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
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Creating Healthy Outdoor Environments
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**
  - Gymnasium
  - Youth basketball court
  - Walking path
  - Exercise equipment
  - Sports fields (soccer and football)

- **SAFETY**
  - Gang Intervention
  - Safe Routes to School
  - Community ownership of green spaces

- **PROGRAMS**
  - Youth Sports
    - Basketball
    - Football
  - Senior Programs

- **JOINT USE**
  - Sheriff's Youth League and Westmont Elementary School
  - St. Francis X. Cabrinit Catholic Church and School
Existing Parks and Schools

- County Parks
- Other Open Space
- Schools

Public Transit Network
- Metro Rail Green Line Station
- Metro Rail Green Line

Bicycle Network
- Existing Bike Routes
- Proposed Bike Routes

West Athens - Westmont Community Parks and Recreation Plan
### Helen Keller Park

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- Restrooms
- Group Picnic Shelters
- Picnic Tables
- Barbecues
- Splash Pad
- Fitness Zone
- Outdoor Stage
- Vending Machine
- Drinking Fountain
- Art / Monuments
- 2-5 years
- 5-12 years
- 2-12 years
- Softball Field
- Multipurpose Field
- Soccer Field
- Football Field
- Basketball Court
- Tennis Court
- Volleyball Court
- Skate Park
- Walking Paths or Trails
- Community Building
- Senior Center
- Gymnasium
- Multi-purpose Room
- Computer Lab
- Security Lighting
- Parking

### Chester Washington Golf Course
Transportation and Safety

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

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

Public Transit Network
- Metro Rail Green Line Station
- Metro Rail Green Line
- Bus Stops
- Bus Routes

Bicycle Network
- Existing Bike Routes
- Proposed Bike Routes

West Athens - Westmont 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
- Other Open Space

WEST ATHENS - WESTMONT
COMMUNITY PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN
Air Quality Buffers Around Freeways
Crime

Open Space and School
- County Parks
- Other Open Space

Crime Intensity
- High
- Low

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

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 XX.
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: Spring 2014

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