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EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ PARK
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS and RECREATION

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COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
EAST RANCHO DOMINGUEZ
Community Parks and Recreation Plans

- Competitive grant award from the Strategic Growth Council (SGC) to DPR for $1,000,000 to prepare Six Community Parks and Recreation Plans

- Parks and recreation plans for six unincorporated communities:
  - East Los Angeles
  - East Rancho Dominguez
  - Lennox
  - Walnut Park
  - Willowbrook
  - West Athens - Westmont
Grant Objectives

- Create parks and green space
- Improve infrastructure
- Improve air and water quality
- Protect natural resources
- Promote water conservation and energy efficiency
- Help the economy
Outcomes

- Park Design Concept Plans
- Land and Funding Opportunities identified
- Joint Use Opportunities and Strategies
Outcomes

- Community Park and Recreation Plans developed through a comprehensive community input process
Outcomes

- Established Relationships with Community Members and Partner Agencies
Project Team

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- Kathy King, Chief of Planning
- Clement Lau, Project Manager/Facilities Planner

Consultant Team

- Sarah Sutton, Principal, The Planning Center | DC&E
- Alina Bokde, Executive Director, Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust
Outreach and Community Involvement

- The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust
Community Engagement Strategy

- Stakeholder Meetings
- Community Surveys
- Focus Groups
- Community Input Workshops
- Tabling
- Tours
- Community Outreach Fair
- Youth Engagement Activities
Key Themes from Outreach Efforts

- **PARK AMENITIES**
  - Exercise equipment
  - Garden Project
  - Soccer Field
  - Walking Paths

- **PROGRAMS**
  - Fitness/exercise Programs
  - Youth Programs
  - Senior Programs

- **SAFETY**
  - More sheriff patrol
  - Improve lighting and security

- **PARTICIPATION**
  - More opportunities to engage community input

- **MAINTENANCE**
  - Commitment to continued park maintenance and improvements
Additional Community Engagement
Safe Parks Healthy Communities Initiative

- Address safety issues in and around parks in:
  - East Los Angeles
  - East Rancho Dominguez
  - Willowbrook

- Additional community outreach via:
  - Community Meetings
  - Focus Groups
  - Volunteer Events

Made possible with funding from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention through the Los Angeles County Department of Public Health
Existing Parks and Schools
## East Rancho Dominguez Park

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**Pedestrian and Bicycle Collisions**
- High Concentration (67)
- Low Concentration (1)

- Collisions involving Pedestrians
- Collisions involving Bikes

37 Concentration of Collisions within 500 feet
Food Access

Supermarkets
- Neighborhood Market
- Specialty Market

Healthy Food Access
- Non-Residential Areas Not Within 1/2 Mile of a Grocery Store/Produce Market
- Residential Areas Not Within 1/2 Mile of a Grocery Store/Produce Market

Open Space
- County Parks
- Other Open Space
Air Quality Buffers Around Freeways
**Crime**

- **Crime Intensity**
  - High
  - Low

- **Crime Locations (Jan 2012 - Dec 2012)**
  - All Other Crimes
  - Part I Crimes - Gang Related
  - Part II Crimes - Gang Related

- **Open Space and School**
  - County Parks
  - Other Open Space

**Note:** Hot Spot Z score values were derived by analyzing both point clustering and weighting of each crime. Weighting values used for each crime can found in table XX.
Questions?
Small Group Exercise
# Tasks and Schedule

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Next Steps

- Community Design Workshop: Spring 2014
- Community Fair: Spring 2014

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