

LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF CITY PLANNING

OPEN SPACE



OurLA2040
Our City. Our Future. Our Plan.



Working Group Meeting #4

**Wednesday
June 7, 2017**



Introductions

- Name
- Organization



Agenda

1. Outreach Framework
2. Policy Framework
3. Open Space Goals and Policies
4. Next Steps for Public Engagement

OurLA2040 DRAFT Timeline



Outreach Framework



Community Partnerships



Community Events



Website



Social Media



Working Groups



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Working Group Open Space Draft Vision

Los Angeles will:

- Enable access to equitable and adequate Open Space resources as a basic right of all communities.
- Facilitate the development of transformational spaces to foster creativity and pride, promote health and safety, and inspire environmental stewardship.
- Provide everyone access to a cohesive Open Space network that serves the needs and celebrates the character of each community.
- Soften the city's hardscape through a robust Open Space network to promote resiliency in the face of a changing climate and assist in the conservation of valuable natural resources.
- Embrace a unique interconnection between its diverse ecosystems and built environment to protect its environment, biodiversity, and scenic beauty.

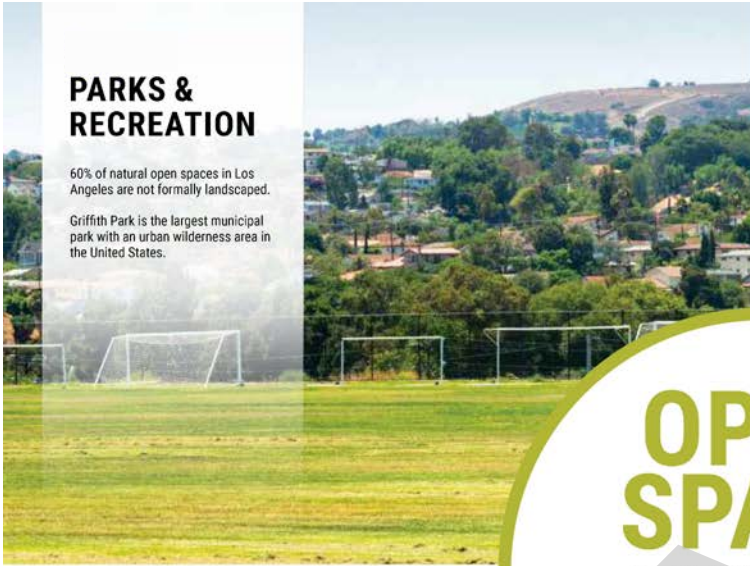
Cross Cutting Draft Themes

- Promote Citizen Education, Involvement, and Stewardship
- Capitalize on Opportunities to Repurpose Existing Land for Parks
- Create a Network of Interconnected Urban Open Spaces and Green Infrastructure
- Strategically Invest in Improving Equity and Access to Parks
- Identify Opportunities for Climate Smart Open Space Investments that Deliver Multiple Environmental Benefits

PARKS & RECREATION

60% of natural open spaces in Los Angeles are not formally landscaped.

Griffith Park is the largest municipal park with an urban wilderness area in the United States.



RIVERS & BEACHES

The Los Angeles River transverses 32 miles within city limits and flows an additional 19 miles before emptying into the Pacific Ocean in Long Beach.

20 miles of shoreline intermittently extends north from San Pedro to Venice Beach to the Pacific Palisades.



OPEN SPACE

Los Angeles' open spaces include the scenic treasures in the San Gabriel Mountain Range, our globally recognized beaches, an intricate network of rivers and trails, 36,000 acres of park and recreation spaces, and the pedestrian paths that connect us to these landmarks.



WILDLANDS

Wildlands serve as the primary habitat for local flora and fauna.

Our wildlands are home to hundreds of species of animals and plants and also serve as a temporary layover for many migratory animals.



CONNECTIONS

Over 7,500 miles of streets and 800 miles of alleyways exist within Los Angeles and present an opportunity for increased pedestrian connectivity.

Approximately 450 historic stairways can be found in the City.



WATERWAYS & BEACHES DRAFT Goal

Balanced Restoration of Our Waterways and Beaches

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WATERWAYS & BEACHES

DRAFT Themes: Access, Biodiversity, Ecological Restoration, Land Use, Public Health and Safety, Recreation, Water and Watershed Protection

- Improved connections to local waterways and beaches
- Identified, inventoried and protected by means of special designations
- Biodiversity by establishing physical connections to other open spaces, Significant Ecological Areas (SEAs) and Wildlands
- Easements be designed with public access features
- Public lands and right of ways along flood control channels and other waterways serve as recreational and pedestrian uses
- Preserve and expand areas prone to flooding, erosion and sea level rise as open space
- Opportunities for watershed health and local water supply
- Prioritize the removal of hardscape

DISCUSSION



PARKS & RECREATION DRAFT Goal

A Bountiful and Enriching Park System

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PARKS & RECREATION

DRAFT Themes: Evolving Definitions, Multiple Benefits, Community Engagement, Urban Revitalization, Equity/Access, Safety Resilience, Ecological Integrity, Maintenance and Operations

- Establish new park distribution metrics and standards
- Engage community organizations and members in the development and programming of recreational sites and facilities to ensure place-appropriate amenities
- Repurpose public and private lands through the creation of recreational sites and facilities
- Prioritize equitable distribution and access to recreational sites and facilities
- Encourage the development of innovative recreational open spaces
- Promote strategies to ensure public safety and community cohesion
- Embrace opportunities to promote environmental education and stewardship
- Design parks to improve ecological health and build resiliency
- Encourage partnerships with public and private entities

DISCUSSION



WILDLANDS DRAFT Goal

A Harmonized Urban-Wildland Interface

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WILDLANDS

DRAFT Themes: Encroaching Urbanization, Wildland Management, Land Use, Connectivity, Mobility, Design, Access, Scenic Vistas, and User Impacts

- Balanced relationship between the City's wildland areas and the built environment
- Inter agency coordination to support maintenance efforts
- Focus on enhancing wildlife corridors and linkage areas between wildlands
- Address the management of land uses within and adjacent to wildland areas
- Explore opportunities to connect wildlands through sensitive ecological areas
- Improve access to scenic vistas and trails
- Inter and intra agency coordination to facilitate public awareness

DISCUSSION



CONNECTIONS DRAFT Goal

**Comprehensive, Integrated,
Multi-Beneficial Network that
Supports Community and
Environmental Health**

CONNECTIONS

DRAFT Themes: Linkages, Creative Spaces, Ecological and Environmental Benefits, Access, Coordination, and Safety

- An integrated citywide open space network that maximizes existing open space resources and encourages creative and flexible options for connectivity
- Identify opportunities to connect and access places that provide multiple benefits to the community and environment
- Expand the definition of open space to include opportunities for creative and flexible open space uses
- Coordination among government agencies to provide open space connections responsive to the needs of the surrounding neighborhood
- Develop criteria and metrics for the identification, selection, or enhancement of new open space connections
- Strategically integrate open space connections with amenities and destinations
- Heal neighborhoods through effective connections that improve safety and mobility and reduce visual and physical impact
- Maximize opportunities to improve the environment and restore habitat

DISCUSSION



PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

- **What should be our next steps for engaging the public around the Open Space discussion?**
- **Suggested strategies for public engagement?**
- **How do you envision your organization's continued engagement in the General Plan Update process?**

THANK YOU!