AGENDA

REGULAR CITY COUNCIL MEETING
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
5000 CLARK AVENUE
LAKEWOOD, CALIFORNIA

August 12, 2025

ADJOURNED MEETING: 6:00 p.m.
Park, Recreation and Community Services Long-Range Plan *EXECUTIVE BOARD ROOM*

CALL TO ORDER 7:30 p.m.

INVOCATION: Reverend Louis Chase, Holman United Methodist Church

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Scout Troop 113/3433

ROLL CALL: Mayor Cassandra Chase
Vice Mayor Jeff Wood
Council Member David Arellano
Council Member Steve Croft
Council Member Todd Rogers

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRESENTATIONS:
Presentation by Captain Dan Holguin, Lakewood Sheriff's Station, Regarding Quarterly Public Safety Report

PUBLIC COMMENT ON ITEMS IN THE AGENDA

ROUTINE ITEMS:
All items listed within this section of the agenda are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion without separate discussion. Any Member of Council may request an item be removed for individual discussion or further explanation. All items removed shall be considered immediately following action on the remaining items.

RI-1 PERSONNEL TRANSACTIONS - It is recommended City Council approve report of personnel transactions.

RI-2 REGISTERS OF DEMANDS - It is recommended City Council approve registers of demands.

RI-3 CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEES' ACTIVITIES - It is recommended City Council receive and file the report.

RI-4 MONTHLY REPORT OF INVESTMENT TRANSACTIONS - JUNE 2025 - It is recommended City Council receive and file the report.

RI-5 QUARTERLY SCHEDULE OF INVESTMENTS AS OF JUNE 30, 2025 - It is recommended City Council receive and file the report.

ROUTINE ITEMS: - Continued

RI-6 RESOLUTIONS OF DESTRUCTION FOR OBSOLETE CITY RECORDS MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE LAW, RESOLUTIONS NO. 2025-43 THROUGH NO. 2025-50 - It is recommended City Council adopt proposed resolutions.

RI-7 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-51 AND NO. 2025-52; ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF ELAINE AVENUE AND ON THE EAST SIDE OF MCNAB AVENUE - It is recommended the City Council adopt the proposed resolutions.

RI-8 ACCEPTANCE OF NOTICE OF COMPLETION FOR PUBLIC WORKS PROJECT NO. 2025-6, IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING MAYFAIR PARK BLEACHERS - It is recommended City Council accept work performed by Deark E&C in final contract amount of $180,423.50 and authorize City Clerk to file Notice of Completion; and ratify Change Order Nos. 1-7 in net additional amount of $16,923.50.

RI-9 APPROVAL OF MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING FOR PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY GRANT PROGRAM FOR COLLECTING AND REPORTING DATA FOR THE NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE FOR REPORT YEAR 2023 - It is recommended City Council approve and authorize Mayor to sign the MOU for Proposition A Discretionary Grant Program, so as to continue to collect and report National Transit Database statistics and receive approved transit allocation funds in amount of $37,227.

RI-10 APPOINTMENT OF MEASURE L CITIZENS OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEMBER - It is recommended City Council approve the appointment of Rudy Villarreal to the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee.

RI-11 APPROVAL OF ENCROACHMENT PERMITS FOR 3954 ANN ARBOR ROAD AND FOR 4176 FLEETHAVEN ROAD - It is recommended City Council approve permanent encroachment permits, authorize Mayor to sign and direct City Clerk to record with County Recorder.

LEGISLATION:

2.1 APPOINTMENT TO COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION, RESOLUTION NO. 2025-53 - It is recommended City Council adopt proposed resolution.

2.2 RESOLUTION NO. 2025-54; AMENDING CAR WASH SPECIAL EVENT RESOLUTION NO 2024-38 - It is recommended City Council adopt proposed resolution

REPORTS:

3.1 ACCEPTANCE OF FEDERAL COMMUNITY PROJECT FUNDING FOR THE PALMS PARK COMMUNITY CENTER IMPROVEMENT - It is recommended City Council accept award of Federal Community Project Funding in amount of $850,000 for Palms Park Community Center Improvement.

3.2 PARK, RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES LONG-RANGE PLAN - It is recommended City Council receive and file the completed Parks, Recreation and Community Services Long-Range Plan for the public record and reference the document as needed to reaffirm alignment with city goals, priorities, available resources and community needs. Additionally, it is recommended that the Park Development Committee undertake a systematic review of the Plan's recommendations and, where applicable, collaborate with the Capital Improvement Program Committee.

REPORTS: - Continued

3.3 APPOINTMENTS TO GOVERNMENTAL ASSOCIATIONS, ORGANIZATIONS & COMMITTEES - Mayor recommends City Council approve appointments.

AGENDA
LAKEWOOD HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY

1. REGISTER OF DEMANDS - It is recommended Housing Successor Agency approve register of demands.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS:

ADJOURNMENT

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Adjourned

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Completed Parks, Recreation and Community Services Long Range Plan

INTRODUCTION

In 2023, the Lakewood City Council identified a goal to develop a comprehensive plan that would establish a clear set of priorities for future action related to capital projects for parks and community centers, park maintenance and upkeep, and the delivery of recreation facilities, programs, services, and community events. In response to this direction, city staff prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the specified scope of work and initiated development of a Parks, Recreation and Community Services Long-Range Plan ("the Plan") in collaboration with the contracted landscape architecture firm, MIG, Inc. (MIG).

The primary objective of the Plan is to provide a strategic blueprint for the development, enhancement, and management of Lakewood's parks, trails, recreation facilities, programs, events, and services over the next decade—ultimately aiming to improve quality of life and foster a sustainable, vibrant community.

The Plan sets forth an extensive array of recommendations concerning the provision, maintenance, and preservation of recreation facilities, amenities, and assets. It further outlines strategic enhancements to programs, services, and community events, all intended to promote the overall well-being and enrichment of the broader community.

It is important to note that the formal acceptance of the Plan does not imply approval of the various recommendations and strategies. Following formal acceptance of the Plan by Council, there will be a need for a systematic review of the Plan's recommendations, with the objective of: identifying initiatives currently in progress or already incorporated within existing project or program schedules; isolating actionable items that may be promptly implemented, particularly those addressing immediate safety concerns; and determining which recommendations warrant more detailed analysis to evaluate their feasibility, scope, and long-term implications. It would be Staff's recommendation that the subsequent course of action be done in conjunction with the Park Development and Capital Improvement Program Committees, with the ultimate decisions being made by the City Council.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Throughout fiscal years 2023–24 and 2024–25, city staff worked diligently with MIG, Inc. to develop a comprehensive Plan for Lakewood's Parks, Recreation and Community Services. The staff team—comprised of the director and assistant director of Recreation and Community

Services, the parks superintendent, an environmental resources division supervisor, a community services manager, a community services supervisor, and the principal civil engineer—met regularly with MIG, conducted field assessments, coordinated public outreach strategies, and reviewed and refined all supporting documents comprising the draft Plan. A Recreation and Community Services commissioner also served as a full member of the committee, contributing equally alongside staff.

The development process was carried out in four key phases:

- **Phase 1**: Completion of an Existing Conditions Report, including a full inventory of parks and facilities, along with an asset condition assessment.
- **Phase 2**: Development of a Needs Assessment to evaluate current and future needs related to facilities, programs, services, and events. A pickleball court feasibility study was conducted during this phase.
- **Phase 3**: Identification and confirmation of actionable Recommendations and Priorities.
- **Phase 4**: Drafting of the full Plan, followed by a 30-day public review and comment period, which opened on July 9 and closed on August 10, 2025.

A robust public engagement process was a key element of the Plan's development. Interviews were conducted with ten city leaders, including City Council members, the city manager, and commissioners from the Recreation and Community Services Department. Community focus group meetings at various city facilities engaged approximately 90 residents of all ages. Interactive display booths at major city events generated nearly 600 community interactions. Additionally, a community-wide survey—offered both online and in print—garnered feedback from more than 1,100 participants.

Outreach efforts included a promotional mailer to all Lakewood residential addresses, flyers, posters, and signage at parks and community centers, as well as targeted social media posts, email blasts, and promotion through the city's e-Magazine. Key themes from outreach highlighted a deep appreciation for the city's park and recreation offerings, site maintenance, diverse programs, and emphasis on inclusivity. However, community members also pointed out a need for better access to parks, more variety of facilities, enhancements of community buildings, safety and comfort improvements, and creative partnership opportunities.

This comprehensive planning effort integrated community input, stakeholder collaboration, and a detailed analysis of existing resources and trends. As a strategic guide for decision-making and investment in parks and recreation over the next decade, progress reports were presented to the Recreation and Community Services (RCS) Commission on September 18, 2024, the Park Development Committee on December 2, 2024, and to the City Council on March 11, 2025. At these public meetings, the Plan development team sought and received actionable direction from City Council members and appointed RCS commissioners.

Based on input from City Council members and community feedback, the completed Plan identifies eight actionable goals for the park and recreation system. These goals address facilities, programs, events (including special events), and the ongoing maintenance and

preservation of these assets. The goals are as follows:

1. Safe, well-maintained parks and facilities
2. Improved park and facility access
3. Unique, diverse parks and facilities
4. Improved connectivity
5. Inclusive and vibrant programs and events
6. Resilient and sustainable green spaces
7. Forward-thinking management and strategic investment
8. Partnerships that enhance community impact

The goals outlined in the Plan are both measurable and achievable. As many residents have noted, progress toward these goals is already evident. However, there remains room for continued improvement, especially as the community's needs and interests evolve, demographic shifts occur, and as additional human and financial resources become available.

As outlined in the completed Plan, the city will continue implementing strategic improvements to its parks and recreation system over the next decade, ensuring ongoing access to high-quality facilities, programs, and open spaces.

During the development of the Plan, several facility projects were either completed or entered the design phase. In collaboration with several funding partners, a Mini-Soccer Pitch was installed at Palms Park in October 2023. This project also included new basketball standards and resurfaced courts for the two adjacent basketball courts. In October 2024, new playground equipment was installed at Biscailuz and Boyar parks and opened to the public. New playgrounds for Cherry Cove and Bloomfield parks have been designed and are scheduled for installation within the next year.

The highly utilized ballroom at The Centre received updated lighting, new carpeting, and banquet chairs in January 2024, enhancing the experience for major milestone events hosted at the facility.

Additionally, the outdoor bleachers at Mayfair Park's Lisa Fernandez Field were renovated, enhancing both safety and aesthetics ahead of the 2025 Lakewood Youth Sports summer baseball and softball season.

New electrical infrastructure and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) upgrades are planned for Biscailuz, Bloomfield, Boyar, Monte Verde, and San Martin parks, as well as The Centre.

More improvements are on the horizon, including the long-awaited development of the vacant lot at Del Amo Boulevard and Clark Avenue, which is currently in the design phase. Lastly, renovation plans for the Weingart Senior Center and Palms Park are shelf-ready, with construction expected to begin by spring 2026.

A well-maintained and thoughtfully designed park system requires ongoing investment. As facilities age, a proactive plan for reinvestment, replacement, and modernization is essential to meet the community's evolving needs. This includes maintaining a high standard of care across all parks while adapting maintenance strategies as new amenities are introduced.

SUMMARY

Following a nearly two-year process of developing a Parks, Recreation and Community Services Long-Range Plan in collaboration with contracted consultant MIG, Inc., staff are now presenting the completed document for the City Council's consideration and future reference.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Long-Range Plan is intended to serve as a foundational guide for the city's ongoing recreation initiatives. It is not, though, a substitute for the independent prerogative of the council or future councils' decision-making authority. It will, however, provide a strategic framework for the efficient and effective allocation of public resources to maintain, enhance, and expand recreational facilities, programs, and services. The Plan is grounded in the principles of equitable access, community well-being, and long-term sustainability. By consistently referencing the Plan in decision-making processes, the city will be better positioned to align its recreational offerings with the evolving needs of the community, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life and fostering active, healthy lifestyles for all residents of Lakewood.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Lakewood City Council receives and files the completed Parks, Recreation and Community Services Long-Range Plan for the public record and reference the document as needed to reaffirm alignment with city goals, priorities, available resources and community needs. Additionally, it is recommended that the Park Development Committee undertake a systematic review of the Plan's recommendations and, where applicable, collaborate with the Capital Improvement Program Committee.

Valarie Frost, Director VF
Recreation and Community Services

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

DIVIDER SHEET

Routine Items

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Report of Personnel Transactions

Name	Title	Schedule	Effective Date
1. FULL-TIME EMPLOYEES			
A. Appointments			
Albert Arteaga	Associate Civil Engineer	33B	07/21/2025
Eric Gonzalez Jr.	Park Maintenance Worker	10A	08/03/2025
B. Changes			
None			
C. Separations			
None			
PART-TIME EMPLOYEES			
A. Appointments			
Javier Arreola	Maintenance Trainee I	B	07/09/2025
Pedro Cardenas	Maintenance Trainee I	B	07/08/2025
Alexis Espinoza	Parking Enforcement Technician I	B	07/14/2025
Jakob Jensen	Maintenance Services Aide IV	B	07/21/2025
David Kiehl	Public Safety Officer I	B	08/05/2025
Martine Ordonez Flores	Maintenance Services Aide IV	B	07/21/2025
Alfonso Padilla	Maintenance Services Aide IV	B	07/21/2025
Yesica Sanchez Monroy	Graphic Design Aide I	B	08/04/2025

B. Changes

James Adrian	Recreation Leader II Community Services Leader III	A to B	 07/06/2025
David Arellano Barrera	Maintenance Services Aide III Maintenance Services Aide IV	B to B	 07/20/2025
Soraya Ashouri	Community Services Leader II to Community Services Leader IV		 08/03/2025
Sofia McCoy	Community Services Leader IV to Community Services Leader III		 08/03/2025

C. Separations

None

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

DIVIDER SHEET

CITY OF LAKEWOOD
FUND SUMMARY 7/3/2025

In accordance with section 2521 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, presented herewith is a summary of obligations to be paid by the City of Lakewood. Each of the following demands has been audited by the Director of Finance and Administrative Services and approved by the City Manager.

1010	GENERAL FUND	987,299.11
1500	MISC-SPECIAL REVENUE	9,925.00
1610	TDA ARTICLE-3 (SB821)	31,427.19
1622	LA CNTY MEASURE M	5,751.40
1624	LA CNTY MEASURE W-LOCAL	3,288.50
1630	USE OIL GRANT	5,769.45
1640	BEV CONTAINER REC GRANT	100.00
3015	ROAD MAINTC & REHAB ACCT	5,096.83
5010	GRAPHICS AND COPY CENTER	2,669.59
5020	CENTRAL STORES	6,880.23
5030	FLEET MAINTENANCE	34,647.99
7500	WATER UTILITY FUND	433,060.85
8020	LOCAL REHAB LOAN	23,383.42
8030	TRUST DEPOSIT	942.63
		1,550,242.19

Council Approval

Date

City Manager

Attest

City Clerk

Director of Finance and Administrative Services

CITY OF LAKEWOOD
SUMMARY CHECK/EFT REGISTER

CHECK/EFT DATE	VENDOR NAME	CHECK/EFT AMOUNT
07/03/2025	PERRIS FENCE & SUPPLY	164.55
07/03/2025	AGRI-TURF DISTRIBUTING	200.69
07/03/2025	ALAN'S LAWN AND GARDEN CENTER INC	931.32
07/03/2025	ALESHIRE & WYNDER LLP	1,566.50
07/03/2025	ALLIED REFRIGERATION INC	678.34
07/03/2025	ALS GROUP USA CORP	1,567.09
07/03/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	5,210.01
07/03/2025	B & H FOTO & ELECTRONICS CORP	429.83
07/03/2025	B&K ELECTRIC WHOLESALE	696.06
07/03/2025	B&M LAWN AND GARDEN INC	973.56
07/03/2025	BANC OF AMERICA PUBLIC CAPITAL CORP	390,154.69
07/03/2025	BLUETRITON BRANDS INC	394.10
07/03/2025	BRENNTAG PACIFIC INC	1,777.88
07/03/2025	CAL STATE AUTO PARTS INC	1,858.41
07/03/2025	CALIFORNIA ELECTRIC SUPPLY CO	440.59
07/03/2025	CHICAGO TITLE CO	100.00
07/03/2025	CINTAS CORPORATION	312.00
07/03/2025	CINTAS CORPORATION	189.42
07/03/2025	CLEANCOR HOLDINGS LLC DBA CLEANCOR LNG	465.00
07/03/2025	DAHLIN GROUP INC	81,885.05
07/03/2025	DANIEL'S TIRE SERVICE INC	3,551.74
07/03/2025	DIRECTV INC	40.00
07/03/2025	DURAN, NICOLE	159.07
07/03/2025	EWING IRRIGATION PRODUCTS INC	2,618.83
07/03/2025	GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC	1,136.69
07/03/2025	GANAHL LUMBER COMPANY	2,188.10
07/03/2025	GARIBALDO'S NURSERY	442.00
07/03/2025	LA GATEWAY REGION INTEGRATED RNL	3,288.50
07/03/2025	GRAINGER W W INC	241.17
07/03/2025	HARA M LAWNMOWER CENTER	2,427.57
07/03/2025	HOME DEPOT	8,206.34
07/03/2025	ADRIANA Y LOPEZ	9,300.00
07/03/2025	HOSE-MAN THE	109.16
07/03/2025	HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS LLC	79.99
07/03/2025	INTERNATIONAL PARKING & MOBILITY INSTITUTE	720.00
07/03/2025	JONES RICHARD D. A PROF LAW CORP	2,478.80
07/03/2025	KENNEDY JENKS CONSULTANTS INC	9,953.75
07/03/2025	LANDCARE HOLDINGS INC	8,315.00
07/03/2025	LOS ANGELES CO ASSESSOR	12.00
07/03/2025	LOS ANGELES CO DIST ATTORNEY	22,339.85
07/03/2025	LA COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	1,166.03
07/03/2025	LA COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	86,158.36
07/03/2025	MAINTEX INC	1,592.98
07/03/2025	MANERI TRAFFIC CONTROL INC	4,751.78

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CHECK/EFT DATE	VENDOR NAME	CHECK/EFT AMOUNT
07/03/2025	LEON MANUEL	1,995.00
07/03/2025	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	307.52
07/03/2025	MC MASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO	153.56
07/03/2025	MIDWEST MOTOR SUPPLY CO INC	747.31
07/03/2025	MILLER DON & SONS	126.14
07/03/2025	MJ BUSINESS INC	350.00
07/03/2025	HILL & SMITH GROUP HOLDINGS INC	30,777.20
07/03/2025	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	873.10
07/03/2025	ORANGE CO CIRCUIT BREAKERS INC	1,066.73
07/03/2025	ORANGE COUNTY TANK TESTING INC	702.95
07/03/2025	PACIFIC TRUCK EOUIPMENT INC	1,062.38
07/03/2025	POLLARD JOSEPH G COMPANY INC	333.42
07/03/2025	MARTINEZ-RADZIUK. SONYA	312.45
07/03/2025	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY LLC	1,697.42
07/03/2025	SMART & FINAL INC	110.09
07/03/2025	SOLID SURFACE CARE INC	6,722.65
07/03/2025	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	45,398.47
07/03/2025	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS CO	260.54
07/03/2025	SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIES	171,103.81
07/03/2025	MANCE. MIKE J	949.22
07/03/2025	STEIN. ANDREW T	398.24
07/03/2025	STEVEN ENTERPRISES	326.66
07/03/2025	ARIZONA MACHINERY LLC	20,313.93
07/03/2025	SULLY MILLER	553.43
07/03/2025	SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA	8,176.50
07/03/2025	SUPERIOR COURT OF CALIFORNIA	11,925.00
07/03/2025	THURSTON ELEVATOR CONCEPTS INC	1,385.00
07/03/2025	TURF STAR	1,011.29
07/03/2025	ULINE	229.76
07/03/2025	VASOUEZ. JADE	379.46
07/03/2025	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	4,563.46
07/03/2025	WALTERS WHOLESALE ELECTRIC CO	1,511.94
07/03/2025	WAXIE ENTERPRISES INC	2,776.32
07/03/2025	WELLS C. PIPELINE MATERIALS	187.05
07/03/2025	WESTERN EXTERMINATOR CO	84.80
07/03/2025	WILLDAN ASSOCIATES	5,428.00
07/03/2025	WORLDWIDE RECOVERY SYSTEMS INC	1,154.50
07/03/2025	CHEN. LI	120.00
07/03/2025	FAAY. JOHANNES	493.58
07/03/2025	MORRIS. MELANIE	4.68
07/03/2025	NETWORK DEPOSITION SERVICES	4,599.00
07/03/2025	POPE. SHAOUINTA	250.00
07/03/2025	RAMIREZ. JULIO	508.16
07/03/2025	SCALAS. CARMELINA	10.00

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CHECK/EFT DATE	VENDOR NAME	CHECK/EFT AMOUNT
07/03/2025	SOCAL ROOFING SOLUTIONS	23,383.42
07/03/2025	VOLZ, LISA	250.00
07/03/2025	CARSON TRAILER INC	7,520.49
07/03/2025	FOGGIA INC	1,027.65
07/03/2025	PLAYCORE WISCONSIN INC	30,550.57
07/03/2025	JCL TRAFFIC SERVICES	1,080.00
07/03/2025	NICHOLLS CONSULTING INC	6,494.45
07/03/2025	ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES	37,326.00
07/03/2025	CALIFORNIA MOBILITY AND PARKING ASSOCIATION	1,050.00
07/03/2025	INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE	194.32
07/03/2025	QUADIENT LEASING USA INC	1,932.37
07/03/2025	SHAKER NERMINE	1925.00
07/03/2025	BC RENTALS LLC	52.20
07/03/2025	CJ CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION INC	235,998.22
07/03/2025	COVENANT SALES GROUP	1,450.00
07/03/2025	D&J INTERNATIONAL INC	798.36
07/03/2025	DAVIS, QUINN ASTARTE	2,010.00
07/03/2025	LAKEWOOD CITY EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION	2,525.00
07/03/2025	MAG-TROL INC	403.06
07/03/2025	MARKLEY, ELIZABETH	211.25
07/03/2025	MIDAMERICA ADMIN & RETIREMENT	8,636.02
07/03/2025	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES INC	465.18
07/03/2025	PUN GROUP, THE LLP	20,000.00
07/03/2025	RAYVERN LIGHTING SUPPLY CO INC	1,383.37
07/03/2025	S & J SUPPLY CO	1,171.19
07/03/2025	SIGNAL HILL AUTO ENTERPRISES	331.50
07/03/2025	U S BANK PARS ACCT #6746022500	7,511.56
07/03/2025	U S BANK PARS ACCT #6746022500	18,222.31
07/03/2025	VOYA	135,377.20
07/03/2025	WATERLINE TECHNOLOGIES INC	4,561.00
07/03/2025	WEST COAST SAND AND GRAVEL INC	1,922.70
07/03/2025	ZONES IT SOLUTIONS INC	1,764.28
	Total:	**1,550,242.19**

CITY OF LAKEWOOD
FUND SUMMARY 7/10/2025

In accordance with section 2521 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, presented herewith is a summary of obligations to be paid by the City of Lakewood. Each of the following demands has been audited by the Director of Finance and Administrative Services and approved by the City Manager.

1010	GENERAL FUND	966,253.99
1030	CDBG CURRENT YEAR	3,224.50
1500	MISC-SPECIAL REVENUE	91.49
3001	CAPITAL IMPROV PROJECT FUND	12,000.00
3070	PROPOSITION "C"	1,468.34
5010	GRAPHICS AND COPY CENTER	975.63
5020	CENTRAL STORES	2,745.12
5030	FLEET MAINTENANCE	12,714.97
7500	WATER UTILITY FUND	34,338.63
8020	LOCAL REHAB LOAN	16,256.00
		1,050,068.67

Council Approval

Date

City Manager

Attest

City Clerk

Director of Finance and Administrative Services

CITY OF LAKEWOOD
SUMMARY CHECK/EFT REGISTER

CHECK/EFT DATE	VENDOR NAME	CHECK/EFT AMOUNT
07/10/2025	MARK. ADAM	374.85
07/10/2025	ADAMS-HILLERY SHARRON	3,224.50
07/10/2025	COASTAL OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL GROUP	200.00
07/10/2025	ALDOC INC	4,600.00
07/10/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	7,911.22
07/10/2025	AT&T ENTERPRISES LLC	302.83
07/10/2025	N. HARRIS COMPUTER CORPORATION	31,617.50
07/10/2025	AWWA CA-NV SECTION	640.00
07/10/2025	B&M LAWN AND GARDEN INC	52.65
07/10/2025	BIOMETRICS4ALL INC	66.75
07/10/2025	C S M F O	600.00
07/10/2025	CAL STATE AUTO PARTS INC	1,758.39
07/10/2025	SEMA INC	975.63
07/10/2025	CDW LLC	58,720.70
07/10/2025	COUCH. RON JR	240.00
07/10/2025	DANIEL'S TIRE SERVICE INC	3,041.73
07/10/2025	DICKSON R F CO INC	2,569.28
07/10/2025	EAST LONG BEACH POOL SUPPLY	423.48
07/10/2025	INTERNATIONAL E-Z UP INC	1,366.34
07/10/2025	HARA M LAWNMOWER CENTER	1,227.60
07/10/2025	HOME DEPOT	7,653.10
07/10/2025	INFINITY TECHNOLOGIES	51,528.03
07/10/2025	MANERI TRAFFIC CONTROL INC	17,699.44
07/10/2025	STEVEN MAHR PRINTING INC	557.43
07/10/2025	OCEAN BLUE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	10,337.13
07/10/2025	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	1,798.14
07/10/2025	PAYMENTUS CORPORATION	7,697.82
07/10/2025	SHARP ELECTRONICS CORPORATION	13,092.06
07/10/2025	SHUSTER ADVISORY GROUP LLC	2,400.00
07/10/2025	SMART & FINAL INC	66.26
07/10/2025	SOUTH COAST SHINGLE CO	502.36
07/10/2025	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	57,593.21
07/10/2025	SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIES	51,896.00
07/10/2025	SYN-TECH SYSTEMS INC	2,550.00
07/10/2025	T-MOBILE USA INC	470.20
07/10/2025	ULINE	1,477.65
07/10/2025	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	1,257.11
07/10/2025	RELIABLE HOME COMFORT	16,256.00
07/10/2025	GROH. MARK LEE	240.00
07/10/2025	MERRIMAC PETROLEUM INC	2,930.27
07/10/2025	ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES	6,294.00
07/10/2025	FESTIVAL FUN PARKS INC	3,317.96
07/10/2025	COSM HOLLYWOOD PARK LLC	1,190.00
07/10/2025	DUNRITE PEST CONTROL INC	230.00

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07/10/2025	ENVIRONMENTAL SYSTEMS RESEARCH	18,845.00
07/10/2025	GOGOV INC	30,840.00
07/10/2025	GOVERNMENTJOBSCOM INC	10,903.09
07/10/2025	HARA M LAWNMOWER CENTER	303.88
07/10/2025	HDL SOFTWARE LLC	15,318.88
07/10/2025	LOMBERA. RICKY	1,250.00
07/10/2025	NELSON. CARL	3,500.00
07/10/2025	CENTAUR HOLDINGS UNITED STATES INC	4,248.75
07/10/2025	SEGERSTROM CENTER FOR THE ARTS	1,588.00
07/10/2025	SKYHAWKS SPORTS ACADEMY LLC	871.65
07/10/2025	SMART & FINAL INC	192.02
07/10/2025	SYKAHUA TEMUJIN	494.00
07/10/2025	TGIS CATERING SVCS INC	90.00
07/10/2025	SAN BERNARDINO CO HUMAN RESOURCES	2,497.21
07/10/2025	YOUTH EVOLUTION ACTIVITIES	887.25
07/10/2025	OVERSTREET. KEYSHAWN	204.56
07/10/2025	ZUNIGA. IRENE	250.00
07/10/2025	EBIX INC	836.14
07/10/2025	HARBINGER HORIZON	1,200.00
07/10/2025	ALATORRE LORINE	11,010.00
07/10/2025	ALVAREZ DESI	12,000.00
07/10/2025	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES INC	502.34
07/10/2025	PHASE II SYSTEMS INC	3,016.39
07/10/2025	ROGUE AVIATION INC	4,938.67
07/10/2025	SO CALIF SECURITY CENTERS INC	144.87
07/10/2025	SPASEFF TED C	240.00
07/10/2025	WATERLINE TECHNOLOGIES INC	2,630.35
07/10/2025	CALIF JOINT POWERS INS AUTHORITY	474,818.00
07/10/2025	CARE SOLACE INC	67,500.00
	Total:	**1,050,068.67**

CITY OF LAKEWOOD
FUND SUMMARY 7/17/2025

In accordance with section 2521 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, presented herewith is a summary of obligations to be paid by the City of Lakewood. Each of the following demands has been audited by the Director of Finance and Administrative Services and approved by the City Manager.

1010	GENERAL FUND	2,365,257.24
1030	CDBG CURRENT YEAR	9000.00
1621	LA CNTY MEASURE R	700.56
1622	LA CNTY MEASURE M	57,409.36
1623	LA CNTY MEASURE W-REGIONAL	726.86
3015	ROAD MAINTC & REHAB ACCT	5,112.50
3070	PROPOSITION "C"	153.85
5020	CENTRAL STORES	1,448.09
5030	FLEET MAINTENANCE	195,938.24
7500	WATER UTILITY FUND	274,595.59
8020	LOCAL REHAB LOAN	17,000.00
8030	TRUST DEPOSIT	3,897.68
		2,931,239.97

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07/17/2025	PERRIS FENCE & SUPPLY	4,014.76
07/17/2025	ALAN'S LAWN AND GARDEN CENTER INC	248.59
07/17/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	334.42
07/17/2025	AMERICAN INTERNATIONAL GROUP INC	334.90
07/17/2025	ASSOCIATED SOILS ENGINEERING INC	3,505.00
07/17/2025	N. HARRIS COMPUTER CORPORATION	2,805.00
07/17/2025	BEAR COMMUNICATIONS INC	3,245.48
07/17/2025	MANHATTAN STITCHING CO INC	1,656.12
07/17/2025	CALIFORNIA STATE DEPT OF JUSTICE	320.00
07/17/2025	CORELOGIC INC	68.75
07/17/2025	DATA TICKET INC	200.00
07/17/2025	DICKSON R F CO INC	47,936.54
07/17/2025	DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES LP	3,374.72
07/17/2025	FAIRWAY FORD SALES INC	224,504.70
07/17/2025	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC	2,535.22
07/17/2025	GRAINGER W W INC	558.72
07/17/2025	H & H NURSERY	124.48
07/17/2025	HINDERLITER DE LLAMAS & ASSOC	325.35
07/17/2025	HOME DEPOT	753.26
07/17/2025	INFOSEND INC	9,770.02
07/17/2025	INTELLIGENT VAR TECHNOLOGY	3,558.00
07/17/2025	KOSMONT & ASSOCIATES INC	2,732.60
07/17/2025	KVO INDUSTRIES INC	250.00
07/17/2025	LONG BEACH CITY	1,662.38
07/17/2025	LONG BEACH CITY GAS & WATER DEPT	489.15
07/17/2025	LOS ANGELES CO SHERIFFS DEPT	11,478.54
07/17/2025	LA COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	84,102.07
07/17/2025	LA COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	218,208.06
07/17/2025	MATHESON TRI-GAS INC	13,269.19
07/17/2025	NGUYEN, DEREK	237.85
07/17/2025	OCEAN BLUE ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES	6,084.86
07/17/2025	PAYMENTUS CORPORATION	9,535.43
07/17/2025	WGJ ENTERPRISES INC	48,385.33
07/17/2025	QUINN RENTAL SERVICES	3,825.23
07/17/2025	SATELLITE PHONE STORE	1,232.00
07/17/2025	SMART & FINAL INC	1,067.53
07/17/2025	SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL	828.31
07/17/2025	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	73,996.68
07/17/2025	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA GAS CO	6,972.54
07/17/2025	T2 SYSTEMS INC	95.00
07/17/2025	TGIS CATERING SVCS INC	1,200.00
07/17/2025	TRANSAMERICA LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY	1,038.19
07/17/2025	WESTERN EXTERMINATOR CO	414.46
07/17/2025	WILLDAN ASSOCIATES	3,627.56

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07/17/2025	OK FAMILY INVESTMENTS LLC	3,327.48
07/17/2025	PATERNO HEATING & A/C	17,000.00
07/17/2025	ABRUSCATO. DIANA	321.75
07/17/2025	HEALTH AND HUMAN RESOURCES CENTER INC	293.22
07/17/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	549.59
07/17/2025	ANIMAL PEST MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	2,750.00
07/17/2025	N. HARRIS COMPUTER CORPORATION	93,000.00
07/17/2025	OFFICE SOLUTIONS BUSINESS PRODUCTS &	60,194.77
07/17/2025	C A L E D	2,800.00
07/17/2025	CENTRAL BASIN WATER ASSN	5,048.96
07/17/2025	CINTAS CORPORATION	30.00
07/17/2025	CRAFCO INC	1,745.55
07/17/2025	DELTA DENTAL INSURANCE COMPANY	782.16
07/17/2025	DELTA DENTAL OF CALIFORNIA	8,744.66
07/17/2025	DUNRITE PEST CONTROL INC	260.00
07/17/2025	EMPIRE DESIGN & BUILD LLC	93,608.85
07/17/2025	EWING IRRIGATION PRODUCTS INC	1,216.72
07/17/2025	FLEMMING. CAROL COSTUME DESIGN	1,500.00
07/17/2025	FRONTIER CALIFORNIA INC	2,038.49
07/17/2025	GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC	253.23
07/17/2025	HOME DEPOT	1,455.49
07/17/2025	SABLE COMPUTER INC	12,417.83
07/17/2025	LERN	445.00
07/17/2025	LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE	4,995.00
07/17/2025	LOMBERA. RICKY	1,250.00
07/17/2025	LOS ANGELES CO ASSESSOR	222.00
07/17/2025	MAINTEX INC	317.91
07/17/2025	MC ENROE. BARBARA	304.20
07/17/2025	MEDRANO. ROBERT ERNEST	300.00
07/17/2025	MOBILE ZOO OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA INC	749.00
07/17/2025	MSDS ONLINE INC	4,041.45
07/17/2025	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	474.38
07/17/2025	ORKIN SERVICES OF CALIFORNIA INC	112.50
07/17/2025	SECTRAN SECURITY INC	236.23
07/17/2025	SMART & FINAL INC	204.96
07/17/2025	MWB COPY PRODUCTS INC	116.03
07/17/2025	CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS HOLDINGS LLC	6,071.39
07/17/2025	SYKAHUA TEMUJIN	741.00
07/17/2025	GOMEZ GROWERS INC	83.98
07/17/2025	VISION SERVICE PLAN	4,588.84
07/17/2025	WAXIE ENTERPRISES INC	391.35
07/17/2025	YOUTH EVOLUTION ACTIVITIES	809.90
07/17/2025	ANDERSON. ETHELL	250.00
07/17/2025	ANDRADE. MARISOL	5.00

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07/17/2025	CURIEL, GLORIA	38.00
07/17/2025	MORENO, IVETH	250.00
07/17/2025	MORGAN, ROXANN	250.00
07/17/2025	PRIETO, ANTONIO	250.00
07/17/2025	TAYLOR, DEBRA	240.00
07/17/2025	TORREZ, ANGELICA	93.00
07/17/2025	BRITAINS FINEST LLC	3,000.00
07/17/2025	BUCKNAM PETER JOSEPH	5,112.50
07/17/2025	CARSON TRAILER INC	23,922.83
07/17/2025	COLOMRICAN INC	53.82
07/17/2025	HELIMOBILE SERVICES INC	77,085.33
07/17/2025	MIDAMERICA ADMIN & RETIREMENT	787.00
07/17/2025	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES INC	241.27
07/17/2025	THE TECHNOLOGY DEPOT	584.65
07/17/2025	WILLIAMS TORRE	5,241.75
07/17/2025	WATERLINE TECHNOLOGIES INC	2,351.44
07/17/2025	COMPREHENSIVE PRINT GROUP LLC	2,804.08
07/17/2025	CALIF JOINT POWERS INS AUTHORITY	1,507,247.00
07/17/2025	CHRISTIAN JAMES	585.00
07/17/2025	CJ CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION INC	9,000.00
07/17/2025	FONTELA, THAO	3,164.20
07/17/2025	KICK IT UP KIDZ LLC	341.25
07/17/2025	MANZANO, ANTHONY	375.00
07/17/2025	MERRIMAC PETROLEUM INC	19,983.01
07/17/2025	MIDAMERICA ADMIN & RETIREMENT	10,629.15
07/17/2025	MIDAMERICA ADMIN & RETIREMENT	26,231.81
07/17/2025	MOSES-CALDERA, ISABEL	274.30
07/17/2025	READWRITE EDUCATIONAL SOLUTIONS INC	850.20
07/17/2025	RUIZ, TAWNY	132.00
07/17/2025	THE TECHNOLOGY DEPOT	149.00
07/17/2025	U S BANK PARS ACCT #6746022500	4,433.72
07/17/2025	U S BANK PARS ACCT #6746022500	3,425.00
07/17/2025	VOYA	70,680.62
07/17/2025	WATER REPLENISHMENT DISTRICT OF	14,477.18
	Total:	**2,931,239.97**

CITY OF LAKEWOOD
FUND SUMMARY 7/24/2025

In accordance with section 2521 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, presented herewith is a summary of obligations to be paid by the City of Lakewood. Each of the following demands has been audited by the Director of Finance and Administrative Services and approved by the City Manager.

1010	GENERAL FUND	2,024,264.96
1336	STATE COPS GRANT	16,666.66
1500	MISC-SPECIAL REVENUE FUND	675.00
1622	LA CNTY MEASURE M	22,724.00
1630	USED OIL GRANT	3,675.59
3000	AIR QUALITY IMPROVEMENT	10,000.00
3060	PROPOSITION "A"	17,133.00
3070	PROPOSITION "C"	364.07
5010	GRAPHICS AND COPY CENTER	889.98
5020	CENTRAL STORES	4,195.10
5030	FLEET MAINTENANCE	64,292.65
7500	WATER UTILITY FUND	32,548.75
8030	TRUST DEPOSIT	35,167.02
		2,232,596.78

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07/24/2025	4IMPRINT	1,662.05
07/24/2025	COASTAL OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL GROUP	140.00
07/24/2025	ALESHIRE & WYNDER LLP	87.75
07/24/2025	ALL CITY MANAGEMENT SERVICES INC	1,146.60
07/24/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	139.66
07/24/2025	B.R. BREWER SIGN & GRAPHICS	1,839.83
07/24/2025	FAIRWAY FORD SALES INC	103,339.40
07/24/2025	GOLDEN STATE WATER COMPANY	24,124.66
07/24/2025	HERMAN, LINDA	275.00
07/24/2025	HIRSCH & ASSOCIATES INC	2,341.00
07/24/2025	HOME DEPOT	196.11
07/24/2025	LIEBERT CASSIDY WHITMORE	3,075.00
07/24/2025	LOS ANGELES CO SHERIFFS DEPT	1,158,478.89
07/24/2025	LA COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	561.77
07/24/2025	LA COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	6,511.10
07/24/2025	MC MASTER-CARR SUPPLY CO	52.63
07/24/2025	POLLARD JOSEPH G COMPANY INC	305.52
07/24/2025	REGIONAL GOVERNMENT SERVICES AUTHORITY	10,157.90
07/24/2025	S C SIGNS AND SUPPLIES LLC	3,861.00
07/24/2025	SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIES	5,082.94
07/24/2025	STANDARD INSURANCE CO UNIT 22	11,309.49
07/24/2025	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	642.41
07/24/2025	WILLDAN ASSOCIATES	32,713.50
07/24/2025	WORLDWIDE RECOVERY SYSTEMS INC	17,298.21
07/24/2025	COASTAL OCCUPATIONAL MEDICAL GROUP	335.00
07/24/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	1,980.99
07/24/2025	AMCS GROUP INC	1,809.93
07/24/2025	ARC DOCUMENT SOLUTIONS LLC	1,369.87
07/24/2025	ABC UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT	873.60
07/24/2025	B&M LAWN AND GARDEN INC	2,458.50
07/24/2025	BRENNTAG PACIFIC INC	1,700.20
07/24/2025	BRIZUELA XOCHITL	1,592.50
07/24/2025	CAL STATE AUTO PARTS INC	1,211.38
07/24/2025	CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASN	7,200.00
07/24/2025	CHALLENGER SPORTS CORP	2,398.50
07/24/2025	CINTAS CORPORATION	239.77
07/24/2025	CINTAS CORPORATION	378.84
07/24/2025	CAMERON WELDING SUPPLY	167.44
07/24/2025	CVENT INC	3,380.00
07/24/2025	EAST LONG BEACH POOL SUPPLY	488.63
07/24/2025	EDEN USA INCORPORATED	1,953.17
07/24/2025	EUROFINS EATON ANALYTICAL LLC	2,687.00
07/24/2025	BRUCE E MIHELICH INC	1,586.03
07/24/2025	GATEWAY CITIES COUNCIL OF GOV'TS	46,565.00

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07/24/2025	GRAINGER W W INC	357.85
07/24/2025	HARA M LAWNMOWER CENTER	366.42
07/24/2025	HAWK. TRUDY (FAHTIEM)	191.10
07/24/2025	HOME DEPOT	1,642.52
07/24/2025	THE TUBBY CUBBY COMPANY	695.63
07/24/2025	ICIMS INC	330.00
07/24/2025	JONES RICHARD D. A PROF LAW CORP	17,752.50
07/24/2025	KIDSGUIDE INC	550.00
07/24/2025	LEAGUE OF CALIFORNIA CITIES	1,412.25
07/24/2025	LOMBERA. RICKY	1,250.00
07/24/2025	LOS ANGELES CO	2,834.05
07/24/2025	MACAULAY CHRISTINA	275.00
07/24/2025	LOPEZ VAN METER KARLA	2,702.70
07/24/2025	MAINTEX INC	842.65
07/24/2025	MALLORY SAFETY AND SUPPLY LLC	818.25
07/24/2025	MC ENROE. BARBARA	371.80
07/24/2025	HILL & SMITH GROUP HOLDINGS INC	120.76
07/24/2025	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	172.08
07/24/2025	S C A G	11,363.00
07/24/2025	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY LLC	1,552.98
07/24/2025	SMART & FINAL INC	625.55
07/24/2025	SNAP-ON INDUSTRIAL	2,815.04
07/24/2025	SOUTHWELL. SEAN	206.93
07/24/2025	SPICERS PAPER INC	889.98
07/24/2025	ARIZONA MACHINERY LLC	835.49
07/24/2025	STOVER SEED COMPANY	2,403.38
07/24/2025	SYKAHUA TEMUJIN	994.50
07/24/2025	THURSTON ELEVATOR CONCEPTS INC	152.00
07/24/2025	TURF STAR	625.62
07/24/2025	GOMEZ GROWERS INC	95.03
07/24/2025	USPS-POC	25,000.00
07/24/2025	VERITIV OPERATING COMPANY	325.81
07/24/2025	WATANABE. BRYCE	1,176.11
07/24/2025	WAXIE ENTERPRISES INC	1,511.75
07/24/2025	WESTERN TURF EQUIPMENT	7,717.50
07/24/2025	CLARKE. SHAYLA	330.00
07/24/2025	CT CORP BLMS	640.00
07/24/2025	DURAN C D B CONSTRUCTION	383.32
07/24/2025	MARSHALL. BARBARA	178.32
07/24/2025	PENERA. LORIE	250.00
07/24/2025	PLASENCIA. CLAUDIA	250.00
07/24/2025	RUIZ. SANDY	250.00
07/24/2025	SITES USA LLC	4,700.00
07/24/2025	SULLIVAN. STACY	75.00

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07/24/2025	TAYLOR, DEBRA	10.00
07/24/2025	TAYLOR, PATRICIA	10.00
07/24/2025	AOUANUITY INC	5,000.00
07/24/2025	GOERTZ, TRAVIS W	3,250.00
07/24/2025	UNDERGROUND VAULTS & STORAGE	219.00
07/24/2025	EDCO TRANSPORT SERVICES LLC	12,896.20
07/24/2025	NICHOLLS CONSULTING INC	4,350.59
07/24/2025	SIEGEL, THEODORE	150.00
07/24/2025	SO CALIF SECURITY CENTERS INC	435.05
07/24/2025	EDCO WASTE SERVICES LLC	631,649.17
07/24/2025	GLASBY MAINTENANCE SUPPLY CO	40.63
07/24/2025	HI-WAY SAFETY RENTALS INC	3,873.41
07/24/2025	KICK IT UP KIDZ LLC	568.75
07/24/2025	MAGIC JUMP RENTALS INC	774.80
07/24/2025	MERRIMAC PETROLEUM INC	2,448.79
07/24/2025	O'REILLY AUTOMOTIVE STORES INC	1,380.20
07/24/2025	S & J SUPPLY CO	549.32
07/24/2025	SO CALIF SECURITY CENTERS INC	80.73
07/24/2025	UNDERGROUND SERVICE ALERT	324.50
07/24/2025	WILBER, BILL	54.00
07/24/2025	WYNN, LAKYN	780.00
	Total:	**2,232,596.78**

CITY OF LAKEWOOD
FUND SUMMARY 7/31/2025

In accordance with section 2521 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, presented herewith is a summary of obligations to be paid by the City of Lakewood. Each of the following demands has been audited by the Director of Finance and Administrative Services and approved by the City Manager.

1010	GENERAL FUND	545,919.72
1030	CDBG CURRENT YEAR	3,268.31
1622	LA CNTY MEASURE M	16,322.70
1623	LA CNTY MEASURE M-REGIONAL	2,344.00
1630	USED OIL GRANT	799.24
3070	PROPOSITION "C"	2,112.14
5010	GRAPHICS AND COPY CENTER	3,139.21
5020	CENTRAL STORES	5,964.17
5030	FLEET MAINTENANCE	13,950.47
7500	WATER UTILITY FUND	203,221.58
8020	LOCAL REHAB LOAN	35,011.59
8030	TRUST DEPOSIT	5,543.02
		837,596.15

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CHECK/EFT DATE	VENDOR NAME	CHECK/EFT AMOUNT
07/31/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	262.60
07/31/2025	ROSS AVIATION INVESTMENT LLC	5,064.01
07/31/2025	FRANS TECHNOLOGY INC	937.13
07/31/2025	MANHATTAN STITCHING CO INC	827.52
07/31/2025	CENTRAL BASIN MUNICIPAL WATER	3,600.00
07/31/2025	CERRITOS. CITY OF	38,766.58
07/31/2025	COMMUNITY FAMILY GUIDANCE CTR	583.33
07/31/2025	CORODATA SHREDDING INC	41.95
07/31/2025	GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC	360.32
07/31/2025	HORIZON MECHANICAL CONTRACTORS	32,920.42
07/31/2025	HUMAN SERVICES ASSOCIATION	708.33
07/31/2025	LAKEWOOD ROTARY CLUB	38.22
07/31/2025	LAKEWOOD ROTARY CLUB	142.00
07/31/2025	LAKEWOOD ROTARY CLUB	217.00
07/31/2025	LONG BEACH. CITY OF	1,256.76
07/31/2025	LOS ANGELES CO FIRE DEPT	4,638.24
07/31/2025	LOS ANGELES CO SHERIFFS DEPT	49,273.96
07/31/2025	LA COUNTY DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS	141,220.21
07/31/2025	MORRIS. DAVID	1,400.00
07/31/2025	OPENGOV INC	3,360.00
07/31/2025	OPUS INSPECTION INC	1,408.88
07/31/2025	WGJ ENTERPRISES INC	3,239.70
07/31/2025	SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA EDISON CO	68,364.23
07/31/2025	SOUTHLAND INDUSTRIES	560.00
07/31/2025	SOUTHWEST PATROL INC	29,520.00
07/31/2025	TGIS CATERING SVCS INC	779.60
07/31/2025	TNT FIREWORKS	3,750.00
07/31/2025	U S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	73,973.78
07/31/2025	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	559.26
07/31/2025	WAXIE ENTERPRISES INC	528.63
07/31/2025	WILLDAN ASSOCIATES	5,124.00
07/31/2025	MACRO AUTOMATICS	12,570.25
07/31/2025	ALLIANT INSURANCE SERVICES	2,118.00
07/31/2025	AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES INC	1,830.88
07/31/2025	B&M LAWN AND GARDEN INC	1,525.55
07/31/2025	BERG. APRIL	1,144.00
07/31/2025	BLUETRITON BRANDS INC	128.68
07/31/2025	CAL STATE AUTO PARTS INC	836.39
07/31/2025	CALIFORNIA CONTRACT CITIES ASN	775.00
07/31/2025	LONG BEACH LINCOLN MERCURY INC	224.04
07/31/2025	SEMA INC	1,290.96
07/31/2025	CHICAGO TITLE CO	208.00
07/31/2025	CINTAS CORPORATION	72.23
07/31/2025	CAMERON WELDING SUPPLY	171.75

CITY OF LAKEWOOD
SUMMARY CHECK/EFT REGISTER

CHECK/EFT DATE	VENDOR NAME	CHECK/EFT AMOUNT
07/31/2025	BRAGG INVESTMENT COMPANY INC	151.08
07/31/2025	COLOR CARD ADMINISTRATOR CORP	54.70
07/31/2025	DANIEL'S TIRE SERVICE INC	52.00
07/31/2025	DIRECTV INC	122.49
07/31/2025	DURHAM SCHOOL SERVICES LP	9,303.71
07/31/2025	EEC ACQUISITION LLC	1,219.56
07/31/2025	EWING IRRIGATION PRODUCTS INC	190.26
07/31/2025	FERGUSON ENTERPRISES INC	58,350.00
07/31/2025	GALLS PARENT HOLDINGS LLC	213.38
07/31/2025	GRAINGER W W INC	3,441.32
07/31/2025	HARA M LAWNMOWER CENTER	1,098.92
07/31/2025	HOME DEPOT	960.36
07/31/2025	HUGHES NETWORK SYSTEMS LLC	79.99
07/31/2025	INFOSEND INC	3,554.61
07/31/2025	LOMBERA. RICKY	1,250.00
07/31/2025	LOS ANGELES CO CLERK	75.00
07/31/2025	ODP BUSINESS SOLUTIONS LLC	59.64
07/31/2025	OPENGOV INC	61,594.80
07/31/2025	PACIFIC EH & S SERVICES INC	564.00
07/31/2025	SR BRAY LLC	125.00
07/31/2025	REEVES. THOMAS DALE	1,750.00
07/31/2025	S C P L R C	350.00
07/31/2025	SITEONE LANDSCAPE SUPPLY LLC	712.05
07/31/2025	SMART & FINAL INC	332.36
07/31/2025	SOUTH COAST SHINGLE CO	641.19
07/31/2025	SYKAHUA TEMUJIN	2,031.25
07/31/2025	TGIS CATERING SVCS INC	3,470.00
07/31/2025	TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT INC	754.73
07/31/2025	TURF STAR	378.27
07/31/2025	U S BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION	3,180.90
07/31/2025	VARSITY BRANDS HOLDING CO INC	170.72
07/31/2025	CELLCO PARTNERSHIP	4,091.59
07/31/2025	WALTERS WHOLESALE ELECTRIC CO	125.37
07/31/2025	WAXIE ENTERPRISES INC	416.67
07/31/2025	BROOKS. NINA	189.00
07/31/2025	CBLAY. JAYPEE O.	250.00
07/31/2025	MIGUEL SIOUEIRA	40.00
07/31/2025	NOSON. PATRICIA	5,597.46
07/31/2025	PREEPHI RANAWEERA	168.63
07/31/2025	RAM INSULATION INC	7,136.00
07/31/2025	ROOFING SERVICES	27,667.59
07/31/2025	THE LHS ALUMNI ASSOCIATION	250.00
07/31/2025	TRUMP NGUYEN	100.00
07/31/2025	WHALEN. DELORES	217.45

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SUMMARY CHECK/EFT REGISTER

CHECK/EFT DATE	VENDOR NAME	CHECK/EFT AMOUNT
07/31/2025	IWATER INC	6,700.00
07/31/2025	SHAKER NERMINE	1,925.00
07/31/2025	ADVANCED AVANT GARDE INC	1,495.00
07/31/2025	BELLFLOWER, CITY OF	694.23
07/31/2025	HI-WAY SAFETY RENTALS INC	7,959.00
07/31/2025	KILEY GREGORY THOMAS	3,750.00
07/31/2025	LOS ANGELES REGIONAL INTEROPERABLE	200.00
07/31/2025	LAKEWOOD PROJECT SHEPHERD	254.80
07/31/2025	MEALS ON WHEELS OF LONG BEACH INC	1,393.32
07/31/2025	PATHWAYS VOLUNTEER HOSPICE	583.33
07/31/2025	JENKINS, MICHAEL	1,418.71
07/31/2025	KICK IT UP KIDZ LLC	1,708.85
07/31/2025	LAKEWOOD CITY EMPLOYEE ASSOCIATION	2,550.00
07/31/2025	MARKLEY, ELIZABETH	338.00
07/31/2025	MIDAMERICA ADMIN & RETIREMENT	11,757.29
07/31/2025	SO CALIF SECURITY CENTERS INC	81.77
07/31/2025	SPECIALTY TIRES LLC	49.03
07/31/2025	THE TECHNOLOGY DEPOT	17,797.15
07/31/2025	U S BANK PARS ACCT #6746022500	7,866.16
07/31/2025	VOYA	60,203.54
07/31/2025	WATERLINE TECHNOLOGIES INC	8,730.50
07/31/2025	ZONES IT SOLUTIONS INC	1,336.03
	Total:	**837,596.15**

DIVIDER SHEET

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Report of City Council Committees' Activities

INTRODUCTION

A brief update is provided for City Council review on the activities of the following standing committees: Public Safety, and Capital Improvement Plan Committees.

STATEMENT OF FACT

On June 16, the Capital Improvement Plan Committee met and discussed:

Update on Traffic Calming Measures

Ardurra presented a proposal for the Palo Verde Ave. Pilot Project which included several improvements for Palo Verde Ave. (from Del Amo Blvd. to Carson St.), namely the installation of vehicle speed feedback signs, upgraded signage, leading pedestrian intervals at Del Amo Blvd., and yellow retroreflective signal backplates. Pilot projects such as striped bulb-outs or traffic circles are proposed at up to three intersections. The intersection of Palo Verde Ave. and Candlewood St. is identified for potential improvements through a temporary lane reduction and a roundabout pilot project. Committee member Steve Croft requested that city staff conduct public outreach, and provide photographs of existing similar traffic controls in the region. Staff reported an estimated project timeline of 5-7 months, and also confirmed that any projects approved by the City Council would carry design immunity. The Committee approved staff's recommendation to City Council to authorize Measure M funds in the amount of $97,728 for engineering services related to the neighborhood traffic calming pilot programs.

Weingart Senior Center Improvements

The funding application to HUD for the Weingart project, submitted by Avant Garde, was accepted. The formal funding agreement is expected to be submitted to City Council for execution at the next City Council meeting. A Request for Proposals, for a construction management and labor compliance team, was developed and issued. Proposals were received from our on-call engineering consultants Ardurra and Willdan. A team of three City staff members reviewed each proposal, conducted in-person interviews with both firms, and determined that Willdan would be the firm to begin negotiations on final scope and fee. The Committee approved staff's recommendation to City Council to authorize the proposal inclusive of the base fee of $736,874.28, as well as the optional services fee of $40,518, resulting in a total contract amount of $777,392.

Palms Community Center Improvements
Palms Park Community Center has received final plan check approval. The city's consultant, Avant Garde, will review compliance with HUD requirements on the specifications, and is working on the funding application for the project. Staff anticipates taking the formal funding agreement to the City Council this summer. Staff is also working on the Request for Proposal for Construction Management and Labor Compliance.

Electrical, HVAC, and Roof Project
The scope of work for this project entails replacement of electrical panels, HVAC units, lighting, and roof replacements and was awarded as a design-build contract to Southland Industries. The design phase of this project is ongoing and is expected to last several months as the design team finalizes plans and coordinates with Building & Safety and SCE to meet permitting requirements.

Administration and PIO Department Improvements
Paint improvements and furniture installation have now been completed in the PIO and Administration departments. Staff were relocated back to their offices on June 11.

City Hall Office Improvements
The City Hall project was awarded to contractor, Empire Design & Build in May 2023, with the original scope of improvements to cover Community Development and the Public Works departments. Throughout the project, 23 change orders were issued, inclusive of larger change orders to increase the scope of improvements to cover Administrative Services, RCS, and the Personnel and City Clerk departments. Staff recommended the Notice of Completion at last week's City Council meeting.

City Hall and The Centre Generator Modernization
In addition to the structural portions of the generator replacement plans, Ardurra is working on plans to rehabilitate the Civic Center Parking lot and to compile the bid package.

Corner Lot
The project's schematic design phase is ongoing. The consultant design team is refining the design and incorporating feedback received from staff and the City Council during the initial conceptual design phase.

Council Chambers
The architect, BOA, is proceeding with design plans for conceptual design, which includes a new dais and security enhancements – such as a dedicated Council entrance accessible from the EBR. These plans will be designed, but further action is contingent on additional funding. The new CIP plan has shifted most of the construction funds for this project to the corner lot project. Separately, staff is working on a proposal for dais improvements inclusive of new dais monitors and/or Surface tablets.

Playground Improvements
Rubber surface improvements were completed at the Palms Park School Age playground the week of June 9. The work consists of a "re-top" of the rubber surfacing. The design for Bloomfield Park playground is being updated following city-requested changes to the project, including a new shade shelter. Once design is complete and an engineer's estimate is provided, RCS will apply for the new year's allocation of Measure A funds for this project. The design for Cherry Cove playground is complete, however, the estimated project costs exceed the existing funding. There are currently $330,000 in Measure A maintenance and service funds, and the project estimate is $475,000. The Measure A funds do not cover construction management for the project. Additional funding in the amount of $145,678 would need to be allocated to fully cover the cost before it can be put out to bid.

Mayfair Bleacher Improvements
A contract was awarded at the March 25 City Council meeting to Deark E&C in the total contract amount of $163,500. A Notice-to-Proceed was issued on April 14. Staff has authorized six change orders: press box improvements, paint improvements to adjacent gates and fencing, replacement of the deteriorated doors for the adjacent electrical building, painting of the backboard on the backstop, replacement of the flashing on the bleachers, and a no-cost change order to extend the contract time to allow for the extra scope of work. Staff is finalizing contract paperwork and anticipate recommending the Notice of Completion soon.

Mayfair Pool Fence Replacement
Design for the fence and landscaping improvements is currently underway by on-call landscape architect, Hirsch and Associates (HAI). The preliminary engineer's estimate for the work is $1.1 million. Additional funding needs to be identified in order to put the project out to bid.

Lakewood Equestrian Center Demolition Project
Staff contracted with consultant RJM Design Group for a demolition plan for the northerly portion of the Lakewood Equestrian Center. Work will include a topographical survey and base map to show existing conditions, a hazardous material survey, coordination with Southern California Edison over demolition procedures, and a demolition plan that will identify all elements that are to be removed from the site versus existing items are that to be preserved. Staff is reviewing the design plans.

Lakewood Boulevard Corridor
The design was finalized for the complete street improvements along the Lakewood Blvd. corridor, with the exception of the portion relating to the undergrounding of electrical lines, which is the responsibility of Southern California Edison. City staff is actively monitoring the progress. The undergrounding of distribution lines is being funded and constructed through Rule 20A, while the design, potholing, and vault installation for the undergrounding of transmission lines is being funded through Rule 20B, both programs supported by Metro. The city has secured an extension through 2028 to complete the work funded under Rule 20B.

Traffic Signal Improvements
The city received Highway Safety Improvement Program funds to improve the flow and safety for 12 traffic signals city wide. The work has essentially been completed, however, due to the funding balance, staff were able to negotiate improvements for an additional five traffic signals. The work for the remaining five locations has begun and is anticipated to be complete before the end of summer.

Annual Streets and Alley Resurfacing
Per the adopted CIP plan, staff has performed the design of a large pavement project to resurface portions of Carson St., Centralia St., Clark Ave., Downey Ave., Norwalk Blvd., a few residential alleys, and two residential neighborhoods. One residential neighborhood is bound by Del Amo, Woodruff, Bellflower, and Arbor, and the other is bound by Del Amo, Norwalk, Pioneer, and Centralia. The bid opening was held on June 4 and the low bidder is contractor Hardy and Harper, whose bid amount was deemed responsive and is below the engineer's estimate. Staff anticipates recommending award of the project to Hardy and Harper at the next City Council meeting. One challenge is the Gateway Cities COG fiber project, which entails fiber installation on Clark Ave. and connection to City Hall. The city is coordinating with the COG to coordinate these improvements. The Committee approved staff's recommendation to City Council to award a contract for the "Street Improvements at Various Locations", PW 25-11, in the amount of $12,320,469.00 to the low bidder, Hardy and Harper, at the next Council meeting.

Annual Sidewalk and Mobility Improvements
CJ Concrete Construction and Precision Concrete continue with the hardscape repairs city-wide. The total estimated cost for citywide sidewalk repairs addressing all distresses is estimated at $8,330,037, funded through Measures M, R, SB1, and TDA.

Project Ledger Update
Staff continue working with Regional Government Services (RGS) to evaluate the implementation of project tracking through a module in the MUNIS finance accounting system called Project Ledger. The effort has required an extensive amount of staff and consulting time to identify system capabilities and required fields to create a total project tracking system. Based on RGS recommendation, Finance (Administrative Services) purchased another module - Tyler Content Manager. This will result in a financial tracking system for all CIP projects going forth.

On July 15, the Public Safety Committee met and discussed:
Review of Carwash Special Events:
Administrative Services Manager Camacho presented an update on carwash special events resolution and asked the Committee to review and provide feedback and guidance for number of events and number of days per year for carwash special events, to ensure the permitted activity meets the Council's goal of balancing benefits to the businesses with impacts to residents. It was suggested that including a gap between events would provide surrounding neighbors a break between successive special events. It was confirmed that permitted special events would not alter the current code requirement that "carwashing activity" not occur after 8 p.m., and that the special event activity end by 10 p.m. Chairman Rogers requested that Administrative Services staff create a new resolution to present to Council.

Illegal Fireworks Enforcement After Action Report:
Public Safety Director Yordt presented a detailed report for illegal fireworks enforcement detail from July 3 to 5, 2025, with 42 administrative citations issued to Lakewood residents and non–residents, 438 pounds of illegal fireworks confiscated and total of three arrests for sales of illegal fireworks reported. Report also included a decrease in calls for service in comparison to previous years for illegal fireworks. Updates were provided related to citation payments and appeals, including a map of illegal fireworks locations, which depicts a concentration of complaints reported, emphasizing Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputies and Public Safety Officer's heavy patrol and enforcement in assigned reporting districts.

Crime Trends and Statistics:
Sergeant Johnson presented Part I crimes, reporting a decrease in burglaries throughout the city, as well as at Lakewood Center Mall. Day shift Deputies reported to heavily enforce traffic safety, and evening shift Deputies heavily focused on Part I and II crimes. Sergeant Johnson reported collaborations and efforts with Lakewood Center Mall personnel and Public Safety for training related to burglaries and robberies.

Homeless Services Program Updates:
Deputy Nowotny provided updates related to homeless services program, reporting that three homeless individuals accepted outreach services and that one homeless individual was arrested for criminal activity. Homeless services liaisons and abatement Deputy assisted Union Pacific Railroad with clean-up on railroad tracks. Public Safety Director Yordt provided updates about the recruiting process for the Maintenance Trainee program for the homeless clean-up crew.

Community Prosecutor Program:
Public Safety Director Yordt presented updates about the Community Prosecutor Program on behalf of Deputy District Attorney Josfan. He shared Deputy District Attorney Josfan's efforts to work with homeless outreach program personnel to develop and implement a system of enforcing prohibition of possession of shopping carts.

Management Analyst Picon presented updates on collaborations with businesses in Lakewood to provide support to deter retail theft. Committee Member Wood suggested working with home–based businesses to engage in business watch program.

Public Safety Department Update:
Management Analyst Picon provided Public Safety department updates and reported a decrease in sidewalk vending and scavenging activity. Success rates and participation for past Public Safety Department events were shared including updates related to Office of Emergency Management and Community Engagement & Education division. Public Safety Officers continue to provide support in parking control enforcement and assist Deputies with patrol and calls for service for non-emergent calls.

Committee Member Wood suggested Public Safety Department work with Gompers Middle School for National Night Out for event parking needs to mitigate traffic at San Martin Park.

Public Safety Director Yordt provided updates on recruitment processes related to the Emergency Preparedness Manager and part-time Public Safety Officer.

Public Outreach Update:
Public Information Officer Johnson shared details related to Flock workshop publicity and positive feedback from community members, with community members high level of interest to learn more about Flock via social media platforms. Public Safety Director Yordt shared success stories captured by Flock cameras at specific locations, where crimes were reported by community members.

Public Information Officer Johnson provided updates on upcoming Public Information campaigns for Public Safety, including the upcoming Award of Valor (AOV). The Committee reviewed the AOV Bridge Builder Award nominees. Chairman Rogers suggested that the award go to a Lakewood group (or individuals) that support localized events and efforts. Suggestions of such groups/individuals were made.

Follow-Up:
Public Safety Director Yordt provided updates on ShotSpotter, highlighting calls for service related to evidence and detection. He also shared updates on Flock and reported collaborations with Flock for system designs. Updates related to previous Flock workshops presented by Los Angeles Sheriff's Deputies, Flock representatives, and Public Safety personnel, including positive feedback from residents in attendance in the workshops were shared with the Committee.

Chairman Rogers asked a question related to Federal agency's access and data sharing on Flock. Public Safety Director Yordt confirmed Federal agencies do not have granted access nor data sharing related to immigration enforcement through Flock. Sergeant Johnson confirmed Flock works as an investigative tool for crimes that are reported and require an investigation be conducted through Los Angeles Sheriff's Department. Public Safety Director Yordt will work to confirm with Flock about data access and sharing for security purposes.

Oral Communications:
A member of the public requested clarification on Flock system and commended Committee for approval of Flock.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this report.

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

DIVIDER SHEET

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Monthly Report of Investment Transactions – June 2025

INTRODUCTION

In accordance with California Government Code Section 53607, the City Council has delegated to the City Treasurer the responsibility to invest or to reinvest funds, or to sell or exchange securities so purchased. The California Government Code Section 53607 requires that, if such responsibility has been delegated, then the Treasurer "shall make a monthly report of those transactions to the legislative body." In compliance with this requirement, the Monthly Report of Investment Transactions is being rendered to be received and filed.

STATEMENT OF MONTHLY ACTIVITY

Date	Amount at Cost	Investment	Transaction	Rate*
03-Jun-25	$ 325,026.00	CORP	PURCHASE	4.650%
05-Jun-25	686,838.15	TREAS	PURCHASE	3.500%
05-Jun-25	144,923.15	CORP	PURCHASE	4.550%
10-Jun-25	364,993.94	ABS	PURCHASE	4.340%
10-Jun-25	139,987.27	ABS	PURCHASE	4.490%
10-Jun-25	54,999.45	CORP	PURCHASE	4.350%
12-Jun-25	189,999.28	ABS	PURCHASE	4.310%
16-Jun-25	309,727.20	CORP	PURCHASE	4.500%
26-Jun-25	414,887.41	ABS	PURCHASE	4.300%
27-Jun-25	149,248.86	CORP	PURCHASE	4.550%
27-Jun-25	211,995.60	CORP	PURCHASE	2.400%
27-Jun-25	141,077.33	CORP	PURCHASE	2.500%
30-Jun-25	233,405.38	CORP	PURCHASE	5.050%
30-Jun-25	110,611.20	CORP	PURCHASE	2.400%
25-Jun-25	740.05	FNMA	INTEREST	3.347%
25-Jun-25	591.38	FNMA	INTEREST	5.069%
25-Jun-25	1,196.23	FNMA	INTEREST	4.777%
25-Jun-25	1,098.80	FNMA	INTEREST	4.377%
25-Jun-25	862.23	FNMA	INTEREST	2.653%
25-Jun-25	1,171.92	FNMA	INTEREST	3.430%
25-Jun-25	1,560.98	FNMA	INTEREST	4.803%
25-Jun-25	1,501.00	FNMA	INTEREST	4.740%

Date	Amount at Cost	Investment	Transaction	Rate*
25-Jun-25	$ 1,502.67	FNMA	INTEREST	4.508%
25-Jun-25	1,472.50	FNMA	INTEREST	4.650%
25-Jun-25	1,258.67	FNMA	INTEREST	4.720%
25-Jun-25	1,520.00	FNMA	INTEREST	4.800%
25-Jun-25	791.67	FNMA	INTEREST	5.000%
25-Jun-25	1,362.90	FNMA	INTEREST	4.543%
25-Jun-25	1,074.67	FNMA	INTEREST	3.224%
25-Jun-25	1,505.94	FNMA	INTEREST	4.819%
25-Jun-25	850.50	FNMA	INTEREST	4.860%
25-Jun-25	1,094.51	FNMA	INTEREST	3.243%
25-Jun-25	958.20	FNMA	INTEREST	4.791%
25-Jun-25	1,250.71	FNMA	INTEREST	4.190%
25-Jun-25	564.26	FNMA	INTEREST	3.303%
25-Jun-25	1,131.67	FNMA	INTEREST	4.850%
25-Jun-25	1,057.24	FNMA	INTEREST	3.001%
25-Jun-25	1,524.00	FNMA	INTEREST	4.572%
02-Jun-25	1,486.59	MMF	INTEREST	3.600%
11-Jun-25	15,261.00	CORP	INTEREST	5.087%
15-Jun-25	596.75	ABS	INTEREST	4.340%
15-Jun-25	326.89	ABS	INTEREST	3.970%
15-Jun-25	157.95	ABS	INTEREST	3.660%
15-Jun-25	3,536.25	CORP	INTEREST	3.450%
15-Jun-25	1,198.29	ABS	INTEREST	5.530%
15-Jun-25	494.03	ABS	INTEREST	5.230%
15-Jun-25	286.35	ABS	INTEREST	4.650%
15-Jun-25	1,149.58	ABS	INTEREST	4.450%
15-Jun-25	1,284.17	ABS	INTEREST	4.600%
15-Jun-25	673.50	ABS	INTEREST	4.490%
15-Jun-25	786.25	ABS	INTEREST	5.100%
15-Jun-25	340.14	ABS	INTEREST	5.480%
15-Jun-25	1,683.29	ABS	INTEREST	5.690%
15-Jun-25	1,605.50	ABS	INTEREST	4.940%
15-Jun-25	206.46	ABS	INTEREST	4.510%
15-Jun-25	1,103.29	ABS	INTEREST	4.280%
15-Jun-25	865.48	ABS	INTEREST	5.900%
15-Jun-25	362.55	ABS	INTEREST	4.150%
15-Jun-25	2,961.25	CORP	INTEREST	5.150%
15-Jun-25	578.90	ABS	INTEREST	5.460%

Date	Amount at Cost	Investment	Transaction	Rate*
15-Jun-25	$ 1,311.50	ABS	INTEREST	5.160%
15-Jun-25	1,372.88	ABS	INTEREST	5.230%
16-Jun-25	346.89	ABS	INTEREST	5.450%
16-Jun-25	266.31	ABS	INTEREST	4.280%
18-Jun-25	45.46	ABS	INTEREST	3.730%
20-Jun-25	956.25	ABS	INTEREST	4.500%
20-Jun-25	1,183.88	ABS	INTEREST	4.510%
25-Jun-25	241.18	ABS	INTEREST	5.470%
25-Jun-25	7,125.00	CORP	INTEREST	4.750%
30-Jun-25	10,656.25	TREAS	INTEREST	3.875%
30-Jun-25	10,946.88	TREAS	INTEREST	3.875%
25-Jun-25	257.95	FNMA	PAYDOWNS	4.777%
25-Jun-25	22.00	FNMA	PAYDOWNS	4.190%
25-Jun-25	540.62	FNMA	PAYDOWNS	3.347%
25-Jun-25	382.12	FNMA	PAYDOWNS	4.377%
25-Jun-25	556.03	FNMA	PAYDOWNS	3.001%
15-Jun-25	11,510.66	ABS	PAYDOWNS	3.970%
15-Jun-25	11,042.08	ABS	PAYDOWNS	5.690%
15-Jun-25	14,215.05	ABS	PAYDOWNS	5.900%
15-Jun-25	5,613.22	ABS	PAYDOWNS	4.650%
15-Jun-25	4,666.79	ABS	PAYDOWNS	4.510%
15-Jun-25	15,885.86	ABS	PAYDOWNS	5.530%
15-Jun-25	7,800.98	ABS	PAYDOWNS	5.460%
15-Jun-25	5,483.38	ABS	PAYDOWNS	3.660%
15-Jun-25	5,186.25	ABS	PAYDOWNS	5.480%
15-Jun-25	7,746.87	ABS	PAYDOWNS	5.230%
16-Jun-25	4,560.28	ABS	PAYDOWNS	5.450%
18-Jun-25	2,987.09	ABS	PAYDOWNS	3.730%
25-Jun-25	4,001.87	ABS	PAYDOWNS	5.470%
05-Jun-25	381,888.40	FNMA	SELL	2.653%
05-Jun-25	112,027.54	CORP	SELL	5.600%
05-Jun-25	260,792.24	FNMA	SELL	3.347%
05-Jun-25	98,533.31	CORP	SELL	1.125%
04-Jun-25	110,725.31	ABS	SELL	4.870%
04-Jun-25	130,755.21	ABS	SELL	4.790%
04-Jun-25	245,466.26	ABS	SELL	4.420%
16-Jun-25	109,302.27	TREAS	SELL	3.500%
16-Jun-25	202,241.90	CORP	SELL	3.450%

Date		Amount at Cost	Investment	Transaction	Rate*
24-Jun-25	$	437,169.66	TREAS	SELL	4.375%
27-Jun-25		136,753.49	TREAS	SELL	3.875%
27-Jun-25		209,228.32	TREAS	SELL	1.500%
27-Jun-25		146,271.44	TREAS	SELL	3.750%
30-Jun-25		187,613.11	TREAS	SELL	1.125%
18-Jun-25		1,700,000.00	CAMP POOL	SELL	4.400%
25-Jun-25		2,000,000.00	CAMP POOL	SELL	4.400%
01-Jun-25		233,321.67	CAMP POOL	INTEREST	4.400%

* Rates shown for MMF, LAIF, and CAMP are distribution yields. All others are coupon rates.

INVESTMENT GLOSSARY

ABS (Asset-Backed Securities)
A mortgage pass-through security, collateralized mortgage obligation, mortgage-backed or other pay-through bond, equipment lease-backed certificate, consumer receivable pass-through certificate, or consumer receivable-backed bond.

AGENCY (U.S. Government Agency Issues)
Federal agency or United States government-sponsored enterprise obligations, participations, or other instruments, including those issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by federal agencies or United States government-sponsored enterprises. There are no portfolio percentage limits for U. S. Government Agency issues.

BOND (Municipal Bonds or Note)
Registered treasury notes or bonds issued by states or municipalities, including bonds payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by a state or by a department, board, agency, or authority of any of the other 49 United States, in addition to California.

CAMP (California Asset Management Program) Pool and Term
A Joint Powers Authority established in 1989 by the treasurers and finance directors of several California public agencies to provide an investment tool at a reasonable cost. Participation is limited to California public agencies. The Pool option offers daily liquidity with a variable rate of return. In recent years the Term option was added offering an investment tool for a fixed period (up to one year) and a fixed rate of return.

CD (Certificate of Deposit)
Negotiable CDs are issued by large banks and are freely traded in secondary markets as short term (2 to 52 weeks), large denomination ($100,000 minimum) CDs, that are either issued at a discount on its par value, or at a fixed interest rate payable at maturity.

COM (Commercial Paper)
Commercial paper of "prime" quality of the highest ranking or of the highest letter and number rating as provided for by a nationally recognized statistical-rating organization.

CORP (Corporate Notes)
Medium-term notes, defined as all corporate and depository institution debt securities with a maximum remaining maturity of five years or less, issued by corporations organized and operating within the Unites States or by depository institutions licensed by the United States, or any state and operating within the United States.

FNMA (Federal National Mortgage Association)
A government-sponsored, privately owned corporation established to create a secondary market for Federal Housing Administration mortgages.

LAIF (Local Agency Investment Fund, State of California)
The Treasurer of the State of California administers this investment pool, providing a high-level of liquidity and strong safety through diversification of investments.

MMF (Money Market Fund)
This is a money market interest-bearing checking account that is fully insured and collateralized.

SUPRA (Supra-National Agency Bonds or Notes)
Supranational bonds and notes are debt of international or multi-lateral financial agencies. The debt is used to finance economic/infrastructure development, environmental protection, poverty reduction and renewable energy around the globe, rated AAA, highly liquid and issued in a range of maturities.

TREAS (U.S. Treasury Notes)
A Treasury obligation of the U.S. Government to provide for the cash flow needs of the Federal Government.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file the Monthly Report of Investment Transactions rendered for the month of June 2025.

Jose Gomez
Director of Finance & Administrative Services

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

DIVIDER SHEET

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Quarterly Schedule of Investments – as of June 30, 2025

INTRODUCTION

The City invests idle funds in compliance with the California Government Code (CGC) and the City's investment policy, which the City Council last reviewed and approved in January 2025. The portfolio is highly-rated and well-diversified. While the portfolio is subject to the ebb and flow of market yield fluctuations, it is largely protected from the stock market volatility as the CGC and the City's investment policy narrowly define the authorized types of investments available. Additionally, City staff works closely with PFM Asset Management, LLC (PFM), the City's investment advisor, to seek out quality investments in proven sectors and keep investment allocations to any one issuer low as a percentage.

The City's investments summarized in this report are allocated to a variety of funds such as the General Fund, Water Utility Fund, Redevelopment Successor Agency Funds, Restricted Special Revenue Funds, and Fiduciary Funds.

The City's investment objectives, in order of priority, are safety, liquidity and yield. To meet these objectives, the City utilizes the following types of investments:

U.S. Treasury Notes
Treasury Obligations of the U.S. Government to provide for the cash flow needs of the Federal Government.

Federal Agency Bonds or Notes:
Federal agency or United States government-sponsored enterprise obligations, participations, or other instruments, including those issued by or fully guaranteed as to principal and interest by federal agencies or United States government-sponsored enterprises. This includes Collateralized Mortgage Obligations (CMOs).

- FHLB (Federal Home Loan Bank Bonds)
  Bonds and discount notes issued by the Federal Home Loan Bank to provide funding to member institutions and make available money to the residential mortgage market.
- FHLMC (Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp)
  A publicly chartered agency that buys qualifying residential mortgages from lenders, packages them into new securities backed by those pooled mortgages, provides certain guarantees and then re-sells the securities on the open market.

- FNMA (Federal National Mortgage Association)
  A government-sponsored, privately owned corporation established to create a secondary market for Federal Housing Administration mortgages.
- FFCB (Federal Farm Credit Bank)
  The Federal Farm Credit Bank is an independent agency of the U.S. Government that issues bonds and discount notes to provide short- and long-term credit and credit-related services to farmers, ranchers, rural homeowners, producers and harvesters.

Supra-National Agency Bonds or Notes
Supranational bonds and notes are debt of international or multi-lateral financial agencies. The debt is used to finance economic/infrastructure development, environmental protection, poverty reduction and renewable energy around the globe, rated AAA, highly liquid and issued in a range of maturities.

Negotiable Certificates of Deposit (CDs)
Negotiable CDs are issued by large banks and are freely traded in secondary markets as short term (2 to 52 weeks), large denomination ($100,000 minimum) CDs, that are either issued at a discount on its par value, or at a fixed interest rate payable at maturity.

Municipal Bonds or Notes:
Registered treasury notes or bonds issued by states or municipalities, including bonds payable solely out of the revenues from a revenue-producing property owned, controlled, or operated by a state or by a department, board, agency, or authority of any of the other 49 United States, in addition to California.

Corporate Notes:
Medium-term notes, defined as all corporate and depository institution debt securities with a maximum remaining maturity of five years or less, issued by corporations organized and operating within the Unites States or by depository institutions licensed by the United States, or any state and operating within the United States. Medium-term corporate notes shall be rated in a rating category of "A" or its equivalent or better.

Commercial Paper:
Commercial paper of "prime" quality of the highest ranking or of the highest letter and number rating as provided for by a nationally recognized statistical-rating organization.

Agency CMBS
Agency CMBS are commercial mortgage-backed securities collateralized by pools of real estate loans secured by multi-family or health care properties. They are issued by a U.S. government agency or federally chartered corporation, such as Fannie Mae or Freddie Mac.

Pooled Funds:
- LAIF (Local Agency Investment Fund, State of California)
  The Treasurer of the State of California administers this investment pool, providing a high-level of liquidity and strong safety through diversification of investments.

- CAMP (California Asset Management Program)
  A Joint Powers Authority established in 1989 by the treasurers and finance directors of several California public agencies to provide professional investment services at a reasonable cost. Participation is limited to California public agencies. The Pool option offers daily liquidity with a variable rate of return. In recent years the Term option was added offering an investment tool for a fixed period (up to one year) and a fixed rate of return.

- Los Angeles County Pool
  This pool is very similar to LAIF. It is well-diversified, very liquid, and offers competitive yields.

Summary – Schedule of Investments as of June 30, 2025

MANAGED PORTFOLIO

Security Type	Market Value	% of Portfolio	% Change vs. 3/31/25	Permitted by Policy	In Compliance
U.S. Treasury Notes	$ 16,924,211	40.0%	-3.60%	100%	√
Corporate Notes	10,026,731	23.7%	1.40%	30%	√
Negotiable CDs	1,196,873	2.8%	0.00%	30%	√
Federal Agency	301,131	0.7%	0.00%	100%	√
Municipal Bonds	659,783	1.6%	0.30%	100%	√
Federal Agency CMBS	7,322,577	17.3%	-0.80%	100%	√
Asset Backed Securities	5,913,044	13.9%	2.70%	20%	√
Securities Sub-Total	42,344,350	100.0%			
Cash	68,246				
Total Managed Portfolio	$ 42,412,596				

POOLED INVESTMENT ACCOUNTS		Market Value
LAIF	State of CA	$ 4,005,373
CAMP - Pool	US Bank	62,117,420
CAMP - Term	US Bank	40,000,000
		$ 106,122,793

BANK ACCOUNTS		Balance
City – Checking *	F&M	$ 5,169,968
City Payroll	F&M	60,171
Successor Housing – Checking	F&M	2,398,025
		$ 7,628,164
Funds held in reserve as required by debt issuance or non-agency funds (not available for City expenditures):		
Successor Agency – Checking	F&M	$ 594,138

TOTAL PORTFOLIO	$156,757,691

Attached is a more detailed report of the managed portfolio provided by PFM

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council receive and file this report.

Jose Gomez
Director of Finance & Administrative Services

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

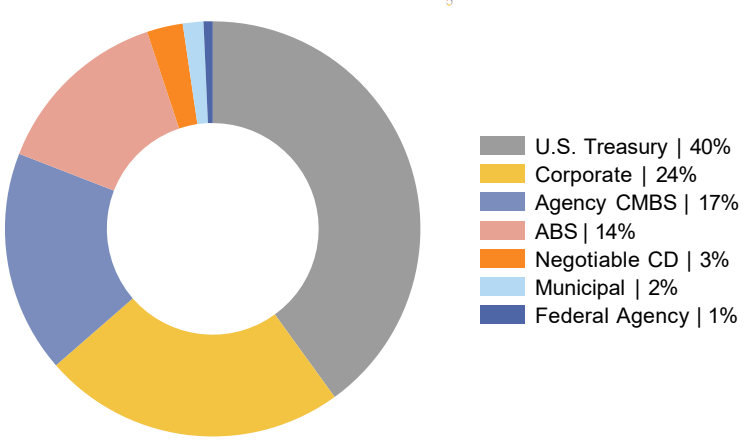
Portfolio Review

Portfolio Snapshot - CITY OF LAKEWOOD[1]

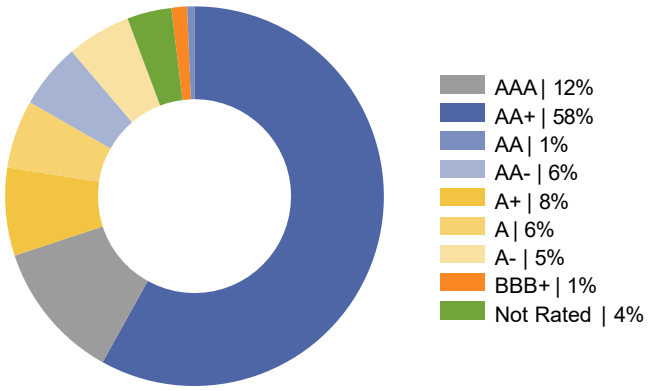
Portfolio Statistics

Total Market Value	$42,412,595.70
Securities Sub-Total	*$42,072,741.31*
Accrued Interest	*$271,608.03*
Cash	*$68,246.36*
Portfolio Effective Duration	2.52 years
Benchmark Effective Duration	2.48 years
Yield At Cost	4.29%
Yield At Market	4.04%
Portfolio Credit Quality	AA

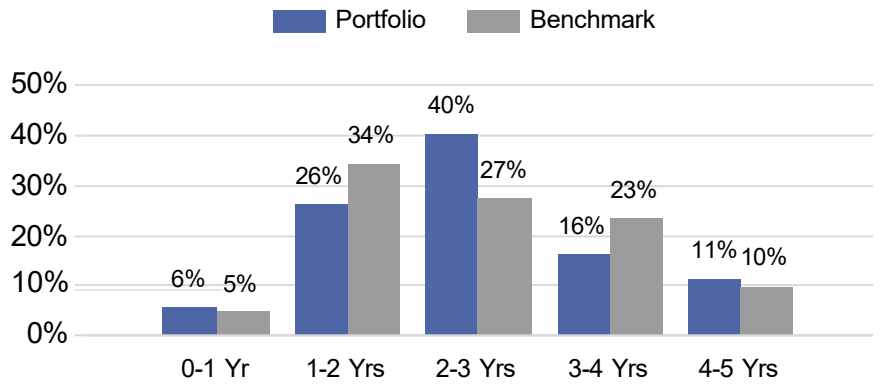
Sector Allocation



Credit Quality - S&P

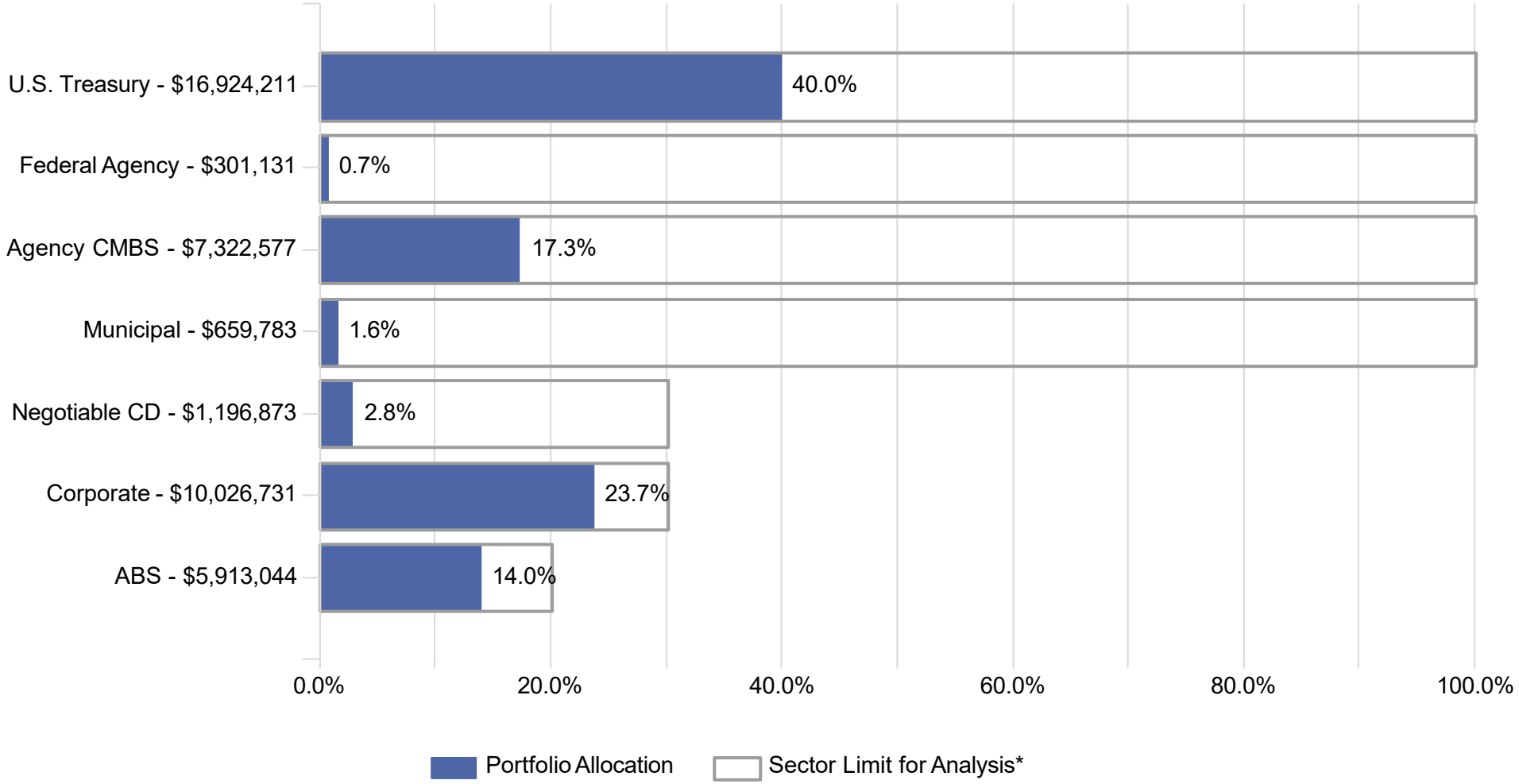


Duration Distribution



1. *Yield and duration calculations exclude cash and cash equivalents. Sector allocation includes market values and accrued interest. The portfolio's benchmark is currently the ICE BofA 1-5 Year U.S Treasury Index. Prior to 3/31/19 it was the ICE BofA 1-3 Year U.S Treasury Index. Source: Bloomberg Financial LP. An average of each security's credit rating was assigned a numeric value and adjusted for its relative weighting in the portfolio.*

Sector Allocation Analytics



For informational/analytical purposes only and is not provided for compliance assurance. Includes accrued interest.
**Sector Limit for Analysis is as derived from our interpretation of your most recent Investment Policy as provided.*

Certificate of Compliance

During the reporting period for the quarter ended June 30, 2025 the account(s) managed by PFM Asset Management ("PFMAM") were in compliance with the applicable investment policy and guidelines as furnished to PFMAM.

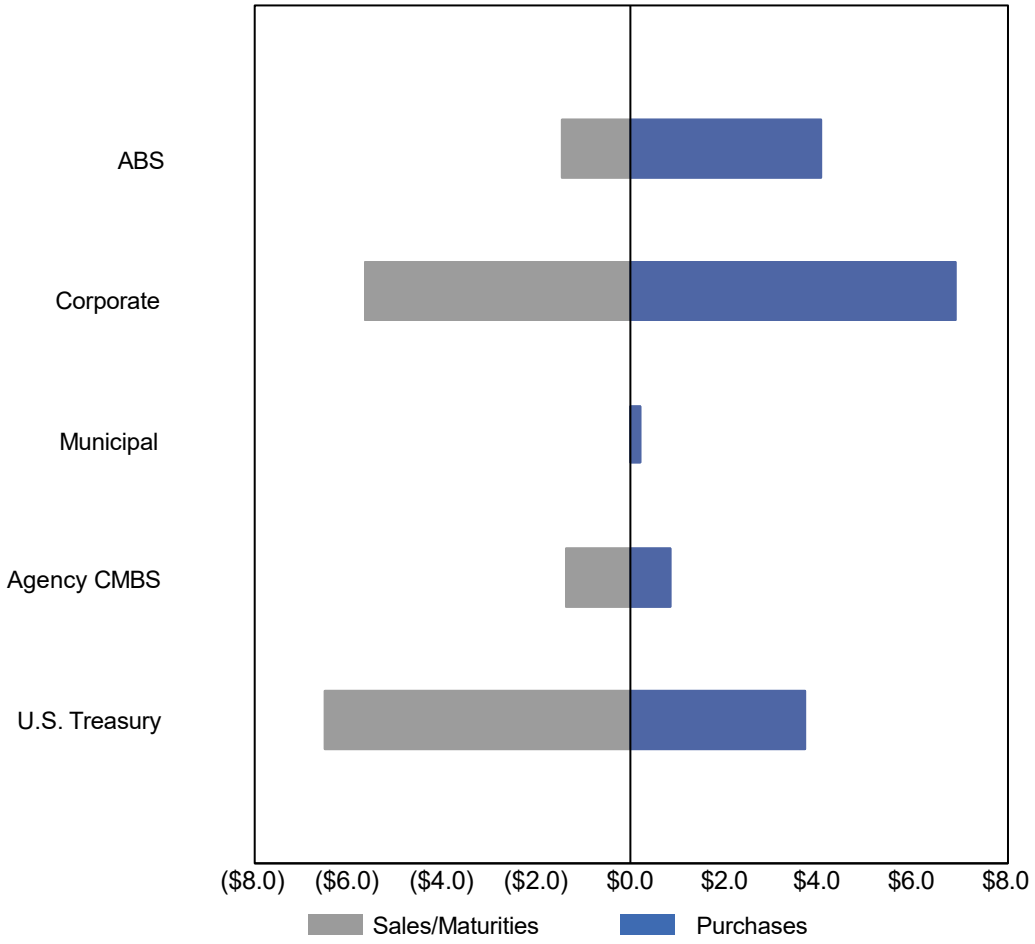
Acknowledged : *PFM Asset Management a division of U.S. Bancorp*

Note: Pre- and post-trade compliance for the account(s) managed by PFM Asset Management is provided via Bloomberg Asset and Investment Management ("AIM").

Portfolio Activity - CITY OF LAKEWOOD

Net Activity by Sector

($ millions)



Sector	Net Activity
ABS	$2,568,132
Corporate	$1,279,464
Municipal	$200,000
Agency CMBS	($523,226)
U.S. Treasury	($2,798,299)
Total Net Activity	**$726,072**

Based on total proceeds (principal and accrued interest) of buys, sells, maturities, and principal paydowns. Detail may not add to total due to rounding.

DIVIDER SHEET

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-43

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the recommendations of the City Clerk and approval of the City Attorney and Administration Department Head, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to destroy the following public records:

Report of Lobbyist Employer Dated Through December 2022

State Legislation Faxes and Correspondence; Service Request Correspondence Dated Prior to June 30, 2023

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the aforementioned public records are more than two years old and no longer required to be kept and maintained as public records.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to cause said record to be destroyed in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 34090 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

_____
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

I, Paolo Beltran, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Deputy City Manager and that the aforementioned records of the City of Lakewood are more than two years of age, and the further maintenance of the same is no longer necessary or required. I recommend that said records be destroyed.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
Deputy City Manager

APPROVAL BY CITY ATTORNEY

I do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Attorney of the City of Lakewood and that the aforementioned records are not required to be kept by statute or law and may be destroyed if more than two years of age, provided destruction thereof has been approved by the Department Head and the City Council.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-44

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF FINANCE AND ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the recommendation of the City Clerk and approval of the City Attorney and Department Head, the Director of Administrative Services is hereby authorized to destroy the following public records:

	through June 30
1099 forms	2018
Administrative Citations	2018
Audit hearing or review	2022
Audit work papers	2022
Bank reconciliations	2018
Bank registers	2018
Bank statements	2018
Bingo license	2018
Building maintenance / leases	2018
Canceled checks	2018
Cash Disbursement Reports	2018
Checks	2018
Citations	2020
Closed Law suits / small claims	2023
Closed liens / collections / small claims	2018
Closed Subpoenas	2023
Closed Transmittals to the hearing officer/court	2023
Connection/disconnects/registers/service	2018
Contracts	2018
Daily cash receipts	2018
Damage to city property	2018
Deferred comp reports	2018
Dismissals	2020
DUI billings	2018
Federal & state tax	2018

General billing records	2018
General Ledger	2018
Grants - federal, state and other governmental	2018
Grants - non-governmental	2018
Inactive business licenses	2018
Invoices	2018
Meter reading report	2018
Notices of vehicles towed	2022
Parking control – data	2020
Payroll register	2018
PERS reports	2018
Purchase orders	2018
Salary records	2018
Secondhand dealer license (pawn broker)	2018
Solid waste collection/disposal reports	2018
Special event and other permits	2018
Stores / inventory documentation	2018
Superseded Bail Schedule	2019
Surplus property auction or other disposal	2020
Terminated contracts & agreements (no capital)	2018
Time cards	2018
TOT exemption certificates	2018
Utility billing - data and reports	2018
Utility customer records	2018
Utility rates	2018
Utility rebate report	2018
Utility service orders	2018
W2s	2018

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the aforementioned public records are more than two years old and no longer required to be kept and maintained as a public record.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to cause said records to be destroyed in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 34090 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

_____
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

I, Jose Gomez, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Department Director of the Finance and Administrative Services Department and that the aforementioned records of the City of Lakewood are more than two years of age, and the further maintenance of the same is no longer necessary or required. I recommend that said records be destroyed.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
Department Director

APPROVAL BY CITY ATTORNEY

I do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Attorney of the City of Lakewood and that the aforementioned records are not required to be kept by statute or law and may be destroyed if more than two years of age, provided destruction thereof has been approved by the Department Head and the City Council.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-45

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF CITY CLERK MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the recommendation of the City Clerk and approval of the City Attorney and Department Head, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to destroy the following public records:

Audio Recordings of Meetings of the City Council Dated Prior to June 30, 2023

Claims for Damages Filed Against the City of Lakewood Closed Prior to June 30, 2020

Litigation Files Closed Prior to June 30, 2020

Statements of Economic Interest of City Officers and Employees
Filing Period Dated Prior to January 1, 2018

Notices of Adjournment and Affidavits of Posting for Meetings of the City Council
Dated Prior to December 31, 2015

Applicant Forms and Petitions for Street Closures Approved Prior to June 30, 2023

Unsuccessful Bids for Public Works Projects Completed Prior to June 30, 2023

Unsuccessful Bids for Purchasing Bids Awarded Prior to June 30, 2023

Unsuccessful Bids for Requests for Proposals Submitted Prior to June 30, 2023

Public Records Acts Requests Dated Prior to June 30, 2023

Original Campaign Disclosure Forms of Unsuccessful Candidates for
City Council Elections Prior to June 30, 2015

Delinquent Garbage, Waste and Refuse Collection Hearing Notices and Reports
Dated Through June 30, 2023

Undeliverable Public Hearing Notices Dated Through June 30, 2022

Parade Applications Approved Prior to June 30, 2012

Subpoenas for Records Dated Prior to June 30, 2022

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the aforementioned public

records are more than two years old and no longer required to be kept and maintained as a public record.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to cause said records to be destroyed in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 34090 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

_____
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

APPROVED BY CITY CLERK

I, Jo Mayberry, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Clerk and that the aforementioned records of the City of Lakewood are more than two years of age, and the further maintenance of the same is no longer necessary or required. I recommend that said records be destroyed.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
City Clerk

APPROVAL BY CITY ATTORNEY

I do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Attorney of the City of Lakewood and that the aforementioned records are not required to be kept by statute or law and may be destroyed if more than two years of age, provided destruction thereof has been approved by the Department Head and the City Council.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-46

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the recommendation of the City Clerk and approval of the City Attorney and the Department Head, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to destroy the following public records:

Closed Paid Back Loan Files Dated Prior to July 1, 2020

Closed/Cancelled Applications for Loans or Grants Dated Prior to July 1, 2020

Community Development Block Grant Program Files Closed Prior to July 1, 2020

Audio Recordings of Meetings of the Planning and Environment Commission Dated Prior to July 1, 2023

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the aforementioned public records have been retained more than three (3) years from the date the loan has been paid back and the file closed, and the same are no longer required to be kept and maintained as public records.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to cause said records to be destroyed in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 34090 of the Government Code of the State of California and the Code of Federal Regulations, Title 24 Section 570.490 Housing and Urban Development record retention.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

_____
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

I, Aldo Cervantes, do hereby certify that I am the Director of the Community Development Department and that the aforementioned records of the City of Lakewood are more than two years of age, and the further maintenance of the same is no longer necessary or required. I recommend that said records be destroyed.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
Department Director

APPROVAL BY CITY ATTORNEY

I do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Attorney of the City of Lakewood and that the aforementioned records are not required to be kept by statute or law and may be destroyed if more than two years of age, provided destruction thereof has been approved by the Department Head and the City Council.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-47

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PERSONNEL MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the recommendation of the City Clerk and approval of the City Attorney and Department Head, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to destroy the following public records:

Personnel Files of Terminated Full-time, Part-time & Seasonal Employees Dated Prior to June 30, 2020

Eligibility and Hiring Lists for Positions Filled Prior to June 30, 2023

Overtime and Leave Request Forms* Dated Prior to July 1, 2018
*excepting injury/illness related forms

Industrial Accident Reports Dated Prior to 1992

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the aforementioned public records are more than two years old and no longer required to be kept and maintained as a public record.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to cause said records to be destroyed in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 34090 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

_____
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

I, Thaddeus McCormack, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Manager and that the aforementioned records of the City of Lakewood are more than two years of age, and the further maintenance of the same is no longer necessary or required. I recommend that said records be destroyed.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
City Manager

APPROVAL BY CITY ATTORNEY

I do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Attorney of the City of Lakewood and that the aforementioned records are not required to be kept by statute or law and may be destroyed if more than two years of age, provided destruction thereof has been approved by the Department Head and the City Council.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-48

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the recommendation of the City Clerk and approval of the City Attorney and Department Head, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to destroy the following public records:

Sheriff's Department Crime Summary Reports; Sky Knight Observer Summary Reports; and General Correspondence Dated Prior to June 30, 2023

Sky Knight Flight Hours Reports, Monthly Reports for Participating Cities and Operating Procedures Dated Prior to June 30, 2023

Los Angeles Regional Crime Information System (PARCIS) Grant Materials Audited Prior to June 30, 2022

Live Scan Applications Dated Prior to July 2023

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the aforementioned public records are more than two years old and no longer required to be kept and maintained as a public record.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to cause said records to be destroyed in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 34090 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGSUT, 2025.

_____
Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

I, Joshua Yordt, do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed Department Director of the Public Safety Department and that the aforementioned records of the City of Lakewood are more than two years of age, and the further maintenance of the same is no longer necessary or required. I recommend that said records be destroyed.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
Department Director

APPROVAL BY CITY ATTORNEY

I do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Attorney of the City of Lakewood and that the aforementioned records are not required to be kept by statute or law and may be destroyed if more than two years of age, provided destruction thereof has been approved by the Department Head and the City Council.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

_____
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-49

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION AND COMMUNITY SERVICES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the recommendation of the City Clerk and approval of the City Attorney and Department Head, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to destroy the following public records:

Application and Agreement for Use of Recreation Facilities Dated Through December 31, 2022

Picnic Shelter Reservation Applications and Supplemental Questionnaires Dated Through June 30, 2023

Facility Schedule Book (Red Book) Dated Through December 31, 2022

Application and Agreement for Use of Craft or Display Booth Dated Through June 30, 2023

CDBG Participant Audit Sheets Dated Through June 30, 2022

Accident Reports Occurring Prior to December 31, 2022
(adults and minors who have reached the age of 19)

Incident and Injury Reports (Special Occurrence Reports) Occurring Prior to December 31, 2022
(adults and minors who have reached the age of 19)

DASH Passenger Logs Dated Through June 30, 2023

Sports Officials Schedules Dated Through June 30, 2023

Contract Class Registrations Dated Through June 30, 2023
(adults and minors who have reached the age of 19)

Personal Service Agreements and Exhibits for Contract Class Instructors Dated Through June 30, 2020

Permission Slips, Registrations and Rosters for All Parks and Community Centers Dated Through June 30, 2023
(adults and minors who have reached the age of 19)

Volunteer Registrations, Rosters and Fingerprint Cards Dated Through June 30, 2023

Recreation and Community Services Commission Agenda Packets Dated Through June 30, 2023

Notices of Adjournment and Affidavits of Posting for Meetings of the Recreation and Community Services Commission Dated Prior to December 31, 2015

Pool Rescue Reports Occurring Prior to June 30, 2023
(adults and minors who have reached the age of 19)

Opening/Closing Checklists Dated Through June 30, 2023

Closed Playground Safety Inspection Reports Dated Through June 30, 2023
(Related work orders, repairs, etc. must be closed)

CDBG Invoices and Stats Dated Through June 30, 2019

Project Shepherd Assistance Records Dated Through June 30, 2019

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the aforementioned public records are more than two years old and no longer required to be kept and maintained as a public record.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to cause said records to be destroyed in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 34090 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

I, Valarie Frost, do hereby certify that I am the Department Director of the Recreation and Community Services Department and that the aforementioned records of the City of Lakewood are more than two years of age, and the further maintenance of the same is no longer necessary or required. I recommend that said records be destroyed.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Department Director

APPROVAL BY CITY ATTORNEY

I do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Attorney of the City of Lakewood and that the aforementioned records are not required to be kept by statute or law and may be destroyed if more than two years of age, provided destruction thereof has been approved by the Department Head and the City Council.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-50

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD AUTHORIZING THE DESTRUCTION OF CERTAIN PUBLIC RECORDS OF THE DEPARTMENT OF WATER RESOURCES MORE THAN TWO YEARS OLD

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE AND RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to the recommendations of the City Clerk and approval of the City Attorney and Water Resources Department Head, the City Clerk is hereby authorized to destroy the following public records:

Continuing Education Class Modules Quizzes and Attendance Rosters
Dated Through December 2020

Confined Space Entry Logs Dated Through June 30, 2023

Golden State Water Company Advice Letters Dated Through December 2021

Central Basin Water Association Financial Statements, Surveys, Proposals, General Correspondence and Memoranda Dated Through December 2022

Underground Service Alerts
Dated January to December 2022

Service Orders and Standby Service Orders Dated Through June 30, 2023

General Correspondence Dated Through 2022

Bacteriological Water Sampling Laboratory Reports
Dated Through June 30, 2020

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby finds and determines that the aforementioned public records are more than two years old and no longer required to be kept and maintained as public records.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk is directed to cause said records to be destroyed in accordance with the terms and provisions of Section 34090 of the Government Code of the State of California.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

APPROVED BY DEPARTMENT HEAD

I, Derek Nguyen, do hereby certify that I am the Department Director of the Water Resources Department and that the aforementioned records of the City of Lakewood are more than two years of age, and the further maintenance of the same is no longer necessary or required. I recommend that said records be destroyed.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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Department Director

APPROVAL BY CITY ATTORNEY

I do hereby certify that I am the duly appointed City Attorney of the City of Lakewood and that the aforementioned records are not required to be kept by statute or law and may be destroyed if more than two years of age, provided destruction thereof has been approved by the Department Head and the City Council.

DATED this _____ day of _____, 2025.

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City Attorney

DIVIDER SHEET

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Community Safety Commission Recommendation – Disabled Person Parking

INTRODUCTION

The Community Safety Commission met on July 14 to consider various community safety matters that included the consideration of a request for a disabled person parking space at 20605 Elaine Avenue.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Public Works Department received a request for a disabled person parking space at 20605 Elaine Avenue. The resident stated that she is disabled, and she does drive and has a disabled placard issued to her. The resident parks on the street because she is unable to open and close the gate at the driveway. She stated that street parking is limited most of the time. Staff observed the location, checked the placard number, and recommended installation of a space.

The Community Safety Commission, at their regular meeting on July 14, approved recommending installation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Safety Commission recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing installation of a disabled person designated parking space at 20605 Elaine Avenue.

Kelli Pickler
Director of Public Works

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-51

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE WEST SIDE OF ELAINE AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS: a

SECTION 1. This Resolution is enacted pursuant to Section 21458 and 22507 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California, and Section 3250.2 of the Lakewood Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Disabled person designated parking is hereby established on the west side of Elaine Avenue, beginning one hundred seventy (170) feet north of the north curb line of 207th Street, continuing north for a distance of twenty (20) feet within the City of Lakewood. No vehicle shall stop, stand or park in said parking restriction unless displaying a special identification license plate or placard issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Section 22511.55 of the California Vehicle Code.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be effective as long as said restriction is painted and posted in accordance with the requirements of Vehicle Code Section 22511.7 of the California Vehicle Code. In addition, this resolution shall be in effect only as long as Mary Schuhmann, physically disabled person, occupies the house at 20605 Elaine Avenue.

SECTION 4. This resolution has been adopted pursuant to a Community Safety Commission recommendation.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of August, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Community Safety Commission Recommendation – Disabled Person Parking

INTRODUCTION

The Community Safety Commission met on July 14 to consider various community safety matters that included the consideration of a request for a disabled person parking space at 4732 McNab Avenue.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Public Works Department received a request for a disabled person parking space at 4732 McNab Avenue. The resident stated that his wife is disabled, and he drives her. She has a disabled placard issued to her. The resident parks on the street because the driveway is too steep for his wife to enter and exit the vehicle. He stated that street parking is limited most of the time. Staff observed the location, checked the placard number, and recommended installation of a space.

The Community Safety Commission, at their regular meeting on July 14, approved recommending installation.

RECOMMENDATION

The Community Safety Commission recommends that the City Council adopt the attached resolution authorizing installation of a disabled person designated parking space at 4732 McNab Avenue.

Kelli Pickler
Director of Public Works

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-52

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD ESTABLISHING DISABLED PERSON DESIGNATED PARKING ON THE EAST SIDE OF MCNAB AVENUE WITHIN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. This Resolution is enacted pursuant to Section 21458 and 22507 of the Vehicle Code of the State of California, and Section 3250.2 of the Lakewood Municipal Code.

SECTION 2. Disabled person designated parking is hereby established on the east side of McNab Avenue, beginning three hundred sixteen (316) feet north of the north curb line of Arbor Road, continuing north for a distance of twenty (20) feet within the City of Lakewood. No vehicle shall stop, stand or park in said parking restriction unless displaying a special identification license plate or placard issued by the Department of Motor Vehicles pursuant to Section 22511.55 of the California Vehicle Code.

SECTION 3. This resolution shall be effective as long as said restriction is painted and posted in accordance with the requirements of Vehicle Code Section 22511.7 of the California Vehicle Code. In addition, this resolution shall be in effect only as long as Linda Dilly, physically disabled person, occupies the house at 4732 McNab Avenue.

SECTION 4. This resolution has been adopted pursuant to a Community Safety Commission recommendation.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED this 12th day of August, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

DIVIDER SHEET

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Notice of Completion – for Public Works Project No. 2025-06 Improvements to the Existing Mayfair Park Bleachers

INTRODUCTION

Deark E&C, the Contractor on Public Works Contract 2025-06, has completed work which consisted painting and minor welding improvements of the two bleachers structures at Mayfair Park.

STATEMENT OF FACT

On March 25, 2025, City Council awarded Public Works Contract 2025-06 to Deark E&C in the amount of $163,500. Seven change orders (COs) were issued throughout the construction period resulting in a final contract amount of $180,423.50. One CO was issued to replace the siding and paint the press box, the second CO was issued to paint the gates and fence adjacent to the bleachers, the third CO was issued to replace the metal doors of the adjacent electrical building, the fourth CO was issued to paint the backboard of the ballfield, the fifth CO was a no cost change order to add additional days on the project, the sixth CO was issued to replace the flashing on the bleacher structures, and the seventh CO was a deductive change order to revise the amount of welding square footage from 200 SF to 15 SF, as less welding work was required as anticipated. The change orders resulted in an increased contract amount of $16,923.50.

The contract was substantially completed in June 2025. Deark E&C's staff has addressed all items on the project punch list. Staff recommends issuing the NOC.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of Staff that the City Council:

(1) Accept the work performed by Deark E&C in a final contract amount of $180,423.50 and authorize the City Clerk to file the Notice of Completion for Public Works Contract No. 2025-06.

(2) Ratify Change Order Nos. 1-7 in the net additional amount of $16,923.50 to Public Works Contract No. 2025-06.

Kelli Pickler
Director of Public Works

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

DIVIDER SHEET

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Approval of Memoranda of Understanding for Proposition A Discretionary Grant Program for Collecting and Reporting Data for the National Transit Database for the Reporting Fiscal Year of 2022-2023

INTRODUCTION

In 2018, the City of Lakewood began an agreement to participate in the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Grant Program for collecting and reporting DASH Transportation data for the National Transit Database through the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority (LACMTA). In June of 2025, LACMTA approved Fiscal Year 2024-2025 transit fund allocation payments to all cities that voluntarily reported NTD data for Fiscal Year 2022-2023. Through a memorandum of understanding with LACMTA, the City of Lakewood continues to collect and report data to extend this relationship.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The City of Lakewood has been collecting and reporting NTD statistics from its DASH Transportation demand response transit service and submitting them to LACMTA since 2018. The Recreation and Community Services Department has used those funds to purchase senior services scheduling software that includes a transportation scheduling and reservation element for the DASH Transportation program, and a contracted cleaning and detailing company that washes and details the city's fleet of six vans and six buses, on a more frequent basis.

LACMTA has agreed to pay up to $37,227 to support transit funds in Reporting Fiscal Year 2022-2023, via the attached memorandum of understanding. Staff intend to continue to utilize these funds to support the transit software program in support of DASH routes and client management and/or other programs and infrastructure to support the DASH Transit Program. Funds for reporting fiscal year 2022-2023 must be expended by June 30, 2028.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council approve and authorize the mayor to sign the Memorandum of Understanding for Proposition A Discretionary Grant Program for Collecting and Reporting Data for the National Transit Database for Reporting Fiscal Year 2022-2023, so as to continue to collect and report National Transit Database statistics and receive approved transit allocation funds in return in the amount of $37,227 for reporting fiscal year 2022-2023.

Valarie Frost, Director VF
Recreation and Community Services

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

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PROPOSITION A DISCRETIONARY INCENTIVE GRANT PROGRAM
MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING
FOR COLLECTING AND REPORTING DATA FOR THE
NATIONAL TRANSIT DATABASE
FOR REPORT YEAR 2023

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) is entered into as of June 1, 2025 by and between Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority ("LACMTA") and the City of Lakewood (the "City").

WHEREAS, on November 14, 1980, the voters of the County of Los Angeles approved by majority vote Proposition A, an ordinance establishing a one-half percent sales tax for public transit purposes; and

WHEREAS, at its September 26, 2001 meeting, the LACMTA authorized payment of Proposition A Discretionary Incentive funds to each participating agency in an amount equal to the Federal funds generated for the region by each agency's reported data; and

WHEREAS, at its June 27, 2024 meeting, LACMTA approved the Fiscal Year FY 2024-25 transit fund allocations, which included funds to make payments to all cities that voluntarily reported NTD data for FY 2022-23; and

WHEREAS, the City has voluntarily submitted their FY2022-23 data to the National Transit Database (NTD) and have successfully met all NTD and Federal Transit Administration (FTA) requirements in order to generate Federal 5307 funds for the Los Angeles County region; and

WHEREAS, the City has requested funds under the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive Program for collecting and reporting data for the NTD from the FY 2022-23 Report Year (the "Project"); and

WHEREAS, on May 5, 2025, the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) published in the Federal Register the FY 2024-25 Apportionments, Allocations, and Program Information including unit values for the data reported to the NTD; and

WHEREAS, the parties desire to agree on the terms and conditions for payment for the Project.

NOW, THEREFORE, LACMTA and the City hereby agree to the following terms and procedures:

ARTICLE 1. TERM

1.0 This Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") will be in effect from **June 1, 2025,** through **June 30, 2028** at which time all unused funds shall lapse.

ARTICLE 2. STANDARDS

2.0 To receive payment for the submittal of the FY 2022-23 NTD statistics, the City warrants that it:

A. Adhered to the Federal Guidelines for collecting and Reporting NTD statistics including all audit requirements;

B. Prepared and submitted the FY 2022-23 ANNUAL NTD REPORT of the City's fixed-route and/or demand response transit service to the NTD on or before **October 31, 2023**;

C. Prepared and submitted the FY 2022-23 ANNUAL NTD REPORT of the City's fixed-route and/or demand response transit service to the LACMTA on or before **February 15, 2024**;

ARTICLE 3. PAYMENT OF FUNDS TO CITY

3.0 LACMTA shall pay the City for collecting and reporting FY 2022-23 NTD statistics. LACMTA shall pay the City for submitting the FY 2022-23 **ANNUAL NTD REPORT** for the applicable transit services as follows:

DIAL-A-RIDE SERVICE

For City's dial-a-ride service, LACMTA shall pay an amount equal to the 54,228 revenue vehicle miles reported by the City multiplied by the FTA unit value of 0.686483228324693 per revenue vehicle mile. See Attachment A for detail.

3.1 The City shall submit one invoice to LACMTA prior to **June 30, 2028**, in the amount of **$37,227** to receive its payment described above.

3.2 INVOICE BY CITY:

Send invoice with supporting documentation to:

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
Accounts Payable
P. O. Box 512296
Los Angeles, CA 90051-0296
accountspayable@metro.net

Re: LACMTA MOU# MOUPAILAKE25000 M.S. Chelsea Meister (99-21-3)

ARTICLE 4. CONDITIONS

4.0 The City agrees to comply with all requirements specified by the FTA guidelines for reporting NTD statistics.

4.1 The City understands and agrees that LACMTA shall have no liability in connection with the City's use of the funds. The City shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless LACMTA and its officers, agents, and employees from and against any and all liability and expenses including defense costs and legal fees and claims for damages of any nature whatsoever, arising out of any act or omission of the City, its officers, agents, employees, and subcontractors in performing the services under this MOU.

4.2 The City is not a contractor, agent or employee of LACMTA. The City shall not represent itself as a contractor, agent or employee of LACMTA and shall have no power to bind LACMTA in contract or otherwise.

4.3 The City agrees that expenditure of the Proposition A Discretionary Incentive funds will be used for projects that meet the eligibility, administrative, audit and lapsing requirements of the Proposition A and Proposition C Local Return guidelines most recently adopted by the LACMTA Board.

4.4 These expenditures will be subject to **AUDIT** as part of LACMTA's annual Consolidated Audit.

ARTICLE 5. REMEDIES

5.0 LACMTA reserves the right to terminate this MOU and withhold or recoup funds if it determines that the City has not met the requirements specified by the FTA for collecting and submitting NTD statistics through LACMTA.

ARTICLE 6. MISCELLANEOUS

6.0 This MOU constitutes the entire understanding between the parties, with respect to the subject matter herein.

6.1 The MOU shall not be amended, nor any provisions or breach hereof waived, except in writing signed by the parties who agreed to the original MOU or the same level of authority.

ARTICLE 7. CONTACT INFORMATION

7.0 LACMTA's Address:
Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority
One Gateway Plaza
Los Angeles, CA 90012
Attention: Chelsea Meister (99-21-3)
meisterc@metro.net

7.1 City's Address:
Lakewood
5050 Clark Ave
Lakewood, CA 90712
Attn: Valarie Frost
VFrost@lakewoodcity.org

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the City and LACMTA have caused this MOU to be executed by their duly authorized representatives on the date noted below:

CITY:

City of Lakewood

_____

Mayor/City Manager

Date: _____

Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority

By: _____
STEPHANIE WIGGINS
Chief Executive Officer

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

By: _____
Legal Counsel

Date: _____

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

DAWYN R. HARRISON
County Counsel

By: _____
Deputy

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ATTACHMENT A
LACMTA Voluntary NTD Reporting Program for FY '22
Using FY '24 FTA Formula Programs Apportionment Data Unit Values

Jurisdiction	MODE	Total Vehicle Revenue Miles	Total Passenger Miles	Total Operating Costs	$ from VRM	$ from OPCOST	Total Generated	Total ($)Due to Jursd Before Tier 2 Deduction	Tier II Operator Deduction	Total ($)Due to Jurisdiction
Glendale	MB	870,564	1,065,127	10,532,283	597,627.59	6,185	$ 603,812	603,812	(88,358)	515,454
Pasadena	MB	656,127	1,849,723	7,691,950	450,420.18	25,540	$ 475,960	475,960	(69,649)	406,311
LADOT COMMUNITY DASH	MB	4,105,129	13,087,675	41,375,202	2,818,102	237,696	$ 3,055,798	3,055,798	(447,165)	2,608,633
LADOT DEPARTMENT OF AGING	DR	237,760	292,252	4,242,341	163,218	1,156	$ 164,374	164,374		164,374
Total LADOT		**4,342,889**	**13,379,927**	**45,617,543**	**2,981,320**	**238,852**	**$ 3,220,173**	**$ 3,220,173**	**$ (447,165)**	**$ 2,773,007**
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Total NTD 5307 Funds		**5,869,580**	**16,294,777**	**63,841,776**	**4,029,368**	**270,577**	**4,299,945**	**4,299,945**	**(605,172)**	7,994,717

FY25 Revenue Mile Rate	0.6864637
FY25 Passenger Mile Rate	0.0574166

ATTACHMENT A
LACMTA Voluntary NTD Reporting Program for FY22
Using FY24 FTA Formula Programs Apportionment Data Values

Jurisdiction	MODE	Total Vehicle Revenue Miles	$ from VRM	Tier II Operator Deduction	Total ($)Due to Jurisdiction
Alhambra	MB	158,987	109,141.91		109,142
Alhambra	DR	98,869	67,871.91		67,872
Artesia	DR (DT)	4,712	3,234.71		3,235
Azusa	DR	56,416	38,728.64		38,729
Baldwin Park	MB	183,638	126,064.41		126,064
Baldwin Park	DR	26,715	18,339.40		18,339
Bell	TD	DID NOT REPORT FOR 2023			
Bell	MB	33,271	22,839.98		22,840
Bell	DR	16,347	11,221.94		11,222
Bellflower	MB	71,986	49,417.18		49,417
Bellflower	DR	14,205	9,751.49		9,751
Bell Gardens	MB	98,902	67,894.56		67,895
Bell Gardens	DR	25,856	17,749.71		17,750
Burbank	MB	216,013	148,289.30	(21,700)	126,590
Calabasas	MB	86,082	59,093.85		59,094
Calabasas	DR	3,852	2,644.33		2,644
Carson	MB	28,100	19,290.18		19,290
Carson	TN	DID NOT REPORT FOR 2023			
Carson	DR	71,628	49,171.42		49,171
Cerritos	MB	99,328	68,187.01		68,187
Cerritos	DR	40,026	27,477.18		27,477
Compton	MB	179,908	123,503.82		123,504
Compton	DR	110	75.51		76
Covina	DR	47,348	32,503.61		32,504
Cudahy	MB	33,109	22,728.77		22,729
Cudahy	DR	10,947	7,514.93		7,515
Downey	MB	101,069	69,382.17		69,382
Downey	DR	40,311	27,672.83		27,673
Duarte	MB	DID NOT REPORT FOR 2023			
El Monte	MB	221,914	152,340.24		152,340
El Monte	DR	60,076	41,241.17		41,241
Glendora	MB	40,735	27,963.89		27,964
Glendora	DR	39,545	27,146.98		27,147
Huntington Park	MB	130,598	89,653.34		89,653
Huntington Park	DT	42,309	29,044.42		29,044
LACDPWAvocado	MB	39,286	26,969.18		26,969
LACDPWELA	MB	211,455	145,160.31		145,160
LACDPWELA	DR	39,971	27,439.42		27,439
LACDPWEast Valinda	MB	44,182	30,330.20		30,330
LACDPWKing Medical	MB	33,586	23,056.23		23,056
LACDPWWillowbrook Shuttle	MB	70,091	48,116.30		48,116
LACDPWS.Whittier	MB	183,982	126,300.56		126,301
LACDPWAthens	MB	36,912	25,339.47		25,339
LACDPWLennox	MB	27,669	18,994.30		18,994
LACDPWFloranceFirestone	MB	58,082	39,872.32		39,872
Lakewood	DR	54,228	37,226.61		37,227
Lawndale	MB	DID NOT REPORT FOR 2023			
Lynwood	MB	140,961	96,767.36		96,767
Malibu	DT	2,764	1,897.44		1,897
ManhattanBeach	DR	23,747	16,301.92		16,302
Maywood	MB	32,291	22,167.23		22,167
Maywood	DR	15,175	10,417.38		10,417
MontereyPark	MB	116,534	79,998.64		79,999
MontereyPark	DR	24,919	17,106.48		17,106
Pico Rivera	DR	17,166	11,784.17		11,784
Rosemead	MB	100,780	69,183.78		69,184
Rosemead	DR	38,611	26,505.80		26,506
Santa Fe Springs	DR	14,694	10,087.18		10,087
South Gate	MB	114,106	78,331.86		78,332
South Gate	DT	116,358	79,877.59		79,878
SouthPasadena	DR	27,187	18,663.42		18,663
WestCovina	MB	141,973	97,462.08		97,462
WestCovina	DR	44,452	30,515.55		30,516
West Hollywood	MB	114,998	78,944		78,944
Total		4,054,074	2,783,054	(21,700)	2,761,354
FY25 Revenue Mile Rate	0.68648				

DIVIDER SHEET

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Appointment of Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee Member

INTRODUCTION

One vacancy recently became available on the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee and an appointment needs to be made to fill the vacated seat.

STATEMENT OF FACT

The Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee is composed of 7 total members, with 2 standing members and 5 appointed members that serve a two-year term. The two standing members are represented by a Chamber of Commerce representative and a non-profit group representative, and the five appointed members are composed of a representative appointed by each of the City Council members that represent youth, seniors, Neighborhood Watch, businesses and at-large.

The member representing the business community, Ms. Catherine Tolentino, has resigned from the committee. Ms. Tolentino has served on the committee since being appointed to replace Mr. Ron Piazza one year ago. Replacing her on the Committee will be Mr. Rudy Villarreal. Mr. Villarreal is a Lakewood resident, a pilot with the Los Angeles Police Department and a partner in a small business. He is an alumni of the 2023 class of the Lakewood Leadership Academy.

Other members of the Committee remain the same: Ms. Crystal Jones-Duncan representing the senior community, Mr. Ahmed Rafi representing Neighborhood Watch, Ms. Valerie Youell representing youth, Mr. Hendrick Robertson as the at-large appointee, and Ms. Deena Henry representing the Greater Lakewood Chamber of Commerce.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council approve the appointment of Rudy Villarreal to the Measure L Citizens Oversight Committee.

Paolo Beltran PB
Deputy City Manager

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

DIVIDER SHEET

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Permanent Encroachment Permit – 3954 Ann Arbor Road

INTRODUCTION

The owner of the home located at 3954 Ann Arbor Road is requesting a permanent encroachment permit to keep multiple landscaping items, that are part of decorative planters and fences in front of their home. These walls encroach into the public right-of-way along Ann Arbor Road.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Ann Arbor Road is a residential street within a single-family area. The right-of-way width in this location is 60 feet overall, as identified on the attached survey and listed and shown in Exhibits A and B. The landscaping items in question encroach into the public right of way at different locations along the property as shown on Exhibit C. The location and height of these items should not pose a problem to sight distance for vehicles and since there are currently no sidewalks in this area, they will not block any ADA pedestrian path of travel.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the permanent encroachment permit for the property located at 3954 Ann Arbor Road, authorize the Mayor to sign, and direct the City Clerk to record it with the County Recorder.

Kelli Pickler
Director of Public Works

Thaddeus McCormick
City Manager

ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

The CITY OF LAKEWOOD, a municipal corporation, sometimes hereinafter referred to as "City" does hereby consent to the request of Hugo Palomo, an encroachment permit at 3954 Ann Arbor Road, Lakewood, California 90712, for multiple landscaping items on the south side of Ann Arbor Road, as set forth on Exhibit C, attached hereto and made part hereof, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The City reserves the right to use said land and air space for public purposes for which the same were acquired, and the property owner's use of said land and air space is subject to said public purpose.

2. It is understood and agreed that the City retains the right to require the property owners at any time for any reason whatsoever to remove said encroachment upon a determination by the City that said encroachment should be removed for public use or benefit.

3. The property owners agree to remove said encroachment within ninety (90) days of being advised in writing by the City that said encroachment shall be removed. It is understood and agreed that on the failure of the property owners to remove said encroachment for any reason whatsoever, the City is hereby authorized to remove said encroachment. The property owners agree in such case to pay to the City the cost of said removal within thirty (30) days of receipt of a statement from the City substantiating said cost.

4. In the event the City should remove the encroachment, the property owners hereby waive any and all right or claim for damages it may have against the City for any loss or damage sustained by the property owners or to the property, by reason of said removal.

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6. The property owners further agree in consideration of the permit:

   A. To pay to the City on demand the costs of all repairs to public property made necessary by any operation of the property owners under this permit.

   B. To indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City, the City Council, and its officers and employees from any and all liability for damages proximately resulting from said encroachment, or its installation or maintenance.

C. To properly repair at the sole cost and expense of the property owners, and to complete to the satisfaction of the City, any damages to any street or public property, sidewalk or public improvement caused directly or indirectly by said encroachment, or by the property owners, their officers, agents, employees or contractors or subcontractors in exercising any right, power or privilege under this permit, or in performing any duty pursuant to the provisions of this permit.

7. Any notice required to be given to the City pursuant to this permit shall be addressed to the City Clerk, 5050 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California 90712, and any notice required to be given to the owners of the property located at 3954 Ann Arbor Road, California 90712.

Dated this 12th day of August 2025.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

By: _____
Mayor

Attest:

_____
City Clerk

Hugo Palomo

_____
Owner of property located at
3954 Ann Arbor Road
Lakewood, California 90712

EXHIBIT "A"
STREET ENCROACHMENT

BEING THAT PORTION OF ANN ARBOR ROAD ADJACENT TO LOT 21 IN BLOCK C IN LAKEWOOD COUNTY CLUB ESTATES, IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 191, PAGES 35 AND 36, OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

BEGINNING AT THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 21, ALSO BEING THE SOUTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID ANN ARBOR ROAD; THENCE ALONG THE NORTHERLY PROLONGATION OF THE WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 21, NORTH 00°12'16" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 14.50 FEET TO THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 3506.66 FEET, TO WHICH A RADIAL LINE BEARS NORTH 00°51'48" WEST, BEING CONCENTRIC WITH AND DISTANT 14.50 FEET NORTHERLY OF, AS MEASURED RADIAL TO THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 21;

THENCE EASTERLY ALONG SAID CONCENTRIC CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 1°38'02", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE NORTHERLY PROLONGATION OF THE EASTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 21;

THENCE ALONG SAID NORTHERLY PROLONGATION SOUTH 00°12'16" WEST, A DISTANCE OF 14.50 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 21, ALSO BEING THE NORTHEASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID ANN ARBOR ROAD, AND THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE SOUTHERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 3492.16 FEET, TO WHICH A RADIAL LINE BEARS NORTH 00°46'22" EAST;

THENCE WESTERLY ALONG SAID NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 21 AND THE NORTHERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID ANN ARBOR ROAD, THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 1°38'27", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 100.00 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINS 1450 SQUARE FEET.

SEE EXHIBIT "B" ATTACHED HERETO AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

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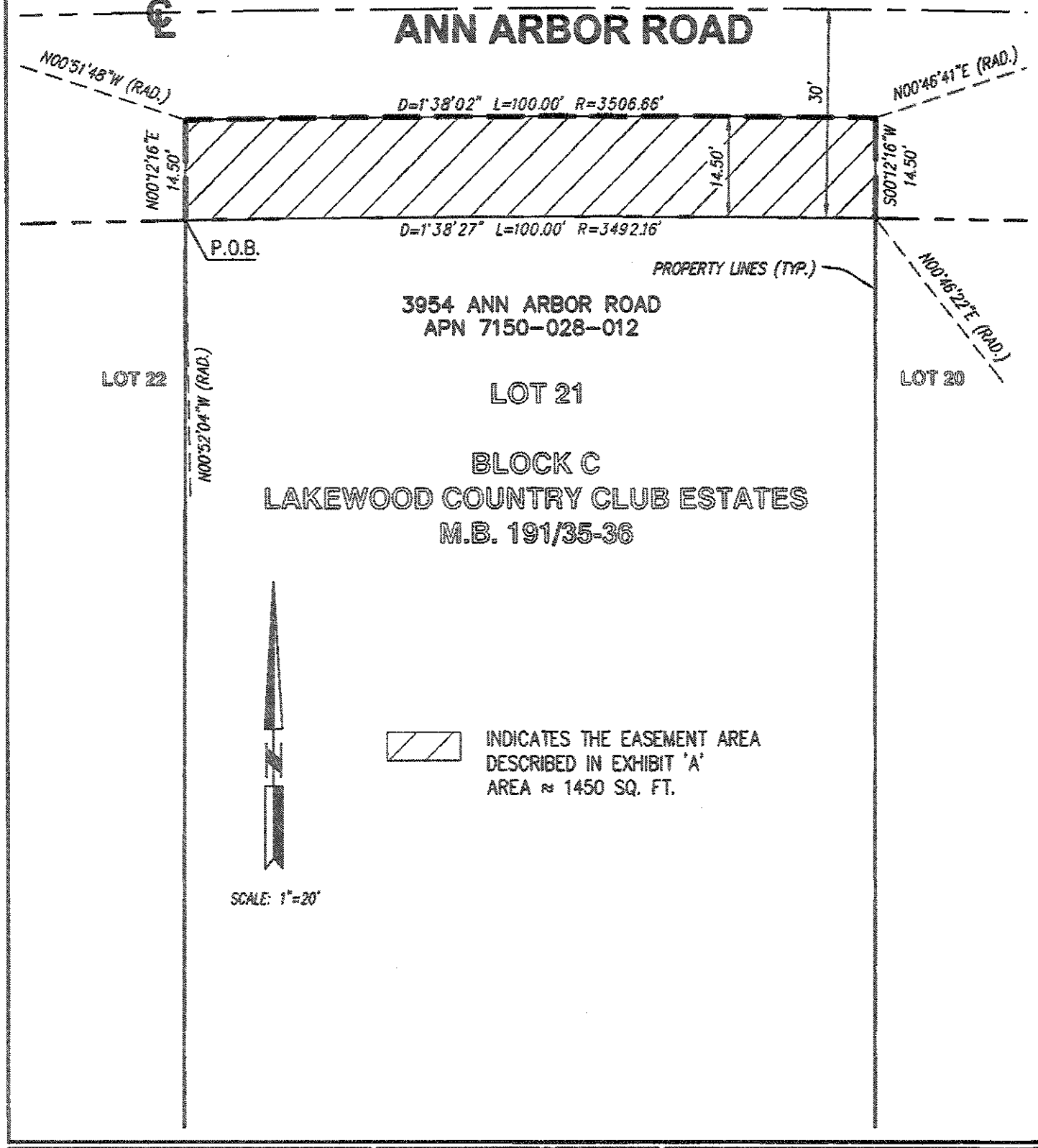
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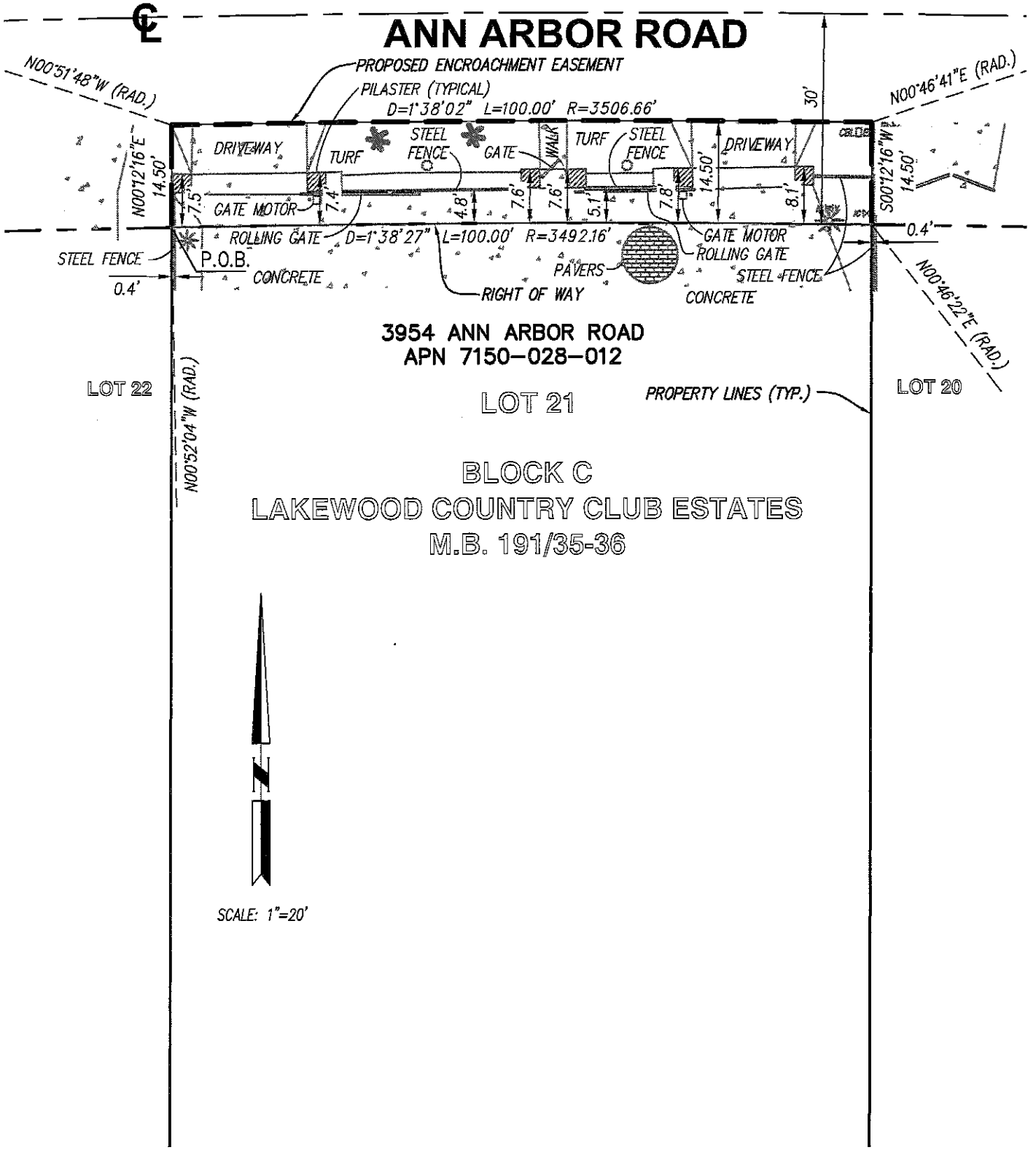
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COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Permanent Encroachment Permit 4176 Fleethaven Road

INTRODUCTION

The owner of the home located at 4176 Fleethaven Road is requesting a permanent encroachment permit to keep multiple concrete walls, that are part of decorative planters and fences in front of their home. These walls encroach into the public right-of-way along Fleethaven Road.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Fleethaven Road is a residential street within a single-family area. The right-of-way width in this location is 60 feet overall, as identified on the attached survey and listed and shown in Exhibits A and B. The four walls in question encroach into the public right of way a distance of 8.7 feet, 2.5 feet, 2.5 feet, and 8.4 feet respectively, as shown on Exhibit C. The location and height of these items should not pose a problem to sight distance for vehicles and since there are currently no sidewalks in this area, they will not block any ADA pedestrian path of travel.

RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council approve the permanent encroachment permit for the property located at 4176 Fleethaven Road, authorize the Mayor to sign, and direct the City Clerk to record it with the County Recorder.

Kelli Pickler
Director of Public Works

Thaddeus McCormick
City Manager

ENCROACHMENT PERMIT

The CITY OF LAKEWOOD, a municipal corporation, sometimes hereinafter referred to as "City" does hereby consent to the request of Debbie Kobayashi, an encroachment permit at 4176 Fleethaven Road, Lakewood, California 90712, for 8.7 feet, 2.5 feet, 2.5 feet, and 8.4 feet of decorative concrete wall and fence on the east side of Fleethaven Road, as set forth on Exhibit C, attached hereto and made part hereof, subject to the following terms and conditions:

1. The City reserves the right to use said land and air space for public purposes for which the same were acquired, and the property owner's use of said land and air space is subject to said public purpose.

2. It is understood and agreed that the City retains the right to require the property owners at any time for any reason whatsoever to remove said encroachment upon a determination by the City that said encroachment should be removed for public use or benefit.

3. The property owners agree to remove said encroachment within ninety (90) days of being advised in writing by the City that said encroachment shall be removed. It is understood and agreed that on the failure of the property owners to remove said encroachment for any reason whatsoever, the City is hereby authorized to remove said encroachment. The property owners agree in such case to pay to the City the cost of said removal within thirty (30) days of receipt of a statement from the City substantiating said cost.

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6. The property owners further agree in consideration of the permit:

   A. To pay to the City on demand the costs of all repairs to public property made necessary by any operation of the property owners under this permit.

   B. To indemnify, hold harmless and defend the City, the City Council, and its officers and employees from any and all liability for damages proximately resulting from said encroachment, or its installation or maintenance.

C. To properly repair at the sole cost and expense of the property owners, and to complete to the satisfaction of the City, any damages to any street or public property, sidewalk or public improvement caused directly or indirectly by said encroachment, or by the property owners, their officers, agents, employees or contractors or subcontractors in exercising any right, power or privilege under this permit, or in performing any duty pursuant to the provisions of this permit.

7. Any notice required to be given to the City pursuant to this permit shall be addressed to the City Clerk, 5050 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California 90712, and any notice required to be given to the owners of the property located at 4176 Fleethaven Road, California 90712.

Dated this 12th day of August 2025.

CITY OF LAKEWOOD

By: _____
Mayor

Attest:

_____
City Clerk

Debbie Kobayashi

_____
Owner of property located at
4176 Fleethaven Road
Lakewood, California 90712

EXHIBIT "A"
STREET ENCROACHMENT

BEING THAT PORTION OF FLEETHAVEN ROAD ADJACENT TO LOT 8 IN BLOCK C IN LAKEWOOD COUNTY CLUB ESTATES, IN THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD, COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA, AS PER MAP RECORDED IN BOOK 191, PAGES 35 AND 36, OF MAPS, IN THE OFFICE OF THE COUNTY RECORDER OF SAID COUNTY, DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

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THENCE NORTHERLY ALONG SAID CONCENTRIC CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 1°39'24", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 89.38 FEET TO THE WESTERLY PROLONGATION OF THE NORTHERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 8;

THENCE ALONG THE WESTERLY PROLONGATION SOUTH 89°48'02" EAST, A DISTANCE OF 14.22 FEET TO THE NORTHWESTERLY CORNER OF SAID LOT 8, ALSO BEING THE EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID FLEETHAVEN ROAD, AND THE BEGINNING OF A NON-TANGENT CURVE CONCAVE EASTERLY HAVING A RADIUS OF 3076.82 FEET, TO WHICH A RADIAL LINE BEARS SOUTH 87°17'56" WEST;

THENCE SOUTHERLY ALONG SAID WESTERLY LINE OF SAID LOT 8 AND EASTERLY RIGHT-OF-WAY LINE OF SAID FLEETHAVEN ROAD, AND ALONG SAID NON-TANGENT CURVE THROUGH A CENTRAL ANGLE OF 1°39'56", AN ARC DISTANCE OF 89.44 FEET TO THE POINT OF BEGINNING.

CONTAINS 1270 SQUARE FEET.

SEE EXHIBIT "B" ATTACHED HERETO AND BY THIS REFERENCE MADE A PART HEREOF.

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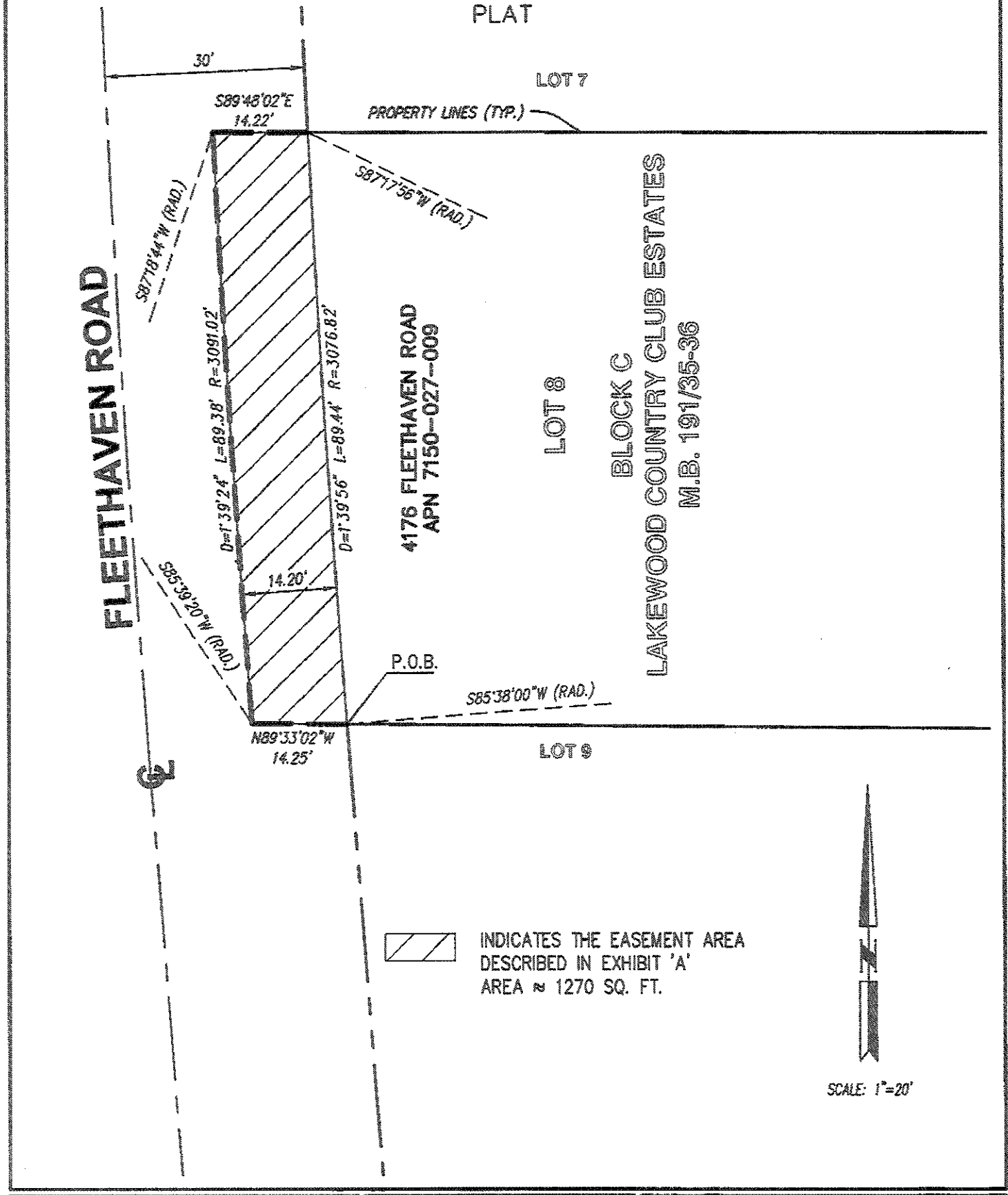
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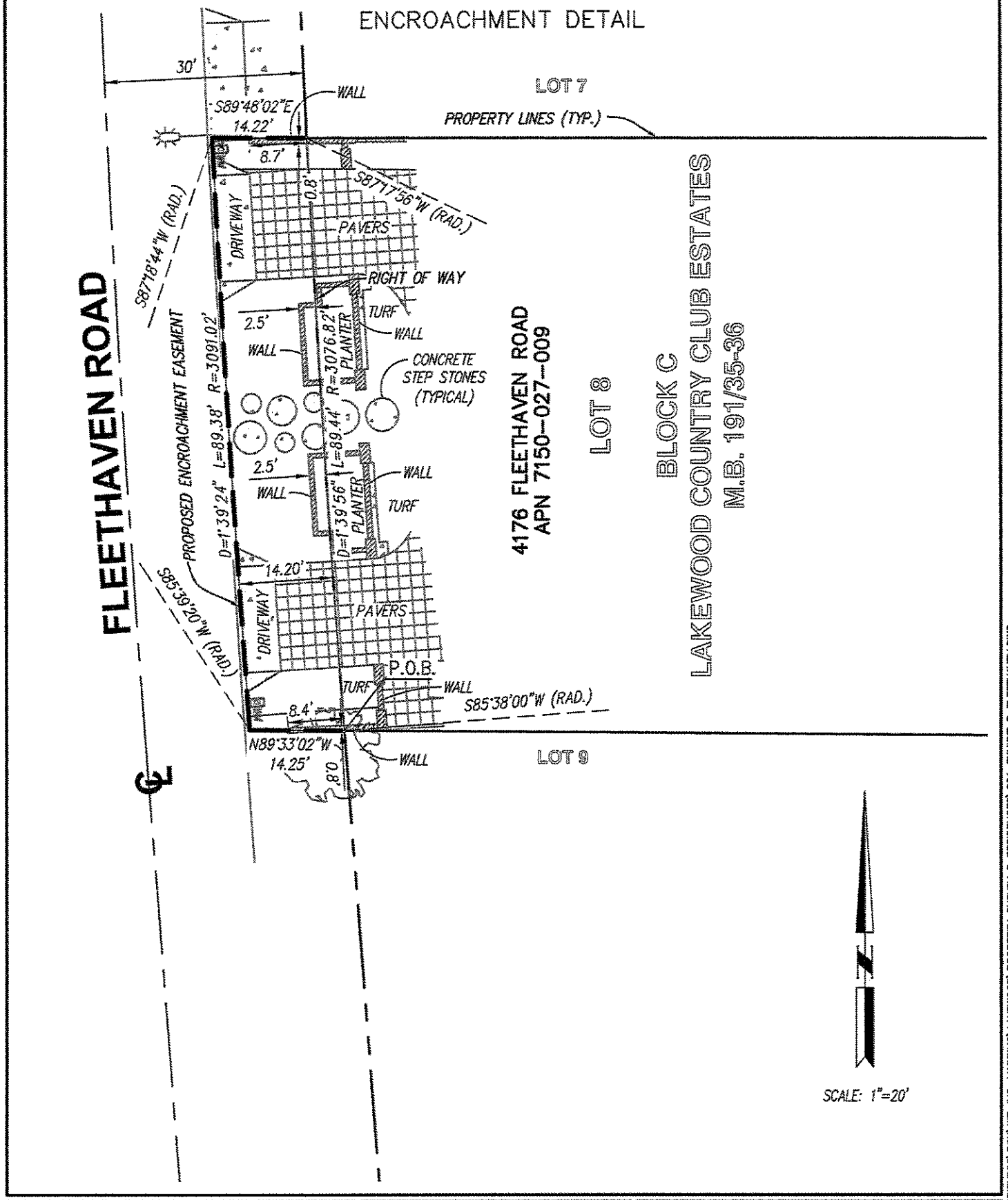
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Legislation

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-53

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD APPOINTING CATHERINE TOLENTINO TO THE COMMUNITY SAFETY COMMISSION REPLACING LINDA MANIS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD DOES RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. Resolution No. 2024-13 of the City Council pertaining to the appointment of members to the various commissions is amended as provided in this Resolution.

SECTION 2. Section 2 of said resolution pertaining to residents of the City of Lakewood appointed members of the Community Safety Commission for a term of two years, terminating with the second Council meeting following the next general municipal election is hereby amended by replacing Linda Manis with Catherine Tolentino, a resident of the City of Lakewood, and by setting the termination date to the first Regular City Council meeting held after the meeting at which the City Council certifies the results of a General Municipal Election per Resolution No. 2022-76.

SECTION 3. The appointment of Catherine Tolentino herein contained shall be effective upon said member taking the Constitutional Oath of Office and filing the Statement of Economic Interest within the time and manner specified in the Conflict of Interest Code of the City of Lakewood.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

_____
City Clerk

DIVIDER SHEET

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Amending Car Wash Special Event Resolution No 2024-38

INTRODUCTION

On June 25, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-38 establishing a permit requirement for special events held at properties occupied by commercial car washes. The resolution authorizes the Director of Finance and Administrative Services to issue such permits and to impose any conditions or restrictions deemed necessary and appropriate.

STATEMENT OF FACT

To date, the Director of Finance and Administrative Services has issued two special event permits pursuant to the above resolution, both to the same commercial car wash: one in October 2024 for a Halloween-themed event and another in December 2024 for a Christmas–themed event. The same business later requested a permit for a third event—a Fourth of July-themed celebration—for July 2025; however, the request was subsequently withdrawn. As this would have been the third event within a ten-month period, staff expressed concern that such activities were moving beyond the intended scope of a "special" event and instead becoming a recurring feature of the business.

Resolution No. 2024-38 does not specify a maximum number of events or total event days. To ensure the resolution aligns with the City Council's objective of balancing business benefits with residential well-being, staff presented the matter to the City's License and Permit Hearing Board for feedback. The Board recommended limiting special events to two per calendar year, with each event lasting no more than seven (7) days, the first and last days of a special event shall not be more than 23 days apart and requiring a minimum forty-five (45) day "cooling-off" period between events.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that City Council adopt the attached Resolution pertaining to the modification of Resolution 2024-38 and adding further parameters for special events at properties occupied by commercial car washes.

Jose Gomez
Director of Finance and Administrative Services

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-54

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD REAFFIRMING AND AUGMENTING THE REQUIREMENTS FOR OBTAINING A PERMIT FOR SPECIAL EVENTS AT PROPERTIES OCCUPIED BY COMMERCIAL CAR WASHES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKEWOOD HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. On June 25, 2024, the City Council adopted Resolution No. 2024-38, which established the requirement for obtaining permits for Special Events at properties occupied by commercial car washes. This Resolution includes the language contained in such earlier Resolution, and adds additional restrictions. This Resolution shall supersede and replace Resolution No. 2024-38.

SECTION 2. On any property at which a commercial car wash operates pursuant to Section 9350(B)(13)(b) of the Lakewood Municipal Code, it shall be necessary to obtain a "Special Event Permit" (the "Permit") from the City for any activity that exceeds the authority of that property's Conditional Use Permit with respect to scope or nature of activity or physical use of the property, or that exceeds the maximum hours of operation set forth in said LMC section. The City's Director of Finance and Administrative Services, or his/her designee (the "Director"), shall be authorized to issue the Permit, and shall be authorized to impose conditions and restrictions on the Permit as he/she deems necessary and appropriate, including but not limited to: (1) The posting of a bond which would be forfeited in the event of violation of the conditions of the Permit; (2) requirement of approval/concurrence of residential neighbors; (3) the submittal of a traffic plan; (4) the provision of contracted traffic management during the Event; and (5) reimbursement for staff costs in the case of violations of the Permit, including costs of staff time required to document and report violations.

SECTION 3. The following new restrictions shall apply: (a) There shall not be more than two Special Events held at any such property in a calendar year; (b) no Special Event Permit shall be issued for more than seven days; (c) the days of a Special Event need not be consecutive, but the first and last days of a Special Event shall not be more than 23 days apart; and (d) there shall be at least 45 days between the end of one Special Event and the commencement of another Special Event at the same property.

SECTION 4. A decision by the Director on an application for the Permit may be appealed by the applicant to the City's License and Permit Hearing Board (the "Board"). Any such appeal must be filed with the City Clerk, in writing, not later than five days after the Director provides the applicant with a notice of decision on the application. The Board's decision on such appeal shall be final.

SECTION 5. The application fee for the Permit shall be $500.00. The fee for appealing the Director's decision shall be $100.00.

SECTION 6. Pursuant to Section 4900, et seq., of the Lakewood Municipal Code, the City Council hereby sets the amount of the administrative fine for each violation of the requirements of this Resolution, or of the conditions of any Permit issued pursuant to this Resolution, to be **$1,000.00**. Each day that any violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

SECTION 7. This Resolution is intended to and shall amend all prior City Council resolutions pertaining to the establishment of the amounts of administrative fines, which resolutions shall otherwise remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 8. If any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Resolution, or any part hereof, is held invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections or portions of this Resolution. The City Council hereby declares that it would have adopted each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase in this Resolution irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, subsections, subdivisions, paragraphs, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 9. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS 12TH DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

DIVIDER SHEET

Reports

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Acceptance of Federal Community Project Funding for the Palms Park Community Center Improvement

INTRODUCTION

On July 17, 2025, the City of Lakewood received the executed grant agreement for the Congressional Federal earmarks in the amount of $850,000 for use towards the Palms Park Community Center Improvement Project. Staff recommends that City Council accept the awarded funds.

STATEMENT OF FACT

In the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-42), and the Further Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2024 (Public Law 118-47) Congress made $3,290,054,336 in funding available for Community Project Funding (CPF). These CPF awards are administered by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). In 2024, the City of Lakewood received a letter from HUD naming the city of Lakewood as a grantee of the CPF program and awarding a total of $850,000 for use towards the Palms Park Community Center Improvement Project. The project funds were requested and secured through Congressman Robert Garcia (42nd District). The CPF grant, along with other funding sources, will be used towards the construction costs associated with the Palms Park Community Center Improvement project. On July 17, 2025 the HUD executed the grant agreement with the City of Lakewood.

The Palms Park Community Center Improvements project consists of interior and exterior facility renovations including: restroom upgrades to meet ADA compliancy, flooring replacement, ceiling system improvements, asbestos abatement, roof replacement, HVAC system replacement, electrical infrastructure upgrades, fire protection system upgrades, office space reconfiguration, new furniture, fixtures, and equipment (FF&E), storefront system improvements, replacement of interior and exterior finishes and exterior site improvements. The overall construction cost for the project is currently estimated at $8.5M, including construction management and inspection consultant fees.

Based on the itemized construction cost estimate, the $850,000 CPF funds have been designated for the following specific scope items: demolition of existing conditions, removal of debris, HVAC system replacement, concrete path of travel rehabilitation and other minor exterior renovations. Once a contractor's construction bid is awarded and the various scope line-item costs are clearly defined, the City will be able to revise/redirect the CPF funds as necessary during the required grant reporting process. Staff recommends that City Council accept the awarded funds.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council:

(1) Accept the award of the Federal Community Project Funding in the amount of $850,000 for Palms Park Community Center Improvement.

Kelli Pickler
Director of Public Works

Thaddeus McCormack
City Manager

DIVIDER SHEET

COUNCIL AGENDA
August 12, 2025

TO: The Honorable Mayor and City Council

SUBJECT: Completed Parks, Recreation and Community Services Long Range Plan

INTRODUCTION

In 2023, the Lakewood City Council identified a goal to develop a comprehensive plan that would establish a clear set of priorities for future action related to capital projects for parks and community centers, park maintenance and upkeep, and the delivery of recreation facilities, programs, services, and community events. In response to this direction, city staff prepared a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the specified scope of work and initiated development of a Parks, Recreation and Community Services Long-Range Plan ("the Plan") in collaboration with the contracted landscape architecture firm, MIG, Inc. (MIG).

The primary objective of the Plan is to provide a strategic blueprint for the development, enhancement, and management of Lakewood's parks, trails, recreation facilities, programs, events, and services over the next decade—ultimately aiming to improve quality of life and foster a sustainable, vibrant community.

The Plan sets forth an extensive array of recommendations concerning the provision, maintenance, and preservation of recreation facilities, amenities, and assets. It further outlines strategic enhancements to programs, services, and community events, all intended to promote the overall well-being and enrichment of the broader community.

It is important to note that the formal acceptance of the Plan does not imply approval of the various recommendations and strategies. Following formal acceptance of the Plan by Council, there will be a need for a systematic review of the Plan's recommendations, with the objective of: identifying initiatives currently in progress or already incorporated within existing project or program schedules; isolating actionable items that may be promptly implemented, particularly those addressing immediate safety concerns; and determining which recommendations warrant more detailed analysis to evaluate their feasibility, scope, and long-term implications. It would be Staff's recommendation that the subsequent course of action be done in conjunction with the Park Development and Capital Improvement Program Committees, with the ultimate decisions being made by the City Council.

STATEMENT OF FACT

Throughout fiscal years 2023–24 and 2024–25, city staff worked diligently with MIG, Inc. to develop a comprehensive Plan for Lakewood's Parks, Recreation and Community Services. The staff team—comprised of the director and assistant director of Recreation and Community

Services, the parks superintendent, an environmental resources division supervisor, a community services manager, a community services supervisor, and the principal civil engineer—met regularly with MIG, conducted field assessments, coordinated public outreach strategies, and reviewed and refined all supporting documents comprising the draft Plan. A Recreation and Community Services commissioner also served as a full member of the committee, contributing equally alongside staff.

The development process was carried out in four key phases:

- **Phase 1**: Completion of an Existing Conditions Report, including a full inventory of parks and facilities, along with an asset condition assessment.
- **Phase 2**: Development of a Needs Assessment to evaluate current and future needs related to facilities, programs, services, and events. A pickleball court feasibility study was conducted during this phase.
- **Phase 3**: Identification and confirmation of actionable Recommendations and Priorities.
- **Phase 4**: Drafting of the full Plan, followed by a 30-day public review and comment period, which opened on July 9 and closed on August 10, 2025.

A robust public engagement process was a key element of the Plan's development. Interviews were conducted with ten city leaders, including City Council members, the city manager, and commissioners from the Recreation and Community Services Department. Community focus group meetings at various city facilities engaged approximately 90 residents of all ages. Interactive display booths at major city events generated nearly 600 community interactions. Additionally, a community-wide survey—offered both online and in print—garnered feedback from more than 1,100 participants.

Outreach efforts included a promotional mailer to all Lakewood residential addresses, flyers, posters, and signage at parks and community centers, as well as targeted social media posts, email blasts, and promotion through the city's e-Magazine. Key themes from outreach highlighted a deep appreciation for the city's park and recreation offerings, site maintenance, diverse programs, and emphasis on inclusivity. However, community members also pointed out a need for better access to parks, more variety of facilities, enhancements of community buildings, safety and comfort improvements, and creative partnership opportunities.

This comprehensive planning effort integrated community input, stakeholder collaboration, and a detailed analysis of existing resources and trends. As a strategic guide for decision-making and investment in parks and recreation over the next decade, progress reports were presented to the Recreation and Community Services (RCS) Commission on September 18, 2024, the Park Development Committee on December 2, 2024, and to the City Council on March 11, 2025. At these public meetings, the Plan development team sought and received actionable direction from City Council members and appointed RCS commissioners.

Based on input from City Council members and community feedback, the completed Plan identifies eight actionable goals for the park and recreation system. These goals address facilities, programs, events (including special events), and the ongoing maintenance and

preservation of these assets. The goals are as follows:

1. Safe, well-maintained parks and facilities
2. Improved park and facility access
3. Unique, diverse parks and facilities
4. Improved connectivity
5. Inclusive and vibrant programs and events
6. Resilient and sustainable green spaces
7. Forward-thinking management and strategic investment
8. Partnerships that enhance community impact

The goals outlined in the Plan are both measurable and achievable. As many residents have noted, progress toward these goals is already evident. However, there remains room for continued improvement, especially as the community's needs and interests evolve, demographic shifts occur, and as additional human and financial resources become available.

As outlined in the completed Plan, the city will continue implementing strategic improvements to its parks and recreation system over the next decade, ensuring ongoing access to high-quality facilities, programs, and open spaces.

During the development of the Plan, several facility projects were either completed or entered the design phase. In collaboration with several funding partners, a Mini-Soccer Pitch was installed at Palms Park in October 2023. This project also included new basketball standards and resurfaced courts for the two adjacent basketball courts. In October 2024, new playground equipment was installed at Biscailuz and Boyar parks and opened to the public. New playgrounds for Cherry Cove and Bloomfield parks have been designed and are scheduled for installation within the next year.

The highly utilized ballroom at The Centre received updated lighting, new carpeting, and banquet chairs in January 2024, enhancing the experience for major milestone events hosted at the facility.

Additionally, the outdoor bleachers at Mayfair Park's Lisa Fernandez Field were renovated, enhancing both safety and aesthetics ahead of the 2025 Lakewood Youth Sports summer baseball and softball season.

New electrical infrastructure and Heating, Ventilation, and Air Conditioning (HVAC) upgrades are planned for Biscailuz, Bloomfield, Boyar, Monte Verde, and San Martin parks, as well as The Centre.

More improvements are on the horizon, including the long-awaited development of the vacant lot at Del Amo Boulevard and Clark Avenue, which is currently in the design phase. Lastly, renovation plans for the Weingart Senior Center and Palms Park are shelf-ready, with construction expected to begin by spring 2026.

A well-maintained and thoughtfully designed park system requires ongoing investment. As facilities age, a proactive plan for reinvestment, replacement, and modernization is essential to meet the community's evolving needs. This includes maintaining a high standard of care across all parks while adapting maintenance strategies as new amenities are introduced.

SUMMARY

Following a nearly two-year process of developing a Parks, Recreation and Community Services Long-Range Plan in collaboration with contracted consultant MIG, Inc., staff are now presenting the completed document for the City Council's consideration and future reference.

The Parks, Recreation and Community Services Long-Range Plan is intended to serve as a foundational guide for the city's ongoing recreation initiatives. It is not, though, a substitute for the independent prerogative of the council or future councils' decision-making authority. It will, however, provide a strategic framework for the efficient and effective allocation of public resources to maintain, enhance, and expand recreational facilities, programs, and services. The Plan is grounded in the principles of equitable access, community well-being, and long-term sustainability. By consistently referencing the Plan in decision-making processes, the city will be better positioned to align its recreational offerings with the evolving needs of the community, thereby enhancing the overall quality of life and fostering active, healthy lifestyles for all residents of Lakewood.

RECOMMENDATION

It is the recommendation of staff that the Lakewood City Council receives and files the completed Parks, Recreation and Community Services Long-Range Plan for the public record and reference the document as needed to reaffirm alignment with city goals, priorities, available resources and community needs. Additionally, it is recommended that the Park Development Committee undertake a systematic review of the Plan's recommendations and, where applicable, collaborate with the Capital Improvement Program Committee.

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We are deeply grateful to everyone who participated in the creation of the City of Lakewood's first *Parks, Recreation & Community Services Long-Range Plan*. This significant accomplishment could not have been possible without the dedication, knowledge sharing, and collaboration of City officials, community members, residents and visitors, and the hardworking staff of the Department of Recreation & Community Services. Many thanks to all who shared their support and experiences during this planning process.

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Lakewood's slogan "Times Change. Values Don't" was coined in 2004 and reflects civic unity and pride.

A FRAMEWORK FOR THE FUTURE



DEAR LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY MEMBERS:

The City of Lakewood and our residents are proud of our parks, recreation programs and community services, which have been essential parts of Lakewood throughout our 71 years as a city. Indeed, community opinion surveys consistently show that Lakewood residents feel that our parks and recreation programs are one of our top strengths as a city.

But we can never rest on our laurels.

As with all of our city services, we need to continually look for ways to improve and to meet the challenges and opportunities of the future.

That is why our City Council commissioned this Long-Range Plan specifically focused on helping guide us into the future with our parks, recreation programs and community services.

We want to thank the many Lakewood community members who took part in the surveys and face-to-face meetings involved with this plan. Your input has been extremely valuable.

This Long-Range Plan will serve as a strategic framework for guiding critical decisions related to the enhancement of park infrastructure, green spaces, athletic courts and fields, recreation programs, and community centers and services over the next decade and beyond.

The City Council is committed to ensuring our residents remain proud and pleased with our park facilities and programs, which make Lakewood such a great place to live, work and play.

Thank you again to everyone who participated in this Long-Range Plan and to everyone who will use it as a valuable resource in the months and years ahead.

- Lakewood City Council, Spring 2025



"One of the reasons I moved to Lakewood over 30 years ago is the many parks available in this city. I love driving through Lakewood and seeing all the green lawns and beautiful trees, and I also enjoy hearing the children playing when I'm out working in my yard."

—Public Survey Respondent

"I was raised in Lakewood and now live in Lakewood as an adult. I love this city and am very thankful for the leadership team who communicates with its residents. Keep up the great work!"

—Public Survey Respondent

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Through a comprehensive planning process involving community input, stakeholder engagement, and careful analysis of current resources and trends, this plan will guide decision-making and investment in parks and recreation over the next 10 years to ultimately meet the needs of diverse populations, improve quality of life, and foster a sustainable, vibrant community.

> **"I love this community and I am very grateful to be part of the Lakewood city. I am glad that we have an opportunity to voice our opinions."**
>
> —Public survey respondent

LEARNING FROM THE COMMUNITY

The recommendations identified in this document are based on the needs, desires, and ideas generated by the community over a year-long engagement process. The process involved a variety of activities designed to elicit diverse voices and perspectives from the community. Engagement activities were both online and in-person; ranging from interviews, to a public survey, to pop-up events. Additionally, advisory groups were regularly involved to provide guidance, direction, and local insight. In total, nearly 1,850 people weighed in to shape the Plan.

Key themes from outreach highlighted a deep appreciation for Lakewood's park and recreation offerings, site maintenance, diverse programs, and emphasis on inclusivity. However, community members also pointed out a need for better access to parks, more variety of facilities, enhancements of community buildings, safety and comfort improvements, and creative partnership opportunities.

FIGURE ES-1. ENGAGEMENT AT A GLANCE



FIGURE ES-2. KEY ENGAGEMENT THEMES



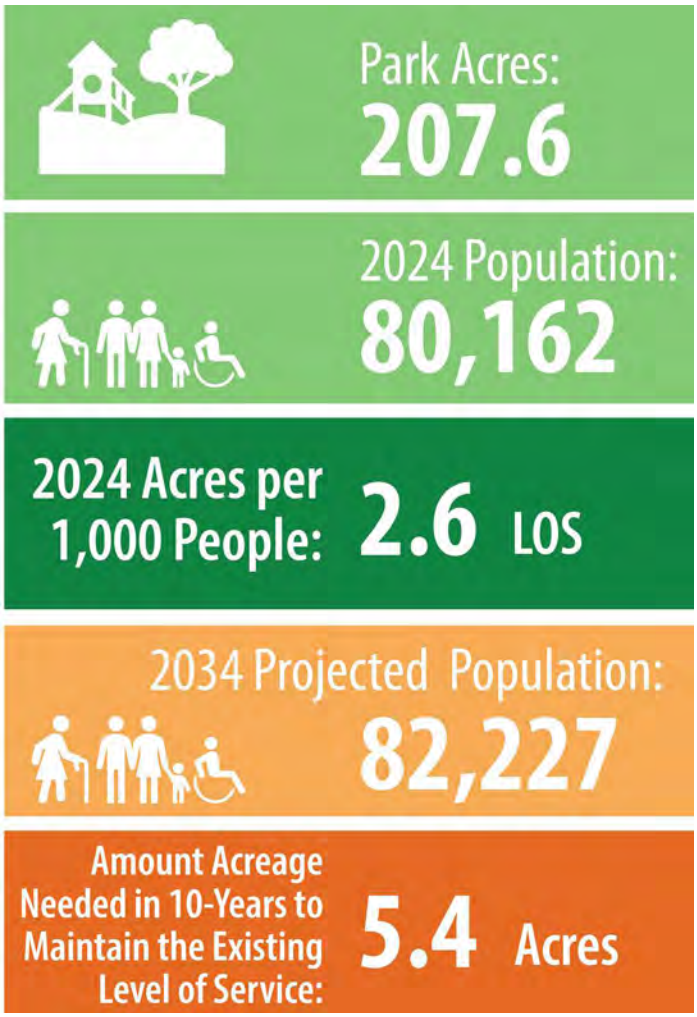
NEEDS AND CONNECTIVITY ASSESSMENT

In addition to community feedback, a full needs and connectivity assessment was conducted as part of the planning process. The assessment focused on:

- Quantity of parkland and recreation facilities;
- Quality of access to parks and facilities;
- Connectivity between parks and trails;
- Availability of programs, events, and community services; and
- Maintenance and stewardship of parks, facilities, and trails.

The City of Lakewood is host to 207.6 acres of parkland well-distributed throughout the jurisdiction. The ample distribution means that 70% of Lakewood's residential population live within a 10-minute walk (one half-mile) to a park – meeting the national access standard promoted by the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This reflects the foresight of past planning efforts that prioritized neighborhood-based parks as part of Lakewood's development pattern. To extend this legacy, the city is also exploring ways to reach the remaining 30% of residents who live beyond walking distance to a park.

FIGURE ES-3. LAKEWOOD PARK METRICS





Lakewood's 70th Anniversary Family Movie Night

However, despite the successful distribution of parks and facilities, the city remains below the California State median of parkland provision for a population of its size.* As the city's population grows, it will continue to fall behind the state median unless it similarly increase its parkland acreage to match the growing residential population.

While Lakewood may be considered "deficient" in park acreage by these standards, it's important to recognize the city's built-out nature and limited availability of undeveloped land. The challenge of acquiring new parkland is compounded by high land and development costs, making large-scale expansion unlikely. However, this reality also presents an opportunity to focus on enhancing and reimagining existing parks to better serve a growing and diversifying population.

To this aim, the city has already embarked on creative recreation opportunities such as turning utility corridors into low-maintenance recreation spaces, orchestrating rotating sports offerings on multi-use courts and fields, and partnering with local nonprofit organizations for inclusive play programs at various sites. These types of strategic approaches will continue to benefit the Lakewood community.

* The California State median for similarly sized cities has a Level of Service of 3.3 acres per 1,000 residents, according to NRPA's Park Metrics. The Level of Service for Lakewood is 2.6 acres per 1,000 residents.



Group picnic tables at Monte Verde Park

CITYWIDE GOALS AND SITE RECOMMENDATIONS

The community's aspirations and needs for Lakewood's parks, parkways, recreation facilities, and programs are the guiding forces for the Plan. This document identifies eight goals for the park and recreation system, along with the strategies that will guide city staff in implementing projects, programs and services to achieve the community's vision. Furthermore, based on a facility and amenity condition assessment,* overarching design guidelines and site specific recommendations were provided for existing and future parks. These guidelines and recommendations, as outlined in more detail in Chapter 6, align with the citywide goals to enhance recreation opportunities for all residents.

* For more information, see Appendix B: Existing Conditions Summary.

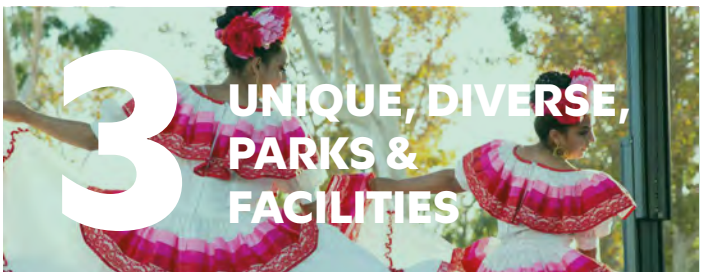
FIGURE ES-4. CITYWIDE PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS

1 SAFE, WELL-MAINTAINED PARKS & FACILITIES

Prioritize safe, well-maintained facilities through design, asset management, efficient resource use, tiered maintenance, and coordination with public safety providers.



Distribute parks, remove barriers, and improve park access to and within parks to meet or exceed the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



Diversify parks and facilities to reflect and support Lakewood's diversity, history, culture, health, and wellbeing.



Enhance trails, bike lanes, park access, and DASH services to connect parks across the city and make it easier for people to reach parks.

FIGURE ES-4. CITYWIDE PARKS AND RECREATION GOALS



Strengthen city programs and events to meet community needs, while carefully prioritizing resource allocation for lasting impact.



Adapt to current and future climate conditions to enhance visitor comfort and promote ecosystem health across all parks and facilities.



Develop a foundation for long-term planning and strategic operations in funding, communications, volunteer engagement, administration, and other key areas to sustain high-quality park and recreation offerings for the future.



Build relationships with other public and private entities within the City of Lakewood for expanded recreation opportunities and funding support.

DESIGN GUIDELINES

Design guidelines encourage best practice and strategic decision-making for sustainable parks and facilities. Improvements to buildings and aquatic facilities include approaches ranging from maintaining existing conditions, to renovating for improved conditions, to rebuilding into new structures, to demolishing and repurposing the space. While demolition may seem drastic, in some cases the capital and operational costs may not balance with the current use and needs of the community. In the case of demolition, alternative recreation options are presented that aim to fulfill the need without incurring the high costs or risks associated with the current structure.

Guidelines for park design and development cover areas such as:

- Park safety
- Park connectivity
- Park design/landscaping
- Dogs and dog parks
- Playgrounds and recreation amenities
- Comfort amenities
- Sports/exercise facilities
- Increased park space and trails

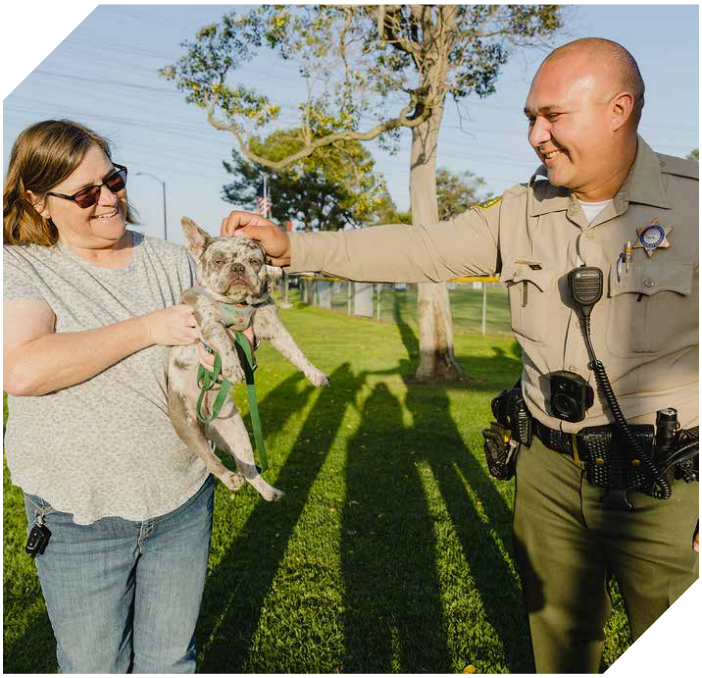
Additional recreation facilities are also proposed in the case where new parkland becomes available, existing parkland is repurposed, or partnerships are made possible. It is always beneficial for cities to look to the future to evaluate recreation trends, user demographic shifts, public health and wellness needs, and budgetary resources. With this foresight, Lakewood can maintain a high level of service for its residents while providing exciting and enticing spaces to play, relax, and recreate.



Park connectivity at San Gabriel River Nature Trail



Fitness stations for all at Rynerson Park



Dog-friendly spaces at Home Run Dog Park



Safe play structures at the Bolivar Park Playground



Play opportunities at Rynerson Park Playground

IMPLEMENTATION

This Plan provides the information and tools to make strategic decisions about park investments moving forward.

A Park Project Prioritization Tool ranks projects through three steps:

- **Step 1:** Alignment with city planning documents and assessments
- **Step 2:** Special catalysts or special circumstances
- **Step 3:** Prioritization criteria focused on community needs and implementation feasibility

Chapter 7 also discusses current funding sources, describing how and where the Department receives funding for capital and operational costs. Acknowledging that the city's park needs may outpace their resources, other implementation strategies are provided to augment current resources. These strategies include land acquisition mechanisms, leasing and easements, collective ownership models, and other partnerships. To help yield productive partnerships, an evaluation checklist is offered as aspects for consideration.

Lastly, a menu of facility capital costs is included to serve as a high-level guide for budget planning. This cost menu helps the city make informed investment decisions to repair, renovate, replace, improve, or expand on recreation facilities.

The implementation of this plan over the next 10 years will contribute to a high quality of recreation and green spaces within the City of Lakewood, with improvements to public health, city aesthetics, youth engagement and social wellbeing.



Spring flowers at San Gabriel River Nature Trail



Opening of airplane playground at Del Valle Park





CHAPTER 1

A PIONEERING PLAN

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For many of us, core memories were formed at parks and recreation spaces. Learning new skills at summer camp, celebrating family birthdays with park picnics, meeting friends through an adult sports league – all made possible by city parks and programs. These spaces are not just stagnant places of leisure; instead they circulate life and energy throughout a community, connecting people to nature and to each other, and ensure a flow of wellness, recreation, and vitality in every corner.

This chapter serves as an introduction. It summarizes the 24-month planning process, describes previous citywide planning efforts, and outlines the Plan's organization.

PURPOSE OF THE PLAN

This *Parks, Recreation & Community Services Long-Range Plan* (the Plan) is a first for the City of Lakewood. The Plan serves as a strategic blueprint for the development, enhancement, and management of our community's parks, trails, recreation facilities, programs, events, and services over the next decade. The Plan is designed to reflect the needs, aspirations, and priorities of the Lakewood community, ensuring that residents have access to high-quality recreation opportunities that promote health, wellness, social connection, and environmental stewardship.

Through a comprehensive planning process involving community input, stakeholder engagement, and careful analysis of current resources and trends, the Plan will guide decision-making and investment in parks and recreation over the next 10 years to ultimately meet the needs of diverse populations, improve quality of life, and foster a sustainable, vibrant community. By providing a clear vision and actionable steps, the Plan will shape the future of our public spaces and recreation programs, ensuring they remain relevant, accessible, and enjoyable for generations to come.

PLANNING PROCESS

This Plan is the first comprehensive planning document of its kind since the *Long Range Plan for the Development of Recreation in Lakewood*, published in 1955. This new plan was developed over 24 months, beginning in summer 2023 and concluding in summer 2025. It was developed through a four-phased process that started by describing existing conditions and the city's park inventory to provide a foundation for development of the plan. This base data was used to identify community needs, recommend new projects and programs, prioritize future investment, and document steps and strategies to move forward.

Throughout the process, public feedback was solicited in various ways including a community survey, interviews with targeted groups, community focus groups, pop-up events at planned city events, regular check-ins with city staff and joint meetings with City Council and the Recreation & Community Services Commission. The city's overall engagement goal was to inform, collaborate and solicit input from the community in the development of the Plan. The intention was to ensure participation by a broad range of residents, stakeholders and community groups, and use input to inform key components of the Plan.

FIGURE 1-1. PLANNING PROCESS



FIGURE 1-2. GOALS FOR COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

Educate and **inform** community members about the Lakewood *Parks, Recreation & Community Services Long-Range Plan* update and development process.

Provide **varied** and **frequent** engagement opportunities for participation by a wide cross section of community members – residents, youth, teens, families, seniors, young adults, special needs groups, business community, service providers and groups, and non-profit organizations – to accurately capture the diverse perspectives and interests that represent Lakewood.

Solicit input from residents, stakeholders, visitors, businesses, and organizations who have a deep understanding of the Lakewood community and who can articulate aspirations for short- to long-term park and recreation changes.

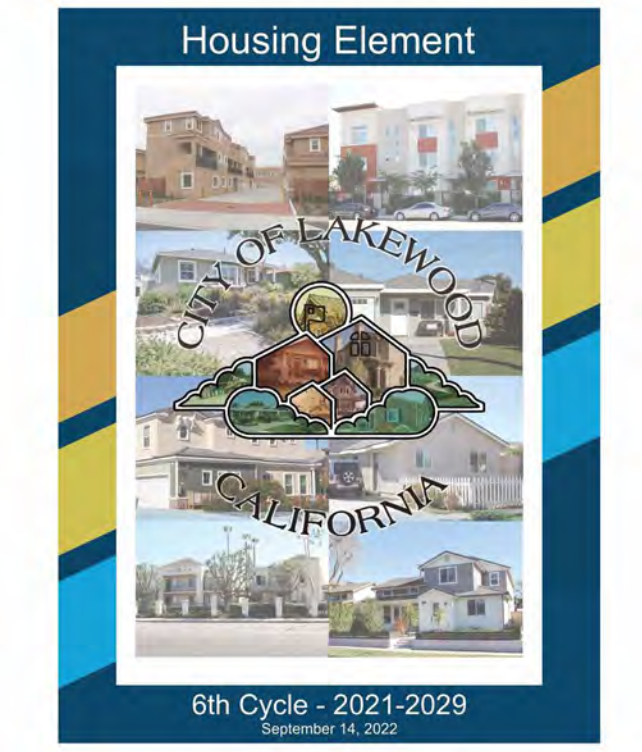
Demonstrate **transparency** through **open, consistent interactions** with the community throughout the process and communicate how public comments and input are incorporated into recommendations and decisions.



Civic Center Block Party

PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

The *Parks, Recreation & Community Services Long-Range Plan* builds on previous planning efforts, including community development initiatives, the *Capital Improvement Plan*, transportation planning, and environmental sustainability projects. Plan alignment ensures that the city's parks and recreation system reflects with broader community goals, such as improving connectivity through pedestrian and bike paths, enhancing green space in urban areas, and promoting ecological conservation. By coordinating with previous planning efforts, the benefits of parks and recreation spaces can be maximized and solidified as essential infrastructure for a cohesive and vibrant community.



1996 CITY OF LAKEWOOD GENERAL PLAN

The City's *General Plan*, adopted in 1996, contains 10 elements, two of which pertain specifically to this Plan. The Open Space Element focuses on the preservation and expansion of passive and active open space lands in the city. The Recreation and Community Services Element discusses recreation opportunities, park facilities, trends and needs, and opportunities.

2021 RACE, EQUITY, DIVERSITY, AND INCLUSION (REDI) COMMUNITY DIALOGUE ACTION PLAN

The Lakewood City Council approved the *Community Dialogue Action Plan* in 2021. The plan includes strategies such as engaging teens in REDI-focused activities, creating a public roundtable, creating a Lakewood Multicultural Festival and Food Festival, providing training on racial sensitivity and inclusion to city officials and staff and more. Since its adoption, the Action Plan has received regular progress updates with initiatives completed or advanced.

2021-2029 LAKEWOOD HOUSING ELEMENT

Through the *Lakewood Housing Element 2021-2029*, the city provides an outline of the type and quantity of homes the city must accommodate through zoning and land use tools to meet regional and local housing needs. The Lakewood Housing Element also outlines projected residential growth, enabling the Department of Recreation & Community Services to better anticipate and plan for future demand for parks, facilities, and programs. The Element also details forecasted residential growth within the city, helping the Department of Recreation & Community Services define residential needs for parks, facilities and programs.

PLAN ORGANIZATION

The Plan is organized into the following sections:

Chapter 1. A Pioneering Plan serves as an introduction to Lakewood's first *Parks, Recreation & Community Services Long-Range Plan*.

Chapter 2. A Dynamic Parks and Recreation System showcases Lakewood's parks and recreation system, including providing an overview of geographic and governing context.

Chapter 3. Preserving the Past, Forging the Future discusses Lakewood's recreation legacy and future vision, in consideration of local demographics and engagement findings.

Chapter 4. Connecting People to Parks details findings on park access and recreation needs, as determined by spatial analysis, vulnerability assessment, transit studies, community feedback, survey results, and other forms of data analysis.

Chapter 5. Looking Ahead outlines key strategies and recommendations for the city, in alignment with the city's mission, vision, and values. This includes systemwide goals and strategies to improve the city's system.

Chapter 6. Tailoring Parks for Tomorrow, offers strategic recommendations for recreation facilities, park design, and site-specific improvements to enhance amenities, modernize infrastructure and meet the community's changing needs.

Chapter 7. Taking Action is focused on Plan implementation, and includes useful tools for project prioritization, funding mechanisms, partnership agreements and cost estimations.

Appendices provide more detail as well as capture the planning process over the 24-month period.

Appendix A. Park and Facility Inventory

Appendix B. Existing Conditions Summary

Appendix C. Engagement Summary

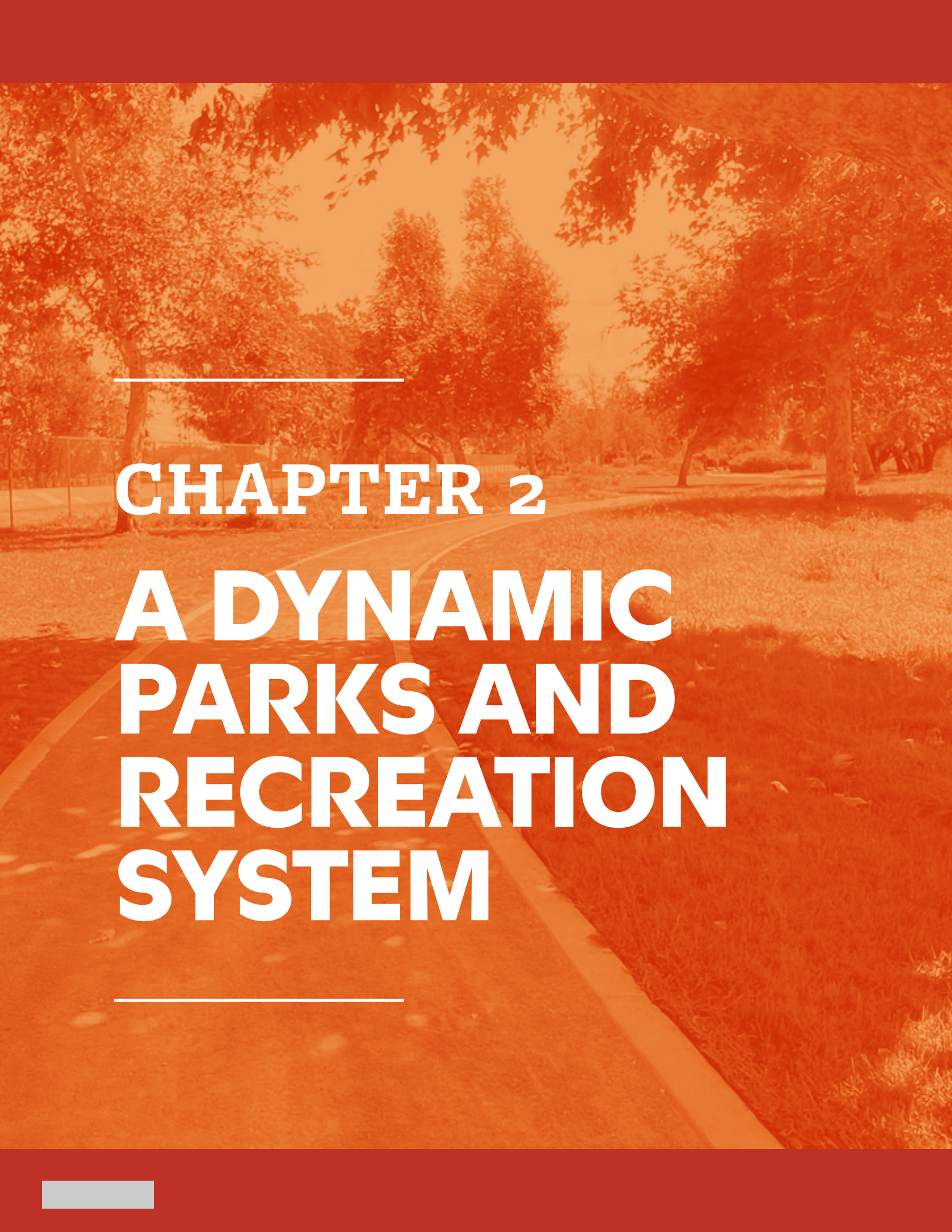
Appendix D. Equity, Access and Needs Assessment

Appendix E. Capital and Programmatic Project List



Lakewood youth can choose to participate in a variety of outdoor sports and recreation programs.





CHAPTER 2

A DYNAMIC PARKS AND RECREATION SYSTEM

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Parks, recreation and community services play a vital role in enhancing the quality of life for individuals and communities. These spaces and programs offer a wide range of physical, mental, and social benefits—from promoting healthy lifestyles through exercise and outdoor activities to fostering social connections and encouraging community engagement.

This chapter provides an overview of Lakewood's parks, recreation facilities, and programs, including information on the city staff and advisory groups who work to ensure a successful system for years to come.



Active+ programming



Fitness classes at Weingart Senior Center

LOCATION

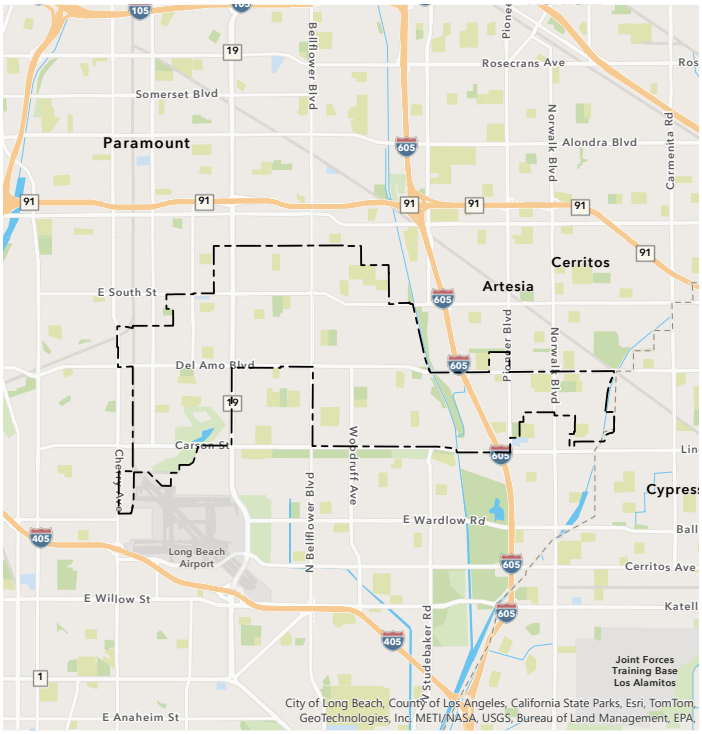
Lakewood, located in Los Angeles County, is characterized by a suburban environment with a mix of residential, commercial, school and recreation areas. Many parks and schools are centrally located, allowing residents to walk to parks and/or schools. Some key aspects of the physical setting and location of Lakewood include:

Geography: Lakewood sits in the southeastern part of Los Angeles County, bordered by the cities of Long Beach to the south, Bellflower to the north, Cerritos to the northeast, and Orange County to the east. The city is bisected by the I-605 freeway and the San Gabriel River.

Residential: Lakewood is primarily a residential community, characterized by a mix of single-family homes, townhouses and apartment complexes. The neighborhoods are well-planned, and there are various amenities and services within reach for residents.

Commercial: Neighborhood commercial and retail centers are located at key intersections of major roadways. Lakewood Center, a regional shopping commercial center, is a prominent destination in the area.

FIGURE 2-1. REGIONAL LOCATION MAP



Connectivity: The city is traversed by Lakewood Boulevard as the major north-south roadway and Del Amo Boulevard, the key east-west roadway. Long Beach Airport is located several miles south of the city. This accessibility contributes to the connectivity and convenience for both residents and visitors.

Districts: The city is divided into five Council Districts and four School Districts. In some cases, the City has joint-use agreements to utilize school land and facilities for public recreation purposes.

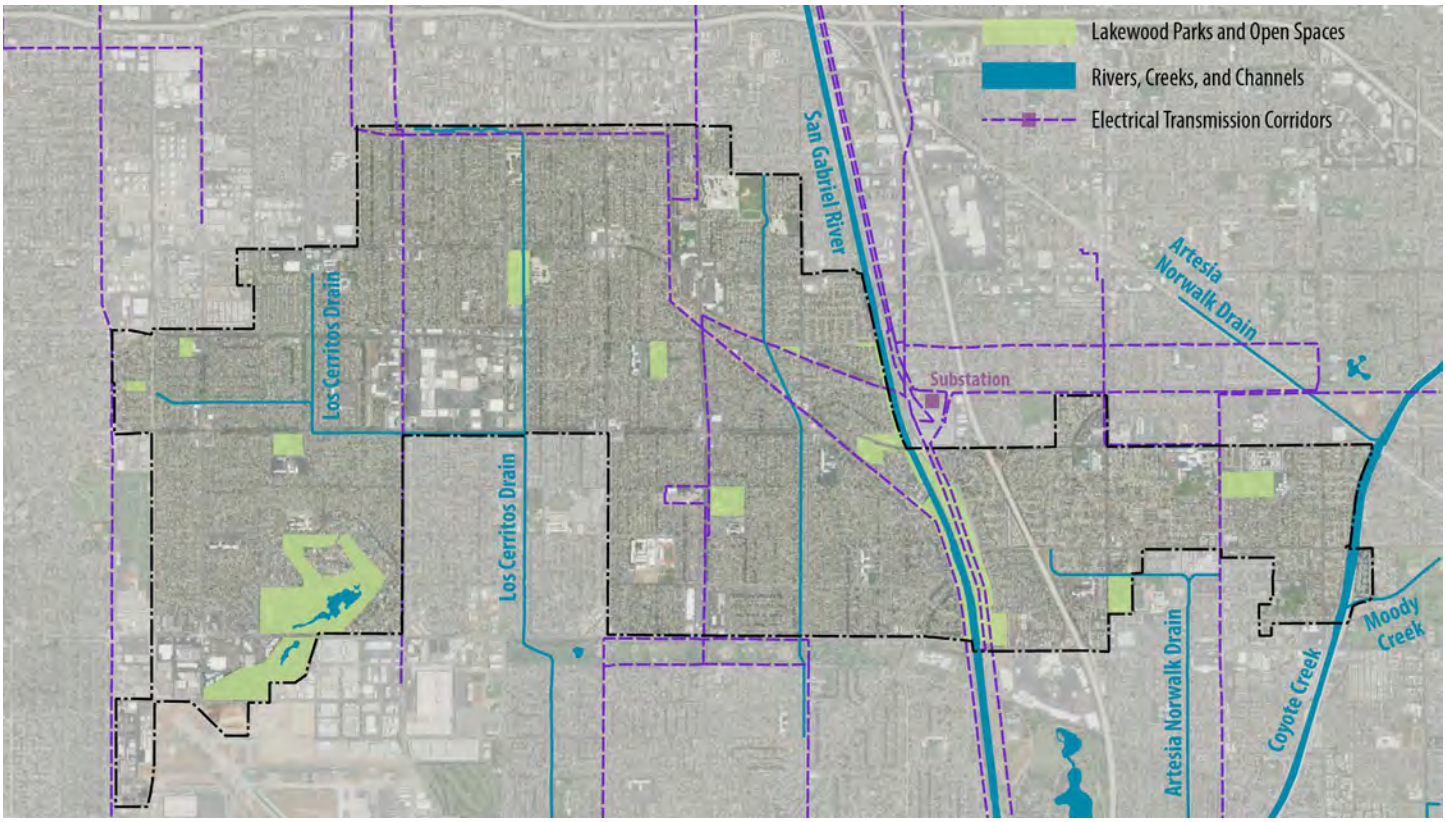
URBAN ENVIRONMENTAL FEATURES

As a mid-size city in south Los Angeles County, Lakewood does not have access to vast open space preserves, coastal areas or large regional parks; though these recreation areas exist in the region surrounding the city. However, a series of environmental features do provide Lakewood with special recreation opportunities through partnership and creative approaches.

Concrete water drainage channels, such as the San Gabriel River and Coyote Creek, can offer uses beyond their main function as urban water drainage. For example, the Lakewood Nature Trail runs along the edge of the San Gabriel River among the electrical transmission lines.

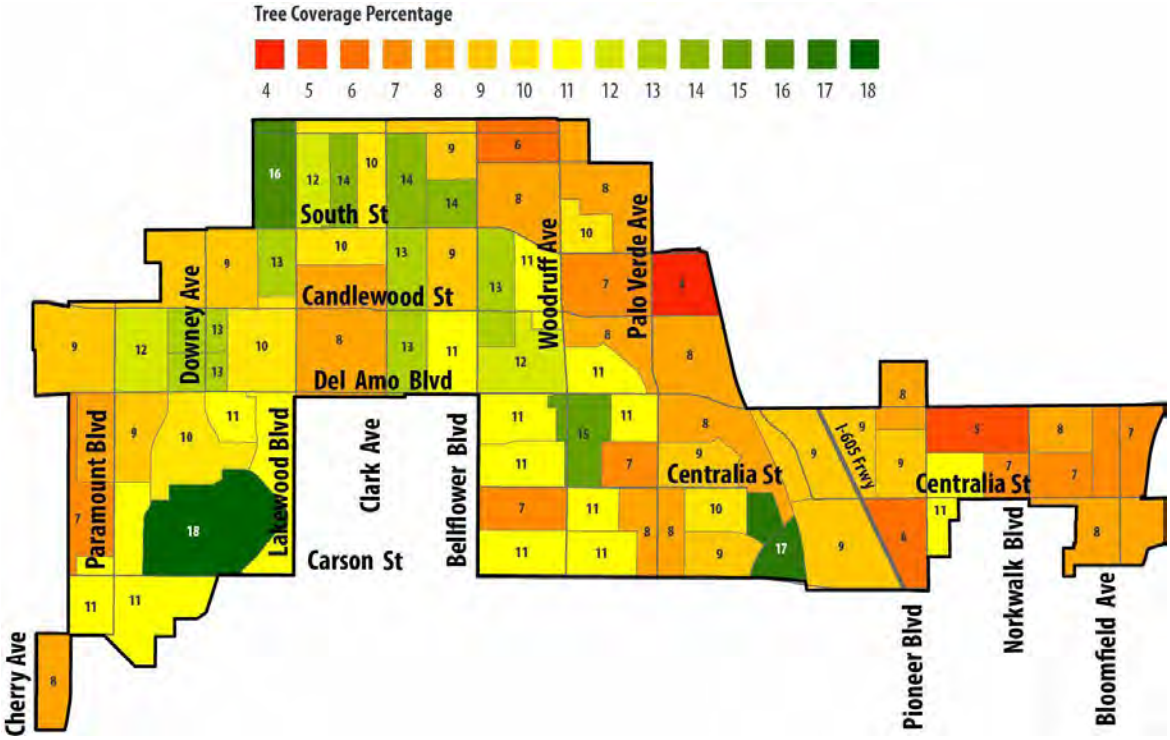
Lakewood is also traversed by a series of electrical transmission corridors, with one owned by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power and the remaining corridors are owned and managed by Southern California Edison. Electrical transmission lines are essential components of the power grid responsible for transmitting electricity over long distances from power plants to distribution substations and eventually to consumers. Rynerson Park, Candleverde Park, the Lakewood Equestrian Center, and Lakewood Community Gardens are facilities located under electrical transmission lines, with authorized recreation uses permitted through a license agreement with Southern California Edison.

FIGURE 2-2. DRAINAGE COURSES AND TRANSMISSION CORRIDORS



Sources: MIG 2024, with data from California Energy Commission and California Natural Resources Agency Open Data.

FIGURE 2-3. TREE CANOPY PERCENTAGE BY LOCATION



Source: MIG 2024, with data from American Forests, Tree Equity Score.

URBAN FOREST AND TREE CANOPY

An urban forest refers to the collection of trees and vegetation within an urban area, including parks, streets, green spaces and private properties. Urban forests provide numerous benefits to communities, such as improving air quality, reducing urban heat island effects, mitigating stormwater runoff, providing wildlife habitat, enhancing aesthetics and promoting physical and mental well-being. While park spaces are key hosts for trees and vegetation, the urban forest extends beyond parks to include city sidewalks, medians, and private properties.

Lakewood's urban forest is made up of approximately 27,500 trees citywide. The city has held the Tree City USA designation for over 40 years, underscoring its commitment to maintaining and growing a healthy urban tree canopy.

Given a rise in urban heat from climate change and increased development, it is important that cities maintain a robust tree canopy. On average, Lakewood has a 10% tree canopy coverage across the city, ranging from a low of 4% to a high of 18%. Coverage can be increased by planting more trees, starting with but not limited to, park spaces and recreation facility areas. Emphasis should be placed on areas with lower tree canopy coverage, as seen in areas of red-orange coloring on Figure 2-3.

DEPARTMENT OF RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

The Department of Recreation & Community Services (RCS) oversees a vast expanse of parks, trails and recreation facilities that span over 200 acres. The department undertakes landscape maintenance for parks, street medians, and city facilities. It also manages recreation programs, citywide events and quality-of-life services. Additionally, the department oversees the city's DASH specialized transportation service — a specialized curb to curb transit program for disabled and senior residents.

The department is organized into the Program Division and the Environmental Resources Division. Furthermore, it is responsive to the recommendations of the Recreation & Community Services Commission, which provides essential support to staff in the administration of Lakewood's recreation programs and community services.



Lakewood City Hall

The Department of Recreation & Community Services supports six key aims:

Gathering Places – By providing places for learning and socializing.

Forever – Parks enrich our lives by providing memories for a lifetime.

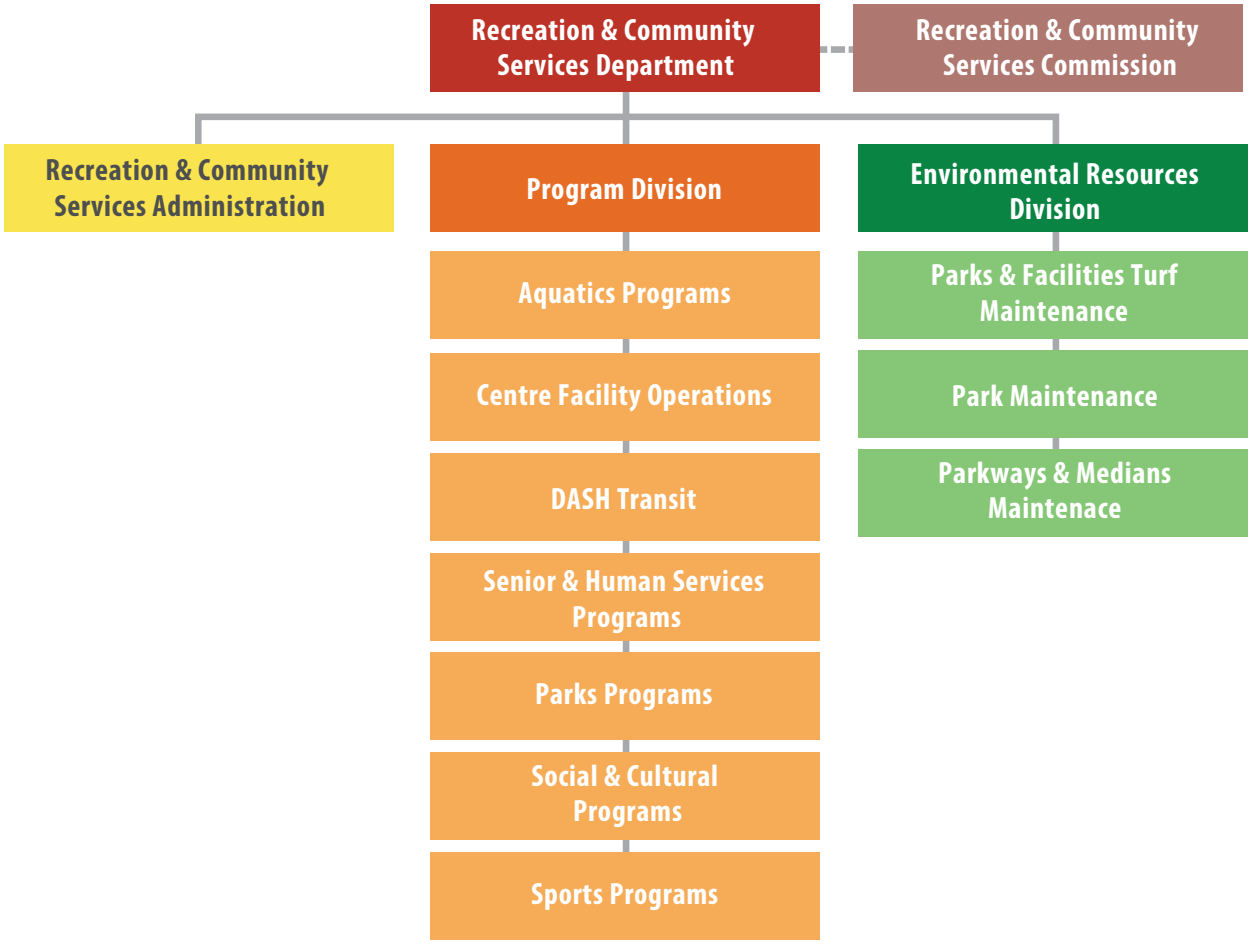
Play – By offering safe playgrounds and play spaces.

Nature – By providing beautiful landscaping and open space.

Exercise – By providing opportunities for healthy exercise.

Positive Spaces – By offering supervised places for youth.

FIGURE 2-4. RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISIONS AND SERVICES





Lakewood's Earth Walk at Monte Verde Park

RCS ADMINISTRATION

RCS Administration oversees the RCS Department operations and staff. Administrative staff also prepare studies, report, and recommendations for the City Council, City Manager and Recreation & Community Services Commission. It also reviews, recommends and administers licensed and professional service agreements, grant applications, and compliance contracts.

PROGRAM DIVISION

The Program Division, managed by the Assistant Director, has 21 full-time employees and nearly 300 part-time personnel who work across a variety of programs.

Aquatics Program

This program aims to enhance water safety education by offering residents opportunities to develop aquatic and swimming skills for personal recreation, physical fitness and survival. It also provides opportunities for recreation swimming.

Centre Facility Operations

The main objective of managing The Centre as a multipurpose facility is to offer instructional, meeting, audiovisual and banquet resources. It strives to provide a quality environment for various public and private functions.

DASH Specialized Transportation Service

DASH transit service is a vital mobility service for specified groups. The aim of this service is to plan, manage and operate a reservation-based paratransit system for elderly and disabled residents who lack access to private or existing public transportation. It also operates a community excursion program, focusing on providing social and memorable experiences for residents within the community.



The DASH service provides transit access to seniors and disabled residents.



Community spirit at Earth Walk 2024

Senior and Human Services Programs

This program aims to provide human and social services for all Lakewood residents, by connecting them with public and private service agencies. It includes senior adult programs, a community volunteer program, community health clinics, emergency food and utility assistance through the Project Shepherd Program in association with Rotary Club of Lakewood and senior services programs that encompass nutrition, socialization, recreation, health, wellness and safety awareness.

Parks Program

This program offers recreation experiences for residents of all ages and ensure that park facilities are accessible, inclusive, and safe. It includes the scheduling and supervision of recreation facilities, with park staff closely overseeing activities to maintain a safe and secure environment. This supervision helps ensure the safety of all participants while fostering an enjoyable and welcoming atmosphere. The program also focuses on planning and conducting adaptive recreation programs for individuals with developmental and physical disabilities, as well as organizing engaging teen programming to promote social interaction and community involvement.

Social and Cultural Programs

This program offers opportunities to develop personal skills through enrichment programs and community-wide special events. It includes instructional programs in arts, self-improvement, dance, fitness, and crafts for youth and adults. It also organizes seasonal recreation brochures and community special events such as Halloween Carnivals, Earth Walk, and Summer Concerts in the Park series.

Sports Program

The purpose of this program is to provide recreation experiences through team and individual athletic and fitness opportunities for youth and adults. The Lakewood Youth Sports program remains free for residents, ensuring that every child in the city has access to recreation sports. The program also coordinates field permits for community youth sports organizations such as Little League baseball and AYSO soccer, among others, for games and practices through a seasonal allocation.

ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES DIVISION

The Environmental Resources Division, under the leadership of the Parks Superintendent, is dedicated to preserving the environmental integrity and visual appeal of Lakewood's public spaces. The division provides comprehensive landscape, irrigation, and custodial maintenance services across city facilities, city-owned properties, street medians, and parkways. The Parks Superintendent oversees a team of 38 full-time and 30 part-time personnel.

Turf and Landscape Maintenance

This area encompasses turf care, irrigation system upkeep, and pest control for parks, city facilities, public parkways, and street medians. The City's Turf Maintenance Program includes all aspects of turf management—from scalping to fertilization—to promote the health and aesthetics of City parks and community centers. Irrigation System Maintenance ensures the proper operation of controllers and valves across green spaces. This task also includes the Illegal Dumping Mitigation Program, addressing reports of illegal dumping in alleys and rights-of-way.

Park Maintenance

Park Maintenance provides custodial services as well as grounds and landscape upkeep for all city parks. It includes the maintenance and renovation of 260 ball diamonds and 10 sports fields to ensure optimal playing conditions. Daily safety inspections are performed on 19 playgrounds to maintain safe environments for children aged 2 to 12. Landscape maintenance extends to turf areas and planter beds within city parks.

Custodial Maintenance

Custodial services are performed daily across citywide facilities, including parks, community centers, and City Hall. The routine cleaning and sanitization of public spaces, buildings, and restrooms are a top priority for the Department of Recreation & Community Services (RCS), ensuring a clean and safe environment for all users.

Contract Services

Contracted services include floor care and carpet cleaning in large facilities, gopher abatement, landscape maintenance of select street medians, and mowing of large open park spaces.

Public Works Coordination

The Environmental Resources Division partners with the Public Works Department for a variety of essential services, including hardscape, playground, and building repairs such as plumbing, HVAC, and electrical and lighting work. Public Works is also responsible for tree trimming and planting, using both in-house and contracted crews.



Lakewood parks workers maintain lawns and landscaping for safety and comfort.

PARK AND RECREATION SYSTEM OVERVIEW

Lakewood's parks and recreation facilities boast a diverse range of functions and character, catering to both active and passive recreation and leisure pursuits suitable for individuals of varying ages and interests. These spaces vary in their degree of development, some featuring extensive amenities while others maintain a more tranquil ambiance. Lakewood's inventory includes 18 developed parks and recreation sites, spanning approximately 207.6 acres in total. The park and recreation system encompasses various recreation spaces, infrastructure, facilities and resources overseen and programmed by the Department of Recreation & Community Services. For a comprehensive overview of the current (2025) park system and facility inventory, refer to Appendix A: Park and Facility Inventory.

Lakewood parks and facilities are distributed throughout the city. Most neighborhoods are anchored by a park, however, there are some areas where few or no parks exist. Similarly, certain neighborhoods lack convenient access to recreation facilities, especially specialized ones such as the youth center or senior center. The largest facility is The Centre which is a 40,000 square foot building with rooms for receptions, banquets, meetings and conferences.

- 23 Parks and Facilities
- 2 Swimming Pools
- 6 Wading Pools
- 19 Playgrounds
- 1 Community Garden
- 20 Baseball/Softball Fields
- 10 Multi-use Fields
- 2 Tennis Courts
- 7 Multi-use Courts
- 1 Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- 1 Dog Park



Colorful youth play structures at San Martin Park



Families enjoy Bolivar Park Playground.

FIGURE 2-5. PARK AND FACILITY DISTRIBUTION BY SIZE



Source: MIG 2024.

CLASSIFICATIONS

Classifications help the city plan and manage their existing system, as well as make decisions about the right amount of development, types of facilities and levels of park maintenance and programming based on the intent for each park site.

PARK SITES

A park's classification considers the purpose or functionality of the site, factoring in characteristics such as size, use, service area and available amenities and facilities. The City of Lakewood classifies its parks into six categories. The classifications are defined on the next several pages.



San Martin Park playground

TABLE 2-1. PARK CLASSIFICATIONS

CLASSIFICATIONS	COUNT	ACREAGE	PERCENT
Park Sites			
Passive Parks	2	5.3	2.6%
Neighborhood Parks	4	41.9	20.2%
Community Parks	5	102.7	49.4%
Special Use Parks	3	26.0	12.5%
Parkways and Nature Trails	1	26.4	12.7%
Major Recreation Facilities			
Standalone Major Recreation Facilities	3	5.4	2.6%
TOTAL	**18**	**207.6**	**100%**

PASSIVE PARKS

2 PARKS, 5.3 TOTAL ACRES

Average Size: 2-3 acres

Typical Amenities: Expansive lawn areas, trees, trash cans, and benches.

Passive parks (typically 2-3 acres) offer essential recreation facilities and amenities to community members. These sites tend to be embedded within residential neighborhoods and have amenities such as small playgrounds, benches, tables, trash cans and grassy areas. Passive parks are intended to serve the immediate surrounding area within walking distance. Candleverde and Cherry Cove are examples of passive parks.



Candleverde Park green space



Cherry Cove Park has open lawns and a small playground

NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS

4 PARKS, 41.9 TOTAL ACRES

Average Size: 4-15 acres

Typical Amenities: Picnic shelters, play structures, sports field, and sports courts.

Neighborhood parks (typically 4-15 acres) are small parks that serve residential areas but feature more extensive amenities such as picnic shelters, wading pools, creative play structures, sports fields and courts. Sites may or may not include parking lots or restrooms. Compared with passive parks, neighborhood parks offer a wider range of facilities, amenities and programming opportunities. Biscailuz Park, Bloomfield Park, San Martin Park and Boyar Park are examples of neighborhood parks.



Boyar Park play structures



San Martin Park playground, affectionately known as "Pumpkin Park"

COMMUNITY PARKS

5 PARKS, 102.7 TOTAL ACRES

Average Size: 10-40 acres

Typical Amenities: Community centers, swimming pools, picnic shelters, sports fields, and sports courts.

Community parks (typically 10-40 acres) are mid-to-large-size parks that support sports, specialized facilities, group gatherings and programmable space for several neighborhoods or a portion of the city. They feature amenities and services such as sports programming and swimming pools. Shade structures and picnic tables are abundant in community parks. They are intended to serve the wider community rather than only the surrounding neighborhoods, therefore they often include parking, restrooms, picnic tables, and other amenities that support longer stays, as well as programming for community-wide events. The programming and/or the presence of Community Centers or Major Recreation Facilities adds to the community-wide draw (e.g. teen centers, swimming pools, etc.). Bolivar, Mayfair, Del Valle, Palms, and Rynerson are examples of community parks.



McCormick Pool at Bolivar Park



Bolivar Park Playground



Del Valle Park Playground



Rynerson Park fitness stations

SPECIAL USE PARKS

3 PARKS, 26.0 TOTAL ACRES

Average Size: varies

Typical Amenities: Community garden beds, shaded picnic areas, nature trail, interpretive signage, meeting rooms, equestrian facilities, and rentable spaces.

Special use parks (size varies) provide singular or specialized uses. Some sites are closed to the public and require advanced notice or reservation to enter or use the site. Amenities vary but might include community garden beds, shaded picnic areas, nature trail loop, interpretive signage, meeting rooms, equestrian facilities, and rentable spaces. Lakewood Community Gardens, Lakewood Equestrian Center, and Monte Verde Park are examples of special use parks.



Monte Verde Park summer camp



Monte Verde Park picnic area

PARKWAYS AND NATURE TRAILS

1 TRAIL, 26.4 TOTAL ACRES

Average Size: varies

Typical Amenities: Meandering trail, native landscaping, natural habitat, trees, and benches.

Parkways and nature trails (size varies) combine natural resource protection, public access to nature and nature-based recreation. Most trailheads begin in residential areas, offering the immediate community an opportunity to access nature. The city currently has one nature trail, the San Gabriel River Nature Trail ("Nature Trail") (1.7 miles in length), which features interpretive signage, a meandering pathway, natural landscaping, tree groves, and native habitat planting. The Nature Trail is the only site of this park type in Lakewood.



San Gabriel River Nature Trail



San Gabriel River Nature Trail is a favored space for bird watchers due to the natural landscaping.

MAJOR RECREATION FACILITIES

15 FACILITIES

Average Size: varies

Typical Amenities: Varies per facility.

In addition to parks, RCS operates Major Recreation Facilities, consisting of community centers, swimming pools, and other unique sites. Major Recreation Facilities provide specified and often singular recreation experiences or target a specific audience (e.g. seniors, swimmers, etc.). These facilities are not classified as parks and may exist as standalone sites or reside within an existing park.

- **Community Centers.** Lakewood community centers are versatile facilities that serve as hubs for various recreation, social, and educational activities for the local community. These centers typically offer a range of amenities and services, including multipurpose rooms for meetings, classes and events, and fitness centers with exercise equipment and workout spaces.
- **Activity and Community Buildings.** These buildings serve as central points for community activities within neighborhood parks. While not as spacious or adaptable as larger community centers, they generally consist of one community room, recreation staff offices and a maintenance area. Many of these structures date back to the 1950s, constructed during the establishment of the neighborhoods, often built with the help of volunteer residents.
- **Swim Pavilion and Bath House.** The Swim Pavilion at Mayfair Park and the Bath House at Bolivar Park for McCormick Pool are facilities that provide amenities for swimming, showering, and changing. They also include maintenance equipment for pools, reception areas and lifeguard and staffing areas.



Community Center at Mayfair Park

STANDALONE MAJOR RECREATION FACILITIES

3 FACILITIES, 5.4 TOTAL ACRES

Average Size: varies

Typical Amenities: Multi-purpose rooms, office space, specialty rooms, permanent restrooms, and parking.

In total, there are 15 Major Recreation Facilities in Lakewood, including community centers, swimming pool, and activity buildings. Most of these are located within existing parks, and their acreage is counted towards their host park. However, three buildings are standalone recreation facilities that are not associated with a particular park site. These three include the Centre, Weingart Senior Center and Burns Community Center.

These sites provide flexible multi-purpose rooms, administrative and community services, and programming for the public. They require staffing and oversight to manage and maintain the buildings, and operate recreation and community service programs.



Burns Community Center



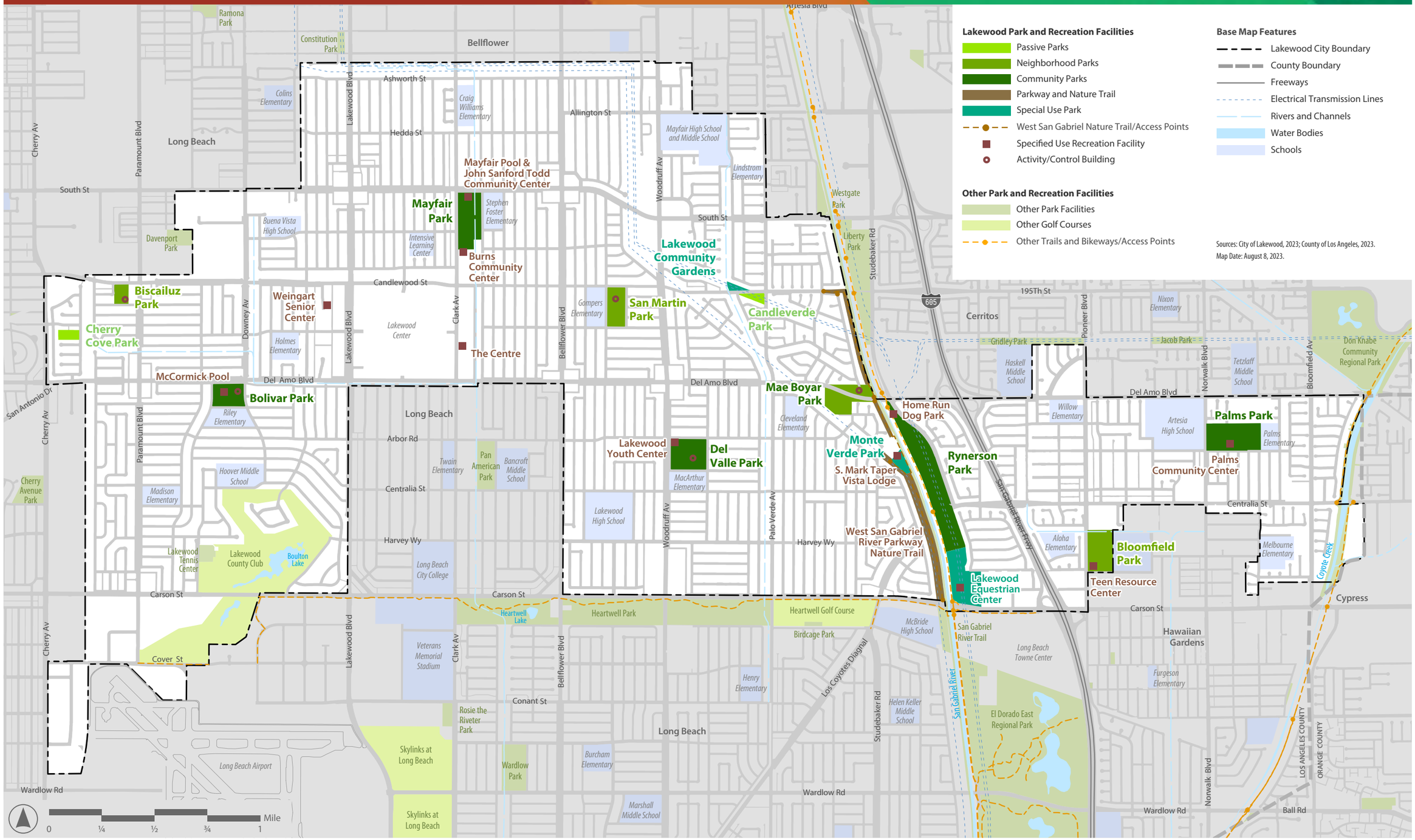
The Centre



Weingart Senior Center

FIGURE 2-6. PARK AND FACILITY CLASSIFICATION MAP

Lakewood Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Long-Range Plan



Lakewood Park and Recreation Facilities

- Passive Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Parkway and Nature Trail
- Special Use Park
- West San Gabriel Nature Trail/Access Points
- Specified Use Recreation Facility
- Activity/Control Building

Other Park and Recreation Facilities

- Other Park Facilities
- Other Golf Courses
- Other Trails and Bikeways/Access Points

Base Map Features

- Lakewood City Boundary
- County Boundary
- Freeways
- Electrical Transmission Lines
- Rivers and Channels
- Water Bodies
- Schools

Sources: City of Lakewood, 2023; County of Los Angeles, 2023.
Map Date: August 8, 2023.

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RECREATION PROGRAMMING AND SERVICES

As part of its commitment to enhancing community well-being, Lakewood offers a diverse range of recreation programming suitable for individuals of all ages and interests. From aquatics programs held in two public swimming pools during the summer, to outdoor adventures along the San Gabriel River's nature trails, there's something for everyone. Year-round community events and seasonal family programs foster togetherness, while parks and community centers provide rental spaces for special events and business gatherings.

Recreation offerings like Tot Lot for toddlers, self-directed afterschool activities and Adaptive Recreation at Bloomfield Park cater to varied needs and interests. Whether reserving a community room or park facility for an event, arranging a catered meeting at The Centre or participating in sports activities, Lakewood ensures ample opportunities for recreation and community engagement.

For adults, a variety of fitness classes—including tennis and sports instruction—are available, along with dance classes and special interest workshops in arts and crafts, public safety and music instruction. Older adults can engage in Active+ programs, while adaptive programming ensures inclusivity for all. Travel programs provide exciting adventures, and family programs encourage bonding through shared experiences.

Youth are offered fine arts instruction, camps, and educational classes, alongside opportunities for dance, fitness and sports, such as gymnastics and tennis. Aquatics programs provide swimming opportunities for all ages, while preschool programs introduce young children to dance, gymnastics, and sports instruction, fostering early engagement in recreation activities.

The following bullet points on page 2-26 highlight the full range of RCS's core program areas, including both city-run and contract classes. For more information, see Appendix B: Existing Conditions Summary.



Lakewood youth aquatics programs



Monte Verde Park summer camp



Programming: Recreation Activities and Classes

The City of Lakewood offers a wide range of recreation activities and classes designed to serve residents of all ages, interests, and abilities. Activities take place at community centers, parks, and recreation facilities throughout the city, ensuring accessible and enriching experiences for everyone.

- **Active+.** The Active+ program offers older adults a variety of recreation and fitness activities based at the Burns Community Center. Programs are designed to support healthy, active lifestyles and graceful aging.
- **Contract Classes.** A wide range of specialized classes for all ages are offered seasonally and led by contract instructors. With over 400 classes per season—including fitness, arts and crafts and personal growth—sessions are listed in the recreation catalog published in January, May and September.
- **Adaptive Recreation.** The Adaptive Recreation Program provides individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities inclusive recreation opportunities. Hosted at Bloomfield Park, the program offers special events, field trips and life skills activities.
- **Adult Sports.** Organized sports leagues are available for adults, with three seasons offered each year. Leagues offered include men's and co-ed softball, and women's volleytennis. Drop-in pickleball is offered at Mayfair and Bolivar Parks, while drop-in volleyball and basketball are available at the Hoover Middle School gymnasium.
- **Adult Travel Trips.** Adult and family-friendly travel trips to Southern California attractions are offered each season. Trips include charter bus transportation and pre-arranged tickets, making travel easy and accessible for participants.
- **Lakewood Youth Sports (LYS).** LYS offers organized youth leagues for ages 4 to 17. Sports offered include baseball, softball, t-ball, football, volleyball, volleytennis, and basketball. The leagues focus on sportsmanship, participation, and volunteer-led coaching.
- **Aquatics.** Seasonal aquatics programs run from Memorial Day through Labor Day, offering recreation swimming, swim lessons, competitive opportunities, and special events. The popular Junior Lifeguard Program is available at two pools during the summer.
- **Park Programs.** Eight park facilities, with daily supervision by recreation staff, offer a variety of active and passive recreation opportunities. Parks feature activity rooms, picnic shelters, ball fields and courts, with many amenities available on a drop-in or reservation basis.
- **Senior Programs.** Based at the Weingart Senior Center, Lakewood's Senior Programs offer socialization, fitness classes, dances, billiards and other active and passive recreation activities, alongside a variety of support services.

- **Special Olympics.** Lakewood hosts a strong Special Olympics program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities wishing to engage in competitive athletics. Lakewood offers softball, soccer, bocce, bowling, basketball, tennis and golf. All coaches are certified by Special Olympics of Southern California. This program is facilitated at Bloomfield Park.

- **Year-Round Camps.** The city provides a comprehensive array of recreation camps for children, offering a diverse range of activities and experiences designed to accommodate various interests and needs. These camps include programs in sports, the arts, adventure, STEM, and traditional summer day camps, as well as offerings during the spring and winter school recesses.

- **Teen Programs.** The Lakewood Youth Center offers activities such as teen dances, an open game room, excursions and a variety of special interest classes throughout the year. Programs such as Teens in Lakewood Care (TLC) and the Lakewood Teen Action Committee (LTAC) foster community involvement and volunteerism. Additionally, the Teen Resource Center at Bloomfield Park offers a unique teen atmosphere featuring computer stations, game tables, and modern gaming systems.

- **Tot Lots.** The Tot Lot program is a parent/guardian-led cooperative initiative for children ages 2 to 5, held at Del Valle and Mayfair Parks during the fall, winter, and spring. Sessions are conducted during the week in the fenced preschool play area of the park. Parents/guardians are responsible for the operation of each Tot Lot and participate in a rotating schedule to supervise the play area and oversee planned activities.



Teen programs



Monte Verde Park summer camp



Adult sports leagues



Weingart Senior Center

Services

Lakewood is committed to providing a wide range of services that support the well-being, safety and quality of life for all residents. From after-school recreation that offers safe and engaging environments for youth, to vital transportation and human services that assist seniors, families and individuals in need, these programs are designed to be responsive, inclusive, and community-focused. Through partnerships, proactive initiatives and a strong spirit of service, Lakewood works to ensure that every resident has access to the support and resources they need to thrive.

- **After-School Park Supervision.** Supervised parks offer secure, clean, and stimulating environments for youth during after-school hours. Youth are permitted to borrow sports equipment, such as basketballs, from recreation staff and participate in social activities, including playing table games such as carom, with their peers.

- **DASH Transit.** DASH Transit provides reservation-based transportation for Lakewood residents who are seniors or individuals with disabilities with limited access to public or private transportation. The service also supports transportation needs for city special events and youth programs.

- **Emergency Preparedness.** In partnership with Public Safety, RCS supports the city's emergency preparedness efforts. In the event of a disaster, all employees—including hourly staff—may be activated to assist the community.

- **Human Services.** Human Services programs, based out of the Burns Community Center and Weingart Senior Center, offer counseling, nutrition, emergency assistance, information, and referral services for seniors, individuals, and families in need.



Monte Verde Park summer camp

Community Events

Lakewood is a city that comes alive through its vibrant calendar of community events, celebrating the spirit, culture and togetherness that define residents. Throughout the year, Lakewood hosts a variety of gatherings that honor local heroes, showcase musical talents, embrace cultural traditions and create opportunities for families and neighbors to connect. From festive seasonal celebrations to meaningful commemorations and fun-filled fairs, these events bring energy and joy to parks, civic spaces and hearts, strengthening the bonds that make Lakewood such a special place to call home.

- **Arbor Week.** Lakewood celebrates its "Tree City USA" designation each March with Arbor Week programs. Woody the Tree visits Lakewood elementary schools, delivering educational presentations to approximately 3,000 students in grades K-3.

- **Special Events.** Special events encompass a variety of community-based celebrations including, but not limited to, the Civic Center Block Party, Fest-Of-All, Daddy/Daughter Date Night, Halloween Carnivals, Memorial Day Ceremony, Pan Am Fiesta and more.



Civic Center Block Party



Pan Am Fiesta



Lemonade Day

Volunteerism

Volunteerism is a cornerstone of Lakewood's community spirit, where neighbors helping neighbors has been a tradition since the city's founding. From lending a hand through organized service projects to supporting local charities or mentoring youth, residents of all ages play a vital role in strengthening the bonds that make Lakewood a special place to live. Whether residents have a few hours to give or are looking for a deeper way to connect, there are countless opportunities to make a meaningful impact and be part of the city's ongoing story of caring and community pride.

- **Project Shepherd.** A collaboration between the City of Lakewood and the Rotary Club of Lakewood, Project Shepherd supports families in need through holiday food and gift distribution, a back-to-school backpack program, scholarships for recreation and year-round emergency food and utility assistance at Burns Community Center and Palms Park.

- **Lakewood Teen Action Committee (LTAC).** LTAC offers teens opportunities to volunteer, participate in community outreach and learn about civic engagement and local government services.

- **Volunteer Day.** Each April, volunteers come together to assist eligible Lakewood residents with yardwork and minor exterior home maintenance. Teams made up of service organizations, businesses, scout groups, faith-based organizations and community members of all ages fan out across the city to provide support through yard cleanup and small painting projects, helping to maintain neighborhood pride and assist those in need.



Lakewood Volunteer Day 2025



Lakewood Volunteer Day 2025

TABLE 2-2. SAMPLING OF RECREATION ACTIVITIES, CLASSES, AND PROGRAMMING

AGE RANGE	SAMPLING OF PROGRAMS AND CLASSES[1]						
	FITNESS	SPORTS	DANCE/ MUSIC	SPECIAL INTEREST	EDUCATION CLASSES	AQUATICS	FINE ART AND ARTS & CRAFTS
Pre-School		Gymnastics, Soccer, Ice Skating, Tennis, Multi-Sport, Basketball	Hula, Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop	Musical Theater	Pre-K Readiness, Reading, Math, Spanish	Swimming Lessons, Wading Pools	Varies
Teen & Youth	Smart Fit, Girls Trampoline, Cardio	Gymnastics, Tennis, Wrestling, Karate, Soccer, Football, Ice Skating, Multi-Sport, Basketball, Lakewood Youth Sports, Sports Camp	Ballet, Hip Hop, Dance, Hula, Drums, Piano, Tap	Teen Life Skills, Board Games, Video Gaming, Trivia Night, Job Search, Summer / spring Camps, Youth in Government, Volunteer, Teen Scene, Family Camp, Date Nights, Movie Night, FUNtastic Family Night, Play at Palms	Reading, Spanish, Math, SAT Prep, Homework Help, Drivers Ed, Bilingual Spanish Camps, College Fair, STEM	Junior Lifeguard, Swimming Lessons, Recreation Swim	Paint Night, Creative Clay, Ceramics, Art Fun, Acting, Musical Theater
Adult	Ballet, Capoeira, Zumba, Yoga, Gentle Yoga, Pilates, Tai Chi, Belly Dance Fitness, Aerobics, Walking Clubs, Strength Training, Chair Exercises, Fitness Classes, Martial Arts	Tennis, Kung Fu, Ice Skating, Pickleball, Lakewood Adult Sports, Volleytennis	Country Line Dancing, Belly Dance, Hula, Ballroom Dance	Family Camp, Dog Training, Computer, CPR, Language, Volunteer	Tech, Drivers Course, Health & Wellness, Writing	Water Aerobics, Aqua Fitness, Swimming Lessons, Recreation Swim, Adult Lap Swim, Lap Swim 50+	Painting, Decorating, Crafts, Sewing, Cross Stich, crochet, Knitting, Cricut, Pottery, Candle Making, Quilters, Bunco, Glass Fusing
Seniors		Basketball Free Play, Pickleball	Dance, Line Dance	Travel, Book Club, Card Games, Lifestyle, Pool Room, Social Services, Cards, Wellness Series, Volunteer	Health and Wellness, Brain Games, History, Varies		

1. This list of programs and classes is not exhaustive but offers a selection of the activities available. Many classes and programs can vary by season or by location.



CHAPTER 3

PRESERVING THE PAST, FORGING THE FUTURE

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As cities grow and evolve, their demographics shift, influenced by changes in population size, age distribution, and cultural diversity. These transformations are not just reshaping urban landscapes but also influencing how public spaces, particularly parks and recreation facilities, are used and valued. Historically, Lakewood parks have played a significant role in shaping community character, often reflecting the social and cultural priorities of their time. Today, as Lakewood grapples with the challenges of intensified urbanization, the historical legacy of parks must be balanced with a forward-thinking vision to meet evolving needs.

LAKEWOOD'S RECREATION LEGACY

Lakewood has a rich historical legacy when it comes to parks and recreation. The city's commitment to providing quality recreation spaces dates to its early years of development. Lakewood was originally developed as a planned community in the post-World War II era, and from the beginning, emphasis was placed on creating a community with ample green spaces and recreation facilities.

The city's founders envisioned a well-designed urban environment that prioritized the well-being and recreation needs of its residents. As Lakewood grew, parks became integral to the city's identity. These early parks often served as gathering places for community events and social activities. Over the years, Lakewood has consistently invested in its parks and recreation infrastructure. This commitment is reflected in the continuous improvement of existing parks, the refurbishment of established community centers and recreation facilities, and the continued delivery of diverse programs and events for residents of all ages.



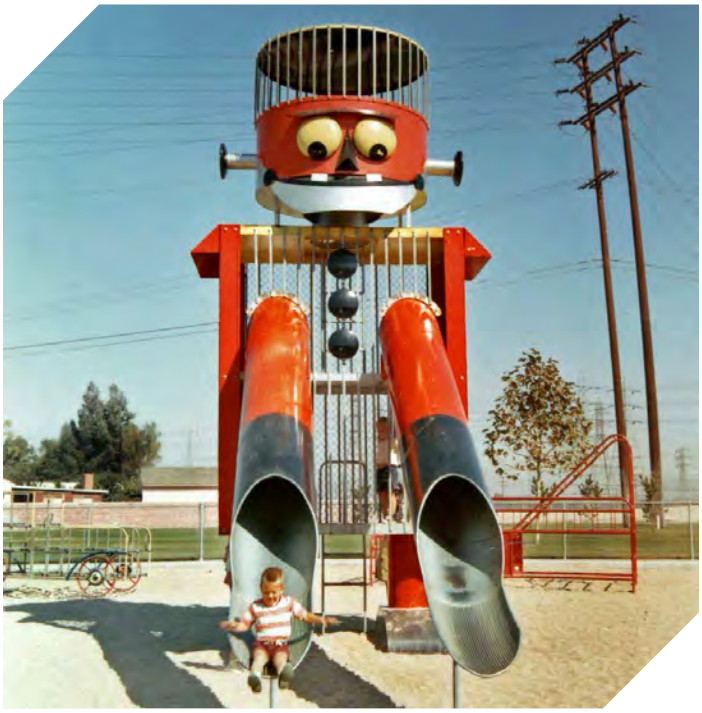
A Lakewood playground in 1957



The Pan American Festival in 1957



Boys playing basketball in 1958



A play structure at Mae Boyar Park in 1989

FIGURE 3-1. LAKEWOOD PARKS AND RECREATION HISTORICAL TIMELINE

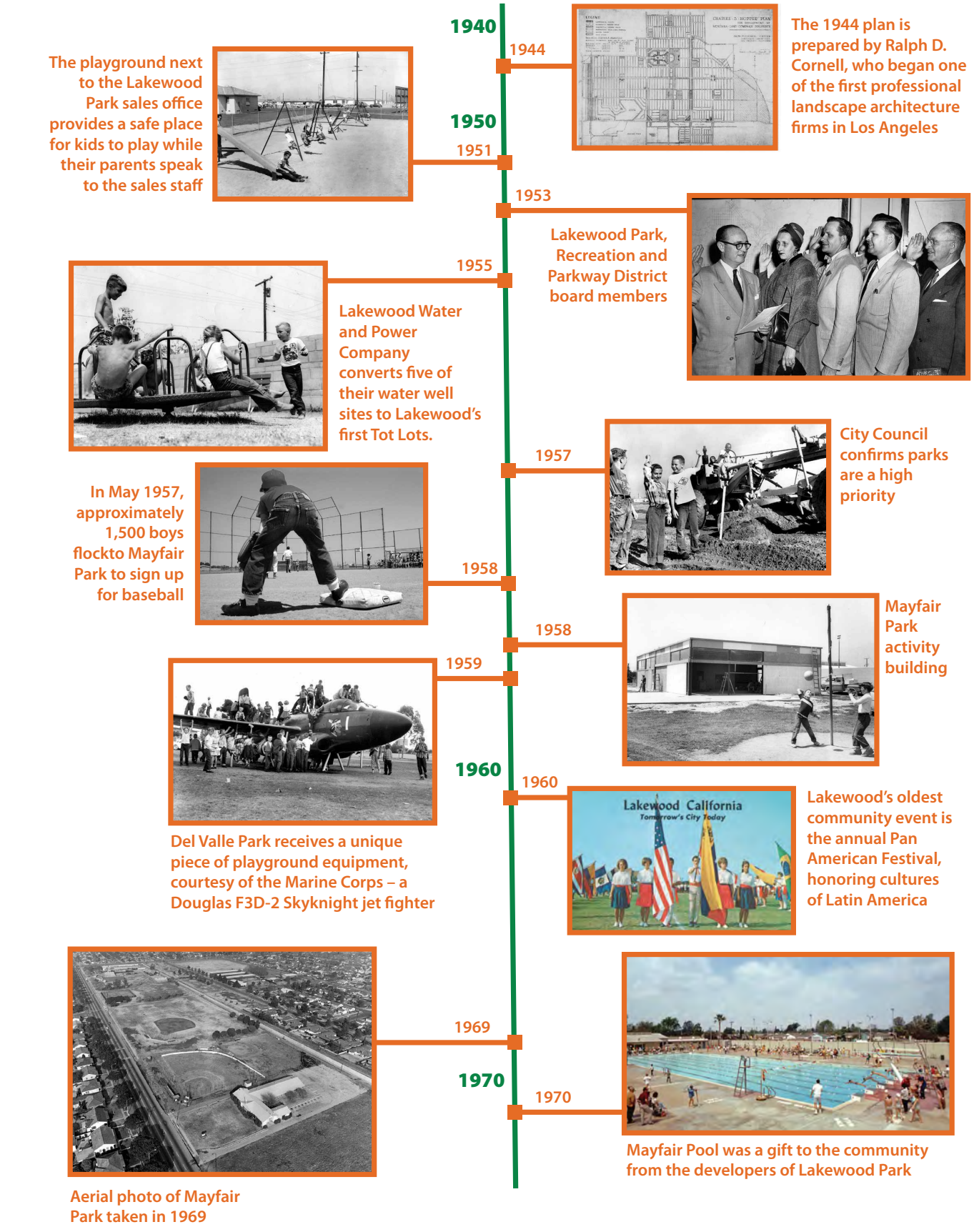


FIGURE 3-1. LAKEWOOD PARKS AND RECREATION HISTORICAL TIMELINE



1975

Lakewood acquires the use of the power line right-of-way on the east bank of the San Gabriel River in 1968 to create River Park, which was dedicated in 1975

1979



Lakewood rededicates Palms Park and built a community center and library

1980

1981



The Weingart Senior Center opens to serve Lakewood's older residents



1985

The Centre is Lakewood's premier destination for all types of celebrations, offering an assembly room and multiple meeting rooms

1990

1991



Mayfair Park activity building is demolished and the John Sanford Todd Community Center and Swim Pavilion were built

Monte Verde Park reopens in 2001 with the new S. Mark Taper Foundation Vista Lodge



2000

2001

2002



The Nature Trail begins construction in 2002, with later phases completed in 2014

2020

2020



Lakewood residents pass Measure L, a local sales tax initiative to raise the funds for backlog repairs and renovations

2025



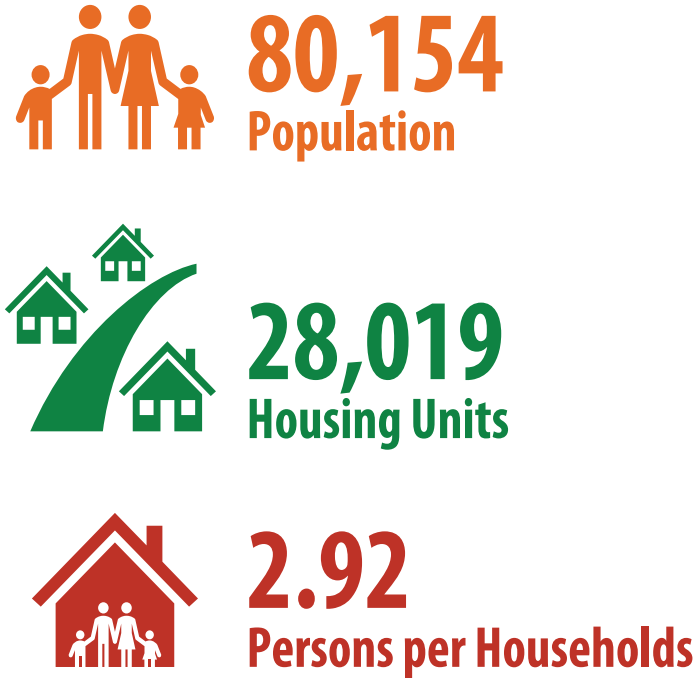
Lakewood completes its first Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Long-Range Plan to guide future investments in city parks, facilities, and services

AN EVOLVING COMMUNITY

DEMOGRAPHIC PROFILE

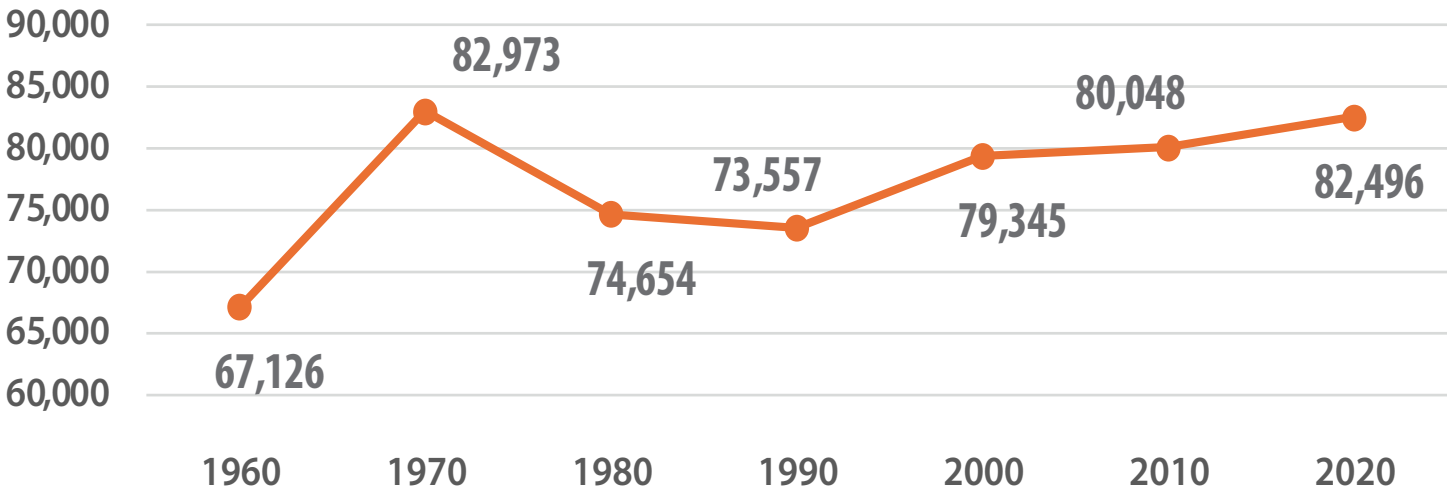
Lakewood possesses a diverse and vibrant community profile, with diverse age ranges and ethnic/racial backgrounds. Housing is mostly single-family units - a holdover from Lakewood's early development in the 1950s - with only 17% of housing being multi-family units built more recently. As demographics and housing types change across the city, there will be effects on social dynamics, community services, and parks and recreation planning. Understanding and responding to the changing needs of the population are essential for the city's future.

FIGURE 3-2. DEMOGRAPHIC STATS (2023)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, 2010 and 2020.

FIGURE 3-3. POPULATION GROWTH 1960-2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, 2020.

















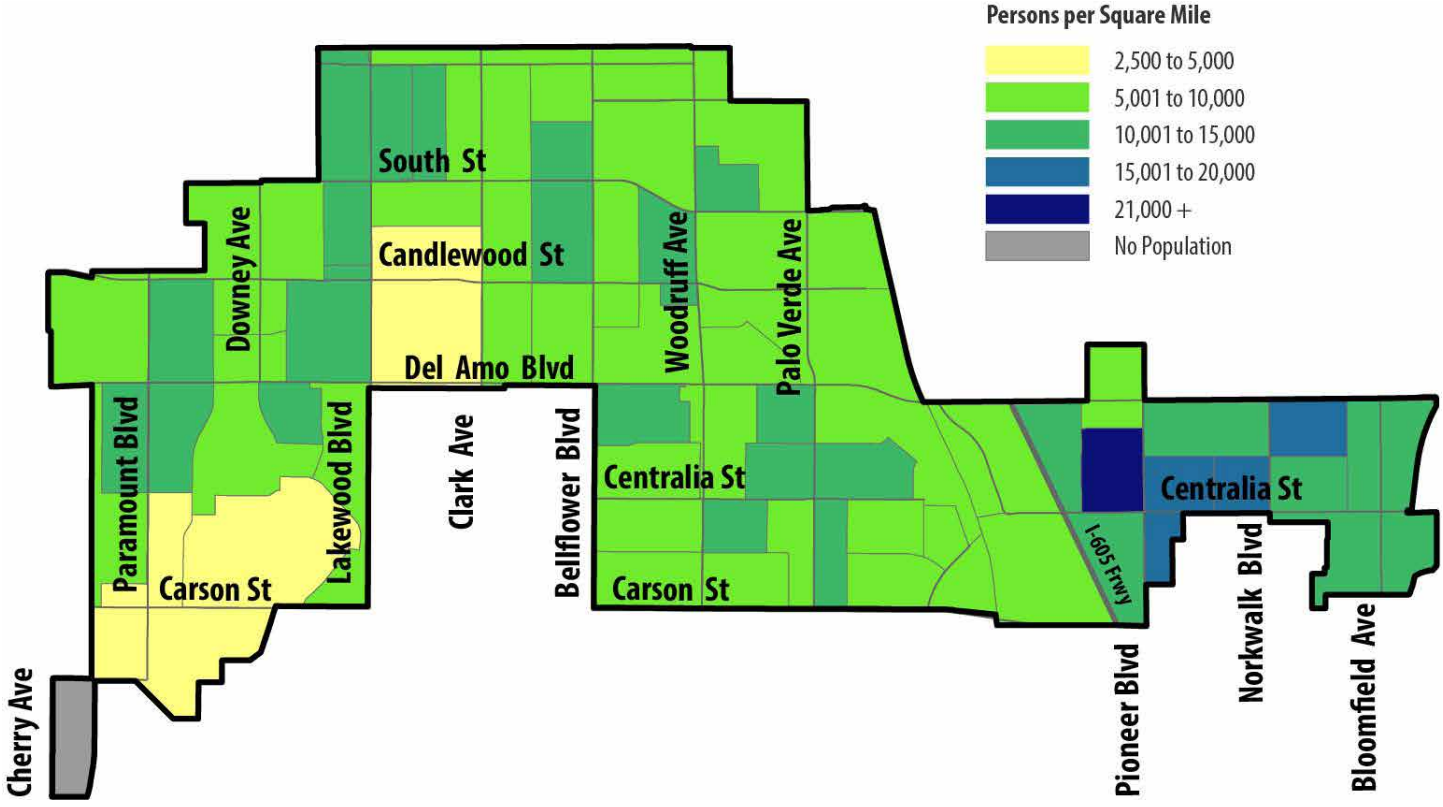

Photos showing the diversity of the Lakewood population at various community events.

Population Density

On average, the city has a population density of around 10,000 people per square mile. The areas with the lowest population density include the Lakewood Country Club area and the offices and commercial businesses located south of Carson Street, just north of Long Beach Airport. Additionally, the Lakewood Center mall area exhibits low population density due to the presence of existing commercial businesses.

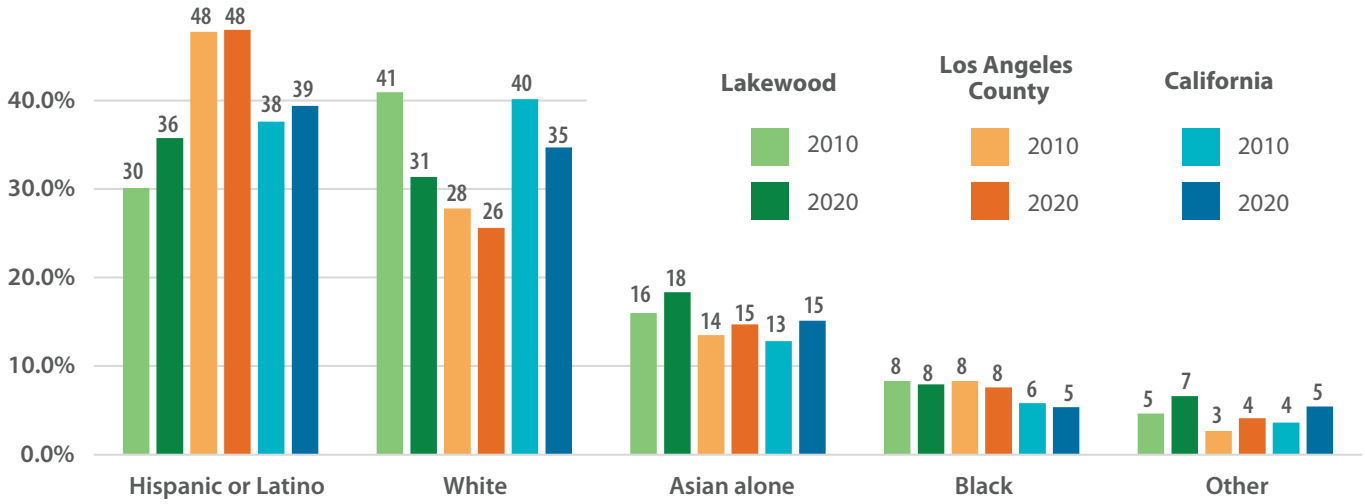
Conversely, the eastern portion of the city contains the densest areas, with several neighborhoods showing population densities exceeding 15,000 persons per square mile. Higher density areas may incur more use pressure on local recreation facilities and park spaces, requiring more maintenance and upkeep.

FIGURE 3-4. POPULATION PER SQUARE MILE



Source: MIG 2024, with data from the U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey, 2018.

FIGURE 3-5. RACE AND ETHNICITY PERCENTAGES (2022)



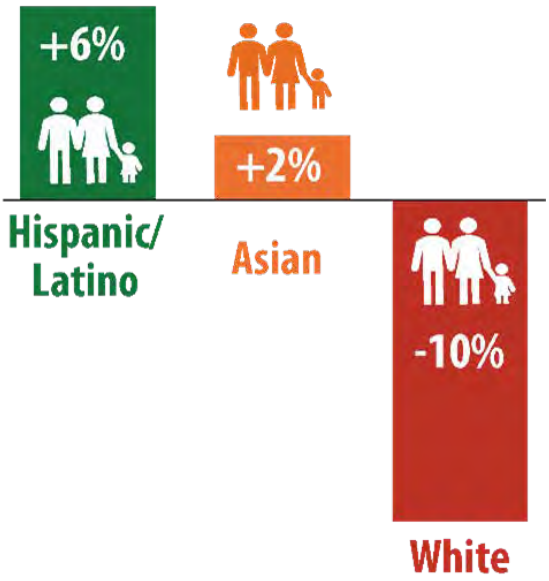
Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, 2022.

Race and Ethnicity

Between 2010 and 2020, the Hispanic/Latino population increased by 6%, while the White population saw a decrease of 10%. The Asian population grew by 2% during the same period. These shifts indicate that Lakewood is becoming more diverse, with significant changes in the racial and ethnic composition of the community.

As the community's diversity evolves, the parks and recreation system will need to adapt to a more diverse population. The increase in Hispanic/Latino and Asian populations suggests a growing need for culturally relevant programming and amenities that cater to these communities. This might include multilingual signs, culturally specific events and festivals, unique facilities, and inclusive design elements. City staff will want to ensure that parks and recreation facilities, as well as programming reflect the evolving community's needs and preferences to foster inclusivity and engagement across all demographic groups.

FIGURE 3-6. RACE AND ETHNICITY CHANGE, 2010-2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau, American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, 2022.

Housing Unit Types

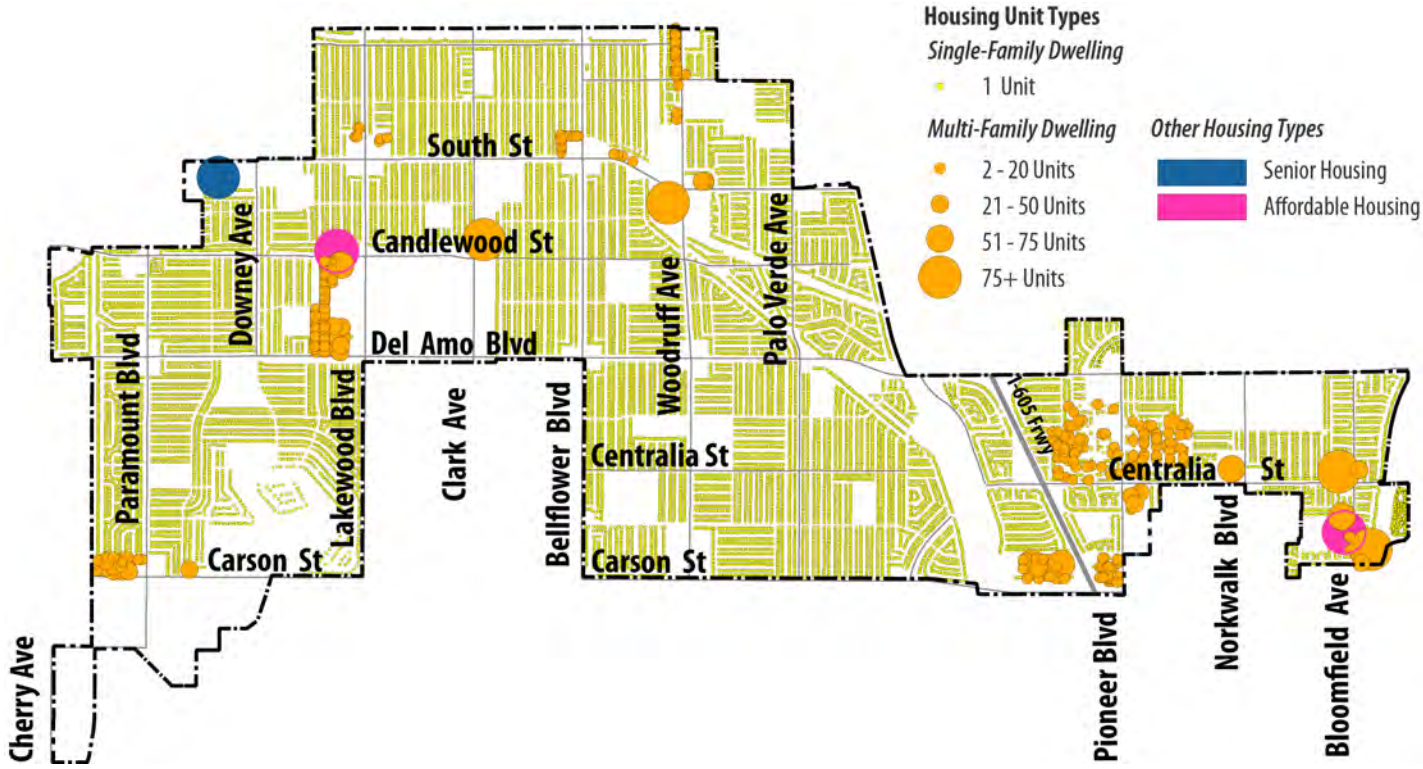
Most homes in Lakewood are single-family units, which were predominantly built in the 1950s, when Lakewood was incorporated. Out of a total of 28,000 housing units, 83% are single-family homes. The remaining units primarily comprise multi-family residences situated at key intersections of major streets or near significant activity hubs.

Senior housing is located on South Street just west of Downey Avenue, apartments line Hayter Avenue just west of the Lakewood Center and other multi-family dwellings are positioned at various key intersections. To the east of the I-605 freeway, there is a neighborhood characterized by duplexes, triples, rowhouses, townhouses and smaller multi-family units, situated between Del Amo Blvd., Roseton Ave., Centralia St. and Norwalk Blvd. In densely populated areas featuring multi-family housing, the development of parks becomes crucial to providing essential communal spaces.



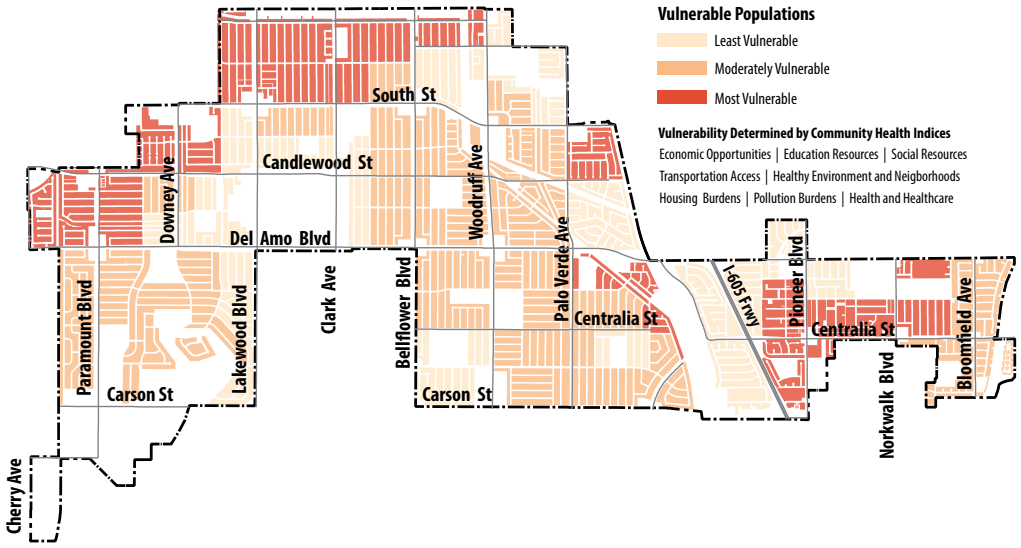
1950s housing by the Lakewood Park Corporation

FIGURE 3-7. HOUSING UNIT TYPES BY LOCATION



Source: MIG and UrbanFootprint, 2024

FIGURE 3-8. VULNERABLE POPULATIONS



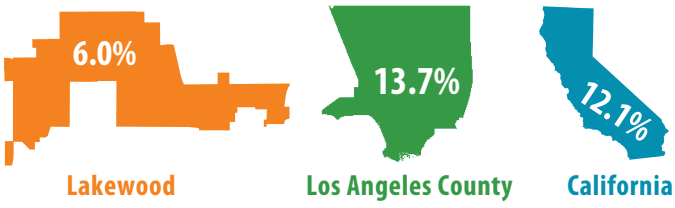
Source: MIG 2024, with data from Healthy Places Index, CalEnviroScreen 4.0, Child Opportunity Index, TCAC/HCD Opportunity Area Mapping, and UrbanFootprint Population.

Vulnerable Populations

Vulnerable populations refer to groups or individuals who are at a higher risk of experiencing adverse outcomes or facing discrimination due to various factors such as socioeconomic status, age, race, ethnicity, disability, homelessness or being members of marginalized communities. These groups often have limited access to resources or social support systems, making them more susceptible to harm, exploitation, or neglect. Examples include children, the elderly, individuals with disabilities, ethnic minorities, and those that are unhoused.

Understanding vulnerable populations in a city is crucial when preparing a parks long-range plan because it ensures that parks are inclusive, accessible and responsive to the diverse needs of all residents. By considering the challenges faced by vulnerable groups such as low-income individuals, people with disabilities and minority communities, park planners can design parks that promote health and well-being, foster social cohesion, enhance safety, address environmental justice concerns and encourage meaningful community engagement, ultimately creating vibrant and equitable public spaces for everyone to enjoy.

FIGURE 3-9. PERCENT BELOW POVERTY (2022)



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, 2022.

DEMOGRAPHIC CHANGES

Lakewood's parks, facilities, events and programs are intended to serve residents of all ages, incomes, race/ethnicity, abilities, family configurations, and varied interests. Demographic changes such as Lakewood's growing and aging population, declines in youth and shifts in race/ethnicity will affect recreation needs. By aligning activities and amenities with these evolving trends, communities can better meet the diverse preferences and needs of all residents.

Population Growth

With a projected 2.6% population increase (from 80,162 to 82,227 persons)* between 2024 and 2034, Lakewood's parks and recreation programs will face moderate impacts, requiring adjustments to accommodate additional users. The rise in accessory dwelling units could further strain park facilities and recreation services, as they contribute to increased density and demand for open spaces.

Aging Population

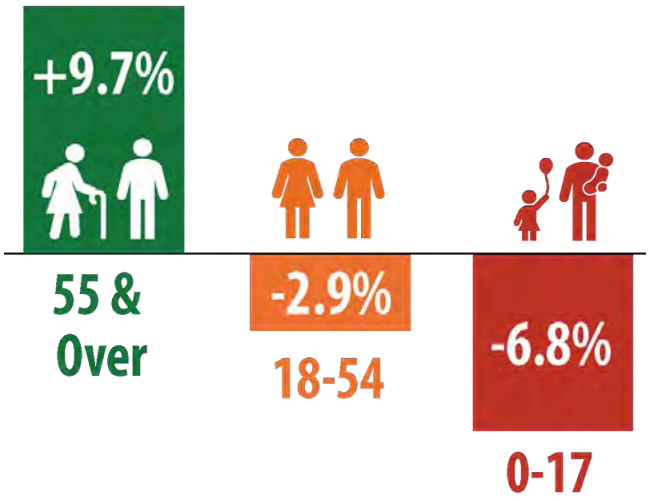
Between 2010 and 2020, Lakewood's ages 55 and over increased by 9.7%, while those ages 18 to 54 saw a decline of 2.9%, and the population aged 0 to 17 decreased by 6.8%. If the population continues to shift in this direction, parks will need to adapt by incorporating more accessible, older adult and senior-friendly amenities and wellness-focused programming for the growing 55 and over age group. With a moderate decline in the 18 to 54 age group, there could be shifts toward more versatile spaces that accommodate a range of activities. The decrease in the population aged 0 to 17 suggests a reassessment of youth-centric programs and facilities, while focusing on features that appeal to a diverse age range.

* The 2034 projected population is calculated using annual growth rates based on the estimated 2045 population (84,500 persons) as set in the SCAG RTP (2020).

Aging Populations and Declining Birth Rates

Cities are seeing a rise in older populations due to aging baby boomers, longer life spans, and declining birth rates. Migration plays a role, with younger people moving out of CA and older adults staying or relocating to urban and suburban areas for better services. Families are having fewer children due to high living costs and housing affordability, economic pressures, and shifting priorities.

FIGURE 3-10. AGE RANGE CHANGE 2010-2020



Source: U.S. Census Bureau. American Community Survey 5-year Estimates, 2022.



A new generation of Lakewood residents may have different recreation expectations and needs.

COMMUNITY INSIGHTS

As the city's population diversifies and changes, it is increasingly important to understand unique and evolving community priorities. It is also vital to use current data and public feedback to inform expected future priorities, in light of new recreation trends, public health needs, city budgetary resources and climate shifts.

ENGAGEMENT FOR THIS PLAN

In the early stages of developing *Lakewood's Parks, Recreation & Community Services Long-Range Plan*, engagement activities were conducted to gather community input on the future of city parks. These activities resulted in more than 1,800 interactions with community members, providing a diverse range of comments and feedback.

Interviews with 10 City Leaders were held in September 2023, involving key individuals selected for their deep knowledge and connections with the City of Lakewood. City leaders included City Council members; Recreation & Community Service Commissioners; city management; long-tenured, retired RCS staff; and others with historical knowledge of the city. These interviews, coordinated with city staff and mostly held in person, provided valuable insights into the community's needs and aspirations.

A comprehensive overview of the objectives, project timeline, and completed milestones associated with the development of the *Parks, Recreation & Community Services Long-Range Plan* was presented to the **Recreation & Community Services Commission**—the governing body composed of community members appointed by the Lakewood City Council— to provide support to staff in administering the city's recreation programs and community services. Commissioners praised the Needs Assessment for its depth, responsiveness to community feedback and broad outreach efforts, and emphasized the importance of addressing aging facilities, expanding senior services, offering iconic amenities and coordinating better with schools. Key questions raised focused on demographic shifts, facility investment strategies, diversifying recreation opportunities and planning for future needs such as accessory dwelling units (ADUs), swimming pool upgrades and high-demand sports like pickleball.

The **Park Development Committee** was consulted as part of the planning process. The Standing Committee, made up of two council members, provides oversight and guidance on the planning, design and implementation of park projects. The Committee encouraged expanding partnerships, particularly with schools and community organizations, updating park facilities such as the Youth Center at Del Valle Park and replacing wading pools, and actively pursuing grant opportunities. They also emphasized the importance of improving bike, pedestrian and transit connectivity to parks, while supporting the exploration of new recreation amenities.

Additionally, a series of **Focus Group meetings** was conducted, involving at least 90 participants representing nonprofit organizations, sports organizations, service clubs, businesses and residents. These meetings, held both digitally and in person, gathered specific input on key topics to inform park facilities and recreation program needs assessment.

To further engage the community, **Pop-Ups** were organized at five existing city events, encouraging direct community involvement and feedback on potential improvements to parks and recreation facilities. More than 600 participants shared their priorities using stickers on interactive boards and spoke with project staff. In conjunction with the Pop-Up events, a paper survey was distributed specifically to teens to gather input on desired programs and amenities for teen and youth centers, resulting in 37 completed surveys.

Complementing these efforts, an online **Parks and Recreation Survey** was conducted to solicit broader community input on the status of parks and recreation, existing needs and improvement priorities. A total of 1,111 participants submitted an online or paper survey.



Long-Range Plan pop-up event at Monte Verde Park

FIGURE 3-11. ENGAGEMENT AT A GLANCE





OUTREACH KEY THEMES

Key themes emerged from interviews with city leaders, focus group meetings, pop-ups at city events, and the recreation survey. For a summary of individual engagement activities, see Appendix C: Engagement Summary. Key themes from all the engagement activities are as follows:

Appreciation for Existing Parks and Programs.

There is widespread appreciation for Lakewood's existing parks and programs, with high praise for their maintenance and cleanliness. These parks hold significant emotional value, especially for long-term residents and children. The diverse recreation programs and city events are commended for their uniqueness. RCS Department staff are recognized for their responsiveness and effective fiscal management. Established programs are rated as very good, with many opportunities to do many recreation activities and programming that the community enjoys.

Importance of Close-to-Home Parks.

Nearly half of respondents reported visiting parks weekly, and many walk to parks, which underscores the importance of having easily accessible parks within walking distance of residents.

Desires for More Recreation Facilities.

There is a strong desire for more recreation facilities, including more soccer fields, indoor basketball courts, pool upgrades for expanded use, exercise areas and fitness courts, and more soft-surface or unpaved trails for walking, jogging or dog walking.

Greater Variety of Recreation Facilities.

The community desires unique and diverse facilities such as specialized play features and playgrounds (e.g., nature play, water play, destination play), skateparks, bike pump tracks and dedicated pickleball courts. The community is excited about park facility renovations and the creation of modern, improved accessibility for children with disabilities, particularly for teens. Additionally, there is a desire to add splash pads and water play areas for families and expand dog-friendly areas. Adding more natural and passive areas with native plantings, along with additional community gardens was also identified. There were numerous comments on adding more drinking fountains with bottle fill stations.

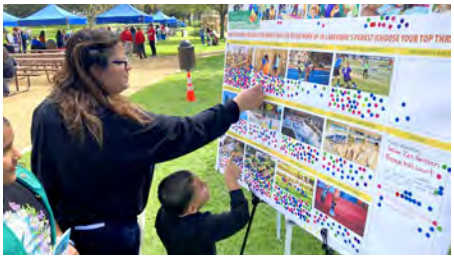
Recreation Building Enhancements.

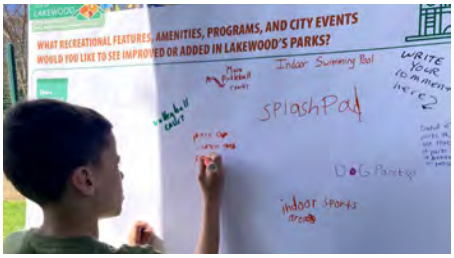
The community wants enhanced or expanded park buildings that include meeting spaces, indoor gymnasiums for basketball and a community theater or public gathering space. They also emphasized the importance of having modern facilities equipped with technology to support various activities and events.

Partnership Opportunities.

Collaborating with community groups and businesses presents opportunities for growth. There is also a call for increased support and collaboration with local businesses for events and resources. Residents feel that expanding partnerships with local schools and organizations is important.













Photos showing Long-Range Plan community engagement pop-up events.



Expanded Trails and Connectivity.

The community expressed a strong interest in enhancing and expanding trails and paths, including adding fitness paths and outdoor workout equipment along trails. There is also a desire for safer, cleaner, and more accessible paths along the San Gabriel riverbed, and better connections to parks and shopping centers, particularly the Lakewood Mall and other commercial shopping centers. Suggestions include e-bike lanes, equestrian trails, lighted crosswalks at busy intersections, and unpaved or padded trails for walking, jogging, and nature hikes. Additionally, the community wants the city to landscape or otherwise beautify areas along storm drain channels.

Diversified and Increased Programming.

The community prioritizes the provision of more diverse and affordable programming for all ages, focusing on special events such as concerts and cultural diversity activities, arts, crafts, fitness and wellness classes. Desired family-focused activities include entertainment, food events and educational activities, with a strong emphasis on STEAM (science, technology, engineer, arts, and math) initiatives and family-friendly entertainment like movie nights, magic shows, and live music. For seniors, there is a desire for enhanced health and fitness programs, arts and crafts classes and travel excursion programs. Additional teen programming and events are desired, such as mentoring, educational programs, life skills courses, food preparation and sampling, and access to dance, movies, or performance spaces including small amphitheaters or stages. Ensuring ADA accessibility and supporting adaptive recreation and Special Olympics are critical goals. The community also advocates for more inclusive programs, such as therapeutic facilities, adaptive pickleball and mentoring programs, as well as expanding teen programming to include more culturally relevant events.

Safety and Maintenance.

Maintaining clean and safe parks is of paramount importance, and there is a desire to address issues related to homeless populations in parks. There is a strong call for new or remodeled restroom facilities with enhanced security and lighting in parks. Increased police presence and more neighborhood watch groups were suggested to improve safety. Continuing to provide routine maintenance at parks and facilities was identified as important.

Community Engagement, Communication, and Inclusiveness.

Re-engaging the community after the pandemic and improving communication with non-digital users has been challenging. Residents noted a desire for enhanced translation services, ADA accommodations, and targeted diversity, equity and inclusion efforts. Effective community engagement through promotion and involving non-profits and organizations is also highlighted. Enhanced communication using various platforms is desired to keep the community informed and engaged, with social media being a preferred method while maintaining flexibility for different age groups.



Different generations of Lakewood residents weigh in on the future of their parks and recreation system.





CHAPTER 4

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Access to parks and recreation spaces is essential for the well-being of individuals and communities alike. Ensuring that everyone has access to these spaces promotes healthier lifestyles, supports mental and emotional well-being, and encourages a sense of community. Moreover, equitable access to parks and recreation spaces is a critical step toward creating sustainable, vibrant cities where all residents can thrive, regardless of socioeconomic status or location.

Overall, Lakewood boasts a robust and well-distributed park system that is exceptionally well-maintained, thoughtfully programmed, and deeply valued by its residents. Building on this strong foundation, the City continues to adapt to the needs of a growing and diversifying population, shifting community priorities, emerging recreation trends, and opportunities to enhance access and experiences across the park system.

Informed by the community engagement findings (presented in Chapter 3 and Appendix D: Equity, Access and Needs Assessment), this chapter summarizes key needs and opportunities related to:

- Increasing access to parks and facilities;
- Providing high-quality parks and recreation spaces;
- Improving parks and trails;
- Diversifying recreation programs, events and community services; and
- Maintaining and stewarding parks, facilities, and trails.

PARK AND FACILITY ACCESS

PARKS WITHIN WALKING DISTANCE

Parkland distribution, barriers to access, and land ownership patterns all shape how Lakewood residents experience the city's parks and recreation facilities. Impressively, approximately 70% of residents live within a 10-minute walk (one-half mile) of a park—meeting the national access standard promoted by the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). This reflects the foresight of past planning efforts that prioritized neighborhood-based parks as part of Lakewood's development pattern. To extend this legacy, the city is also exploring ways to reach the remaining 30% of residents who live beyond walking distance to a park. These "underserved" areas—identified on the Park Access Map (Figure 4-1)—highlight opportunities for future investment through new parks where feasible, enhanced access routes, or creative partnerships such as joint-use agreements with schools and other public facilities to expand equitable park access citywide.



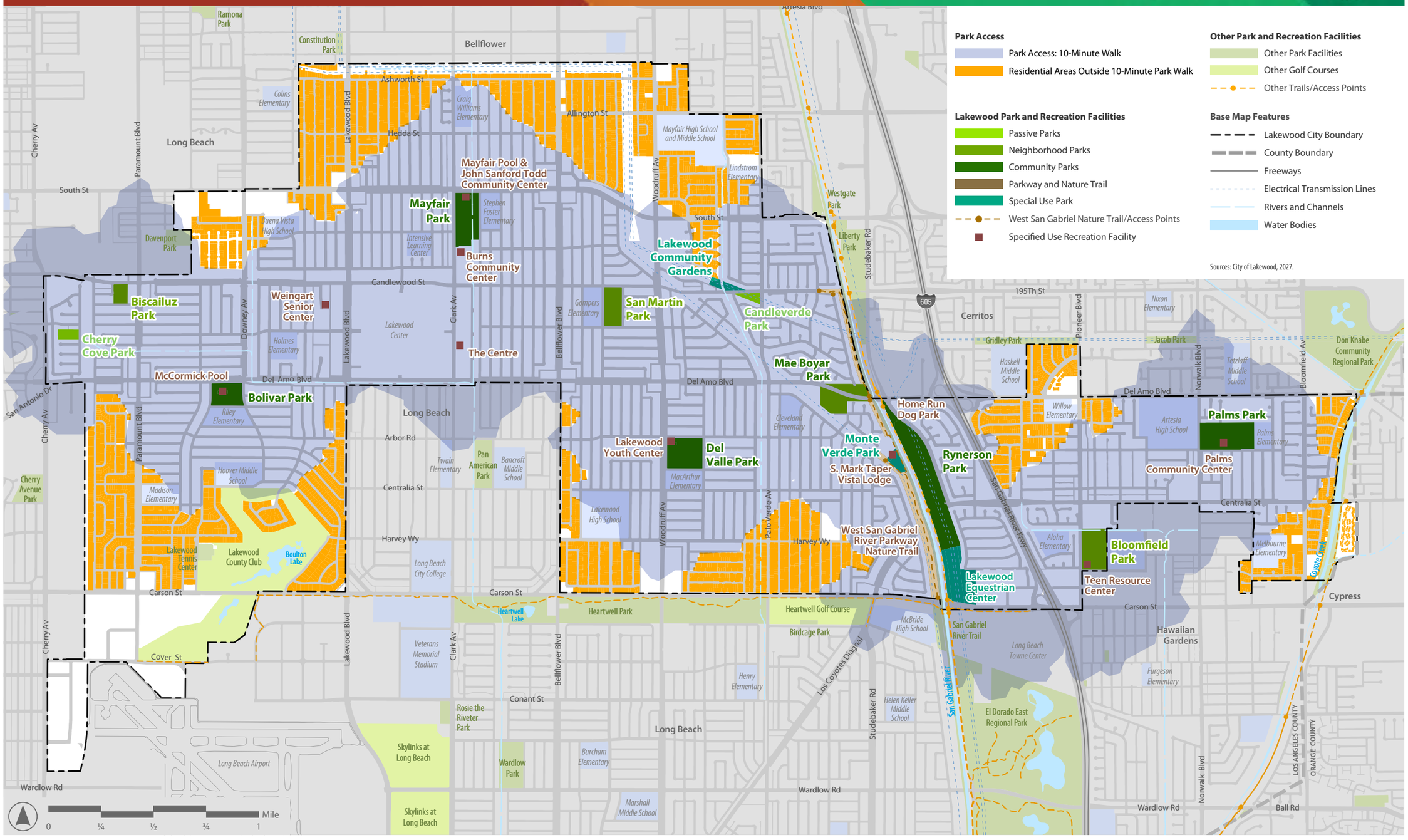
Percentage of city residents living within a 10-minute walk of a park



Safe and comfortable routes to and within parks is vital.

FIGURE 4-1. PARK ACCESS MAP (10-MINUTE WALK)

Lakewood Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Long-Range Plan



Park Access

- Park Access: 10-Minute Walk
- Residential Areas Outside 10-Minute Park Walk

Lakewood Park and Recreation Facilities

- Passive Parks
- Neighborhood Parks
- Community Parks
- Parkway and Nature Trail
- Special Use Park
- West San Gabriel Nature Trail/Access Points
- Specified Use Recreation Facility

Other Park and Recreation Facilities

- Other Park Facilities
- Other Golf Courses
- Other Trails/Access Points

Base Map Features

- Lakewood City Boundary
- County Boundary
- Freeways
- Electrical Transmission Lines
- Rivers and Channels
- Water Bodies

Sources: City of Lakewood, 2027.

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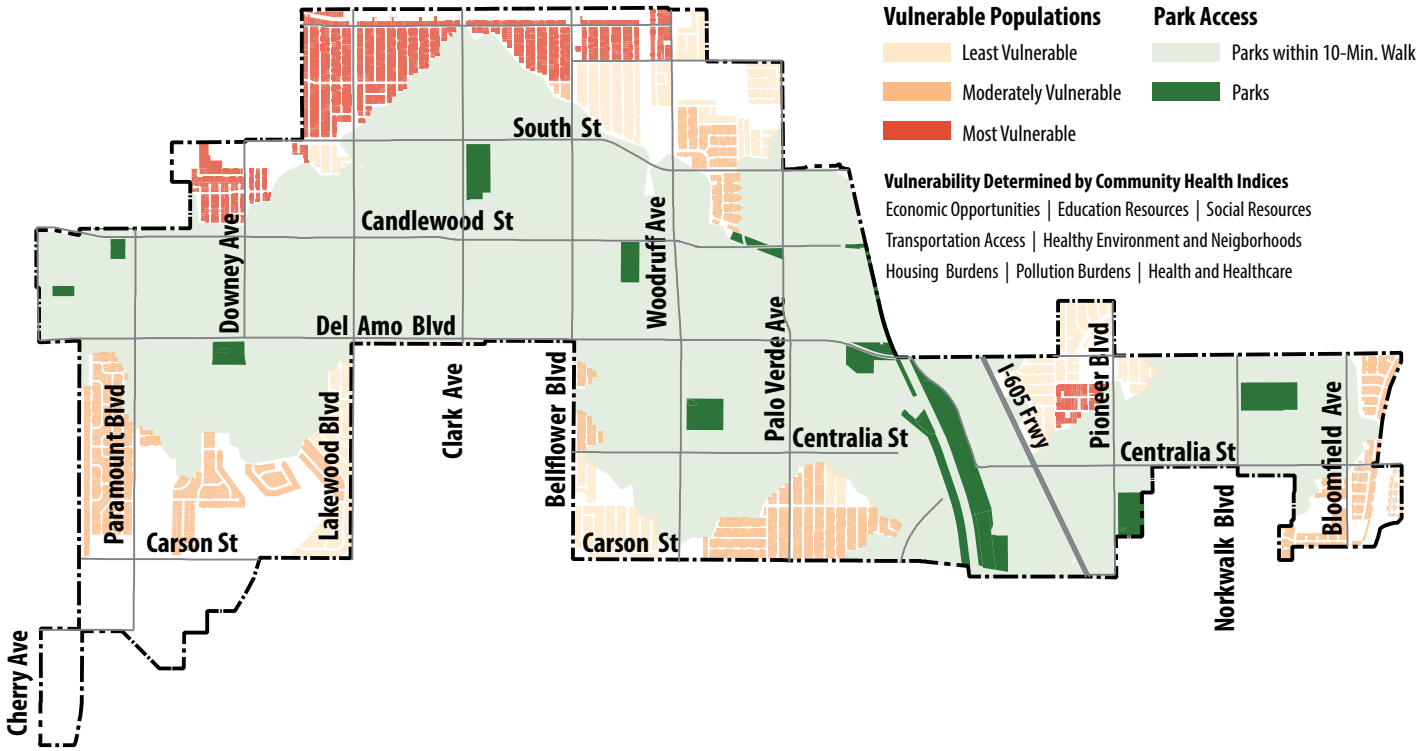
POPULATION VULNERABILITY

Population vulnerability factors – ranging from economic opportunities; education and social resources; transportation access; the presence of a healthy environment and neighborhoods; housing and pollution burdens; health and healthcare access; population density; and more – also contribute to the urgency for park and recreation spaces within Lakewood's neighborhoods. Vulnerable populations often have greater park needs due to limited access to recreation spaces, lower mobility, and higher health disparities, making nearby parks essential for physical and mental well-being.



Active lifestyles support health and wellness.

FIGURE 4-2. POPULATION VULNERABILITY AND PARK ACCESS



Source: MIG 2024, with data from Healthy Places Index, CalEnviroScreen 4.0, Child Opportunity Index, TCAC/HCD Opportunity Area Mapping, and UrbanFootprint Population.



Grooving at the 2023 Concerts in the Park event.

ACCESS TO SPORTS FIELDS AND COURTS

Sports fields such as baseball/softball diamonds and rectangular fields for football and soccer are well-distributed and available in most Community Parks and Neighborhood Parks (see Figure 4-3).

Sports courts are generally distributed throughout Lakewood. Most Community Parks and Neighborhood Parks feature multi-use courts, typically including basketball courts, along with a mix of volleytennis and pickleball courts.

Because most Community Parks and Neighborhood Parks offer sports fields, sports diamonds, and sports courts, there is need for additional sport facilities in neighborhoods that lack these park types.

ACCESS TO MAJOR RECREATION FACILITIES

Major Recreation Facilities include sports fields and courts, community centers, and swimming pools. Major Recreation Facilities are larger footprint spaces that tend to serve larger community groups and support organized recreation programs. They also require staffing and typically involve more city investment, resources, operations, and management.

Community Centers

Lakewood has eight community centers that are fairly well-distributed throughout the city; however, specialty centers such as the Weingart Senior Center and the Lakewood Youth Center may be difficult for distant residents to reach.

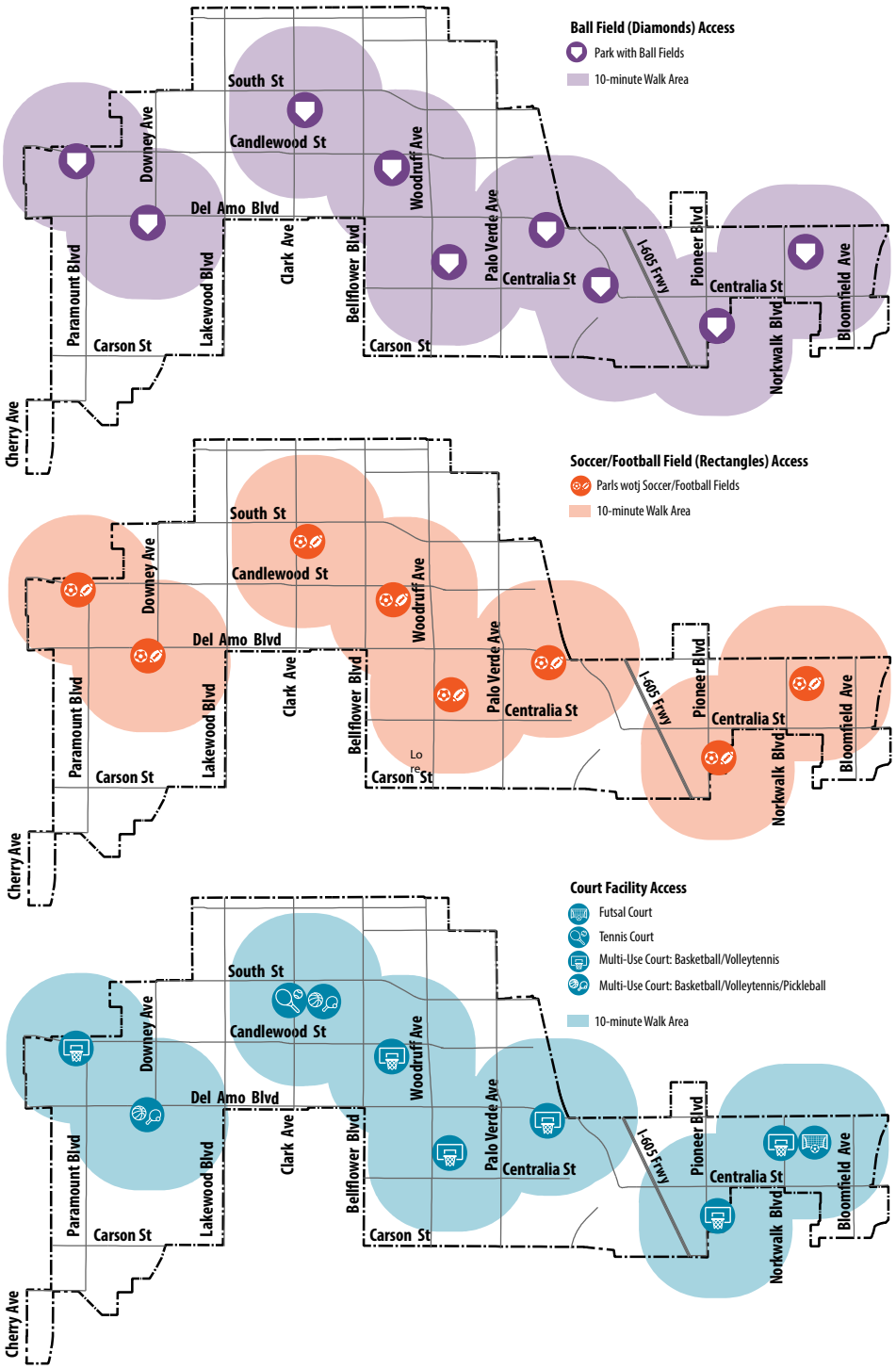
Swimming Pools

Lakewood's two swimming pools are located in the central and western parts of the city. Neighborhoods east of the San Gabriel River, south of Del Amo Blvd., and east of Woodruff Ave. must travel further to reach a City swimming pool.



Lakewood youth cool off at McCormick Pool at Bolivar Park.

FIGURE 4-3. SPORTS FIELDS AND COURTS ACCESS (10-MIN WALK)



Source: MIG 2024

QUALITY PARK AND FACILITY DEVELOPMENT

SUFFICIENT PARK ACREAGE

Cities should strive to provide sufficient parkland to meet the needs of current residents while also planning for the evolving needs of future residents. One common method for assessing parkland sufficiency is through a Parkland Level of Service (LOS) standard, which measures the amount of parkland provided relative to population size—typically expressed as acres per 1,000 residents. This benchmark helps communities evaluate whether their current supply of parkland meets current and forecasted future demand and informs future park planning efforts.

As of 2024, Lakewood provides 207.6 acres of parkland for its population of 80,162, resulting in a LOS of 2.6 acres per 1,000 residents.

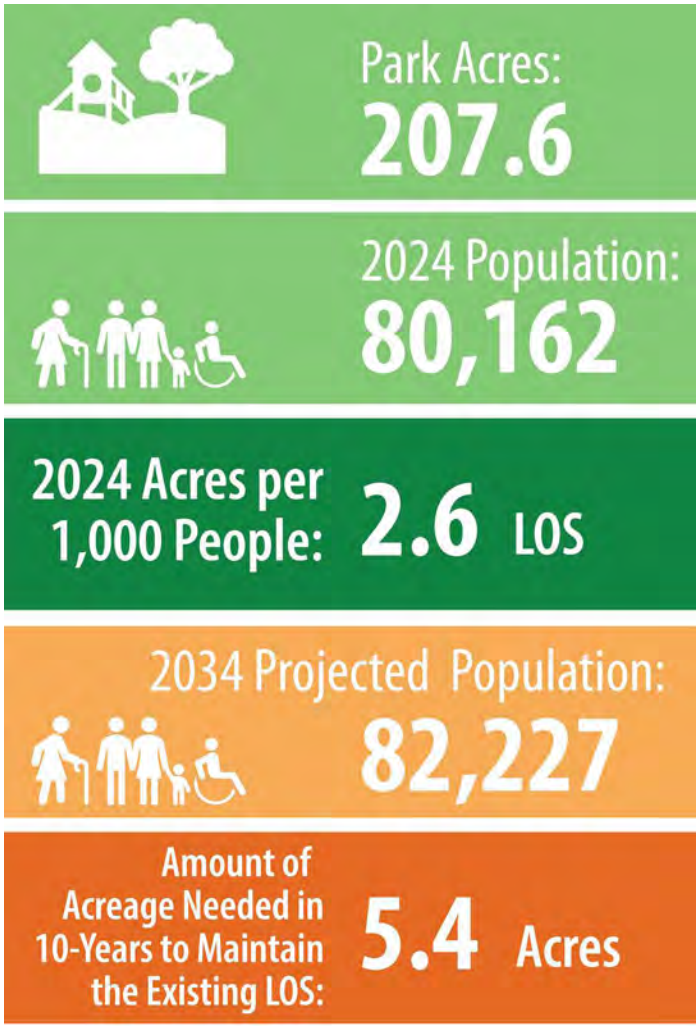


FIGURE 4-4. LAKEWOOD PARKLAND LOS COMPARISON

Parkland Level of Service for City of Lakewood: **2.6 acres per 1,000 residents**

Median Parkland Level of Service for CA cities of similar size: **3.3 acres per 1,000 residents**



The current Bolivar Park Playground opened in 2016.

Based on the Equity, Access and Needs Assessment conducted as part of this planning process, key findings are noted below (see Appendix D for details).

- Lakewood's current LOS of 2.6 acres per 1,000 residents falls below the median of similarly sized California cities (3.3 acres), according to NRPA's Park Metrics.
- Half of the city's total park acreage is provided by its Community Parks.
- To maintain its current LOS as the population grows, Lakewood would need to add approximately 5.4 acres of parkland over the next ten years.
- Without additional parkland, the city's LOS is projected to decline slightly to 2.5 acres per 1,000 residents by 2034.

While Lakewood may be considered "deficient" in park acreage by LOS standards, it's important to recognize the city's built-out nature and limited availability of undeveloped land. The challenge of acquiring new parkland is compounded by high land and development costs, making large-scale expansion unlikely. However, this reality also presents an opportunity to focus on enhancing and reimagining existing parks to better serve a growing and diversifying population.

Moving forward, efforts to improve park access and quality could prioritize creative strategies such as upgrading existing facilities, making more efficient use of underutilized spaces, and exploring joint-use agreements with schools or other institutions. If opportunities for land acquisition arise, adding smaller Neighborhood Parks or Passive Parks can help improve local access, while strategic investments in larger Community Parks will be important to meet broader recreation needs.

RECREATION FACILITY NEEDS

To meet the evolving demands of Lakewood's growing population, the city must strive to provide sufficient recreation facilities that cater to a diverse range of activities. As of 2024, the City of Lakewood offers more than 100 recreation facilities and play spaces (such as baseball fields and tennis courts), with an additional 900 amenities (such as benches, grills, and picnic tables). This large inventory of recreation assets requires diligent maintenance, management, and resource planning for long-term upkeep.

CONDITION ASSESSMENT OF EXISTING RECREATION FACILITIES

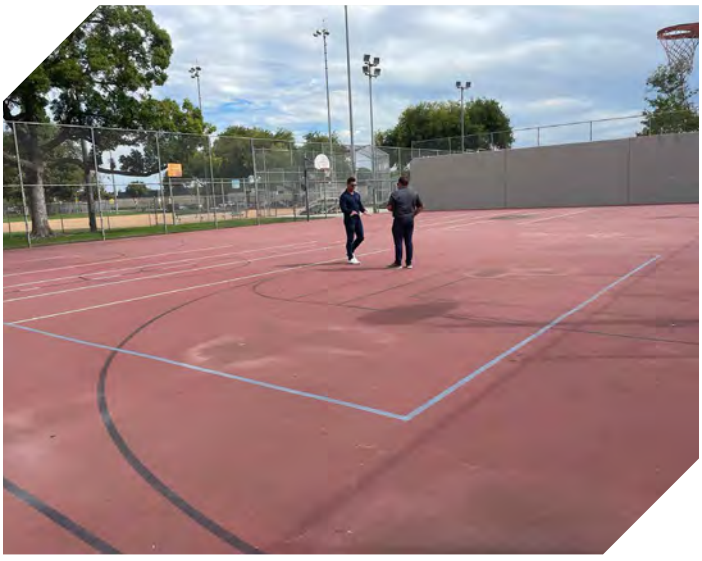
Based on a condition assessment conducted in late 2023, the majority of park and recreation assets are rated as excellent, good, or fair. However, assets flagged as poor or non-functional should be prioritized for repair or replacement. Addressing these issues promptly will ensure the comfort and safety of users.

SUFFICIENT RECREATION FACILITIES

A growing population can lead to overcrowding and overuse of recreation facilities, while also contributing to the underuse or deterioration of facilities that have become outdated or no longer meet the interests of current residents. As a landlocked city that is mostly built-out, Lakewood has intensively developed its current park space, but it is limited in its ability to provide additional recreation facilities, diverse facilities, large-footprint facilities, and single-use facilities. Instead, the city has creatively employed multi-use courts and fields to accommodate demand for varied sports. In order to continue serving the current and growing population, the city will need to regularly assess demand for facility types and pivot-as-needed to meet that demand. For further details, see Appendix D: Equity, Access and Needs Assessment.

CHALLENGING FEATURES AND UNIQUE FACILITIES

As Lakewood looks to the future of their park and recreation system, more non-conventional sports and recreation options are needed to attract new users, engage people with parks and appeal to specific groups that are commonly overlooked in recreation facility programming. For example, teens and active users may be drawn to challenge features such as bike pump tracks, climbing walls, ziplines and obstacle courses. Another target group might be older adults, for whom acupressure pathways, fitness stations, or sensory gardens hold appeal for less-intense ways to recreate in parks.



Staff assessing court conditions at Bloomfield Park

OPTIMIZED USE OF EXISTING PARKS AND RECREATION SPACE

An alternative approach to increasing parkland and recreation facilities is to optimize the use of current sites through extended hours, evening lighting, improved designs, small-footprint recreation additions and other creative actions. Such actions will have associated capital or operational costs but are expected to be less costly than the acquisition or development of new parks or facilities.

Examples of Park Optimization

Reconfigure Field Layouts. Convert single-use fields into multi-purpose spaces by adjusting field sizes and orientations to accommodate different sports (e.g., rotating soccer fields to accommodate the overlay of the outfield of smaller diamond fields), thereby maximizing usage and allowing for a greater variety of activities without needing additional space.

Enhance Accessibility. Improve pathways, entrances, and parking to ensure parks are accessible to larger groups of people.

Upgrade Amenities. Update or add amenities such as seating, shade structures, water fountains, restrooms, and picnic areas, to accommodate more park users and visitors.

Improve Lighting and Safety. Install or upgrade lighting along pathways and in key areas to extend park usability into the evening to extend park use.

Multi-use Spaces. Redesign existing spaces to accommodate multiple activities, such as converting open fields into flexible-use areas for sports, community events, or casual gatherings.

Signage and Wayfinding. Introduce clear signage for navigation, park rules, and information about available amenities.



PARK SAFETY AND COMFORT

Safety and comfort at parks are paramount to creating spaces that feel inclusive and welcoming to all. Parks are used by people in different ways and should encourage compatible, diverse activities. However, like all public spaces, it can be a challenge to balance the varied needs of park users and maintain a high level of safety and comfort for all.

Concerns around safety may center on personal safety and the deterrence of criminal activity or unwanted behavior. Safety can also relate to the condition of park spaces, facilities and amenities. It is vital that parks are maintained to avoid broken or damaged equipment, uneven or cracked court flooring, hazardous landscaping or overgrowth and other elements of potential safety risks due to natural or expected deterioration.

Supporting visitor comfort is closely related to safety. This extends to ensuring that all people – regardless of age, ability or ethnicity – feel welcome in park and recreation spaces, such as through bilingual signs, diverse programmatic offerings, ADA-compliant structures and pathways and specialized play structures that are accessible to all.



Safety measures at parks and playgrounds for even the youngest users.

CLIMATE RESILIENT PARKS

As the climate evolves the city will need to adapt its park design, development, and maintenance practices. In the case of Southern California, increasing temperatures, lengthened periods of drought, frequency of intense heat and other changes result in different needs for park design and management. In the future, parks will need more shade, water fountains, shaded playgrounds, strategic planting of shade trees and cooling facilities such as spray grounds. As heat affects recreation patterns—with people exercising in the early mornings, evenings, and seasonally when temperatures are cooler, changes in park design and maintenance may be needed. Park design may incorporate more field or pathway lighting, drought-tolerant and native landscaping, shade trees, and rest points. Management of parks should consider resource allocation for irrigation, maintenance, staff comfort and long-term environmental planning.

Comments from engagement activities and trends analysis related to climate resiliency include:

- **Shade and Comfort.** There is a strong desire for increased shade in playgrounds and tot lot areas, with specific requests for shade structures at playgrounds and seating areas.
- **Air Conditioning.** Upgrading older facility buildings to include air conditioning and providing indoor spaces for protection from the heat would also enhance visitor comfort.
- **Water Activities.** Suggestions were made to replace older wading pools with new splash pads and add children's water play features that include shade.
- **Native Plants and Wildlife Habitat.** Residents desire more native plants and natural areas within developed parks, such as landscaping that provides habitats for birds and butterflies.
- **Climate Resiliency.** Parks are evolving into essential components of climate adaptation strategies, integrating features such as stormwater retention, expanded urban tree canopies and shaded areas.



Milkweed plants along the Nature Trail offers habitat for native California Monarch butterflies.

PARK AND TRAIL CONNECTIVITY

ROUTES TO PARKS

The planning process included an evaluation of travel routes to parks to address opportunities to enhance park connectivity and access via bicycle, walking, and public and DASH transit. The provision of well-designed sidewalks, pathways, bike lanes, and public transportation options often requires coordination with other departments to address infrastructure and potential barriers outside of parks. These barriers may include the lack of sidewalks, busy roads without crosswalks, areas with frequent vehicle collisions, or physical obstacles such as freeways, rivers, or drainage corridors that make it more difficult to reach parks. However, the need to improve infrastructure is recognized as a key opportunity to enhance park access and connectivity.

Bicycle Access to City Parks

Most parks in Lakewood have limited or moderate bike connectivity, with only a few parks offering good bike access via bike paths, lanes, or routes.

To support bike and pedestrian access, ideally Community Parks and Major Recreation Facilities will be accessible by Class I bike paths or Class II bike lanes (as defined in the sidebar below). Ideally, Neighborhood Parks and Passive Parks will be accessible by sidewalks to support pedestrian access, with bike access provided through local streets.



An attendee bikes to Del Valle Park for a Summer Concert in the Park event.

Bicycle Class Types

Class I (Bike Paths). Dedicated bike paths that are completely separated from vehicle traffic, providing a safe, off-road space for cyclists.

Class II (Bike Lanes). On-street bike lanes marked by painted lines and symbols, running parallel to vehicle traffic but separated by a visible boundary.

Class III (Bike Routes). Shared roadways marked with signs or painted sharrows, where cyclists share the lane with vehicles via limited dedicated space.



Trail Access to City Parks

Lakewood is served by three transit agencies: Long Beach Transit, Metro, and Orange County Transportation Authority. Besides buses, the city's DASH transit service provides free transportation for Lakewood residents aged 60 and older who do not have access to their own transportation, as well as for disabled residents of any age. DASH transit is not integrated into the transit access analysis to city parks and facilities.

The analysis conducted as part of this Plan indicates that most Community Parks and Major Recreation Facilities are easily accessible via transit lines. One exception is the Weingart Senior Center, whose nearest bus stop is a moderate walk, which can pose challenges for seniors with mobility issues. In this context, DASH serves as a valuable option to bridge this transit gap.

Pedestrian and Street Safety

Pedestrian safety is essential when walking to parks, as it ensures that community members can access these spaces comfortably and without fear of accidents. Safe pedestrian routes encourage more people, including children, seniors, and individuals with mobility challenges, to walk to parks, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. Well-designed sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic-calming measures such as speed bumps and signage help protect pedestrians from potential hazards.

A pedestrian safety analysis, conducted as part of this planning process, coupled with community input, highlighted a need for increased pedestrian safety measures at larger parks which tend to be located on or near major roadways and therefore experience more automobile collisions, speeding, and vehicular traffic.

Neighborhood Traffic Calming Report

The City of Lakewood has taken a proactive approach to addressing traffic safety through a Neighborhood Traffic Calming Report. These efforts analyze community concerns, collision data, and street conditions to identify locations where traffic calming measures can enhance neighborhood livability and pedestrian safety. Key corridors such as Clark Avenue, Del Amo Boulevard, Palo Verde Avenue, and Studebaker Road emerged as priority areas. Recommended strategies include high-visibility signage, pedestrian signal upgrades, speed feedback signs, and design interventions like lane reductions, additional parking, and traffic circles. Improvements also focus on enhancing safety at uncontrolled crosswalks throughout the city. Together, these efforts support broader goals of creating safer, more walkable neighborhoods and improving access to parks, schools, and community destinations.

TRAIL CONNECTIONS

According to the National Recreation and Park Association's (NRPA) 2024 Parks Metrics, cities with a population similar to Lakewood's typically provide a median of 18 miles of trails and greenways. However, Lakewood has only 1.7 miles of trails, all of which consist of the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail (Table 4-1). Sidewalks around parks, which some people use for fitness walking, are not technically counted as trails. Compared to similarly sized communities, Lakewood's trail mileage ranks in the lowest quartile, falling approximately 15 miles short of the median target.

The West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail features a scenic, meandering path made of decomposed granite, offering a more natural trail experience. In contrast, the rest of Lakewood's trail network primarily consists of concrete sidewalks along park perimeters. Most parks include both perimeter sidewalks and internal walkways for walking and circulation. The Nature Trail is Lakewood's most popular recreation facility, frequently cited by residents for its immersive natural experience.

The City of Long Beach, as of 2025, is also working to extend the Nature Trail through their city and closer to the Pacific Ocean. Public engagement findings highlighted the need for safer connections and improved access to the Nature Trail, such as the creation of a pedestrian bridge over the riverbed connecting Rynerson Park to the Nature Trail. A request for a pedestrian gate at Los Coyotes Diagonal reflects a desire for better access to the trail system. Some respondents, particularly from the western parts of the city, noted the lack of nearby nature trails, emphasizing the need for more accessible nature walks in residential areas.



The Nature Trail runs alongside a portion of the San Gabriel River.

TABLE 4-1. TRAIL AND PATHWAY TYPES AND MILEAGE

FACILITY NAME	MILEAGE	TYPE	LOCATION TYPE
Biscailuz Park	0.3	Concrete sidewalk	Park perimeter
Bloomfield Park	0.5	Concrete sidewalk	Park perimeter
Bolivar Park	0.5	Concrete sidewalk	Park perimeter
Boyar Park	0.5	Concrete sidewalk	Park perimeter
Del Valle Park	0.6	Concrete sidewalk	Park perimeter
Mayfair Park	0.5	Concrete sidewalk	Park perimeter
San Gabriel River Nature Trail	1.7	Decomposed granite walking trail	Meandering trail through park
Palms Park	0.7	Concrete sidewalk	Park perimeter
Rynerson Park	1.0	Concrete sidewalk	Park perimeter
San Martin Park	0.5	Concrete sidewalk	Park perimeter
TOTAL	**6.8**	**N/A**	



NEEDS FOR RECREATION PROGRAMS AND COMMUNITY EVENTS

Lakewood offers a broad range of recreation programs, classes, and events across 15 different program areas. As the city's population grows and demographics shift, demand for these services is expected to change. Key findings from community engagement and program data needs analysis include:

- **General Programming.** There's a strong demand for expanded evening and weekend programs, with a focus on more options for working adults, children, teens and families. Requests include more inclusive and accessible programs for individuals with disabilities and lower-cost classes to improve affordability.

- **Senior Programming.** Seniors have expressed interest in more affordable trips, fitness classes, arts/crafts and social activities. There's also a need for expanded mental health wellness programs and senior-friendly exercise options, including tai chi and pickleball.

- **Teen and Family Programming.** Teens want more recreation and educational opportunities, including food-related programs, rock climbing and fitness activities. Families also desire more flexible, drop-in events and entertainment options like movie nights and live performances.

- **Adaptive and Therapeutic Recreation.** There's a demand for more programs tailored to individuals with special needs, including adaptive aquatics, art classes and therapeutic recreation. Additionally, community events focused on inclusion are desired.

- **Sports and Aquatics.** Lakewood's sports and aquatics programs are highly popular, particularly baseball, basketball, and recreation swim. There's a significant demand for expanded pool usage and additional program space to reduce waitlists, especially in aquatics.

- **Special Events.** Major events like the Pan Am Fiesta and Civic Center Block Party are large, successful gatherings that continue to attract sizable crowds, emphasizing the need to maintain culturally diverse programs that reflect the evolving population.

In summary, Lakewood residents are seeking a wider variety of programs, with an emphasis on inclusivity, accessibility, and expansion of sports and aquatics offerings. The city's special events and family programming also remain vital components of community engagement.



People enjoying the Lakewood Civic Center Block Party





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As Lakewood continues to evolve, its parks, facilities, and recreation programs and events must adapt to meet the changing needs of the community. This chapter presents the vision for the future of the city's parks and recreation system, guiding the Department of Recreation & Community Services in enhancing and expanding its offerings. It outlines key recommendations that reflect the city's commitment to safety, accessibility, diversity, connectivity, and environmental resilience.

This chapter identifies citywide goals and key strategies to guide future investments and improvements in Lakewood's parks and recreation system. It establishes a strategic framework to enhance amenities, infrastructure, and long-term stewardship, ensuring the city's parks remain a valuable asset for generations to come.

In preparing citywide park and recreation goals, it was important to reflect the city's vision, mission, and values to ensure alignment with larger city initiatives and community character.



The City's 70th City Anniversary luncheon at the Weingart Senior Center.

CITY VISION

To be a welcoming and thriving community where everyone can live, work and play in a safe and healthy environment.

CITY MISSION

To enhance the quality of life of the Lakewood community by providing efficient public services that are responsive and fiscally prudent and with a commitment to legendary customer service.

CITY VALUES

- **Legendary Customer Service**
- **Honest, Ethical and Trustworthy**
- **Fiscally Responsible and Financially Prudent**
- **Responsive and Accountable**
- **Equitable, Diverse and Inclusive**
- **Teamwork and Collaboration**



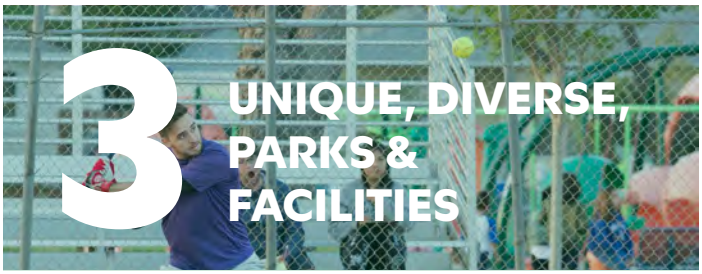
Pan Am Fiesta

CITYWIDE GOALS AND KEY STRATEGIES

The community's aspirations and needs for Lakewood's parks, parkways, recreation facilities, and programs are the guiding forces for the Plan. This document identifies eight goals for the park and recreation system, along with the strategies that will guide city staff in implementing projects, programs, and services to achieve the community's vision. These strategies provide overarching directions for park system management. Specific site recommendations to improve city parks and facilities are presented separately.

















GOAL 1. SAFE, WELL-MAINTAINED PARKS AND FACILITIES

Prioritize safe, well-maintained facilities through design, asset management, efficient resource use, tiered maintenance, and coordination with public safety providers.

1.1 Prioritize Deferred Maintenance for Safety and Usability.

Focus on addressing deferred maintenance needs to ensure the safety and usability of recreation facilities.

1.2 Replace Old and Worn Facilities.

Renovate or replace old and worn outdoor recreation facilities and amenities at the end of their lifecycles. Use data on facility age and condition to schedule and set aside funding for ongoing repair and replacement. [See also 7.1 Implement a Comprehensive Asset Management System.]

1.3 Apply CPTED Principles When Renovating or Developing Parks.

Address park safety by integrating Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design (CPTED) principles to guide the placement of facilities, visibility and site lines into the park, and other safety practices. Before replacing facilities at the end of their lifecycles with a similar element, determine whether a different alignment, location, access or facility style would enhance park visibility or safety.

1.4 Enhance Park Safety by Addressing Ongoing Nuisances.

Collaborate with the Department of Public Safety to increase Public Safety Officers (PSOs) and law enforcement presence in parks to address nuisance behaviors in parks, such as smoking, drug use, off-leash dogs and loud music, as well as more serious concerns such as vandalism and personal safety crimes. Consider contracting with an independent services contractor that provides assistance, support and resource referrals when dealing with people in parks who are loitering or are homeless.



Prioritizing safe and fun spaces for youth

GOAL 1. SAFE, WELL-MAINTAINED PARKS AND FACILITIES (CONT.)

1.5 Ensure Adequate Staffing for Park Maintenance and Management.

Maintain sufficient staffing levels to oversee routine and preventative park maintenance effectively. As population and housing growth increases park visitation and usage, particularly at heavily utilized sites, the city will need to increase its maintenance efforts. This may involve hiring additional staff, increasing maintenance funding, implementing efficiency-focused initiatives, and reallocating resources to address evolving demands.

1.6 Identify Service Tiers for Maintenance.

To ensure a consistent, system-wide approach to park maintenance, establish defined service levels and maintenance standards for various park elements (e.g., athletic turf, exterior facilities). A three-tiered maintenance system should be implemented:

- **Level 1:** High-profile areas with the most frequent maintenance.
- **Level 2:** Moderately used areas with standard maintenance frequency.
- **Level 3:** Low-use or budget-limited areas with minimal maintenance.

Adjust maintenance standards seasonally and align with staffing, tools and cost calculations to ensure operational efficiency and uniformity across similar park assets. Apply demand-based maintenance in areas where maintenance conditions minimally impact user experience.



Protecting the Lakewood community



GOAL 2. IMPROVED PARK AND FACILITY ACCESS

Distribute parks, remove barriers, and improve park access to and within parks to meet or exceed the guidelines of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

2.1 Gradually Increase Park and Facility Acreage to Support a Growing Population.

Strive to increase park acreage through innovative means to sustain the current park level of service (2.6 acres per 1,000 residents) as the community grows. This may include acquiring new parkland, establishing joint-use partnerships, requiring developers to provide greenspace or recreation facilities and other strategic approaches to increase park and facility acreage across the city and in target locations.

2.2 Target Underserved Areas for Additional Recreation Opportunities.

Focus on enhancing recreation in underserved parts of the city by prioritizing new parkland, facilities, and partnerships when opportunities arise. As of 2025, approximately nine areas in Lakewood are beyond 0.5 miles from a city park and are considered underserved. Prioritize solutions and investments to introduce more parks space and recreation opportunities, ensuring equitable access to amenities across all neighborhoods. [See also 4.1 Connectivity to Parks.]

2.3 Enhance Park and Facility Accessibility.

Strengthen community access to parks and remove barriers within parks and facilities to enhance accessibility and meet the needs of all users. Upgrade pathways, entrances, and parking areas by adding ramps and accessible parking spaces. Provide universally accessible restrooms and inclusive play areas. Ensure compliance with the standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), or exceed standards to create all-inclusive, universal spaces that welcome individuals of all abilities, and better support access to families with small children, parents with strollers and others.

2.4 Create Inclusive Facilities for Diverse Abilities.

When adding or replacing park facilities, ensure that designs and recreation programs reflect the needs of individuals with physical disabilities, autism, neurodiversity, ADHD, sensory processing disorders, mental health needs (e.g., anxiety, depression) and an aging population. This includes accessible pathways, sensory-friendly spaces and inclusive play areas with adaptive equipment. Focus on creating safe, quiet zones, multi-sensory activity areas and clear signage with braille and visual icons. Additionally, continue to expand adaptive sports facilities and train park staff regarding inclusive practices to support Lakewood residents and visitors.

GOAL 3. UNIQUE, DIVERSE PARKS AND FACILITIES

Diversify parks and facilities to reflect and support Lakewood's diversity, history, culture, health, and wellbeing.

3.1 Incorporate New and Diverse Opportunities into Lakewood Parks.

Introduce amenities, facilities and art that celebrate Lakewood's history, diversify recreation uses, and align with its future vision. These enhancements could include public art installations, historical themes and references, emerging sports facilities, flexible-use social spaces, innovative play areas, and engaging challenge features that cater to diverse community interests.

3.2 Diversify Facilities Through Asset Replacement.

When replacing facilities, consider community needs and desires for new or different types of facilities. Avoid like-for-like replacements (similar styles and footprints) if new trends can be incorporated, to maximize future facility use and provide unique recreation options.

3.3 Enhance Visitor Comfort and Park Use.

Upgrade and expand basic park amenities to improve the overall visitor experience. Focus on adding comfortable seating, shade structures, water refill stations, well-maintained restrooms, clear signage, and secure aesthetic bike racks to make parks welcoming, convenient and accessible for all users, including families, seniors, and individuals with disabilities.

3.4 Support Health and Fitness in Parks.

Promote public health by adding and improving facilities such as pickleball courts, outdoor fitness equipment, sports courts and walking/jogging trails. Design these spaces to support active lifestyles for all ages, with attention to providing sufficient shade, resting areas and hydration stations near fitness amenities.

3.5 Renovate and Modernize Major Facilities.

Strategically invest in the modernization and renovation of selected recreation buildings and major facilities that require operations, including pools, wading pools, community centers and control buildings, specifically where these support strategic and desired new uses. These upgrades should incorporate modern amenities, energy-efficient designs and accessibility improvements while ensuring that larger-scale renovations are balanced with smaller capital improvement projects and regular maintenance to maintain long-term functionality. Prioritize the renovation of buildings and major facilities based a set of criteria, including but not limited to condition and safety, usage and demand, accessibility compliance, energy efficiency, programmatic needs, cost effectiveness and available funding. Evaluate the future of wading pools while considering alternatives such as splash pads, balancing historical significance with maintenance, safety, and operational concerns.

GOAL 4. IMPROVED CONNECTIVITY

Enhance trails, bike lanes, park access, and DASH services to connect parks across the city and make it easier for people to reach parks.

4.1 Enhance Connectivity to Parks.

Strengthen connections to parks by providing an integrated network of trails, safe intersections, pedestrian improvements, and bike lanes. In underserved areas, add new or improve access routes to nearby existing parks to better support access within walking distance. Collaborate with other city departments and transit agencies to enhance transit options, pedestrian pathways, bicycle infrastructure, and overall street safety.

4.2 Expand and Improve DASH Accessibility.

Ensure the DASH Transit reservation system is accessible to a wide variety of seniors and disabled residents. Consider factors such as digital literacy, broadband access, language diversity, participant ability, and overall inclusivity. The DASH system may also be expanded, as funding allows, to reach currently underserved areas of the city, to improve park access for all residents.

4.3 Enhance Wayfinding and Signage for Park Access.

Provide clear and effective wayfinding to improve park accessibility and enhance trail use. Continue to provide clear signage and maps throughout the city to direct residents and visitors to parks and community facilities. Incorporate digital tools such as interactive maps or apps to help users discover park locations, routes, and nearby amenities. These efforts will not only make parks more accessible but also encourage exploration and increased park use.



Exercise stations at Rynerson Park



San Gabriel River Nature Trail

GOAL 5. INCLUSIVE AND VIBRANT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS

Strengthen City programs and events to meet community needs, while carefully prioritizing resource allocation for lasting impact.

5.1 Sustain or Increase Facilities that Support High-Demand Programs.

Continue to track program participation and waitlists to prioritize enhancements to revenue-generating facilities and highly programmed facilities, such as swimming pools and an indoor gymnasium and/or indoor fitness space. Consider facility expansion and partnerships to reduce waitlists for popular programs such as aquatics and gymnastics.

5.2 Enhance Recreation Programs to Serve All Ages.

Expand recreation offerings to better meet community needs, with a focus on underserved age groups. Potential initiatives include STEAM classes for teens, technology education for seniors, sports opportunities for adults, and intergenerational programs that encourage family participation. Regularly assess community interests to ensure programs remain inclusive, relevant and engaging for all residents. Specifically consider the following:

- **Senior Programs and Activities.** Expand senior-centered programs, including art and craft classes, adaptive fitness, dance and multi-generational activities. Prioritize additional events in east Lakewood, where opportunities are limited, and schedule more daytime activities to support safer travel for seniors.
- **Travel and Excursions.** Enhance travel and excursion opportunities for residents, offering day trips and social outings that promote engagement, exploration and community connection.
- **Programs for Working Adults.** Provide more programs for working adults, including weekend and after-work fitness, exercise, socialization, enrichment and skill-building activities to cater to busy schedules.
- **Family Programs.** Provide more programs for families, such as parent-and-me classes, activities for children with disabilities and family-oriented events to encourage togetherness and community connection.



Civic Center Block Party

GOAL 5. INCLUSIVE AND VIBRANT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS (CONT.)

5.3 Expand Wellness and Fitness Programs for Holistic Health.

Enhance recreation programming by integrating traditional fitness and exercise classes, such as yoga, aerobics, and strength training, alongside holistic wellness initiatives. Offer programs that support social, cultural, and intellectual well-being, including mindfulness activities, arts and culture events, and nutrition-focused workshops. Partner with local health organizations to provide integrated services such as health screenings, mental health resources and wellness education to create a more comprehensive approach to community health. Specifically consider the following:

- **Fitness Classes.** Recruit local fitness organizations and private or contracted instructors to host classes in designated park areas. Consider methods to keep classes affordable through subsidies, low or free space rentals and partnerships.

- **Nutrition and Cooking Classes.** Expand nutrition education by offering hands-on cooking classes. Utilize existing community center kitchens or establish a dedicated teaching kitchen at a central location to enhance learning opportunities, promote healthy eating and provide accessible culinary programs for residents of all ages.

- **Wellness Programs for Seniors.** Incorporate wellness programs for seniors focused on grief, loneliness, and coping to support emotional well-being and connection.



Monte Verde Park summer camp



Lakewood Meals on Wheels volunteers

GOAL 5. INCLUSIVE AND VIBRANT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS (CONT.)

5.4 Diversify Recreation Programs to Leverage Existing and New Facilities.

Expand the variety of programming offered in existing parks, but also as new and different types of facilities are added to the park system. Specifically consider the following:

- **Gardening Programs and Environmental Education.** Leverage existing park sites to connect residents to nature and to promote community involvement in sustainable practices. For example, increase education programs in gardening and landscaping.

- **Arts, Crafts, and Cultural Enrichment.** Offer more arts, crafts, and cultural enrichment classes to boost skills and foster social engagement. These may include ceramics, game clubs, language courses, and more.

5.5 Enhance Inclusive and Accessible Recreation Programs.

Expand adaptive and therapeutic recreation opportunities to serve individuals of all abilities, including those with physical disabilities, neurodiversity, and sensory processing differences. Ensure parks and facilities incorporate universal design principles, ADA accessibility, and all-inclusive play features such as wheelchair-accessible equipment and sensory-friendly environments. Strengthen programming with skill-building, socialization, cultural engagement and wellness activities tailored to diverse needs. Improve citywide events by integrating accommodations like sensory-friendly hours, quiet zones, assistive technologies and private viewing areas to foster full community participation.

5.6 Continue to Expand and Diversify City-Hosted Events and Celebrations.

Continue to enhance the city's calendar of events by introducing new community-driven, culturally relevant, and seasonal activities that appeal to residents. Maintain and strengthen historically significant and popular city events that resonate with the community. Leverage parks and public spaces to host events that foster community connections and celebrate Lakewood's history and identity. Partner with local businesses, nonprofits and schools to expand resources and ensure successful execution.

5.7 Implement Mobile and Pop-Up Recreation Programs.

Expand mobile recreation initiatives to provide recreation activities at events and in underserved neighborhoods that lack park access. Mobile recreation vans, pop-up sports clinics and temporary play installations can provide high-quality recreation experiences directly to the community. Coordinate these efforts with local organizations and schools to maximize reach and participation.



Children enjoy Earth Walk 2024.

GOAL 5. INCLUSIVE AND VIBRANT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS (CONT.)

5.8 Monitor Data to Discontinue Under-attended Programs.

Use ActiveNet —the City's online class and activity registration program— to determine where programs should be reduced or evaluated to understand barriers to participation. Continue to monitor the following:

- Classes with a low "go versus cancelled ratio" (GCR), such as fine arts instruction, educational classes, workshops, classes, fitness, and arts and crafts.
- Activities with negative participation trends or low capacities (less than 25%), such as tennis, fitness, and educational classes.
- Middle-of-the-week programs, which have lower average enrollments and capacities.
- Early afternoon programs, a timeframe that may be better served by self-directed and drop-in opportunities.

5.9 Track and Use Data to Project Program Needs.

Regularly gather community feedback to adapt programs to emerging needs. Add program location, format, length and time of day analyses to program evaluations to understand localized trends. Expand the use of ActiveNet for both contracted and non-contract classes to inform future programming decisions. Augment data collection methods to consider the use of cell phone data or other facility/event participation counts to anticipate programming and maintenance needs for events and activities not tracked through ActiveNet. Analyze trends to determine which activities drive the highest engagement and align with community needs. Use this data to strategically increase inclusivity, improve resource allocation, maximize revenue potential and design programs that have broad appeal.



Lakewood Summer Concerts in the Park

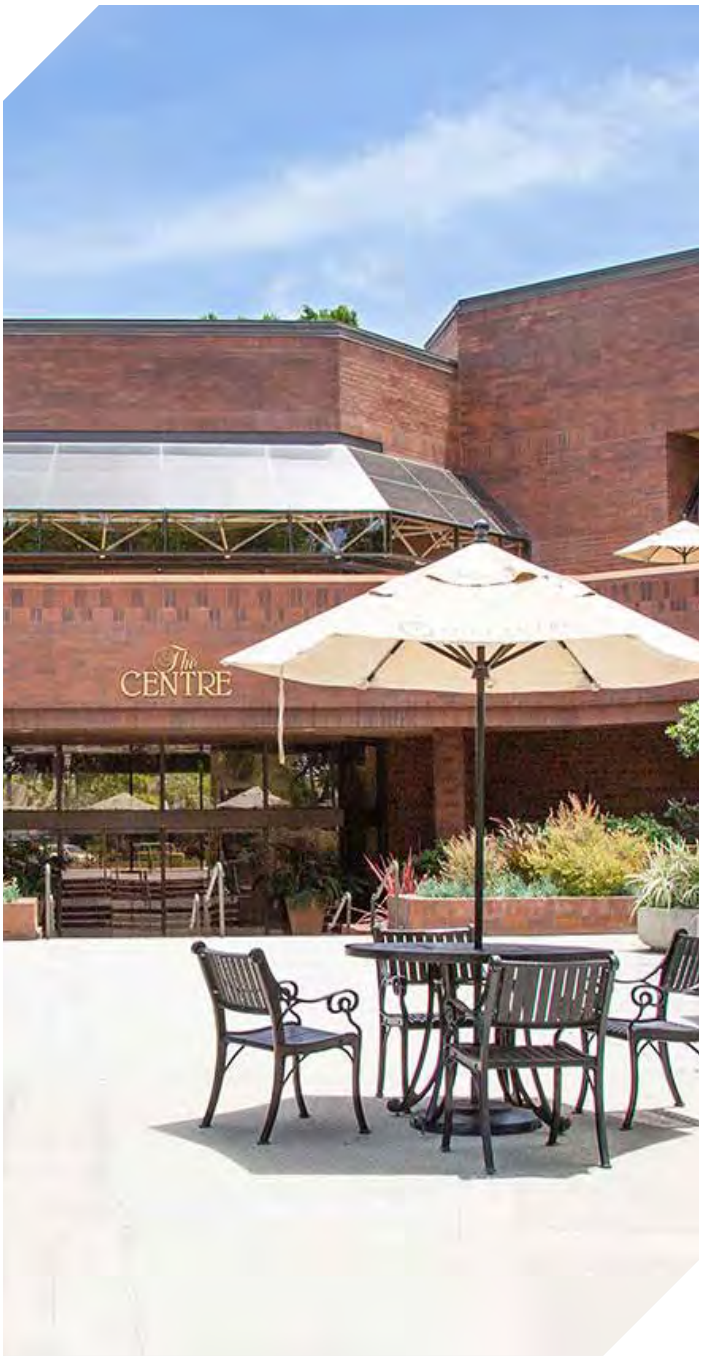
GOAL 5. INCLUSIVE AND VIBRANT PROGRAMS AND EVENTS (CONT.)

5.10 Create Business Plans.

Develop program category business plans every two years to refine cost recovery goals, performance measures, marketing strategies, and program objectives. These plans should include specific action items for achieving financial sustainability, setting clear metrics for success and identifying target audiences. Additionally, include an evaluation of current programs, with recommendations for adjustments or new initiatives based on community feedback and market trends. Regularly assess the effectiveness of these plans to ensure continuous improvement and alignment with the city's overall recreation and community service goals.

5.11 Update the Fee Philosophy and Cost Recovery Goals.

Establish cost recovery goals by program categories, to determine fees for services and manage the Department of Recreation & Community Services program portfolio annually. As part of this process, look for opportunities to increase program revenues and/or decrease subsidies while ensuring programs are affordable for residents. Revisit facility pricing and determine what portion of costs should be paid by Class I-IV groups for exclusive facility use so that—at a minimum—the City is collecting more revenues to offset added facility maintenance time. Reevaluate and potentially increase fees for non-residents for programs and facility rentals.



The Centre



GOAL 6.RESILIENT AND SUSTAINABLE GREENSPACE

Adapt to current and future climate conditions to enhance visitor comfort and promote ecosystem health across all parks and facilities.

6.1 Enhance Environmental Sustainability in Lakewood Parks.

Continue to increase environmental sustainability through strategic initiatives such as native plantings, efficient irrigation technologies and stormwater retention systems. Implement measures to address future droughts and intense storms by incorporating water-saving technologies and designing landscapes that can withstand heavy rainfall and fluctuating water availability. These practices reduce water usage, enhance biodiversity, improve resilience to extreme weather events, and contribute to the ecological health of park spaces, while aligning with broader environmental goals.

6.2 Maintain High-Quality Landscaping and Turf with Cost-Effective Strategies.

Provide high-quality maintenance for park landscaping and turf areas while prioritizing cost-effectiveness, operational efficiency and sustainability. Implement resilient practices such as efficient irrigation systems, seasonal maintenance scheduling, and native or drought-resistant plantings to reduce long-term costs, conserve resources, and enhance environmental sustainability. Maintain quality turf in parks for high-activity sports fields, multi-purpose greens and aesthetic appeal in high-visibility zones, ensuring it is used strategically based on its intended purpose, local climate, maintenance resources, and water availability. Regularly assess and adjust staffing, tools and technology to optimize maintenance efforts and ensure consistent, sustainable landscaping and turf quality across all park sites.

6.3 Balance Water Usage and Landscape Design.

Create a balanced approach to water usage by tailoring landscaping to park functions. Incorporate low-water and low-maintenance plantings in areas like natural pathways and decorative zones, while reserving higher water use for spaces such as turf fields and high-traffic areas. Striking this balance ensures environmental sustainability while meeting the recreation needs of the community.

6.4 Expand Shade Canopy in Parks.

Increase shaded areas in parks through a combination of natural tree planting and artificial shade structures. Focus on providing shade at high-traffic areas, including playgrounds, fitness zones, seating areas and trails. Adequate shade enhances visitor comfort, mitigates heat-related health risks and improves accessibility for vulnerable populations, such as seniors, children and individuals with health conditions.

6.5 Manage Wildlife and Nature in Parks.

Implement targeted strategies to protect and manage wildlife and natural areas along the San Gabriel River Nature Trail and other relevant parks. This includes utilizing low-impact night lighting and installing educational signage. Such initiatives can support biodiversity while fostering public awareness and stewardship of local ecosystems.



GOAL 7. FORWARD-THINKING MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGIC INVESTMENT

Develop a foundation for long-term planning and strategic operations in funding, communications, volunteer engagement, administration, and other key areas to sustain high-quality park and recreation offerings for the future.

7.1 Implement a Comprehensive Asset Management System.

Develop and maintain an ongoing asset management plan that tracks, updates and communicates the condition of park assets to relevant staff efficiently. While asset management can be resource-intensive, using advanced digital tools and software can streamline this process. Expand the promotion of the Lakewood Connect system within park spaces to encourage public reporting of issues, repairs, and concerns, fostering a community-driven approach to park maintenance and improvement.

7.2 Ensure an Accessible and User-Friendly Reservation System.

Implement a reservation system that is convenient, widely accessible and reliable for all users. The system should be intuitive, mobile-friendly, and provide real-time updates to avoid conflicts or confusion. Automating scheduling will also reduce the administrative burden on staff, enabling better resource allocation. Consider integrating this system with communication tools to notify users of reservation confirmations, reminders, and park updates.

7.3 Centralize Work Order System.

To improve efficiency and consistency within the Department of Recreation & Community Services maintenance and operations, it is recommended to implement a centralized work order system. This system should support preventative, recurring, repair/rehabilitation and capital improvement maintenance while tracking actual hours and costs. Work orders should be scheduled at manageable intervals (e.g., bi-weekly or monthly for preventative tasks). A centralized system will enhance asset management, streamline documentation, and improve long-term planning.

7.4 Clarify Roles and Resource Allocation.

To enhance maintenance and operations efficiency, it is essential to document the roles of the Department of Recreation & Community Services, Public Works, and contracted services in leading and supporting various functions. Once established, budgets and staffing (full-time, part-time, seasonal, and volunteer) should be assessed to sustain current service levels. This framework enables informed adjustments based on community needs, organizational goals and resource availability while ensuring a clear understanding of service level impacts due to budget changes, staffing constraints or shifts in responsibilities.

GOAL 7. FORWARD-THINKING MANAGEMENT AND STRATEGIC INVESTMENT (CONT.)

7.5 Evaluate Contracted Services.

Utilize a contracted services matrix to assess maintenance activities before outsourcing. This data-driven approach ensures informed decision-making by evaluating key criteria and assigning scores. Services scoring above a numerical threshold should be considered for contracting. Once vetted, the Department of Recreation & Community Services should determine the appropriate type and duration of the agreement to align with operational needs and service expectations.

7.6 Expand the Volunteer Program.

Continue to build upon the structured volunteer program to engage the community in park maintenance, beautification, and monitoring efforts, while also incorporating opportunities for sports coaching, refereeing and youth involvement. Partner with local organizations, service clubs, schools, and recreation sports leagues to recruit volunteers, including students and teens, to gain leadership experience and contribute to the community. Provide training in park maintenance, sports coaching, and refereeing to ensure high-quality service and enhance skill development. Offer incentives, such as certificates or recognition events, to motivate and reward volunteers, and highlight their achievements to foster community pride and encourage ongoing participation.

7.7 Pursue Grants and Alternative Funding Sources.

Aggressively pursue grants, sponsorships and other alternative funding sources to support park and trail maintenance, upgrades, and programming. Develop a dedicated team or staff member to identify grant opportunities and collaborate with regional and state agencies, nonprofits and private entities. Prioritize funding that aligns with the city's vision for improving park access, safety and amenities, especially for disadvantaged communities.

7.8 Develop a Prioritization Framework for Investment Decisions.

Create and implement a prioritization tool to guide investment decisions for Lakewood parks. This framework should balance community needs, asset condition, and fiscal responsibility, ensuring resources are allocated effectively. Include criteria such as safety, equity, community input, and alignment with long-term city goals. Regularly update the tool to reflect evolving priorities and maintain transparency in decision-making.



Lakewood Volunteer Day 2025

GOAL 8. PARTNERSHIPS THAT ENHANCE COMMUNITY IMPACT

Build relationships with other public and private entities within the City of Lakewood for expanded recreation opportunities and funding support.

8.1 Expand Recreation Opportunities Through Partnerships.

Forge partnerships with schools and other public institutions to increase recreation acreage and opportunities. Utilize open spaces at schools or other public facilities to provide additional amenities for the community. Collaborate with school districts serving Lakewood which are experiencing declining enrollments, and explore the potential for repurposing closed school sites as temporary solutions for recreation space in underserved areas. Any consideration of repurposing these sites for long-term use will be preceded by a financial feasibility study to evaluate the costs and benefits of acquiring, demolishing or renovating buildings. In the interim, prioritize programming outdoor spaces to meet immediate community needs. Long-term, explore partnerships and joint-use agreements to increase indoor recreation facilities such as gyms and indoor basketball courts, supporting year-round activities and diverse community needs.

8.2 Partner with Private Developers to Expand Park Acreage.

Encourage private sector collaboration in housing and commercial developments to incorporate parkland or recreation facilities into their development plans. Such partnerships can address park gap areas while enhancing community amenities.

8.3 Build Jurisdictional Partnerships to Expand Trails.

Collaborate with neighboring jurisdictions to develop interconnected trails and bikeways. These partnerships can also facilitate shared maintenance and management responsibilities, creating a seamless regional network for recreation and mobility.

8.4 Leverage Partnerships for Programming and Services.

Collaborate with nonprofits, community organizations and private businesses to enhance recreation programming, environmental education and wellness activities. These partnerships can bring additional funding, resources, and services to underserved areas, diversifying offerings citywide.



Pool at Mayfair Park



Home Run Dog Park





CHAPTER 6

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Over the next decade, the City of Lakewood will implement strategic improvements to its parks and recreation system, ensuring continued access to high-quality facilities, programs, and open spaces. This plan identifies key recommendations to enhance recreation buildings, upgrade aquatic facilities, establish clear guidelines for park design and programming, and expand recreation opportunities citywide. Additionally, it provides site-specific recommendations to improve existing parks and ensure long-term sustainability.

A well-maintained and thoughtfully designed park system requires ongoing investment. As facilities age, the city must plan for reinvestment, replacement, and modernization to meet evolving community needs. This includes maintaining a high standard of care across all parks while adapting maintenance strategies as new amenities are introduced.

While this chapter identifies recommendations, the prioritization and implementation of improvements will remain flexible, allowing the city to respond to changing community needs, emerging opportunities, and available funding. However, it is important to acknowledge that some recommendations may not be feasible due to constraints such as limited funding or the lack of available land, whether at existing parks or for new park development. As such, managing community expectations is essential to ensure that the Plan remains grounded in what is realistically achievable, while still striving to enhance recreation opportunities for all residents through thoughtful and strategic investments.



Herbalife, LA Galaxy, and the U.S. Soccer Foundation celebrate the unveiling of a new community mini-pitch at Palms Park.

To support these efforts, this chapter outlines clear recommendations for recreation buildings, aquatic facilities, park design and development, additional recreation facilities, and each existing city-owned park. While these recommendations align with the City of Lakewood's Capital Improvement Program Budget for Fiscal Years 2023–24 to 2029–30, the 2023 Facility Condition Assessment, established Measure L improvements, and the assessment of existing pool facilities, they also go beyond these documents to address broader community needs and long-term recreation goals as identified by public input and the needs assessment. Improvements identified in this chapter that are determined to be high priorities can be incorporated into future updates to the Capital Improvement Program or considered during future budget planning cycles. While the city plays a central role in providing parks and recreation services, it is not the sole provider. Additional recreation opportunities are made possible through partnerships with non-city entities such as school districts, nonprofit organizations, and private providers—broadening the range of services and experiences available to the community.



Community members and local leaders gather for the ribbon cutting of the new playground at Biscailuz Park.

RECREATION BUILDING RECOMMENDATIONS

Lakewood's recreation buildings—including community centers, activity buildings, and control buildings—support a variety of park uses. Currently, the city has a mix of buildings that are essential hubs for community programs or provide passive space for community meetings, offices, restrooms, storage, etc. Few support indoor active recreation opportunities. Approximately half are at least 65 years old. As these facilities age, the city must assess their condition and determine whether to maintain, renovate, rebuild, or remove them based on lifespan, evolving needs and available funding. (Note: Pool building recommendations are discussed with the Aquatic Facilities Recommendations in the next section of this chapter.)

Decisions on aging buildings will be guided by structural integrity, renovation costs to bring older buildings up to code, maintenance costs, program demands and funding. Strategic investments will ensure these spaces continue to support diverse activities and services. Community centers provide multi-generational programming and event space. Activity buildings offer modern community spaces and offices, and control buildings house recreation offices, small community rooms and storage.

In some cases, demolition may be the most cost-effective option, especially if maintenance and renovation costs outweigh the benefits. The city may consolidate building functions in larger parks to reduce operational costs while maintaining services. In neighborhood parks with limited programming, small unstaffed structures—such as restrooms or storage—may enhance usability without requiring dedicated staff. A strategic approach to facility planning will ensure Lakewood's recreation buildings continue to serve the community efficiently and sustainably. The following recommendations provide planning-level guidance on future building improvements based on identified community needs.

TYPES OF RECREATION BUILDING IMPROVEMENTS

Building Evaluation. A Facility Condition Assessment was completed in 2018 identifying $31 million in facility renewal and maintenance needs over a 10-year period. However, to inform any building renovation, rebuilding, or demolition it is recommended that the city conduct an updated full architectural assessment (structural, mechanical, electrical, plumbing). This assessment update should determine the need for upgrades and cost effectiveness (return on investment) before decision-making.

1. **Maintain.** Maintaining a building involves regular janitorial care, upkeep and repairs to ensure a facility remains functional, safe, and aesthetically appealing. This includes routine tasks like cleaning, painting, HVAC service, and addressing minor repairs to prevent further deterioration. The goal of maintenance is to extend the lifespan of a building and preserve its ability to serve its intended purpose without major structural changes or renovations. While all park buildings require maintenance, the following buildings need this level of routine and preventative care only, and not more extensive renovations: Burns Community Center, S. Mark Taper Vista Lodge, and Boyar Activity Building.

2. **Renovate.** Renovating a building refers to upgrading or improving specific elements of an existing structure without completely replacing it. Renovation can include updates to outdated systems, such as electrical or plumbing, modernizing spaces to enhance functionality and meet current building codes, and changing the uses of specific rooms or areas to better meet community needs. It may also involve aesthetic improvements, such as flooring or finishes, while retaining the building's original structure. Renovation allows for efficient use of resources while extending the building's useful life. Palms Community Center and Weingart Senior Center are recommended for renovation and are scheduled to begin in 2025.

3. **Rebuild.** Reconstructing a building entails demolishing the original structure and building a new one in its place. This option is typically considered when a building has reached the end of its useful life, has significant structural issues or is not cost effective to renovate to meet the needs of the community. Rebuilding offers the opportunity to design a facility that aligns with current and future demands, incorporates modern building standards and enhances sustainability and energy efficiency. It also provides the chance to address evolving programmatic needs and improve overall functionality. The following buildings require further evaluation and facility planning to determine whether rebuilding is more cost-effective than renovation to provide the recreation opportunities desired: the Lakewood Youth Center, the Bolivar Control Building, and the McCormick Pool Bath House.

4. **Demolish (Repurpose Space).** Demolishing a building involves the complete removal of an existing structure when it is no longer needed or viable for renovation or reconstruction. This decision is typically made when a building is beyond repair or no longer serves its intended function. Demolition allows for the creation of new spaces or facilities that better meet the community's needs, offering an opportunity to reimagine the site and improve overall park or facility functionality. It may also provide flexibility to reconfigure the site for different uses, enhancing the overall efficiency and value of the space.



The old concessionaire building at Del Valle Park is recommended for demolition.

AQUATIC FACILITIES RECOMMENDATIONS

SWIMMING POOLS

Lakewood has two public swimming pools: McCormick Pool at Bolivar Park and Mayfair Pool at Mayfair Park. Both facilities have faced ongoing operational and maintenance challenges, including aging equipment and infrastructure. Additionally, the McCormick Pool building is outdated and in need of modernization to improve functionality and accessibility.

Currently, both pools serve residents in the central and western portions of the city, leaving the eastern portion without a public swimming facility. This Plan prioritizes maintaining and improving these aquatics facilities (pools, buildings, and related infrastructure and equipment) to meet the continued demand for aquatic recreation, as identified through community engagement and technical analysis as part of the Needs Assessment. Recommendations include:

Pool and Building Evaluation. A 2023 Needs Assessment for Mayfair Pool identified over $1 million in required improvements, some of which have already been completed. A 2024 Needs Assessment for McCormick Pool revealed the need for significant renovations, estimated at $4.5 million for code compliance and over $10.9 million for pool replacement. Further evaluation of each pool's structural integrity, mechanical systems, and compliance with safety and accessibility standards is recommended. Based on the findings, three options for future improvements are proposed:



Mayfair Pool at Mayfair Park



McCormick Pool at Bolivar Park

1. **Renovation.** If the pool is in reasonable condition, proceed with upgrading the pool infrastructure. This includes resurfacing the pool shell, enhancing the filtration system at McCormick Pool, improving the chlorination systems, and upgrading the deck with slip-resistant surfaces. Additionally, update lane markers, depth indicators, and consider adding heating elements for extended seasonal use. Both the McCormick Pool Bath House and Mayfair Swim Pavilion should be modernized to improve accessibility, functionality, and the overall user experience, ensuring the facilities meet current standards and community needs.

2. **Rebuild.** If long-term operational and cost considerations warrant, consider rebuilding or replacing the pool to bring it up to modern standards, even if it is not beyond repair. This approach would address ongoing maintenance challenges and improve safety, accessibility, and sustainability, ensuring the facility continues to serve as a key community asset. This could apply to both Mayfair Pool and McCormick Pool, with necessary upgrades to the pool buildings to enhance functionality and user experience. At a minimum, one pool should be rebuilt to meet community needs.



Youth swim lessons at Mayfair Pool at Mayfair Park

WADING POOLS RECOMMENDATIONS

Older wading pools in Lakewood, built decades ago, offer both advantages and drawbacks in the context of modern park and recreation planning. On the positive side, these pools hold nostalgic value for long-time residents, serving as cherished community gathering spots that have provided generations of families with affordable and accessible water play. Their shallow depth makes them ideal for young children, promoting early water interaction in a controlled environment. Additionally, because they were constructed in an era with fewer regulatory constraints, these pools often occupy prime locations within parks, offering convenient access and integration with surrounding amenities. When wading pools are in operation, city staff are present on site to monitor use and safety.

However, these aging facilities also present challenges. Many of them have outdated materials and filtration systems, leading to higher maintenance costs. High operational costs are also due to the staffing needs associated with standing water. Accessibility standards have evolved, and older pools may not meet current Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. The wading pool at Palms Park is the only ADA accessible pool. Shifting recreation trends see declining use of wading pools due to high costs and staffing needs. However, other water play structures such as splash pads and interactive fountains are appearing as replacement cooling options in cities facing increasing summer temperatures. As Lakewood evaluates the future of its wading pools, balancing the historic and sentimental value of these pools with the need for modern, sustainable aquatic play options will be a key consideration.

Recommendations include:

Wading Pool Evaluation. Evaluate the condition of the City's six wading pools to identify any infrastructure issues that may require repairs, upgrades, or eventual replacement. Based on this assessment, the city can explore a range of options—including maintaining and enhancing all existing wading pools, selectively reducing the number, or phasing out some facilities over time. These options aim to balance community access, operational efficiency, and long-term sustainability. Consider the following options:

1. **Maintain and Improve Existing Wading Pools.** Retain the current number of wading pools across the City, with targeted improvements based on condition assessments. Prioritize enhancements that address safety, ADA accessibility, and water conservation. Focus improvements on pools located in areas with limited access to other aquatic facilities, high population density, or overlapping youth programming. This option allows the city to preserve its existing footprint of wading pool access while modernizing facilities to meet contemporary standards.

2. **Significantly Reduce Wading Pools.** Assuming the two swimming pools located in the central and western portions of the city remain, maintain and/or enhance one wading pool in the eastern portion of the city due to the lack of swimming pools in this area. Depending on pool condition findings, consider prioritizing the ADA accessible wading pool in Palms Park. Eliminate or phase out at the end of their lifecycles the remaining five wading pools. Consider replacing two to three with other water play options.

3. **Strategically Fade Out Wading Pools.** Depending on the results of the condition assessment, keep three wading pools, prioritizing areas that are dispersed, do not have nearby access to swimming pools, are ADA accessible, have good multi-modal access (via transit, walking, biking and driving), are located at sites that offer other types of youth programming, and are located in Community Parks. Eliminate or phase out at the end of their lifecycles the remaining three wading pools. Either apply the cost savings to investing in the city's swimming pools, or consider replacing one to two with other water play options.

4. **Alternative Water Play Options.** Consider the following water play options in lieu of wading pools:

   » **Splash Pads.** A popular and low-maintenance alternative, splash pads feature interactive water jets, fountains, and spray features that provide safe, engaging play for children of all ages. Spray pads, while popular, face challenges such as high-water usage, especially if they lack a recirculating system. Maintenance can be costly due to the need for regular cleaning and upkeep of spray nozzles and filtration systems.

   » **Interactive Water Play Areas.** Interactive Water Play Areas can feature themed elements like tipping buckets, small slides and water cannons, offering a dynamic and engaging experience. These areas allow children to explore and interact with water in creative and imaginative ways, providing both fun and physical activity.

   » **Shallow Water Play Pools.** A redesigned wading pool with zero-depth entry, improved filtration, and modern play elements can provide a safer and more engaging aquatic experience while maintaining a pool-like setting.

   » **Hybrid Splash and Shallow Pool Combination.** A design that integrates a splash pad with a small shallow pool allows for diverse water play experiences while optimizing water use and safety.

   » **Nature-Inspired Water Play Areas.** Features such as hand pumps, sand areas, rock-like formations and stream-like play zones can create a more naturalistic, sensory water play experience while blending with park environments.

   » **Multi-Use Water Features.** A space that can function as both a splash pad or sprinkler play area in the summer and a dry play plaza in cooler months, maximizing year-round usability.



Example: *Always Dream Play Area water play area (Fremont, California)*

GUIDELINES FOR PARK DESIGN AND DEVELOPMENT

This section outlines key guidelines for enhancing Lakewood's parks through design, development, and renovation. While some items focus on improving existing facilities, others involve acquiring new park space or expanding recreation uses. These guidelines serve as a framework to ensure that Lakewood's parks remain safe, accessible, and engaging for residents of all ages.

Certain recommendations, particularly those related to programming, align with broader system wide strategies. Park improvements should be implemented in locations that provide necessary support amenities—such as restrooms, parking, and seating—and consider factors like noise mitigation, accessibility, and overall community benefit.

The following categories organize key recommendations for Lakewood's park system, covering safety, park design and landscaping, playgrounds, sports and fitness facilities, comfort amenities, and increased park space and trails.



Example: *Earvin Magic Johnson Park (Los Angeles, California)*



PARK SAFETY

- **Park Design:** Incorporate Crime Prevention through Environmental Design (CPTED) strategies and enhance park safety through design principles related to facility siting, access (or access control), visibility, natural surveillance, territorial reinforcement, activity support, and maintenance.

- **Encouraged Activities:** Encourage drop-in or programmed activities in Lakewood parks that provide a human presence from early morning to evening to foster safety and community engagement, while balancing impacts to surrounding residential properties.

- **Diverse Park Activities:** Develop diverse park activities beyond organized sports and playgrounds, including fitness programs, cultural events, and community gatherings.

- **Community Involvement in Design:** Involve community members in the design and redesign of Lakewood park spaces to reflect their needs and enhance safety.

- **Existing Park Signage:** Improve and simplify signage throughout Lakewood parks to enhance navigation, promote safety, and provide clear, helpful information. Incorporate maps and descriptive text to assist visitors in finding amenities and feeling more secure in their surroundings.

- **Encourage Natural Surveillance:** Promote formal and informal surveillance in Lakewood parks by designing spaces that can be easily observed by other park users to reduce vandalism and inappropriate behavior.

- **Enhanced Park Lighting:** Improve park lighting to enhance perceptions of safety, ensuring well-lit areas encourage legitimate nighttime use and better visibility. However, it is important to balance lighting with safety by ensuring that lighting does not encourage late-night gatherings or activities that could compromise security. In some cases, it may not be advisable to have visitors later at night or when the park is closed, as unregulated late-night use could lead to safety concerns or disturbances.

- **Clear Sightlines:** Improve safety within parks and facilities with clear sightlines that allow visitors to observe the activity around them.

- **Regular Park Maintenance:** Regularly maintain Lakewood parks to prevent vandalism and ensure a clean, safe environment that discourages negative behaviors.

- **Park Hardscape:** Repair or replace park walkways, patio slabs, picnic area driveways, and trash enclosure slabs as needed to ensure safety and functionality.

- **Park Fencing:** Repair and maintain park fencing as needed to ensure safety and functionality.

- **Collaboration with Local Law Enforcement:** Coordinate with the Lakewood Station to address traffic safety concerns and discuss potential mitigation solutions for improving safety near parks. Additionally, explore the feasibility of implementing horse-mounted Sheriff patrols along the Nature Trail and the San Gabriel River to enhance visibility, safety, and community presence in these areas.

PARK CONNECTIVITY

- **Pedestrian Safety Enhancements:** Enhance pedestrian safety across all parks by collaborating with relevant City departments to explore and implement improvements that align with the Lakewood Local Roadway Safety Plan, focusing on increased safety, accessibility, and connectivity for all users. This collaboration should focus on enhancing pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity, ensuring that improvements are consistent with the plan's objectives and designed to meet the needs of all users.

- **Bicycle Facility Improvements:** Improve biking access to parks and recreation facilities by expanding bicycle racks and other amenities, such as bike repair stations at key Community Parks with higher bicycle traffic. Coordinate with the General Plan Update to ensure any future bike lanes, including dedicated bike lanes, navigate to existing Community Parks and recreation facilities to improve connectivity. Additionally, consider expanding overall bicycle facilities to encourage cycling as a convenient and sustainable mode of transportation for park visitors.

- **Transit Access:** Enhance transit access to parks by improving pedestrian connectivity, sidewalks, and walkways between bus stops and park entrances where feasible. In areas where convenient transit access does not currently exist, explore opportunities to enhance connections or collaborate with transit agencies to improve service. These efforts should prioritize safe, accessible routes that encourage the use of public transportation to reach park and recreation facilities.



Example: *Bike lanes (Irvine, California)*



Example: *Stoneview Nature Center (Culver City, California)*

PARK DESIGN / LANDSCAPING

- **Celebrate Diversity and Identity through Art:** Integrate more art and interpretive features that celebrate Lakewood's diverse community, cultures, history, and heritage to enhance the cultural richness of the parks.

- **Sustainable Landscaping:** Convert select non-recreation portions of grass spaces into low-maintenance native plant garden beds to reduce water usage, provide visual appeal to underused sections, and support biodiversity and wildlife. Native and waterwise landscaping should not replace or decrease existing recreation lawn spaces, but only augment passive spaces, peripheral areas, medians, etc.

- **Wildlife and Nature Management:** Implement more management for wildlife and nature in City parks to enhance natural habitats and protect ecosystems.

- **Expert Consultation for Bird Protection:** Consult with a wildlife expert/ornithologist to reduce landscaping impact to nesting/migrating birds in City parks and along the San Gabriel River Nature Trail.

- **Tree Health and Care:** Consult with the city arborist to review the long-term health of trees, including current stressors. Continue to reference the Lakewood Tree Master Plan (2022) and master tree list for any new tree plantings.

DOGS

- **Strengthened Regulations:** Establish stronger regulations against littering, dog waste, and improper activities to maintain park cleanliness and safety.

- **Support Existing Dog-Friendly Areas:** Continue to allow leashed dogs at Rynerson Park and along the Nature Trail, and maintain off-leash access at Home Run Dog Park. Provide additional signage, waste stations, and enforcement at these designated locations to encourage responsible use.

- **Promote Education and Awareness:** Launch an outreach campaign to educate park users about the city's specific dog policies, including the areas where leashed dogs are allowed, such as at Rynerson, and where off-leash access is permitted, such as at Home Run Dog Park. The campaign should also encourage responsible pet ownership and proper dog behavior in public spaces.

- **Evaluate Demand and Feasibility:** Periodically assess community demand for additional dog-friendly spaces and explore the feasibility of creating new leash-only zones, including designated park walkways or grassy areas for walking dogs on leashes.



Example: *Johnny Carson Park Native Landscaping (Burbank, California)*

PLAYGROUNDS AND RECREATION AMENITIES

- **Wheelchair-Accessible Playground Flooring:** Replace sand with rubberized safety surfacing (flooring) in playgrounds to ensure wheelchair access and enhance safety for all children. Repair playground surfaces as needed.
- **Playground Equipment Maintenance:** Replace broken or non-functional playground equipment as needed, prioritizing the safety of users by addressing any items that pose potential hazards. Ensure that all play structures meet current safety standards and are suitable for the intended age groups, enhancing the overall play experience while preventing injury risks.
- **Sensory Learning Features:** Incorporate sensory learning opportunities into playgrounds and parks to engage children in meaningful, interactive experiences.
- **Shade Provision:** Provide ample shade for playground structures and seating areas to protect visitors from the sun and create comfortable spaces for relaxation.
- **Challenging and Unique Play Elements:** Introduce more challenging and unique play elements, such as climbing walls, rope courses, or innovative swings, to promote physical activity, problem-solving, and creative play for children of all abilities.
- **Inclusive Play for Special Needs and Neurodivergent Children and Youth:** Design playgrounds with specialized equipment and spaces that cater to children and youth with special needs or neurodivergent conditions, ensuring sensory-friendly spaces, quiet areas, and accessible play structures for a wide range of abilities and preferences, including the addition of communication boards to support non-verbal children and youth in expressing their needs and preferences.
- **Low-Cost Alternative Recreation Amenities:** Consider adding low-cost amenities that encourage physical activity, social interaction, and community engagement to enhance park accessibility and provide affordable recreation opportunities. Options such as ping pong tables, large chess or checker boards, bocce ball courts, and outdoor fitness stations can offer enjoyable and inclusive experiences for park visitors that are cost-effective to install and maintain, making them accessible to all while fostering a sense of community and active recreation.



Example: *Playhouse Village Park (Pasadena, California)*

COMFORT AMENITIES

- **Electric Vehicle Charging Stations:** Install electric vehicle charging stations at park parking lots (off-street parking) to promote sustainable transportation options for visitors.

- **Considerate Park Lighting:** Ensure park lighting includes the minimum number of fixtures and lighting levels necessary for safety while minimizing light pollution to maintain the wellness of neighboring people and animals.

SPORTS/EXERCISE FACILITIES

- **Casual Drop-In Exercise Facilities:** Offer more casual drop-in exercise facilities, such as outdoor gyms or fitness stations, to encourage physical activity for all ages and fitness levels.

- **Challenge Elements for Youth and Teens:** Integrate more challenge elements in existing parks, targeting youth and teens. These could include climbing walls, ziplines, obstacle courses, and other adventurous features to foster physical activity and engagement.

INCREASED PARK SPACE AND TRAILS

- **Feasibility of Fitness or Nature Trails:** Continue to explore the feasibility of developing fitness or nature trails within utility corridors, drainage corridors, existing residential areas, and commercial areas to promote active lifestyles and enhance connectivity.

- **Public-Private Partnerships for Recreation Spaces:** Especially in underserved areas, evaluate opportunities to partner with other public agencies or private sector development and private businesses/property owners to create recreation spaces and opportunities.

- **Utilize Underdeveloped Spaces for Dog Runs:** Identify underdeveloped spaces, such as utility corridors for potential dog runs. Acquire and maintain one space (targeting the eastern and western portion of the city) at a basic level (dirt or low-maintenance groundcover, waste stations, fencing) to minimize costs while providing valuable recreation opportunities for pet owners.



Example: *Hing Hay Park (Seattle, Washington)*



Example: *Bell Street Park (Seattle, Washington)*

ADDITIONAL RECREATION FACILITIES

To enhance recreation opportunities across Lakewood's park system, the following list identifies potential new facilities that could be integrated into existing parks. Some of these facilities may already be addressed in facility recommendations, while others are additional ideas that have not yet been assigned specific sites. This list serves as a guide for considering potential enhancements that align with community needs and emerging recreation trends.

These facilities should be located in parks that provide appropriate support amenities such as parking, restrooms, seating, and shade, as well as measures to mitigate noise and other potential impacts on surrounding neighborhoods. Each addition should complement the park's existing uses and improve overall accessibility, functionality, and user experience.

While there may be potential to add new recreation facilities in existing parks, notably, new facilities may come at the expense of existing facilities. As existing facilities become worn out or outdated, the city should decide to repair, renovate, or replace them. Any new facility will incur capital build costs as well as lifetime maintenance costs.

- **Skate Park and Pump Track:** Install a new, small skate park and/or pump track in a Community Park or Special Use Park to provide a space for skateboarding, biking, and other recreation activities for youth and young adults.
- **Individual or Small-Group Exercise Space:** Develop a designated space for individual or small-group exercise, such as yoga, tai chi, meditation, etc. Integrate landscaping, seating, signage, and shading to create an inviting and functional area.
- **Multi-Use Gymnasium:** Consider adding a multi-use gymnasium as part of an existing building or in conjunction with a future recreation center. The facility should be designed for maximum functionality, accommodating youth and adult sports, fitness classes, and a variety of indoor activities, including volleyball and basketball.
- **Additional Multi-Use Courts:** Develop additional multi-use courts to meet the growing demand for a variety of court sports, including basketball, volleyball, pickleball, gaga ball, and handball. Expanding the number of courts will provide more opportunities for residents to engage in diverse recreation activities without overloading existing facilities.
- **Additional Rectangular Fields:** Install additional rectangular fields to meet the high demand for football and soccer, ensuring sufficient space for these popular team sports.
- **Table Tennis/Ping Pong:** Install table tennis/ping pong to offer a fun, low-cost recreation activity for all ages.
- **Enhanced Picnic Areas:** Install larger barbeque grills at existing group picnic sites to accommodate larger groups and enhance the outdoor cooking experience.

- **Educational/Interpretive Space:** Install an educational/interpretive space to provide learning opportunities and increase engagement with the natural environment.
- **Fully Accessible Inclusive Playground:** Install a fully accessible, inclusive playground that goes beyond traditional ADA standards. This site should address the needs of neurodivergent individuals, incorporating sensory-friendly elements, calming spaces, and equipment that supports cognitive and emotional development.
- **Community Gardens:** Establish more community gardens to promote sustainability, local food production, and community interaction, providing residents with a space to grow plants and engage with nature.
- **Dog Park or Dog Run:** Add an additional dedicated dog park or dog run to provide a safe and enjoyable space for pets and their owners. Include features such as waste stations, water fountains, and secure fencing to promote responsible pet ownership and enhance the park experience.



Example: *Anna and Abby's Yard (Forest Grove, Oregon)*



Example: *Earvin Magic Johnson Park (Los Angeles, CA)*



Example: *Table tennis and foosball tables at Hidden Creek Park West (Hillsboro, Oregon)*

SITE-SPECIFIC RECOMMENDATIONS FOR EXISTING PARKS

Over the next 10 years, the City of Lakewood will enhance its park system through improvements, enhancements, and restorations of existing sites. Ensuring high-quality maintenance across all parks and facilities will be essential, and the required level of maintenance may evolve as sites are developed or improved. Additionally, the City must plan for the replacement or reinvestment in park amenities and facilities as they reach the end of their lifecycles.

The Park Master Plan outlines these recommendations to support a high-quality parks and recreation system for all residents. Appendix E: Capital and Programmatic Project List provides an overview of capital projects and maintenance needs. It also categorizes recommended capital projects to help identify potential funding sources for implementation.



Lakewood community members at Volunteer Day 2025

RECOMMENDED SITE INTERVENTIONS

There are many opportunities to improve, enhance, and develop City parks, parkways, and recreation facilities to achieve Lakewood's goals for the park and recreation system. As a companion document to systemwide goals and strategies, the information below presents specific recommendations for existing parks, organized alphabetically by classification.

For each site, recommendations are characterized as either:

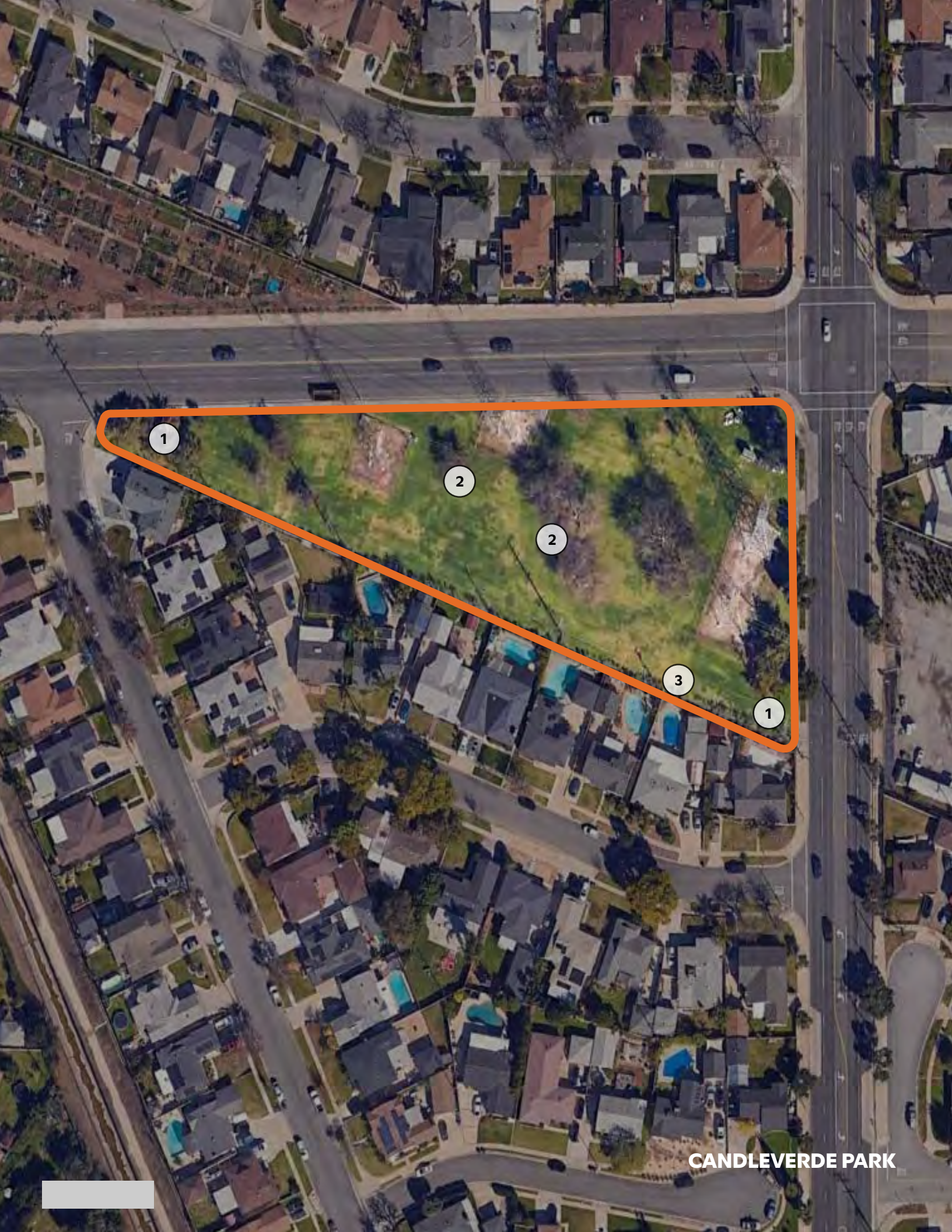
- **Capital Projects:** Recommended projects related to park improvements, renovations, or facility replacements; land acquisition/ expansion and development; equipment or amenity additions or replacements; and/or park or facility master planning, contracted assessments, or construction.
- **Operations/Programs:** Recommended services related to routine or preventative maintenance, recreation programming and events, collaboration with other City departments, or facility operations that are specific to that site.

These categories recognize that funding sources may be different for projects versus programs and services. The recommendations presented here may include more projects than the City can fund and implement over the next 10 years. These recommendations would require a modification and reprioritization of the 2024 Council-adopted 7-year Capital Improvement Plan.

Recommendations for existing City parks and parkways are based on data from the 2023 Parks Condition Assessment, the 2024 Needs Assessment including public engagement findings, and portions of the City's 2024 Capital Improvement Plan. Recommendations are consistent with the intended uses for each site based on their park classifications.



A Rotary Club volunteer at Volunteer Day 2025


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CANDLEVERDE PARK

CANDLEVERDE PARK

Park Classification: Passive Park
Park Size: 2.3 acres

Candleverde Park will be a tranquil, passive green space that enhances Lakewood's open space network, providing a serene retreat for relaxation, reflection, and neighborhood connection.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

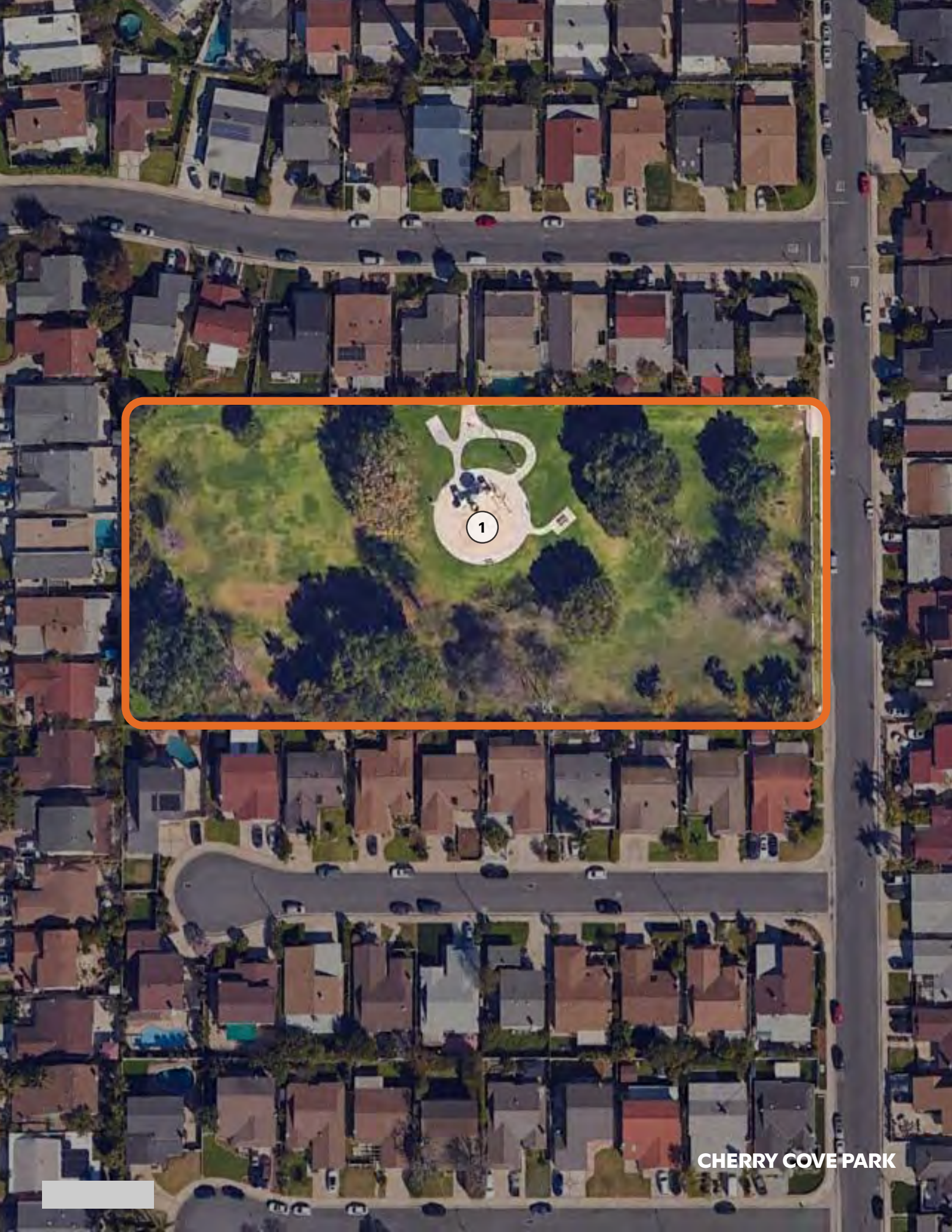
1. **Incorporate Native Plantings and Pollinator Gardens.** Establish small, landscaped areas with native, drought-tolerant plants that support local pollinators such as bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Include interpretive signage to educate visitors about the ecological benefits and seasonal bloom cycles.
2. **Add seating.** Add benches, seat walls, or other group seating options to encourage passive enjoyment of the space.
3. **Install an Acupressure Pathway.** Create a sensory wellness pathway using smooth river stones, textured pavers, and other natural materials designed to stimulate pressure points in the feet. Ensure the pathway is accessible and includes instructional signage about the health benefits of acupressure walking. Consider placing the pathway near shaded seating for relaxation and reflection.



Example: *Native Plantings at Dorris Ranch (Springfield, OR)*



Example: *Creative Seat Wall Design at Yanaguana Garden Play Area (San Antonio, TX)*



CHERRY COVE PARK

CHERRY COVE PARK

Park Classification: Passive Park
Park Size: 3.0 acres

Cherry Cove Park will be a quiet neighborhood retreat, offering a small playground and passive green space where families and residents can relax, connect, and enjoy the outdoors, while also serving a dual function as a storm drainage area.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Replace the Playground.** Install a new, modern playground with age-appropriate play structures for children 2-5 and 5-12 years old, incorporating inclusive elements such as sensory play panels, accessible swings, and rubberized safety surfacing. Add shade structures to enhance comfort and extend usability.
2. **Establish a Small Community Garden.** Designate a community garden with raised garden beds, accessible pathways, and irrigation to support local gardening efforts. The garden should be located in higher areas of the site, away from the drainage basin, to ensure accessibility and reduce flood risk. Provide seating and signage to encourage community involvement and educational opportunities.
3. **Establish a Pollinator or Nature Interpretive Garden.** Enhance a portion of the water detention basin with native plantings that attract pollinators, such as bees, butterflies, and hummingbirds. Incorporate rain garden and bioswale plantings that are resilient to occasional flooding, allowing the area to manage stormwater effectively while maintaining a functional and aesthetically pleasing environment. Additionally, add appropriate vegetation along the drainage perimeter, complementing the existing trees and enhancing the site's ecological diversity. Where appropriate, integrate educational signage to inform visitors about local ecosystems, native plant species, and the vital role pollinators play in sustaining biodiversity. These enhancements can support environmental awareness while improving the basin's ecological function and stormwater management.
4. **Develop a Community Gathering Space or Shaded Seating Area.** Install a shade shelter or small group picnic shelter, picnic tables, and benches to create a welcoming space for social gatherings, small events, and passive recreation. Locate the facilities within the higher perimeter of the detention basin.



Example: *Group Picnic Shelter at Hidden Creek Park West (Hillsboro OR)*



BISCAILUZ PARK

BISCAILUZ PARK + CONTROL BUILDING

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park
Park Size: 3.9 acres

Biscailuz Park will be a dynamic and inclusive neighborhood space, featuring modern recreation facilities, safe and accessible play areas, and inviting gathering spaces that foster connection, active lifestyles, and a secure environment for all visitors.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Evaluate the Biscailuz Control Building.** Renovate the existing recreation building with interior and exterior upgrades, including roof repairs, energy-efficient mechanical systems, ADA-compliant entrances and restrooms, new flooring, and modernized lighting. Assess programming needs to determine potential space reconfigurations or expansions, incorporating technology upgrades such as Wi-Fi connectivity, audiovisual enhancements, and improved communication infrastructure.
2. **Replace the Picnic Shelter.** Assess the usability of the existing picnic shelter and consider replacing the structure with improved seating. Consider measures to prevent loitering including signage, lighting, and staff presence.
3. **Renovate the Basketball Courts (currently rated in poor condition).** Resurface and restripe courts to improve playability, repair cracks and uneven surfaces, replace outdated or nonfunctioning hoops and backboards, and upgrade court lighting. Consider adding seating areas and/or shade structures.
4. **Renovate the Backstops (currently rated in poor condition).** Replace rusted fencing and supports, reinforce structure with durable materials, improve safety padding behind home plate, and add protective netting or similar material to minimize stray balls along Park Drive. Consider re-grading the infield area and improving turf conditions.
5. **Make Safety Improvements.** Expand security measures by installing surveillance cameras in high-risk areas. Install regulatory signage (park rules and regulations) at site entrances to notify visitors of expected and prohibited park uses.

OPERATIONS / PROGRAMS

6. **Provide Safety Services.** Coordinate with neighborhood watch groups, contracted providers for homeless services, and local law enforcement to increase patrols at Biscailuz Park to deter illicit behaviors.



Example: *Infield Improvements at Towncenter Community Park (Santee, CA)*


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BLOOMFIELD PARK

BLOOMFIELD PARK + BLOOMFIELD COMMUNITY CENTER

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park
Park Size: 14.9 acres

Bloomfield Park will be a vibrant community hub, offering enhanced amenities, upgraded facilities, and diverse recreational opportunities that cater to teens and residents while providing a safe and engaging environment for all. As the home base for Special Olympics programs and activities, the park will foster inclusivity, accessibility, and a strong sense of community for athletes and visitors alike.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Maintain Bloomfield Park Community Center & Teen Resource Center.** Modernize interior spaces with updated flooring, furniture, and flexible multi-use areas to accommodate diverse programming. Upgrade technology infrastructure with high-speed Wi-Fi, smartboards, and computer and/or gaming stations to support educational and recreational activities. As needed, improve lighting, roofing, ventilation, and energy efficiency through updated mechanical systems and LED fixtures. Consider reorganizing teen spaces and Special Olympic areas to better meet interests and engagement.
2. **Wading Pool.** See Wading Pool Recommendations. (pg. 6-8)
3. **Add New Pickleball Courts.** Construct dedicated, regulation-sized pickleball courts. Install LED lighting for limited evening play and incorporate sound-dampening materials such as acoustic fencing to minimize impact on nearby residential areas while maintaining security visibility from the parking lot or Pioneer Boulevard. Ensure ADA accessibility with proper pathways and seating areas. Provide shaded spectator seating, player seating, hydration stations, and similar amenities to enhance the user experience.
4. **Renovate the Playground (currently rated in poor condition).** Replace outdated play structure for 5-12-year-olds with modern, inclusive, thematic play equipment. Install a shock-absorbing, ADA-compliant safety surface such as rubberized flooring or engineered wood fiber. Add unique play features with climbing structures, slides and swings, interactive play features, thematic or imaginative play areas. Integrate accessible, universal play features to support side-by-side play of abled and disabled visitors. Add shade structures and seating. Improve accessibility with ramps, transfer platforms, and sensory-friendly elements.
5. **Renovate the Basketball Courts (currently rated in poor condition).** Resurface and restripe the courts to improve traction and durability. Repair cracks and uneven areas to enhance player safety. Replace worn-out hoops, backboards, and nets with professional-grade equipment. Upgrade court lighting to energy-efficient LEDs for extended use, and consider adding seating, shade structures, and hydration stations. Improve site drainage to prevent water pooling and long-term surface damage.
6. **Repurpose the Handball Courts (currently rated in poor condition).** Demolish the handball court and replace it with a challenge feature, such as a climbing wall or outdoor fitness equipment to serve teens, young adults, and others.
7. **Replace Trash Receptacles.** Replace old and worn trash receptacles in targeted locations, especially when located near other use areas (picnic tables, ballfield dugouts, playground, etc.). Remove (or consolidate) additional trash receptacles, such as those on the outside perimeter of the parking lot.

BLOOMFIELD PARK (CONT.)

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park
Park Size: 14.9 acres

OPERATIONS / PROGRAMS

1. **Increase Teen Programs.** Provide after-school programs for teens and young adults, such as teen mixers, STEAM classes, skill-building courses, and activities for teens with disabilities and neurodivergence. Focused outreach could target high vulnerability "gap" areas that lack nearby parks.
2. **Improve Pedestrian Safety.** Consult with other City departments to explore and implement pedestrian improvements that align with the recommendations and strategies outlined in the Lakewood Local Roadway Safety Plan. This collaboration should focus on enhancing pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity, ensuring that improvements are consistent with the plan's objectives and designed to meet the needs of all users.
3. **Increase Maintenance.** Allocate additional maintenance resources (staffing, funding, time) to maintain this park after renovations.
4. **Consider Programs on the Lawn.** Evaluate the suitability of offering outdoor programs on the north lawn to increase park visitation.



Programming on the lawn could draw more visitors to Bloomfield. Pictured: Family Movie Night at Mayfair Park.



SAN MARTIN PARK

SAN MARTIN PARK + CONTROL BUILDING

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park

Park Size: 10.0 acres

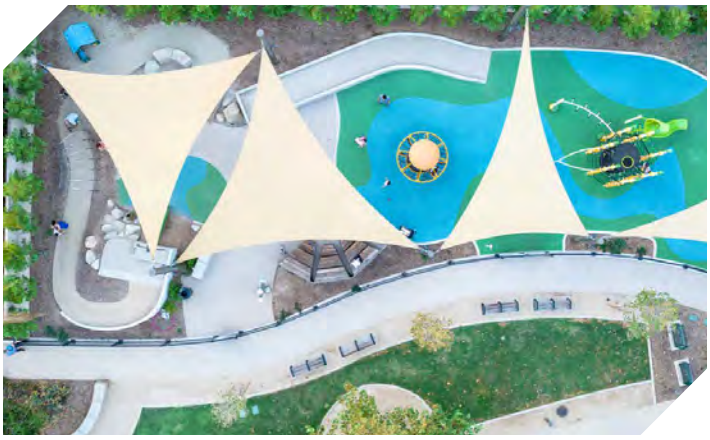
San Martin Park will be a vibrant neighborhood park that honors its historical theme as "Pumpkin Park," with playful pumpkin carriage elements, while offering a welcoming space for recreation, diverse sports fields and courts, and community connection. The park will continue to evolve with improvements that enhance its facilities, promote safety, and provide more shaded, comfortable spaces for visitors.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Evaluate the San Martin Control Building.** Evaluate two approaches:
   a. Renovate the existing building by upgrading electrical and mechanical systems, improving security features (modern locks, cameras, enhanced lighting), increasing storage capacity, and ensuring full ADA accessibility. Update interior spaces to optimize operational efficiency for staff and recreational users.
   b. If ongoing staffing needs are not essential, consider replacing the building with a smaller, lower-maintenance facility focused on storage and essential amenities.
2. **Wading Pool.** See Wading Pool Recommendations. (pg. 6-8)
3. **Add Shaded Seating at Pumpkin Playground.** Install shade structures over seating areas to provide protection from the sun for park visitors.
4. **Renovate the Basketball Courts.** Resurface and restripe the courts to improve traction and durability. Repair cracks and uneven areas to enhance player safety. Replace worn-out hoops, backboards, and nets with professional-grade equipment. Upgrade court lighting to energy-efficient LEDs for extended use, and consider adding seating, shade structures, and hydration stations. Improve site drainage to prevent water pooling and long-term surface damage.
5. **Remove the Handball Courts.** Replace or repurpose the handball courts with another feature.
6. **Renovate the Backstop.** Replace or repair the backstop to ensure safety and proper functionality for baseball and softball games.



Example: *Water Play at Beacon Mountain Playground (Seattle, WA)*



Example: *Shaded Play and Seating at Playhouse Village Park (Pasadena, CA)*


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BOYAR PARK

BOYAR PARK + ACTIVITY BUILDING

Park Classification: Neighborhood Park

Park Size: 13.1 acres

Boyar Park will be a dynamic neighborhood park that offers diverse sports fields and courts, providing spaces for active play and community engagement. With a focus on enhancing comfort and accessibility, the park will offer shaded play areas, improved pedestrian connections to the San Gabriel River Nature Trail, and seamless access between Boyar Park North and South. Future improvements will elevate the park's role as a recreational hub, featuring interactive water play areas and upgraded facilities, all while fostering a welcoming environment for visitors of all ages and abilities.

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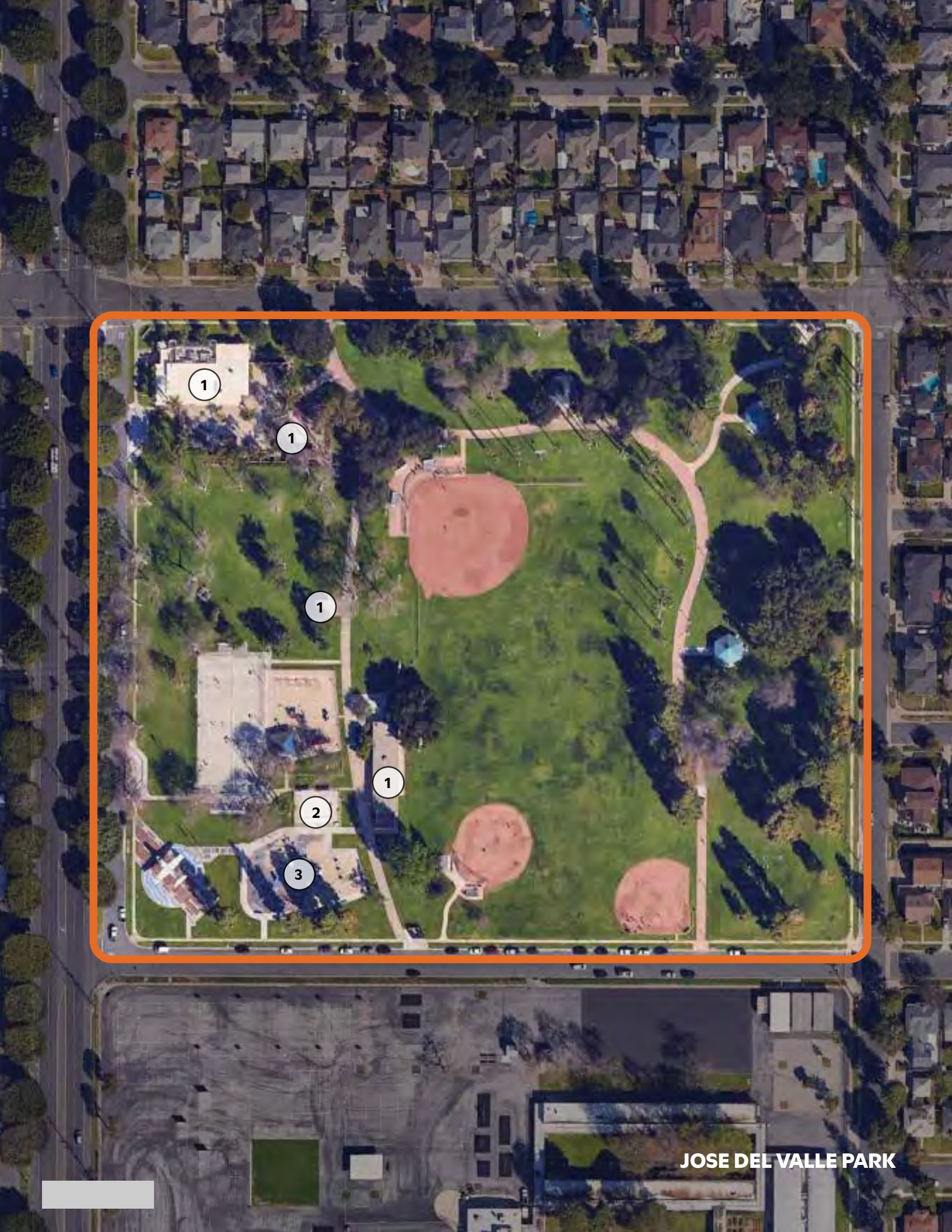
1. **Maintain Boyar Activity Building.** The Boyar Activity Building should also remain a key facility for community programming. Ongoing maintenance and potential upgrades should prioritize preserving its modern features, enhancing functionality, and adapting spaces to meet evolving community needs.
2. **Increase Shade at the Playground and Seating Areas.** Install large shade structures over key play areas to reduce sun exposure, and add shade sails or tree plantings around seating areas to provide a cooler, more comfortable environment for caregivers and children.
3. **Wading Pool.** See Wading Pool Recommendations. (pg. 6-8)
4. **Enhance Pedestrian Connections to the San Gabriel River Nature Trail.** Improve access points with clearly marked trailheads and wayfinding signage.
5. **Enhance Accessibility and Wayfinding Between Boyar Park North and South.** Add clear wayfinding signage at key entry points and along pathways to guide visitors between the two park areas.



Example: *Shaded Play at Earvin Magic Johnson Park (Los Angeles, CA)*



Example: *Alternative Water Play Option (Longmont, CO)*



JOSE DEL VALLE PARK

JOSE DEL VALLE PARK + YOUTH CENTER + CONTROL BUILDING

Park Classification: Community Park
Park Size: 15.5 acres

Del Valle Park will be a dynamic, inclusive community hub that celebrates its historical theme as Airplane Park, featuring a themed playground and the Lakewood Veterans Memorial Plaza. The park will offer enhanced spaces for active play, a revitalized Youth Center supporting multi-generational programming, space for City events, and improved accessibility and safety, creating a vibrant and welcoming environment for residents to gather, play, and engage in meaningful activities.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

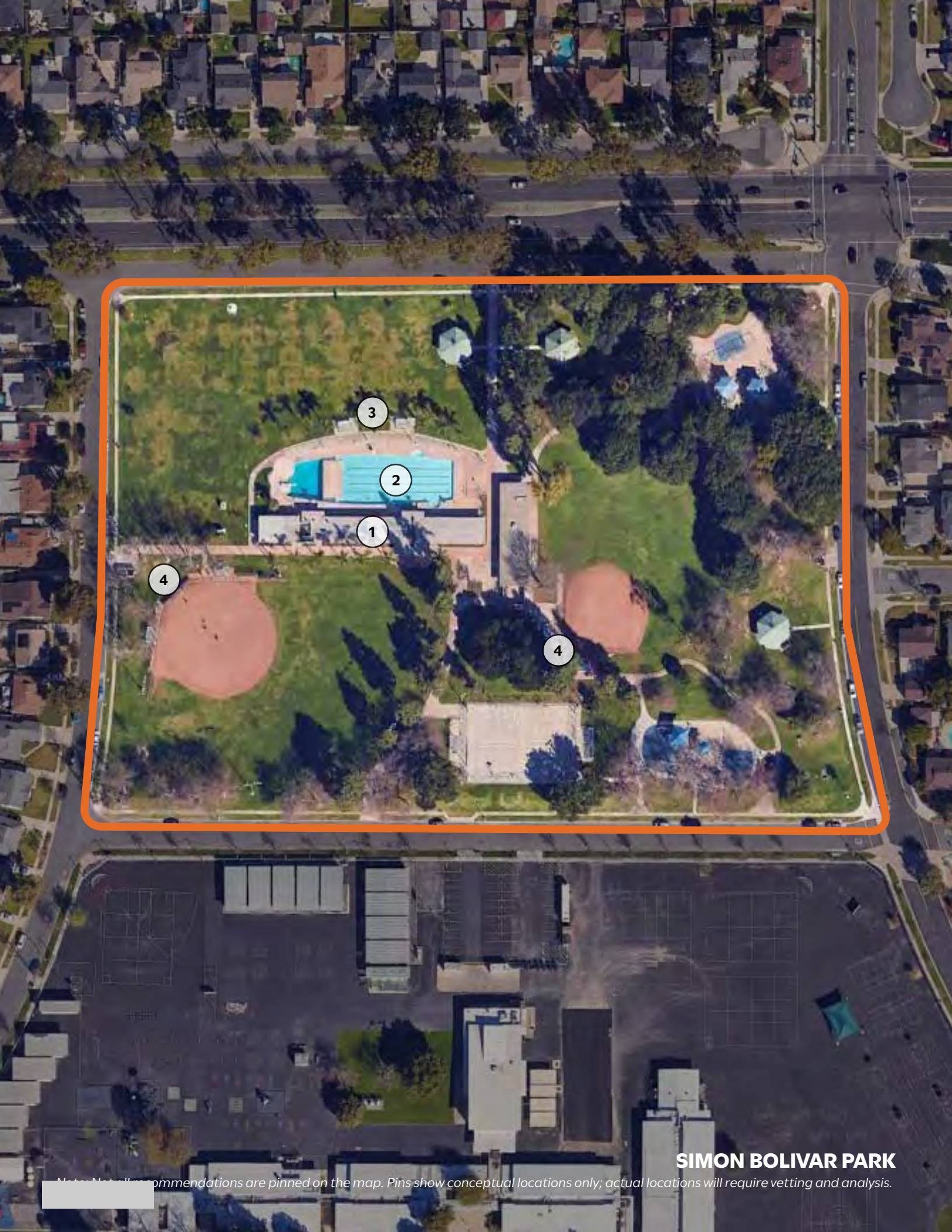
1. **Rebuild and Replace Del Valle Recreation Buildings.** Reconstruct the existing Youth Center and adjoining shuffleboard court to create a multi-generational community center that meets diverse recreational needs. The new center should include an outdoor space designed for live City events, such as Concerts in the Park, providing a vibrant venue for community gatherings and entertainment. This redevelopment could also include a gymnasium. Additionally, demolish the current Control Building and the old concession/storage building, relocating their functions into the newly reconstructed Youth Center. This will optimize space for recreation programming, improve accessibility, and enhance operational efficiency.
2. **Wading Pool.** See Wading Pool Recommendations. (pg. 6-8)
3. **Renovate the Playground.** Upgrade the tot lot (age 2-5) playground to address safety concerns and enhance play value, including resurfacing play areas, replacing outdated equipment, and adding shade structures to improve comfort and usability.

OPERATIONS / PROGRAMS

4. **Consider Concessions Operating Models.** Identify options for youth groups or hired youth to operate a new snack shop, with oversight from City staff.
5. **Add Community Center Programming.** Re-establish programming for a new multi-generational community hub that fosters creativity, lifelong learning, and social connections. Offer diverse programs for children, teens, adults, families, and seniors, including hands-on workshops, skill-building classes, and recreational activities. Create flexible spaces for gatherings, events, and structured programs, while exploring revenue opportunities through rentals, class fees, and sponsorships to support long-term sustainability.



Example: *Alternative Water Play Option at Las Positas Child Development Center (Livermore, CA)*



SIMON BOLIVAR PARK

Note: Not all recommendations are pinned on the map. Pins show conceptual locations only; actual locations will require vetting and analysis.

SIMON BOLIVAR PARK + MCCORMICK POOL + CONTROL BUILDING

Park Classification: Community Park

Park Size: 10.0 acres

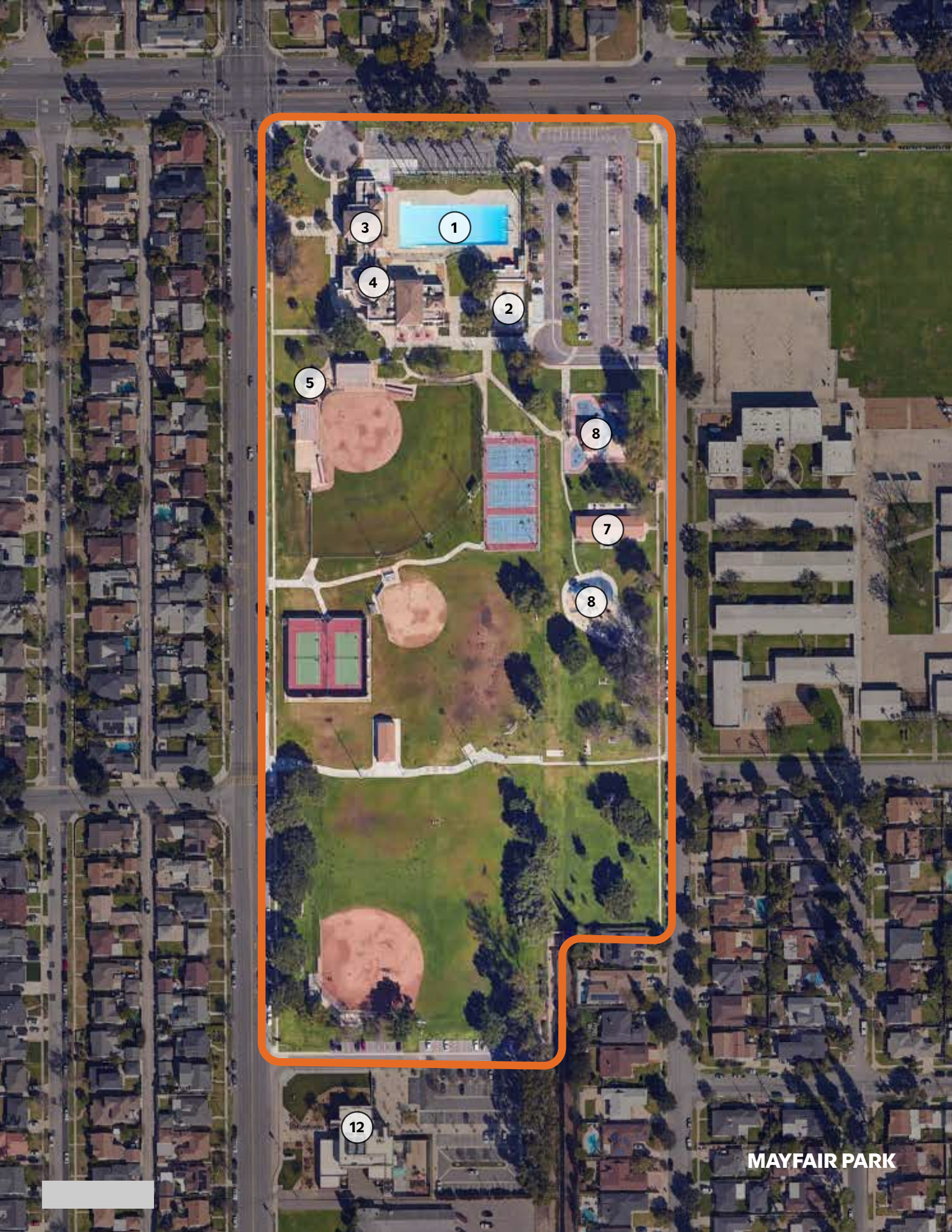
Bolivar Park will be a vibrant community space offering modern amenities and a safe, welcoming environment for all users, designed to accommodate high weekend visitation. The park will provide diverse recreational opportunities, including McCormick Pool for aquatic activities, upgraded sports fields, and enhanced safety features to ensure smooth operations and accessibility for everyone, even during peak use.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Rebuild Recreation Building.** Consider reconstructing the McCormick Pool Bath House and Bolivar Park Control Building into a single, integrated facility that serves both functional and community-oriented purposes. This new facility could include spaces for hosting parties and family events, enhancing the park's role as a community gathering place. By combining these functions, the facility would streamline operations and improve the overall visitor experience at Bolivar Park. Another option is to renovate both buildings.
2. **Swimming Pool.** See Swimming Pool Recommendations. (pg. 6-6)
3. **Evaluate Pool View Areas.** In conjunction with the pool assessment, evaluate the pool viewing area to determine whether temporary or permanent improvements are warranted. For either pool rebuild or renovation, install a permanent shade structure with seating and tables to provide a comfortable viewing area. Ensure the space is ADA-compliant, with accessible pathways, seating, and a clear sightline to the pool.
4. **Renovate the Diamond Backstops (currently rated in poor condition).** Replace rusted fencing and support structures, reinforce stability with durable materials, and repaint or powder-coat surfaces for longevity. Upgrade protective padding behind home plate, improve field drainage around backstops, and ensure proper sightlines for players and spectators.
5. **Install Safety Lighting.** Install energy-efficient LED lighting along pathways, parking areas, and key gathering spaces to improve visibility at night. Consider security cameras in high-traffic areas to deter illicit activities and improve park safety.

OPERATIONS / PROGRAMS

6. **Expand Pool Operations.** Based on renovation or rebuilding of the swimming pool, consider these pool operations:
   a. **Extend the Swimming Operations.** Consider adding pool covers for energy efficiency and extended seasons.
   b. **Earlier Operations.** Adjust pool hours to open at 6 a.m. during peak summer months, providing an early morning swim option for those who prefer a quieter, cooler time to swim.
   c. **Expand Swimming Fitness Programs.** Offer structured lap swimming sessions with designated lanes, water aerobics classes for all fitness levels, and specialized swim classes for teens, adults, and older adults, focusing on stroke technique, endurance, and aquatic fitness.
   d. **Host Adult-only Swim Hours.** Designate specific hours in the evening or on weekends where only adults (18+) can swim, providing a quieter and more relaxing experience for those who prefer an adult-only environment.
7. **Increase Safety.** Add expanded safety officer presence or patrols, particularly during peak hours, to ensure the safety of park activities. This should include patrols along side streets adjacent to the school and residential areas to enhance overall security during late hours.
8. **Improve Pedestrian Safety.** Consult with other City departments to explore and implement pedestrian improvements that align with the recommendations and strategies outlined in the Lakewood Local Roadway Safety Plan. This collaboration should focus on enhancing pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity, ensuring that improvements are consistent with the plan's objectives and designed to meet the needs of all users.


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MAYFAIR PARK

MAYFAIR PARK + MAYFAIR POOL + ACTIVITY BUILDING

Park Classification: Community Park
Park Size: 17.1 acres

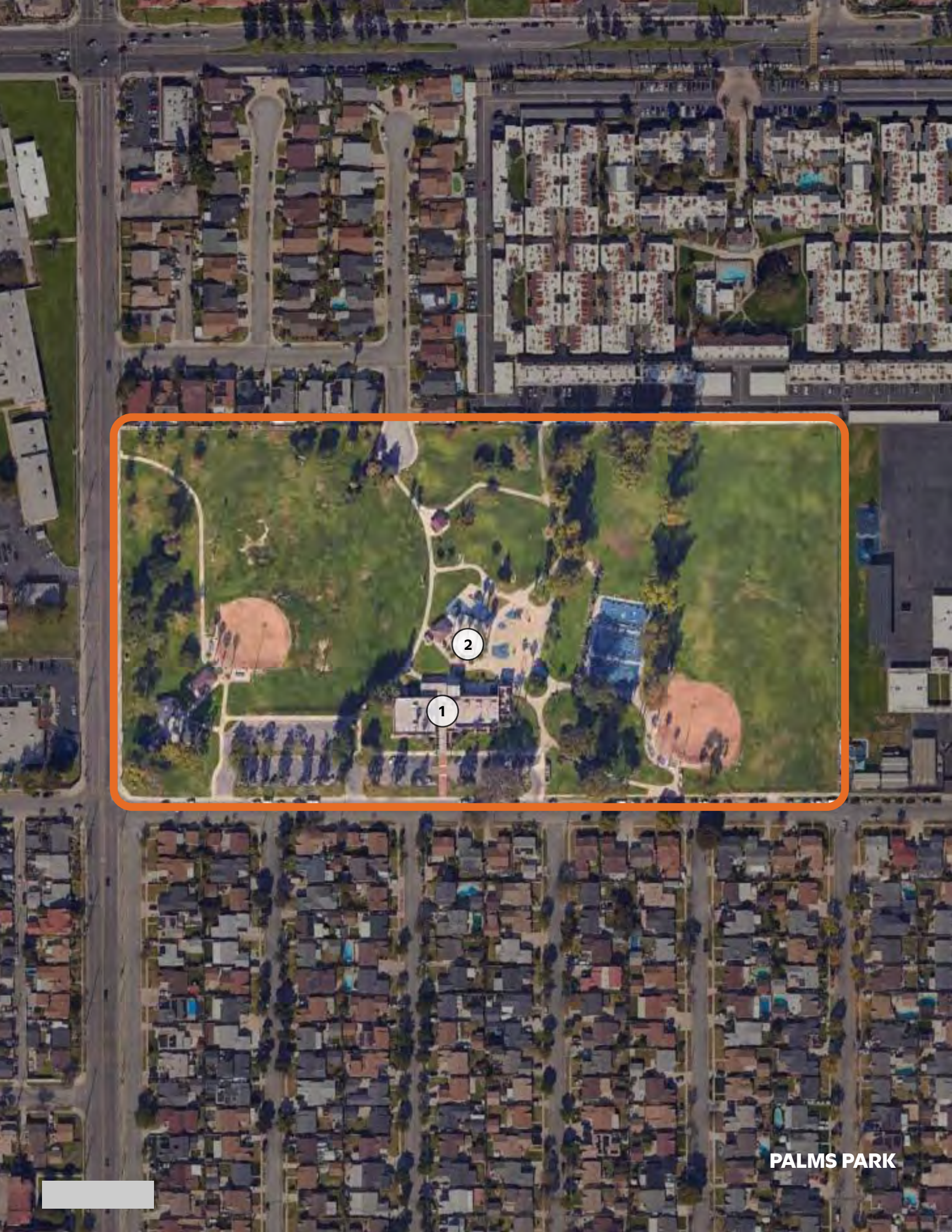
Mayfair Park will be a vibrant community hub where residents of all ages come together to play, swim, and stay active. The park will feature Mayfair Pool as a dynamic aquatics hub, Lisa Fernandez Field as a baseball/softball center, and inviting spaces for fitness and wellness, with opportunities for shared amenities and programming in collaboration with the nearby Burns Community Center. With engaging youth play areas, picnic spaces, and a welcoming environment, Mayfair Park will foster recreation, relaxation, and community connection.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Swimming Pool.** See Swimming Pool Recommendations. (pg. 6-6)
2. **Wading Pool.** See Wading Pool Recommendations. (pg. 6-8)
3. **Maintain Mayfair Park Swim Pavillion.** Regular maintenance of the building should be conducted to ensure continued safety and functionality.
4. **Maintain Mayfair Activity (John S. Todd Community Center) Building.** As a newer facility, the Mayfair Activity Building should continue to serve as a hub for community programming. Future updates should focus on maintaining modern amenities, ensuring accessibility, and optimizing space utilization to support a variety of recreational activities.
5. **Improve the Field Bleachers.** Enhance the bleachers by reinforcing structural integrity through welding repairs and applying a fresh coat of paint to improve durability and appearance.
6. **Develop a Fitness Trail.** Design and install a looped fitness trail with a variety of exercise stations placed at intervals, catering to different fitness levels. Use durable materials for the trail surface and ensure accessibility for all users. Provide clear signage for fitness stations and trail distance markers.
7. **Renovate the Picnic Shelter.** Refurbish the shelter by repairing or replacing damaged roofing, enhancing structural stability, and improving aesthetic appeal. Add comfortable seating, ensure the space is ADA-compliant, and provide electrical outlets for events. Consider adding shade structures around the shelter for greater comfort.
8. **Renovate the Playground.** Replace outdated or damaged play structures with modern, safe equipment, such as climbing walls, slides, and swings, catering to children aged 2-12 years old. Incorporate ADA-accessible features and add soft, resilient surfacing to improve safety. Consider adding a sensory play zone to cater to diverse abilities.

OPERATIONS / PROGRAMS

9. **Extend Swimming Season.** Expand the swimming season by opening the pool earlier in the summer months and exploring the possibility of offering year-round swimming opportunities.
10. **Expand Swimming Fitness Programs.** Offer structured lap swimming sessions with designated lanes, water aerobics classes for all fitness levels, and specialized swim classes for teens, adults, and older adults, focusing on stroke technique, endurance, and aquatic fitness.
11. **Host Adult-Only Swim Hours.** Designate specific hours in the evening or on weekends where only adults (18+) can swim, providing a quieter and more relaxing experience for those who prefer an adult-only environment.
12. **Provide Collaborative Programming with Burns Community Center.** Mayfair Park and Burns Community Center will collaborate to offer joint fitness programs, seasonal sports leagues, and aquatics classes, maximizing the use of both facilities. Shared community events and workshops will enhance engagement and provide diverse recreational opportunities, fostering a stronger connection and promoting wellness for all residents.



PALMS PARK

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Park Classification: Community Park
Park Size: 21.2 acres

Palms Park is a vibrant, inclusive community hub that fosters engagement and well-being for all. The updated Community Center features a dedicated teen room and supports gymnastics programs, providing spaces for youth and families to connect and grow. With a focus on usability, safety, and sustainability, Palm Park offers a welcoming environment for recreation, socializing, and community-building. The park also ensures ample outdoor space designed for community events and activities, serving as a cornerstone for the community's enjoyment and growth.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Renovate Palms Community Center.** Improve the Palms Park Community Center by providing updates to its exterior siding, façade, electrical system, mechanical systems, and roof. Enhance the facility with a 1,200-square-foot expansion to accommodate a new teen room, an accessible restroom, and additional storage. Other planned improvements include upgraded flooring, new restroom fixtures, replacement doors, windows, and ceilings, as well as painting, finishes, and trim throughout.
2. **Wading Pool.** See Wading Pool Recommendations. (pg. 6-8)
3. **Improve Landscaping and Infrastructure.** Upgrade park lighting, irrigation systems, hardscape, and landscaping to enhance the park's aesthetic and functionality.



Example: *Hardscaping and Landscaping at Washington Park Arboretum Pacific Connections Garden (Seattle, WA)*

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4. **Coordinate Crosswalk Improvements.** Continue to collaborate with relevant city departments to explore and implement safety enhancements along the streets adjacent to the park and adjoining schools.



Example: *Safe Crosswalks at Bell Street Park (Seattle, WA)*


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RYNERSON PARK

RYNERSON PARK + HOME RUN DOG PARK

Park Classification: Community Park
Park Size: 38.9 acres

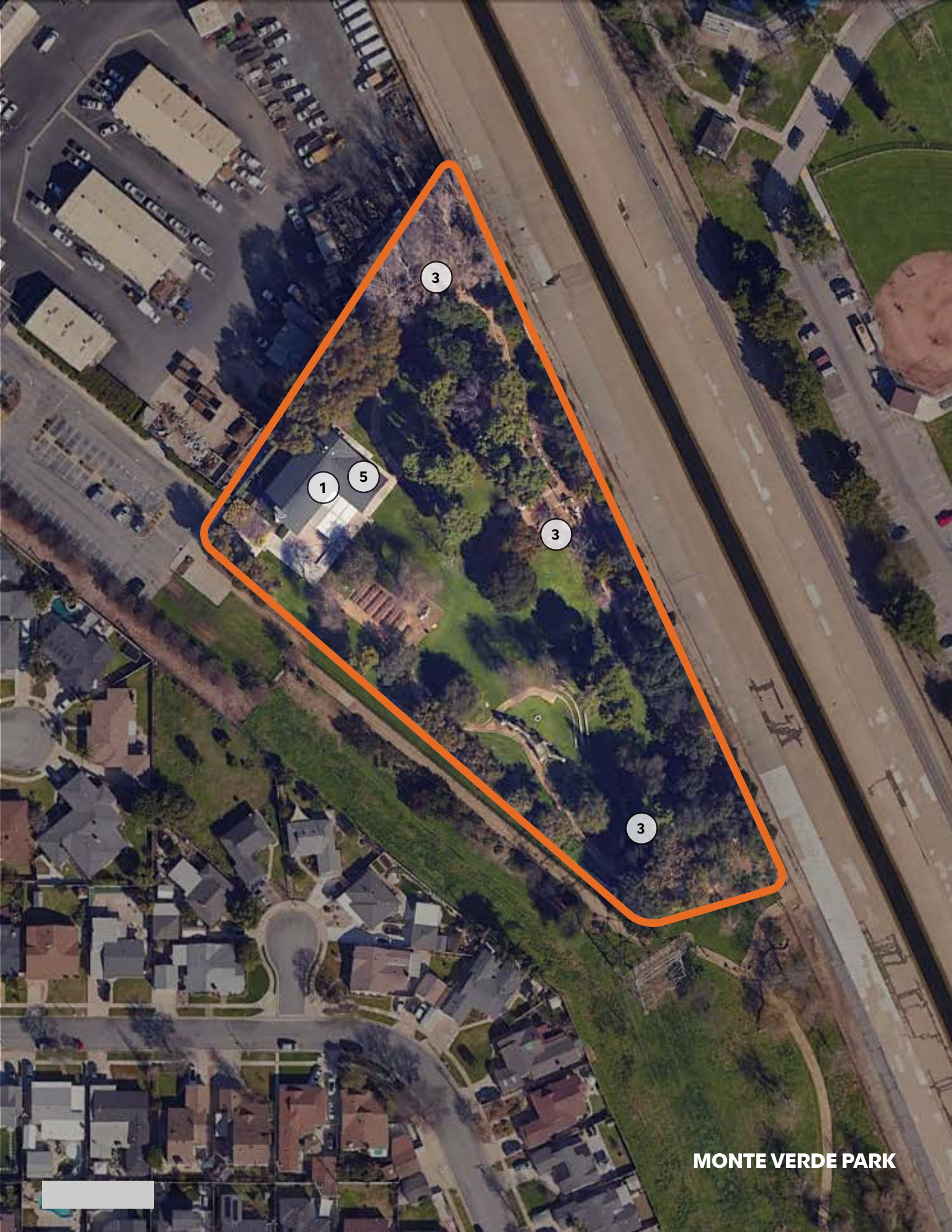
Rynerson Park serves as a community destination, blending recreation, relaxation, and environmental stewardship. Its well-maintained trails and bridges provide seamless connectivity, inviting visitors to explore both active and passive spaces. Shaded seating and thoughtfully designed gathering areas create welcoming spots for rest and social interaction. Enhanced athletic facilities support both casual play and organized sports, while the Dog Park hub, Home Run Dog Park, offers a dedicated space for dogs and their owners. The park will also focus on creating safer neighborhood connections, ensuring easy access for residents and enhancing the overall park experience for the community.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Refurbish Rynerson Park Bridge.** Complete the refabrication of bridge steel girder and rail supports, replace natural wood decking with composite materials on multiple bridges, and adjust adjacent landscaping and irrigation to prevent future structural damage.
2. **Add Benches and Shade Along the Paved Trail.** Incorporate additional benches and shade structures, such as pergolas or trees, at regular intervals along the paved trail to provide rest areas and protection from the sun, enhancing comfort for users.
3. **Add a Soft-Surfaced Trail with Mile Markers.** Develop a soft-surfaced trail, suitable for walking, running, and jogging, that includes mile markers to track distance, offering a more natural experience for park users and promoting fitness activities.
4. **Renovate Baseball Fields, Buildings, and Backstops.** Renovate and upgrade select baseball fields, including resurfacing the diamond, repairing or replacing buildings, and improving backstops to enhance safety and usability for both recreational and organized sports use. These improvements should be coordinated with the Lakewood Little League to ensure the facilities are upgraded in line with current standards for both community use and organized play.
5. **Install Wildflower Garden.** Create a wildflower garden to attract pollinators, improve biodiversity, and provide a vibrant, low-maintenance landscape feature for park visitors.
6. **Renovate the Dog Park.** Upgrade passive gathering amenities such as benches, tables, and play structures in the dog park to provide more comfortable seating options and recreational features for visitors and their pets. Continue to improve and maintain the grass areas within Home Run Dog Park to ensure a pleasant and functional environment. In addition, consider adding agility course amenities to provide engaging and active play opportunities for dogs.

OPERATIONS / PROGRAMS

7. **Support Pedestrian Safety Improvements.** Consult with other City departments to explore and implement pedestrian improvements that align with the recommendations and strategies outlined in the Lakewood Local Roadway Safety Plan. This collaboration should focus on enhancing pedestrian safety, accessibility, and connectivity, ensuring that improvements are consistent with the plan's objectives and designed to meet the needs of all users.


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MONTE VERDE PARK

MONTE VERDE PARK + S. MARK TAPER VISTA LODGE

Park Classification: Special Use Park
Park Size: 3.2 acres

Monte Verde Park is a nature-focused retreat, offering scenic trails, native landscaping, and a lodge-style gathering space. As a gateway to the San Gabriel River Parkway, it provides a peaceful setting for outdoor exploration, environmental education, and community events. With its large trees, dry creek, and amphitheater, the park fosters a deep connection to nature while serving as a hub for recreation and learning.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Maintain S. Mark Taper Vista Lodge.** Ensure the facility's continued safety, functionality, and welcoming atmosphere by conducting regular inspections, performing preventive maintenance, and making necessary repairs to address age-related deterioration.
2. **Improve Wayfinding for Monte Verde Park.** Update and install clear, consistent wayfinding signage to guide pedestrians, cyclists, and motorists to Monte Verde Park. Ensure signage is strategically placed at key intersections along Palo Verde Avenue and Del Amo Boulevard to enhance visibility and improve access to the park.
3. **Renovate Educational Signage.** Update and enhance educational signage with clear, engaging, and durable displays that highlight local ecology, watershed, wildlife, and conservation efforts.
4. **Add a Nature-Based Playground.** Install a small nature-inspired playground that integrates natural materials like wood, stone, and rope elements to blend with the park's landscape. The design will encourage imaginative play, sensory exploration, and physical activity while complementing Monte Verde Park's natural setting. Interpretive elements can highlight local ecology, fostering environmental awareness among young visitors. Another play option is to add a treehouse play element to enhance the park's recreational offerings and provide a unique, imaginative play experience for children and families. A treehouse-themed play structure can encourage outdoor exploration, fostering creativity and physical activity. Incorporating natural materials and design elements that blend with the park's surroundings will create an appealing destination.
5. **Enhance Restroom Accessibility.** Improve restroom facilities by increasing accessibility, ensuring they are ADA-compliant and easily reachable and accommodating for all park and San Gabriel River Nature Trail visitors.

OPERATIONS / PROGRAMS

6. **Expand Public Access.** Introduce designated public open days to allow broader community access to this reservation-only site, providing opportunities for visitors to experience and appreciate the park's natural setting.
7. **Maximize Site Revenue.** Explore and implement higher revenue-generating uses for the site, such as filming permits and hosting corporate events, to support park sustainability and enhancement.



Example: *Nature-based Play at Nadaka Park (Gresham, OR)*


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LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY GARDENS

LAKEWOOD COMMUNITY GARDENS

Park Classification: Special Use Park
Park Size: 3.0 acres

Lakewood Community Gardens is a vibrant hub for local food production, sustainability, and community gathering, where individuals come together to cultivate fresh, healthy food, engage in environmental stewardship, and learn about sustainable practices. It fosters a sense of well-being by promoting mental relaxation, offering educational opportunities, and enhancing the community's connection to nature.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Establish a Composting Station.** Consider designating a managed composting area with clearly labeled bins for green yard waste and organic materials. Provide educational signage on proper composting techniques and environmental benefits, including separating organic material from other garbage.
2. **Add a Communal Gather Spot.** In coordination with Southern California Edison (SCE), designate a small central gathering area within the garden that includes comfortable, durable seating and information-sharing boards, allowing visitors to connect, share gardening tips, and stay informed about community events and sustainability initiatives.
3. **Add Interactive Signage and QR Codes.** Use digital technology like QR codes on garden signs to provide real-time information on plant care, garden events, or sustainability tips.
4. **Replace the Fencing.** Replace chain-link fencing with durable, visually appealing fencing to enhance the garden's aesthetics and create a more inviting environment.
5. **Install Art and Murals.** Add creative elements such as sculptures, murals, or community art projects to enhance the garden's visual appeal and create a sense of pride and ownership among gardeners.

OPERATIONS / PROGRAMS

6. **Optimize the Community Garden Plot Usage.** In collaboration with the Lakewood Community Garden Steering Committee, regularly assess plot activity and identify underutilized spaces. Work together to implement a system for rotating inactive plots to improve equitable access, reduce waitlist times, and encourage broader community participation. Establish clear and transparent guidelines for plot maintenance, usage timelines, and reassignment procedures to ensure the garden remains active, inclusive, and well-maintained.
7. **Host a Volunteer Clean-Up Day.** In collaboration with the Lakewood Community Garden Steering Committee, organize volunteer cleanup days to engage residents in maintaining and beautifying the space. Volunteers can assist with tasks such as amending garden plots, weeding, mulching, repairing garden infrastructure, and enhancing physical features like paths and seating areas, while contributing to the community and promoting environmental stewardship. Continue hosting these cleanup efforts as part of Lakewood Volunteer Day to broaden participation and highlight the garden's role in fostering civic pride and sustainability.


LAKEWOOD EQUESTRIAN CENTER

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Park Classification: Special Use Park
Park Size: 19.8 acres

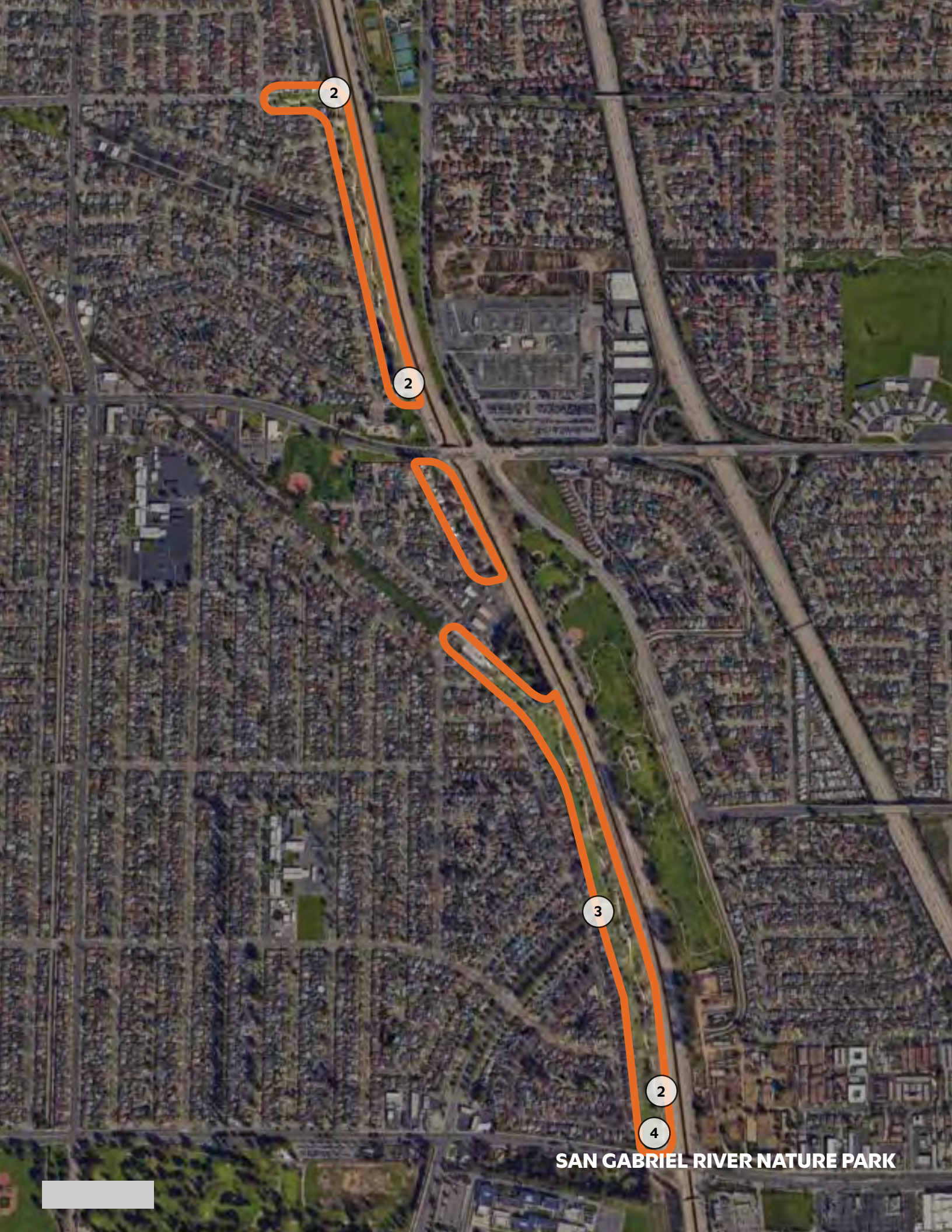
The Lakewood Equestrian Center is a destination for riders of all ages, offering top-quality horse boarding, training, and riding lessons in a welcoming environment. Families and young riders can enjoy hands-on youth programs and the beloved petting zoo. Committed to equestrian excellence, the center fosters a deep connection between people and horses while preserving the joy of riding.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Make Safety Improvements.** Continue implementing a comprehensive maintenance program for equestrian facilities, including timely repairs to horse stalls, barns, and arenas to ensure rider and visitor safety. Align these efforts with the city's lease agreement with Pilmore Equestrian LLC, which includes significant investments in structural upgrades and safety improvements to support long-term sustainability of the Lakewood Equestrian Center.
2. **Periodically Re-evaluate Potential Site Uses.** Given this site's importance and value in providing recreation space for the community, the city should continue to monitor use in conjunction with facility lifecycles, costs, and site maintenance needs to periodically consider additional or alternative uses. Revisit and refine the site master plan every five years. As part of this process, consider using a smaller footprint for the facility that retains the petting zoo and pony ride operations, excluding the Southern California Edison (SCE) licensed land, which accounts for approximately half of the Lakewood Equestrian Center property. Due to SCE's restrictive five-year land licensing provisions, which allow for the revocation of land use at any time during the period, long-term planning and capital improvements on this land are highly uncertain and risky. Focusing on a more stable area of the property will ensure safer, more sustainable development and operations.



The Lakewood Equestrian Center also contains a horse trail that runs northward alongside Rynerson Park and the concretized San Gabriel River channel.


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SAN GABRIEL RIVER NATURE PARK

SAN GABRIEL RIVER NATURE TRAIL

Park Classification: Parkway and Nature Trail
Park Size: 26.4 acres

The San Gabriel River Nature Trail offers a peaceful, scenic pathway that connects the community to nature, providing opportunities for outdoor recreation, environmental education, and wildlife observation. Designed to enhance the area's natural beauty, the trail fosters physical activity and promotes sustainability, offering a tranquil retreat for visitors of all ages to enjoy and explore.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Add Shaded Benches.** Increase the number of shaded benches along the trail to provide rest areas for visitors and enhance comfort during outdoor activities.
2. **Add Interpretive Features or Signage.** Add interpretive information to foster environmental awareness and enrich the visitor experience. Consider the following:
   a. **Add educational and interpretive signage** highlighting the natural flora and fauna of the area.
   b. **Place a tree map at each end of the trail**, showcasing the location and names of various tree species.
   c. **Install informative signage about local bird species** to encourage birdwatching and support the community of bird enthusiasts in the area.
3. **Install a Pedestrian Access Gate.** Install a pedestrian access gate and trailhead at the terminus of Los Coyotes Diagonal to provide easier neighborhood access to the trail, improving connectivity for local residents.
4. **Extend the Trail into Long Beach.** Collaborate with the City of Long Beach to explore opportunities for extending the trail southward along the San Gabriel River, enhancing recreational access for both communities. This collaboration should include coordinating signage to guide users to safe crossing points across Carson Street.
5. **Maintain a Bird and Butterfly Habitat.** Plant, preserve and enhance bird and butterfly habitats along the trail to support local wildlife and encourage biodiversity.
6. **Install Signage on Dog Policies and Provide Waste Disposal.** Add signage detailing dog regulations including on-leash and waste pick-up requirements. This is aimed at protecting wildlife, particularly birds, and ensuring the space is enjoyable and safe for all users.

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7. **Regulate Noise and Light Levels.** Establish regulations for noise and light levels along the trail to protect the natural habitat of animals and minimize disturbances to nearby residents.
8. **Partner with Environmental Organizations.** Collaborate with relevant environmental organizations to foster volunteerism and ensure effective management and conservation of the trail and surrounding ecosystem.
9. **Review Landscaping Management Practices.** Evaluate and adopt specialized landscaping management practices that align with the trail's natural setting, distinguishing it from standard City park maintenance approaches.



Example: *Interpretive Sign at Washington Park Arboretum Pacific Connections Garden (Seattle, WA)*



CIVIC CENTER + THE CENTRE



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Park Classification: Standalone Recreation Facilities
Park Size: 5.4 acres

The Lakewood Civic Center, anchored by The Centre, serves as a dynamic hub for civic engagement and community events, offering premier meeting services and exceptional settings for receptions, banquets, meetings, and conferences, all supported by professional catering. The Civic Center also includes a vibrant town square, providing a public space for gatherings, cultural events, and community interaction, reinforcing Lakewood's identity as a city that blends tradition with modern progress.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Maintain The Centre.** As a recently renovated facility, The Centre should continue to serve as a dynamic hub for community programs, events, and banquets, offering versatile rental spaces with catering services for a variety of gatherings. Future enhancements should focus on maintaining its modern amenities and exterior façade, ensuring accessibility, and optimizing spaces to support a diverse range of recreational and social activities.
2. **Develop an Outdoor Community Amphitheater and Event Space.** Create a vibrant gathering space on the vacant lot within the Lakewood Civic Center adjacent to the Angelo M. Iacoboni Library. The public gathering space should feature integrated seating, landscaping, public art, and a designated entertainment area for performances and events. It should serve as a community hub for public events, concerts, and cultural programming while also being available for private rentals, including weddings and celebrations.

OPERATIONS / PROGRAMS

3. **Develop Programming/Staffing for Community Amphitheater and Event Space.** Establish a management and programming plan for the planned outdoor community amphitheater and event space to ensure its successful activation and maintenance. Develop a seasonal calendar of city-sponsored events such as concerts, cultural performances, movie nights, and community celebrations to create regular opportunities for public engagement. Establish rental policies, fee schedules, and usage guidelines for private events like weddings and gatherings. Implement a reservation and permitting system to manage bookings efficiently and ensure fair community access. Assign staff or contract event coordinators to oversee scheduling, setup, event logistics, and ongoing maintenance to protect the space's condition and ensure a high-quality visitor experience. Incorporate partnerships with local arts organizations, schools, and community groups to expand programming diversity and foster a strong sense of ownership and pride among residents.



BURNS COMMUNITY CENTER

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Park Classification: Standalone Recreation Facilities
Park Size: 2.2 acres

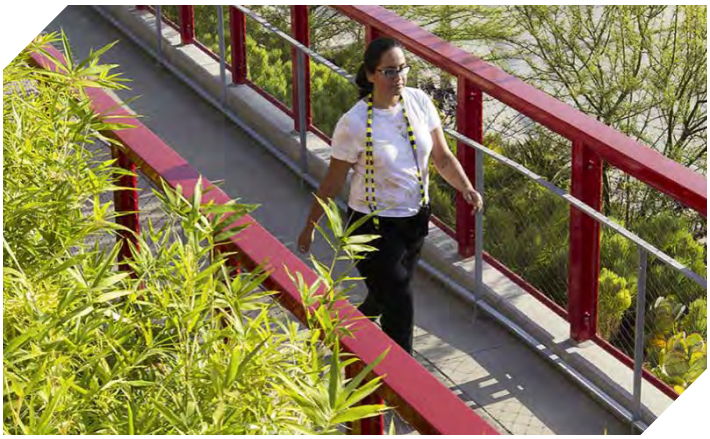
The community center is a welcoming and versatile space that serves as a hub for active adults while supporting a variety of programs. As a provider of essential services, the facility fosters intergenerational connections and enhances community well-being. With a focus on active adult programming, it offers opportunities for lifelong learning, fitness, and social engagement while remaining adaptable to meet the evolving needs of the broader community.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Maintain Burns Community Center.** Maintain the facility through regular inspections, preventative maintenance, and necessary repairs to ensure a safe, functional, and welcoming environment. Routine assessments should focus on safety systems and overall accessibility to support long-term usability. In addition, assessment and renovations may be required to the HVAC system.

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2. **Maintain and Sustain Core Programming.** Continue to provide high-demand senior programs, such as fitness classes, social groups, educational workshops, and senior lunch services. Ensure these programs remain accessible, with a focus on quality and community engagement. Monitor participation to adjust class sizes or add new sessions as needed to accommodate growing demand.
3. **Expand Wellness and Fitness Opportunities.** Introduce innovative fitness options tailored for active adults (50+), including classes like dance-based cardio (e.g., Zumba Gold), low-impact aerobics, cycling, and "SilverSneakers" style workouts. Integrate holistic wellness programs such as yoga, tai chi, and pilates to promote flexibility, balance, and mental wellness. Additionally, implement fitness tracking or challenge programs using wearable devices to encourage friendly competition and help participants track their fitness goals. Collaborate with local trainers or health experts to offer specialized workshops on injury prevention, strength training for older adults, and healthy aging. Integrate these offerings with Mayfair Park's existing or potential new facilities to maximize accessibility and programming options, allowing for outdoor fitness and recreational opportunities as well.



Example: *FItness opportunities at Ord and Yale Street Park (Los Angeles, CA)*



Example: *Early Education Programs for EduCare California (San Jose, CA)*

Note: Not all recommendations are pinned on the map. Pins show conceptual locations only; actual locations will require vetting and analysis.



WEINGART SENIOR CENTER

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Park Classification: Standalone Recreation Facilities

Park Size: 1.4 acres

The Weingart Senior Center is a vibrant and accessible hub where seniors enjoy an active, healthy, and engaged lifestyle. Offering services such as case management, fitness facilities, low-cost lunches, and social programs, the center provides a supportive environment for seniors to connect with others and access the resources they need. Entertainment and recreational activities, along with a variety of social activities, foster a strong sense of community, while a range of social services help meet the diverse needs of senior residents.

CAPITAL PROJECTS

1. **Renovate Weingart Senior Center.** Reinvest and renew aging infrastructure, including upgrades to mechanical systems, ADA-compliant restrooms, accessible parking and pathways, interior improvements such as flooring, paint, lighting, doors, window treatments, as well as the installation of hearing loops, updated signage, and modifications to private offices and interior spaces.



Example: *ADA accessible pathways at Microsoft Campus (Redmond, WA)*

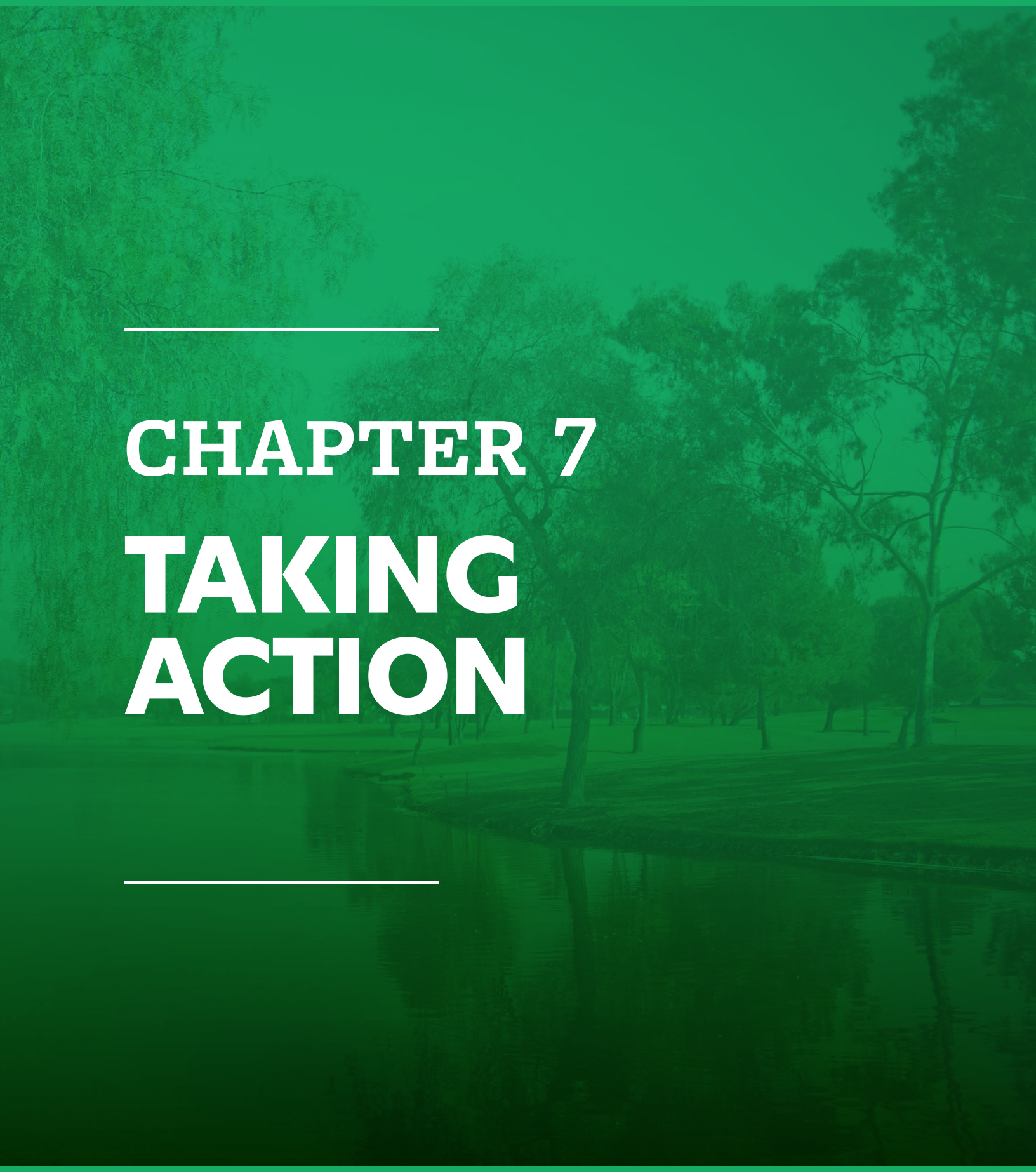
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2. **Improve Connectivity and Wayfinding.** Review strategies to improve connectivity between the Weingart Senior Center and the nearest Metro bus stop on Candlewood Street, located approximately 850 feet (280 meters) away. This distance may pose challenges for seniors with mobility issues, so consider pedestrian improvements, including enhanced ADA accessibility and improved wayfinding, to make the route safer and more navigable.
3. **Enhance Programs.** Offer a comprehensive range of technology education classes for seniors, including basic digital literacy and advanced skills training. Provide access to digital tablets, computers, and internet services at the Weingart Senior Center, ensuring that seniors have the tools they need to engage with modern technology. Expand and enhance senior programs by incorporating wellness initiatives focused on emotional well-being, offering a variety of activities such as arts, fitness, and multi-generational events, and increasing travel opportunities through day trips and social outings.



Example: *Sharing Digital Literacy Skills (Regional Planning, Southern NV)*





CHAPTER 7

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The City of Lakewood has built a strong legacy of sound fiscal management, emphasizing accountability, efficiency, and careful stewardship of public resources. This tradition is a key reason the city has been able to provide well-maintained parks, quality recreation facilities, and safe public spaces that serve a diverse and growing community. However, continuing to meet these expectations—particularly in a built-out city with finite resources—requires a realistic, strategic approach.

While this Plan outlines many ideas to enhance and expand Lakewood's parks and recreation offerings, it's important to recognize that not all recommendations will be feasible to implement. Limited available land and funding constraints mean that the city must make difficult choices about which investments to prioritize. As a result, some community expectations may need to be tempered, with a focus on doing the most good with the resources available.

This chapter provides tools to help the city navigate these challenges and make informed, balanced decisions. These include:

- The **Project Prioritization Tool** provides a method for ranking potential projects—such as land acquisition, facility improvements, or new developments—based on need, feasibility, cost, and alignment with city goals. This tool helps ensure that limited funds are directed to the most impactful projects as part of the 7-year Capital Improvement Plan.
- A **Funding Strategy Overview** describes existing and potential funding sources, including grants, tax revenues, and capital reserves. It also reflects Lakewood's "save-then-spend" fiscal philosophy, which positions the city to act when opportunities arise.
- A **Partnership Framework** offers guidance for forming and managing partnerships with public agencies, nonprofits, and others to expand services and share responsibilities. This helps leverage outside resources while maintaining service quality.

- **Land Acquisition Strategies** look at how the city might pursue park expansion despite limited undeveloped land, through strategies like easements, site reuse, or joint-use agreements.

- A **Facility Cost Menu** lists order-of-magnitude cost estimates for common park improvements, helping the city assess which projects can move forward and when, based on available funding.

Together, these tools support a realistic, long-term strategy to maintain and enhance Lakewood's parks and recreation system. While not every idea in this Plan may be achievable, the tools provided here help the city focus its investments where they will have the greatest impact—ensuring that Lakewood continues to offer safe, accessible, and enjoyable public spaces for years to come.

CAPITAL AND PROGRAMMATIC PROJECT LIST

The previous chapter outlined recommendations for developing and enhancing Lakewood's park system based on community input and needs assessments. Appendix E: Capital and Programmatic Project List summarizes those recommendations, and includes both capital improvement projects and operational enhancements.

Acknowledging that recommendations may outpace city resources, a series of tools and strategies are presented in this chapter to help the city prioritize and partner for best results.



The future of Lakewood is influenced by today's actions.

PARK PROJECT PRIORITIZATION TOOL

The City of Lakewood is committed to providing safe, high-quality parks and recreation facilities that meet the evolving needs of the community. To plan and manage capital investments, the City uses a 7-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which serves as the primary mechanism for identifying, evaluating, and funding infrastructure and facility projects. The CIP is reviewed and updated annually through a structured process that considers City Council direction, regulatory and legal obligations, community needs, requirements tied to dedicated funding sources, public safety, preservation of City assets, and established public works practices.

This Plan complements the City's CIP process by introducing a Park Project Prioritization Tool to help evaluate and elevate parks and recreation projects not currently included in the 7-year CIP. The tool enables City staff to assess proposed projects—such as land acquisition, new development, or rehabilitation of existing amenities—based on a consistent set of criteria aligned with the City's mission, vision, values, and community needs. Projects that receive higher scores are intended to be prioritized when new funding becomes available. Lower-scoring projects are identified as opportunity projects, which may advance as funding allows—such as when priority projects are completed or when grant opportunities emerge. This prioritization process ensures transparency and consistency in future CIP updates and annual budget planning.

This three-step prioritization tool clarifies how to rank projects.

Step 1: Alignment with the *Lakewood Parks, Recreation & Community Services Long-Range Plan*. The project must support plan goals, or the project does not advance further. Projects that adhere to multiple goals score higher.

Step 2: Special Catalysts. Specific catalysts can boost the project's priority, including safety or environmental mandates; unique funding opportunities; or if the project is aligned with the goals of another city planning document or assessment (e.g., Facility Condition Assessment, Local Road Safety Plan, Pavement Management Plan, or General Plan).

Step 3: Prioritization Criteria. A series of criteria based on realities and needs that evaluate a project to ensure alignment with community priorities and the feasibility of implementation.

Projects with high prioritization scores may move forward pending available grants or other funding.





TABLE 7-1. PARK PROJECT PRIORITIZATION TOOL

STEP 1: ALIGNMENT WITH THE LAKEWOOD *PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES LONG-RANGE PLAN*	APPLICABLE POINTS	SCORE
The project increases parkland acreage or facility counts within the City of Lakewood.	1 point	
The project improves access to an existing park or recreation facility, where there is currently limited or challenging access.	1 point	
The project increases parkland or adds recreation facilities in a gap area (underserved area).	1 point	
The project supports optimization of existing parks and recreation spaces for extended use, increased capacity or diversified activities.	1 point	
The project supports safe, well-maintained parks and facilities for improved visitor comfort.	1 point	
The project addresses climate resiliency or supports local ecology.	1 point	

STOP – If no points are accrued above, the project may be disregarded.

STEP 2: SPECIAL CATALYSTS	APPLICABLE POINTS	SCORE
The project addresses a legal mandate, such as new laws, ADA requirements, water use restrictions, etc.	Automatic priority	
The project is fully funded by Quimby/park impact fees and is intended to serve new residential growth.	Automatic priority	
The project is fully funded via external dollars through grants, donations, partnerships, other agency funds, etc., and is aligned with the goals of this Plan.	Automatic priority	
The project aligns with the goals of another city planning document or assessment (e.g., Facility Condition Assessment, Local Road Safety Plan, Pavement Management Plan, or General Plan).	Automatic Priority	
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TABLE 7-1. PARK PROJECT PRIORITIZATION TOOL (CONT.)

STEP 3: PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA	APPLICABLE POINTS	SCORE
HEALTH, SAFETY, CONDITION, AND USE		
The project alleviates a minor (1), moderate (2) or serious (3) health or safety concern.	1-3 points	
The project restores use to a nonfunctional facility or a currently unused facility/space.	2 points	
The project replaces a facility at, or near, the end of its lifecycle.	1 point	
The project mitigates pollution or environmental hazards.	2 points	
The project supports a highly used site or facility.	1 point	
ENHANCED ACCESS		
The project is within, or directly serves, an area with identifiable vulnerable populations per data sources.	1 point	
The project supports inclusion efforts per the Race, Equity, Diversity, and Inclusion (REDI) Community Dialogue Action Plan.	1 point	
The project improves connectivity or access to an existing site.	1 point	
CLIMATE RESILIENCY / ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION		
The project addresses climate resiliency, such as through green infrastructure or urban cooling.	1 point	
The project protects or enhances a natural resource.	1 point	
COMMUNITY SUPPORT		
The project supports another city project or initiative.	2 points	
The project has stated neighborhood, stakeholder, and/or business interest and support.	1 point	
The project is popular/has substantial citywide interest.	2 points	
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TABLE 7-1. PARK PROJECT PRIORITIZATION TOOL (CONT.)

STEP 3: PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA (CONTINUED)	APPLICABLE POINTS	SCORE
RECREATION AND CULTURAL DIVERSITY		
The project offers a new recreation, cultural or educational opportunity that is not currently offered by the city.	3 points	
The project offers an expanded recreation, cultural, or educational opportunity that is currently insufficient for the community.	2 points	
The project serves a variety of user ages, cultures and abilities.	1 point	
The project protects or enhances an identified cultural or historic landmark.	2 points	
URGENCY AND EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION		
The project acquires land while the opportunity exists to do so.	2 points	
The project can be done quickly and efficiently. It is "shovel ready" (i.e., advanced planning, feasibility studies and permitting have been completed).	2 points	
The project uses existing resources (e.g., acquired land, facilities, equipment).	2 points	
CAPITAL, MAINTENANCE, AND OPERATIONS COST OFFSETS		
The project is partially funded through outside (non-city) funding, such as grants, donations, partnerships, other agency funds, etc.	2 points	
The project will generate revenue to offset operation costs.	3 points	
There is outside funding available to cover ongoing maintenance costs.	2 points	
The project involves repair or rehabilitation that decreases long-term costs or increases maintenance and operational efficiencies.	1 point	
The project delivers high value for the cost of resources needed, relative to other projects.	1 point	
The project uses or leverages existing resources (e.g., staffing, funding), and/or unlocks other capital.	2 points	
TOTAL SCORE	**50 POINTS POSSIBLE**	

INVESTMENT IN PARKS AND RECREATION

Like many California cities, the City of Lakewood faces ongoing fiscal challenges in balancing present-day expenses with long-term capital needs. The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic, inflation, rising costs of goods and services, and persistent state budget deficits have tested the City's financial resilience. Despite these pressures, Lakewood's conservative "save-then-spend" capital financing strategy—paired with voter-supported revenue measures like Measure L—has enabled the City to remain fiscally stable and proactive in planning for community improvements. This financial approach underpins the City's commitment to high-quality parks and recreation services and facilities, supported by both its annual operating budget and a multi-year Capital Improvement Program (CIP).

CITYWIDE ADOPTED OPERATING BUDGET

In Fiscal Year 2023–24, the City of Lakewood adopted a total budget with estimated uses of funds totaling $88.7 million.* Of this, the Department of Recreation & Community Services (RCS) accounted for $16 million, with approximately 90% of that funding sourced from the City's General Fund—demonstrating strong local support and prioritization of recreation programs, facilities, and services (see Figure 7-1).

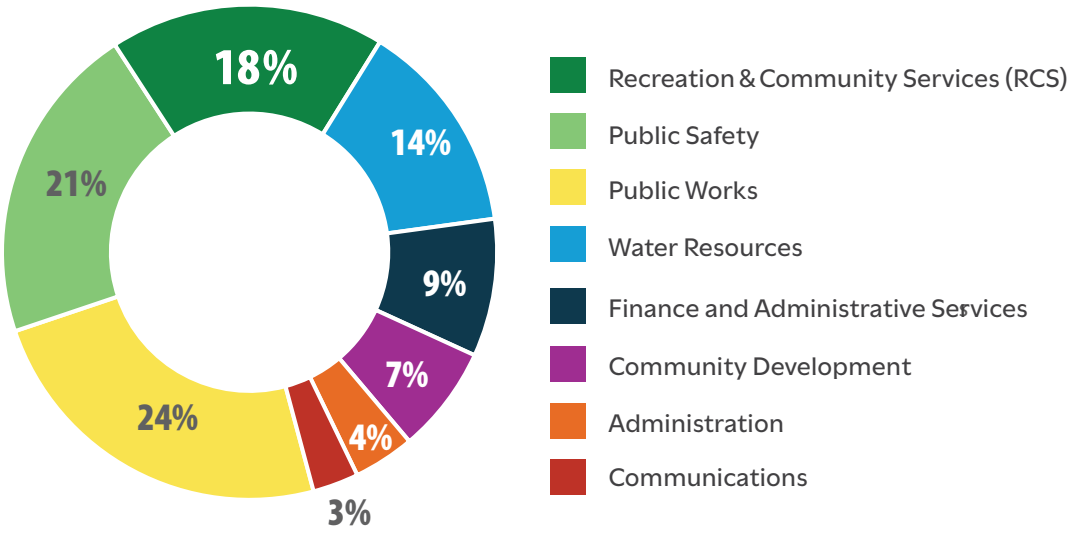
RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES (RCS) OPERATING BUDGET

In Fiscal Year 2023-24, the Department of Recreation & Community Services (RCS) had a proposed operating budget approximately $2.5 million to administration; $4.5 million to human, parks, sports, and social programs; $6.5 million parks, facilities, turf, and medians maintenance; $700k for Centre facility operations; and $800k for DASH transit.** These distributions indicate strong emphasis on staffing, community programs, and park and facility maintenance (see Figure 7-1.)

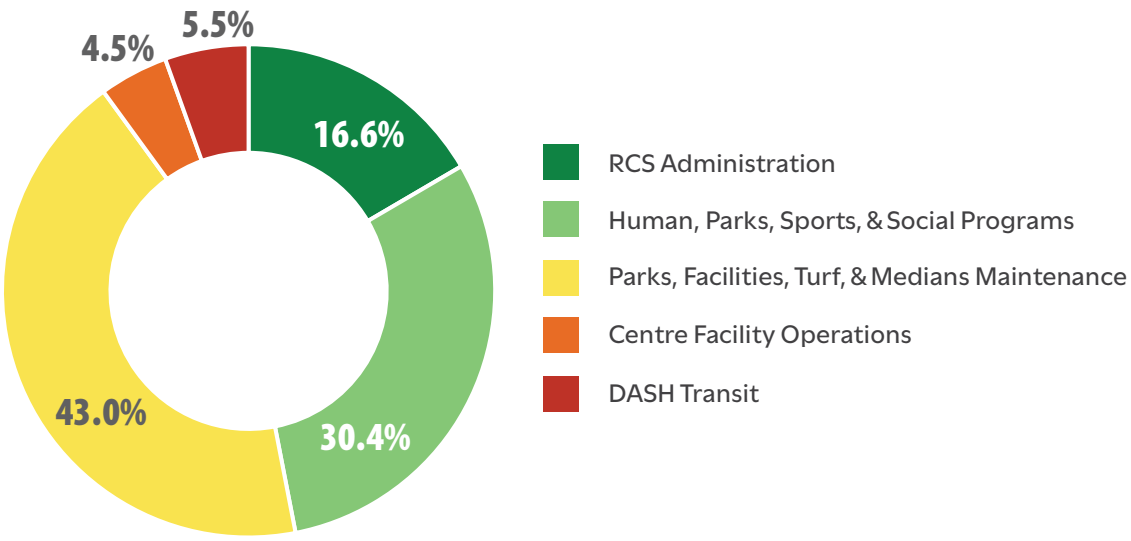
*City of Lakewood FY2023-24 Adopted Budget
**City of Lakewood FY2022-24 Proposed Budget

FIGURE 7-1. FY2023-24 REVISED BUDGET APPROPRIATIONS

CITY DEPARTMENTS



RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES (RCS)



CITYWIDE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM BUDGET

Complementing the annual operating budget is Lakewood's 7-Year Capital Improvement Program (CIP), which outlines long-term infrastructure investments for FY 2023–24 through FY 2029–30. The CIP identifies approximately $138.6 million in total investments, including $36.7 million in projected funding from Measure L and over $1.1 million in currently unallocated Measure A funds. The plan also notes $22.5 million in underfunded or unfunded projects, which are pending the identification of additional sources such as grants or other external funding. Beyond the seven-year horizon, an additional $77.9 million in projected capital needs is anticipated between 2031 and 2040.

The 7-Year CIP captures a mix of annual, in-progress, committed, and planned projects—totaling 62 in all. These projects span multiple city service areas, with a significant concentration in Recreation & Community Services (RCS) facility and park improvements.

TABLE 7-2. CIP FUNDING SOURCES (FY 23/24 TO FY 29/30)

	FUND SOURCE	Bal 6/30/23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2031-2040	TOTALS
1	General Fund	85,713	4,557,366								$ 4,643,079
2	CDBG	589,822	230,935	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000	75,000		$ 1,270,757
3	Measure L City	10,963,602	3,100,000	3,500,000	3,605,000	3,713,150	3,824,545	3,939,281	4,057,459	47,909,647	$ 84,612,683
4	Measure A	1,028,281	275,000	280,500	286,110	291,832	297,669	303,622	309,695		$ 3,072,709
5	Measure M	5,181,591	1,647,993	1,589,515	1,621,305	1,653,731	1,686,806	1,720,542	1,754,953		$ 16,856,437
5	Measure R	4,215,626	1,454,111	1,402,513	1,430,563	1,459,175	1,488,358	1,518,125	1,548,488		$ 14,516,959
	Measure W	275,206	531,000	770,000	770,000	770,000	770,000	770,000	770,000		$ 5,426,206
	Prop C		710,000	5,230,000							$ 5,940,000
6	RMRA (SB1)	5,520,767	2,034,896	2,106,686	2,148,820	2,191,796	2,235,632	2,280,345	2,325,952		$ 20,844,893
	Sewer										$ -
5	TDA	0	94,624	82,311	83,957	85,636	87,349	89,096	90,878		$ 613,852
7	Water	1,913,775	4,801,434	4,300,207							$ 11,015,416
8	Other - CFP	1,999,460	4,900,000	4,672,279							$ 11,571,739
	Prop 68	226,876									$ 226,876
9	Other - CT Grant	911,920								30,000,000	$ 30,911,920
10	Other - Covid-SB2	827,646									$ 827,646
11	Other - HSIP/STPL	871,122	2,243,900								$ 3,115,022
12	Measure R Grant	1,082,145									$ 1,082,145
	Unfunded										$ -
	Total Funding	$ 35,693,552	$ 26,581,259	$ 24,009,011	$ 10,020,756	$ 10,240,321	$ 10,465,359	$ 10,696,011	$ 10,932,424	$ 77,909,647	$ 216,548,339

FOOTNOTES

FOOTNOTES: 1. ARPA Transfers. **2.** CDBG for Weingart FY23-24 carryover $589,822 plus FY24-25 allocation $155,935. **3.** Escalated at 3% after FY24-25. **4.** LA County Regional Parks and Open Space District 2/9/22 estimate then escalated at 2% annually. **5.** LA Metro estimate 3/1/23 then escalated at 2% annually. **6.** CA City Finance estimate 1/23 then escalated at 2% annually. **7.** Safe Clean Water Act estimated CIP annual contribution. **8.** Community Funded Projects (CFP) by Legislative Act - Barragan $1,122,279 for Weingart, Gonzalez $2M for Weingart, Rendon $2.7M for Weingart, Rendon $1,999,460 for Palms, Garcia $850,000 for Palms, Rendon LEC Reallocation $2,900,000 for Palms. **9.** Onetime Caltrans Grant for water quality carryover FY23-24. Future grant $30M undetermined. **10.** Onetime grants, SB2 = $278,432 for PW Counter, CDBG-CV = $549,214 for Weingart. **11.** Onetime State/Fed grants. **12.** LA County Transportation Improvement Funds grant.

RCS CAPITAL PROJECTS

Lakewood's CIP for recreation and community services outlines a broad scope of capital projects focused on maintaining and enhancing recreation buildings and park spaces. Over $24 million is allocated to improvements to community centers and support facilities, including major renovations to the Palms Park Community Center and the Weingart Senior Center, as well as targeted upgrades such as lighting, ceilings, and carpet at The Centre; kitchen improvements at Burns Community Center; and refurbishments at Monte Verde Park and Nixon Yard.

Park-related investments include both recurring and large-scale projects. Recurring projects such as fencing, hardscape repairs, and playground replacements ensure upkeep and safety. Larger initiatives include infrastructure improvements at Bolivar, Del Valle, and Palms Parks; the development of the Civic Center corner lot; and playground replacements at Biscailuz, Bloomfield, Boyar, and Cherry Cove Parks. Together, these capital investments demonstrate Lakewood's ongoing commitment to high-quality recreational facilities through strategic planning, prudent financial management, and long-range vision.

TABLE 7-3. RCS CIP BUDGET FUNDING EXPENDITURES BY PROJECT TYPE (FY 23/24 TO FY 29/30)

EXPENDITURE	FUNDING
RECREATION BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES	
Building Repairs and Improvements	$1,252,279
Nixon Yard Renovation/Relocation	$7,500,000
Palms Park Community Center Improvements	$8,875,000
Pool Equipment Replacements	$1,013,089
Weingart Senior Center Improvements	$5,530,000
PARK PROJECTS	
Annual Fencing, Hardscape, and Playground Improvements	$875,000
Park Improvements, Repair and Replacement	$1,434,982
Bolivar Park Infrastructure Improvements	$4,000,000
Civic Center Corner Lot Development	$6,000,000
Del Valle Park Infrastructure Improvements	$5,000,000
Palms Park Infrastructure Improvements	$1,250,000
Playground Replacement - Biscailuz, Bloomfield, Boyar	$1,520,010



2016 renovations of Bolivar Park Playground

APPROPRIATIONS

Funding for the Department of Recreation & Community Services is mostly obtained from the city's General Fund, however there are a handful of other budgetary streams that contribute to operations and capital expenses. This section provides an overview of funding sources.*

General Fund

The City of Lakewood General Fund is the general operating fund of the city, accounting for all financial resources except those required to be tracked in separate funds. It receives revenues from property tax, sales tax, utility user's tax, other taxes, licenses and permits, fines and forfeitures, use of money and property, other agencies, and current service charges. The FY2023-24 General Fund revised budget totaled $71.8 million. Of the total, the Department of Recreation & Community Services (RCS) appropriated $14.3 million.

Special Olympics Fund

The Special Olympics Fund FY2023-24 revised budget for the city totaled $7,000 in current service charges. In FY2023-24, a total of $5,000 was appropriated for RCS.

Community Facility Fund

The Community Facility Fund is sourced from use of money and property, as well as current service charges. In FY2023-24, a total of $892,104 was appropriated for RCS.

* All City budget totals sourced from the City of Lakewood Revised Budget FY2023-24. All RCS Department budget appropriations sourced from the Recreation & Community Services (RCS) Operating Budget FY2023-24. Additional funding sources and Capital Project Improvement (CIP) budgets sourced from the City of Lakewood Capital Improvement Program FY2023-24 to FY2029-30 Narrative.

City Funds

The Park and Recreation Dedication Fund (§2504) is a special revenue fund used to account for business taxes collected on the construction of dwelling units. These funds are used only for capital projects related to acquisition and development of new parkland. The Park Dedication Fund FY2023-24 budget totaled $20,000 (revised budget).

Impact Fee for Parks and Recreation (§9226)

As a condition of approving a final tract or parcel map, the City of Lakewood requires subdividers to pay a fee to support the upgrade and maintenance of existing parks or the acquisition and development of new parkland, consistent with the City's Recreation and Community Services Element of the General Plan. The fee is calculated based on a standard of four acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. The fee amount is tied to the fair market value of the land, determined through a recent appraisal provided by the developer. Fees must be paid at final inspection or occupancy, and are used specifically to serve the recreational needs of the new development.

City of Lakewood Measure L

Measure L, approved by voters in 2020, is a local ¾-cent sales tax increase passed to address a backlog of $30 million in deferred maintenance in essential repairs and renovations to city parks and facilities. All funds must remain within Lakewood for local improvement projects. This ensures that the State government cannot divert Measure L funds, providing a stable and dedicated revenue stream for addressing the city's infrastructure needs.

County of Los Angeles Measure A

Measure A, approved by voters in 2024, repealed the 0.25% countywide tax that was previously added by Measure H and added a new 0.5% countywide tax. Much of these funds are geared toward repairing or replacing playground equipment and playground safety surfacing.

County of Los Angeles Measure W

Measure W, approved by voters in 2018, authorized the LA County Flood Control District to enact a parcel tax of 2.5-cents per square foot of land impermeable to water, such as buildings, driveways and concrete. The tax is aimed at improving/protecting water quality; capturing rain/stormwater to increase safe drinking water supplies and prepare for future drought; and protect marine life and waterways in the area. Some of these funds are budgeted to be used for median renovations and water quality improvements at multiple locations.

County of Los Angeles Proposition C Transit Fund

Prop C Transit Fund is sourced from additional allocations of State Gas Tax funds from Los Angeles County. These funds must be used for street-related purposes such as construction, rehabilitation, maintenance or traffic safety. The projects must be transit-related improvements.

For RCS, Prop C covers the DASH transit system. Funding supports the planning, managing, and operating of a reservation-based paratransit system for elderly and disabled residents. It also funds a community excursion program. Funds also support workshops and training of DASH transit staff. Prop C revised budget for the Lakewood FY2023-24 totaled $2 million. In FY2023-24, a total of $772,377 was appropriated for RCS.

California State Proposition 68

Prop 68, approved by voters in 2018, funds projects that plan, develop and implement climate adaptation and resiliency projects, including those that create or rehabilitate state or local parks, provide flood protection, protect natural resources and water supply, and improve water quality.

U.S. HUD Community Funded Projects (CFP)

Community Funded Projects (CFP) are federal grants funded by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). Grants are secured via state representatives, and sponsored by cities for respective projects in their jurisdictions. The following CFP grantees are budgeted for FY23-24: Weingart Senior Center renovations (Reps. Barragan, Gonzalez, and Rendon); Palms Park Community Center renovations (Reps. Rendon and Garcia).

U.S. HUD Community Development Block Grants (CDBG)

Community Development Block Grants (CDBG) are federal funds from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for use in community development projects. CDBG funds can be used for various projects, including infrastructure improvements, public services and neighborhood revitalization. Lakewood's CDBG Grant Funds are sourced both from HUD. The CDBG Grant Funds FY2023-24 revised budget for the City totaled $445,734. In FY2023-24, a total of $29,685 was spent on Human and Senior Services to support programs such as meals for seniors and mental health programs for youth.

ADDITIONAL FUNDING SOURCES

Beyond current budget sources, the City of Lakewood can continue exploring external funding opportunities, including grants, sponsorships, user fees, and voter-approved tax initiatives. In some cases, the city is already engaged in these alternative funding mechanisms.

Notably, some funding sources support capital projects, while others support operations, and some do both. Some grants have limitations or restrictions as to how funds are spent. To advance specific projects, it is possible that multiple sources and creative combinations may be needed.

Federal and State Grants

A variety of federal grants can apply to the augmentation of city parkland. While national priorities and related funding are moving targets, efforts to improve public health, protect the environment, and increase access to parks and green spaces are frequent priorities. In many cases, federal grants are allocated via state agencies such as the California Department of Parks and Recreation (CA State Parks). Examples include:

- **Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP)** uses Land and Water Conservation Funds to aid economically disadvantaged urban communities with no, or limited, access to outdoor recreation through the acquisition and/or development of public parks and recreation spaces.
- **Out-of-School (OST) Youth Mentoring Program** by the Department of Justice grants funds to implement projects that support youth mentoring in parks and recreation.

In some circumstances, CA state and congressional legislators can earmark funding bills to support local projects, often drawn to tangible accomplishments such as parkland acquisitions and development opportunities.

- With the upcoming **2028 LA Olympics**, regional growth, and sports stadium developments, Southeast Los Angeles County is currently in the spotlight for outdoor access, community recreation opportunities, and river restoration projects. The City of Lakewood should consider where grant relationships might benefit their community.



Monte Verde Park summer camp



Grant Foundations

Grant foundations can be a significant resource for local initiatives that directly impact communities, especially under-resourced or vulnerable populations. In many cases, foundations yield relatively small grants targeting one-time programs or events. They are often not intended for large-scale infrastructure projects, programs that require tenured full-time employees, or long-term maintenance of parks or facilities.

- **National Organizations** such as the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) may either offer grants themselves or communicate related grants for ease of information access.

- **Expertise-Focused Organizations** have specific aims such as improving the environment, increasing urban canopies, aiding at-risk youth, assisting older adults, and more. Examples include the RRF Foundation for Aging, which supports quality of life programs for older adults through a Healthy Aging Framework, and the Fruit Tree Planting Foundation which supports municipal tree planting to combat climate issues and alleviate food insecurity.

- **Community Foundations** are valuable resources for receiving grants from individuals or organizations wanting to leave a lasting positive legacy. Example foundations that serve the Southern California region include the California Community Foundation, the Legacy Endowment Community Foundation, and the Long Beach Community Foundation.

- **Sports Foundations** such as the U.S. Soccer Foundation, Anaheim Ducks Foundation, LA84 Foundation, and MLB-MLBPA Youth Development Foundation, amongst others, are often looking for suitable entities with whom to partner for capital and programmatic projects. Public-private partnerships such as sponsored projects have far-reaching benefits for all involved.

Other Types of Sponsorships

- **Naming Rights** and other forms of signage or dedication is another method by which cities can derive additional revenue. Signage and advertising space in key locations (e.g., gymnasium walls, ballfields) is attractive for local businesses. Sales of engraved bricks, benches, plaques, or dedicated trees can honor lost ones or loved ones by family members. Naming rights for larger facilities (e.g., community center, playgrounds, etc.) can yield high revenue for the city while commemorating an individual or business patron.

A Proud Partnership

In 2023, a new soccer mini-pitch opened in Lakewood's Palms Park, donated by the U.S. Soccer Foundation, the LA Galaxy soccer team, and their corporate partner Herbalife. The project was initiated by LA Galaxy player – and Lakewood native – Jalen Neal, who saw the value of uplifting youth in his hometown through sports.

Assessment District

Lakewood could consider establishing a new assessment district to help cover costs of ongoing maintenance services and improvements at park sites. Landscape and Lighting Assessment Districts (LLADs) and Landscape Maintenance Districts (LMDs) are legal mechanisms that allow cities to assess housing units or land parcels to contribute financially to street lighting, landscaping, and parks within the designated area. Assessment districts help each property owner pay a fair share of the costs over a period of years at reasonable interest rates, ensuring that costs are spread to all properties that receive a direct and special benefit. As a note, establishment of a new district or revision to an existing district requires a majority vote of the property owners, which is frequently difficult to obtain in older, lower income communities.

Concessions and Permitting Fees

Lakewood currently has multiple unused concession spaces within city parks. Some of these structures are in disrepair and require significant investment. However, if there is sufficient community demand, concessionaires serving food, beverage and merchandise (such as food vendors, coffee kiosks, equipment rentals, etc.) can generate revenue to support the park system. Additionally, permitting fees (such as for photographers, food trucks, sports instructors, etc.) can be charged to bring revenue to city parks.

General Obligation and Revenue Bonds

General obligation bonds are voter-approved bonds with the assessment placed on real property. The money can only be used for capital improvements, but not for maintenance or operations. This property tax is levied for a specific period of time (usually 15-20 years). Passage requires a two-thirds majority approval by the voters.

Revenue bonds are typically sold to fund specific projects (e.g. systemwide park lighting or the renovation of a community park) or to finance revenue-generating facilities (e.g. community centers). These may include new facilities or the renovation of an existing facility. The city must be able to guarantee repayment. For example, the interest and capital could be paid from the revenue produced from the operation of the new facility.



Lakewood Lemonade Day, 2024

OTHER IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGIES

Similar to grants and funds, mechanisms such as partnerships and land acquisition alternatives may support park projects and services, even though they incur use restrictions. The city should be strategic with their engagement in such alternatives to ensure wide benefit across the Lakewood community.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH CIVIC ENTITIES

The Lakewood Department of Recreation & Community Services already has several formal partnership agreements with local entities to help manage recreation sites, and provide parkland to the wider community. The city's existing partnerships include:

- The City of Lakewood maintains license agreements with **Southern California Edison Company (SCE)** for the use of designated parcels of land for public park and recreation purposes. The agreements establish specific terms and conditions governing the permitted uses of the property. These agreements ensure the continued operation and maintenance of these facilities in compliance with SCE's land use requirements. The licensed areas include the following public facilities:
  - » Rynerson Park, including the Lakewood Little League Fields and Home Run Dog Park
  - » The Lakewood Equestrian Center
  - » Phase III of the San Gabriel River Nature Trail
  - » The Lakewood Community Gardens
- An easement agreement with **Los Angeles County Flood Control** to utilize a parcel of land (referred to as "Lakewood Equestrian Center") for conditional uses.
- A recreation agreement with the **Lakewood Community Gardens Board**, to govern the Lakewood Community Gardens including volunteer supervision; provision of equipment and supplies; oversight, management, and operation of the gardens (with limited city services); and public communication.
- A recreation agreement with the **Del Valle Tot Lot**, a nonprofit organization, to offer inclusive play programs for preschool aged children with parental and volunteer supervision during specified hours.
- A recreation agreement with the **Mayfair Tot Lot**, a nonprofit organization, to offer inclusive play programs for preschool aged children with parental and volunteer supervision during specified hours.
- A recreation agreement with the **Lakewood Little League**, a nonprofit organization, to maintain a series of baseball diamonds and other related facilities within Rynerson Park and to manage a baseball league ("Little League") for the boys and girls of the Lakewood area.



LAND ACQUISITION MECHANISMS

Despite limited undeveloped land within Lakewood, there are still various land acquisition strategies to consider if opportunities arise.

- A **Fee Simple Acquisition** is a standard purchase of property, where full ownership and underlying title are transferred to the city through real estate transactions. This requires significant financial resources, as land is often offered at market rate pricing. The rate may be reduced in the case there are development restrictions due to topography, contamination, adjacencies, etc., however these restrictions may incur further costs.

- A **Real Property Donation** takes place when a property owner donates, or sells below market value, land to a public agency or a nonprofit organization. The property owner is paid for part of the value of the property and donates the remaining value, receiving tax benefits for the donation.

- A **Life Estate** occurs when a property owner donates or sells real property to a public agency but retains a life estate, through which they retain the right to use the property for the duration of their life.

- An **Easement** is a partial interest in real property. The property ownership does not change, but a portion of the land is dedicated for a specific purpose, in this case typically for park, recreation, conservation area or trail. The terms of an easement agreement are negotiated between the private landowner and the public agency to tailor the easement to the needs of each party. Easements may be acquired by direct purchase or by donation. In park systems, easements are most typically seen for trail connections or for conservation purposes. Easements may be suitable for planned trail corridors where outright property acquisition is not desirable or feasible. The City of Lakewood currently has one easement with Los Angeles County Flood Control on a portion of the Lakewood Equestrian Center. They may consider additional easements to improve access to certain sites like Rynerson Park and the Nature Trail.

- A **Long-Term Lease** allows use of a non-city property in exchange for payment for a specific length of time. For parks and recreation purposes, the payment may be nominal (e.g., $1 per year) and the term is often long (such as 99 years). Leasing private commercial spaces for public recreation use may be an option for the city.

- A **Community Land Trust** represents an agreement through which one party (the trustee) agrees to hold ownership of a piece of property for the benefit of another party (the beneficiary). Community land trusts are a helpful partner for cities looking to acquire and develop new land for parks. Several land trust organizations operate in the Los Angeles Region, such as the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust, the Trust for Public Land, Northeast Trees and The Nature Conservancy.

- The County of Los Angeles's Treasurer and Tax Collector's Office **Chapter 8 Tax Default Program** is designed for nonprofits and public agencies to acquire tax-defaulted land. The acquired land can be used for the creation of new parks and open space projects.



PARTNERSHIP PROTOCOLS

Maintaining current and developing new partnerships are key to growing Lakewood's parkland and recreation opportunities. Partnerships can result in more funding or other resources, including park space, recreation facilities, staffing and operational cooperation and diverse programming. However, managing long-term partnerships is not a small task and requires ongoing resources and committed staff to ensure quality of site and service. When considering new partnerships, the City of Lakewood should evaluate the benefits of the partnership, identifying how the partnership will enhance recreation opportunities within the city.

Applying the factors in the sidebar below can help the city determine if a partnership should be pursued. Without due diligence and an eye to long-term sustainability, partnerships can become a heavier burden than blessing. Yet, with committed staff and transparent decision-making approaches, partnerships can significantly augment the city's recreation offerings.

Factors to Consider When Evaluating New Partnerships

- **Does the partnership support the goals of this *Parks, Recreation & Community Services Long-Range Plan*?**
- **Does the partnership offer new recreation opportunities that do not currently exist in the city?**
- **Does the partnership enhance major recreation or city social events?**
- **Does the partnership provide recreation opportunities in areas that are currently underserved, or improve access to existing parks?**
- **Does the partnership support better access for specific target groups such as older adults, minority populations, vulnerable populations, or adaptive needs users?**
- **Does the partnership have a previous track record of success?**
- **Does the partnership facilitate RCS operations in a sustainable manner?**
- **Does the partnership address identified city goals?**
- **Does the partnership yield long-term benefits that outweigh short-term obstacles?**

FACILITY COST MENU

When planning for potential capital improvement projects, the city will need to weigh the value and benefits of proceeding with certain additions, replacements, and renovations of parks and facilities against costs. This facility cost menu is intended to help the city budget for updates to existing parks. It does not capture land value or costs related to parkland acquisition, design, development, maintenance, operations, or programming. Cost assumptions related to such actions are excluded due to significant variability in land values, acquisition strategies, and market fluctuations.

PLANNING-LEVEL COSTS

Costs reflect planning-level cost assumptions in 2025 dollars not accounting for inflation. Planning level costs reflect a high-level estimate of what the addition, replacement, or renovation of park or recreation facility may cost and are intended for planning purposes only. Actual costs will vary depending on site realities, the scale and quality of facilities, and changing market prices for materials and labor. Actual cost estimates should be determined through site master planning and design at the time of development.

Because actual prices fluctuate and will vary by site, the planning level costs are presented as a range of costs. The range is aimed at capturing differences based on site size, location, topography and setting, facility quality and detail, supply and demand for labor and materials, etc. The costs do not include environmental compliance documentation, community engagement, permitting, installation, or staff hours to manage site planning, design, construction, and implementation. Those elements could escalate park development costs by 20-25 percent.

Ranges are based on 2024 California costs and MIG experience. It is understood that these planning level costs will fluctuate over time.

CAPITAL COST ASSUMPTIONS

The following capital cost assumptions can be used to budget for the addition of recreation facilities and park amenities. Recognizing that not all facilities need a new facility added, the next section describes an approach to using these costs as a basis for approximating repair, renovation, replacement, improvement or expansion.



Planning for the future involves considering all of Lakewood park users

TABLE 7-4. NEW BUILD CAPITAL COST RANGE, BASED ON 2025 CONSTRUCTION COSTS

ACTION / FEATURES	UNIT	NEW BUILD COST RANGE PER UNIT	NOTES AND ASSUMPTIONS
ATHLETIC / SPORTS			
Diamond (Baseball/ Softball) Field - Grass	Per Each	$800,000 - $1,500,000	Costs reflect a regulation-size field with turf, outfield fencing, backstop and foul-line fencing, and dugouts. The upper range includes bull-pens, scoreboard, bleachers, PA system, flagpole, and sports field lighting.
Diamond (Baseball/ Softball) Field - Artificial Turf	Per Each	$1,800,000 - $2,500,000	Costs reflect a regulation-size field with artificial turf, outfield fencing, backstop and foul-line fencing. The upper range includes bull-pens, scoreboard, bleachers, PA system, flagpole, and sports field lighting.
Rectangular (Soccer) Field - Grass	Per Each	$2,000,000 - $3,800,000	Costs reflect a turf field with basic drainage/prep and features. The upper range includes bleachers, sports field lighting, multi-use field striping and goals.
Rectangular (Soccer) Field -Artificial Turf	Per Each	$3,000,000 - $4,700,000	Costs reflect a field with artificial turf and lights. The upper range includes bleachers, perimeter fencing, sports field lighting, multi-use field striping and goals.
Basketball Court - Outdoors, Full	Per Each	$200,000 - $250,000	Costs reflect one new full court. Court lighting and/or shade structures are additional costs not included in the estimate.
Basketball Court - Outdoors, Half	Per Each	$150,000 - $180,000	Costs reflect one new half court. Court lighting and/or shade structures are additional costs not included in the estimate.
Futsal Court	Per Each	$200,000 - $350,000	Costs include installation of a futsal court kit, does not include base course or subsurface material. Court lighting and/or shade structures are additional costs not included in the estimate.

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TABLE 7-4 CONT. NEW BUILD CAPITAL COST RANGE, BASED ON 2025 CONSTRUCTION COSTS

ACTION / FEATURES	UNIT	NEW BUILD COST RANGE PER UNIT	NOTES AND ASSUMPTIONS
ATHLETIC / SPORTS (CONTINUED)			
Pickleball Court (4)	Per Set (4)	$375,000 - $625,000	Costs reflect 4 pickleball courts with surfacing, striping, netting, and fencing. Court lighting and/or shade structures are additional costs not included in the estimate.
Tennis Court (2)	Per Pair	$375,000 - $625,000	Costs reflect 2 tennis courts with surfacing, striping, netting, and fencing. The upper range includes court lighting.
Volleyball Court	Per Each	$20,000 - $60,000	Costs include lawn volleyball court, net, and posts. Court lighting and/or shade structures are additional costs not included in the estimate.
PLAY AREAS			
Playground – Neighborhood	Per Each	$425,000 - $800,000	Costs reflect one 5,000 sq. ft. play structure with areas for tots or school-age. The upper range reflects accessible safety surfacing (recommended).
Playground – Universal, All-Inclusive	Per Each	$900,000 - $2,100,000	Costs reflect a large-scale play area with universal/inclusive and thematic elements.
Playground – Nature-themed	Per Facility	$300,000 - $500,000	Small play area with climbable elements such as logs, stumps, boulders, and mounds; sand or wood chip surfacing; edging and accessible ramp, plants and trees. A water play element may be added but is not included in this estimate.

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TABLE 7-4 CONT. NEW BUILD CAPITAL COST RANGE, BASED ON 2025 CONSTRUCTION COSTS

ACTION / FEATURES	UNIT	NEW BUILD COST RANGE PER UNIT	NOTES AND ASSUMPTIONS
OUTDOOR RECREATION			
Fitness Equipment (5 stations)	Per Set (5)	$20,000 - $200,000	Costs reflect five stations of high-quality fitness equipment, with signage, DG surfacing and curbing. Can be clustered for a fitness area, or distributed along a park or trail. Lighting and/or shade structures are additional costs not included in the estimate.
Challenge Feature	Per Each	$100,000 - $250,000	Costs reflect one medium size play feature, such as a climbing wall or zipline, added to an existing playground. Includes the containment area, safety surfacing, drainage, and irrigation system mods. Lighting and/or shade structures are additional costs not included in the estimate.
Community Garden	Per Each	$500,000 - $750,000	Costs reflect a combination of in-ground, raised beds, and accessible planting areas with fencing, water, composting, seating, shade, and basic signage.
Native Plant Garden / Demonstration Garden / Pollinator Garden	Per Each	$180,000 - $420,000	Designed, planted area featuring selected plants, shrubbery, and/or trees, perimeter boundary, access path, and plant markers or interpretive signage.
Bike Pump Track	Per Each	$450,000 - $3,000,000	Costs reflect grading, fill, limited ramps, jumps, or obstacles.
Picnic Shelter (Group Picnic Area)	Per Each	$275,000 - $600,000	Costs reflect a shelter with motion sensor light, holding six 8' tables with BBQ features, trash receptable, serving table, but no electrical outlet.

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TABLE 7-4 CONT. NEW BUILD CAPITAL COST RANGE, BASED ON 2025 CONSTRUCTION COSTS

ACTION / FEATURES	UNIT	NEW BUILD COST RANGE PER UNIT	NOTES AND ASSUMPTIONS
OUTDOOR RECREATION (CONTINUED)			
Dog Park	Per Each	$600,000 - $1,500,000	Costs reflect a one-acre fenced area with turf, DG and/or bark mulch, with a dog drinking fountain, benches, trash receptacles and trees. Costs assume the dog park is within a larger park and uses existing utilities for water, parking, etc. Higher cost sites may include separate areas for large and small dogs, additional amenities: shade umbrellas, accessible walkway, and dog agility features.
Dedicated Event Space	Per Each	$500,000 - $1,000,000	Costs reflect a small outdoor event space such as a plaza, pavilion, outdoor classroom, etc. Includes, hardscape, seating, shade structure, accessible walk, electrical outlet, and signage.
Skate Park	Per Each	$750,000 - $2,200,000	Lower cost reflects at-grade skate park with prefabricated skate ramps. Higher costs reflect an inground bowl, ramps, and grinding amenities. Both include features to accommodate spectators, safety, and enhanced access.
Spray Park	Per Each	$1,750,000 - $2,500,000	Costs reflect a spray park with mechanical building/apparatus and recirculating water.
TRAILS			
Trails (Hard Surfaced)	Per mile	$1,425,000 - $2,500,000	Costs assume an 8 to 10 ft-wide asphalt paved trail with gravel shoulders, minor grading, mile markers and continuous buffer vegetation. Improvements may include curb and gutter, curb ramps, minor drainage infrastructure and installations.
Trails (Soft Surfaced)	Per mile	$235,000 - $500,000	Costs assume a 3ft-wide stabilized decomposed granite surfaced trail and mile markers.

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TABLE 7-4 CONT. NEW BUILD CAPITAL COST RANGE BASED ON 2025 CONSTRUCTION COSTS

ACTION / FEATURES	UNIT	NEW BUILD COST RANGE PER UNIT	NOTES AND ASSUMPTIONS
AMENITIES / OTHER			
Bike Rack	Per Each	$2,000 - $4,000	Costs reflect a standard bike rack and base.
Drinking Fountain	Per Each	$7,000 - $15,000	Costs reflect one drinking fountain.
Parking (Off-Street)	Per Site	$250,000 - $400,000	Costs reflect the creation of 10 angle-in parking spaces including 2 accessible spaces.
Restroom (Permanent)	Per Each	$500,000 - $1,000,000	Costs reflect 2 single-occupancy units.
Shade Sail or Canopy	Per Each	$45,000 - $105,000	Medium UV blocking fabric covers and posts to shade seating, play areas, etc.
Signage	Per Each	$10,000 - $20,000	Costs include standard identification, regulatory and wayfinding signage, or a group of 4-6 mileage markers. Monument signs may cost more.
Picnic Table	Per Each	$5,000 - $8,000	Costs reflect one 8' table on concrete pad with ADA access.
Bench	Per each	$1,500 - 2,500	Wood or metal seating for 2 people, typically with back, armrests, and concrete pad underneath. This may be used as an allowance for similar-scale seating of different styles.
Pet Waste Receptacles	Per each	$1,000 - $2,000	One dog waste station with sign, dispenser, and can.
Public Art	Per each	$50,000 - $100,000	Art piece (e.g., mural, sculpture, mosaic, etc.), base and foundation (if applicable). Costs for highly-customized or large-scale pieces may vary extensively.

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TABLE 7-4 CONT. NEW BUILD CAPITAL COST RANGE, BASED ON 2025 CONSTRUCTION COSTS

ACTION / FEATURES	UNIT	NEW BUILD COST RANGE PER UNIT	NOTES AND ASSUMPTIONS
AMENITIES / OTHER			
Element - Interpretive		$3,000 - $5,000	Signage, kiosk, display, or integrated element that highlights and/or explains local natural, historical, or cultural features.

1. These estimates reflect fully loaded, planning level cost assumptions in 2025 dollars not accounting for inflation. Cost ranges are intended for planning purposes only and include raw cost for facilities, infrastructure, and landscaping; mobilization, design fees, and contingency (not including taxes). Actual costs may vary depending on site realities, the scale and quality of facilities, and changing market prices for materials and labor. Actual cost estimates should be determined through site master planning and design at the time of development.



This beloved unique playground structure has San Martin Park colloquially termed "Pumpkin Park".



REPAIR, RENOVATE, REPLACE, IMPROVE, OR EXPAND

The planning-level cost to build a new facility is an important reference point, but does not capture the full range of capital projects for Lakewood's system. In addition to entirely new facilities, a particular park may need any of the following levels of effort:

- **Repair.** Small repairs to existing equipment that can be done by staff, can include fixes due to damage (such as grafitti or broken wood slats on a wood bench) or may include minor equipment replacement (such as replacing a broken or damaged bucket swing on an existing swing set).
- **Renovate.** Involves major repairs or replacing a portion of a facility in the same footprint.
- **Replace (1:1).** Replacing a facility (including any support features) with the same type and size of facility.
- **Improve or Expand.** Can vary in scale but is either replacing something and making it better and/or expanding on what is there (such as adding a shade canopy to an existing picnic area, expanding the size of a picnic area, etc.)

Each of these levels of effort have a range of cost that may actually be required. One approach to budgeting for those costs before the critical decisions and implications (such as related upgrade triggers) are known, is to set a percentage (of the cost to build a new facility) for each level that would adequately cover the described project. The following table proposes a set of percentages and the associated assumptions.

TABLE 7-5. MODIFICATIONS (%) TO NEW BUILD CONSTRUCTION COSTS

LEVEL OF EFFORT	PERCENT (OF NEW BUILD COST)	NOTES AND ASSUMPTIONS
Repair	10%	Fix one element that is broken, worn, or damaged. May only meet the thresholds for a capital project when applied to a large cost item. Otherwise repairs would be included in annual operations budget.
Renovate	50%	Restore a feature in the same footprint by replacing some features or elements to extend the facility's lifespan. Supporting features remain.
Replace (1:1)	85%	Remove an entire facility (often at the end of its lifecycle) and install a similar facility in the same space. Assumes updates to all items in this footprint, but does not require site grading, drainage, utilities, or similar work involved in new construction.
Improve or Expand	120-150%	Enhancing a facility in size, scale, modernization, or interest when replacing it. Additional budget allows for features beyond what is noted in the build new cost or upgrades to supporting features that may be required.



Memorial Day Celebration at Del Valle Park





APPENDIX A

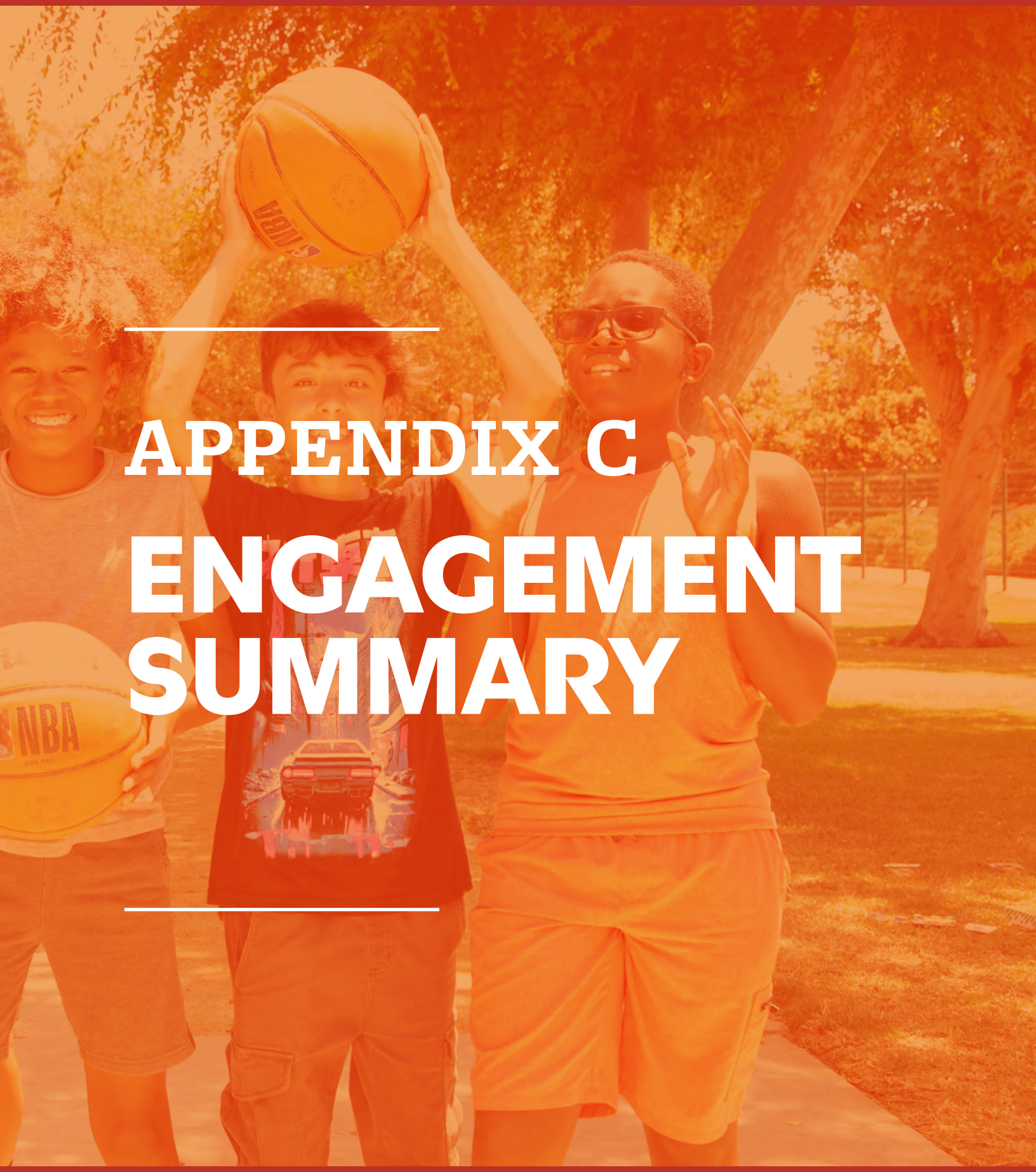
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APPENDIX D

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APPENDIX E

CAPITAL AND PROGRAMMATIC PROJECT LIST





APPENDIX A

PARK AND FACILITY INVENTORY

TABLE A-1. PARK AND FACILITY INVENTORY

| Site Name | Classification | Ownership Type | Acreage | FACILITY USES AND AMENITIES | | |

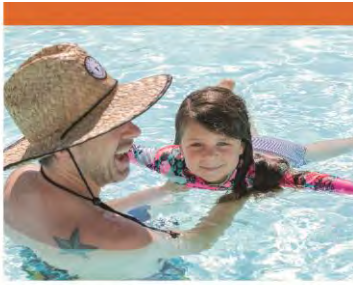
			FEATURES & AMENITIES												
			Art/Craft Room	Multi-purpose / Community Room	Meeting /Classroom	Office Space/Front Desk	Specialty Room	Fitness / Weight Room	Swimming Pool	Kitchen	Stage / Auditorium	Outdoor Plaza	Permanent Restroom	Locker Room	Adjacent Parking Available
Major Recreation Facilities	**Year Built**	**Square Feet**	2	18	6	26	16	1	2	10	2	5	19	2	•
Site Name															
Community Centers															
Bloomfield Park Community Center & Teen Resource Center	1959	7,553		1			2			1			1		•
Burns Community Center	1976	13,400		1		3				1					•
Lakewood Youth Center	1958	7,550		2	1	1	1			1	1	1	2		
Mayfair Swim Pavilion & John S. Todd Community Center	1994	15,900		3		1				2			4		•
Palms Park Community Center	1978	11,361		1		3	1			1			2		•
S. Mark Taper Vista Lodge	1991	3,000		1		1				1		1	1		•
The Centre	1984	40,714	1	2	3	10	4			1	1	1	4		•
Weingart Senior Center	1984	14,100	1	2	1	2	4	1		1		2	4		•
Swimming Pools															
Mayfair Pool	1953	N/A							1					1	•
McCormick Pool	1958	N/A							1					1	
Activity and Community Buildings															
Biscailuz Park Activity Building	1960	1,040		1		1	1						1		
Bolivar Park Community Building	1957	2,705		1		1	1						1		
Del Valle Park Community Building	1957	2,705		1		1	1						1		
Boyar Park Activity Building	2009	4,100		1	1	1				1			1		•
San Martin Park Community Building	1957	2,705		1		1	1						1		



APPENDIX B

EXISTING CONDITIONS SUMMARY





Appendix B. Existing Conditions Summary

The Existing Conditions Summary is divided as below:

- **Park and Facility System Overview.** This section outlines the scope and scale of the park and recreation system, including its geographic distribution, types of amenities offered, park types, and description of facilities.
- **Park Asset Inventory and Condition Assessment.** This section focuses on cataloging and evaluating the physical assets within the park and recreation system, such as amenities, playgrounds, and sports fields, to inform maintenance and investment priorities.
- **Recreation Programming and Services.** This section details the variety of activities, sports activities, leisurely, and educational programs available to engage community members of all ages and interests, promoting health, social interaction, and cultural enrichment.



Airplane playground re-opening at Del Valle Park in 2016

Park and Facility System Overview

Park Site Classifications

A park's classification considers the purpose or intent of the site, factoring in characteristics such as size, use, service area, and available amenities and facilities. Classifications help the City to organize their existing system, as well as make decisions about the right amount of development, types of facilities, and levels of park maintenance and programming based on the intent for each park site.

Classifications also help determine service areas, which indicate where the City does not provide adequate services/spaces, to consider with future investment. The standard service area for community and neighborhood parks is 0.5-mile, which translates to approximately 10 minutes of walking at an average pace. Parks intended to serve the larger community beyond only the surrounding neighborhood may have a greater service area distance.

Table B- 1. Park Classifications

Park Classifications	Count	Acreage	Percent
Passive Parks	2	5.3	2.6%
Neighborhood Parks	4	41.9	20.2%
Community Parks	5	102.7	49.4%
Special Use Parks	3	26.0	12.5%
Parkways and Nature Trails	1	26.4	12.7%
Standalone Recreation Facilities	3	5.4	2.6%
Total	**18**	**207.6**	**100%**

Table B- 2. Park Inventory

Park Classification and Park Name	Acres	Features and Amenities									
		Facilities		Athletics/ Sports			Outdoor Recreation				
		Community Center or Activity Building	Swimming Pool \ Wading Pool[1]	All Court Types[2]	Ball Diamonds	Multi-use Fields	Open Lawn	Outdoor Fitness	Playground: 2-5	Playground: 5-12	Trails
Passive Park	**5.3**										
Candleverde Park	2.3	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Cherry Cove Park	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-
Neighborhood Park	**41.9**										
Biscailuz Park	3.9	1	-	2	1	1	1	-	1	1	-
Bloomfield Park	14.9	1	W	5	2	2	1	-	1	1	-
San Martin Park	10.0	1	W	6	2	1	1	-	1	1	-
Boyar Park	13.1	1	W	5	2	1	1	-	1	1	-
Community Parks	**102.7**										
Del Valle Park	15.5	2	W	6	3	1	1	-	1	1	-
Mayfair Park	17.1	1	S, W	5	3	1	1	-	1	1	-
Palms Park	21.2	1	W	3	2	2	1	-	1	1	-
Rynerson Park	38.9	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	1	1	1
Bolivar Park	10.0	1	S	4	2	1	1	-	1	1	-
Special Use Park	**26.0**										
Lakewood Community Gardens	3.0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lakewood Equestrian Center	19.8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Monte Verde Park	3.2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Parkway and Nature Trail	**26.4**										
Nature Trail	26.4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Standalone Major Facilities[3]	**5.4**	**8**									
	207.6	**14**	**2/6**	**36**	**20**	**10**	**13**	**1**	**9**	**10**	**5**

Note: 1) W = Wading Pool; S = Swimming Pool

2) All courts include multi-use courts, tennis courts, futsal court, handball court, and horseshoe pit

3) Standalone Major Facilities include Burns Community Center, Weingart Senior Center, and The Centre

Park and Recreation Assets

During the inventory process, the assets provided at each individual park site were counted and classified. Included in the inventory are approximately 1,000 individual assets categorized into five unique asset types. Asset types were organized into the following broad categories:

- Athletics and Sports Facilities: basketball courts, volleyball courts, tennis courts, pickle ball, and baseball/softball fields and soccer fields
- Outdoor Recreation Facilities: playgrounds, trails, wading pools, and outdoor exercise stations
- Major Facilities: swimming pools, equestrian center, dog park, and community centers
- General Amenities: restrooms, trash/recycling receptacles, benches, barbeque grills, drinking fountains, parking, shelters, signage, lighting, and picnic tables
- Storage/Other: maintenance areas and storage facilities

Nearly 85% of the assets provided systemwide are included in the General Amenities category. Outdoor Recreation Facilities comprise the next largest category at 7%.

Table B- 3. Summary of Park Assets

Park Type	Count	Acreage	Athletics/ Sports Fields and Courts	Outdoor Recreation	General Amenities	Total
Passive Parks	2	5.3	-	3	18	**21**
Neighborhood Parks	4	41.9	30	20	241	**291**
Community Parks	5	102.7	35	35	593	**663**
Special Use Parks	3	26.0	-	2	54	**56**
Parkway and Nature Trail	1	26.4	-	3	33	**36**

Recreation Facilities

In addition to the parks inventoried in the previous section, the City of Lakewood Recreation and Community Services Department operates Major Recreation Facilities, consisting of community centers, swimming pools, and other unique facilities. Major Recreation Facilities focus on providing a specified and often singular or linear recreational experience or offer recreation to a specific audience (e.g. seniors, swimmers, etc.). These facilities are not classified as parks and may stand alone or reside within another park facility.

- **Community Centers**. Lakewood community centers are versatile facilities that serve as hubs for various recreational, social, and educational activities for the local community. These centers typically offer a range of amenities and services, including multipurpose rooms for meetings, classes, and events, and fitness centers with exercise equipment and workout spaces.
- **Activity and Control Buildings**. These buildings serve as central points for community activities within neighborhood parks. While not as spacious or adaptable as larger community centers, they generally consist of one community room, recreation staff offices, and a maintenance area. Many of these structures date back to the 1950s, constructed during the establishment of the neighborhoods and often built with the help of volunteer residents.
- **Swim Pavilion and Bathhouse**. The Swim Pavilion at Mayfair Park and the bathhouse at Bolivar Park for McCormick Pool are facilities that provide amenities for swimming, showering, and changing. They also include maintenance equipment for pools, reception areas, and lifeguard and staffing areas.
- **The Centre**. The Centre stands as Lakewood's premier banquet, wedding, and event venue, boasting an array of amenities spread across more than 15,000 square feet of meeting and event space. Alongside its expansive indoor areas, the facility offers private outdoor patio spaces, complete audio/visual equipment, and comprehensive catering packages. Within its premises, The Centre features three distinct meeting and seminar rooms alongside a spacious ballroom, accommodating various event needs and preferences.

Table B- 4. Major Recreation Facilities and Buildings

Major Recreation Facilities	Building Sq. Ft	Meeting/ Community Rooms	Office Space/ Front Desk	Kitchen	Year Built/ Remodel
Major Facilities					
Bloomfield Park Community Center & Teen Resource Center	7,553	1	-	1	1959/2007
Burns Community Center[1]	13,400	1	3	1	1976/2018
Lakewood Youth Center	7,550	3	1	1	1958/2012
Mayfair Swim Pavilion & John Sanford Todd Community Center	15,900	3	1	2	1991
Palms Park Community Center	11,361	1	3	1	1978
S. Mark Taper Vista Lodge	3,000	1	1	1	2001
The Centre[1]	40,714	5	10	1	1985
Weingart Senior Center[1]	14,100	3	2	1	1984
Swimming Pools					
Mayfair Pool (Mayfair Park)	N/A	-	-	-	1953
McCormick Pool (Bolivar Park)	N/A	-	-	-	1958
Activity/Control Buildings					
Biscailuz Park Activity Building	1,040	1	1	-	1960
Bolivar Park Activity Building	2,705	1	1	-	1957
Boyar Park Activity Building	4,100	2	1	-	2009
Del Valle Park Activity Building	2,705	1	1	-	1957
San Martin Park Activity Building	2,705	1	1	-	1957

Note: 1) These are standalone facilities and are not located within an existing park.

Recreation Facility Rentals

Recreation facility rentals encompass a variety of spaces such as community rooms and meeting rooms, which incur rental fees. Lakewood offers several venues for private and business use, including the Centre, the Mark Taper Vista Lodge at Monte Verde Park, and the John Todd Community Center at Mayfair Park, along with numerous park facilities. These spaces can be rented for family special events and business gatherings. Rental fees typically cover the use of tables and chairs, and some facilities are equipped with kitchens and food preparation areas.

In addition to indoor rooms, Lakewood provides two pools available for rental during the summer swimming season: Mayfair and McCormick pools. These rentals come with party packages that include organized activities, staffing, and lifeguards. For example, non-profits (Class I) can rent activity rooms and athletic fields free of charge whereas residents and church groups (Class II) and commercial use and non-residents (Class III) would pay an hourly fee. All individuals or groups must pay to reserve pool space, however.

Del Valle emerges as a primary hub, drawing the highest attendance at 702,839, constituting 18% of the total. Palms and San Martin follow closely, each hosting significant numbers of visitors, with 669,684 and 631,778 attendees respectively. Bolivar and Mayfair also demonstrate considerable usage, each attracting around 13 to 15% of the total attendance. Other facilities, including Bloomfield, Boyar, and Biscailuz, contribute facility attendance with moderate to substantial percentages. The Centre and Burns Community Center also have rooms and facilities for rent but are not included in the overall attendance data records.

Table B- 5. Recreation Facilities Attendance

Parks with Facility Rentals	Facilities Attendance (2019 to 2022)	
	Total	Percent of Total
Biscailuz	129,488	3%
Bloomfield	214,024	5%
Bolivar	519,473	13%
Boyar	464,284	12%
Del Valle	702,839	18%
Mayfair	606,102	15%
Palms	669,684	17%
San Martin	631,778	16%
Youth Center	44,747	1%
Total	**3,982,419**	**100%**

Source: City of Lakewood, 2019-2022 Reservation Summary

Picnic Shelters

Lakewood residents and Lakewood community organizations may reserve picnic shelters for outdoor gatherings. There are 17 covered shelters amongst the nine parks, and they include picnic tables and barbecue grills. Some shelters have sinks and a preparation table. Picnic shelters throughout the system require proof of residency but are free of charge to residents and Lakewood community organizations.

Picnic shelter rental reservations and attendance statistics reveal varying levels of utilization across different parks in Lakewood. Bolivar Park stands out with the highest number of rental reservations at 626, corresponding to a significant attendance figure of 30,015. Del Valle Park follows closely with 505 rentals and an attendance of 18,951. Mayfair Park also demonstrates substantial usage with 410 rentals and 16,537 attendees. Boyar Park, despite having fewer rentals at 244, boasts a notable attendance of 11,984. Other parks such as Biscailuz, Bloomfield, Palms, Rynerson, and San Martin parks show moderate to low levels of rental reservations and attendance.

Table B- 6. Picnic Shelter Reservations

Parks with Shelters	Picnic Shelter Reservations (2019 to 2022)		
	No.	Reservation	Attendance
Biscailuz	1	94	5,554
Bloomfield	1	153	3,378
Bolivar	3	626	30,015
Boyar	1	244	11,984
Del Valle	3	505	18,951
Mayfair	2	410	16,537
Palms	3	168	7,107
Rynerson	2	193	9,562
San Martin	2	91	4,276
Total	**18**	**2,848**	**107,364**
Annual Average		**712**	**26,841**

Source: City of Lakewood, 2019-2022 Reservation Summary

Other Parks

Other parks are parkland or facilities managed by other agencies.

Los Angeles County Parks & Recreation

Los Angeles County Parks & Recreation owns two recreation facilities in Lakewood: the Lakewood Golf Course (Lakewood Country Club) and the Lakewood Tennis Center.

- Built in 1933, the **Lakewood Golf Course** is a regulation 18-hole, 7,000-yard public course featuring 11 acres of lakes, putting greens, and driving range. The clubhouse includes banquet rooms, a golf shop, and a restaurant. The course is situated around the signature human-made Lake Bouton. The Clubhouse and grounds can be reserved for weddings, receptions, and event functions.
- The **Lakewood Tennis Center** is a 14-tennis court facility open to the public. The facility holds tournaments, league play, and training facility.

Surrounding Parks

There are several larger parks just outside of Lakewood that serve Lakewood residents. They include the following parks:

- **City of Long Beach: Heartwell Park.** Heartwell Park spans 123 acres of scenic landscaped grounds and features a fishing pond, bike/skate path, fitness course, and shaded picnic areas. The park offers numerous night-lighted game courts, athletic fields, ball diamonds, and a children's playground.
- **City of Cerritos: Liberty Park and Fitness Center.** The 34-acre park comprises a community room for classes and various outdoor facilities, including a softball diamond, tennis courts, sand volleyball courts, jogging track, playgrounds, exercise stations, water play area, picnic areas, disc golf course, and pickleball courts. Access to the Fitness Center necessitates a membership, exclusively open to Cerritos residents.
- **Los Angeles County Parks & Recreation: Don Knabe Regional Park.** Don Knabe Regional Park in Cerritos spans over 84 acres, offering a plethora of recreational amenities. It includes green spaces, lakes, picnic areas, a splash pad, playgrounds, and walking trails. The park also boasts outdoor sports facilities such as basketball, volleyball, and tennis courts, as well as baseball fields.

Park Asset Inventory and Condition Assessment

To guide future allocation of resources, a comprehensive field assessment process was developed to evaluate the condition of facilities and amenities within the City of Lakewood's parks and recreation system. From November to December 2023, nearly 900 assets located within the City's parks were assessed.

Inventory and Condition Assessment Process

The inventory and condition assessment process involved the following steps:

- **Creating a list of relevant facility and amenity types to assess**. With input from the City of Lakewood, a list of facility and amenity types relevant to the local parks and recreation context was created. Sample types include basketball courts, tennis courts, playgrounds, barbeque grills, trash/recycling receptacles, benches, etc.
- **Developing a cloud-based geodatabase**. A cloud-based geodatabase was developed to host information on park facilities and amenity types. Developed using Esri (mapping technology company) ArcGIS, this database allows City staff to quickly access information and analysis on their entire inventory of facilities and amenities.
- **Configuring map-based forms for in-field data collection**. Customized forms for use in the Lakewood context were developed using ESRI's Field Maps mobile app. Fieldwork data captured elements such as asset type, coordinate location, and asset condition.
- **Developing a standardized rating system for condition analysis**. To evaluate assets throughout the city, it was important to set standard benchmarks for comparison. The condition of each facility or amenity in the inventory was rated on a three-point scale by field staff.
- **Verifying data quality**. To ensure consistency and completeness of field-collected data, routine reviews of the inventory were conducted, making adjustments and verifying information as needed.
- **Organizing and visualizing data**. Once complete, the field-collected data was transformed into visual displays, such as online dashboards and other web products, for quicker and easier understanding and summarization.
- **Maintaining the data**. At the conclusion of the Recreation and Parks Needs Assessment Update, the interactive geodatabase will be handed over to the City for their ownership and use in assessing park condition over time.

Condition Assessment Scores

During the park assessment, each individual asset was evaluated for condition and assigned a rating score: Excellent, Good, Fair, Poor, and Non-Functional.

Assigning scores based on the current condition of park facilities and amenities gives the City and the public a better picture overall of the scale of improvements needed, as well as where assets with immediate need for replacement or repair are concentrated. These metrics can also help to estimate anticipated costs associated with the repair, replacement, and regular maintenance of assets, and how the expenditures might be prioritized over time.



'Non-Functional' sign



Drinking fountain in 'Poor' condition. While water is available, no longer meets current ADA standards and has visible weathering.

Condition Assessment Scores

Excellent: Asset is currently fully functional and in excellent working conditions. It may be a newer asset or receive a high level of upkeep/maintenance that will not require repair in the near future.

Good: Asset is currently fully functional and in good working condition. Minor cosmetic defects may exist, but the asset is not in need of repair at the moment. Replacement will be required at the end of the asset's anticipated lifecycle.

Fair: Asset is currently functional but is old, worn, or in need of repairs or renovation in the short term. Surfaces, equipment, fixtures, and safety features are operational and allow play, although moderate damage is evident. The asset should be considered for future repair and/or future replacement.

Poor: Asset has significant damage or has parts that are unusable. Major repairs or short-term replacement are needed to continue to be functional and/or safe.

Non-Functional: Asset is unusable. Repair or replacement is necessary.

Condition Assessment Summary

Based on the provided scores, the conditions of 899 park and recreation amenities vary across the spectrum.

Approximately 11% are deemed to be in excellent condition, representing 95 facilities that are exceptionally well-maintained. Half of the amenities, constituting 452, are considered to be in good condition, indicating a satisfactory state of upkeep. Around 25% of the amenities, totaling 221, are rated as fair, suggesting they may require some attention or minor repairs. Meanwhile, 14% of the amenities, totaling 122, are categorized as poor, indicating a need for significant improvements or renovations. Finally, a minimal portion, comprising just 1%, or 9 amenities, are non-functional, highlighting the necessity for urgent attention or complete refurbishment.

These scores provide insight into the diverse conditions of the park and recreation amenities, emphasizing areas for improvement and maintenance efforts.

Figure B- 1. Asset Condition Scoring Summary

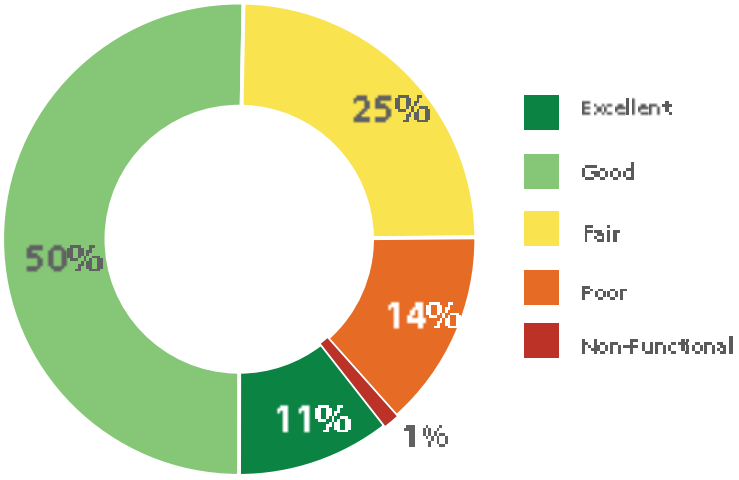


Table B- 7. Recreational Asset Condition Scoring

Asset Type	Condition Scoring					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Non-Functional	Total
Barbeque Grill	--	16	31	9	--	**56**
Bench	3	86	39	5	--	**133**
Bicycle Rack	4	2	1	1	--	**8**
Bleachers / Stadium Seating	5	42	8	2	--	**57**
Community Center / Building	1	1	--		--	**2**

Asset Type	Condition Scoring					
	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor	Non-Functional	Total
Court - Basketball	2		--		--	**2**
Court - Horseshoe Pit	--	5	1		--	**6**
Court - Multiuse	--	4	2	1	--	**7**
Court - Tennis	2	--	--	--	--	**2**
Court - Tetherball	--	--	--	--	1	**1**
Dog Park or Leash-Free Area	--	1	--	--	--	**1**
Drinking Fountain	2	12	6	17	3	**40**
Field - Backstop	2	15	6	6	--	**29**
Field - Baseball or Softball	2	14	4	--	--	**20**
Field - Multiuse	--	4			--	**4**
Other	3	8	4	1	1	**17**
Outdoor Fitness Equipment	1		--	--	--	**1**
Parking (off-street)	5	9	--	--	--	**14**
Pet Waste Station	--	1	4	--	--	**5**
Picnic - Group Tables	5	14	6	5	--	**30**
Picnic - Individual Table	12	24	11	4	--	**51**
Playground (2-5 years)	1	3		5	--	**9**
Playground (5-12 years)	2	4	1	3	--	**10**
Public Art or Memorial	2	--	--	--	--	**2**
Service Road	10	--	4	1	--	**15**
Shelter	--	2	--	1	--	**3**
Signage - Directional Sign	--		1	1	--	**2**
Signage - Interpretive Sign	--	3	3	1	4	**11**
Signage - Monument Sign	14	7	6	2	--	**29**
Swimming Pool	--	2	--	--	--	**2**
Trail - Equestrian	--	1	--	--	--	**1**
Trail - Walking/Jogging	3	2	--	--	--	**5**
Trash or Recycle Receptacle	14	169	80	55	--	**318**
Wading Pool	--	1	3	2	--	**6**
Total	**95**	**452**	**221**	**122**	**9**	**899**
Percent	**11%**	**50%**	**25%**	**14%**	**1%**	**100%**

Asset Condition Rating by Park

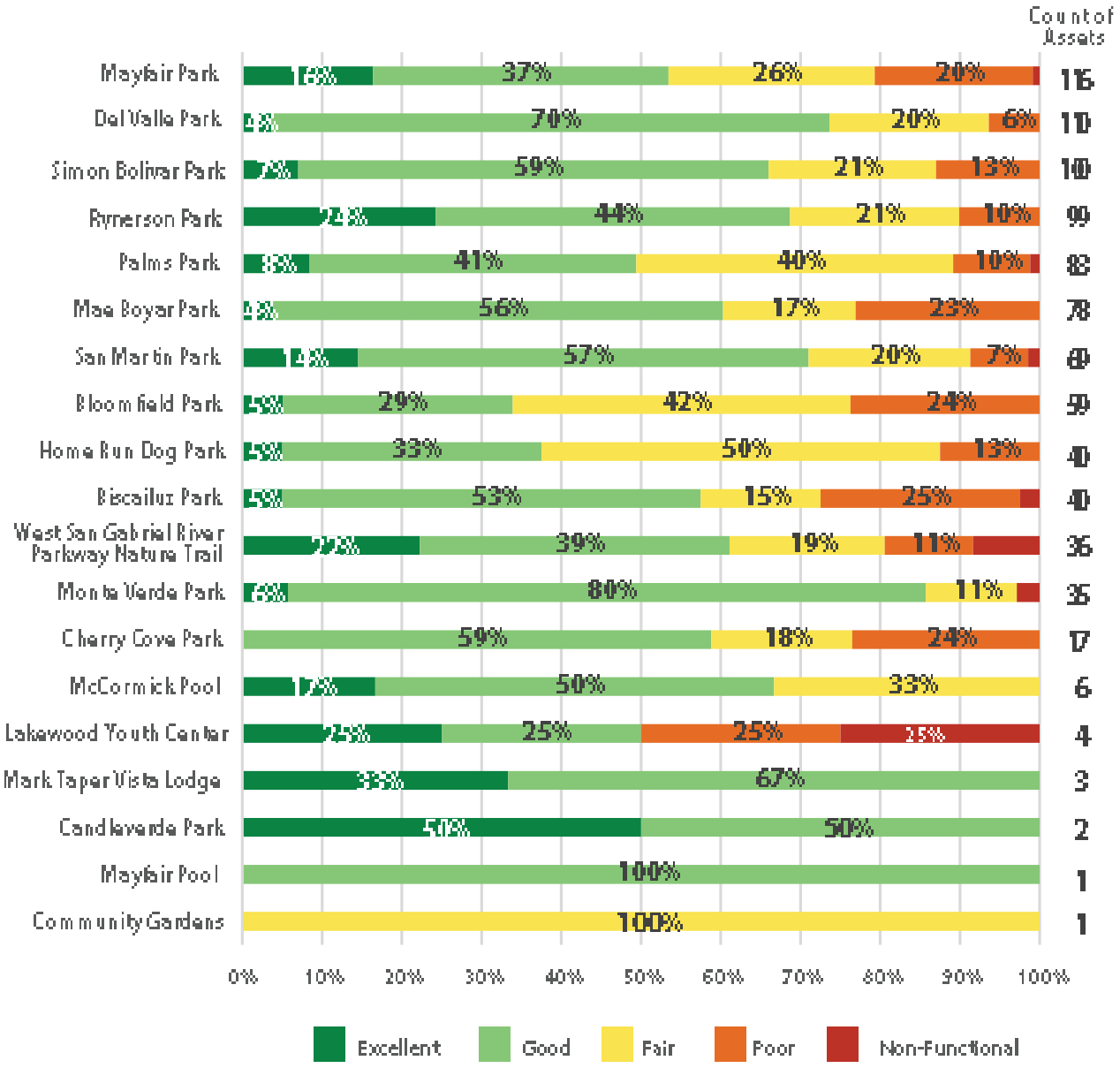
Table B-8 displays the asset condition ratings for each park. Mayfair Park and Rynerson Park lead with the highest percentage of assets in excellent condition at 20% and 25%, respectively. Del Valle Park and Bolivar Park stand out for having the most assets rated as good at 17% and 13%, respectively. Mayfair Park and Palms Park record the highest percentages for fair condition, with 14% and 15%, respectively. In terms of poor condition, Mayfair Park and Mae Boyar Park have the highest percentages of assets at 19% and 15%, respectively.

Table B- 8. Asset Condition Rating by Park

Park Name	Total		Excellent		Good		Fair		Poor		Non-Functional	
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%
Biscailuz Park	**40**	**4%**	2	2%	21	5%	6	3%	10	8%	1	11%
Bloomfield Park	**59**	**7%**	3	3%	17	4%	25	11%	14	11%	--	0%
Candleverde Park	**2**	**0%**	1	1%	1	0%	--	0%	--	0%	--	0%
Cherry Cove Park	**17**	**2%**	--	0%	10	2%	3	1%	4	3%	--	0%
Del Valle Park	**110**	**12%**	4	4%	77	17%	22	10%	7	6%	--	0%
Home Run Dog Park	**40**	**4%**	2	2%	13	3%	20	9%	5	4%	--	0%
Community Gardens	**1**	**0%**	--	0%	--	0%	1	0%	--	0%	--	0%
Youth Center	**4**	**0%**	1	1%	1	0%	--	0%	1	1%	1	11%
Mae Boyar Park	**78**	**9%**	3	3%	44	10%	13	6%	18	15%	--	0%
Mayfair Park	**116**	**13%**	19	20%	43	10%	30	14%	23	19%	1	11%
Mayfair Pool	**1**	**0%**	--	0%	1	0%	--	0%	--	0%	--	0%
McCormick Pool	**6**	**1%**	1	1%	3	1%	2	1%	--	0%	--	0%
Monte Verde Park	**35**	**4%**	2	2%	28	6%	4	2%	--	0%	1	11%
Palms Park	**83**	**9%**	7	7%	34	8%	33	15%	8	7%	1	11%
Rynerson Park	**99**	**11%**	24	25%	44	10%	21	9%	10	8%	--	0%
S. Mark Taper Vista Lodge	**3**	**0%**	1	1%	2	0%	--	0%	--	0%	--	0%
San Martin Park	**69**	**8%**	10	11%	39	9%	14	6%	5	4%	1	11%
Simon Bolivar Park	**100**	**11%**	7	7%	59	13%	21	9%	13	11%	--	0%
San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail	**36**	**4%**	8	8%	14	3%	7	3%	4	3%	3	33%
Total	**899**	**100 %**	**95**	**100 %**	**451**	**100%**	**222**	**100 %**	**122**	**100 %**	**9**	**100%**

Figure B-2 illustrates the asset scoring by park. Mayfair emerges with the highest number of assets, whereas the Lakewood Community Garden and Mayfair Pool show the lowest counts. Among Community Parks, most assets fall under the Good rating. Notably, Mayfair Park, Mae Boyar Park, Bloomfield Park, Bizcaluiz Park, and Cherry Cove Park each have 20 percent or more of their assets rated as Poor.

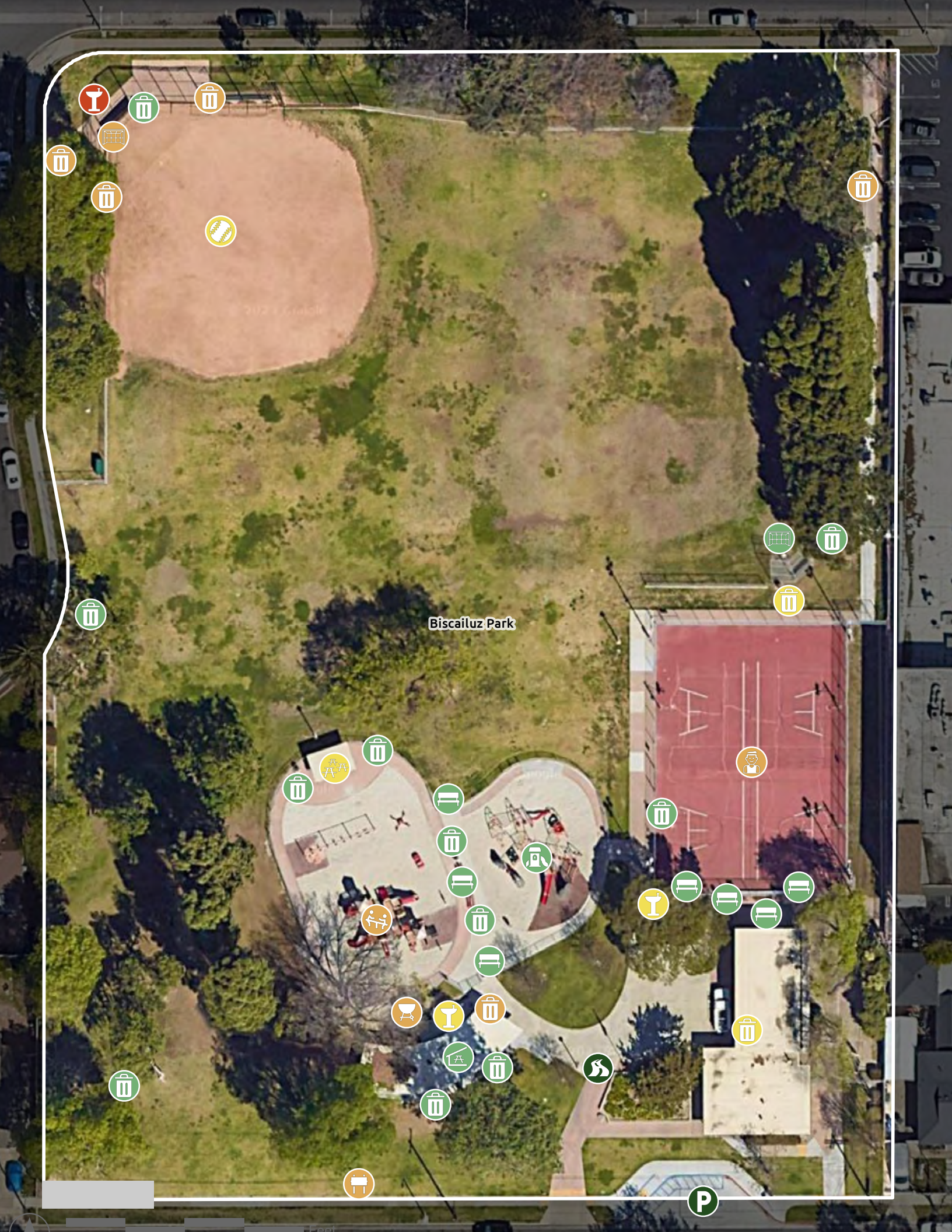
Figure B- 2. Asset Condition Rating by Park



Asset Condition Location by Park

The following spreads illustrate Lakewood park asset condition, identified by color. Surveyed in 2023, the assets include recreational facilities (fields, courts, playgrounds, etc.) and park amenities (benches, barbeque grills, trash receptacles, etc.). The condition ranges from excellent (dark green) to non-functional (red).

Interior amenities were not assessed as part of this survey.


Biscailuz Park

Biscailuz Park

Park Classification: **Neighborhood Park**
Park Size: **3.9 Acres**

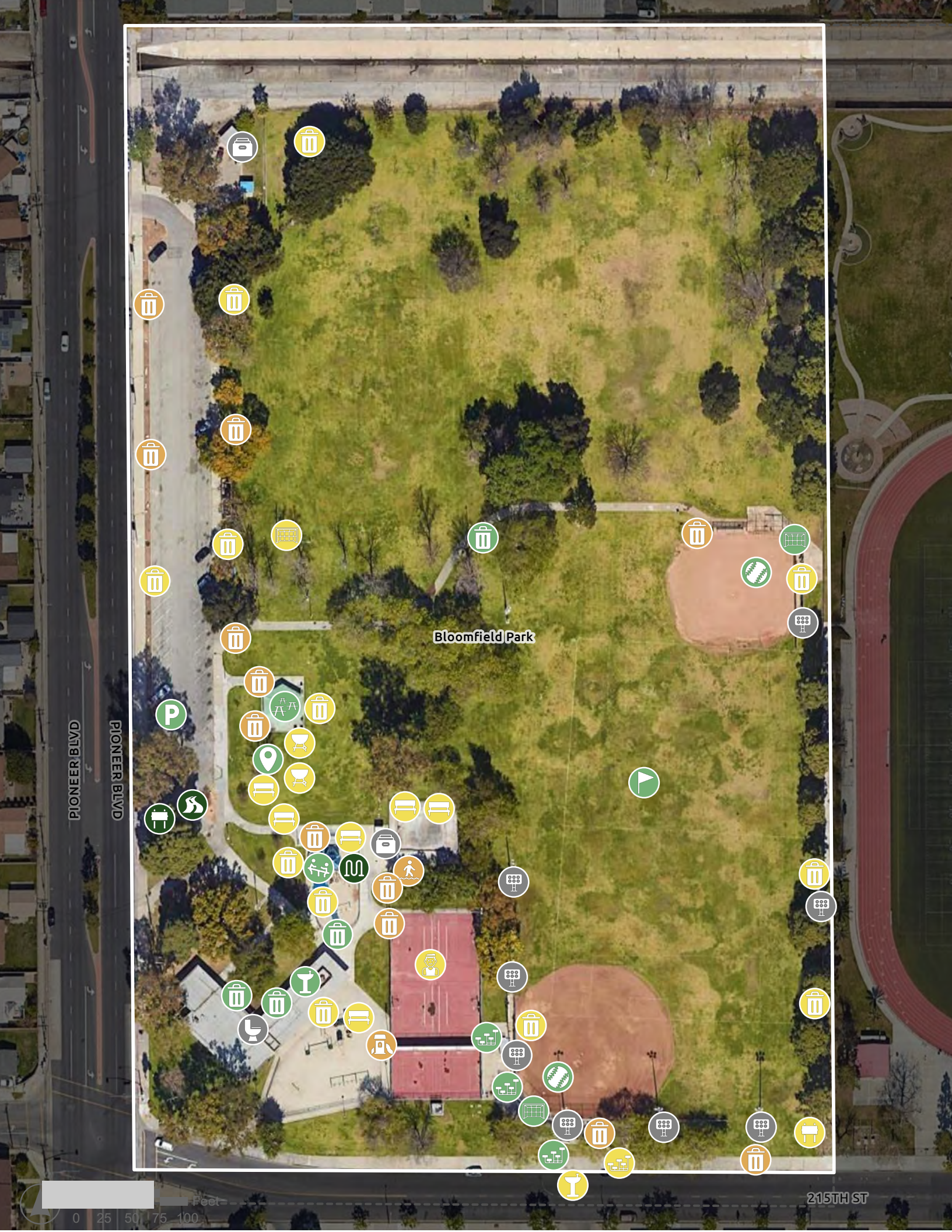
Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Court - Multiuse
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Parking (off-street)
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Playground (2-5 years)
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Service Road
- Shelter
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Service Road
- Parking (Off-Street)
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Field - Backstop
- Playground (5-12 Years)
- Shelter
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
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- Drinking Fountain
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Barbeque Grill
- Field - Backstop
- Court - Multiuse
- Playground (2-5 Years)
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
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- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Drinking Fountain


Bloomfield Park
PIONEER BLVD
PIONEER BLVD
215TH ST
Feet
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25
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75
100

Bloomfield Park

Park Classification: **Neighborhood Park**
Park Size: **14.9 Acres**

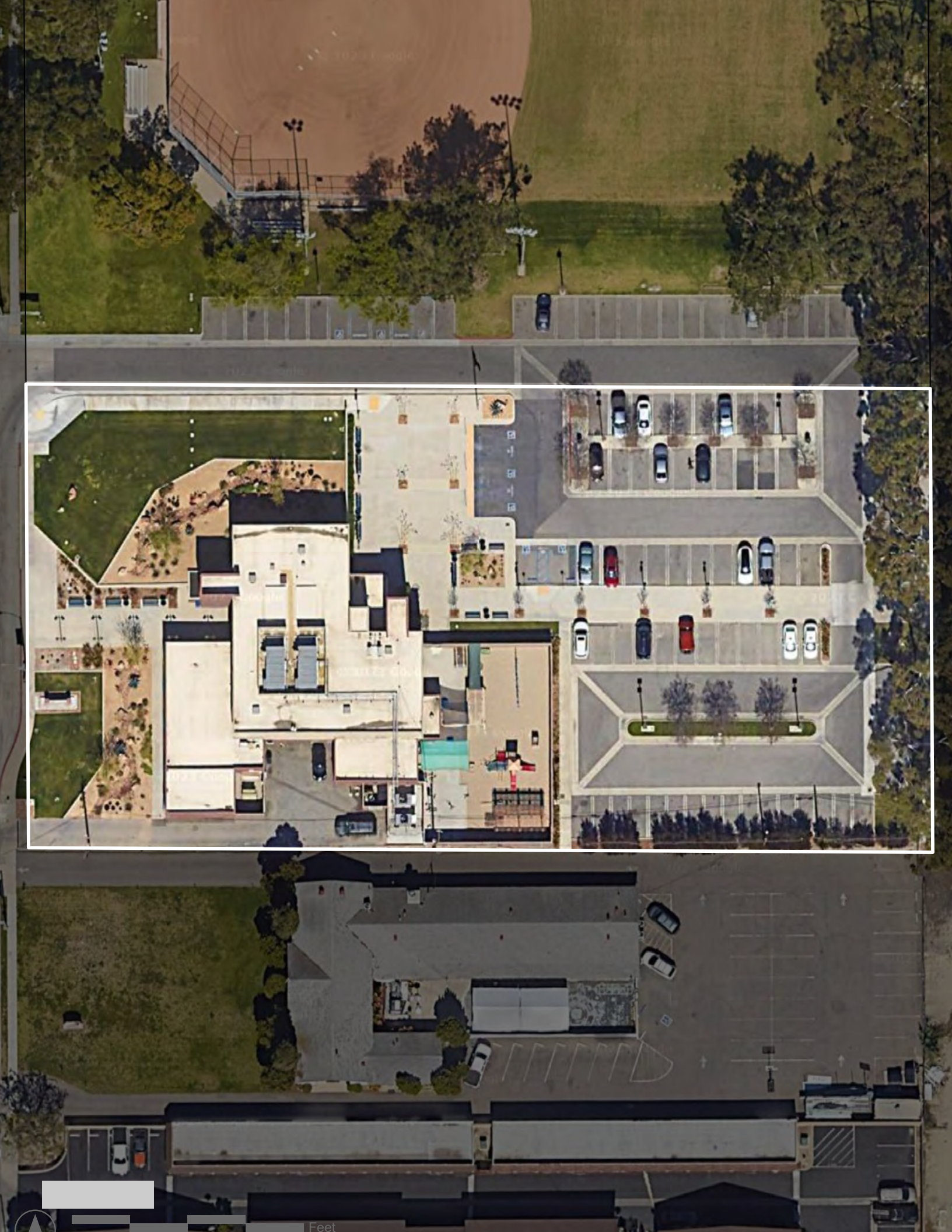
Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Bicycle Rack
- Bleachers / Stadium Seating
- Court - Multiuse
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Field - Multiuse
- Lighting - Stadium
- Other
- Parking (off-street)
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Playground (2-5 years)
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Restrooms / Locker Rooms
- Service Road
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Storage or Maintenance Building
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Wading Pool

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Bicycle Rack
- Service Road
- Signage - Monument
- Bleachers
- Bleachers
- Bleachers
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Field - Multiuse
- Parking (Off-Street)
- Other
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Playground (2-5 Years)
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
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- Bleachers
- Court - Multi-use
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Signage - Monument Sign
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- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Wading Pool
- N/A - Restrooms/Locker Rooms
- N/A - Storage or Maintenance Building
- N/A - Storage or Maintenance Building
- N/A - Lighting - Stadium
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- N/A - Lighting - Stadium



Burns Community Center

Park Classification: **Special Use Recreation Facility**
Park Size: **1.8 Acres**

The project team focused on evaluating park assets and did not assess interior amenities such as community centers on park property.


CARDALE ST
OOD ST
CANDLEWOOD ST
Candleverde Park
CARFAX AVE
DASHWOOD ST
DASHWOOD ST
DASHWOOD ST
CARFAX AVE

Candleverde Park

Park Classification: **Passive Park**
Park Size: **2.3 Acres**

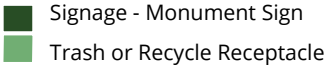
Park Assets

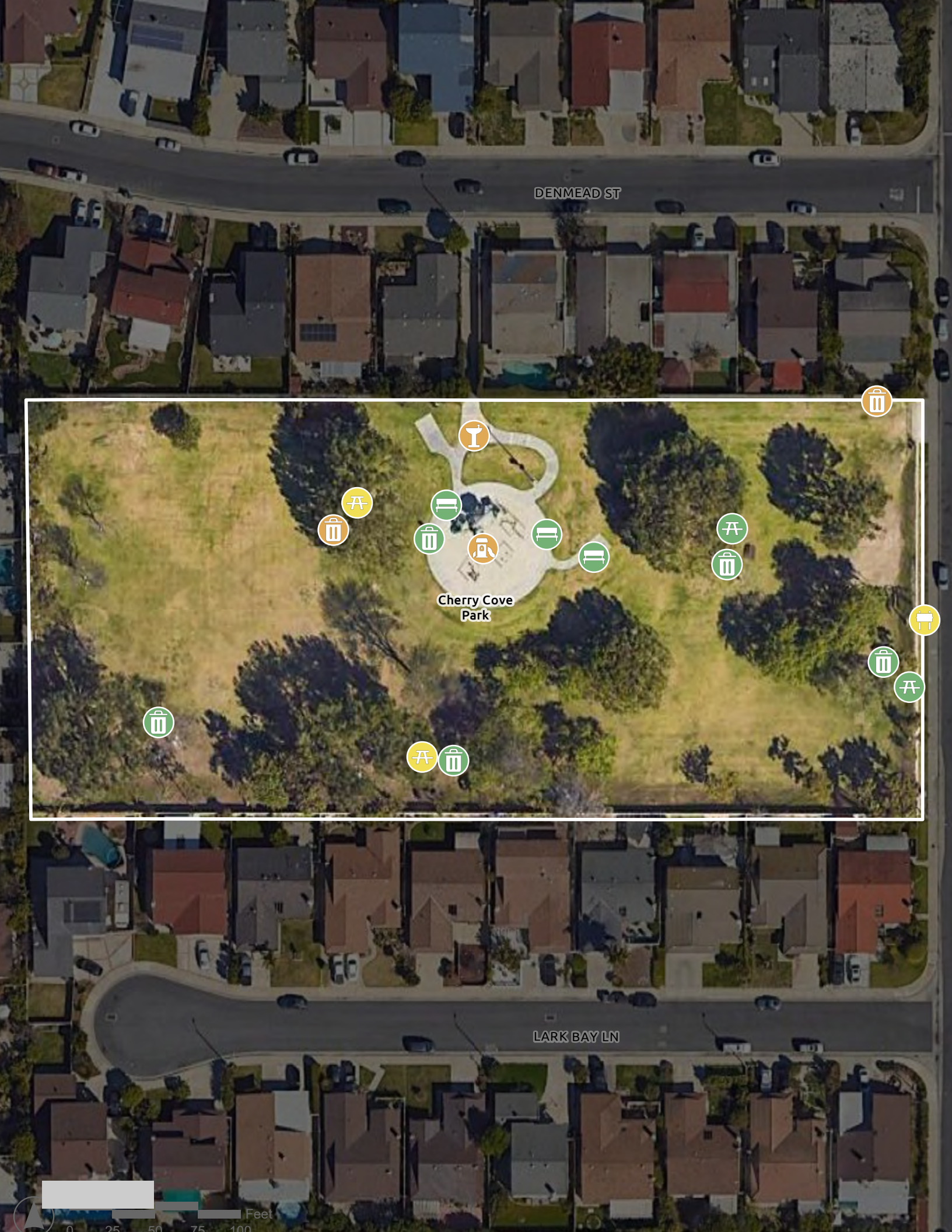
Signage - Monument Sign

Trash or Recycle Receptacle

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent Good Fair Poor Non-Functional N/A




DENMEAD ST
Cherry Cove Park
LARK BAY LN
Feet
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25
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75
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Cherry Cove Park

Park Classification: **Passive Park**
Park Size: **3.0 Acres**

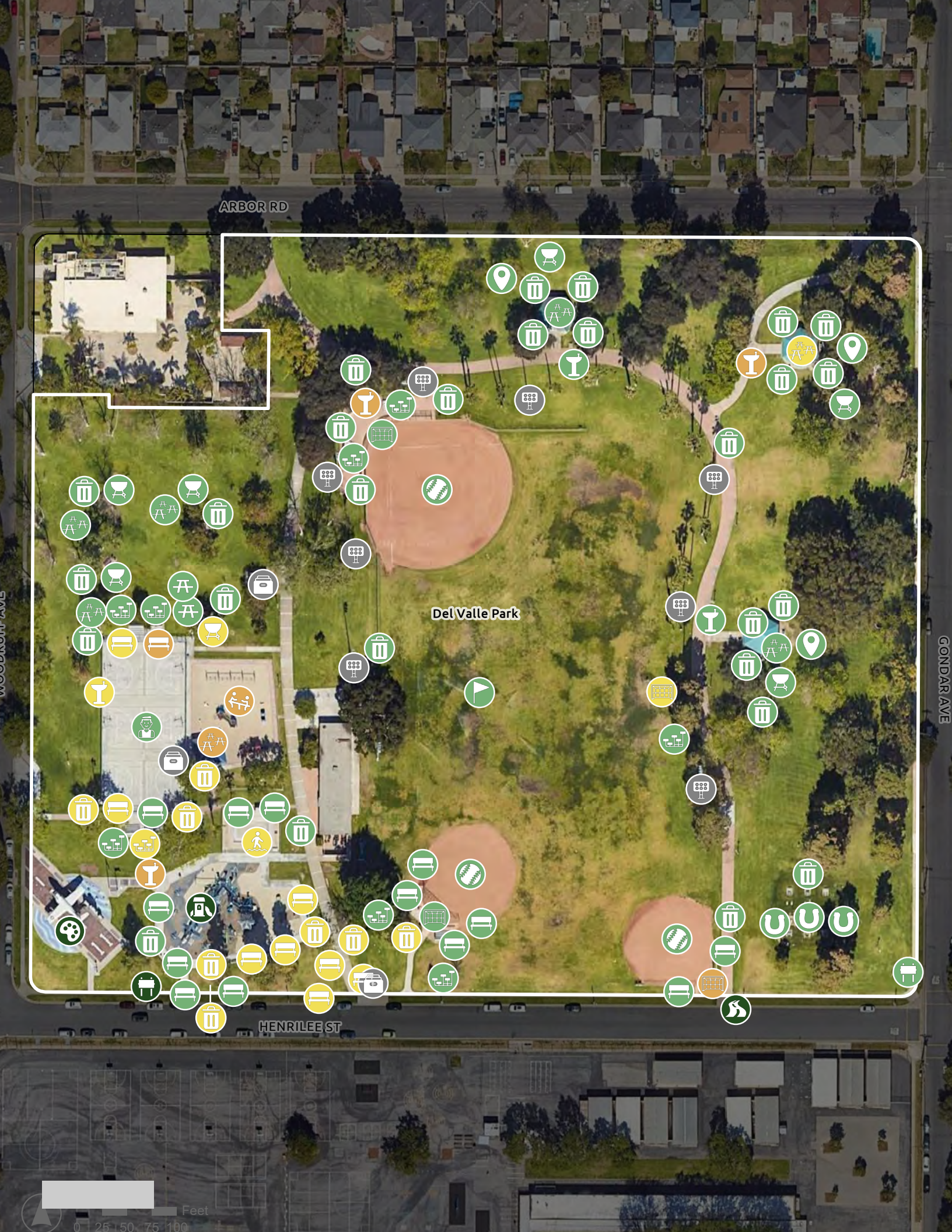
Park Assets

- Bench
- Drinking Fountain
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
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- Picnic - Individual Table
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Drinking Fountain
- Playground (5-12 Years)
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle


ARBOR RD
Del Valle Park
WOODROW AVE
GONDAR AVE
HENRILEE ST
Feet
0 25 50 75 100

Jose Del Valle Park

Park Classification: **Community Park**
Park Size: **14.7 Acres**

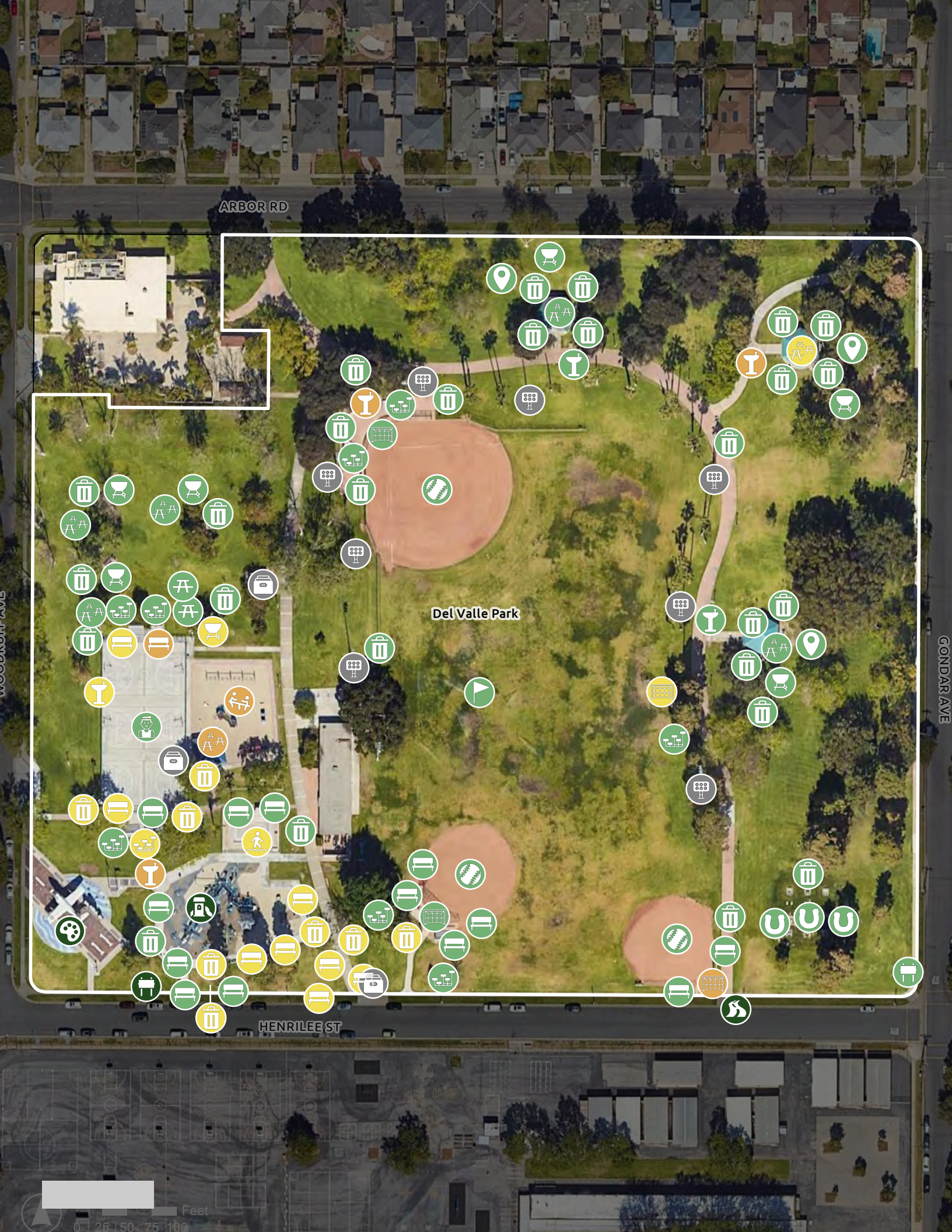
Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Bleachers / Stadium Seating
- Court - Horseshoe Pit
- Court - Multiuse
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Field - Multiuse
- Lighting - Stadium
- Other
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Playground (2-5 years)
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Public Art or Memorial
- Service Road
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Storage or Maintenance Buildir
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Wading Pool

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Playground (5-12 Years)
- Public Art or Memorial
- Service Road
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Bench
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- Barbeque Grill
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- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
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- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
- Court - Horseshoe Pit
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- Court - Horseshoe Pit
- Court - Multi-Use
- Drinking Fountain
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
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- Field - Multi-use
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- Picnic - Group Tables
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- Wading Pool
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- Drinking Fountain
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- Drinking Fountain


ARBOR RD
Del Valle Park
WOODROW AVE
GONDAR AVE
HENRILEE ST
Feet
0 25 50 75 100

Jose Del Valle Park

Park Classification: **Community Park**
Park Size: **14.7 Acres**

Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Bleachers / Stadium Seating
- Court - Horseshoe Pit
- Court - Multiuse
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Field - Multiuse
- Lighting - Stadium
- Other
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Playground (2-5 years)
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Public Art or Memorial
- Service Road
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Storage or Maintenance Buildir
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Wading Pool

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Field - Backstop
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Playground (2-5 Years)
- N/A - Lighting - Stadium
- N/A - Lighting - Stadium
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- N/A - Lighting - Stadium
- Storage or Maintenance Building
- Storage or Maintenance Building


STUDEBAKER RD
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Home Run Dog Park

Park Classification: **Special Use Park**
Park Size: **1.9 Acres**

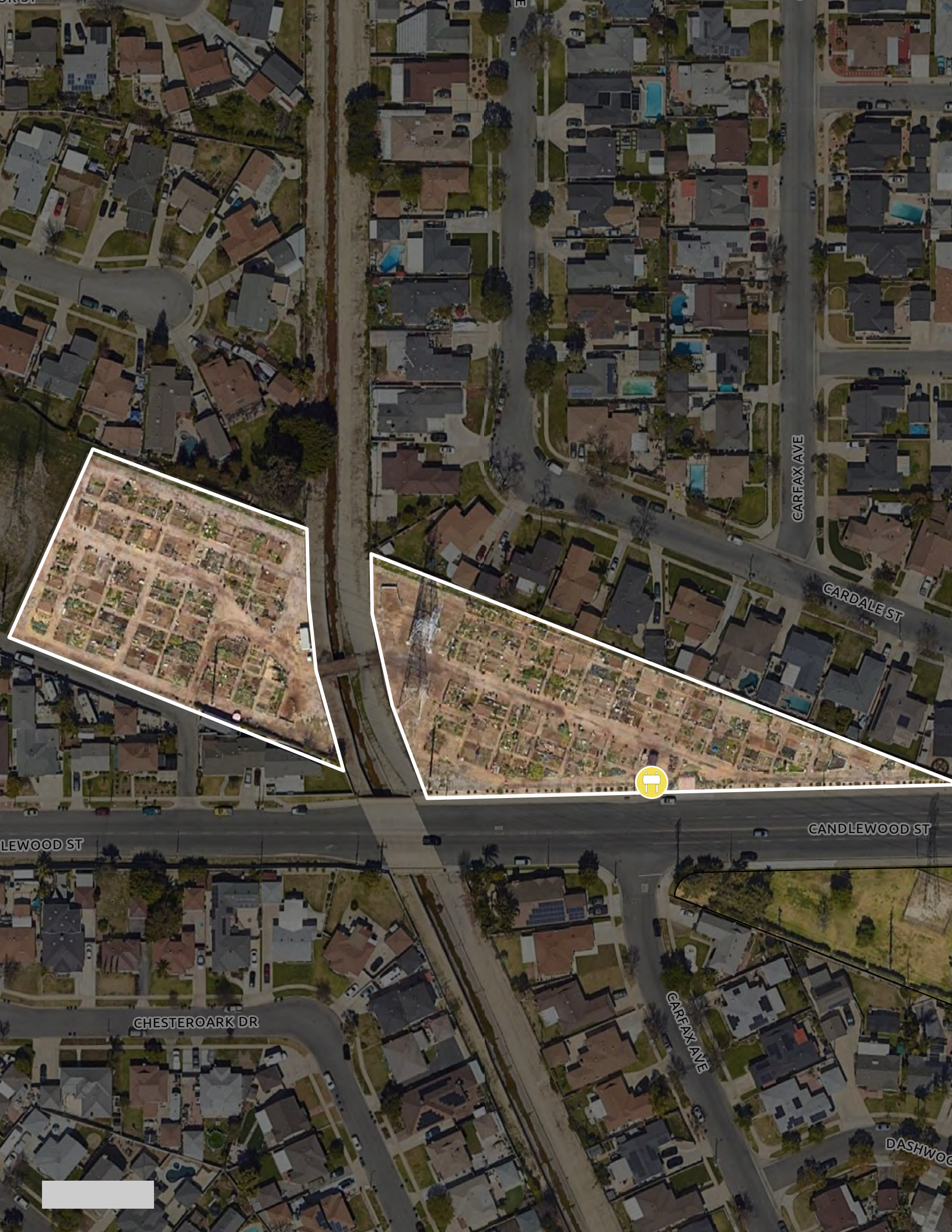
Park Assets

- Bench
- Drinking Fountain
- Pet Waste Station
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Signage - Interpretive Sign
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Drinking Fountain
- Drinking Fountain
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Pet Waste Station
- Signage Interpretive Sign
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
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CARFAX AVE
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CANDLEWOOD ST
LEWOOD ST
CHESTEROARK DR
CARFAX AVE
DASHWOO

Lakewood Community Gardens

Park Classification: **Special Use Park**
Park Size: **2.8 Acres**

Park Assets

Signage - Monument Sign

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent Good Fair Poor Non-Functional N/A

Signage - Monument Sign


213TH ST
LONGWORTH AVE
214TH ST
215TH ST
216T
CARSON ST
ARSON ST
E CARSON ST
CARSON ST
Feet
0 25 50 75 100

Lakewood Equestrian Center

Park Classification: **Special Use Park**
Park Size: **9.0 Acres (7.0 City-Owned, 2.0 County-Owned)**

The project team focused on evaluating park assets and did not assess interior amenities such as community centers on park property.


ARBOR RD

Lakewood Youth Center

Park Classification: **Special Use Park**
Park Size: **1.9 Acres**

The project team focused on evaluating park assets and did not assess interior amenities such as community centers on park property.


GLORYWHITE ST
KEN AVE
GLORYWHITE ST
MAMIE AVE
STEVELY AVE
DEL AMO BLVD
DEL AMO BLVD
Boyar Park
OSTROM AVE
PETALUMA AVE
LOOMIS ST
LOOMIS ST
NIPOMO AVE
PETALUMA AVE
NIXON ST
TURNERGROVE DR
Feet

Mae Boyar Park

Park Classification: **Neighborhood Park**
Park Size: **13.1 Acres**

Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Bicycle Rack
- Bleachers / Stadium Seating
- Court - Multiuse
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Lighting - Stadium
- Parking (off-street)
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Playground (2-5 years)
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Restrooms / Locker Rooms
- Service Road
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Storage or Maintenance Building
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Wading Pool

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Bicycle Rack
- Service Road
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Barbeque Grill
- Bicycle Rack
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Bench
- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
- Court - Multi-Use
- Drinking Fountain
- Drinking Fountain
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Parking - Off-Street
- Parking - Off-Street
- Picnic - individual Table
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
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- N/A - Restrooms/Locker Rooms
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- N/A - Lighting - Stadium
- Storage or Maintenance Building


Mayfair Park
CLARK AVE
FIDLER AVE
SOUTH ST
BIGELOW ST
MICHELSON ST
PREMIERE AVE
Feet
0 25 50 75 100

Mayfair Park

Park Classification: **Community Park**
Park Size: **16.4 Acres**

Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Bicycle Rack
- Bleachers / Stadium Seating
- Court - Multiuse
- Court - Tennis
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Field - Multiuse
- Lighting - Stadium
- Other
- Parking (off-street)
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Playground (2-5 years)
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Restrooms / Locker Rooms
- Service Road
- Shelter
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Storage or Maintenance Building
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Wading Pool

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Barbeque Grill
- Barbeque Grill
- Bicycle Rack
- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
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- Court - Tennis
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Field - Baseball or Softball
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- Bicycle Rack
- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
- Court - Multiuse
- Drinking Fountain
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- Field - Backstop
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- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
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- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Other
- Playground (5-12 Years)
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Mayfair Park
CLARK AVE
FIDLER AVE
SOUTH ST
BIGELOW ST
MICHELSON ST
PREMIERE AVE
Feet
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Mayfair Park (Continued)

Park Classification: **Community Park**
Park Size: **16.4 Acres**

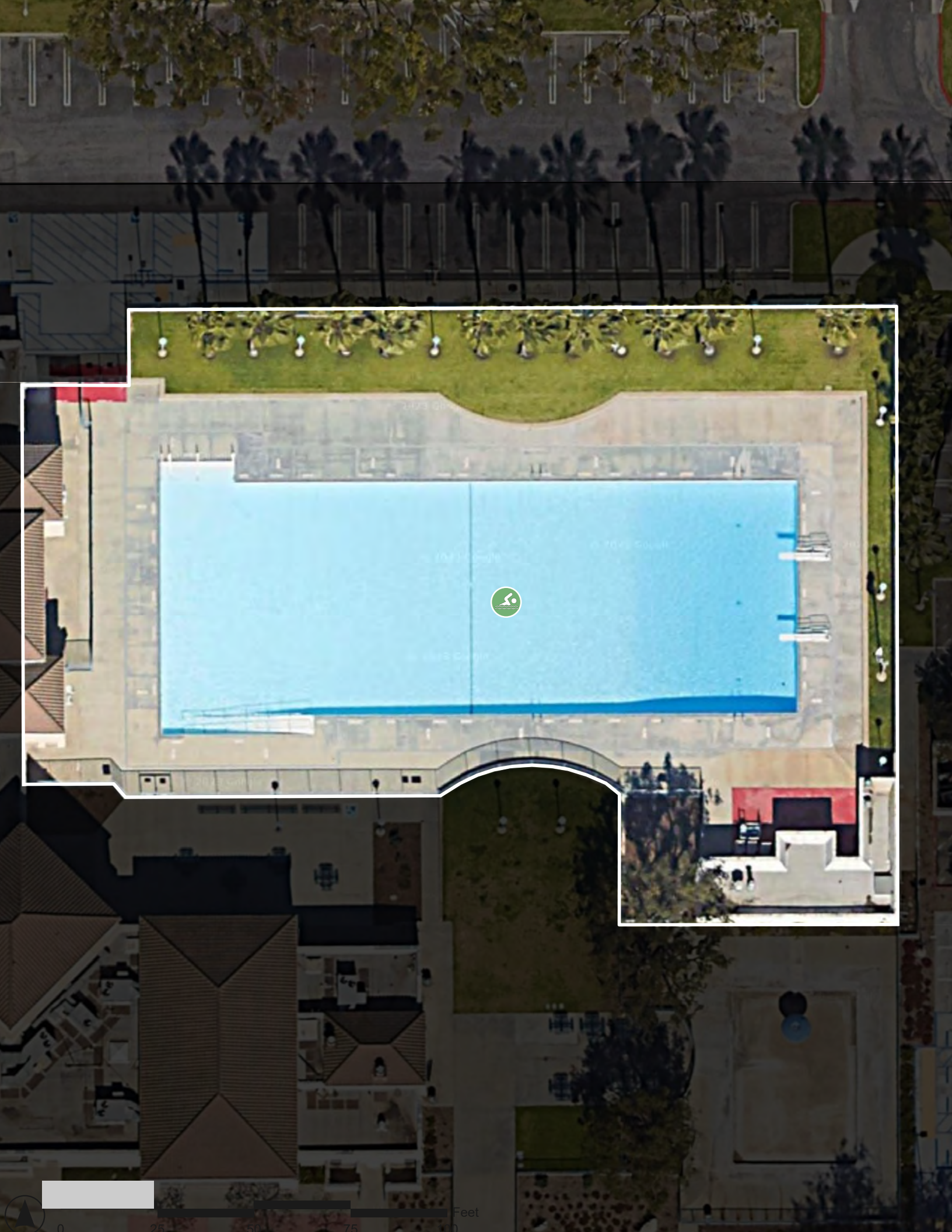
Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Bicycle Rack
- Bleachers / Stadium Seating
- Court - Multiuse
- Court - Tennis
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Field - Multiuse
- Lighting - Stadium
- Other
- Parking (off-street)
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Playground (2-5 years)
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Restrooms / Locker Rooms
- Service Road
- Shelter
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Storage or Maintenance Building
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Wading Pool

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Drinking Fountain
- N/A Restrooms/Locker Facility
- Lighting - Stadium
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- N/A - Restrooms/Locker Facility
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- Storage or Maintenance Building
- Storage or Maintenance Building


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Mayfair Pool

Park Classification: **Special Use Recreation Facility**
Park Size: **0.7 Acres**

Park Assets

Swimming Pool

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent Good Fair Poor Non-Functional N/A

Swimming Pool


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McCormick Pool

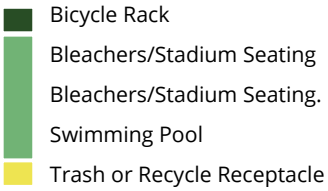
Park Classification: **Special Use Recreation Facility**
Park Size: **0.4 Acres**

Park Assets

- Bicycle Rack
- Bleachers / Stadium Seating
- Drinking Fountain
- Swimming Pool
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A




Monte Verde
Park

Monte Verde Park

Park Classification: **Special Use Park**
Park Size: **3.2 Acres**

Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Other
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Signage - Interpretive Sign
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Trail - Walking/Jogging
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Other
- Trail - Walking/Jogging
- Bench
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- Other
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Signage Interpretive
- Signage - Monument Sign
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Palms Community Center

Park Classification: **Special Use Recreation Facility**
Park Size: **0.4 Acres**

The project team focused on evaluating park assets and did not assess interior amenities such as community centers on park property.

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THORNLAKE AVE
BELSHIRE AVE
RENVILLE ST
NORWALK BLVD
207TH ST
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THORNLAKE AVE
BELSHIRE AVE
CORTNER AVE
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GLARETTA AVE
Feet
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Palms Park

Park Classification: **Community Park**
Park Size: **12.2 Acres**

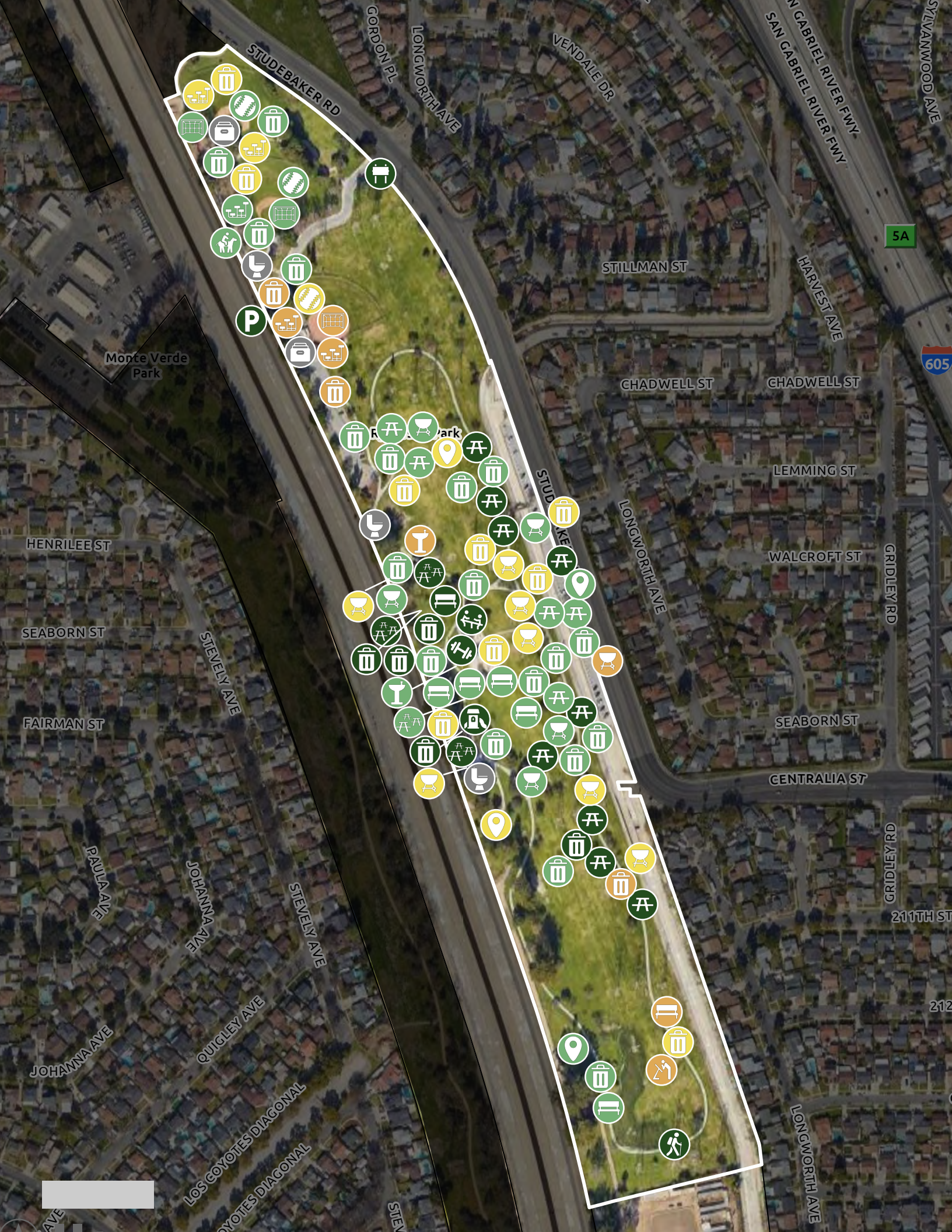
Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Bicycle Rack
- Bleachers / Stadium Seating
- Court - Basketball
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Lighting - Stadium
- Other
- Parking (off-street)
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Playground (2-5 years)
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Restrooms / Locker Rooms
- Service Road
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Storage or Maintenance Building
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Wading Pool

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Court - Basketball
- Court - Basketball
- Service Road
- Other
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
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- Bleachers/Stadium Seating
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- Field - Backstop
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- Field - Baseball or Softball
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- Restrooms/Locker Rooms
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- Storage or Maintenance Building
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STUDEBAKER RD
GORDON PL
LONGWORTH AVE
VENDALE DR
SAN GABRIEL RIVER FWY
SYLVANWOOD AVE
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STILLMAN ST
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WALCROFT ST
GRIDLEY RD
SEABORN ST
STEVELY AVE
FAIRMAN ST
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PAULA AVE
JOHANNA AVE
211TH ST
QUIGLEY AVE
JOHANNA AVE
LOS COYOTES DIAGONAL
LONGWORTH AVE

Rynerson Park

Park Classification: **Neighborhood Park**
Park Size: **37 Acres**

Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Bleachers / Stadium Seating
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Other
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Parking (off-street)
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Playground (2-5 years)
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Restrooms / Locker Rooms
- Signage - Interpretive Sign
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Storage or Maintenance Building
- Trail - Equestrian
- Trail - Walking/Jogging
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle

Asset Condition (2023)

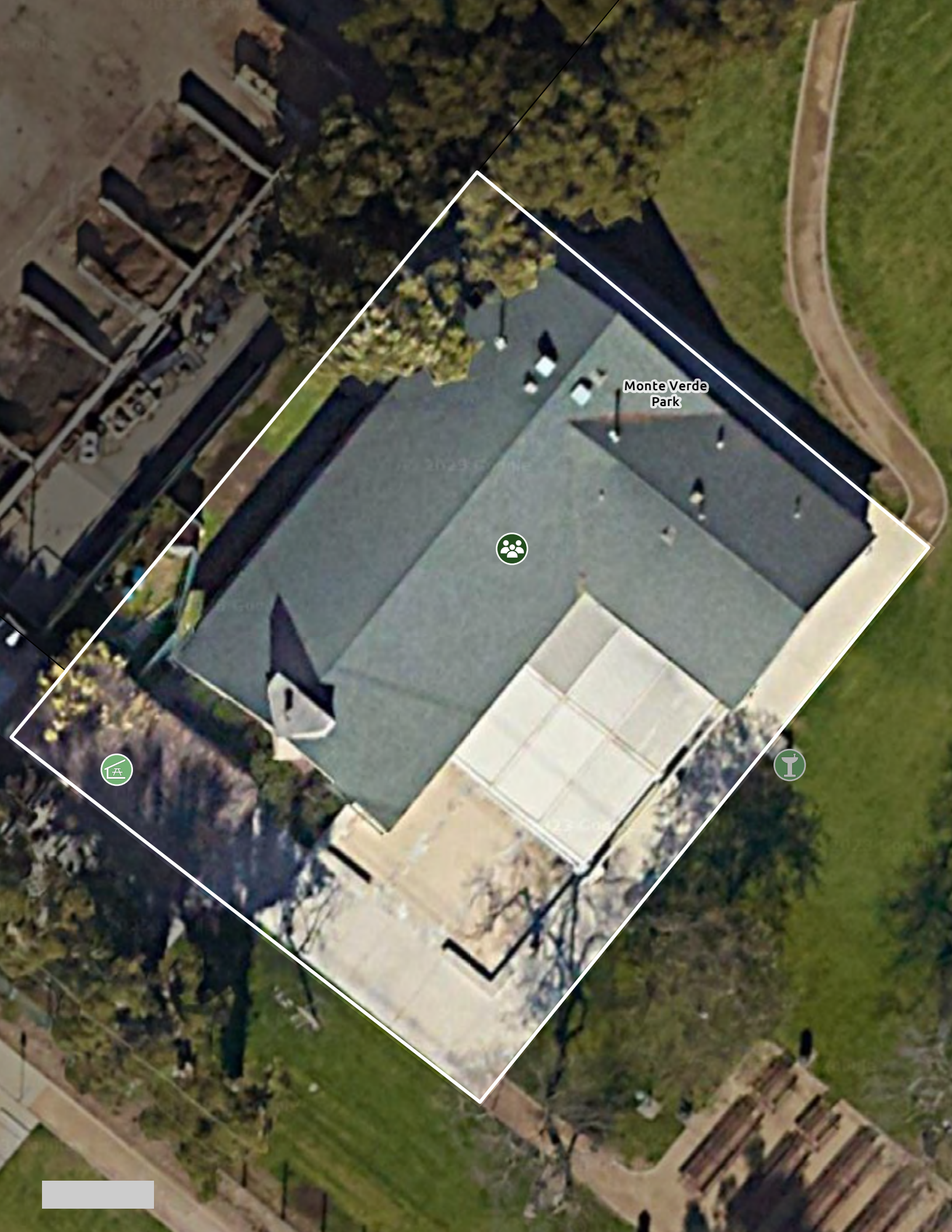
Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Bench
- Outdoor Fitness Equipment
- Parking (Off-Street)
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- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Signage - Interpretive
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
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- N/A - Restrooms/Locker Rooms
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- N/A - Restrooms/Locker Rooms
- Storage or Maintenance Building
- Storage or Maintenance Building


Monte Verde
Park

S. Mark Taper Vista Lodge

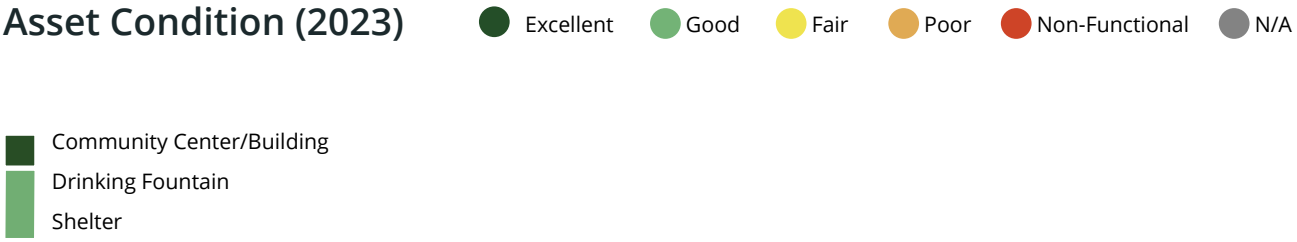
Park Classification: **Special Use Park**
Park Size: **3.2 Acres**

The project team focused on evaluating park assets and did not assess interior amenities such as community centers on park property. The S. Mark Taper Vista Lodge and its asssets are considered part of Monte Verde Park.

Site Assets

- Community Center / Building
- Drinking Fountain
- Shelter

Asset Condition (2023)




CANDLEWOOD ST
DUNROBIN AVE
OCANA AVE
San Martin Park
DUNROBIN AVE
OCANA AVE

Jose de San Martin Park

Park Classification: **Community Park**
Park Size: **10 Acres**

Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Bleachers / Stadium Seating
- Community Center / Building
- Court - Horseshoe Pit
- Court - Multiuse
- Court - Tetherball
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Lighting - Stadium
- Parking (off-street)
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Playground (2-5 years)
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Public Art or Memorial
- Restrooms / Locker Rooms
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Storage or Maintenance Building
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
- Wading Pool

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Parking (Off-Street)
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- Picnic - Individual Tables
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- Public Art or Memorial
- Signage - Monument
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- Court - Backstop
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- Court - Backstop
- Community Center/Building
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Backstop
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle
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- N/A - Storage or Maintenance Building


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Simon Bolivar Park

Park Classification: **Community Park**
Park Size: **9.6 Acres**

Park Assets

- Barbeque Grill
- Bench
- Bleachers / Stadium Seating
- Court - Horseshoe Pit
- Court - Multiuse
- Drinking Fountain
- Field - Backstop
- Field - Baseball or Softball
- Field - Multiuse
- Lighting - Stadium
- Other
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Picnic - Individual Table
- Playground (2-5 years)
- Playground (5-12 years)
- Restrooms / Locker Rooms
- Service Road
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Storage or Maintenance Building
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Bench
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Picnic - Group Tables
- Service Road
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- Lighting - Stadium
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- Restroom/Locker Rooms

Lakewood CIty Hall
CIVIC CENTER WAY
CIVIC CENTER WAY

The Centre

Park Classification: Special Use Recreation Facility
Park Size: **5.4 Acres**

The project team focused on evaluating park assets and did not assess interior amenities such as community centers on park property.

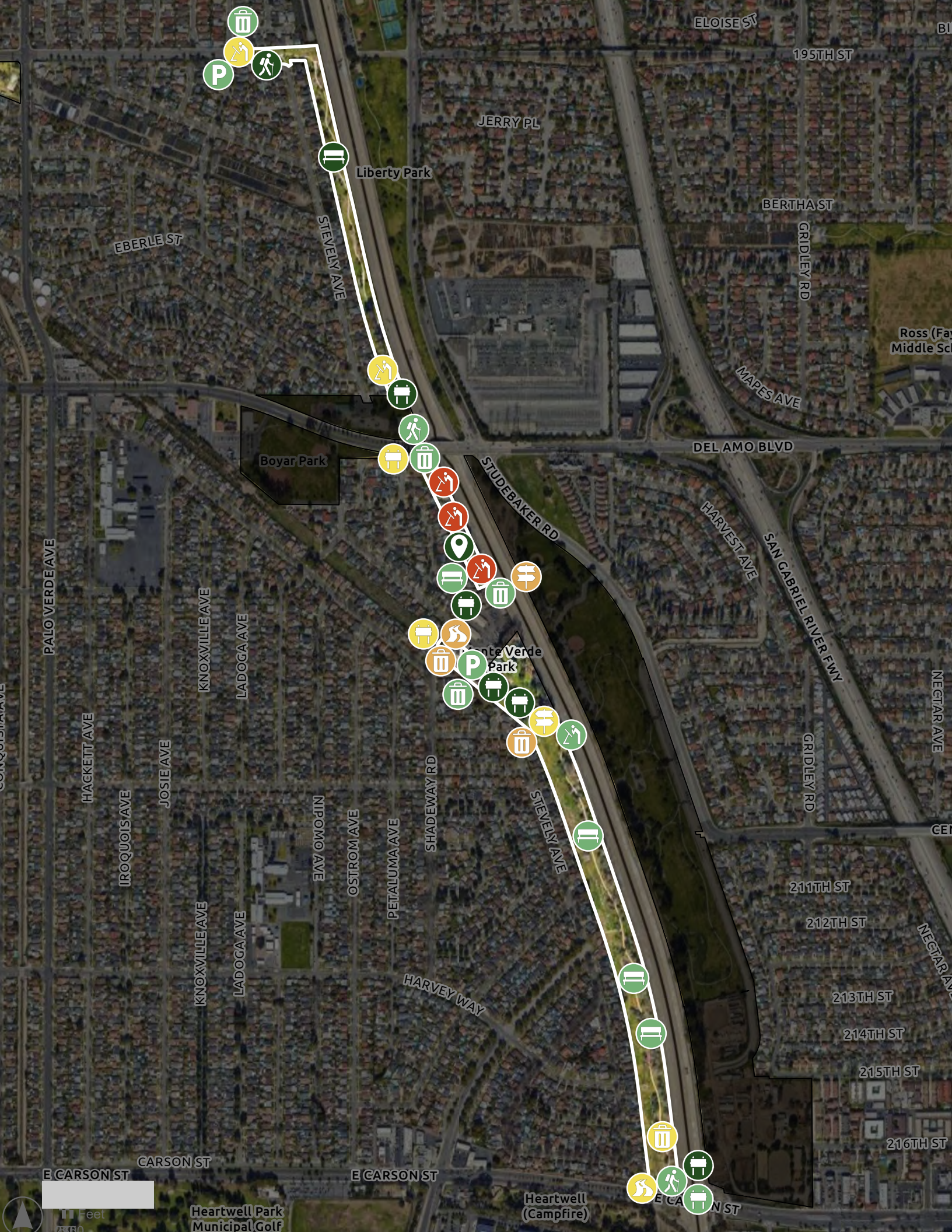
Site Assets

P Parking (off-street)

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent Good Fair Poor Non-Functional N/A

Parking (Off-Street)


ELOISE ST
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MAPES AVE
DEL AMO BLVD
Boyar Park
STUDEBAKER RD
HARVEST AVE
SAN GABRIEL RIVER FWY
PALO VERDE AVE
KNOXVILLE AVE
LADOGA AVE
HACKETT AVE
JOSIE AVE
IROQUOIS AVE
NIPOMO AVE
OSTROM AVE
PETALUMA AVE
SHADEWAY RD
NECTAR AVE
211TH ST
212TH ST
HARVEY WAY
213TH ST
214TH ST
215TH ST
216TH ST
CARSON ST
E CARSON ST
Heartwell Park
Municipal Golf
Heartwell
(Campfire)
Feet

The Nature Trail

Park Classification: Parkway and Nature Trail
Park Size: **26.4 Acres**

Park Assets

- Bench
- Other
- Parking (off-street)
- Service Road
- Signage - Directional Sign
- Signage - Interpretive Sign
- Signage - Monument Sign
- Trail - Walking/Jogging
- Trash or Recycle Receptacle

Asset Condition (2023)

Excellent | Good | Fair | Poor | Non-Functional | N/A

- Bench
- Other
- Signage - Monument
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Recreation Programming and Services

As part of the Long-Range Plan development process, the City of Lakewood's recreation programs and services were inventoried and analyzed to inform the recreation planning context, identify existing participation levels, identify gaps (if applicable), and provide greater insights for the plan.

Full Recreation Program and Service Portfolio

The following pages list Recreation & Community Services (RCS) Department core program areas to provide a more comprehensive portfolio of programs and services provided.

- **Active+**. The Active+ program offers active older adults recreation and fitness opportunities, based out of the Burns Community Center. Activities are aimed at those aging residents who endeavor to age gracefully, while maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle.
- **Adaptive Recreation.** The Adaptive Recreation Program offers individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities opportunities for recreation and inclusion according to their abilities. The program is hosted at Bloomfield Park and offers special events, field trips and life skills activities.
- **Adult Sports.** Adults in Lakewood can participate in organized leagues for softball (men's and co-ed) and volleytennis for women, offered three seasons each year. Additionally, pickleball is offered at Mayfair and Bolivar parks, and drop in volleyball and basketball are offered at the Hoover Middle School gymnasium.
- **Adult Travel Trips.** Travel trips are offered in each catalog. Trips are aimed at adults and sometimes families looking to experience attractions across Southern California. Charter buses and previously secured tickets make the destinations accessible and easy for participants.
- **After-School Park Supervision.** Lakewood parks are safe, clean and fun and are supervised during the hours when youth get out of school. Recreation staff are required to be proactive in supervision, ensuring safety, while making games, crafts and outdoor equipment available to children at the parks.
- **Aquatics.** A program of recreation swimming, lessons, competition and special events are offered from Memorial Day through Labor Day. The city also offers a popular Junior Lifeguard Program at two pools during summer months. The City also provides six wading pools, which are shallow pools designed for toddlers and young children. These wading pools are in operation from mid-June to early-September.

- **Arbor Week.** Lakewood has a "Tree City USA" designation from the National Arbor Day Foundation. Arbor week is celebrated in March at the City's major parks and Elementary Schools with a special presentation by Woody, the Magical Tree. An estimated 3,000 students from kindergarten through third grades enjoy the Annual Arbor Day program each year. The city works with local schools to present this program to students.
- **Contract Classes.** Contract Classes are specialized classes listed in the seasonal recreation catalog and are taught by private contract instructors. The catalog is published three times a year in May, September and January. Over 600 classes for all ages and abilities are offered each season, ranging from fitness, arts & crafts, personal growth and much more.
- **DASH Transit.** DASH (Dependable, Accessible, Senior and Handicap) Transit is Lakewood's transportation service that is available to Lakewood residents who are over the age of 60 years or disabled. This service operates on a reservation basis. Staff from the program also coordinate transportation services for city special events, youth activities and special requests.
- **Emergency Preparedness.** The Recreation and Community Services Department shares the emergency preparedness responsibility with Public Safety. In the event of a disaster, all Lakewood employees—hourly staff included—may be required to report to work to help the community.
- **Human Services.** Human Services programs include assistance for seniors, individuals and families in need of services such as, but not limited to, counseling, nutrition, emergency assistance, information and referrals. These are available at the Burns Community Center and Weingart Senior Center.
- **Lakewood Teen Action Committee (LTAC).** LTAC is a teen volunteer program, offering youth a chance to get involved in their community through outreach, along with some curriculum for community and local government services.
- **Lakewood Youth Sports (LYS).** Lakewood Youth Sports Leagues provide organized youth sports leagues for youth ages 4 to 17. Baseball, softball and T-ball, football, volleyball, volleyball, volleytennis, and basketball are offered seasonally. The organization and rules have been designed to emphasize sportsmanship and participation by everyone. Volunteers coach all teams.
- **Park Programs.** Eight park facilities offer an array of active and passive recreation opportunities. They are open year-round (closed on Thanksgiving, Christmas Eve and Christmas) and adjust activities and programs to meet the community and seasonal changes. Each park features amenities (activity rooms, picnic shelters, baseball/softball diamonds and basketball/tennis courts) which are available to the public on a drop in and reservation basis. Activity rooms are available by reservation only.

- **Project Shepherd.** Project Shepherd, a combined effort of the City of Lakewood and the Lakewood Rotary Club, makes the December holiday more comfortable for those who are in need. Families receive food and a gift for each child in the family. Needy families can also participate in the backpack program as school kicks off each fall. Emergency food and utility assistance to Lakewood residents is available on a year-round basis at the Burns Community Center and Palms Park.
- **Senior Programs.** The Weingart Senior Center is the hub of many of Lakewood's Senior Programs. The Center offers both passive (TV, socialization) and active (fitness, dances, billiards) recreational opportunities as well as a variety of human and social services.
- **Special Events.** Special events encompass a variety of community-based celebrations including, but not limited to, Civic Center Block party, Community Run, Daddy/Daughter Date Night, Halloween Carnivals, Memorial Day Ceremony, Pan Am Fiesta, and more.
- **Special Olympics.** Lakewood hosts a strong Special Olympics program for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities wishing to engage in competitive athletics. Lakewood offers softball, soccer, bocce, bowling, basketball, and golf. All coaches are certified by the Special Olympics of Southern California. This program is facilitated at Bloomfield Park.
- **Summer Day Camp.** The City offers a highly popular day camp program during the summer. The Monte Verde Park (MVP) Day Camp offers a special themed week and an exciting excursion each week. Camp activities are centered around the theme with responsibility, teamwork and fun being the camp goals. Each Tuesday participants go to one of the city's two pools to cool off.
- **Teen Programs.** The Lakewood Youth Center offers activities such as teen dances, an open game room, excursions and a variety of special interest classes throughout the year. Programs such as Teens in Lakewood Care (TLC) and Lakewood Teen Board are among the many programs that foster community involvement and volunteerism. Additionally, the Teen Resource Center at Bloomfield Park offers a unique teen atmosphere. It houses 5 computer stations, game tables, and the newest gaming systems.
- **Tot Lots.** Tot Lot is a parent-led cooperative program for 2–5-year-olds held at Del Valle and Mayfair Parks during the fall, winter and spring. Tot Lots meet during the week in the fenced preschool play area of the park. Parents are responsible for each Tot Lot's operation and work a rotating schedule to supervise the play area and planned activities.

Community Events

The Recreation & Community Services (RCS) Department facilitates and supports a variety of community events, family activities, and volunteering opportunities throughout the year catering to various interests and the Lakewood community. Below is a listing of some of the events that occur annually or more frequently.

Table B- 9. Sampling of Lakewood Community Events

Event Category	Sampling of Community Events		
Community Events	Lakewood Hall of Fame	Civic Center Block Party	College Fair
	Lollipop Lane Boutique	Earth Walk	Fest-of-All
	Pan Am Fiesta	Concerts in the Park	Lakewood Run
Holiday	Halloween Carnivals	Juneteenth Freedom Day	Tree Lighting Festivities
	Easter/Santa Visits		
Patriotic	Patriot Day Ceremony	Memorial Day Commemoration	
Family	Play at Palms	Fun-Tastic Family Night	Movie Nights
	Daddy/Daughter Date Night	Mother/Son Date Night	
Volunteer	Volunteer Day	Project Shepherd	
Public Safety	Coffee/Donuts/Ice Cream with Deputy	Public Safety and Preparedness Expo	Lakewood Kids & Cops - Bowling Night
	National Coffee with a Cop Day	Neighborhood Watch Connect Summer Series	National Night Out
Senior	Senior Health Fair	Fall Craft Festival	Older Adults Benefits Information Fair
City Events	Lakewood Celebrates	Awards of Valor	

Program Registration Data Analysis

Registration data was collected and analyzed from Fall/Winter 2021 season through Summer 2023 season. The following section depicts registration data for:

- **ActiveNet Programs (contract classes)**: ActiveNet is the online portal through which participants register for specific contract classes and programs. Contract classes are specialized activities listed in the seasonal recreation catalog and are taught by private contract instructors. These programs constitute most of the department's recreation activities.
- **Non-ActiveNet Services and Programs**: Lakewood provides a multitude of services and programs that are non-fee-based, drop-in, or otherwise not recorded in ActiveNet.

This analysis should be combined with previous fee study work (completed in 2019 as part of the *City of Lakewood Cost of Services Study*), existing cost and pricing policies and practices, and public engagement findings to make better informed decisions.

Registration Statistics for ActiveNet Programs

Between Fall 2021 and Summer 2023, Lakewood Recreation & Community Services offered an extensive array of activities, totaling over 4,000 across 15 program categories. Three program categories – aquatics, dance, and fitness – comprised nearly half of all activities (49%) yet represented only 39% of total enrollments. Gymnastics and summer camps, on the other hand, boasted high enrollments relative to the number of activities offered. Travel, summer camps, special interest, community events, and gymnastics emerged as categories with high average enrollments per activity. In terms of capacity, travel, aquatics, and gymnastics consistently operated at above 70% capacity for non-cancelled programs. Aquatics programming also had the highest number of waitlisted participants (66%). and classes.

Resident enrollment outpaced non-resident enrollment across programs, with categories like aquatics, fitness, community events, travel, tennis, and dance having a high percentage of resident participants. Conversely, arts and crafts programs attracted the highest percentage of non-residents, followed by workshops & Classes.

The City experienced an overall cancellation rate of 26%, indicating that for every four programs offered, one was cancelled. Notably, ice skating, fine arts instruction, educational classes, workshops and classes, fitness, and arts and crafts had the highest cancellation rates, while summer camps, aquatics, gymnastics, travel, and dance saw the lowest.

Figure B- 3. Percentage of Total Recreation Activities Offered

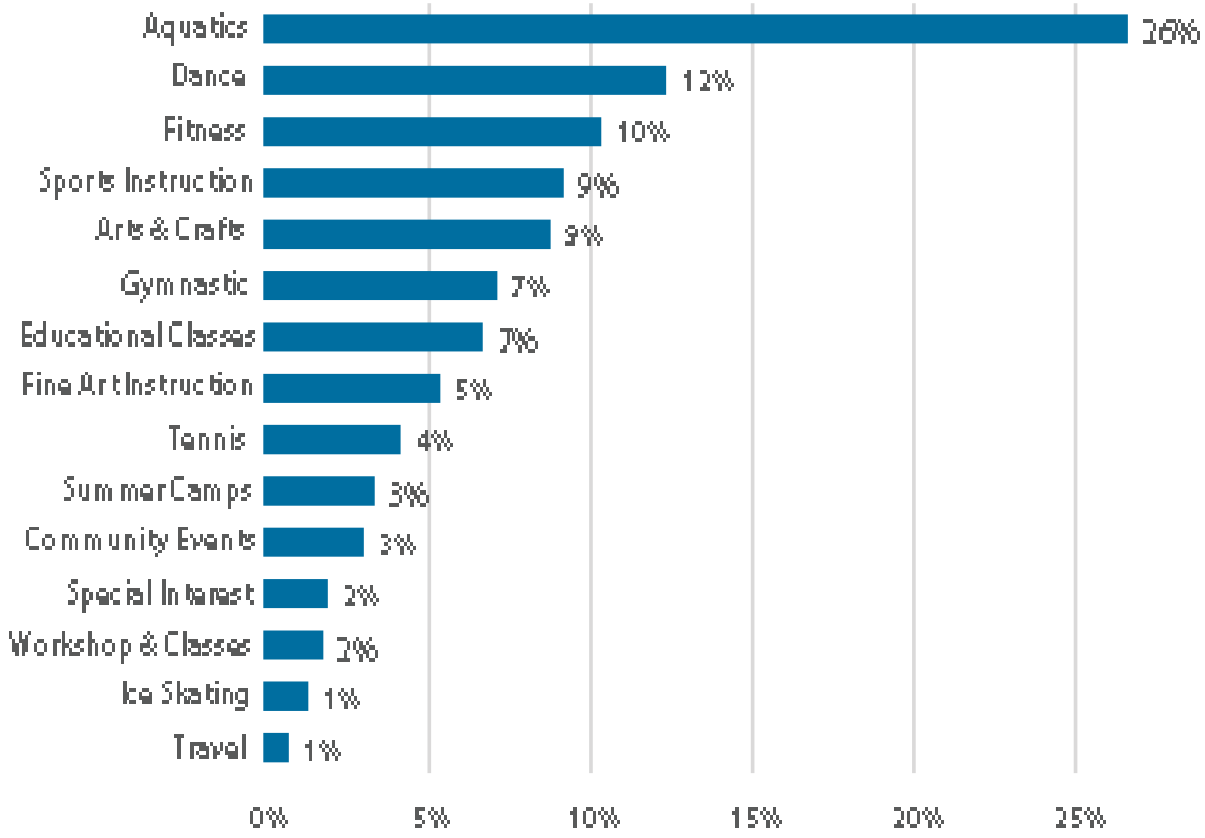


Table B- 10. Activities and Enrollment Statistics

Activities (Fall 2021 to Summer 2023	Activities Offered		Total Enrollment		Average Enrollment Per Activity	Percent	
	No.	Percent	No.	Percent		Residents	Non-Residents
Aquatics	1,095	26%	5,849	21%	5.3	85%	15%
Arts & Crafts	356	9%	1,514	6%	4.3	59%	41%
Community Events	117	3%	2,145	8%	18.3	83%	17%
Dance	504	12%	2,942	11%	5.8	80%	20%
Educational Classes	269	7%	362	1%	1.3	75%	25%
Fine Art Instruction	215	5%	229	1%	1.1	76%	24%
Fitness	421	10%	1,763	6%	4.2	84%	16%
Gymnastics	288	7%	3,054	11%	10.6	73%	27%
Ice Skating	46	1%		0%	0.0	0%	100%
Special Interest	71	2%	1,933	7%	27.2	71%	29%
Sports Instruction	373	9%	2,119	8%	5.7	79%	21%
Summer Camps	131	3%	3,876	14%	29.6	78%	22%
Tennis	164	4%	418	2%	2.5	80%	20%
Travel	21	1%	945	3%	45.0	81%	19%
Workshop & Classes	65	2%	261	1%	4.0	70%	30%
Total	**4,136**	**100%**	**27,410**	**100%**	**6.6**	**79%**	**21%**

Source: City of Lakewood, 2021 -2023 Activities Enrollment Statistics

Registration Statistics for Non-ActiveNet Programs and Services

The following data include statistics for City program areas not captured within the ActiveNet system.

DASH Transit

DASH Transit served over 9,000 clients from September 2021-September 2023, racking up nearly 103,000 miles and over 13,000 hours in service. When examining trip reasons, most of the trips were medical-related; however, recreation-related trips were the second highest category and represented almost one-quarter of all trips taken (23%).

Table B- 11. DASH Transit (2021-2023) Overall Capture

Category	Number
Clients	9,153
Service Miles	102,972
Service Hours	13,023

Table B- 12. DASH Transit (2021-2023) Trip Categories

Trip Category	Number	Percent of Whole
Bank	87	1%
Education	109	1%
Medical	3,911	44%
Nutrition	1,394	16%
Personal Care	149	2%
Recreation	2,029	23%
Shopping	871	10%
Social Services	5	0%
Therapy	121	1%
Volunteer	10	0%
Work	58	1%
Other	67	1%
Total	8,811	**100%**

Adaptive Recreation Events

The Adaptive Recreation Program (ARP) provides programs that meet once each week on Tuesdays. In addition to seasonal programming, various events are provided. From September 2021 to September 2023, 20 events were organized that attracted 675 attendees. In addition to the ARP, the Recreation & Community Services Department (RCS) provides a Special Olympics Program. An average of 138 participants were engaged annually in the Special Olympics

Program. RCS appears to be a regional provider for adaptive recreation programming and events as only 18% of ARP and 15% of Special Olympics database participants are residents.

Table B- 13. Adaptive Recreation Program (ARP) Overall Registered Participants

Area	Participants	% Resident	% Non-Resident
Adaptive Recreation Program (ARP)	197	18%	82%
Special Olympics	150	15%	85%

General Events, Tot Lots, The Centre, and More

Between September 2021 and summer 2023, RCS organized 15 community special events that attracted over 150,000 attendees. These events included Earth Walk, Pan Am Fiesta, Civic Center Block Party, Summer Concerts in the Park (eight concerts annually), Patriot Day Ceremony, Fest-of-All, Lollipop Lane, and Tree Lighting.

Table B- 14. Community Special Events (2021-2023) Overall Capture

Event	Attendance
Earth Walk	1,400
Pan Am Fiesta	33,000
Civic Center Block Party	40,000
Summer Concerts in the Park *(8 concerts)*	50,000
Patriot Day Ceremony	450
Fest-Of-All	13,500
Lollipop Lane	850
Tree Lighting	11,000

Family Programs include Play at Palms, Fun-Tastic Family Nights, Finally It's Friday, Daddy Daughter Date Night, and Mother Son Date Night/Mayhem. Between September 2021 and summer 2023, RCS offered nearly 30 programs/events and had nearly 9,000 people participated.

Table B- 15. Family Programs (2021-2023) Overall Capture

Program	Attendance
Play at Palms *(11 events)*	4,250
Fun-Tastic Family Nights *(7 events)*	1,381
Finally It's Friday *(7-9 events)*	2,705
Daddy Daughter Date Night	421
Mother Son Date Night	197

Aquatics programs vary from event to drop-in swimming to lifeguard training. Over 30,000 people were involved in these types of aquatics programming. Additionally, over 20,000 people visited one of six outdoor wading pools within the park system.

Table B- 16. Aquatics (2021-2023) Overall Capture

Program	Attendance
Junior Guards	79
Recreation Swim	29,796
Family Friday Night Swim *(10 events)*	1,236
Wading Pools	21,830

As mentioned prior, Tot Lot is a parent-led cooperative program for 2-5-year-olds held at Del Valle and Mayfair Parks. Approximately 200 kids were involved in the program between September 2021 and summer 2023.

Table B- 17. Tot Lot (2021-2023) Participants

Program	Participants
Tot Lot	200

Finally, The Centre provides ample space for meetings, receptions, banquets, concerts, and more. Between September 2021 and summer of 2023, The Centre had nearly 2,300 rentals with professional meetings representing 77% of all rentals. In total, 80,750 people attended all the rentals for an overall average of 35 people per rental.

Table B- 18. Centre Reservations (2021-2023)

Occasion	Rentals
Catered/Private Events	369
City Events	50
Professional Meetings	1,769
Community Organizations	105

Holiday, Sports, and Teen Activities

In addition to community special events, RCS hosts various holiday-related activities such as camps, carnivals, and other drop-in opportunities. The activity with the most attendance is the Halloween Carnival.

Table B- 19. Holiday Activities (2021-2023)

Program/Event	Attendance
Easter Bunny	1,323
Santa Visits	97
Spring Break Camp	59
Winter Break Camp	24
Halloween Carnival Attendance	17,579

Teen programming is often a core program area many parks and recreation agencies strive to provide services. RCS manages the Lakewood Youth Center, an incredible asset available for catering to teen services. Nearly 3,500 teens were active through Lakewood Youth Center attendance, volunteerism, the TLC program, and the college fair from 2021-2023.

Table B- 20. Teen Activities (2021-2023)

Program/Event	Attendance
Lakewood Youth Center	2,481
Volunteers	644
Teens in Lakewood Care (TLC)	39
College Fair	300

As Sports Instruction activities are captured in the previous data analysis provided in this report, there is a need to provide a more complete understanding of sports activities within the RCS system. Lakewood Youth Sports (LYS) is a staple program in Lakewood and represents the foundation/origin of recreation programming. When examining the sports portfolio, LYS represents the bulk of activities with a ratio of 1.8 youth teams for every 1 adult team. In total, RCS had 571 sports teams participate across flag football, volleyball, volleytennis, basketball, baseball, and softball. Youth sports have the most diverse offerings with adult sports focused on volleytennis and softball.

Table B- 21. Lakewood Youth Sports and Adult Sports (2021-2023)

Program	Teams
Lakewood Youth Sports	373
Flag Football, Volleyball, and Volleytennis	*77*
Basketball	*130*
Baseball	*166*
Adult	198
Volleytennis	*88*
Softball	*110*

Community Gardens

The Lakewood Community Gardens take advantage of Southern California's year-round growing season. The 3-acre site is divided into a little over 300 10'x15' gardening plots. In 2021-2023, there were 321 annual plot holders that generated $4,650 in registration fee revenue. The waitlist grew slightly over the period from 40 to 51, but 12 and 14 people were moved each year from the waitlist to the actual plot list.

Project Shepherd

Project Shepherd, a combined effort of the City of Lakewood and the Rotary Club of Lakewood, makes the December holiday more comfortable for those who are in need. Families receive food and a gift for each child in the family. Needy families can also participate in the backpack program as school kicks off each fall. Emergency food and utility assistance to Lakewood residents is available on a year-round basis at the Burns Community Center and Palms Park. Project Shepherd also funds recreation scholarships to assist families with contract class registration fees and summer camps.

Table B- 22. Project Shepard Statistics (2021-2023)

Activity	Families/ Individuals (2021)	Families/ Individuals (2022)
Holiday Program	2,799	2,697
Extension Program	864	1,089
Backpack Program	329	434
Utility Bill Assistance	71	77

Senior and Active+ Programs

The Weingart Senior Center offers both passive (TV, socialization) and active (fitness, dances, billiards) recreational opportunities as well as a variety of human and social services. The Active+ program offers active older adults recreation and fitness opportunities, based out of the Burns Community Center. Activities are aimed at those aging residents who endeavor to age gracefully, while maintaining a healthy and active lifestyle. Participation in these programming areas has increased dramatically between 2021-2023, most noticeably due to Covid-19 shutdowns that began in 2020 and carried into 2021.

Table B- 23. Senior and Active+ Statistics (2021-2023)

Activity	Participants		
	2021	2022	2023 (Jan-Aug)
AARP Driver's Safety	-	112	162
Arts/Crafts	95	291	751
Ballroom Dance	109	435	608
Billiards/Library/Lobby	674	1,507	1,632
Bingo	40	812	1,235
Book Club	16	8	69
Bunco Party	-	61	89
Burns Book Club	45	81	71
Canvas and Cupcake Party	-	75	100
Case Management	54	100	266
Chair Volleyball	385	1,372	824
Fitness Classes	2,721	8,536	11,852
Fitness Room (Gym)	188	1,140	1,890
Gentle Yoga	210	685	504
Hula Dance Class	48	166	189
Intergenerational Programs (Twice a year)	8	25	46
Karaoke Dance & Sing	206	827	801
Line Dance	342	448	514
Lip Reading Class	37	174	240
Needlework Class	79	220	232
Pickleball	868	1,572	1,282
Poker Club	167	364	317
Quilters Club	54	42	-
Seasonal Cookie Decorating	-	25	20
Seminars/Workshops	116	202	640
Step Aerobics	65	220	137
Stretch/Meditate	251	572	387
Stretch/Tone	225	589	384
Tech Talk	10	54	32
Vaccination Clinics	100	93	42
Walking Club	286	392	279
Watercolor Painting	48	289	438
Total	5,863	15,632	17,829

Fees and Charges

Lakewood Recreation & Community Services (RCS) Department generally offers low-cost or free recreation programs, services, and events. Most programs are provided free of charge, while those with fees aim to cover the associated costs. Examples of programs where fees are necessary for overall sustainability include summer day camp, school break camps, aquatics, and adaptive recreation. Contracted classes follow a 65/35 revenue split between the instructor and Lakewood, and non-resident fees apply to contracted classes over $10.

A City of Lakewood Cost of Services Study revealed that while recreation services are demand-driven, achieving 100% cost recovery is not feasible. However, the study recommended establishing cost recovery percentage goals for the department.

Program Time Offered

Participants enrolled in Lakewood recreation programs demonstrate diverse preferences in terms of time frame attendance, reflecting the flexibility of the offerings to accommodate varying schedules.

As shown in Table B-24, enrollment figures reveal substantial engagement across all time slots, with late afternoon sessions (after 3:00 pm) attracting the highest enrollment at 7,804 individuals, closely followed by evening sessions (after 6:00 pm) with 7,786 participants. This suggests a preference for after-work or late-day activities among participants. Additionally, early morning sessions (before 10:30 am) and late morning sessions (after 10:30 am) also see significant enrollment, indicating participation from individuals seeking to start their day with recreational activities or those with more flexible morning schedules. The early afternoon sessions (before 3:00 pm) garner comparatively lower enrollment but still showcase interest from a subset of participants.

Table B- 24. Activity Time Frames

Activity Timeframe	Activities Offered	%	Activities Canceled	Total Enrollment	Average Enrollment per Activity	Waitlist
Early Morning (Before 10:30 am)	890	21	227	7,516	8.4	420
Late Morning (After 10:30 am)	553	13	80	2,732	4.9	421
Early Afternoon (Before 3:00 pm)	242	6	88	1,572	6.5	60
Late Afternoon (Afternoon 3:00 pm)	1,342	32	331	7,804	5.8	844
Evening (After 6:00 pm)	1,119	27	333	7,786	7.0	487
Total	**4,146**	**100%**	**1,059**	**27,410**	**6.6**	**2,232**

Source: City of Lakewood, 2021 -2023 Activities Enrollment Statistics

Format Offered

Participants enrolled in Lakewood recreation programs exhibit varied preferences in terms of frequency and time frame attendance.

Programs offered on a Monday-Friday schedule (a daily offering at a consistent time each day of the workweek) exhibit the lowest average cancellation rate of just 9%. This is a critical statistic given this program format accounts for 24% of all activities offered and 31% of total enrollments. The total enrollment figures for one-day of week activities attracted the highest participation at 16,599 individuals. This is followed by five-day (Non-Weekend) programs, which garnered enrollment from 8,470 participants, highlighting a preference for longer-term commitments (see Table B-25).

Table B- 25. Activity Meeting Frequency

Activity Meeting Frequency	Activities Offered	%	Activities Canceled	Total Enrollment	%	Average Enrollment per Activity	Waitlist
1-Day	2,716	66%	817	16,599	61%	6.1	790
2-Day (Non-Weekend)	361	9%	134	1,343	5%	3.7	142
2-Day (Weekend)	6	0%	1	725	3%	120.8	--
3-Day	33	1%	7	59	0%	1.8	--
4-Day	29	1%	5	212	1%	7.3	--
5-Day (Non-Weekend)	997	24%	93	8,470	31%	8.5	1,300
7-Day	4	0%	2	2	0.5%	0.5	--
Total	**4,146**	**100%**	**1,059**	**27,410**	**100%**	**6.6**	**2,232**

Source: City of Lakewood, 2021 -2023 Activities Enrollment Statistics

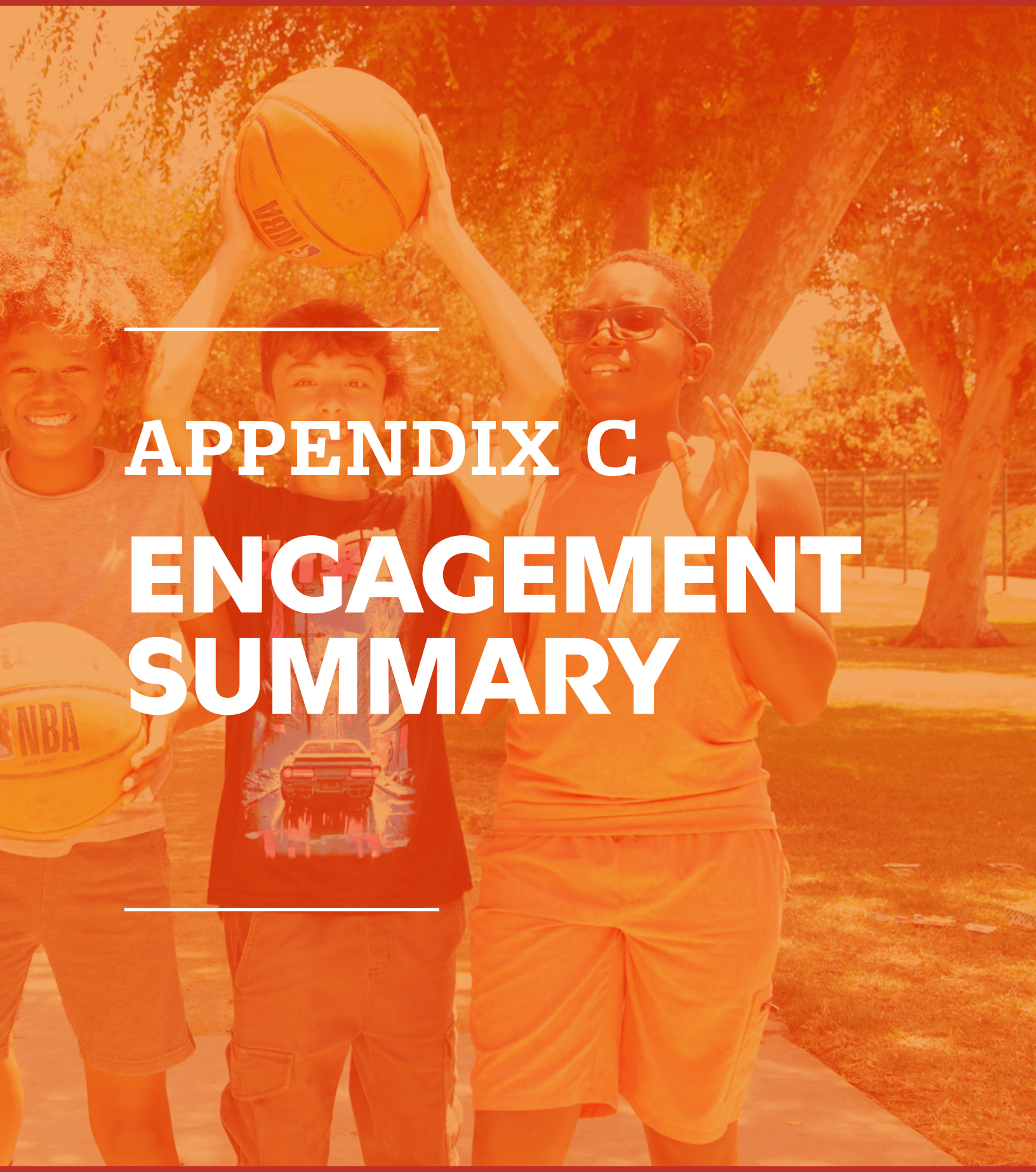
Enrollment figures also indicate robust participation across all days, with Friday seeing the highest enrollment at 3,431 individuals, followed closely by Saturday with 3,765 participants. This trend suggests a notable interest in recreational activities towards the end of the week, possibly due to the availability of leisure time. Moreover, weekdays also witness significant participation, with Thursday registering enrollment from 2,769 participants and Tuesday from 2,746 individuals (see Table B-26).

Table B- 26. Activity Day of the Week

Activity Day of the Week	Activities Offered	%	Activities Canceled	Total Enrollment	%	Average Enrollment per Activity	Waitlist
Monday	300	11	72	1,635	10	5.5	20
Tuesday	427	16	123	2,746	17	6.4	81
Wednesday	471	17	168	1,921	12	4.1	39
Thursday	514	19	143	2,769	17	5.4	69
Friday	356	13	136	3,431	21	9.6	197
Saturday	588	22	153	3,765	23	6.4	345
Sunday	60	2	22	329	2	5.5	39
Total	**2,716**	**100%**	**817**	**16,599**	**100%**	**6.6**	**790**

Source: City of Lakewood, 2021 -2023 Activities Enrollment Statistics


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APPENDIX C

ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY



Appendix C. Engagement Summary

In the early stages of developing Lakewood's Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Long-Range Plan, four major engagement activities were conducted to gather comprehensive community input. These activities resulted in at least 1,800 interactions with community members, providing a diverse range of comments and feedback. The four major engagement activities included:

- **Interviews with 10 City Leaders** were held in September 2023, involving key individuals selected for their deep knowledge and connection with the City of Lakewood. These interviews, coordinated with City staff and mostly held in person, provided valuable insights into the community's needs and aspirations.
- A series of **Focus Group** meetings involved at least 90 participants representing nonprofit organizations, sports organizations, service clubs, businesses, and residents. These meetings, held both digitally and in person, aimed to gather focused input to inform future engagement activities and the recreation needs assessment.
- **Pop-Ups** were organized at five existing City events, encouraging direct community involvement and feedback on potential improvements to local parks and recreational facilities. With the five pop-up events, at least 600 participants interacted with the priority and comment boards and spoke with the project staff. Additionally, a paper survey targeted teen input was distributed at pop-up events. A total of 37 teens filled this survey, communicating their desired amenities and programs.
- An online **Recreation Survey** was conducted to solicit broader community input on the status of parks and recreation, existing needs, and improvement priorities. Over 1,100 participants submitted a survey.

Figure C- 1. Engagement at a Glance



Interviews with City Leaders

Interviewees were selected based on their knowledge of, commitment to, and connection with, the City of Lakewood and its residents. Interviews were coordinated with the help of City staff and took place during September 2023 and were mostly held in-person. Interviewees include:

- Ariel Pe, Mayor
- Cassandra Chase, Councilmember
- Steve Croft, Councilmember
- Todd Rodgers, Councilmember
- Jeff Wood, Councilmember
- Thaddeus McCormack, City Manager
- Stacey Valdez, Recreation & Community Services Commission Chair
- Donald Waldie, Long-Time Resident, Author, and Historian
- Tom Lederer, Long-Time Resident and Retired Recreation & Community Services Director
- Joe Ung, Long-Time Resident and Business Owner

From the interviews, participants expressed the following:

Appreciation for Parks, Programming, City Events, and Recreational staffing

Participants praised the quality of spaces and services, and the abundance of excellent and unique programming that serves the diverse community. Long-term residents emphasized the emotional significance of parks for creating lasting memories, especially for children. They stressed preserving these "places of memory" to maintain community support. The PRCS Department was praised for its responsiveness and effective management. The younger staff members serving as mentors were particularly appreciated. The department's financial management, balance of costs and staffing, and commitment to maintaining services were recognized.

Facility and Programming Needs

Participants highlighted a need for more spaces for team sports, fitness, and general upgrades to facilities with modern tech amenities such as Wi-Fi. Upgrades also extend to equipment for ADA accessibility and inclusivity in events/facilities. Participants also emphasized a need for affordability and diversity of programs for all age groups. They recommended improving access to senior activities, better promotion, increased Saturday programming, and more trial classes.

Safety in Parks

This targeted facilities, like playgrounds and sports courts, as well as comfort amenities like restrooms. Maintaining clean parks to avoid "broken window syndrome" and addressing unhoused populations were key concerns.

Excitement Around New Renovations, New Ideas, and Diverse Programs.

Interviewees were excited about renovations aligning with current trends, suggesting modern, accessible rentable spaces and areas for teens. Participants also stressed the need for diverse recreational activities, especially for youth, such as skateparks and BMX parks. They emphasized health, wellness, character-building activities, STEAM (science, technology, engineering, arts, and math) initiatives, and community art projects.

Inclusive Community Engagement for Park Planning

A comprehensive approach to diversity, equity, and inclusion targeting underrepresented populations was recommended. Participants stated a need for enhanced translation and ADA services at city events, as well as targeted engagement of younger generations, especially high school teens. Effective promotion through email, newsletters, social media, and Lakewood Living magazine was recommended. Pop-up events at local restaurants and input from Lakewood YMCA staff were also suggested. Participants desired more partnerships between parks and local schools, noting successful agreements with ABC Unified School District but challenges with Long Beach Unified School District, as well as involving non-profits, social organizations, and service organizations.

Focus Group Meetings

A series of focus groups involving nonprofit organizations, sports organizations, service clubs, businesses, and community residents, all of whom are closely connected to Lakewood. The goal of the focus groups was to solicit focused community input to help inform future engagement activities and the recreation needs assessment. Three of the meetings were facilitated on a digital format through Zoom and two meetings were conducted in person. The meetings were facilitated in October of 2023 and included:

- Businesses and Commerce Focus Group
- Sports Organizations Focus Group
- Community-Based Organizations Focus Group
- Residents and Community Focus Group
- Service Organizations Focus Group

The themes identified through focus groups underscore the importance of creating an inclusive and welcoming environment for all participants. Participants relayed a sense of appreciation and gratitude for Lakewood's robust recreation system and plentiful programming offerings.

However, attendees also expressed several concerns and challenges regarding the current state of Lakewood's parks and recreation facilities. Weather-related cancellations, particularly for basketball, and inadequate lighting at certain parks like San Martin were significant issues. The lack of seating at baseball and T-ball fields, the need for improved scheduling systems, and

public safety concerns, especially in parking lots and after hours, were also highlighted. Other concerns included the impact of homelessness in parks, the need for alternative facilities to host classes, and the challenge of engaging community members post-pandemic.

Focus group participants identified numerous opportunities for enhancing park experiences in Lakewood. Expanding the Youth Resource Center to include trade and life skills activities, hosting culturally relevant events, and partnering with community groups and neighboring cities were key suggestions. Collaboration with the Lakewood Women's Club, international cities, and local small businesses was also encouraged. The group recommended implementing a public app system for park reservations, utilizing church spaces for recreation, and continuing partnerships with the Lakewood Center to support city events and local businesses.

Participants emphasized the need for increased support for local businesses, including referrals, event hosting, and access to city resources. Effective communication and information dissemination, particularly to seniors and those not well-versed in digital platforms, were noted as areas needing improvement. They suggested using various communication channels to engage the community, such as electronic signs, school bulletins, faith-based organizations, and social media platforms. These opportunities aim to foster greater community involvement, enhance recreational offerings, and support local economic development.



A Focus Group at Palms Park Community Center

Pop-Up Events

Pop-ups, engagement activities complementing existing recreation events, were strategically positioned to directly engage residents from diverse backgrounds and age groups and encouraging individuals to voice their opinions on improving local parks and recreational facilities. By hosting these events in locations where recreational participants are already occurring, pop-up events aim to facilitate direct community involvement and foster a sense of ownership in the planning process for the Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Long-Range Plan.

The Project Team and City staff organized pop-up events at five City and community activities to promote the Long-Range Plan and to gather feedback on potential recreation and park amenities and facilities. The five events, held between November 2023 and February 2024, included:

- Harvest Fest: Palms Park
- Christmas Tree Lighting Event: Civic Center
- Weingart Senior Center Luncheon
- Earth Walk: Monte Verde Park
- Basketball League Game: Mayfair Park

A dot exercise, where participants indicate their preferences by placing sticky dots on a large printed board, indicated a strong desire for a diverse range of park amenities. "Unique Play Features" received the highest number of votes, emphasizing the importance of imaginative and engaging playground structures. "Community Event Space" and "Community Gardens" also garnered significant support, reflecting the community's interest in social gatherings and green initiatives. Additionally, there was considerable support for "Challenge Elements," "Exercise Areas & Fitness Courts," and "Sports Field Variety," indicating a desire for recreational activities that promote physical activity and outdoor sports.

A separate comment board was meant to capture general written comments related to any aspect of the Lakewood parks, recreation facilities, community services, and events. The written responses covered a wide range of suggestions from the community. The question the board asked was: "*What Recreational Features, Amenities, Programs, and City Events Would You Like To See Improved or Added in Lakewood's Parks?*" The responses highlighted key themes including the desire for diverse recreation programs and classes, improvements in facilities and amenities, increased events and activities, emphasis on safety and security, concerns regarding infrastructure and maintenance, calls for specific park improvements, and a focus on community engagement and services. Overall, the comments highlight the community's passion for improving and expanding recreational opportunities while ensuring safety, and inclusivity.

Recreation Programs and Classes

The feedback emphasizes a strong desire for a diverse range of recreational programs catering to various age groups and interests. Suggestions include expanding adult fitness classes, increasing swimming lessons availability, and offering year-round swimming classes at Mayfair and Bolivar parks. There's also a call for organized sports programs, STEM classes, and arts clubs for children, along with DIY and home improvement workshops. Additionally, respondents highlight the importance of providing specialized classes such as ballet and folklorico, as well as free pool access for seniors and more yoga and easy workout classes tailored to their needs in park settings.

Facilities and Amenities

The suggestions for park amenities and facilities focus on enhancing the overall experience for visitors of all ages. Recommendations include indoor heating for pools to enable year-round swimming, ensuring hygiene by providing paper towels and soap in all park bathrooms, and increasing the number of gazebos at Bolivar Park. Respondents also advocate for more dynamic recreational features such as adventure playgrounds with water elements, a greater variety of gym equipment in larger spaces, and additional playgrounds specifically designed for younger children aged 1 to 5 years. Furthermore, there's a call for the inclusion of amenities like a splash pad, more pickle ball courts, a bocce ball court, an additional dog park, dinosaur park, and indoor sports area to offer diverse recreational opportunities for everyone.

Events and Activities

Respondents express a desire for increased community engagement through the provision of more free events. Suggestions also include diversifying outdoor activities with group hiking and community walking events, as well as reviving programs like "Nifty after Fifty" for seniors to promote social interaction and physical activity. Additionally, there's a call for expanding the range of day excursions tailored specifically for seniors, enhancing opportunities for leisure and socialization within the community.

Safety and Security

Residents emphasize the importance of enhancing safety and security measures within neighborhoods, parks, and public spaces. Suggestions include establishing more neighborhood watch groups with increased community participation to address safety concerns such as robberies, advocating for additional police patrols to deter criminal activity, and calling for a greater police presence in neighborhoods to promote safety. Safety concerns are addressed with suggestions for more lighting in walkable areas to enhance visibility and deter crime. Residents also advocate for enforcing strong consequences for street takeovers, ensuring safer streets. Additionally, there's a concern about addressing homelessness in parks frequented by children. Their concerns about homelessness prompted questions regarding the City's strategies to address this major challenge. They also expressed the need for increased monitoring of parks to deter illegal activities such as dirt bikes, motorized scooters on paths, and drug use, ensuring a safer environment for all residents.

Infrastructure and Maintenance

Residents suggest practical improvements to enhance public spaces and safety. This includes proposing a reader board that not only conveys public messages but also generates revenue through advertising. Additionally, there's a call for improved parking facilities at Bolivar Park to accommodate visitors. Finally, there's a request for the installation of bus stop covers to provide shelter for commuters.

Specific Park Improvements

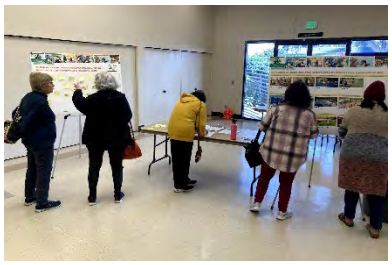
Residents in the Lakewood Mutuals area east of Paramount Boulevard express a need for a park or playground to serve the community. A participant suggests modeling some park improvements similar to the new Larwin Park in Buena Park, which features climbing structures, group swings, and soft ground coverings like sand and foam mats. At Del Valle Park, residents request additional shade in the tot lot area for children's comfort and safety. There's also a desire for expanded park space at Mayfair Park and improved lighting with timer lights at the tennis courts. Respondents advocate for more accessible pickleball courts that can be used at any time and emphasize the importance of preserving the lobby tree at Weingart Senior Center for its calming and sensory benefits. Additionally, there's a call for the installation of a pedestrian gate at the end of Los Coyotes Diagonal to access the Lakewood Nature trail, addressing accessibility and recreational needs within the neighborhood.

Community Engagement and Services

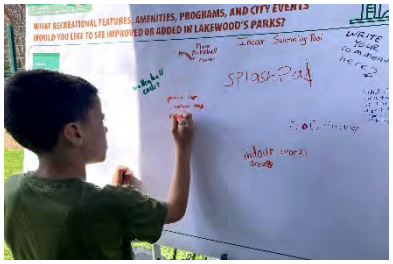
Residents express a desire for increased prioritization of nonprofit organizations to utilize park facilities, ensuring community access to recreational spaces. Residents advocate for visible translators at the Weingart Senior Center to facilitate communication and promote the availability of name tags at Weingart to foster connections among visitors. Lastly, they suggest benchmarking library services against those offered in neighboring cities like Long Beach.



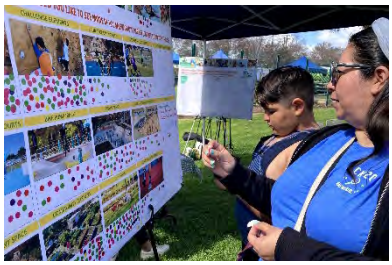


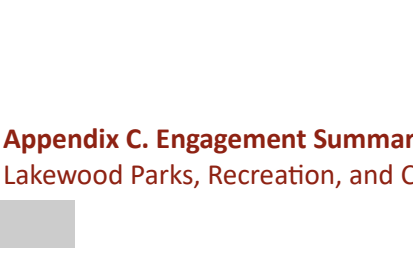

IDENTIFY ACCESS ISSUES: WHAT PROBLEMS






WHAT RECREATIONAL FEATURES, AMENITIES, PROGRAMS, AND CITY EVENTS
SHOULD YOU LIKE TO SEE IMPROVED OR ADDED IN LAKEWOOD'S PARKS?
Splash Pad





Recreation Survey

In early 2024, as part of the Lakewood Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Long-Range Plan process, the City initiated a survey to solicit feedback on the status of parks, recreation, existing needs, and improvement priorities. The collected input is instrumental in discerning community preferences citywide.

The online survey was available from January 17 to April 16, 2024. The survey included 22 questions focused on parks and recreation uses and needs, and nine optional questions to gather demographic information. The survey was available in both English and Spanish and could be accessed online or via hard copies distributed at the Weingart Senior Center. Additionally, printed copies were available by mail if participants called City Hall. See Appendix A for an example of the survey. Although the survey results are not statistically representative, they provide valuable insights into common themes, concerns, and priorities.

As standard practice, results of the online survey were reviewed for completeness and potential duplicate or fake results. A total of 1,111 responses were confirmed as valid and are summarized in the data that follows. Results include 774 surveys that were fully completed and 337 that were partially completed. A survey was deemed partially completed if one or more questions were not answered. However, the majority of partially completed surveys had at least one or two unanswered questions.

The recreation survey provided insights into community priorities, needs, and uses. Through the survey results, it was found that nearly half of the respondents visited parks weekly, indicating broad representation across the City. The top priorities for improvements were enhanced restroom facilities, increased security, and more diverse programming. Despite a preference for walking to parks, half of the respondents drove. Common barriers to more frequent park visits included inadequate amenities and safety concerns, alongside personal time constraints. Here is a brief overview of the key findings:

Park and Recreation Facility Visitation

- **Park Visitations Frequency.** Over 20% of respondents visited a park in Lakewood at least once per day, with 29% visiting a park once per week. So nearly half of respondents visit the park at least once a week or more.
- **Getting to Parks.** While over 40% typically walked to the park they visited most frequently, 50% drove, with District 3 having the highest respondents that walk to parks and the lowest who drive to parks.
- **Why I Don't Visit Parks.** Common reasons for not using local parks more frequently included lack of restrooms (or locked restrooms), lack of safety lighting at night, and lack of interesting things to do, while some respondents cited lack of time or being too busy.

- **Most Visited Recreation Facility.** The Nature Trail was the most visited recreation facility, followed by the Mayfair Swimming Pool, The Centre, Weingart Senior Center, and Monte Verde Park.

Park Facility and Amenity Improvements

- **Requested Park Improvements.** The top requested improvements at parks included added restrooms, drinking fountains, water bottle fill stations, additional outdoor staffing presence or law enforcement for security, and more programs, activities, and classes.
- **Requested Features or Facilities.** Soft-surfaced trails for jogging and walking were the most requested feature, followed by unique play features, exercise areas and fitness courts, community gardens, and challenge playground elements.

Trails

- **Type of Pathway Most Needed.** Most respondents selected a need for more unpaved trails for recreation and/or exercise (e.g., walking, jogging, walking dogs, etc.).

Recreation Priorities

- **Recreation Priorities.** The top priorities for participants filling out the survey were repairing or replacing park amenities and providing routine maintenance (e.g., restroom cleaning, mowing, litter pickup).

Programming and Events

- **Recreation Programming.** For recreation programming, participants prioritized special events (e.g., concerts in the park, cultural and diversity events); arts, performing arts, and crafts; as well as fitness and wellness classes.
- **Senior Programming.** Seniors expressed a strong interest in exercise, fitness, and wellness classes, arts and craft courses, and travel excursion programs.
- **Family Programming.** Families expressed interest in family entertainment activities (e.g., movie nights, live bands, or magic shows), splash pads and water play, food events, food truck fairs, and educational events and activities.

Demographic Summary

- **Race/Ethnicity.** The largest demographic group among respondents is Caucasian/White (not Hispanic), accounting for 54% of the total. Hispanic/Latino respondents constitute the second-largest group, comprising 23% of the total.
- **Age.** In terms of age distribution, the most prevalent age group among respondents falls within the 35-44 range, constituting 26% of the total respondents. Following closely, individuals aged 65 and over represent 24% of the respondents, while the age groups 45-54 and 55-64 also constitute substantial portions, at 21% and 20% respectively. Respondents aged 18 or under and between 19-24 each account for just 1% of the respondents. A teen survey was also conducted at multiple pop-up events. Those results will be analyzed separately.

Overall Engagement Key Themes

Key themes emerged from interviews with city leaders, focus group meetings, pop-ups at city events, and the online recreation survey. These activities highlighted a strong interest in enhancing recreational facilities and a desire for inclusive, well-planned parks and recreation system. Key themes and findings from all the engagement activities summaries are as follows:

- **Appreciation for Existing Parks and Programs.** There is widespread appreciation for the existing parks and programs, with high praise for their maintenance and service. These parks hold significant emotional value, especially for long-term residents and children. The diverse recreation programs and City events are commended for their uniqueness. The Recreation & Community Services staff are recognized for their responsiveness and effective fiscal management. Established programs are rated as very good, with many opportunities for recreational activities and programming that the community enjoys.
- **Recreation Facility and Amenity Needs.** There is a strong need for upgrades to recreation facilities, including more soccer fields, indoor basketball courts, pool upgrades for expanded use, exercise areas and fitness courts, and more soft-surface or unpaved trails for walking, jogging, or dog walking. The community desires unique and diverse facilities such as specialized play features and playgrounds (e.g., nature play, water play, destination play), skateparks, bike pump tracks, and dedicated pickleball courts. The community is excited about park facility renovations and the creation of modern, accessible spaces, particularly for teens. Additionally, there is a desire to add or improve splash pads or water play areas for families and expand dog-friendly areas. Adding more natural and passive areas with native plantings, along with additional community gardens was also identified.
- **Recreation Building Needs.** The community expressed a need for more park buildings that include meeting spaces, indoor gymnasiums for basketball, and a community theater or public gathering space. They also emphasized the importance of modern facilities equipped with technology to support various activities and events.
- **Trails and Connectivity.** The community expressed a strong interest in enhancing and expanding trails and paths, including adding fitness paths and outdoor workout equipment along trails. There is also a desire for safer, cleaner, and more accessible paths along the San Gabriel riverbed, and better connections to parks and shopping centers, particularly the Lakewood Mall and other commercial shopping centers. Suggestions include e-bike lanes, equestrian trails, lighted crosswalks at busy intersections, and unpaved or padded trails for walking, jogging, and nature hikes. Additionally, the community wants improved accessibility for children with disabilities and beautification of areas surrounding drainage canals.

- **Diversifying Programs.** The community prioritizes diverse and affordable programming for all ages, focusing on special events such as concerts and cultural diversity activities, arts, crafts, fitness, and wellness classes. Family-focused amenities include entertainment, food events, and educational activities, with a strong emphasis on STEAM (science, technology, engineer, arts, and math) initiatives and family-friendly entertainment like movie nights, magic shows, and live music. For seniors, there is a desire for enhanced health and fitness programs, arts and crafts classes, and travel excursion programs. Teen programming should include mentoring, education, life skills courses, food preparation and sampling, and access to dance, movies, or performance spaces like small amphitheaters or stages. Ensuring ADA accessibility and supporting adaptive recreation and Special Olympics are critical goals. The community also advocates for more inclusive programs, such as therapeutic facilities, adaptive pickleball, and mentoring programs tailored to diverse needs.
- **Safety and Maintenance.** Maintaining clean and safe parks is of paramount importance, and there is a need to address issues related to homeless populations. There is a strong call for improved restroom facilities with enhanced security, more drinking fountains with bottle fill stations, and better maintenance and lighting in parks. Increased police presence and more neighborhood watch groups are suggested to improve safety. Continuing to provide routine maintenance at parks and facilities was identified as important.
- **Community Engagement and Inclusiveness.** Expanding partnerships with local schools and organizations is emphasized, along with the need for enhanced translation services, ADA accommodations, and targeted diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Effective community engagement through promotion and involving non-profits and organizations is also highlighted. Enhanced communication using various platforms is needed to keep the community informed and engaged, with social media being a preferred method while maintaining flexibility for different age groups.
- **Positive Aspects and Community Sentiment.** The established programs cater to all ages and skill levels, fostering a strong sense of community. High-quality, safe facilities, and accessible programs contribute to a welcoming atmosphere. There is also appreciation for volunteer coaches and recreation staff, and community outreach efforts.
- **Recreation Challenges and Concerns**. Weather-related cancellations for sports programming at limited fields and inadequate lighting are concerns. Re-engaging the community after the pandemic and improving communication with non-digital users are also challenging. Common barriers to park use include inadequate amenities at some parks, safety concerns, and personal time constraints.
- **Opportunities.** Expanding the Youth Resource Center, hosting culturally relevant events, and collaborating with community groups and businesses present opportunities for

growth. There is also a call for increased support and collaboration with local businesses for events and resources. Nearly half of the respondents visit parks weekly, and many walk to parks, as it underscores the accessibility and convenience of the parks for the community.


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APPENDIX D

EQUITY, ACCESS, AND NEEDS ASSESSMENT



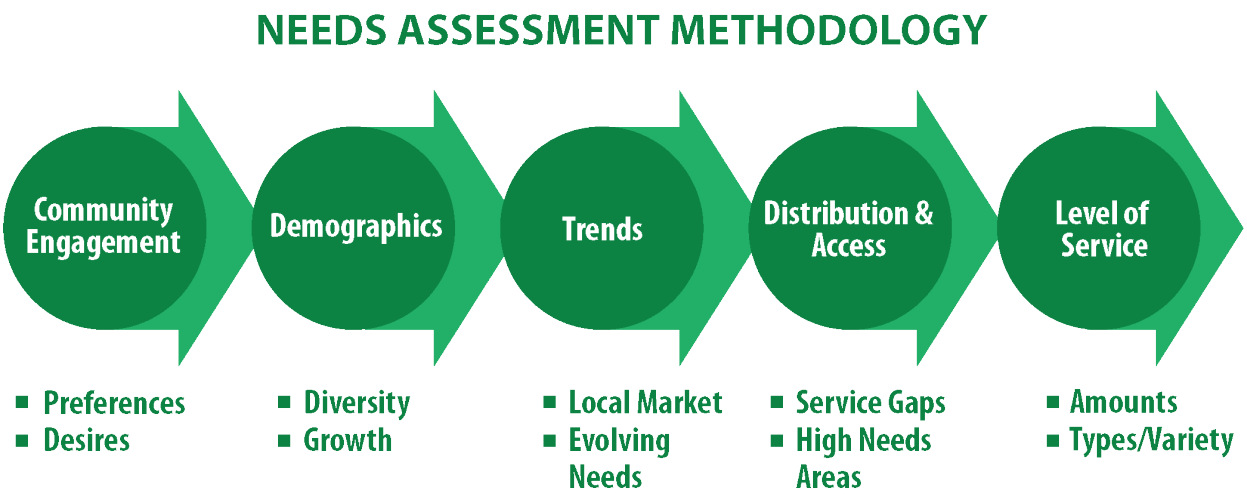
Appendix D. Equity, Access, and Needs Assessment

This needs assessment represents a systematic process and data analysis used to identify and evaluate gaps in Lakewood's community parks, recreation facilities, trails, programming, and maintenance. By gathering and analyzing data, it helps determine the resources and services needed to meet current and future demands, considering changing demographics and evolving park conditions. In Lakewood, this assessment is vital for effective resource allocation, growth planning, and improving the overall quality of life for residents.

Needs Assessment Methodology

The needs assessment methodology illustrated focuses on a multi-step process to evaluate community requirements in various sectors. It begins with Community Engagement, gathering preferences and desires from residents to shape the priorities. Demographics are then analyzed to understand diversity and growth patterns in the population. Trends are considered, assessing local market conditions and evolving needs to stay responsive. The Distribution & Access phase identifies service gaps and highlights areas with higher needs. Finally, the Level of Service (LOS) looks at how much and what types of amenities are required. The methodology results in identifying specific needs such as parkland, access improvements, facilities, recreation programs, and resources like maintenance, staffing, and funding.

Figure D- 1. Needs Assessment Methodology



Engagement Themes

Key overarching themes emerged from interviews with city leaders, focus group meetings, pop-ups at city events, and the online recreation survey. These identified engagement themes inform overall citywide park and recreation needs:

- **Appreciation for Existing Parks and Programs**. There is widespread appreciation for Lakewood's existing parks and programs, with high praise for their maintenance and cleanliness. These parks hold significant emotional value, especially for long-term residents and children. The diverse recreation programs and City events are commended for their uniqueness. The Recreation & Community Services staff are recognized for their responsiveness and effective fiscal management. Established programs are rated as very good, with many opportunities to do many recreational activities and programming that the community enjoys. The established programs cater to all ages and skill levels, fostering a strong sense of community. High-quality, safe facilities, and accessible programs contribute to a welcoming atmosphere. There is also appreciation for volunteer coaches and recreation staff, and community outreach efforts.
- **Importance of Close-to-Home Parks**. Nearly half of respondents reported visiting parks weekly and many walk to parks, which underscores the importance of having easily accessible parks within walking distance of residents.
- **Desired Park and Facility Improvements**. There is a strong desire for upgrades to recreation facilities, including more soccer fields, indoor basketball courts, pool upgrades for expanded use, exercise areas and fitness courts, and more soft-surface or unpaved trails for walking, jogging, or dog walking. Weather-related cancellations for sports programming, insufficient numbers of fields, and inadequate lighting are concerns.
- **Greater Variety of Recreation Facilities**. The community desires unique and diverse facilities such as specialized play features and playgrounds (e.g., nature play, water play, destination play), skateparks, bike pump tracks, and dedicated pickleball courts. The community is excited about park facility renovations and the creation of modern, improved accessibility for children with disabilities, particularly for teens. Additionally, there is a desire to add splash pads and water play areas for families and expand dog-friendly areas. Adding more natural and passive areas with native plantings, along with additional community gardens was also identified. There were numerous comments on adding more drinking fountains with bottle fill stations.
- **Recreation Building Enhancements**. The community wants more park buildings that include meeting spaces, indoor gymnasiums for basketball, and a community theater or public gathering space. They also emphasized the importance of having modern facilities equipped with technology to support various activities and events.

- **Expanded Trails and Connectivity**. The community expressed a strong interest in enhancing and expanding trails and paths, including adding fitness paths and outdoor workout equipment along trails. There is also a desire for safer, cleaner, and more accessible paths along the San Gabriel riverbed, and better connections to parks and shopping centers, particularly the Lakewood Mall and other commercial shopping centers. Suggestions include e-bike lanes, equestrian trails, lighted crosswalks at busy intersections, and unpaved or padded trails for walking, jogging, and nature hikes. Additionally, the community wants the City to landscape or otherwise beautify areas along drainage canals.
- **Diversified and Increased Programming**. The community prioritizes the provision of more diverse and affordable programming for all ages, focusing on special events such as concerts and cultural diversity activities, arts, crafts, fitness, and wellness classes. Desired family-focused activities include entertainment, food events, and educational activities, with a strong emphasis on STEAM (science, technology, engineer, arts, and math) initiatives and family-friendly entertainment like movie nights, magic shows, and live music. For seniors, there is a desire for enhanced health and fitness programs, arts and crafts classes, and travel excursion programs. Additional teen programming and events are desired, such as mentoring, educational programs, life skills courses, food preparation and sampling, and access to dance, movies, or performance spaces including small amphitheaters or stages. Ensuring ADA accessibility and supporting adaptive recreation and Special Olympics are critical goals. The community also advocates for more inclusive programs, such as therapeutic facilities, adaptive pickleball, and mentoring programs, as well as expanding the Youth Resource Center to host more culturally relevant events.
- **Safety and Maintenance**. Maintaining clean and safe parks is of paramount importance, and there is a desire to address issues related to homeless populations in parks. There is a strong call for improved restroom facilities with enhanced security, and better maintenance and lighting in parks. Increased police presence and more neighborhood watch groups were suggested to improve safety. Continuing to provide routine maintenance at parks and facilities was identified as important.
- **Community Engagement, Communication, and Inclusiveness**. Re-engaging the community after the pandemic and improving communication with non-digital users has been challenging. Residents noted a desire for enhanced translation services, ADA accommodations, and targeted diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts. Effective community engagement through promotion and involving non-profits and organizations is also highlighted. Enhanced communication using various platforms is desired to keep the community informed and engaged, with social media being a preferred method while maintaining flexibility for different age groups.

- **Partnership Opportunities**. Collaborating with community groups and businesses presents opportunities for growth. There is also a call for increased support and collaboration with local businesses for events and resources. Residents feel that expanding partnerships with local schools and organizations is important.

Changing Demographics

Lakewood's parks, facilities, events, and programs are intended to serve residents of all ages, incomes, race/ethnicity, abilities, family configurations, and varied interests. Demographic changes such as Lakewood's growing and aging population, declines in youth, and shifts in race/ethnicity will affect recreational needs. By aligning activities and amenities with these evolving trends, communities can better meet the diverse preferences and needs of all residents.

Anticipated Population Growth

With a projected 2.6 percent population increase (from 80,162 to 82,227 persons) between 2024 and 2034, Lakewood's parks and recreation programs will face moderate impacts, requiring adjustments to accommodate additional users. The rise in accessory dwelling units could further strain park facilities and recreational services, as they contribute to increased density and demand for open spaces.

Aging Population

Over the past 10 years, between 2010 and 2020, Lakewood's ages 55 and over increased by 9.7%, while those ages 18 to 54 saw a decline of 2.9%, and the population aged 0 to 17 decreased by 6.8%. If the population continues to shift in this direction, parks will need to adapt by incorporating more accessible, older adult and senior-friendly amenities and wellness-focused programming for the growing 55 and over age group. With a moderate decline in the 18 to 54 age group, there could be shifts toward more versatile spaces that accommodate a range of activities. The decrease in the population aged 0 to 17 suggests a reassessment of youth-centric programs and facilities, while focusing on features that appeal to a diverse age range.

Increasing Racial and Ethnic Diversity

Between 2010 and 2020, the Hispanic/Latino population increased by 6%, while the White population saw a decrease of 10%. The Asian population grew by 2% during the same period. These shifts indicate that Lakewood is becoming more diverse, with significant changes in the racial and ethnic composition of the community.

As the community's diversity evolves, the parks and recreation system will need to adapt to a more diverse population. The increase in Hispanic/Latino and Asian populations suggests a

growing need for culturally relevant programming and amenities that cater to these communities. This might include multilingual signs, culturally specific events and festivals, unique facilities, and inclusive design elements. City staff will want to ensure that parks and recreational facilities, as well as programming reflect the evolving community's needs and preferences to foster inclusivity and engagement across all demographic groups.

Trends and Market Data

Identifying recreational trends for the Lakewood Parks, Recreation, and Community Services Long-Range Plan ensures that park facilities and programs meet the evolving needs and interests of the community. By analyzing current and emerging trends, park staff can make informed decisions that align with residents' preferences, anticipate future demands, and allocate resources effectively. See Appendix E for comprehensive analysis on Trends and Market Data for Lakewood.

- **Technology & Artificial Intelligence (AI)**: Parks are incorporating technology and AI for enhanced operational efficiency, improved maintenance, and innovative programs like e-sports and augmented reality. "Smart parks" and AI-driven tools are emerging as key strategies for modernizing recreational experiences.
- **Pickleball**: Pickleball has seen a dramatic rise in popularity in recent years, emerging as one of the fastest-growing sports in the U.S. It combines elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis, attracting players of all ages due to its accessibility and lower physical impact. The sport's surge is reflected in increased participation rates, the construction of new courts, and its inclusion in parks and recreation programs nationwide.
- **Accessible & Unique Playgrounds**: The demand for inclusive, eco-friendly playgrounds is rising, with designs focusing on accessibility for all abilities and nature-inspired elements to encourage active and creative play.
- **Climate Resiliency**: Parks are increasingly seen as vital resources for climate adaptation, with features like stormwater retention, urban tree canopies, and shade structures becoming integral to park and recreation system plans for heat reduction and resilience.
- **Social Gatherings**: There is a growing demand for family-oriented and adult "kidult" programs, fostering community connections through events like farmer’s markets, entertainment, and creative social spaces.
- **Dog Parks**: The rising popularity of dog parks reflects the growing number of pet owners seeking off-leash areas, with parks now incorporating more specialized amenities for dogs and their owners.

- **General Trends**: In Lakewood, social connection, health, and artistic expression are key drivers for park use, while pickleball and older adult programs align with the community's demographic shifts and activity preferences.
- **Recreation Market Demand**: The Market Potential Index shows that Lakewood's demand for activities such as soccer (26%), tennis (17%), fitness activities like Pilates (42%) and Zumba (35%), jogging/running (19%), and outdoor recreation like biking (23%) and hiking (19%) all exceed the national averages. The percentages represent how much higher demand is in Lakewood compared to the national average.

Park Needs

Overall, Lakewood boasts a robust and well-distributed park system that is well-maintained, highly programmed, and highly valued by its residents. However, park needs were evaluated to identify ways that the City of Lakewood could increase park opportunities and better support park access, the provision of high-quality, functional, safe, and comfortable parks and recreational spaces, and greenspace that fosters climate resiliency for both parks and the broader community.

The following section identifies park needs.

Park Needs 1: Ensure Sufficient Parkland Acreage for a Growing Population

As Lakewood's population grows, it is important to regularly assess the provision of parkland to ensure it is sufficiently serving the population.

Acreage Level of Service (LOS) Standards specifically measure the amount of parkland available to a community relative to its population size, expressed as a ratio of acres of parkland per 1,000 residents. This standard is an indicator for determining whether the existing amount of parkland is adequate to serve the community's needs and is used to guide future park planning.

As of 2024, the City is host to 18 parks and standalone recreational facilities, spanning nearly 207.6 acres. With Lakewood's population of 80,162 (2024), this overall park acreage yields a LOS of 2.6 acres per 1,000 residents.

Compared to other California cities with populations ranging 50,000-99,000, Lakewood's LOS is lower than the median of 3.3 acres per 1,000 residents, and only slightly above the lower quartile (2.2 acres), indicating there is room for improvement.

If the City wished to maintain their current LOS over the next decade, they would need to add 5.4 new acres of parkland to accommodate the projected population increase of 2,065 residents. Increasing the LOS to improve park access and recreational opportunities would require more than 5.4 new acres (see Figure D-2).

If the City did not add any new parkland over the next 10 years, their LOS would decrease to 2.5 acres per 1,000 residents.

Creating new parkland is a significant challenge in many southern California cities. Lakewood is landlocked and built-out, with high land values that are beyond public resources.

Much of their existing parkland is established via leased property, utility quarters, and joint-use agreements with school districts. Such creative uses of space and strategic partnerships are likely what would be needed to develop new parkland in Lakewood.

Figure D- 2. Park Acreage Level of Service (LOS)

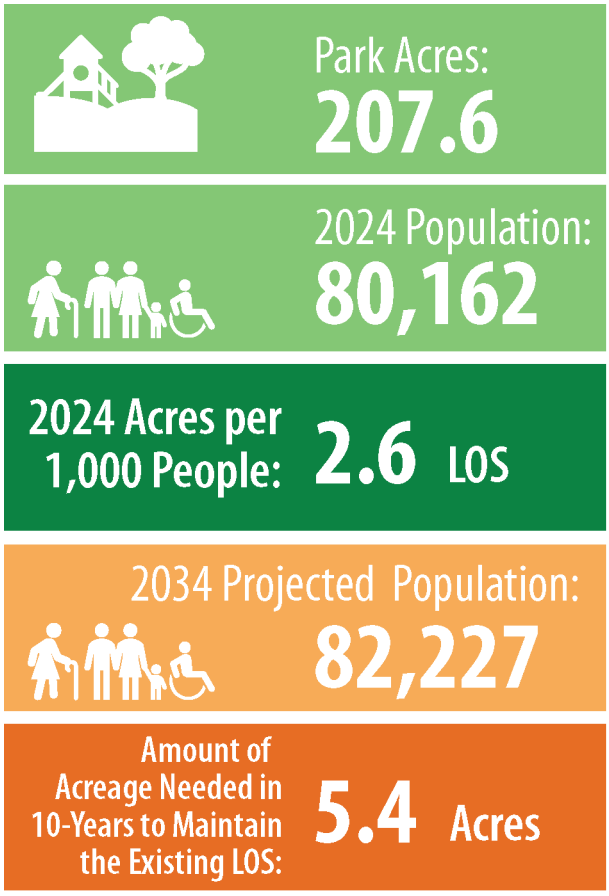


Table D- 1. Parkland Level of Service (LOS)

Park Classifications	Total Count Park Sites	Total Acreage of Park Sites	2024 Existing LOS
Passive Parks	2	5.3	0.1
Neighborhood Parks	4	41.9	0.5
Community Parks	5	102.7	1.3
Special Use Parks	3	26.0	0.3
Parkways and Nature Trails	1	26.4	0.3
Standalone Recreation Facilities	3	5.4	0.1
Total	**18**	**207.6**	**2.6**

2024 Population[1]: 80,162

1. *2024 population is sourced from the CA Dept of Finance, Population Estimates (May 2024).*

Table D-1 reveals the distribution and scale of various park categories within the City, highlighting differences in size, service levels, and the role of each park type.

While obtaining additional acreage will be a challenge, the City's greatest need by park type is for additional Community Park space. This would support the variety and diversity of facilities and recreation options desired by residents.

Additionally, some neighborhoods do not have access to neighborhood parks within walking distance (see next section), creating a need to increase the LOS for Neighborhood Parks. In reality, the City is likely to consider a variety of smaller parks and joint-use recreational opportunities to increase greenspace within the community.

Overall, Lakewood's LOS underscores that Community Parks are the most prominent in terms of acreage and service provision, while other park types vary significantly in scale and impact, reflecting their specialized roles within Lakewood's broader park system.

Park Needs 2: Improve Park Distribution and Access

Citywide parkland acreage is important to ensure sufficient recreational space for residents, however parkland distribution is also key to equitable access to parks and recreational facilities.

While Lakewood's parks are well-distributed across all areas of the City, there are still neighborhoods that are far from parks, further than a 10-minute walk (one-half mile), which is the industry standard for park access as championed by the Trust for Public Land (TPL) and the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA). These neighborhoods are considered "underserved" and should be a focus of City investment when planning for new parks or access routes.

The Park Access Map (Figure D-4) highlights areas in the community where residents are more than a 10-minute walk away from a park, creating noticeable gaps in access. These gap areas show where park resources are less accessible, impacting residents' ability to easily engage in outdoor activities and benefit from local park spaces. Based on the map and existing population data, approximately 56,000 residents (70%) are within a 10-minute walk to a park, while 24,000 residents are not.

Therea approximately nine gap areas situated in the eastern portion (east of Bloomfield Avenue), the northcentral portion (north of South Street), southcentral, and western portions of the city.

Figure D- 3. Population Within Walking Distance of a Park



Figure D-4. Park Access Map

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Lakewood Park and Recreation Facilities

- Lakewood Park Facilities
- Walking Distance to Parks (10min)
- West San Gabriel Nature Trail/Access Points
- Major Facility
- Activity Building

Residential Areas Without Park Access [2]

- Least Vulnerable
- Moderately Vulnerable
- Most Vulnerable

Base Map Features

- Lakewood City Boundary
- County Boundary
- Freeways
- Electrical Transmission Lines
- Rivers and Channels
- Water Bodies
- Schools

Sources: City of Lakewood, 2023; County of Los Angeles, 2023; ESRI Streetmap Premium Network Dataset; Population Density 2023 ESRI Demographics; 2024 CTCAC/HCD Opportunity Map; Childhood Opportunity Index 3.0; CalEnviroScreen 4.0; Healthy Places Index 3.0. Map Date: August 21, 2024

[1] Vulnerability levels (Least, Moderate, Most) are based on a composite index from the Healthy Places Index, CalEnviroScreen, Child Opportunity Levels, CTAC/HCD Opportunity Areas, and Population Density.

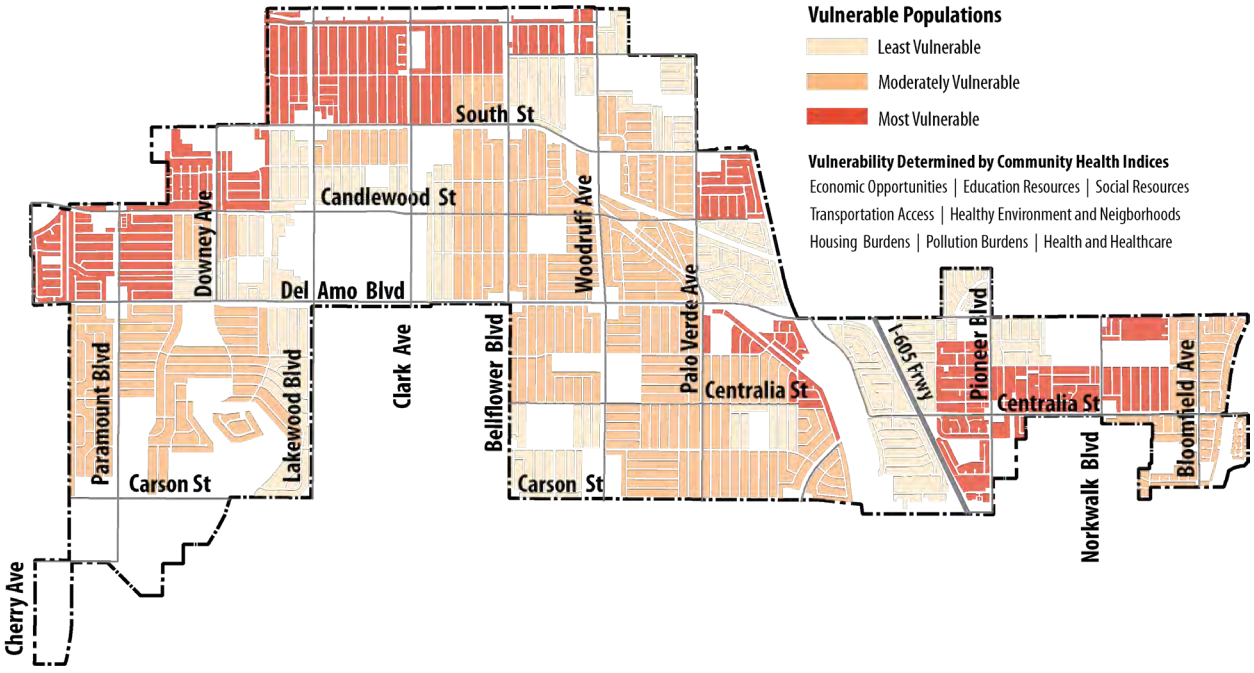
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Additionally, the map (Figure D-5) includes the Healthy Places Population Vulnerability Index within these gap areas, which factors in several socio-economic and environmental elements. Vulnerability factors include economic opportunities, education and social resources, transportation access, and the presence of a healthy environment and neighborhoods. Underserved areas can be remedied by developing new parks, new recreational facilities, or new or improved access routes to parks. In some cases, neighborhoods have nearby parks but getting to them may be difficult due to busy streets, lack of crosswalks, no direct connections, and other forms of barriers.

The index also considers housing and pollution burdens, health and healthcare access, and population density. Together, these indicators help identify the neighborhoods most affected by limited park access.

Displaying population vulnerability in the gap areas of a park access map is important because it helps identify neighborhoods that are not only physically distant from parks but also face additional socio-economic and environmental challenges. Vulnerable populations—those experiencing barriers such as limited economic opportunities, inadequate social or education resources, and health disparities—are often the most in need of the physical, mental, and social benefits that parks and green spaces provide.

Figure D- 5. Population Vulnerability



Source: Healthy Places Index, CalEnviroScreen 4.0, Child Opportunity Index, TCAC/HCD Opportunity Area Mapping, and UrbanFootprint Population.

The gap areas on the map, representing residential neighborhoods beyond a 10-minute walk to parks, signal a need for new parks, expanded recreation programs, or strategic partnerships to ensure equitable access to outdoor spaces. Here's what these gaps imply for future planning:

Number of New Parks

- **New Parks:** To address the park gap areas, especially in regions marked as most vulnerable, new parks may need to be developed. The number of new parks would depend on the available land, population density, and demand for recreational spaces in these underserved areas.
- **Mini or Pocket Parks**: In densely built-out areas where larger parks may not be feasible, smaller neighborhood parks or pocket parks can fill these gaps and offer essential recreational amenities within walking distance.

Recreation Programs

- **Mobile and Outreach Programs**: For communities that are distant from parks and face development constraints, mobile recreation programs (e.g., pop-up events, mobile recreation vans, or temporary installations) can bring services directly to residents.
- **After-School and Senior Programs**: Focused outreach could also target high-vulnerability areas with specific needs, such as after-school youth programs or senior activities, to compensate for the lack of nearby parks.

Partnerships

- **School Partnerships**: Public schools or other public institutions with open spaces can partner with the city to provide additional recreational opportunities during non-school hours. This could serve as an interim solution in park gap areas.
- **Private Sector Collaborations**: Involving private developers in future housing or commercial projects could lead to the inclusion of open spaces or park facilities as part of their development plans. Public-private partnerships might also result in funding for new parks or recreational programs in underserved areas.
- **Nonprofit and Community Organizations**: Collaborating with local nonprofits or health-focused organizations to provide programming, environmental education, or wellness activities in underserved areas would enhance the impact of limited park access.

Access to parks can also be hindered by a lack of public transit and/or bicycle routes. Families without private vehicles are further impacted by walking distance to local parks and rely on alternative forms of transportation to visit recreational spaces. Routing safety is a further consideration in park access. As part of this study, a safety and connectivity assessment were conducted to review areas of frequent accidents and collisions. While street and traffic improvements will likely fall within the Department of Public Works rather than the Department of Recreation & Community Services, it would benefit the public if joint initiatives could work to improve traffic intersections and transportation routes.

Park Needs 3. Optimize the Use of Existing Parks and Recreational Spaces

An alternative or supplemental approach to increasing parkland is to optimize the use of current sites through extended hours, evening lighting, improved designs, small-footprint recreational additions, and other creative actions. Such actions will have associated capital or operational costs but are expected to be significantly less costly than the acquisition or development of new park sites. Here are key comments from engagement activities related to optimizing existing parks:

- **Enhance Existing Park Experience**: Top survey suggestions included more restrooms and drinking fountains and additional fitness facilities. Other preferences were better play structures for kids, improved recreation buildings and a greater variety of activities.
- **Upgraded Facilities**: Many comments called for upgraded playgrounds and sports fields, improved lighting and safety at night, as well as more benches and shaded areas. Residents also requested fitness paths, outdoor workout equipment, and indoor fitness options like gyms and pools.
- **Enhancing recreational spaces**: Enhancing recreational spaces was another common theme, with suggestions for dedicated pickleball courts, improved equestrian center facilities, and expanded access to lit sports fields. Many also wanted more dog-friendly areas.
- **New Facilities:** Residents suggested adding features like skateparks, disc golf, additional nature trails, and educational elements like tree maps or nature interpretive signs, while emphasizing the importance of preserving natural habitats.

Park Needs 4. Improve Safety and Comfort at Parks

Safety and comfort at parks are paramount to creating spaces that feel inclusive and welcoming to all. Parks are used by people in different ways, and should encourage compatible, diverse activities. However, like all public spaces, it can be a challenge to balance the varied needs of park users and maintain a high level of safety and comfort for all.

Concerns around safety may center on personal safety and the deterrence of criminal activity or unwanted behavior. Improving lighting, visibility, amenity siting, staffing, security cameras and signage is needed to prevent crime, vandalism, or even uncomfortable situations with other park users. Examples include teenagers playing loud or inappropriate music, conflicts occurring at multi-use courts, and the discomfort created by any inappropriate park use by homeless visitors

Safety can also relate to the condition of park spaces, facilities, and amenities. It is vital that parks are maintained to avoid broken or damaged equipment, uneven or cracked court flooring, hazardous landscaping or overgrowth, and other elements of potential safety risks due to natural or expected deterioration.

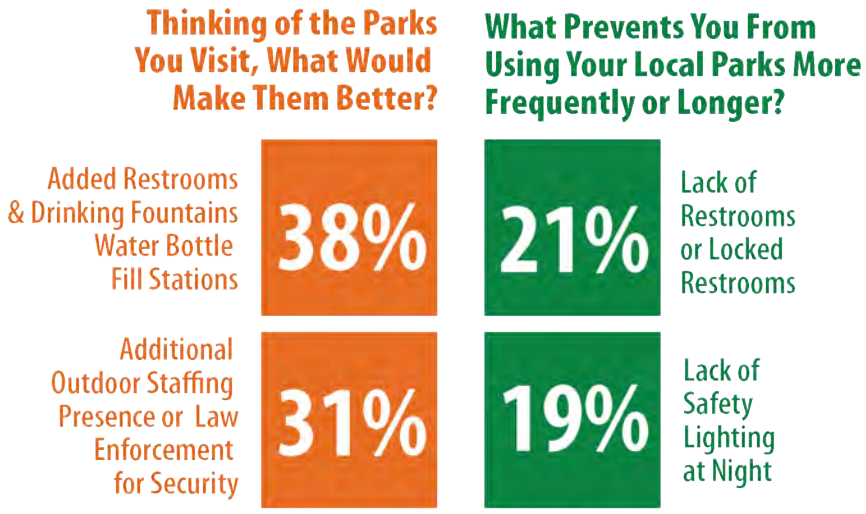
Supporting visitor comfort is closely related to safety. Some sites need adequate or improved shade, adequate restroom facilities, benches or seating for resting, signage and wayfinding, water fountains, barriers from streets and other vehicular roads, proper fencing for youth play spaces, and more.

Visitor comfort also extends to ensuring that all people – regardless of age, ability, or ethnicity – feel welcome in park and recreational spaces, such as through bilingual signs, diverse programmatic offerings, ADA-compliant structures and pathways, and specialized play structures that are accessible to all. Here are key comments from engagement activities related to safety and comfort:

- **Public Safety in Parks.** Concerns about safety in parking lots and after park hours emphasize the need for addressing security issues even after parks close. There are also worries about homelessness in parks affecting overall safety for visitors.
- **Lighting and Security Improvements.** There are calls for improved lighting, particularly at basketball courts and throughout park areas, to enhance safety. Additionally, increasing security measures, especially after school hours, is recommended, with suggestions to involve schools in maintaining safety.
- **Restroom Cleanliness and Safety.** Keeping restrooms clean and safe is essential for families, especially those with young children. Providing well-maintained restroom facilities greatly enhances the overall experience for park users.

The Recreation Survey results highlighted several key safety and comfort concerns, as shown in Figure D-6. Notably, 38% of respondents expressed a desire for more restrooms or drinking fountains in parks, and 31% requested an increased presence of staff or law enforcement for security. Additionally, the main obstacles to using parks more frequently include the lack of accessible restrooms or locked facilities (21%) and inadequate safety lighting at night (19%).

Figure D- 6. Recreation Survey Results Related to Safety



2024 Lakewood Recreation Survey

Park Needs 5. Address Climate Resiliency in Parks

In recent years, the importance of parks and green spaces has become increasingly evident, with many people turning to parks and recreational spaces to improve physical and mental health, socialization, and connections to nature. As more people of all ages and needs turn to parks as key places for health, the City should address shifts due to climate change. In the case of Southern California, increasing temperatures, lengthened periods of drought, frequency of intense heat, and other changes result in different needs for park design and management.

In the future, parks will need more shade, water fountains, shaded playgrounds, strategic planting of shade trees, and cooling facilities like spray grounds. As heat affects recreation patterns—with people exercising in the early mornings, evenings, and seasonally when temperatures are cooler, changes in park design and maintenance may be needed.--. Park design may incorporate more field or pathway lighting, drought-tolerant and native landscaping, shade trees, and rest points. Management of parks should consider resource allocation for irrigation, maintenance, staff comfort, and long-term environmental planning.



Here are key comments from engagement activities and trends analysis related to climate resiliency:

- **Shade and Comfort in Parks.** There is a strong desire for increased shade in playgrounds and tot lot areas, with specific requests for shade structures at many playgrounds. Many respondents noted that the sun makes play equipment too hot for children, highlighting the need for shaded play areas to ensure comfort during the summer months. Shading can be provided by additional shade trees or shade structures.

There were requests for more seating in shaded areas across parks to improve comfort for parents and caregivers while watching their children play.

- **Air Conditioning.** Upgrades to older facility buildings to include air conditioning and providing indoor spaces for protection from the heat would also enhance visitor comfort.
- **Water Activities.** Many suggestions were identified to replace older wading pools with new splash pads and add children's water play features that include shade.
- **Native Plants and Wildlife Habitat.** Respondents expressed a desire for more California native plants and natural areas within Lakewood parks. There is support for maintaining native plants and trees that provide habitats for birds and butterflies. Suggestions included focusing on wildlife-friendly landscape maintenance to sustain natural environments and native habitats for wildlife.
- **Climate Resiliency Trends.** Parks are evolving into essential components of climate adaptation strategies, integrating features like stormwater retention, expanded urban tree canopies, and shaded areas. These elements are becoming central to park and recreation system plans, aimed at reducing heat impacts and enhancing community resilience to extreme weather events.

Park and Facility Access

Park access refers to the ease and convenience with which residents can reach and utilize park spaces, as well as how well these parks are integrated into the broader Lakewood neighborhood. High-quality park access is characterized by close proximity (for ease of walking or biking to get there), convenient travel modes, safe routes, and inclusive design, ensuring that people of all abilities can reach and enjoy the benefits of green spaces and facilities. Good access is also a factor of the seamless integration of parks with surrounding neighborhoods, transportation networks, and other community resources. For this section, we will focus on walking, biking, and using public transit or DASH transit to access parks and community centers.

When parks are accessible to pedestrians and bicyclists, they are located within a reasonable distance – often within a 10-minute walk – from residential areas. This makes them easily reachable by foot or bicycle, which encourages frequent use and ensures that green spaces are a regular part of daily life for residents. Through the Recreation Survey, we learned that of the over 1,000 respondents, nearly half walked to their neighborhood park.

However, community parks and specialized facilities typically attract people from greater distances. Sufficient parking, locations along collector roadway, the availability of transit, and connections to regional or multi-use trails support access to these larger parks and facilities.

Sometimes, improving park access requires coordination with other departments to address barriers to access that are outside of parks, such as busy roads without crosswalks, areas with frequent vehicle collisions, lack of sidewalks, or physical obstacles (e.g., freeway, river or drainage corridors, gates, electrical transmission lines) that might make it more difficult to reach parks.

Connectivity goes a step further by ensuring that parks are not isolated islands but are part of a well-linked network of public spaces. Well-designed pathways, bike lanes, and public transportation options enhance connectivity, allowing residents to incorporate park visits into their daily routines with ease.

Bicycle Access to City Parks

Connecting parks with bike routes and facilities is crucial for promoting accessibility, healthy lifestyles, and sustainable transportation options. These connections encourage residents to engage in outdoor activities, making it easier and safer for people of all ages to reach parks by bike. These connections also foster a sense of community by linking neighborhoods and providing opportunities for recreation, commuting, and social interaction along safe pathways.

Bicycle Facility Types

Class I (Bike Paths): Dedicated bike paths that are completely separated from vehicle traffic, providing a safe, off-road space for cyclists.

Class II (Bike Lanes): On-street bike lanes marked by painted lines and symbols, running parallel to vehicle traffic but separated by a visible boundary.

Class III (Bike Routes): Shared roadways marked with signs or painted sharrows, where cyclists share the lane with vehicles with limited dedicated space.

Lakewood has a network of bicycle routes and paths. Class I bike paths are primarily located along the San Gabriel River and Coyote Creek, as well as through Heartwell Park and Carson Street in Long Beach. On the south side of Del Amo Boulevard, between Lakewood Boulevard to Bellflower Boulevard, there is a pathway designated as a Class I bike path, but it does not have a separate pedestrian path. Some major roadways include Class II bike lanes along Paramount Boulevard, Woodruff Avenue, and portions of Del Amo Boulevard and South Street.



Bicyclists park their bikes at Del Valle Park during Concerts in the Park event

Figure D-7 (Bike Access to Parks) illustrates the connectivity between parks and bicycle facilities in Lakewood by using the Park Accessibility by Bicycle Rating. This rating system evaluates and assigns a score based on a park's direct connection to the nearest high-value bikeway. Scores are allocated based on bikeway safety and accessibility and prioritizes parks with safe, direct cycling routes.

The majority of parks in Lakewood have moderate (3) or limited (0) bike connectivity with the remaining parks considered to have Good (6) bike connectivity (see Table D-2). Cherry Cove and Weingart Senior Center have the lowest scores (0) for limited bike connectivity. Parks along the San Gabriel River score higher due to the proximity to the San Gabriel River Trail.

Community Parks and Major Recreation Facilities should have convenient access to bike infrastructure, either Class I bike paths or Class II bike lanes. For Neighborhood and Passive Parks, walkability should be prioritized, with bike access provided through local streets.

Community Parks, like Palms Park and Major Recreation Facilities such as Burns Community Center, The Centre, and Weingart Senior Center should aim to connect to Class II bike lanes where feasible. However, it is understood that expanding Class I bike paths may be challenging due to cost and space constraints.

It is to be noted that this Long-Range Plan does not make any specific recommendations to established bike facilities, as those recommendations should be analyzed by a bike or active transportation plan.

Park Accessibility by Bicycle Rating

Bikeway Accessibility Rating is assigned based on a park's direct connection to the nearly high-value bikeway (Class I, Class II, or Class III). Scores are allocated as follows:

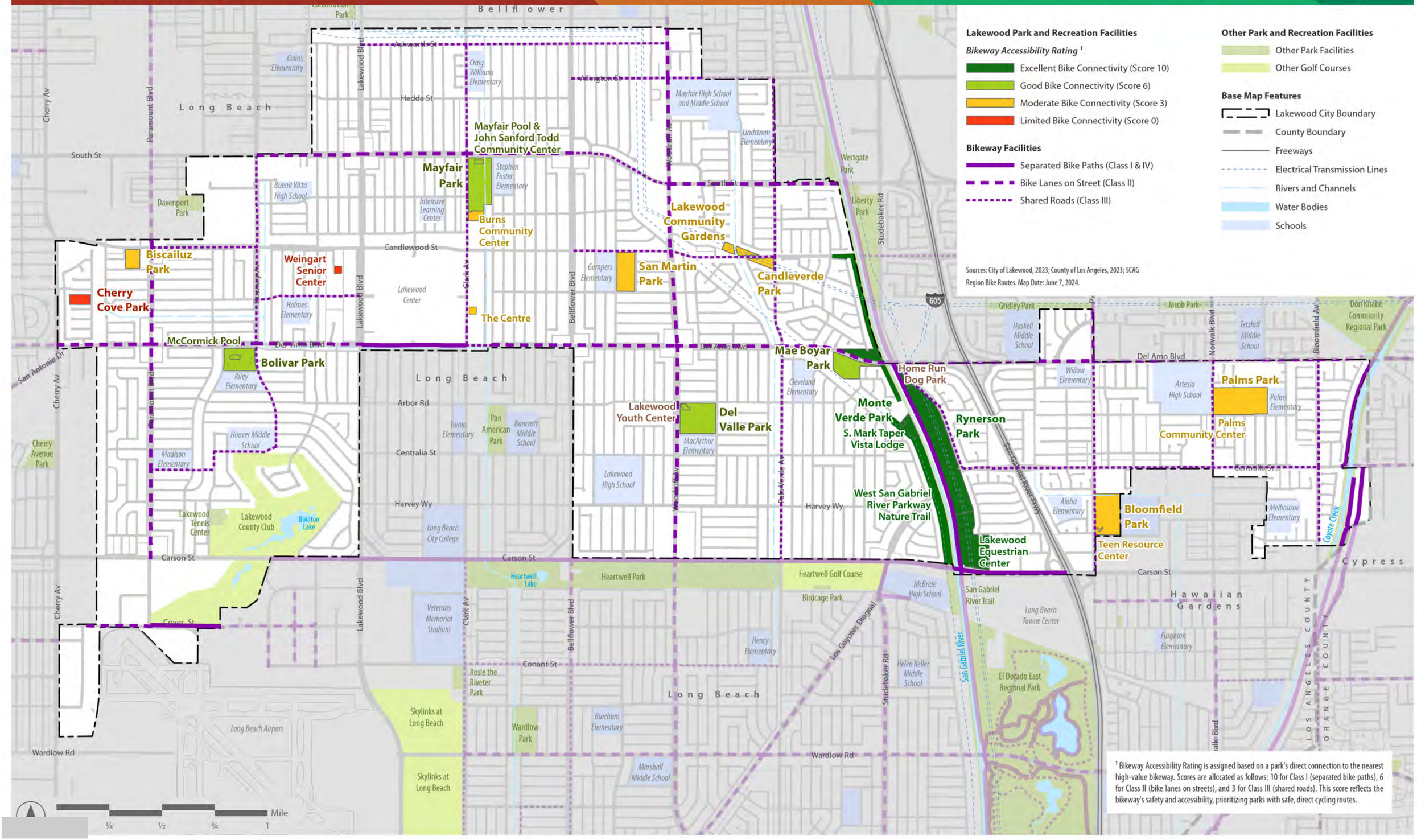
- **10 Points for Class I (Bike Paths)**
- **6 Points for Class II (Bike Lanes)**
- **3 Points for Class III (Bike Routes)**

Table D- 2. Bicycle Connectivity Score

Connectivity Score	Lakewood Parks and Facilities
Excellent Score: 10	Rynerson Park
	Monte Verde Park
	Nature Trail (North & South)
	Lakewood Equestrian Center
Good Score: 6	Mayfair Park
	Bolivar Park
	Del Valle Park
	Boyer Park
Moderate Score: 3	Biscailuz Park
	Burns Community Center
	The Centre
	San Martin Park
	Lakewood Community Gardens
	Candleverde Park
	Bloomfield Park
	Palms Park
Limited Score: 0	Cherry Cove
	Weingart Senior Center

Figure D-7. Park Accessibility by Bicycle

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Lakewood Park and Recreation Facilities

Bikeway Accessibility Rating [1]

- Excellent Bike Connectivity (Score 10)
- Good Bike Connectivity (Score 6)
- Moderate Bike Connectivity (Score 3)
- Limited Bike Connectivity (Score 0)

Bikeway Facilities

- Separated Bike Paths (Class I & IV)
- Bike Lanes on Street (Class II)
- Shared Roads (Class III)

Other Park and Recreation Facilities

- Other Park Facilities
- Other Golf Courses

Base Map Features

- Lakewood City Boundary
- County Boundary
- Freeways
- Electrical Transmission Lines
- Rivers and Channels
- Water Bodies
- Schools

Sources: City of Lakewood, 2023; County of Los Angeles, 2023; SCAG Region Bike Routes. Map Date: June 7, 2024.

[1] Bikeway Accessibility Rating is assigned based on a park's direct connection to the nearest high-value bikeway. Scores are allocated as follows: 10 for Class I (separated bike paths), 6 for Class II (bike lanes on streets), and 3 for Class III (shared roads). This score reflects the bikeway's safety and accessibility, prioritizing parks with safe, direct cycling routes.

Transit Access to City Parks

Bus access to parks is important because it provides an affordable and convenient transportation option for people who do not drive or prefer not to use a car. It enhances accessibility, making parks available to a broader range of community members, including seniors, youth, and those with limited mobility. By linking parks to public transit networks, Lakewood can reduce parking demand, lower carbon emissions, and encourage more people to enjoy outdoor recreation, contributing to overall public health and community well-being.

Lakewood is covered by four transit agencies: Long Beach Transit, Metro, Norwallk Transit, and OC Transit. Long Beach Transit has approximately 10 routes traversing Lakewood on major roadway corridors. The City's DASH transit service provides free transportation for Lakewood residents aged 60 and older who do not have access to their own transportation, as well as for disabled residents of any age.

Eligibility requirements must be met to use the service. DASH operates on a reservation basis and offers transportation within and around Lakewood.

The DASH transit service plays a crucial role in meeting the transportation needs of older Lakewood residents by providing them with free, reliable access to parks, community centers, and other important destinations. Many seniors may face mobility challenges or lack personal transportation, which limits their ability to participate in recreational activities, social programs, and community events. By offering a reservation-based service, DASH ensures that older residents can stay connected to Lakewood's parks, senior centers, and recreational facilities, supporting their health, well-being, and social engagement. DASH transit is not integrated into the transit access analysis to City parks and facilities.



The Park Accessibility by Transit map (see Figure D-8) shows ease of access via public transit for each park, highlighting those with the most convenient transit connections. A rating is determined for each park using the Transit Accessibility Rating which is determined by a park's proximity to the nearest bus stop, on a scale of 1 to 10, with 10 indicating Extremely Transit Accessible and 1 for Minimally Transit Accessible. With the exception of Monte Verde Park which is considered Moderately Transit Accessible (4), most of Lakewood's parks are considered Extremely (10) or Very (6) Transit Accessible.

The analysis indicates that most Community Parks and Major Recreation Facilities are highly accessible to transit lines. However, Weingart Senior Center is approximately 850 feet (280 meters) walking distance from the Metro bus stop on Candlewood Street. Its unique location within a neighborhood—adjacent to apartments and behind a commercial center—means it is not situated directly on a street with active transit use. Although 850 feet is not a significant distance, it can be a challenge for seniors with mobility issues. In this context, DASH transit service serves as a valuable option to bridge this transit gap.

Additionally, this Long-Range Plan does not include specific recommendations to relocate or add transit routes, as these decisions are under the purview of the transit operators serving the city.

Park Accessibility by Transit Rating

Transit Accessibility Rating is assigned based on a park's distance from bus stops. Scores are allocated as follows:

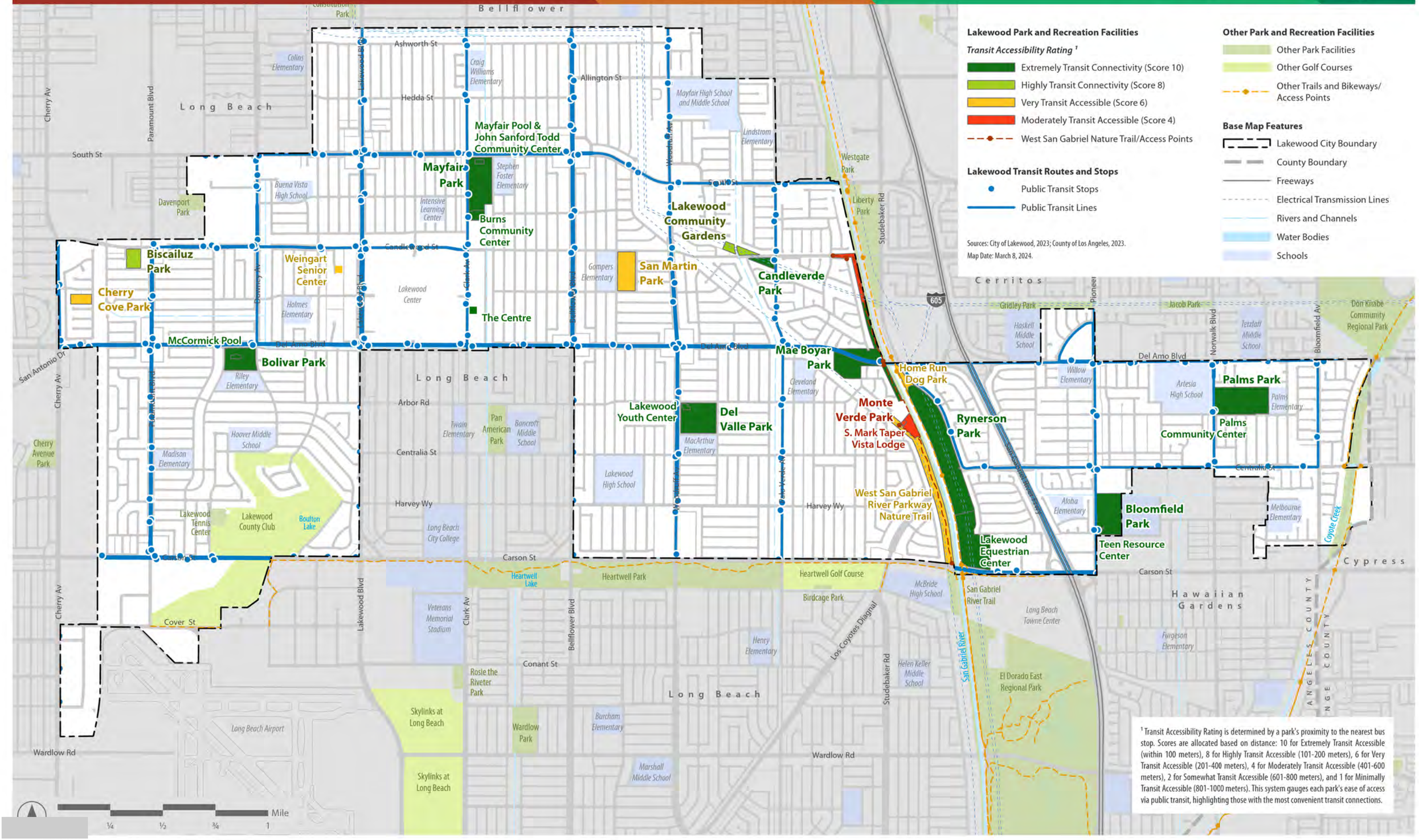
- **10: Within 100 Meters**
- **8: Within 101-200 Meters**
- **6: Within 201-400 Meters**
- **4: Within 401-600 Meters**
- **2: Within 601-800 Meters**
- **1: Within 801-1,000 Meters**

Table D- 3. Transit Connectivity Score

Connectivity Score	Lakewood Parks and Facilities
Extremely Transit Connectivity Score: 10	Mayfair Park
	Bolivar Park
	Del Valle Park
	Boyer Park
	Candleverde Park
	Rynerson Park
	Lakewood Equestrian Center
	Bloomfield Park
	The Centre
	Burns Community Center
	Palms Park
Highly Transit Score: 8	Lakewood Community Gardens
	Biscailuz Park
Very Transit Connectivity Score: 6	Cherry Cove Park
	Weingart Center
	San Martin Park
	Nature Trail (South)
	Home Run Dog Park
Moderately Score: 4	Nature Trail (North)
	Monte Verde Park (North)

Figure D-8. Park Accessibility by Transit

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Lakewood Park and Recreation Facilities

Transit Accessibility Rating [1]

- Extremely Transit Connectivity (Score 10)
- Highly Transit Connectivity (Score 8)
- Very Transit Accessible (Score 6)
- Moderately Transit Accessible (Score 4)
- West San Gabriel Nature Trail/Access Points

Lakewood Transit Routes and Stops

- Public Transit Stops
- Public Transit Lines

Other Park and Recreation Facilities

- Other Park Facilities
- Other Golf Courses
- Other Trails and Bikeways/ Access Points

Base Map Features

- Lakewood City Boundary
- County Boundary
- Freeways
- Electrical Transmission Lines
- Rivers and Channels
- Water Bodies
- Schools

Sources: City of Lakewood, 2023; County of Los Angeles, 2023.
Map Date: March 8, 2024.

[1] Transit Accessibility Rating is determined by a park's proximity to the nearest bus stop. Scores are allocated based on distance: 10 for Extremely Transit Accessible (within 100 meters), 8 for Highly Transit Accessible (101-200 meters), 6 for Very Transit Accessible (201-400 meters), 4 for Moderately Transit Accessible (401-600 meters), 2 for Somewhat Transit Accessible (601-800 meters), and 1 for Minimally Transit Accessible (801-1000 meters). This system gauges each park's ease of access via public transit, highlighting those with the most convenient transit connections.

Pedestrian and Street Safety

Pedestrian safety is essential when walking to parks, as it ensures that community members can access these spaces comfortably and without fear of accidents. Safe pedestrian routes encourage more people, including children, seniors, and individuals with mobility challenges, to walk to parks, promoting a healthy and active lifestyle. Well-designed sidewalks, crosswalks, and traffic-calming measures such as speed bumps and signage help protect pedestrians from potential hazards. By prioritizing pedestrian safety, cities can create a more inviting environment that supports outdoor activity, social interaction, and overall community well-being.

Parks located near areas with high vehicle collision rates may present challenges for pedestrian access. Busy intersections, fast-moving traffic, and inadequate pedestrian infrastructure can discourage walking to parks or create barriers. Factors such as poor visibility, lack of adequate crosswalks, and insufficient lighting in these areas make it harder for pedestrians to cross safely and for drivers to spot them. These conditions disproportionately affect vulnerable groups, including children and the elderly. Improving urban design and traffic management is essential to enhance park accessibility and ensure pedestrian safety.

Lakewood Street Safety Improvements Approaches

In 2024, the City Council approved a contract for an engineering study to assess traffic hotspots in neighborhoods across the city and explore methods for calming traffic in these areas. The study will analyze data on localized speeding, stop sign violations, and other dangerous driving behaviors. Based on this analysis, the study will recommend tools and strategies to enhance safety for pedestrians and motorists in these affected locations.

In 2022, the Lakewood City Council funded a new Deputy Sheriff position dedicated to traffic safety patrol, increasing the total to two traffic safety Deputy Sheriffs in the city. These officers focus on addressing speeding, distracted driving, and other unsafe driving behaviors while on patrol.

Additionally, the City Council funded the installation of flashing beacons and enhanced lighting at several crosswalks. The effectiveness of these measures will be studied to assess their impact and to determine the potential expansion to other crosswalks throughout the city.

A Pedestrian Safety Around Parks Map (see Figure D-9) shows the number of vehicle collisions in the City of Lakewood over a 10-year period from 2013 to 2023, highlighting intersections with a higher frequency of accidents. The map also identifies the number of collisions within 250 feet of a park and ranks the parks based on the total number of collisions. It reveals that Bolivar Park and Mayfair Park have each experienced about 30 collisions near their locations over the past decade. Both parks are situated on major roadways, with Del Amo Boulevard near Bolivar Park with 28,000 average vehicles per day in 2023, and South Street near Mayfair Park averaging 22,000 vehicles per day in 2023. Additionally, comments from the Pop-

Up Events identified Del Amo Boulevard where speeding is an issue, particularly between Paramount Boulevard and Lakewood Boulevard.

Other parks near major roadways with higher collision numbers include Del Valle Park on Woodruff Avenue, which sees an average of 23,000 vehicles per day, Palms Park on Norwalk Boulevard with 16,000 average vehicles per day, and Bloomfield Park on Pioneer Boulevard, where there are 25,000 average vehicles per day.

In contrast, parks located on residential streets within neighborhoods and further from major roadways experience fewer collisions. Cherry Cove Park, Nature Trail (North), Monte Verde Park, and Lakewood Community Gardens had no collisions within 250 feet of the park. San Martin Park, Nature Trail (South), Lakewood Equestrian Center, and Candleverde Park had very few collisions in their vicinity.

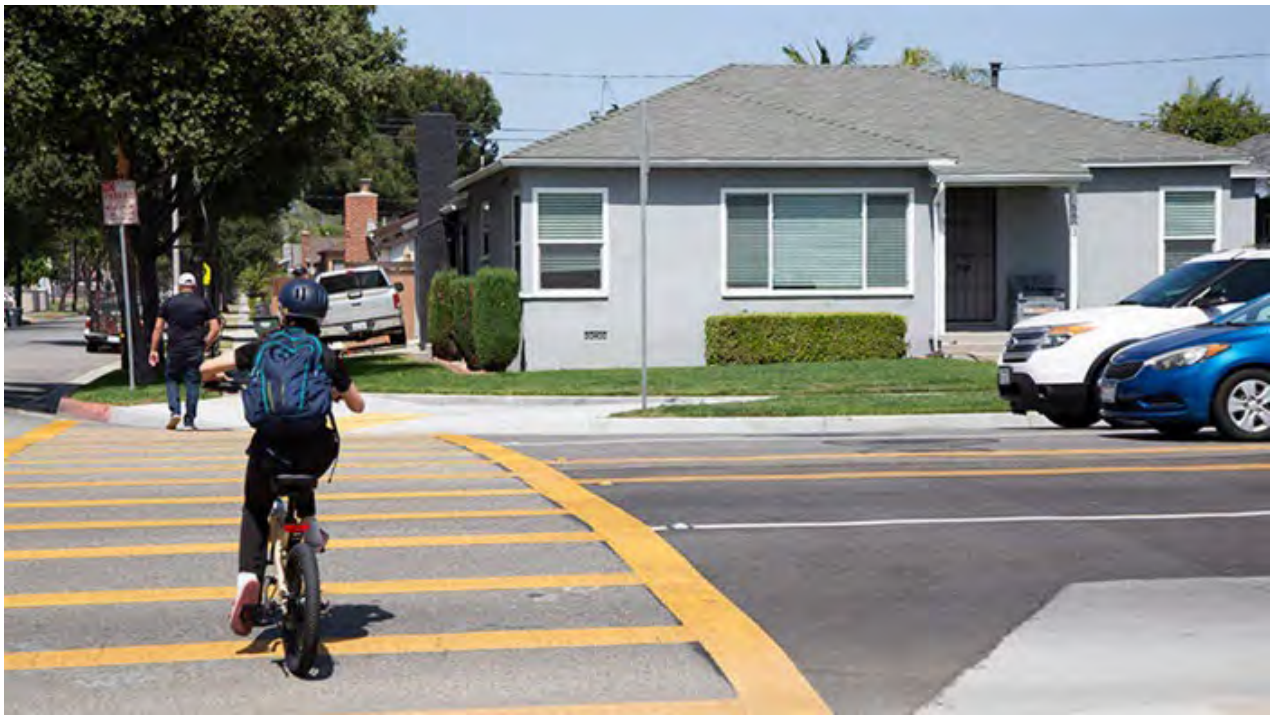
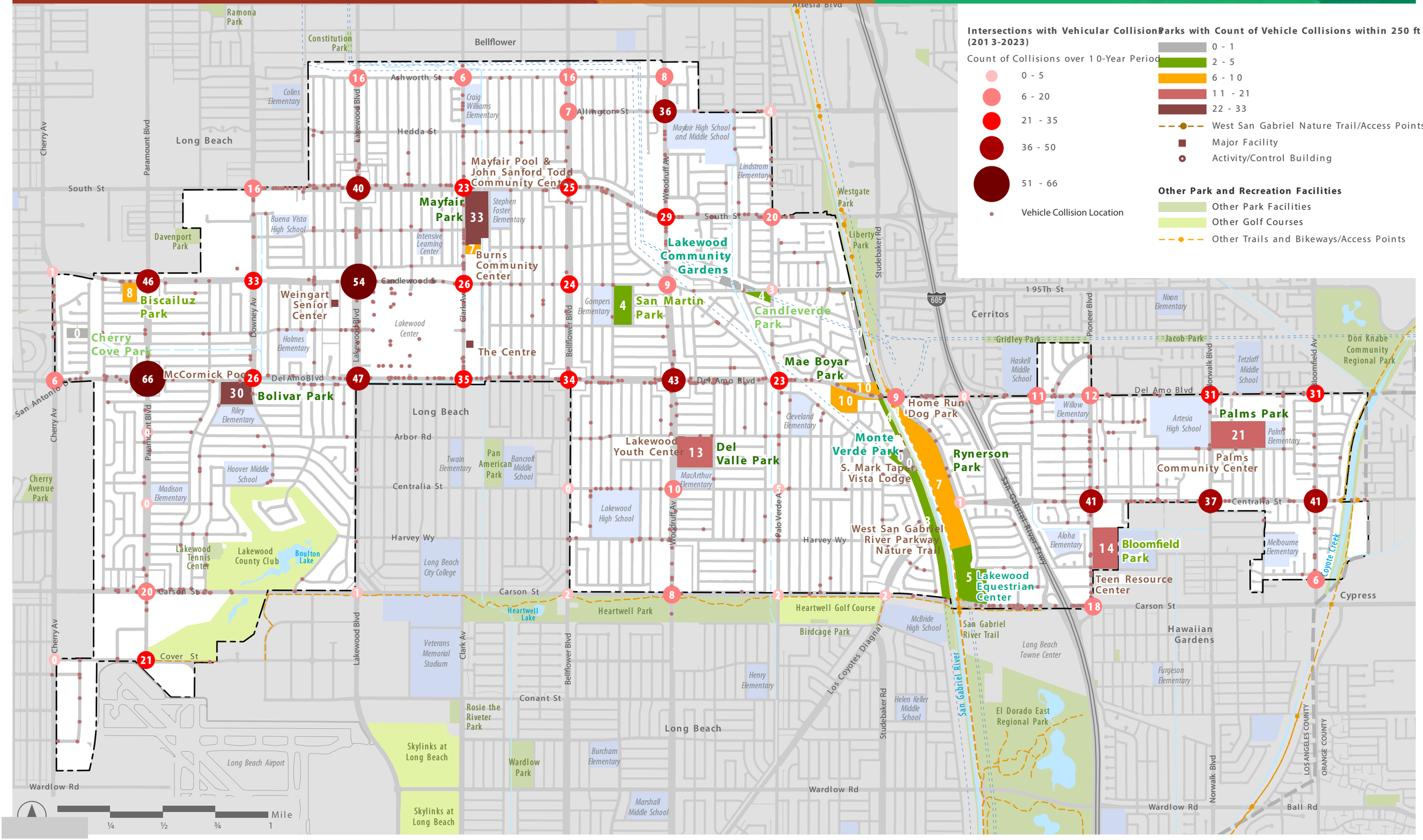


Figure D-9. Pedestrian Safety Around Parks

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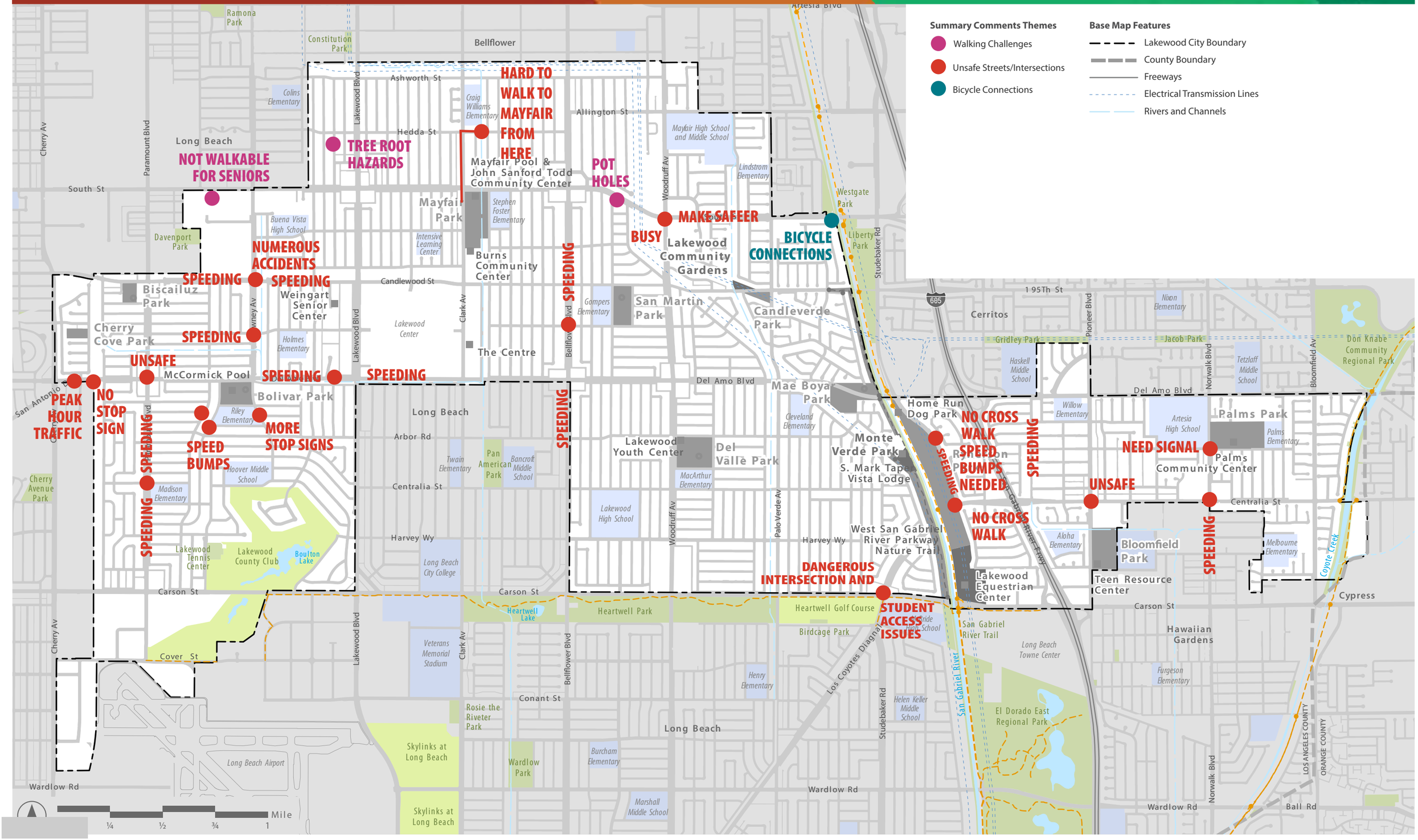
Public Engagement Comments: Street Safety

During the engagement process, participants were asked to identify locations where walking to and from parks presents challenges. Common issues raised included speeding vehicles, a lack of crosswalks, absence of stop signs, heavy traffic, frequent accidents, difficult walking conditions, and hazardous intersections. Figure D-10 highlights the areas where community members suggested improvements to enhance walkability and access to parks. It is important to note that these comments reflect the participants' observations and have not been independently verified.

Vehicle speeding was a commonly identified issue along major roadways such as Del Amo Boulevard, Bellflower Boulevard, Norwalk Boulevard, and Paramount Boulevard. Additionally, access to Rynerson Park from eastern neighborhoods was highlighted as a concern, particularly due to speeding along Studebaker Road and the lack of crosswalks, making it difficult for pedestrians to safely reach the park.

Figure D-10. Engagement Safety Comments Summary

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Recreation Facility Access

Access to Major Recreation Facilities

Similar to parkland, a well-distributed recreation system is important for supporting citywide health and equitable access. Major Recreational Facilities, facilities that require staffing, include community centers, swimming pools, and other recreation facilities. These are larger footprint spaces with more use by sports leagues, community groups, and intense programming. They also often involve more city investment, resources, operations, and management.

Communities that lack convenient access to major recreational facilities may have lower participation rates in the organized sports and programming than takes place at these locations. Therefore, it is vital that access is improved to such sites. Figure D-11 highlights the 10-minute walkability to Major Recreation Facilities and Activity/Control Buildings within Lakewood parks. Major Facilities include Burns Community Center, The Centre, Lakewood Youth Center, Palms Community Center, Monte Verde Park's Mark Taper Vista Lodge, Home Run Dog Park, Lakewood Equestrian Center, Teen Resource Center, and both Lakewood pools. Activity and control buildings refer to the smaller recreation buildings found in Neighborhood and Community Parks, such as those at Bolivar, Del Valle, Mae Boyer, San Martin, and Biscailuz parks. The map also identifies vulnerable populations who must walk more than 10 minutes to reach a Major Facility or an activity/control building.

Access to Sports Courts and Fields

Sports courts are generally distributed throughout Lakewood, but certain parks have specialized courts not found in every park. For example, tennis courts are available at Mayfair Park, and a futsal court is located at Palms Park. Most community and neighborhood parks feature multi-use courts, typically including basketball courts, along with a mix of volleytennis and pickleball courts (see Figure D-12).

Sports fields are similarly distributed across the city, with baseball/softball diamonds and rectangular fields for football and soccer available in most neighborhood and community parks. Also, sports fields and courts are desired within walking distance, especially where these are located in neighborhood parks.

Access to Swimming Pools

Lakewood has two swimming pools: McCormick Pool at Bolivar Park and Mayfair Pool at Mayfair Park, both located in the central and western parts of the city. Neighborhoods east of the San Gabriel River and south of Del Amo Boulevard, as well as east of Woodruff Avenue, are over two miles away from these pools (see Figure D-13).

Figure D-11. Major Recreation Facilities Access

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Lakewood Park and Recreation Facilities

- Lakewood Park Facilities
- 10-Minute Walk Zone to Major Facility
- 10-Minute Walk Zone to Activity Building
- West San Gabriel Nature Trail/Access Points

Residential Areas Without Major Facility Access [1]

- Least Vulnerable
- Moderately Vulnerable
- Most Vulnerable

Base Map Features

- Lakewood City Boundary
- County Boundary
- Freeways
- Electrical Transmission Lines
- Rivers and Channels
- Water Bodies
- Schools

Sources: City of Lakewood, 2023; County of Los Angeles, 2023; ESRI Streetmap Premium Network Dataset; Population Density 2023 ESRI Demographics; 2024 CTCAC/HCD Opportunity Map; Childhood Opportunity Index 3.0; CalEnviroScreen 4.0; Healthy Places Index 3.0. Map Date: June 7, 2024

Mayfair Pool & John Sanford Todd Community Center
Mayfair Park
Burns Community Center
Lakewood Community Gardens
Biscailuz Park
Cherry Cove Park
Weingart Senior Center
San Martin Park
Candleverde Park
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McCormick Pool
Bolivar Park
Mae Boyar Park
Home Run Dog Park
Lakewood Youth Center
Del Valle Park
Monte Verde Park
S. Mark Taper Vista Lodge
Rynerson Park
Palms Park
Palms Community Center
West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail
Bloomfield Park
Teen Resource Center
Lakewood Equestrian Center
Heartwell Park
Heartwell Golf Course
Birdcage Park
El Dorado East Regional Park
Skylinks at Long Beach
Wardlow Park
Rosie the Riveter Park
Veterans Memorial Stadium
Heartwell Lake
Boulton Lake
Lakewood Tennis Center
Lakewood County Club
Cherry Avenue Park
Davenport Park
Westgate Park
Liberty Park
Gridley Park
Jacob Park
Don Knabe Community Regional Park

Bellflower
Long Beach
Cerritos
Hawaiian Gardens
Cypress
Constitution Park
Colins Elementary
Ashworth St
Heddi St
Allington St
Mayfair High School and Middle School
Lindstrom Elementary
South St
Candlewood St
Buena Vista High School
Nixon Elementary
195Th St
Haskell Middle School
Tetzlaff Middle School
Willow Elementary
Del Amo Blvd
Madison Elementary
Hoover School
Arbor Rd
Twain Elementary
Pan American Park
Bancroft Middle School
Centralia St
Lakewood High School
Harvey Wy
Long Beach City College
Carson St
Cover St
Conant St
Long Beach Airport
Wardlow Rd
Burcham Elementary
Marshall Middle School
Henry Elementary
Helen Keller Middle School
McBride High School
Furgeson Elementary
Melbourne Elementary
Coyote Creek
Los Coyotes Diagnal
Studebaker Rd
Bellflower Blvd
Lakewood Blvd
Paramount Blvd
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[1] Vulnerability levels (Least, Moderate, Most) are based on a composite index from the Healthy Places Index, CalEnviroScreen, Child Opportunity Levels, CTAC/HCD Opportunity Areas, and Population Density.

Figure D- 12. Sports Fields and Courts Access (10-Minute Walk)

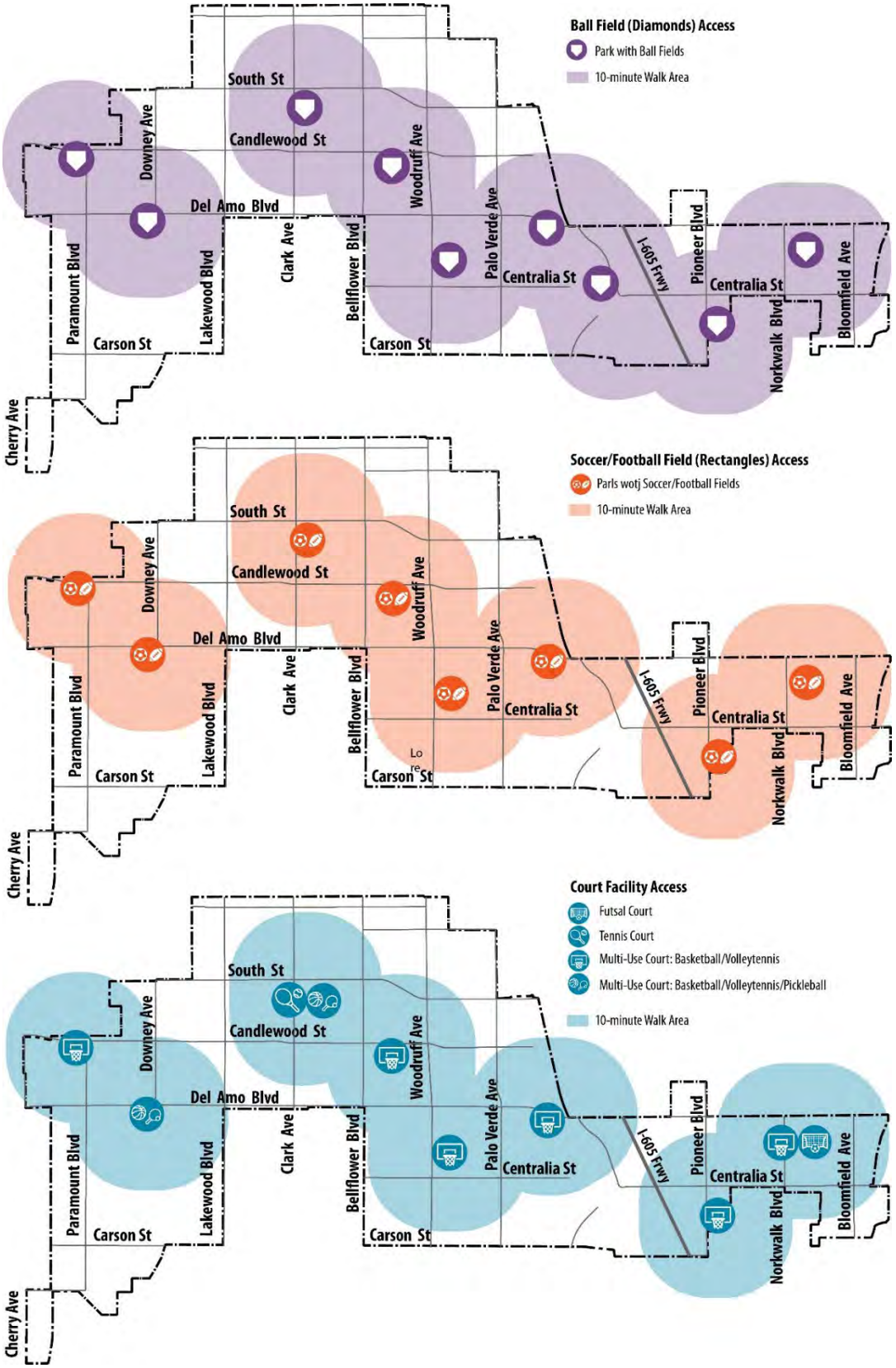


Figure D-13. Access to Swimming Pools

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Lakewood Park and Recreation Facilities
- Lakewood Park Facilities
- 1-Mile Drive Zone to Swimming Pool
- 2-Mile Drive Zone to Swimming Pool
- West San Gabriel Nature Trail/Access Points
- Major Facility
- Activity Building

Other Park and Recreation Facilities
- Other Park Facilities
- Other Golf Courses
- Other Trails and Bikeways/Access Points

Base Map Features
- Lakewood City Boundary
- County Boundary
- Freeways
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Sources: City of Lakewood, 2023; County of Los Angeles, 2023; ESRI Streetmap Premium Network Dataset. Map Date: June 7, 2024.

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Liberty Park
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Collins Elementary
Twain Elementary
Pan American Park
Bancroft Middle School
MacArthur Elementary
Cleveland Elementary
Haskell Middle School
Tetziaff Middle School
Willow Elementary
Artesia High School
Palms Elementary
Aloha Elementary
Melbourne Elementary
Gompers Elementary
Burcham Elementary
Marshall Middle School
Henry Elementary
Furgeson Elementary
McBride High School
Helen Keller Middle School
Long Beach Towne Center
El Dorado East Regional Park
San Gabriel River Trail
Coyote Creek
Long Beach City College
Long Beach
Cerritos
Hawaiian Gardens
Cypress
Los Angeles County
Orange County
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Hedda St
Allington St
South St
Candlewood St
Del Amo Blvd
Arbor Rd
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Recreation Facility Needs

To meet the evolving demands of Lakewood's growing population, the City must strive to provide sufficient recreational facilities that cater to a diverse range of activities. Improving connectivity and access to major recreational facilities will enhance the community's ability to engage in outdoor activities; while optimizing the usability of existing spaces ensures they meet current and future needs. Additionally, introducing more challenging features and unique facilities will offer varied play experiences, appealing to different age groups and interests. Maintaining and improving the quality of existing recreational facilities is also crucial to sustaining their value and functionality for residents.



Recreational Facility Needs 1. Maintain, Repair and Replace Existing Recreational Assets

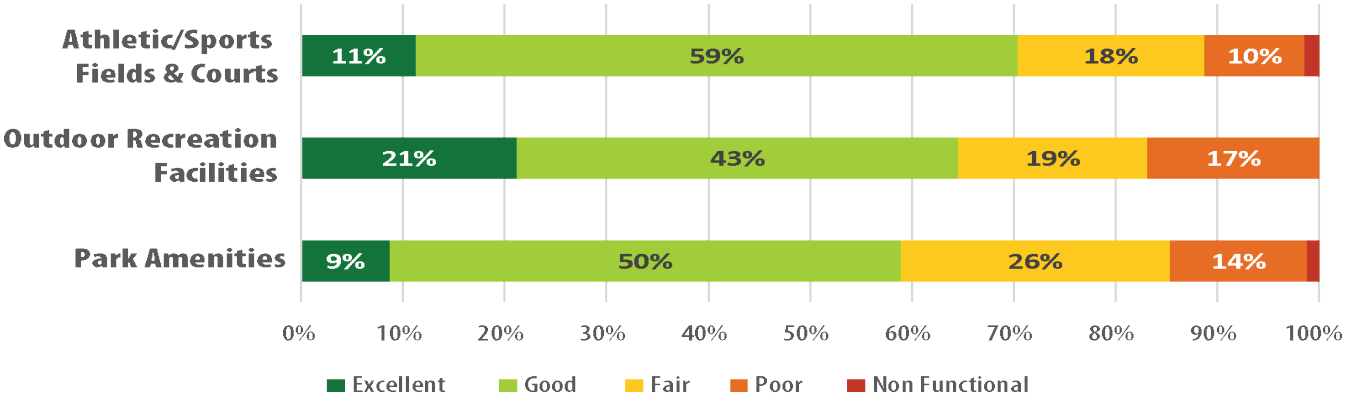
As of 2024, the City of Lakewood offers more than 100 recreational facilities and play spaces (such as baseball fields and tennis courts), with an additional 900 amenities (such as benches, grills, and picnic tables). This large inventory of recreational assets requires diligent maintenance, management, and resource planning for long-term upkeep.

Based on a condition assessment conducted in late 2023, the majority of park and recreational assets are rated as excellent, good, or fair.[1] However, assets flagged as poor or non-functional should be prioritized for repair or replacement. While most of these flagged assets are smaller items like trash cans or drinking fountains, some involve significant investments such as bleachers, backstops, picnic tables, and playgrounds. Addressing these issues promptly will ensure the comfort and safety of users.

As noted in condition assessment findings (see Figure D-14), several amenities and facilities are aging, worn, or in need of short-term replacement because they are at the end of their lifecycles. Similarly, some sites and major facilities require more extensive renovations to update them in conjunction with current codes, best practices, and accessibility requirements. For aged facilities that don't hold significant value any longer to community members, they may be best replaced with a more suitable facility type.

Beyond immediate repairs, the City of Lakewood should implement an ongoing asset management plan that effectively tracks, updates, and communicates asset conditions to relevant staff. Though asset management can be resource-intensive, efficient systems can significantly alleviate the burden. Additionally, promoting the Lakewood Connect system within park spaces could encourage the public to report issues, repairs, and concerns, further supporting the maintenance and improvement of park facilities.

Figure D- 14. Lakewood Recreation Asset Conditions Summary



[1] For more information, see *Appendix B. Existing Conditions Summary*.

Recreational Facility Needs 2. Ensure Sufficient Recreational Facilities for a Growing and Diversifying Population

A growing population can result in overcrowding and overuse of recreational facilities. It can also result in underuse or disrepair of certain facilities that have become "outdated" or no longer hold much recreational interest to current populations. Therefore, the Needs Assessment looks at recreation facility to make sure there is both the right number of facilities, as well as the right type of facilities, as desired by the population.

Population growth may require new facilities or a change in facilities. As the number of residents in a community increases, there may be a need to either build new recreational facilities or modify existing ones to adequately serve a growing population. This could involve expanding current spaces, adding new amenities, or upgrading outdated facilities to meet the evolving demands for recreational activities, ensuring that all community members have access to adequate resources for fitness, leisure, and social interaction.

Lakewood Multi-Use Courts

Lakewood courts accommodate three sports throughout the year, but the shared use of the space limits the availability of each sport year-round. Lines are painted on the courts for each sport.

Basketball: Basketball is played on a small court, where players aim to score points by shooting a ball through a hoop.

Volleytennis: Volleytennis is a hybrid sport played on a small court that blends volleyball and tennis, where players volley a ball over a net using their hands

Pickleball: Pickleball is a paddle sport played on a small court, blending elements of tennis, badminton, and table tennis. Its easy-to-learn nature and smaller court size make it highly accessible and appealing to players of all ages and skill levels.

Sports Courts

Lakewood's existing multi-use courts are shared between basketball, volley tennis, and pickleball, but with the rising popularity of pickleball, the demand for court space has outgrown the available facilities. The need to accommodate basketball and volleytennis, along with tournaments, further limits the availability of the courts for all sports. This shared use creates scheduling conflicts, restricting access and preventing any one sport from fully meeting the needs of its growing player base. Additionally, all of these courts are outdoors, and are subject to weather conditions affecting maintenance requirements and scheduling and usage.

As a result, there is a clear need for more dedicated facilities to better serve the community's interest in pickleball and other activities.

- **Sports Courts Survey Results.** Survey results highlight a strong interest in sports courts, including options like pickleball, futsal, basketball, and volleyball. While sports courts ranked behind unique play features (27%) and exercise areas (23%), they still represent a significant portion of community preferences.
- **Pickleball Courts.** The survey reveals a significant demand for dedicated, lighted, and permanent pickleball courts, with multiple requests for more facilities across the city. Respondents emphasize the need for pickleball courts to be available year-round, particularly at locations like Mayfair Park. This reflects the growing popularity of pickleball and the need to expand these courts to accommodate the increasing number of players.
- **Basketball Courts:** There is strong interest in upgrading and expanding basketball facilities, both indoor and outdoor. Suggestions include adding indoor basketball courts for use during rainy days, resurfacing existing outdoor courts, installing canopies for shade, and improving fencing to prevent balls from going into the street. Additionally, some respondents propose revising youth basketball court standards, such as using 10-foot rims for players eight years and older.
- **Other Sports Courts.** Beyond pickleball and basketball, the community also expressed interest in a variety of other courts, including volleyball, volleytennis, gaga ball, and handball courts. The desire for facilities that can support indoor recreation for seniors, such as volleyball courts, was also highlighted.



Court Level of Service

The comparison of facility LOS numbers reveals some disparities between existing facilities and the NRPA benchmarks. The NRPA LOS benchmarks are standardized guidelines that provide recommendations for the quantity and quality of recreational facilities and services to ensure communities meet the diverse needs of their residents.

The challenge with the multi-use courts is not an over-provision of courts, but rather that the City is compensating for a shortage of dedicated sports courts by combining multiple activities into one space. While the current LOS for multi-use courts is 3,340, far exceeding the NRPA recommendation of 24,955, this reflects the need for flexible spaces due to a lack of dedicated courts for individual sports. Consequently, the multi-use courts are serving multiple purposes, which underscores the need for more specialized sports courts to properly meet demand.

In the case of pickleball courts, there are no standalone pickball courts, so with a NRPA standard of 12,972 persons per facility, six standalone picklball courts are needed. Conversely, the existing LOS for handball courts is 26,721, exceeding the NRPA benchmark of 43,857, indicating adequte facilities. Lastly, tennis courts have an existing LOS of 40,081, which is vastly below the NRPA's standard of 5,865, highlighting a shortfall of additional tennis facilities. Based on the analysis, here are sports courts needs:

- **Pickell Ball Courts:** Pickeball Courts are identified as a need, with a minimum need of at least six permanent courts. Through engagement, standalone pickleball courts was significatly desired by the community.
- **Tennis Courts:** Tennis courts are also identified a need, with 14 additional courts. However, the Lakewood Tennis Center, operated by Los Angles County Parks & Recreation Department, helps meet the community's needs with exactly 14 tennis courts.

Table D- 4. Courts Level of Service (LOS)

Facility Type	Count	2024 Existing LOS[1]	NRPA LOS Standard[2]	Standard Comparison	Additional Facility Need
Court – Multiuse[3]	24	3,340	24,955	Exceeds Standard	0
Court - Pickleball[3]	0	0	12,972	**Falls short**	**6**
Court - Volleytennis[3]	0	0	N/A	N/A	N/A
Court - Handball	3	26,721	43,857	Exceeds Standard	0
Court - Futsal	1	80,162	N/A	N/A	N/A
Court - Tennis	2	40,081	5,865	**Falls Short**	**14**

2024 Population[1]: 80,162

1. *2024 population is sourced from the CA Dept of Finance, Population Estimates (May 2024).*
2. *National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) identified standard based on population of jurisdiction between 50,000 to 99,999.*
3. *Multiuse (shared) court facility: basketball, pickleball, and volleytennis*

Sports Fields

Lakewood features a well-distributed network of sports fields across the city, catering to various recreational needs. The City has a total of 20 ball diamond fields, providing space for baseball and softball activities. Additionally, there are eight backstop fields, which are commonly used for T-ball, practice, or coach-pitch baseball or softball. For versatile play, there are 10 multi-purpose rectangular fields that can accommodate a range of sports. However, the availability of soccer and football fields is limited, with only two designated fields. This distribution indicates a strong focus on ball diamond and multi-purpose fields while highlighting a potential need for more soccer and football facilities to enhance community access to these sports.

Survey respondents express a desire for increased access to sports fields, particularly emphasizing the importance of extending more time for use of lighted fields. There is a strong sentiment that Lakewood residents should have priority when it comes to reserving these facilities, ensuring that local athletes and community members can make the most of the available resources.

- **Lack of Fields:** Lakewood faces a shortage of outdoor field space to meet the demands for football, baseball, softball, and soccer. There is a strong need for additional soccer fields and practice areas to accommodate growing interest and participation. The LOS data for rectangular fields shows a shortage of such fields compared to the NRPA standards.
- **Soccer Market Potential:** According to Market Potential Index (MPI) scores, soccer demand in Lakewood is 26% above the national average, while baseball (-7%) and football (-3%) are slightly below. Softball has an MPI score of 6%, indicating a modest increase above the national average.
- **Improvement of Sports Fields:** A recurring theme in the feedback is the need for enhancements to existing sports fields. Many respondents specifically mention the baseball fields, highlighting the need for better maintenance, including fixing pitching mounds, installing grass infields, and improving seating. Additionally, suggestions include installing taller fences and backstops to enhance safety and playability. Similarly, there are calls for improved soccer fields, with requests for adequate lighting to extend playtime.
- **Maximizing Facility Use:** There are also suggestions to reconsider the allocation of sports fields within parks. Some respondents feel that having multiple baseball fields at every park limits the potential for diverse recreational opportunities and that facilities could be better utilized by expanding the range of available sports options.
- **Reconfiguration:** Reconfiguring existing sports fields could maximize the use of available space and ensure that multiple sports can be played on the same fields concurrently, addressing the demand for more flexible facilities.
- **Schedule Conflicts:** When football and soccer are scheduled closely together, conflicts are created; unreserved practices can conflict with reserved play field use.

- **Scheduling Accessibility.** Advocacy for making scheduling of games, practices, and key dates more accessible, with suggestions for app or calendar features to streamline this process.

Field Level of Service

Lakewood's LOS for sports fields falls below the NRPA average. The City has one ball diamond field for every 4,008 residents, compared to the national average of 3,675 residents per field. This indicates that Lakewood may have a shortage of ball diamond fields relative to the size of its population. For rectangular fields, Lakewood provides one field for every 8,016 residents, significantly higher than the NRPA average of 4,070, indicating a potential need for more fields to meet demand.

This disparity in the LOS for sports fields suggests that Lakewood may be under-served in comparison to national standards, particularly for rectangular fields such as soccer or football fields. The higher resident-to-field ratio means there may be increased pressure on existing facilities, with more residents competing for the same field space. This could lead to overcrowded conditions, limited availability, and difficulty in accommodating both youth and adult sports leagues, as well as informal recreational use.

Based on the analysis, here are sports field needs:

- **Ball Diamond Fields:** Ball diamond fields for baseball and softball falls slightly short of NRPA standards, with a need of two fields. Adding additional fields could displace other recreational facilities. Through engagement, there was no desire to add baseball fields, but numerous comments stated to improve existing ball diamond fields.
- **Rectangular Fields.:** Rectangular fields for soccer and football fall well short of NRPA standards. In fact, an additional 10 fields are needed. The demand for soccer fields was frequently mentioned during the public engagement process. There was no request to add football fields.

Table D- 5. Fields Level of Service (LOS)

Facility Type	Count	2024 Existing LOS[1]	NRPA LOS Standard[2]	Meets, Exceeds or Fall Short of Standard	Additiona Facility Need
Field - Diamond Fields	20	4,008	3,675	**Falls Slightly Short**	**2**
Field - Multi-purpose Rectangular	10	8,016	4,070	**Significantly Falls Short**	**10**

2024 Population[1]: 80,162

1. *2024 population is sourced from the CA Dept of Finance, Population Estimates (May 2024).*
2. *National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) identified standard based on population of jurisdiction*

Swimming Pools

The City of Lakewood features two outdoor public swimming pools—McCormick Pool at Bolivar Park and Mayfair Pool at Mayfair Park—during the summer season. The swimming season typically begins in late May, with pre-summer swim lessons kicking off before Memorial Day Weekend, when recreational swimming also starts. Lakewood's swimming classes offer a range of instruction for various age groups, including youth, adaptive lessons for children with special needs (ages 3-17), semi-private and private lessons, as well as adult classes for individuals aged 16 and older. The community also enjoys special events like Family Swim Nights at McCormick Pool and recreational swimming at both pools, fostering an inclusive and engaging aquatic environment for residents.

The existing LOS for swimming pools in Lakewood stands at 40,081, which is slightly better than the NRPA standard of 46,353. This favorable comparison indicates that Lakewood currently provides ample aquatic facilities to meet community demand and ensures residents have ample access to swimming opportunities. Removing one swimming pool would significantly lower the LOS standard for swimming pools by the NRPA. Based on comments from the engagement program, residents have identified the desire to expand access to swimming opportunities:

- **Year-Round Access and Operating Hours.** Respondents expressed a strong desire for indoor swimming pools and emphasized the importance of having pools open year-round, highlighting the need for longer operating hours and more open swim times during the summer. Suggestions included offering morning lap swimming sessions and ensuring that pools are accessible for lap swimming throughout the year, ideally with the capability to heat the water.
- **Program Expansion and Class Availability.** Many participants called for an increase in swimming lesson availability, as current classes fill up quickly, making it difficult for children to enroll. Additional swim classes for older children and the creation of a year-round swimming fitness program were also requested. Moreover, there were suggestions for adult swim-only hours and more swimming classes for youth to cater to various age groups.
- **Maintenance and Facilities Improvements.** Concerns were raised about the maintenance of pool facilities, particularly the need for repairs to the pool fence, improvements to locker room facilities, and updates to the swim pavilion, including better air conditioning and cleanliness.
- **Enhanced User Experience.** Feedback included the desire for better access to lap swimming, suggesting daily hours for this purpose and improvements to the online booking system. Respondents highlighted the importance of having a designated space for parents to watch their children during swim classes. Additionally, there were requests for amenities like a store for swim accessories (e.g., towels, goggles) and intermittent pool cleanings to ensure a pleasant swimming environment.

Recreational Facility Needs 3. Optimize the Usability of Existing Recreational Facilities

The use of existing recreational facilities can be increased through programming, by developing facilities that support multiple uses, by extending hours of operations, and/or by adding staffing, lighting, and other resources.

The City of Lakewood already engages in creative strategies to optimize the usability of sports courts and fields, by programming most courts for several different sports. For example, the City has 24 multiuse courts, on which tennis, pickleball, and volleytennis are offered on a rotating basis. Multi-use rectangular fields are versatile spaces that accommodate various sports like soccer and football, maximizing limited field space usage. While they increase accessibility there is potential for scheduling conflicts.

For some sites, this may only require a shift in management and operations; for other sites, it may require additional amenities to improve access, safety, and functionality. This presents a lower-cost approach to increasing recreational opportunities without creating new facilities.



Recreational Facility Needs 4. Add More Challenging Features and Unique Facilities

As Lakewood looks to the future of their park and recreation system, they should explore non-conventional sports and recreational options that both draw new users, excite people to parks, and appeal to specific groups that are commonly overlooked in recreation facility programming.

For example, teens and active users may be drawn to challenge features such as bike pump tracks, climbing walls, ziplines, and obstacle courses. Another target group might be older adults, for whom acupressure pathways, fitness stations, or sensory gardens hold appeal for less-intense ways to recreate in parks.

While not necessarily unique, dog parks are increasingly in demand nationwide and are increasingly loved by residents who wish to recreate with their four-legged friends. Dog parks also present the chance for people to socialize, connect with nature, and get passive exercise in an outdoor space. Lakewood currently has one dog park at Rynerson Park. Here are key findings from engagement activities and attendance data related to unique facilities:

- **Unique Recreation Offerings.** There was a strong sentiment for diversifying recreational activities within the community. While traditional recreation offerings are well-received, there is a clear desire for more unique opportunities, particularly for youth, to enhance engagement and participation.
- **Unique and Challenging Play.** Results from the pop-up event activity boards highlighted the community's preferences for enhancing local parks. When asked what features or facilities participants would like to see more of at Lakewood parks, the top choice was unique play features, which garnered 18.1% of the total votes, reflecting strong interest in innovative playground elements. Challenge elements ranked third, capturing 11.3% of the total votes, following public gathering spaces.
- **Community Gardens.** From October 2021 to September 2022, the community garden program had 321 plot holders with an average of 40 individuals on the waiting list, 12 of whom were moved to a plot. In the following year, from October 2022 to September 2023, the program still hosted 321 plot holders, but the average waiting list increased to 51 individuals, with 14 moving from the waiting list to a plot. This reflects growing interest in the garden plots, though capacity remained unchanged.
- **Inclusive Accessibility.** The community has expressed a strong desire for enhanced ADA accessibility within parks, specifically seeking additional accessible play features that cater to a wider range of needs. This includes advocating for a universal, all-inclusive playground that goes beyond traditional ADA standards to create spaces where children and adults of all abilities can engage. Of particular importance is addressing the needs of neurodivergent individuals, by incorporating sensory-friendly elements, calming spaces, and equipment that supports cognitive and emotional development.

Trail Needs

Recreation trails are designated pathways used for outdoor activities such as walking, jogging, running, and hiking, designed to provide safe and enjoyable access to natural or scenic areas while promoting physical activity and outdoor recreation.

The following section outlines the trail needs for the City of Lakewood, focusing on improving accessibility, connectivity, and recreational opportunities within the community's trail network.

Community engagement for the Lakewood Long-Range Plan for Parks, Recreation, and Community Services revealed that the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail is the most visited recreational facility in the City. The Parkway Nature Trail, located along the San Gabriel River, is the only formal walking/jogging trail in Lakewood.

At 26 acres, this trail only makes up 12.7% of Lakewood's total park system. It offers opportunities for residents to carry out their exercise regime in an immersive, quiet, and serene natural space full of native shrubs, trees, and wildlife. The trail's unique status as the City's only nature trail has made it a popular attraction for residents and has become the best example for what type of walking, jogging, and trail enhancements they want in Lakewood. The following section offers a summary and outline of what Lakewood residents shared are their needs in terms of trails.



Trail Needs 1. Integrate New Trails or Add Trail Amenities to Increase Fitness and Exercise Opportunities

Residents have expressed a strong interest in adding trails and trail facilities within existing parks to enhance opportunities for walking, jogging, and general mobility. According to the survey, 43% of respondents identified walking as their primary method of reaching Lakewood parks. To improve exercise options and pedestrian access to parks and destinations like the Lakewood Shopping Center, residents would like to see more walking and jogging paths developed throughout the City.

There is a demand for a variety of trail surfaces, including paved, padded, and soft-surfaced trails, along with paths for cyclists and equestrian trails. Additionally, residents would like to see the expansion of exercise equipment along these trails.

Expanding trail access and promoting exercise opportunities align with national trends, particularly as the oldest Gen-Xers in the United States approach 60. The City will need to accommodate this aging population with low-impact exercise options such as walking. Furthermore, marketing trends in this Plan suggest that cycling has strong potential, as studies indicate it is one of the most popular recreational activities in the City. Here are key engagement comments and marketing data related to trails and exercise:

- **Trails and Fitness.** The community strongly emphasizes the desire for diverse exercise and walking trails to promote fitness, including soft-surfaced running and walking tracks, unpaved multi-purpose trails, and dedicated bike trails. Requests for more benches, distance signage, and extended nature trails highlight the desire for accessible and comfortable spaces that encourage active lifestyles and outdoor fitness activities.
- **Soft Trails.** Many respondents also expressed interest in unpaved, multi-purpose connecting trails and softer surfaces for walking and jogging, such as replacing concrete trails with softer materials.
- **Jogging/Walking Marketing Data.** The Marketing Potential Index (MPI) values of 119 for jogging for exercise and 110 for walking for exercise indicate that Lakewood residents are more likely than the national average to engage in these activities, with jogging participation being 19% higher and walking 10% higher. This suggests that there will be a higher demand for well-maintained park trails that support both jogging and walking, and the City may need to expand or enhance its trail systems to meet the recreational needs of the community.



Trail Needs 2. Expand Access to and Enhance the Nature Trail

The Nature Trail is Lakewood's most popular recreational facility, frequently cited by residents for its immersive natural experience. Many participants in this plan expressed a desire for more nature trails across the city that offer similar benefits: quiet immersion among native shrubs and trees, a scenic pathway for exercise, and proximity to returning wildlife. Lessons learned from the existing trail should inform future trail development, particularly its ability to blend recreation with nature.

Marketing trends also suggest that digital education opportunities along trails could broaden public engagement and enhance visitor experiences. There is also a desire for better access, with more gates along the trail.

Safety, cleanliness, and privacy for homes adjacent to the trail are also key concerns for residents, who have expressed the need for expanded privacy screening and additional seating opportunities.

Here are key findings from community engagement related to natural and immersive trails:

- **Nature Trails.** Residents are interested in more trails that provide opportunities for birdwatching and other natural experiences, particularly in areas that could incorporate nature trails into existing neighborhoods.
- **Educational Components.** There is a desire for more ecological education elements along trails, with suggestions for creating natural areas like wetlands and forested spaces rather than manicured fields.
- **Nature Trail Access and Connectivity.** Residents called for improved access, such as a pedestrian bridge over the riverbed connecting Rynerson Park to the Nature Trail, and safer connections from the San Gabriel River Trail. A specific request for a pedestrian gate at Los Coyotes Diagonal reflects a desire for better access to the trail system.
- **Expansion and Facilities.** Many respondents advocated for more and longer nature trails, potentially using electrical transmission or drainage corridors. They also requested restrooms or portable toilets, as well as additional benches for resting along the trails.
- **Neighborhood Trail Considerations.** Some respondents, particularly from the western portions of the City, noted the lack of nearby nature trails, emphasizing the need for more accessible nature walks in residential areas.

According to NRPA standards, a city with Lakewood's population should have anywhere between eight and 37 miles of trails, with the median being around 18 miles. Lakewood has just over 8.1 miles of trails, which includes walking paths around parks and the West San Gabriel River Parkway Nature Trail. Most of these trails consist of concrete walking paths or sidewalks along the perimeters of parks, while the Nature Trail is a more scenic, meandering path made of decomposed granite.

Although Lakewood meets the minimum NRPA standard of eight miles of trails, it falls short of the median target by approximately 10 miles. To meet the higher end of the NRPA recommendations, Lakewood would need to add around 29 more miles of trails.

Table D- 6. Trail Types and Mileage

Facility Name	Mileage	Trail Type	Location Type
Biscailuz Park	0.3	Concrete walking/jogging trail	Park perimeter
Bloomfield Park	0.5	Concrete walking/jogging trail	Park perimeter
Bolivar Park	0.5	Concrete walking/jogging trail	Park perimeter
Boyar Park	0.5	Concrete walking/jogging trail	Park perimeter
Del Valle Park	0.6	Concrete walking/jogging trail	Park perimeter
Mayfair Park	0.5	Concrete walking/jogging trail	Park perimeter
Nature Trail	3.0	Decomposed granite walking trail	Meandering Trail Through park
Palms Park	0.7	Concrete walking/jogging trail	Park perimeter
Rynerson Park	1.0	Concrete walking/jogging trail	Park interior
San Martin Park	0.5	Concrete walking/jogging trail	Park perimeter
Total	**8.1**	**N/A**	

Recreational Programming and Special Events Needs

The City of Lakewood provides a variety of recreational programs, classes, and activities in 15 different program areas. Programs and events are highly praised for their uniqueness and diversity. With Lakewood's growing population and changing demographics, recreational trends and demand are likely to shift. To prepare, the following needs were identified based on community priorities, recreational trends, and the results of the recreation program registration data analysis.



Engagement Summary for Programming

The engagement process revealed the following key comments related to programming preferences. Engagement comments are organized by general programming, seniors, teens, adaptive recreation, and family and youth.

General Programming

- **Expanded Programming Opportunities.** Many participants expressed a desire for expanded programming, including more evening programs for working adults, such as late evening exercise or art classes. Specific requests included after-work activities, more weekend options, and opportunities tailored for people with typical 9-to-5 work schedules.
- Expanding programming for children, teens, and families was a common theme. Participants asked for more teen activities, including teen mixers, as well as more mommy and me classes, activities for children with disabilities, and family-centered events.
- **Inclusivity and Accessibility.** Many comments highlighted the need for more inclusive programming, especially for the disabled community, including more classes for children and teens with disabilities and a broader range of programs for neurodivergent people.
- Suggestions for improving program access included making them more affordable, with residents noting that some current classes have become too expensive, reducing participation. More low-cost programs were requested across all age groups.
- **Equestrian and Unique Offerings.** The Lakewood Equestrian Center was noted as a unique asset, with many requests for expanded equestrian programming. This includes ideas such as a therapeutic horse-riding program, equestrian-themed classes, and more opportunities for horse shows and riding lessons. Respondents highlighted the potential to offer agricultural and equine education, along with a broader connection between equestrian activities and the community.
- **Fitness and Wellness.** Participants expressed a need for larger exercise spaces, more fitness and wellness classes, and new offerings like tai chi and disc golf. Pickleball classes at various skill levels were specifically requested, along with introductory classes for tennis for adults.
- **Arts, Culture, and Educational Programming.** Many residents expressed interest in more arts and culture programs, such as a City-sponsored play or musical for children, music and cooking classes, and craft classes in the evenings.
- Respondents also suggested more cultural and diversity events, as well as public concerts and movies in more parks. Requests were made for computer lessons,

gardening workshops, and career programs for teens, with a general desire for more community involvement opportunities.

- **Recreation and Events for All.** Public community events were frequently requested, including City bike rides and bird walks for youth. There were also requests for weekend gymnastics for kids and additional concerts and musicals. Expanding outdoor activities beyond traditional sports was a common theme, especially for youth.

Senior Programming

- **General Senior Programs and Accessibility.** Seniors in particular asked for more affordable senior trips, senior day classes, and additional public events. There were also suggestions to expand the senior lunch program and make it easier for low-income seniors to access these services. Some respondents expressed concerns that current programs are overcrowded, or inaccessible due to location, with a desire for more senior programs in Eastern Lakewood.
- **Senior Exercise, Fitness, and Wellness.** There is a high demand for fitness and wellness classes tailored for seniors, including tai chi during the day to accommodate those who don't drive at night, and expanding pickleball classes with more times available. Popular fitness requests also include Zumba, water exercise classes, and table tennis. Seniors also requested free dance classes and bridge lessons.

  Several comments pointed to the need for mental health wellness programs that address issues seniors face, such as grief, loneliness, and general emotional well-being.

  Seniors also want to see nutrition classes, with some specifically requesting vegan cooking courses. The expansion of health-focused activities could further support overall well-being in the community.
- **Arts, Crafts, and Cultural Enrichment.** Arts and crafts courses are in high demand, with seniors expressing interest in more daytime ceramics, needle crafting, and knitting groups. They also seek opportunities for acting, play script readings, and the creation of a theater for performing arts.

  Additional suggestions include bingo clubs, birdwatching activities, and dominoes or game days to foster social engagement.
- **Travel and Excursions.** There is a strong interest in travel excursion programs, with seniors calling for more field trips and easy-to-access senior transportation. They are seeking affordable and convenient ways to enjoy group outings, from cultural experiences to recreational adventures.
- **Extended and Flexible Hours.** Respondents asked for extended hours for senior programs, noting that daytime-only activities are preferred, as many seniors are unable to participate in evening classes due to transportation or safety concerns.

- **Language Learning.** A few participants expressed interest in learning Spanish, highlighting the need for language courses that can help seniors engage more fully with the community.

Teen Programming

- **Programming Preference.** Teens in Lakewood express strong interest in a variety of recreational and educational activities. Food preparation and sampling programs and the idea of a juice bar or snack station are among the most popular requests. In terms of recreational facilities, teens are enthusiastic about rock climbing walls, and skate parks. There is also moderate interest in educational offerings, such as computer labs and homework study areas.
- **Enhanced Recreational and Educational Offerings.** Teens expressed a desire for mentoring, education, and life skills courses, alongside additional recreational options like billiards, ping pong, air hockey, and gaming tables. There were also calls for nature walks, agricultural education and field trips, and specific activities for tweens and younger teens (ages 10-13). Some teens also showed interest in boxing, boy and girl scouts programming, pump track/bike parks, equestrian riding lessons, and pickleball classes specifically for teens.

Adaptive Recreation

- **Accommodations and Support for Existing Programs.** Many respondents emphasized the need for more accommodations and support to help individuals with special needs participate in existing programs and enrichment classes. Suggestions included providing inclusive mentoring, assistance with communication for non-English speakers, and making more programs accessible for people with varying abilities.
- **Expanded Adaptive Programs and Classes.** There is a clear demand for a greater variety of programs tailored specifically for individuals with special needs, including inclusive art classes that feature seasonal and holiday themes. Life skills courses were also suggested to help participants develop independence and confidence. An increase in adaptive aquatics programs was requested, alongside the creation of para-pickleball classes, allowing individuals with disabilities to participate in this popular sport.
- **Therapeutic Recreation and Specialized Facilities.** Respondents called for more therapeutic recreation facilities and programs, particularly for seniors and individuals with special needs. This includes creating environments that are both physically and emotionally supportive, providing life-enriching activities in a safe, welcoming setting.
- **Special Events and Community Involvement.** There is interest in holding special events focused on people with special needs, fostering community inclusion and celebrating diversity. These events could help create more awareness and build stronger connections between participants and the broader community.

Family and Youth

- **Family-Friendly Programming.** Survey responses indicated a strong desire for more family-friendly programming. Many participants expressed that current event times are not always convenient for families, particularly those with children aged 9-14, as most events cater to younger kids. Suggestions for improvement included more family nights for older children and a greater variety of family activities at parks. Families also showed appreciation for existing recreational sports and programming, with some specifically enjoying the family nights hosted at The Centre. However, there is also a demand for more flexible, drop-in events that don't require advance registration, which would better accommodate families with young children.
- **Types of Family Programming.** Survey data reinforced the emphasis on family and youth programming, with 40% of respondents expressing interest in these types of activities. When asked about specific types of family programming, 55% favored family entertainment activities such as movie nights, live bands, or magic shows, while 45% were interested in food-related events, like food truck fairs. Additionally, 42% of respondents wanted more educational events and activities, and 48% showed a preference for splash pads and water play options, particularly during the spring and summer seasons.

Program & Special Events Needs 1. Contract Classes

The City of Lakewood's commitment to enhancing community well-being is evidenced through its wide range of diverse recreational programs and activities, specifically contract classes. Contract classes are available to both residents and non-residents at various recreation facilities throughout the city, with some additional programs held off-site at private venues. Instructors partner with the City to offer these classes, operating under a revenue-sharing agreement.

Through its contract classes, the City offered over 4,000 activities between Fall 2021 and Summer 2023, some popular program areas have extensive waitlists, limiting access to them throughout the year. This is due in part to the finite space available to expand programming, especially in aquatics, where over 60% of overall program participants are waitlisted. Decreasing the waitlist and expanding programming is essential for meeting the needs of the community. Community engagement revealed significant interest in expanding pool usage beyond the current summer schedule.

In regard to the contract classes reservation data, three program categories account for nearly half (49%) of all activities offered: aquatics (26%), dance (12%), and fitness (10%). However, these categories represent only 39% of total enrollments. In contrast, gymnastics and summer camps show high enrollment numbers relative to the smaller number of activities offered. Programs with the highest average enrollments per activity include travel, summer camps, special interest, community events, and gymnastics. When it comes to program capacity, travel, aquatics, and gymnastics all average above 70% for non-cancelled programs.



Program & Special Events Needs 2. Sports Programming and Aquatics

Lakewood's sports programming from 2021 to 2024 reflects a thriving recreational landscape, with programs offered in youth and adult sports, aquatics, and community wading pools. Youth sports, especially baseball, saw strong participation, while adult leagues for volleyball and softball maintained steady involvement. Aquatics programs also demonstrated high popularity, particularly in recreation swim and family-oriented events. Wading pools, especially at larger community parks like Mayfair and Del Valle, attracted a significant number of visitors. Overall, these findings highlight Lakewood's success in offering diverse and well-attended recreational opportunities for its residents.

- **Lakewood Youth Sports.** A review of participant data for Lakewood Youth Sports from 2021 to 2023 reveals varying levels of interest across different sports, with strong overall engagement. Sports such as flag football, volleyball, and volleytennis attracted notable participation, though the figures fluctuated between 2021 and 2022. Basketball maintained a solid following, despite a slight decline in participants from 2022 to 2023. Baseball, however, stood out as the most popular sport, consistently growing in participation year-over-year. These trends highlight a sustained and enthusiastic involvement in youth sports, particularly in baseball.
- **Aquatics.** Lakewood's Aquatics programs experienced robust participation levels particularly in recreational swim activities. The Junior Guards program maintained stable attendance, while the Recreation Swim drew nearly 30,000 participants over the two years, indicating its popularity among residents. Additionally, the Family Friday Night Swim series saw a large turnout in 2022, although attendance dipped slightly in 2023. These patterns highlight the high demand for aquatics activities, making them a core aspect of the City's recreation services. Notably, aquatics programs contribute to the majority (66%) of waitlisted participants.
- **Wading Pool.** Attendance data for Lakewood's wading pools in 2024, with nearly 22,000 attendees, underscores their popularity, particularly at Mayfair and Del Valle, which saw the highest usage. Community Parks like Boyar and San Martin also had strong attendance figures, indicating that wading pools are an integral part of summer recreation for many families. Bloomfield's wading pool participation number was under 500, well under the participation rate compared to other parks.

Program & Special Events Needs 3. Programming for Targeted Demographics

Lakewood's family and teen programming from 2021 to 2023 reflects strong community presence with various events drawing consistent participation. Family-focused activities like "Play at Palms" and "Fun-Tastic Family Nights" remained popular. Teen engagement saw a notable increase post-pandemic, with growing attendance at the Lakewood Youth Center. Additionally, programs for individuals with special needs, including Adaptive Recreation and Special Olympics, continued to grow, highlighting the City's commitment to inclusive recreation for both residents and non-residents.

- **Family Programming.** Lakewood's family programming from September 2021 to Summer 2023 exhibited strong community engagement, with events consistently drawing in families. The "Play at Palms" series saw sustained involvement, peaking in 2022 but maintaining a robust following into 2023, reflecting its popularity among local families. "Fun-Tastic Family Nights" also attracted a growing number of participants, with a notable increase in 2022, suggesting a strong connection with the community. Similarly, "Finally It's Friday" experienced steady attendance, demonstrating its appeal as a regular family activity. Special events like "Daddy Daughter Date Night" and "Mother Son Date Night/Mayhem" continue to resonate with families, showing a lasting interest in these unique, relationship-focused gatherings.
- **Teen/Youth Centers.** The resurgence of teen attendance at the Lakewood Youth Center from 2021 to 2023 highlights a successful recovery of teen-focused activities. Following a period of low attendance during the pandemic in 2021, the center saw a significant increase in participation in both 2022 and 2023. This recovery reflects the center's importance as a hub for teen engagement and community connection.

  Regarding responses to a Teen Survey, only 13.9% of respondents visit either the Lakewood Youth Center or Teen Resource Center at Bloomfield Park regularly, motivations to visit often revolve around socializing, enjoying recreational activities, and accessing food and snacks, with some interest in educational and practical learning experiences.
- **Adaptive Recreation and Special Olympics.** The Adaptive Recreation and Special Olympics programs in Lakewood maintained strong participation from 2021 to 2023, emphasizing the community's commitment to inclusive recreation, for both Lakewood residents and other communities. Adaptive Recreation saw a sharp increase in participants in 2022, followed by a slight decline in 2023, indicating ongoing interest despite fluctuations. The Special Olympics program steadily expanded, with more athletes registering each year. These trends highlight the sustained value of these programs in fostering inclusive and supportive environments for individuals with special needs.

Program & Special Events Needs 4. City Special Events

Lakewood's special events programming from 2021 to 2023 highlights robust community participation and engagement across a variety of large and small-scale events. Signature gatherings like the Pan Am Fiesta, Civic Center Block Party, and Summer Concerts in the Park consistently attracted large crowds, underscoring their continued popularity. Smaller events, such as Earth Walk, Fest-Of-All, and the Halloween Carnival, also saw varied attendance, reflecting both growth in certain areas and slight declines in others. Overall, these findings indicate a strong community presence at Lakewood's special events, with certain traditions standing out as major draws year after year.

- **Special Events.** Lakewood's community special events from September 2021 to Summer 2023 showcased consistently high levels of participation, underscoring the community's enthusiasm for local gatherings. The Pan Am Fiesta, a beloved event, drew large crowds with 17,000 attendees in 2022 and 16,000 in 2023, reflecting its continued appeal. Similarly, the Civic Center Block Party maintained impressive numbers, attracting 20,000 attendees annually over two years. Summer Concerts in the Park also saw robust attendance, with 50,000 participants over both years, cementing its status as a major community highlight. Other events like Earth Walk and Fest-Of-All demonstrated solid participation, while Lollipop Lane and Tree Lighting events further emphasized the community's commitment to celebrating together. The cumulative attendance across all these events—totaling 150,200—illustrates the enduring popularity of Lakewood's special events in fostering civic pride and unity.
- **Halloween Carnival.** The Halloween Carnival attendance from 2021 to 2023 reveals varied engagement levels at eight different park locations. Mayfair Park consistently drew the largest crowds, peaking at 3,500 in 2022, though slightly declining in 2023. Other locations, such as Bolivar and Boyar, saw increasing participation, indicating a growing interest in these venues. Biscailuz also experienced significant growth, more than doubling its attendance by 2023. However, some sites, like Bloomfield, saw a steady decline, dropping to just 75 participants by 2023. While overall attendance peaked in 2022, the slight decrease in 2023 suggests a potential need to reassess engagement strategies to maintain interest across all locations.


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APPENDIX E

CAPITAL AND PROGRAMMATIC PROJECT LIST



Appendix E. Capital and Programmatic Project List

The project list summarizes capital and programmatic recommendations detailed in Chapter 6 of the Long-Range Plan. The list is intended to provide a quick-glance overview of the improvement projects suggested for the City to undertake within the next 10 years. Depending on funding availability and City priorities, it is expected that not all of these projects will be completed in the timeframe. Chapter 7 of the Plan includes strategies for prioritization, funding and resource support, and partnership protocols to contribute to the completion of recommended projects.

TABLE E-1. CAPITAL AND PROGRAMMATIC PROJECT LIST PER SITE

	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS														OPERATIONS / PROGRAMMATIC IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS			
	Recreation Building	Control Building	Swimming Pool	Wading Pool	CPTED Safety Measures[1]	Connectivity	Park Design / Landscaping	Playground	Shade Additions	Comfort Amenities	Public Art	Sports Facilities	Exercise Facilities	Social Facilities	Safety Patrols / Programs	Recreation Programs	Maintenance	Concessions / Rentals
NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS																		
Biscailuz Park		✓			✓							✓		✓	✓			
Bloomfield Park	✓			✓				✓		✓		✓			✓	✓	✓	
Boyar Park	✓			✓		✓			✓									
Candleverde Park							✓			✓			✓					
Cherry Cove Park							✓	✓	✓	✓				✓				
San Martin Park		✓		✓					✓			✓						
COMMUNITY PARKS																		
Del Valle Park + Youth Center	✓			✓				✓		✓						✓		✓
Bolivar Park	✓		✓		✓					✓		✓			✓	✓		
Mayfair Park	✓		✓	✓				✓		✓			✓	✓		✓		
Palms Park	✓			✓		✓	✓								✓			
Rynerson Park + Home Run Dog Park						✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	✓		✓			
SPECIAL USE PARKS																		
Monte Verde Park	✓							✓		✓						✓		✓
Lakewood Community Gardens							✓			✓	✓			✓		✓	✓	
Lakewood Equestrian Center					✓													
PARKWAYS AND NATURE TRAILS																		
San Gabriel River Nature Trail						✓	✓		✓	✓					✓	✓	✓	
STANDALONE RECREATION FACILITIES																		
The Centre	✓													✓	✓			
Burns Community Center	✓																	
Weingart Senior Center	✓					✓									✓	✓		

Notes:
[1] CPTED refers to "Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design", and uses design to create safer spaces. Examples include better visibility, lighting, and maintenance.

DIVIDER SHEET

Proposed ORGANIZATIONAL APPOINTMENTS

ORGANIZATIONS	2026-26
California Contract Cities Association	Wood – Rep. Chase – Alt.
California Joint Powers Insurance Authority	Croft – Rep. Wood – Alt.
Council of Governments Organizations	
1. Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG)	
a. Representative	
b. General Assembly (Annual Conference) [2]	Arellano – Rep. Chase – Alt.
2. Gateway Cities COG Board	Arellano – Rep. Rogers – Alt.
Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District [3]	Croft – Rep.
Job Training Partnership Act SELACO WDB	Wood – Policy Bd
League of California Cities	
1. L.A. County Division	Arellano – Rep. Chase – Alt.
2. L.A. County City Selection Committees [4]	Croft – Rep. Chase – Alt.
3. Annual League Conference [2]	Chase – Rep. Arellano – Alt.
L.A. County Sanitation Districts 3 & 19 [1]	Mayor – Rep. Wood – Alt.
Southeast Water Coalition	Rogers – Rep. Chase – Alt.
88 for 28 Committee	Wood – Rep. Chase – Alt.

1 - Representative must be the Mayor. For City Selection Committees, Mayor must designate an alternate for each meeting where required.
2 - If neither can attend, delegate may be appointed by Mayor prior to annual conference
3 - Two-year term expiring in January 2026
4 - Committees appoint City representatives to boards, commissions, and agencies specified by law (e.g., AQMD, MTA, and Library Commission). Committees meet on an "as needed" basis during League (County Division) Meetings

Proposed COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

STANDING COMMITTEES	2025-26
Intergovernmental Relations [1]	Chase - Chair Wood - Member
Lakewood Schools	Arellano - Chair Rogers - Member
Environmental Management	Croft - Chair Arellano - Member
Public Safety [2]	Rogers - Chair Wood - Member
Park Development	Wood - Chair Chase - Member
Water Resources	Croft - Chair Chase - Member
Community Promotion	Wood - Chair Arellano - Member
Economic Development [3]	Chase - Chair Rogers - Member
Hall of Fame – Board of Electors	Wood - Chair
Audit [4]	Chase - Chair Arellano - Member
Capital Improvement Plan	Chase - Chair Croft - Member
Race, Equity, Diversity and Inclusion	Chase - Chair Rogers - Member

1 – Current Mayor and Vice Mayor (since 1999)
2 – Includes License & Permit Hearing Board
3 – Current Mayor and Previous Mayor
4 – Comprises Members of Measure L Community Oversight Committee (per Bylaws)

DIVIDER SHEET

Housing Successor

CITY OF LAKEWOOD SUCCESSOR AGENCY - HOUSING
FUND SUMMARY 7/31/2025

In accordance with section 2521 of the Lakewood Municipal Code, presented herewith is a summary of obligations to be paid by the City of Lakewood. Each of the following demands has been audited by the Director of Finance and Administrative Services and approved by the City Manager.

3901	HOUSING SUCCESSOR AGENCY	96,325.00
		96,325.00

Council Approval

Date

City Manager

Attest

City Clerk

Director of Finance and Administrative Services

CITY OF LAKEWOOD SUCCESSOR AGENCY - HOUSING
SUMMARY CHECK/EFT REGISTER

CHECK/EFT DATE	VENDOR NAME	CHECK/EFT AMOUNT
07/31/2025	THE SALVATION ARMY	26,325.00
07/31/2025	HAMMOND. PATRICIA	35,000.00
07/31/2025	RAY. GABRIELLE	35,000.00
	Totals:	**96,325.00**