Park Needs Assessment

City of El Segundo
Recreation & Parks Department

March 15, 2016
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 and City of El Segundo.

**WHY?**

- **Funding**
  - Over $860,000 from Proposition A 1992 & 1996
  - County is planning for upcoming ballot measure due to Prop A expiration

- **Planning**
  - Grant opportunities
  - Long term strategies

**HOW?**

- **County-wide Effort**
  - Community Engagement Workshop
  - List of prioritized projects

- **Customer Survey**
  - Over 500 responses
  - Overall satisfaction with existing parks
L.A. County Needs Assessment

- Community Engagement Workshop
  - Approximately 25 attendees
  - Park Metrics
- List of Projects
  - Department / Open Discussion
  - Prioritization Exercise
- Next Steps for L.A. County
  - Board of Supervisors
  - Final Report
  - Ballot Measure in November 2016
Prioritized Project List

- Repurpose City-Owned Property for Additional Sports Fields
- Campus El Segundo Turf Replacement
- El Segundo Beach Amenities
- Acacia Park Splash Pad
- Partner with Hyperion for Walking Trails
- Washington Park Playground Replacement
- Restroom Facilities at All Parks
- Urho Saari Swim Stadium ("The Plunge") Renovation
Community Survey

- 75% of respondents visit El Segundo parks at least once a week
- **Condition & Cleanliness:**
  - Library Park and Rec Park received very high satisfaction rating
  - Almost 30% of CES users not satisfied
- **Existing Park Amenities:**
  - 54% somewhat satisfied
  - 42% very satisfied
- **New or Improved Park Amenities**
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Q10 What new park amenities would you like to see in El Segundo?

Answered: 492  Skipped: 18

- Trails / Walking Paths: 59.96%
- Splash Pad: 55.28%
- Fitness Equipment: 36.18%
- Other (please specify): 24.59%
- Off Leash Dog Beach: 23.58%
Q11 What park improvements would you like to see in El Segundo?

Answered: 477  Skipped: 33

- Shaded Playgrounds: 47.38%
- Restrooms at Richmond Street: 44.44%
- Covered Picnic Areas: 31.24%
- Other (please specify): 26.62%
- Renovated George E.: 23.69%
- Renovated Hockey Rink: 23.27%
- Public Art / Murals: 21.38%
- Fences Around Playgrounds: 20.96%
- Renovated Jostyn Center: 17.61%
Comments

• Campus El Segundo turf replacement
• Improved restroom facilities
• Recreation Park
  • playground surface repair
  • facility upgrades (buildings and hockey rink)
• Fencing around playgrounds
• More space for sports
• Playgrounds
  • Restrooms, shade, inventive play equipment, rubber surface
Hilltop Park Playground Renovation

- Funded by Grant & Developer Impact Fees
- Research-based design
  - 6 Key Elements of Play
  - National Demonstration Site
  - Playground Programming
- Public Works / Recreation & Parks Joint Effort
- Grand Re-Opening Event
- Restrooms Now Open Year-Round
Thank You!

“The parks are a significant reason for staying in El Segundo... the parks are an integral part of my personal and family life.”

“All the park areas are important... but I especially appreciate having the indoor pool so accessible and affordable.”

“Each park has something special about it.”
Questions?