



Altadena Fire Recovery Update

Funding: \$0 FEMA, \$2M+ Insurance, \$60M+ Fundraised

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Milestones:	Loma Alta Park	Altadena Triangle	Charles White	Farnsworth Park (Amenities & Infrastructure)	Farnsworth Park (Reflection Garden)	Eaton Canyon Natural Area LRC	Eaton Canyon Natural Area & Plateau	Eaton Canyon Nature Center	Altadena Golf Course	Altadena Trails	Farnsworth Park Buildings (Davies +)
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Project Notes	Complete	Complete	Complete	Phase 1 BL in Aug/Sep	Phase 2	Landscape Recovery Center	Eco Restoration and Plateau	Nature Center Building	Funds for architect & attorney		Phase 3
Fundraising \$60M+ Raised	Complete	Complete	\$10.5M Secured Complete	Approx. \$5.8M Secured	\$8M Secured	\$3.5M Secured Complete		\$18.2M Secured	\$1M Secured	\$500K Secured	
Funding Need					\$4M Complete \$2M Reduced		\$18M Need	\$17M Need	TBD	\$8M Need	\$63M Need
Community Engagement	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress	In Progress	Pending Funding	Pending Funding	Pending Funding
Concept Design	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	Complete	In Progress	In Progress			
Construction Documents	Complete	Complete	In Progress	In Progress			Pending Funding	Pending Funding			
Permitting	Complete	Complete	In Progress	In Progress							
Groundbreaking	Complete	Complete	Park: Sep-26 Bdg+Splash: Mar-27	Nov-2026 (w/Dodgers)	Pending Funding	LRC Opened March 2026					
Construction	Complete	Complete	Fall-2026 to Fall-2027	Sep-26 to Spring 2027		Expansion In Progress					
County Operating Funds	Complete	Complete	Feb-27								
Grand Opening	Complete	Complete	Fall-27	Spring-27	TBD						



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Loma Alta Park & Altadena Triangle Park – COMPLETED!



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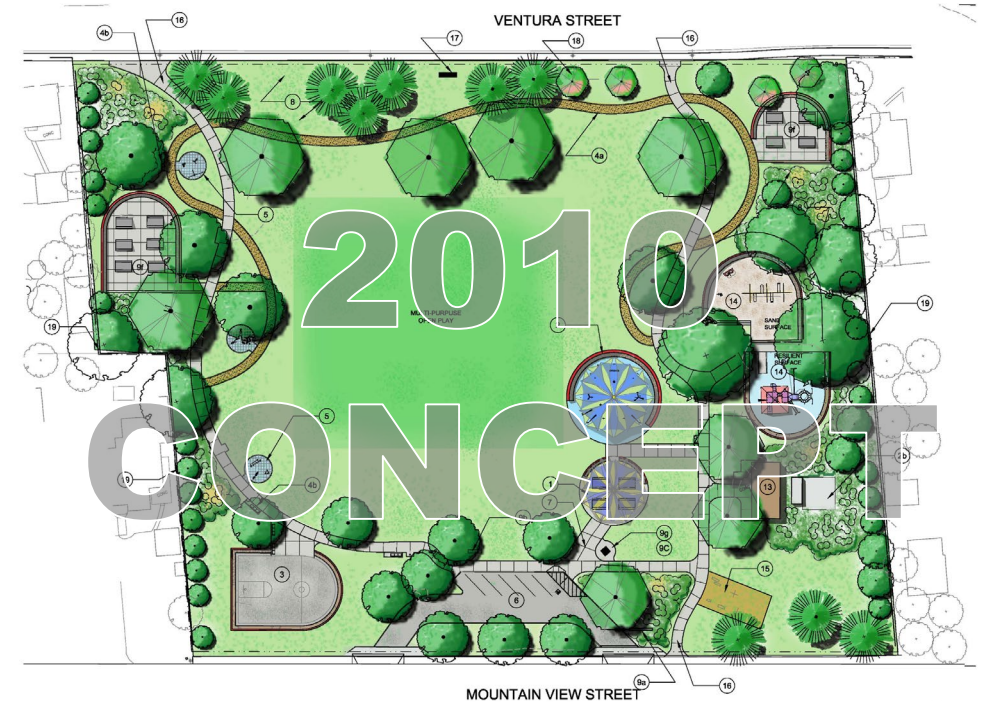
Charles White Park



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ 2008-2010 Feasibility Study & Workshops
 - Funded by Congressman Adam Schiff
 - Five community workshops
 - Mar-2008
 - Aug-2009
 - Sep-2009
 - Oct-2009
 - Feb-2010
 - Stakeholders prioritized the following scope:
 - Splashpad
 - Community Building
 - Shade Shelters
 - Walking Paths
 - Sport Court(s)
 - Par Course (Fitness)
- ✓ 2023-2026 Community Engagement
 - Apr-2023 Altadena Town Council
 - Jul-2024 Altadena Town Council
 - Oct-2024 Door-to-Door, Survey, Onsite Park Event
 - Jul-2025 Civic Art Workshop w/Wesley Clark
 - Feb-2026 Workshop Bob Lucas Library
 - Feb-2026 Workshop Loma Alta Park
 - Feb-2026 Altadena Town Council
 - Feb-2026 Jackson Street Elementary Pop-up
 - Mar-2026 KDI Community Workshop
 - Apr-2026 KDI Community Workshop
 - Apr-2026 KDI Community Pop-up
 - May-2026 KDI-Harambee Pop-up
 - May-2026 KDI Community Workshop



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THANK YOU SUPERVISOR BARGER!

- BOS approved \$1.4 million in *ongoing* funding, including 7 positions, for staff & programming

Phase 1 Groundbreaking: September 2026

Work Completed to Date

- ✓ **Phase I** (Pickleball Courts) Permits Secured
- ✓ **Phase II** (Parkwide Improvements) Construction Documents 100% complete

Work in Process

- **Phase I & II** Competitive Bid Preparation
- **Phase III** (Building/Splash Pad)
Construction Documents
Community Engagement

Fundraising

- Complete



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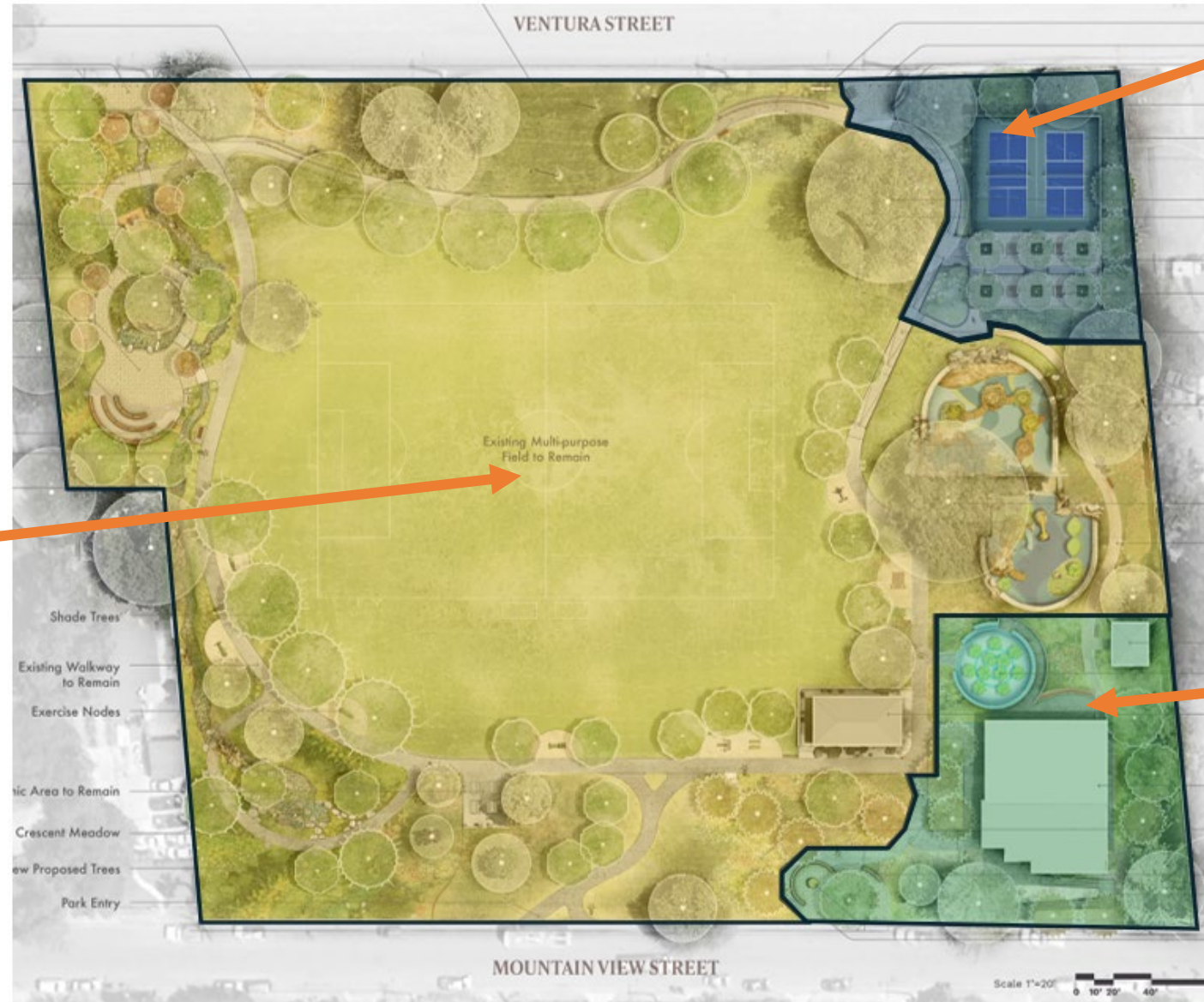
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NEXT STEPS

- **Competitive Bidding**
- **Groundbreaking:**
 - Phase I & II:** Sep-26
 - Phase III:** Fall-26
- **Grand Opening:**
 - Fall 2027

Phase II

Accessible Walkways
Exercise Stations
Civic Art
Outdoor Classroom
Demonstration Garden
Playground
Pedestrian Lighting
Landscaping



Phase I

Pickleball Courts
Sports Lighting
Terraced Patio
Picnic Tables
Drinking Fountain
Accessible Walkways
Landscaping

Phase III

Water Play
Community Building
Main Entrance
Accessible Walkways
Civic Art
Landscaping

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Farnsworth Park – Amenities & Infrastructure



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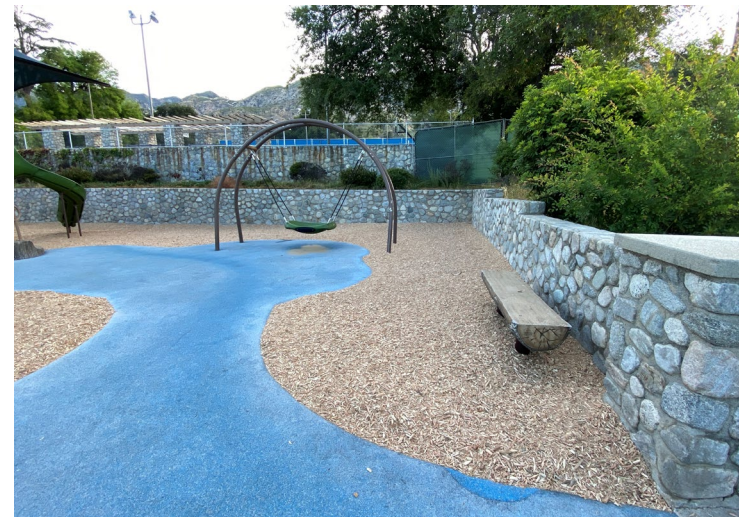
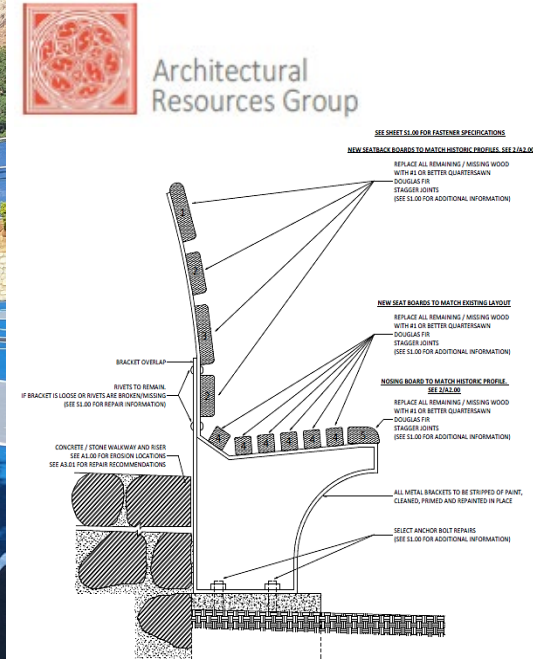
Park is not safe for public entry

Challenges:

- No Electrical Service Parkwide
- No Irrigation System
- Limited Domestic Water Service & Distribution

Completed to Date

- ✓ Trees regularly inspected by County arborists and watered as necessary
- ✓ Playground & Lower Restroom Repairs
- ✓ New Drainage Infrastructure & Clippers Courts
- ✓ Irrigation Inspection and Site Assessment
- ✓ Electrical System Design & Engineering
- ✓ Electrical Equipment Purchases
- ✓ Amphitheater Seating Refurbishment Design



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Farnsworth Park – Amenities & Infrastructure



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ Apr-2026 CCAR Meeting Presentation
- ✓ May-2026 Dodgers Zoom Community Meeting

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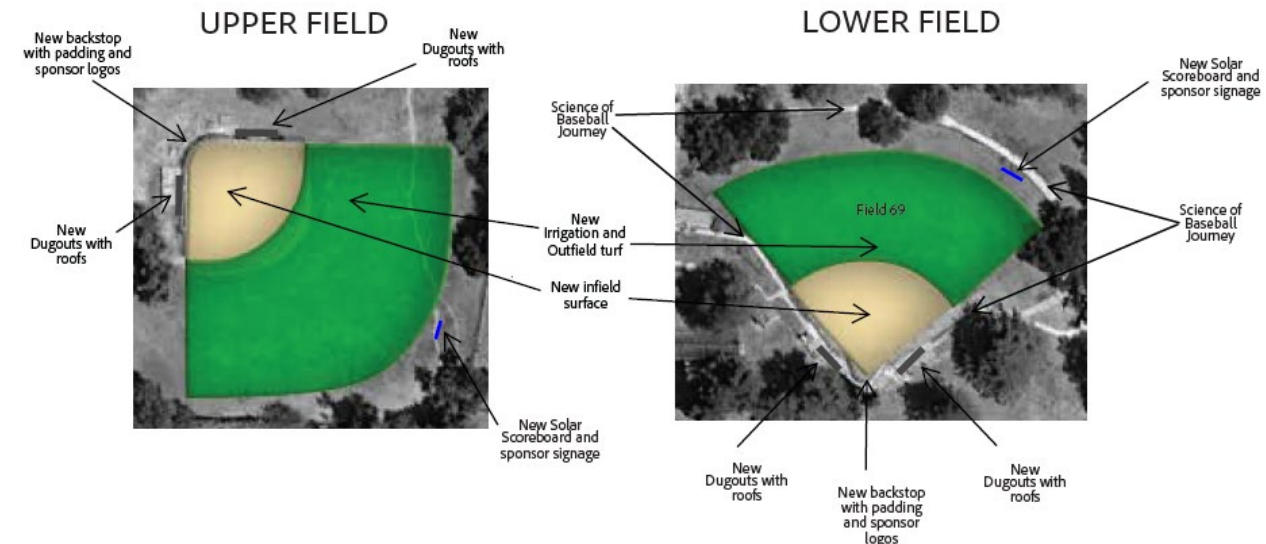
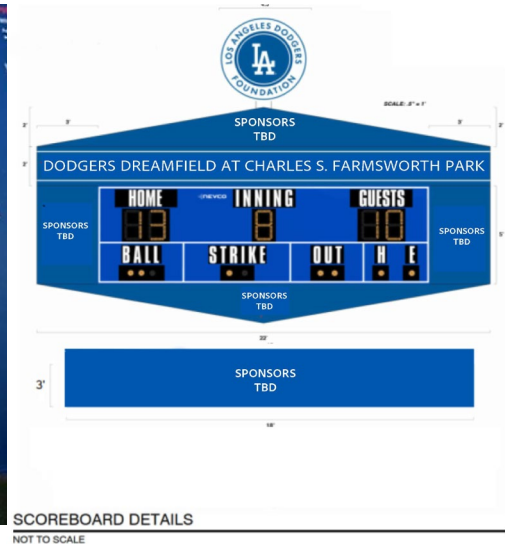
Work in Process

- Park Maintenance & Tree Inspections
- Dodger Dreamfield Coordination
 - Field, Backstops, Dugouts, Scoreboards, STEM wall
- Irrigation System Design
- Electrical System Permitting
- Amphitheater Seating Design - Mockup

NEXT STEPS

- Soil Testing
- Phase 3 Groundbreaking Dodgers : Nov- 2026
- Phase 3 Grand Opening: Spring 2027*

*contingent upon legally required ADA path of travel and restrooms



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Farnsworth Park – Reflection Garden



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- 2 Surveys w/500+ responses: Nov-2025, Dec-2025
- 4 Community Coalition Altadena Recovery (CCAR) Presentations: Sep, Oct, Nov, Dec 2025
- Local, in-person pop-ups & workshops:
 - Nov-2025 Loma Alta Park, Dia de Los Muertos
 - Nov-2025 Odyssey Charter School ReGreen Altadena
 - Nov-2025 Loma Alta Park, Altadena Resource Fair
 - Nov-2025 My Tribe Rises 30th Power Luncheon
 - Nov-2025 The Collaboratory, State of Blackdena
 - Nov-2025 Loma Alta Park Senior Yoga
 - Nov-2025 Pop-up at The Collaboratory
 - Dec-2025 John Muir High Rhythm of the Village
 - Dec-2025 Salvaged Tile Workshop

Planned Engagement

- Aug/Sep Community Coalition Altadena Recovery (CCAR)
- Sep/Oct Altadena Town Council



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Farnsworth Park – Reflection Garden



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Work Completed

- ✓ Site Analysis & Drainage Study
- ✓ Multiple Concept Design Options
- ✓ Proposed Plant List

Work in Process

- Schematic Design
- Design Development

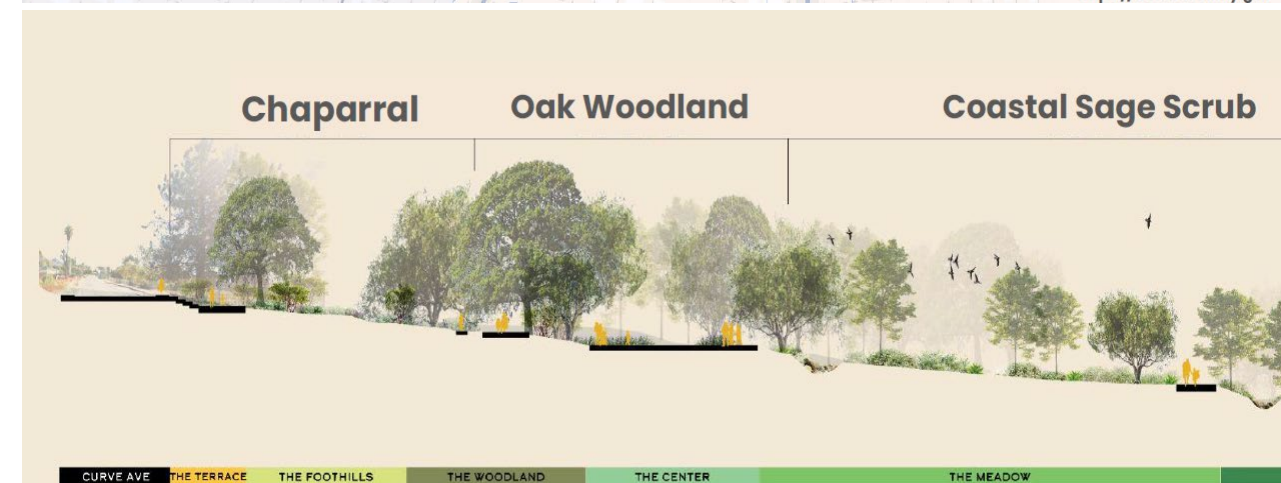
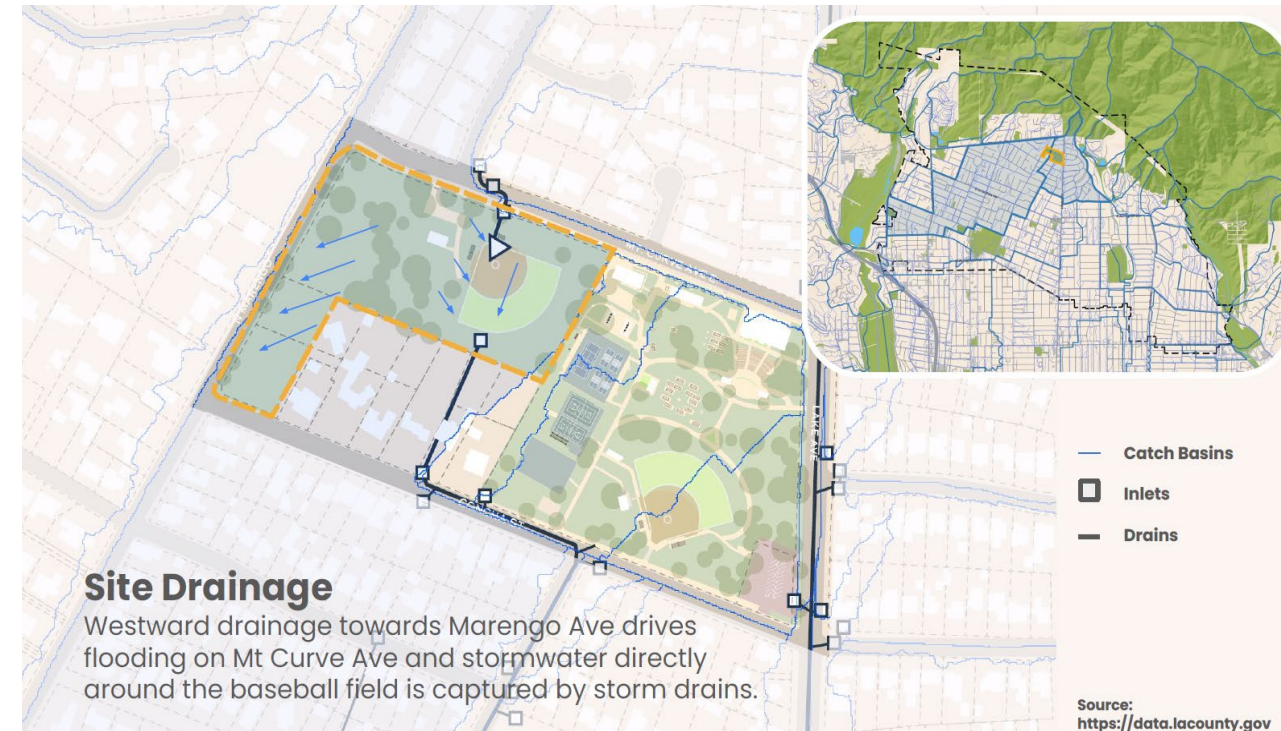
NEXT STEPS

Fundraising-

- **\$4M complete scope; \$2M need reduced scope**

Additional Engagement: Aug/Sep/Oct CCAR/ATC

- Construction Documents
- Plan Check & Permitting Process
- Formal Competitive Bidding (Grant Requirement)



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Eaton Canyon Natural Area – Landscape Recovery Center



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Work Completed to Date

- Landscape Recovery Ctr Opened March 7th
 - ✓ New 300 sf modular office with solar power, picnic area, restroom and signs
 - ✓ Native nursery with more than 1,000 plants and Tree grow yard with over 200 native trees

Work in Process

- Landscape Recovery Center Expansion Project
 - Expand the grow yard with shaded work zones and add a greenhouse and propagation area
- Preparing trees & shrubs for Altadena Park Projects, including Charles White and Farnsworth parks
- Pursue workforce partnerships with Tongva Conservancy, LACC, Outward Bound Adventures
- Youth@Work Program with DEO



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Eaton Canyon Natural Area – Ecological Restoration & Plateau



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

- ✓ In two sessions, held in March and April 2026, over 160 people attended *Ashes to Action* to discuss the restoration and the Landscape Recovery Center
- ✓ In six sessions, held in 2025, designers met with stakeholder/focus groups on plateau program/concept

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Work In Process

- Restoration: Research projects on ecosystem recovery and continued wildlife & recovery monitoring
- Plateau Design: Consultants developing concept and schematic design and cost estimates

NEXT STEPS

Fundraising

- **In progress - \$18M need**

Design Conversation with Community

- **Oct 7th** LA County Arboretum: Eaton Canyon Plateau



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Eaton Canyon Nature Center



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COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Stakeholder & Focus Group Engagement

- ✓ May 2025 ECNC – Building Advisory Committee Meeting #1
- ✓ May 2025 Eaton Canyon Visioning Workshop
- ✓ Jun 2025 ECNC – Building Advisory Committee Meeting #2
- ✓ Aug 2025 Eaton Canyon Round Table @ MLA Studio
- ✓ Nov 2025 Educators Focus Group
- ✓ Dec 2025 Family & Kids Focus Group

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Work Completed to Date

- ✓ Concept Design

Work in Process

- Schematic Design & Cost Estimating

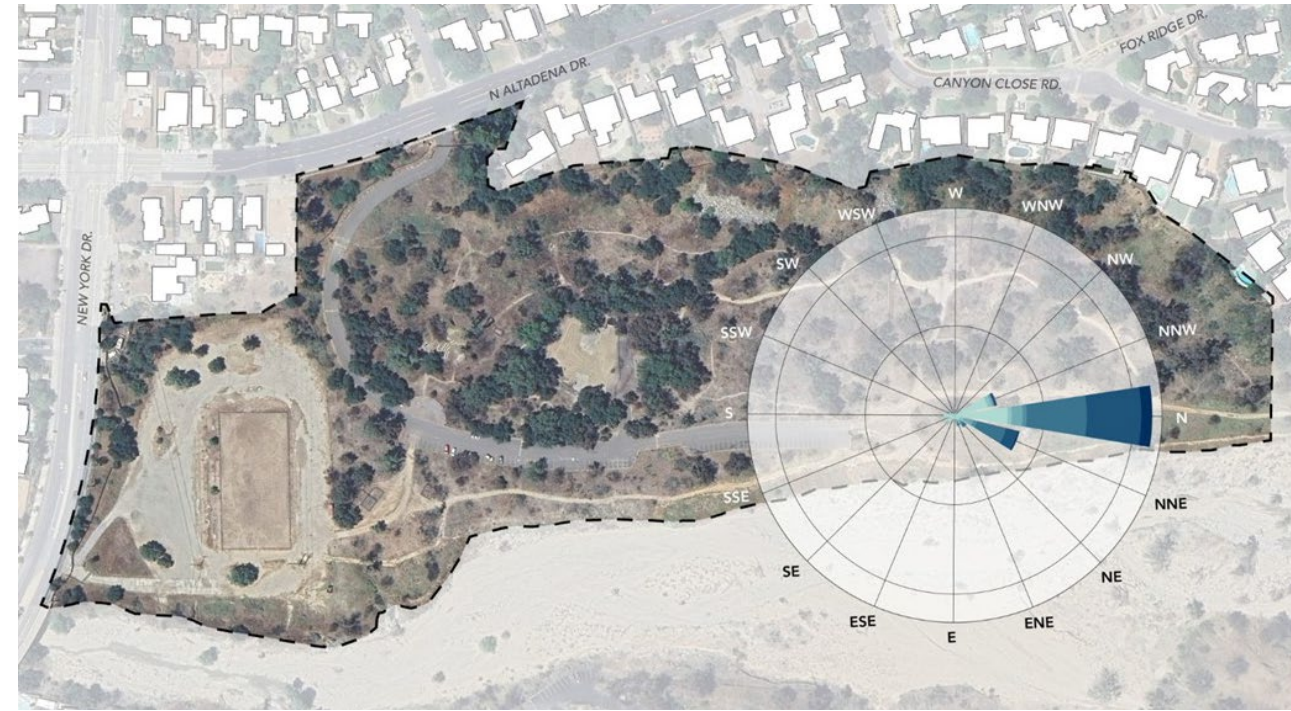
NEXT STEPS

Fundraising

- **In progress - \$17M need**

Design Conversation with Community

- **Sep 16th** LA County Arboretum: Eaton Canyon NC



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Altadena Golf Course



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- No restrooms; No office; No sewer connection
- No building or facilities to meet OSHA, ADA and other public workplace requirements

Work Completed to Date

- ✓ Hired outside legal counsel to contest insurance settlement offer
- ✓ Hired architect for building options
- ✓ Restored golf fairways, greens and bunkers
- ✓ Restored driving range

Work in Process

- Turf maintenance and watering
- Concept studies for buildings

NEXT STEPS

- Design to Insurance Settlement Budget



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Altadena Trails



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Work Completed to Date

- ✓ Trail damage evaluation report and cost estimate
- ✓ Initial trail stabilization work by California Conservation Corps & LA Conservation Corps
- ✓ Submitted Funding request – Prop 4 State

Work in Process

- Meetings with Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Workgroup (ACTRWG)
- Additional trail stabilization work
- Planning for Phase 2 trail restoration

NEXT STEPS

Fundraising

- **In progress - \$8M need**



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Farnsworth Park – Davies Building & Other Structures



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Work Completed to Date

- ✓ Submitted extensive multi-phase FEMA apps
- ✓ Assessment of remaining historic elements and feasibility report on reuse
- ✓ Asbestos remediation at Davies Building
- ✓ Hired structural engineer to assess stone walls and shoring company to evaluate structures

NEXT STEPS

Fundraising

- FEMA Applications: LA County Parks has spent hundreds of hours on the FEMA process
- **In progress - \$63M total need**
 - Davies Building \$48M
 - Regional Offices \$10M
 - Picnic Shelters \$3M
 - Horseshoe Arbors \$0.8M
 - Arbor Trellis \$1.2M



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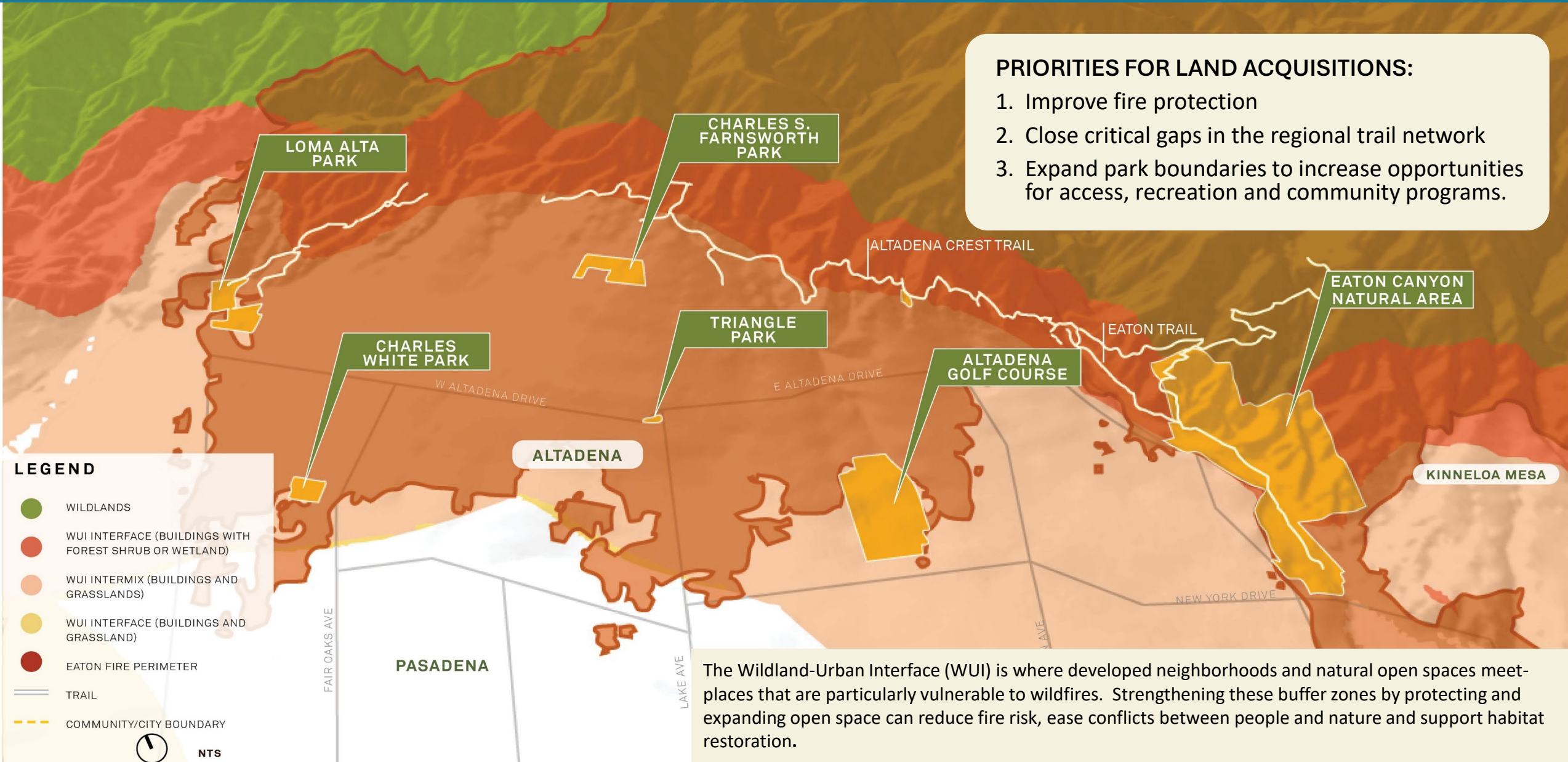
Acquisition Strategy - Wildland Urban Interface (WUI)



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PRIORITIES FOR LAND ACQUISITIONS:

1. Improve fire protection
2. Close critical gaps in the regional trail network
3. Expand park boundaries to increase opportunities for access, recreation and community programs.



The Wildland-Urban Interface (WUI) is where developed neighborhoods and natural open spaces meet-places that are particularly vulnerable to wildfires. Strengthening these buffer zones by protecting and expanding open space can reduce fire risk, ease conflicts between people and nature and support habitat restoration.

What the Altadena Community Should Know?

- LA County Parks has made the recovery and restoration of Altadena's parks a top priority following the Eaton Fire.
- We have worked closely with Supervisor Kathryn Barger, the LA County Parks Foundation, community leaders, philanthropic partners, and residents to advocate for critical funding and resources.
- Through these collective efforts, we have successfully secured approximately **\$64 million** in grants, charitable contributions, and donations to support recovery efforts.
- While this funding represents a significant achievement, it is insufficient to fully rebuild all damaged park infrastructure, restore every lost amenity, or expand projects beyond the current recovery scope. Additional investment and support will be necessary to achieve the community's long-term vision for its parks.



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How Can the Altadena Community Help?

- **Continue Advocating for Altadena Parks**

The community's voice has been instrumental in helping secure government funding, philanthropic investments, and charitable support. Continued advocacy is essential.

- **Share the Importance of Parks in Community Recovery**

Parks are more than recreational spaces—they are places for healing, connection, wellness, and resilience. Help us tell the story of how parks support families, youth, seniors, and the broader community as Altadena rebuilds.

- **Support Efforts to Secure Additional Funding**

Rebuilding and enhancing Altadena's parks will require sustained public and private investment. Community support, partnerships, and advocacy can help attract the additional resources needed to fully restore these treasured public spaces. To support recovery, **LA County Parks Foundation** is actively fundraising for restoration of Altadena parks @ www.lacpf.org.



- **Be Patient with Park Staff as Recovery Continues**

Recovery of this magnitude takes time. LA County Parks staff are working diligently and with a deep commitment to the Altadena community. While we face staffing, funding, and regulatory challenges, we remain dedicated to rebuilding parks that will serve residents for generations to come.