



# Nature for Neighborhoods

Communities creating a GREENER vision



COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN  
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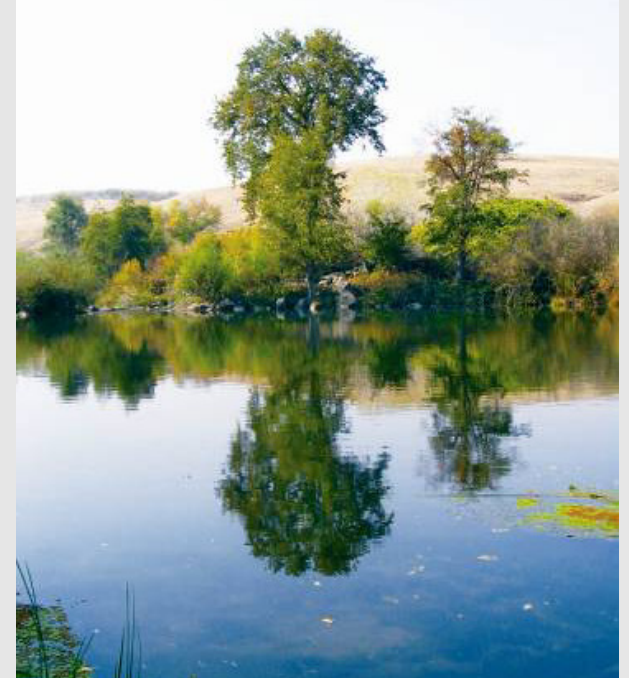
# Project Overview

- The Strategic Growth Council (SGC) is awarding DPR \$1,000,000 to prepare Six Community Parks and Recreation Plans
- SGC received 110+ applications from cities and counties across California, of which only 27 are awarded funding
- DPR is the only park and recreation agency selected for the grant



# 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



# 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

# Outcomes

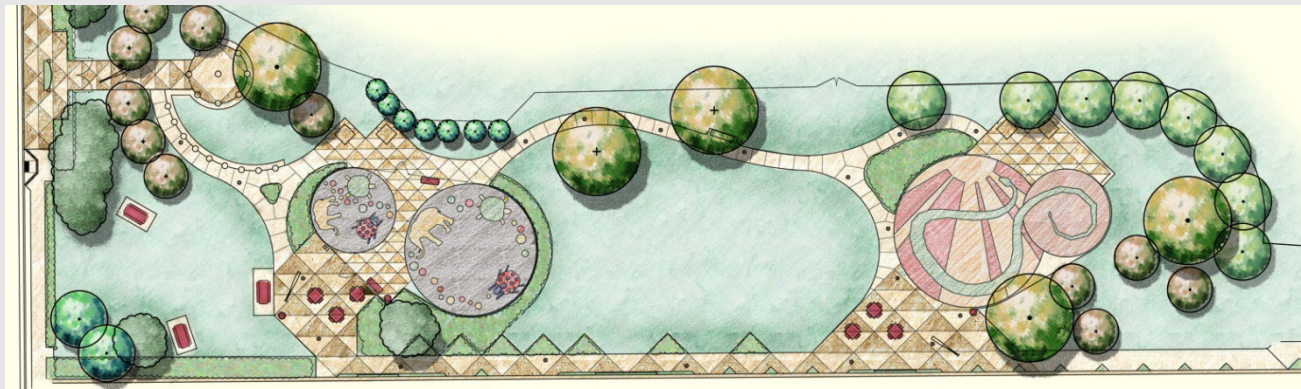
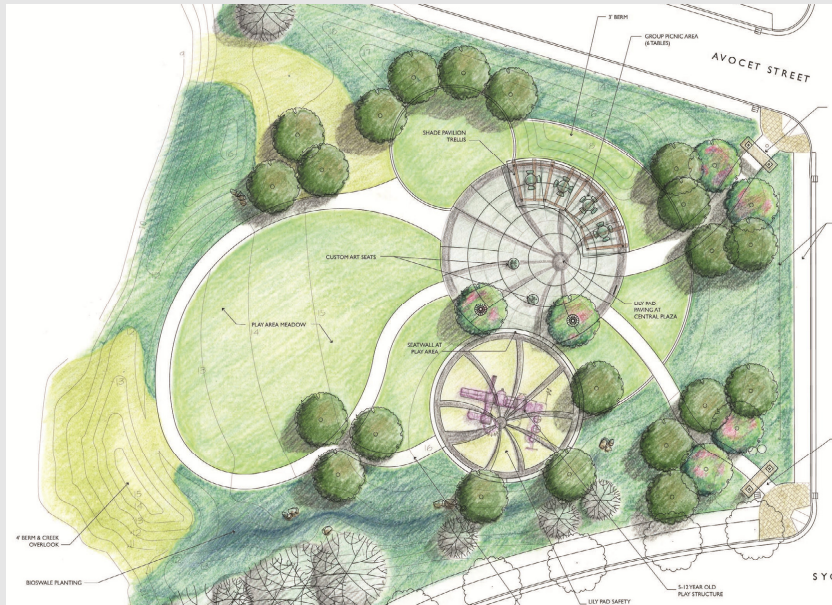
- Park Design Concept Plans
- Land and Funding Opportunities identified
- Joint Use Opportunities and Strategies





# Outcomes

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



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# Outcomes

- Established Relationships with Community Members and Partner Agencies



# Project Team

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## Consultant Team

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# The Planning Center | DC&E

## Creating Healthy Outdoor Environments

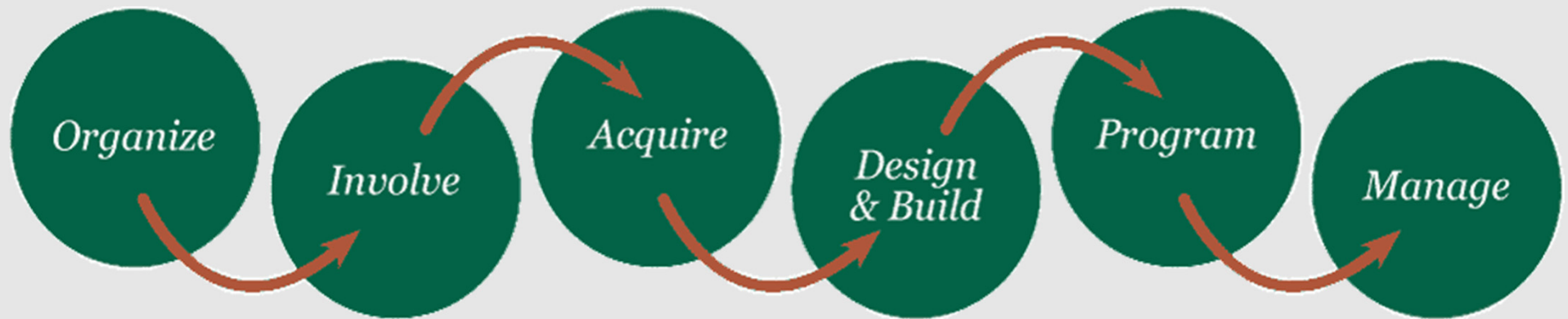


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# LA Neighborhood Land Trust: Process

- The LA Neighborhood Land Trust's community-based process enables neighbors to take control of their environment and cultivate healthier lives.



- Through grassroots efforts, residents help transform blighted vacant land into urban parks and gardens that inspire pride throughout the entire community.



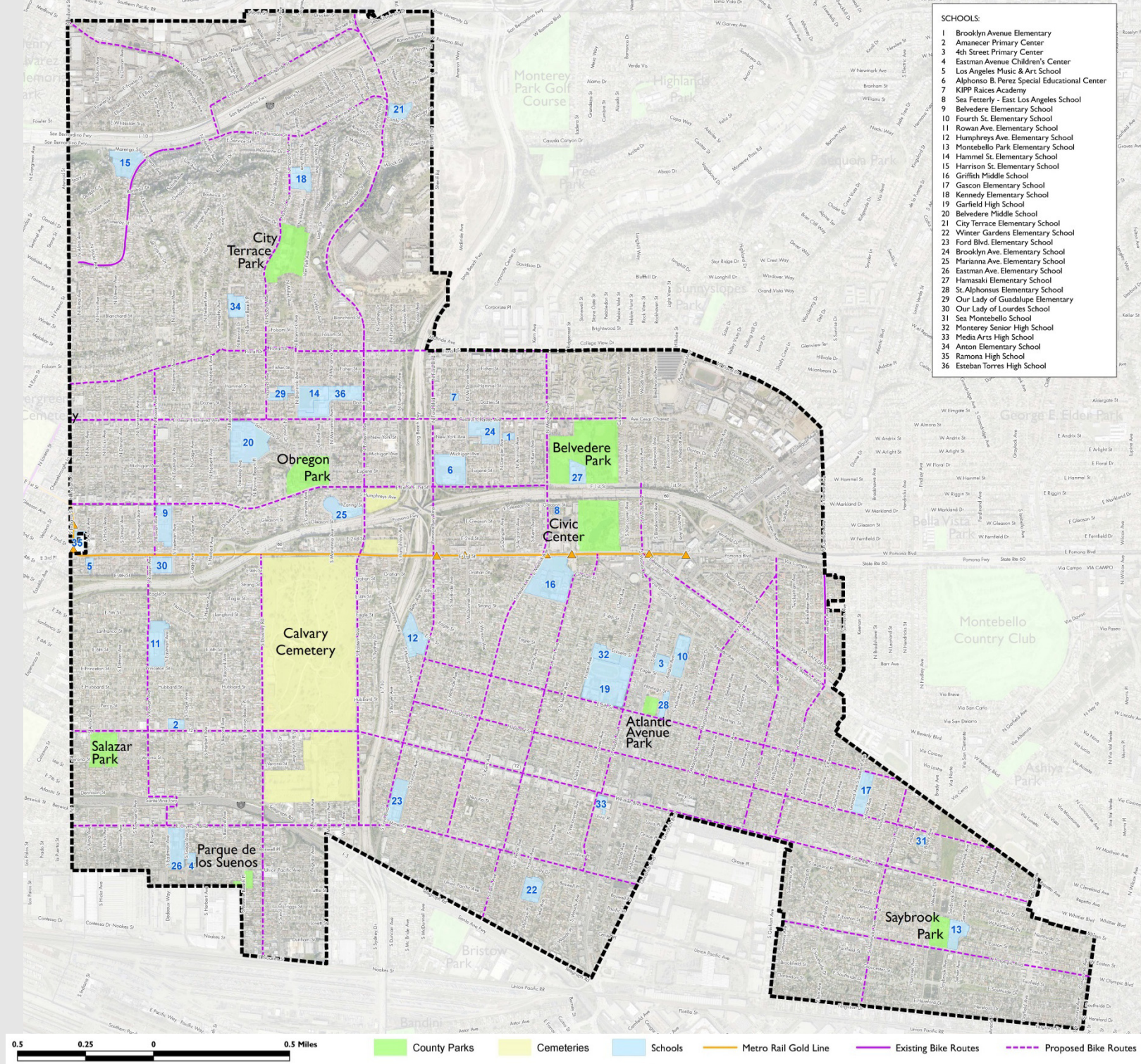
# Community Engagement Strategy

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





# Existing Parks and Schools



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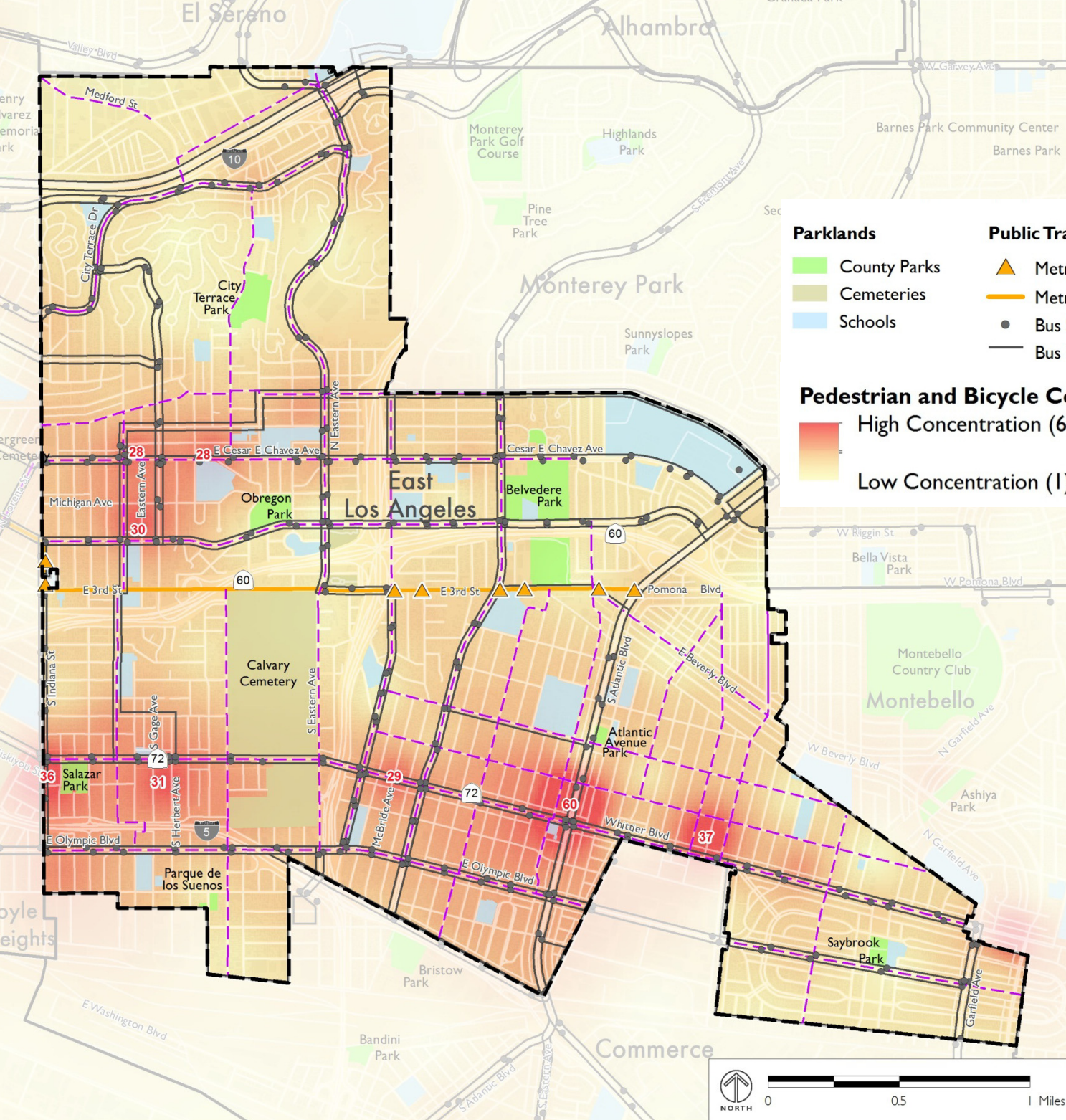
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# Existing Parks

PARK	Acres	Restrooms	Picnic Tables	Splash Pads	Fitness Zone	Outdoor Stage	Art or Monument	Playground	Soft Ball Fields	Soccer Fields	Football Field	Basketball Courts	Tennis Courts	Handball Courts	Skate Park	Swimming Pool	Community building	Senior Center	Gymnasium
Atlantic Avenue Park	1.96 ac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>							<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				
Belvedere Community Regional Park	30.74 ac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
City Terrace Park	15.31 ac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Obregon Park	10.94 ac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Parque de los Suenos	1.61 ac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>				<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>								
Salazar Park	7.92 ac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Saybrook Park	7.06 ac	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>					<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			

# Transportation and Safety



**37** Concentration of Collisions within 500 feet



Questions?

# Small Group Exercise





# Tasks and Schedule

Existing Conditions	January – August 2013
Community Outreach	April – August 2013
Project Selection	November - 2013
Project Planning / Design	December 2013 – April 2014
Draft Plan Preparation	May 2014 – September 2014
Final Plan Preparation	December 2014 – February 2015

# Next Steps

- Community Tour: Fall 2013
- Community Design Workshop: Fall 2013
- Community Fair: Spring 2014

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