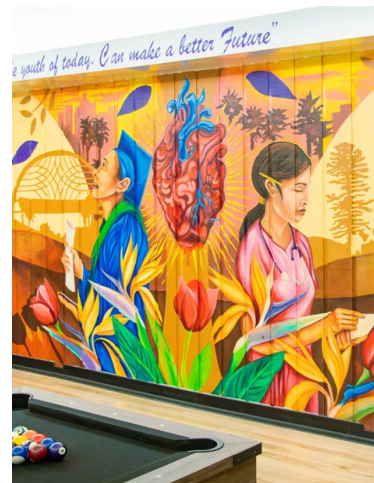
The Department of Parks & Recreation has a total of:

- **4** Senior Centers
- **8** Senior Programs
- **13** Senior Activities

Activities promote physical and mental well-being, socialization, nutrition, life-long learning, and volunteer opportunities.

As we reflect on our accomplishments, there are many that we are proud of and have had a positive impact in support of our Seniors & Older Adults. We developed an intergenerational program that is helping to bridge the gap between generations of people. Several of our Senior Centers and Senior Program sites had a senior field trip with the OurSPOT Teens.





LA County Our SPOT Teen Centers are after-school teen programs operating Monday through Friday, from after-school to 7:00 PM. We have 13- Our SPOT Teen Centers across Los Angeles County.

Our SPOT Teen Center Highlights and Upcoming Projects, Events, and Programs

- Our SPOT Teen Center staff recently worked with Dr. Nooshin Valizadeh during the annual Our SPOT Winter Staff Development on Friday Jan. 19th at Loma Alta Park. Staff continue to gain the necessary leadership skills in PYD to successfully facilitate after-school programs.
- Thanks to our awesome Construction/Crafts Divisions, snack bar projects have started! Teen Centers will be equipped with new snack bars at all 13 Teen Centers to help address food insecurity faced by many LA County teens.
- Our SPOT MLK Volleyball Tournament takes place at Loma Alta Park on January 27, 2024.
- Our SPOT Teen Centers launch Black History Month celebrations in February.
- In collaboration with Music Changing Lives, Our SPOT Teen Centers the “State of Youth” projects launch in January and will culminate in a conference in July 2024.
- Our SPOT Teen Centers continue to engage in valuable experiences, field trips, and programming:
 - In collaboration with Virginia Robinson Gardens, Our SPOT youth continue to have the opportunity to explore this historical and cultural landmark. So far over 75 youth have visited the gardens. The North Agency Teen Centers are next to visit
 - Our SPOT youth participated in the inaugural Mental Health Youth Summit in Lancaster. This is the first of several summits hosted by the Office of Violence Prevention

LA County Safe Passages

DPR Safe Passages Initiative Continues Strong!

DPR Safe Passages will be hosting its first DPR Safe Passages Conference in 2024. The Safe Passages conference will be a gathering of change makers in our communities to explore effective strategies that lead to community safety, wellness, growth, and independency.

The day will be filled with:

- Special Guest Speakers
- Engaging workshops on ACE's, Workforce development for systems-involved youth, TIC, etc.
- Food, music, and opportunities to network

We've continued to build on existing intervention efforts at several Los Angeles County parks. These efforts have led to the expansion of DPR's Safe Passages program.

DPR Safe Passages Locations

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|--------------|---------------|----------------|
| • Belvedere | • Mona | • Lennox |
| • Salazar | • Roosevelt | • Helen Keller |
| • San Angelo | • Jesse Owens | • Bethune |



DPR PROGRAM EXPANSION

OUR SPOT TEEN CENTERS & SAFE PASSAGES

DPR Our SPOT Teen Centers and *Safe Passages* will be expanding in July 2024!

We have persistently enhanced our prevention and intervention initiatives within the department, resulting in the growth of DPR's Safe Passages and Our SPOT programs. Thanks to the support from the Probation Department, our recent funding proposals have received approval, and the expansion of our programs are set to launch on July 1, 2024.

Program expansions include:

- Three new Our SPOT Teen Centers @ EMJ, Jackie Robinson, and Obregon
- Passenger vans for Our SPOT Teen Centers
- One Additional Manager for Our SPOT and Safe Passages programs
- Three new Safe Passages locations @ Jackie Robinson, EMJ, and Obregon
- Continued Parks After Dark support



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
PROBATION
Building safer communities through positive change.



OUR SPOT



SAFE PASSAGES



Events and Programs March - May, 2024

March

- 23 - Volunteer Recognition Banquets
- 19-30 - Spring Jubilee Events
- 21-30 - Spring PAD

April

- 4-12 - Spring PAD
- 6 - Fishing Derby @ Apollo Park.

May

- 2-11 - Park at Sunset
- 4 - Fishing Derby @ Castaic Lake
- 11 - Fishing Derby @ Alondra Park
- 16-31 - Asian American Pacific Islander program
- 18 - Fishing Derby @ Frank G. Bonelli Park
- 18 - Teen Summit
- 25 - Fishing Derby @ Santa Fe Dam



COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF
Parks &
Recreation

BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Every February, we as a nation celebrate the contributions of African Americans to this nation, as well as honoring and acknowledging the key figures and movements, their triumphs, as well as the current, continued struggles of the Black community within our nation.

Join LA County Parks this month for a series of educational experiences, performances, arts & crafts, food tastings, and other enriching activities.

FEBURARY 8 - 24, 2024

**DATE AND TIMES VARY AT EACH LOCATION
CALL YOUR LOCAL COUNTY PARK FOR MORE INFORMATION**

[PARKS.LACOUNTY.GOV/BHM](https://parks.lacounty.gov/bhm)

Black History Month

This February 2024, 59 County Parks will be celebrating Black History Month from February 8 – 24, 2024

These cultural experiences include community activities, food tastings, crafts, performances, speakers, and educational workshops

Join us as we honor and acknowledge the triumphs, and continued struggles of the Black community in our nation.





Regional Park and Open Space District

Marybeth Vergara
Technical Assistance & Program
Grants



Agenda Item 15

Technical Assistance & Programs Section



Los Angeles County
Regional Park and Open Space District

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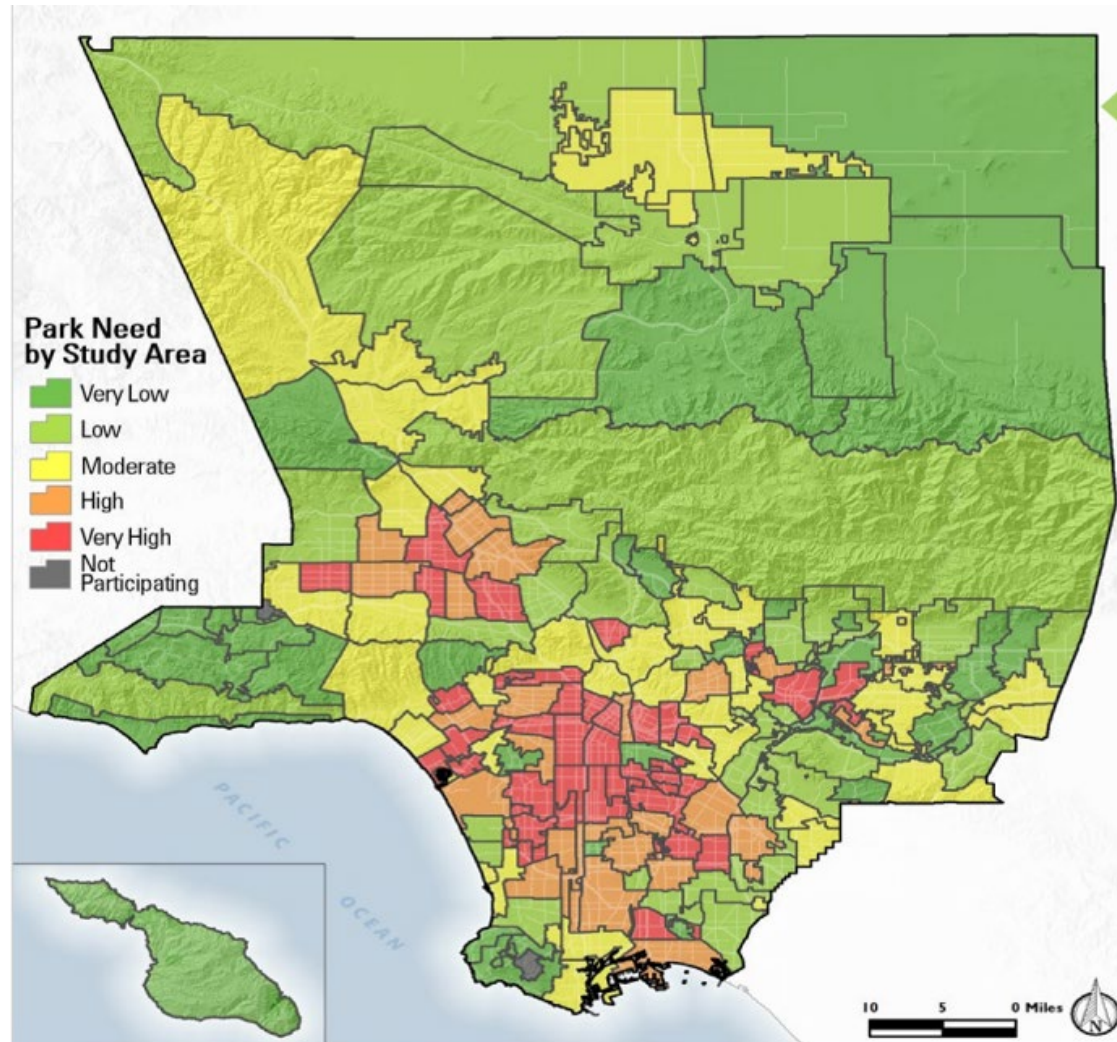


2016 Park Needs Assessment



The **goal** of the Technical Assistance & Programs Section:

- Achieve open space equity through new park creation, improved access, or increased park acreage
- Fund programs focused on recreation access & create opportunities for a pipeline for careers in the parks field
- Establish partnerships with other funding entities



● High

● Very High Need

Technical Assistance Program (TAP):

Notices To Proceed



<u>TAP ENTITY</u>	<u>TAP PROJECT</u>	<u>DESCRIPTION</u>	<u>SD</u>
1. LA County DPR	Mini pocket park on Folsom St	Environmental studies, community outreach & engagement, design, project management	1
2. La Puente	Veteran's Memorial Park at City Hall	Surveys, design, project, and construction management	1
3. Carson	Park expansion at Carriage Crest Park	Project and construction management	2
4. LA County DPR	Linear park on 92nd St	Community outreach & engagement	2
5. LA County DPR	Walking Path Phase III at Compton Creek	Schematic designs, construction documents, cost estimation, community outreach & engagement, topographic survey, project planning and project management	2
6. San Fernando	Land inventory	Locate vacant and underutilized land and community outreach & engagement	3
7. Bell	Vacant lot on Gage Ave	Phase I soil testing	4
8. Cudahy	Land inventory	Locate vacant and underutilized land, community outreach & engagement, and design	4
9. Maywood	Passive/Linear park on railroad easement on Randolph St	Lease negotiation, soil report, community outreach & engagement, design, project & construction management	4
10. Glendale	Dog park	Community outreach & engagement and design	5

Bell - Very High Need - \$18,500



Soil Testing:
Phase I
&
Phase II



Technical Assistance Program (TAP)



TAP Eligible Projects in the pipeline:



Artesia	H	Botanical Gardens
Baldwin Park	VH	Mini Pocket Park
Bellflower	VH	Land Inventory
Gardena	H	Land Inventory
La Puente	H	Dog Park
Lawndale	VH	Skate Park
Lynwood	HN	Empty Lot into Park
Paramount	VH	Considering 3 TAP Projects
Torrance	H	SCE Utility Corridor

High Need
\$185,000

Very High Need
\$285,000



Competitive Grant Programs



Recreation Access: \$6.8 million in Measure A grant funding for education, interpretive services, and transportation programs that will enhance access to public lands and park facilities throughout Los Angeles County.

Participants: **65,065**



Youth and Veteran Job Training & Placement: \$6.1 million in Measure A grant funding for education training and job placement programs that will result in jobs for Los Angeles County youth and veterans.

Participants: **607**

Total Awarded
\$12,987,222

Competitive Grant Programs



RECREATION ACCESS

1. E-as-y Access; Connecting People, Parks and Places in the SGV
2. Increasing Zoo Access for LAUSD Students
3. Montebello Rec N' Go Program
4. Paramount Pathfinders
5. W.A.T.E.R Program
6. ESTEAM Summer Camp Program
7. Recreation Access and Equity Program
8. All Aboard for Nature
9. Natural Connections

YOUTH & VETERAN JOB TRAINING

1. Recreation Leader Trainee Program
2. Work Connections: Job Training Program for Veterans & Youth
3. City Pathways for Youth Program
4. Field Ranger Program
5. Nature for All Environmental Careers Pathways Program
6. ReIGNITE Hope No One Jobless
7. Advancing in Agriculture, Recreation & Conservation



Dept. of Beaches & Harbors W.A.T.E.R Program



- Recreation Access Program
- Awarded \$888,892
- 8,445 Participants
- Ocean safety



Covered topics

- Beach safety
- Rip currents
- Sting rays
- Tidepools
- CPR & First Aid
- Rescue demonstrations
- Ocean-related career paths

Fun activities

- Kayaking
- Surfing/Boogie Boarding
- Stand Up Paddleboarding
- Sailing
- Beach games
- Coastal hikes
- Visits to natural coastal areas

Mondays–Fridays during the school year.

Free to K-12 public schools in LA County!

Free transportation!



Parents

SAILING CAMPS

Students learn sailing terms, boat rigging, knot tying, tacking, docking, and ocean sailing instruction during five-day courses offered during summer, spring, and winter school breaks.

- Beginning, intermediate, and advanced levels.
- Swim test required for new participants.

For individual youth ages 11 –17.

Financial Aid available for those who qualify!



Reignite Hope No One Jobless



- Youth and Veteran Training and Placement Opportunities Program
- Awarded \$1.2M
- 320 Estimated Participants
- Gardena HQ & Mobile Training
- Training, Mentoring
& Job Placement





Commissioner Communications



Agenda Item 16



2024 Commission Meeting Dates

- January 29, 2024
- April 1, 2024
- July 1, 2024
- October 7, 2024



Adjournment



Agenda Item 17