Nature for Neighborhoods
Communities creating a GREENER vision

WALNUT NATURE PARK
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
DEPARTMENT OF PARKS and RECREATION

COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
WALNUT PARK
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:
  - Walnut Park
  - East Los Angeles
  - East Rancho Dominguez
  - Lennox
  - 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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Creating Healthy Outdoor Environments

Walnut Park
Community Parks and Recreation Plan
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

- **WALNUT NATURE PARK**
  - **Issues**
    - Hours of operation are unclear and extremely limited
    - Playfield is undeveloped
  - **Recommendations**
    - Improve lighting
    - More social space
    - More events

- **LOCAL CONCERNS**
  - Prostitution along Pacific Blvd.
  - Illegal garage conversion and illegal car sales along Pacific Blvd.
  - Speeding on weekends

- **NEW GREEN SPACE**
  - Social gathering spaces
  - Playgrounds
Existing Parks and Schools
## Walnut Nature Park

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<td>Walnut Nature Park</td>
<td>4.50 acres</td>
<td>Restrooms</td>
<td>Group Picnic Shelters</td>
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Transit and Safety

Pedestrian and Bicycle Collisions
- High Concentration (38)
- Low Concentration (1)

Collisions involving Pedestrians
Collisions involving Bikes
37 Concentration of Collisions within 250 feet

Open Space and School
- County Parks
- Schools

Public Transit Network
- Public Transit Network
- Bus Routes

Bike Network
- Existing Bikeways
- Proposed Bikeways

WALNUT PARK
COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
Food Access

Supermarkets
- Full Service Grocery Store
- 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

WALNUT PARK COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
Crime

Crime Intensity

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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 be found in table X.X.
Questions?
Small Group Exercise
Tasks and Schedule

Existing Conditions    Complete
Community Outreach    April – December 2013
Project Selection    January – February 2014
Project Planning / Design    February 2014 – April 2014
Draft Plan Preparation    May 2014 – September 2014
Final Plan Preparation    December 2014 – February 2015
Next Steps

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

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