



## STAFF REPORT

**Meeting Date:** April 5, 2016  
**To:** Honorable Mayor & City Council  
**From:** Stephanie Harris, Management Analyst  
**Subject:** LA County Park Needs Assessment  
**Attachments:** Survey Responses

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### INTRODUCTION

The County of Los Angeles conducted a Countywide Park Needs Assessment. The purpose of the Park Needs Assessment was to conduct a comprehensive assessment of the park and recreation needs and opportunities in Los Angeles County. The City's involvement and awareness of this Assessment was facilitated in part by Councilmember Brien's service on the County Steering Committee for this area.

The Park Needs Assessment covered all of Los Angeles County and included an inventory of all existing parks within the County, an evaluation of their condition and an analysis of park needs within each Study Area in the County which was collected either by a community meeting or online County survey.

A final report will be submitted to the County Board of Supervisors in May, 2016. The results of the Park Needs Assessment may be used by the County Board of Supervisors to inform potential future County-wide Park funding and park planning decisions.

### DISCUSSION

The City of Beverly Hills supported the County's efforts to collect county-wide input regarding individual assessments of local and County-provided recreational facilities. The City placed advertisements in both local papers, paid for by the County, as well as printed postcards that had the County survey, its online website address and Beverly Hills Recreation and Parks Commission meeting information. The postcards were provided to Park Rangers to distribute to community center and park patrons.

The County received 125 completed online surveys from Beverly Hills' Study Area which was comprised of the City boundaries; however, due to proximity, some nearby zip codes were also included. Responses were submitted from zip codes: 90035, 90048, 90210, 90211, and 90212

90035 – Submitted 8 surveys  
90048 – Submitted 7 surveys  
90210 – Submitted 39 surveys

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90211 – Submitted 39 surveys

90212 – Submitted 32 surveys

Out of the 125 submitted surveys, 41 surveys responded New parks were of importance and 84 surveys responded that the Improvement of existing parks were of importance.

As respondents could make suggestions regarding parks in the regional area, the County received information on ideal locations for new parks from our study area ranging from Mid-Wilshire, Koreatown, to the Central Los Angeles area with new amenities such as sports fields, playgrounds without sand, swimming pools, passive parks and a dog park.

From the survey responses regarding improving existing parks, La Cienega Park was mentioned 39 times for improvements, ranging from refurbishing the community center to adding outdoor shade structures and improved playground equipment. Other areas of interest to the community were improvements to sports fields, additional shade structures at our parks and additional exercise equipment.

The County received positive comments about Beverly Hills parks being wonderful and that “Roxbury is the perfect park”.

The assessment will result in a visionary list of prioritized projects and associated cost estimates for each Study Area. It will identify future opportunities for parks and recreation throughout the County. The Park Needs Assessment may be used as a guide for potential development of future funding mechanisms. Results could also be used to leverage Federal and State resources, and guide local funding decisions.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There are no fiscal impacts associated with this report.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Staff recommends that the City Council receive this item.

  
Stephanie Harris  
Approved By

# **Attachment 1**

ZIP Code	IMPROVEMENTS DO YOU THINK SHOULD BE A PRIORITY IN YOUR COMMUNITY?	WHERE SHOULD THE PARK BE? WHAT AMENITIES SHOULD THE PARK HAVE?	WHICH PARK(S) SHOULD BE IMPROVED? WHAT IMPROVEMENTS SHOULD BE MADE?
90035	Build new parks	In the mid-Wilshire, Koreatown, Central LA area.	
90035	Build new parks	In Beverly Hills or within 1 mile of the city limit. It should have Baseball fields and playground with no sand.	
90035	Build new parks		It would be great if Frank Fenton field was available to kids more often. I think
90035	Build new parks	Basketball Trees Grass	
90035	Improve existing parks		La Cienega park. It needs more canopy in the playground. Also more equipment like water play like Douglas Park.
90035	Improve existing parks		I believe parks should have baseball fields with a mound and lights.
90035	Build new parks	Mid-Wilshire, Central LA, Hollywood, Downtown Lights Baseball Fields With Lights	
90035	Build new parks	90035. Exercise equipment and a soccer field.	
90048	Improve existing parks		Coldwater Canyon Park should have more shade over play structures.
90048	Build new parks	Soccer fields, swimming pool	
90048	Build new parks	Amenities will depend on how big the park is. It should have a Basketball court that can double as a Soccer (5v5). Playground for kids. A room that can be rented (for parties, etc).	
90048	Improve existing parks		La Cienega park, lighting around play structures
90048	Improve existing parks		The parks near us are wonderful
90048	Build new parks	Grass	

90048	Improve existing parks		All parks. La Cienega park is our closest. Bird-friendly sections (feeders, nesting boxes, appropriate plantings, obviously balanced to avoid pests/rodents) - education to accompany about the value of all types of wildlife in our community. More native plant sections of parks, water conservation/smart, gardening training and education. Community events - would like to see a return of the Halloween event at La Cienega Park for example. More organized sports events for kids (like AYSO already does, but others throughout the year). The communal fitness equipment is a great addition, would like to see this in all parks.
90210	Improve existing parks		Refurbish La Cienega building Install shade at La Cienega park Sand Playground and water feature (a la Roxbury Park) Parours at Roxbury (if none exists) More tot/young children playground features at all parks
90210	Build new parks	park should be far from other parks. i.e., make new parks near residents not living near a park. Parks should have children play areas...sand, water stream, slide, etc.	
90210	Improve existing parks		
90210	Improve existing parks		La Cienega - play equipment for kids Roxbury - play equipment for kids
90210	Improve existing parks		Roxbury is the PERFECT park. They should all look like that.
90210	Improve existing parks		all
90210	Improve existing parks		La Cienga (in Beverly Hills) Virginia Robinson Gardens (in Beverly Hills, but part of LA County)
90210	Improve existing parks		LaCienega Park. Better kids' play ground, more shady spots, better facility to buy drinks and water.The building is old and falling apart!
90210	Improve existing parks		A public swimming pool that could be used for both recreational and competitive swimmers is needed in our community.

90210	Build new parks	Near city hall. Indoor and outdoor recreation, including children under 3 yo.	
90210	Build new parks	Around Hilton hotel must include parking and water feature like water beds	
90210	Build new parks	Anywhere away from roads to avoid exhaust from cars and to have a playground for kids(not just little kids)	
90210	Improve existing parks		La Cienega needs new playground and new structure
90210	Improve existing parks		La Cienega -- newer, more modern clubhouse and classroom facilities, food concessions, restroom improvements, field improvements
90210	Build new parks		
90210	Improve existing parks		Bathrooms at most parks (like the ones at Roxbury)
90210	Improve existing parks		Coldwater. The water river stopped. Too dirty
90210	Build new parks	walking and pleasant sitting areas	
90210	Improve existing parks		
90210	Build new parks	Santa Monica and Rexford, something for kids	
90210	Improve existing parks		Doheny and Santa Monica (mini park with water fountain)
90210	Improve existing parks		COLDWATER CANYON PARK AND LA CIENEGA PARK
90210	Improve existing parks		all the parks in our area
90210	Build new parks	more parks in beverly hills. we need more basketball courts !	
90210	Improve existing parks		Coldwater - better parking
90210	Improve existing parks		
90210	Build new parks	Near the Beverly Hills library. Amenities For all age groups and sex.	
90210	Improve existing parks		
90210	Improve existing parks		There should be more basketball courts and indoor gyms. Also, the parks should have lights so that people can use them longer.
90210	Improve existing parks		Holmby Park on Beverly Glen and Comstock should have a full gate around it so it's enclosed. Also sections without sand would be great. As you did at Roxbury Park recently.

90210	Improve existing parks		For La Cienega and Roxbury Park: Concession stands, shade structures near soccer and baseball fields, and remodel the bathrooms at La Cienega.
90210	Improve existing parks		update the play structure areas at some parks, improve parking facilities at parks since most people have to drive to their nearest parks. update bathroom facilities at parks. they are pretty awful.
90210	Improve existing parks		La Cienega - no homeless people
90210	Improve existing parks		Rancho is full of potential and really large. However, the areas for soccer and baseball are not clearly delineated, the fields are in disrepair and uneven and there is very little area divided for supervision and spectating.
90210	Improve existing parks		
90210	Improve existing parks		La cienega play equipment
90210	Improve existing parks		
90210	Build new parks		
90210	Improve existing parks		Need small areas for adult exercise equipment, rings, bars
90211	Improve existing parks		Roxbury Park; there should be even more shaded coverings over play areas and the toddler play area should have a better jungle gym. The pirate ship from before the renovation should come back. It was so much more stimulating than the new little double slide that is there now. The older kids' play area is amazing though.
90211	Build new parks	North side of Wilshire and West of Robertson. Safe structure that kids can play.	
90211	Improve existing parks		LA Cienega Park should be renovated like Roxbury Park. Both the playground and the community Center.
90211	Improve existing parks		La cienega. Please add a swimming pool Republican Party here much more secular
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega park rec building and play ground areas. Sports fields should remain

90211	Build new parks	restrooms, playground, fences, parking, shade and trees, water fountains, benches, picnic tables. mid wilshire or pico la cienega, west hollywood	
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega Park needs a new community center
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega, Roxbury Basketball lap swimming
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega park - more shade - wheelchair accessible - more & better equipment including more swings - most system (like Roxbury park)
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega park - restrooms
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega
90211	Build new parks		
90211	Improve existing parks		la cienega park
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega Park - restore baseball fields; someone to run burger stand
90211	Improve existing parks		La cienega park
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega update facilities
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega Park is functional, but not as safe or attractive as nearby parks. It would benefit from an architecturally interesting wall along the La Cienega side. A well-designed wall would reduce the sound of traffic, improve safety, and could simultaneously be a vertical garden or public art installation. Like Gaudi's work in Parc Guell, Barcelona...
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega Park
90211	Improve existing parks		LA Cienega Park needs to have an awning over the playground/sandbox to protect children from heat.
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega...more shaded areas
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega Park. Tennis courts, basketball courts.
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cianaga
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega Park
90211	Improve existing parks		LaCienega park
90211	Improve existing parks		Unsure, but should improve the existing ones. There's no room for new parks as far as I know.
90211	Improve existing parks		

90211	Improve existing parks		La cienega Park Playground. more Tables more BBQs
90211	Improve existing parks		Roxbury
90211	Build new parks	Wherever you can find some green space, we should have places for people to gather and relax. Do not need a lot of amenities.	
90211	Build new parks	Beverly Hills south east sector. Lots of trees and lots of grass.	
90211	Build new parks		
90211	Build new parks	Jogging trail, picnic areas, lots of parking with lots of electric car charging stations.	
90211	Build new parks	reading room w/some indoor play areas more than 4 swings...small kids always get extra sad when they can't get a swing	
90211	Improve existing parks		Roxbury park. More safe and fenced bear kids play areas La cienega park: more safe on the stree across the main park. Less access for homeless while kids play.
90211	Improve existing parks		
90211	Improve existing parks		Lacienga park, playground community center. Shade on bleachers
90211	Improve existing parks		
90211	Improve existing parks		La Cienega Park and Roxbury Park More playing fields; modernize LCP buildings Eliminate the lawn bowling and putting green at Rox
90211	Build new parks	Near Olympic/Doheny Splash Pad Community rooms/classrooms Exercise classes Afterschool activities	
90212	Build new parks	Open area- benches and trails for walking and biking	
90212	Build new parks	Without question, there should be a dog park in Beverly Hills. The community wants it, and they are anxiously awaiting it!	

90212	Improve existing parks		1. refurbish walk paths in Roxbury park: build low walls along the borders to shield from watering; re-gravel the paths and create gravel-filled drainage along the edges. 2. Limit the size of soccer paying fields and rotate them, so one area can be restored, while the other area is being used. 3. Stop watering in the picnic tables areas; surround fire pits with broader concrete pads; use bark or other material in place of the grass; use basins or root soaking to water trees in these areas; install bigger or more trash bins to discourage littering; install posters on the bins to encourage park care by patrons.
90212	Build new parks	More playstructure for kids and outdoor workout equipment for adults.	
90212	Build new parks	Community Room Walking paths	
90212	Improve existing parks		Roxbury park, more shaded area
90212	Build new parks	Ranger Station. Multipurpose Room. Disc Golf	
90212	Build new parks	Along the LA river.	
90212	Improve existing parks		Coldwater Canyon Park, clean up the bathrooms!!
90212	Improve existing parks		Roxbury Park. Build a pool
90212	Build new parks	South Wiltshire ::: swimming pool (outdoor) And more sand (less synthetic floor/ground)	
90212	Improve existing parks		
90212	Improve existing parks		Rancho Park/All
90212	Improve existing parks		Not sure
90212	Improve existing parks		La cienaga park. New community center and playground
90212	Build new parks	Beverly Hills. Kids equipment. Allow recreational activities like flying kites and throw balls.	
90212	Improve existing parks		
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90212	Improve existing parks		More slides, swings at Roxbury park
90212	Improve existing parks		La cienga parks community center is old. Needs update. Park can use new set of play set for kids

90212	Improve existing parks		Roxbury Park has the much needed space to improve by building a skate park. I've recently noticed there are large groups of children, skateboarding together in groups. Children on sidewalks make me incredibly nervous, especially with the way people drive in our neighborhoods.
90212	Build new parks	Doheny area	
90212	Build new parks	kid friendly. Like Reeves. Small is fine.	
90212	Improve existing parks		
90212	Improve existing parks		la cienega park community center dance area
90212	Improve existing parks		
90212	Improve existing parks		Roxberry park is looking great
90212	Build new parks		
90212	Improve existing parks		Roxburry should be the new site for the historic Scout house that must soon be moved from its current location next to El Rodeo school.
90212	Improve existing parks		
90212	Build new parks		
90212	Improve existing parks		la cienga. new community center, perhaps a swimming pool, more field space. we should be able to purchase the corner on olympic and la cienega. we need more green space in beverly hills