



Our Neighborhood Parks, Water Resources and Open Space

Parks, open space and natural water resources are vital to life here in LA. These natural areas help make our community a wonderful place to live and protect our quality of life, as we all spend so much time indoors and in our cars.

For over 20 years, our community has relied on local, voter-approved funding to protect and maintain our neighborhood parks, outdoor areas and water resources—and now this funding is expiring. When this funding expires, we will lose the only source of dedicated local funding for our neighborhood parks.

Repair and Upgrade Neighborhood Parks

Local funding helps to ensure we can upgrade playground equipment, parks, recreation centers and senior centers so they are safe and meet the needs of our community.

Keep Kids Safe and Out of Trouble

Kids in our community need safe places to play and opportunities to participate in after school programs. Safe, clean parks and recreation centers are key to helping keep kids off the streets and out of trouble.

Water Conservation

We are four years into a historic drought, making water conservation critical. The implementation of drought-tolerant plants and use of recycled water and rainwater all help to reduce the amount of water wasted, saving money and protecting our local water resources.

Protect Our Last Open Spaces

Most of the remaining undeveloped open spaces and natural areas in LA County are located next to rivers, creeks, streams and lakes. Our parks help to protect and preserve these undeveloped natural areas for future generations.

Potential Local Ballot Measure

The County is preparing a potential ballot measure that would provide stable, local funding for our parks and open space.



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Local Funding Supports Safe, Clean Neighborhood Parks by:

- Protecting clean water resources, including rivers and creeks
- Reducing gang activity
- Ensuring drinking water is safe at park and recreation centers
- Providing safe places to play
- Removing asbestos, mold and lead paint from aging recreation centers
- Protecting and preserving parks and natural areas
- Keeping beaches open, clean and safe

Learn More

Visit
LACountyParkNeeds.org
to learn about local
funding and needs
for parks and open
space in our
neighborhoods.



Protecting Our Parks Here in South El Monte

Since 1992, South El Monte has received funds from the LA County Regional Park and Open Space District to repair and upgrade our parks and recreation facilities, including:

- Mary Van Dyke Park
- South El Monte Community Center
- South El Monte Boxing Club & Fitness Facility
- South El Monte Senior Center
- South El Monte Civic Center Skate Park
- Whittier Narrows Recreation Area
- Thienes Avenue Mini Park



Needs Assessment to Identify Top Priorities for Our City

Much still needs to be done for our local parks.

To help identify the most critical needs facing each area, LA County is conducting a community-based needs assessment.

To learn more about needs facing our community, go to LACountyParkNeeds.org.

Learn More

Go to
ParksProjects.LACounty.gov
to see all of the
projects that have
been completed here
in South El Monte.