

Monterey Park

PARKS SYSTEM MASTER PLAN

Executive Summary



What is GROW Monterey Park?

GROW Monterey Park is **the City's first comprehensive Parks System Master Plan** — a long-term roadmap to improve and expand park spaces, recreation programs, and community wellness over the next decade.

Named to reflect both literal and social growth, GROW focuses on ensuring that all Monterey Park residents have **equitable, safe, and welcoming access** to open spaces.



What is GROW Monterey Park?





This plan was built with a strong commitment to **community voices and equity**, aiming to serve **all ages, abilities, incomes, and cultural backgrounds**, especially groups that have historically faced barriers to park access and are most vulnerable to planning decisions.

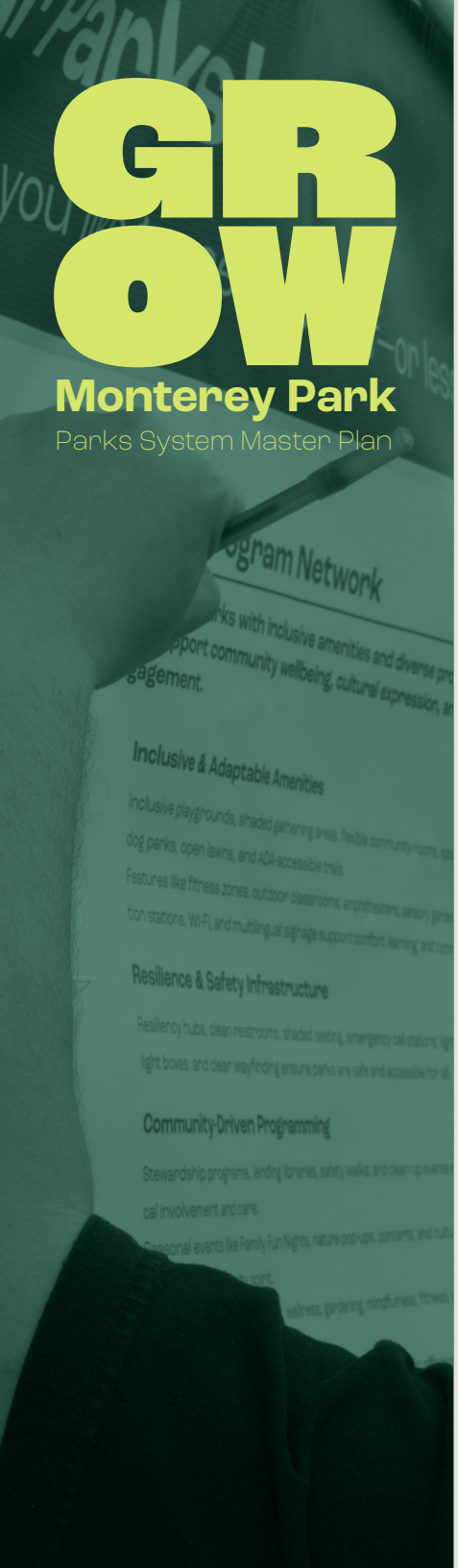
What is GROW Monterey Park?

By putting **community leadership and environmental justice at the center**, GROW Monterey Park ensures that our **parks are not just places**, but powerful tools for connection, resilience, and equity.

MONTEREY PARK
107.6 acres
of total park space

MONTEREY PARK
1.8 acres
of park space per 1,000 residents





A Community-Led and Data-Driven Process

The GROW Monterey Park Plan is shaped by extensive **community engagement** and **park equity studies**, ensuring decisions were informed both by lived experience and by measurable need.



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TOTAL COMMUNITY PARTICIPANTS

2,376+

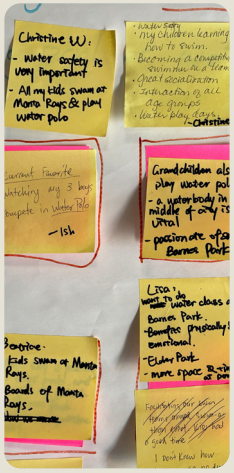
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Roundtables & Focus Groups Participants

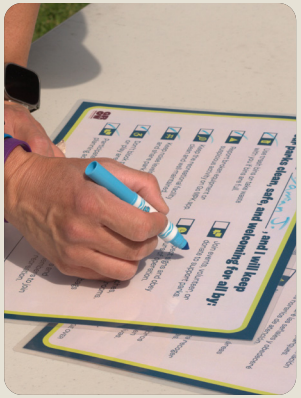
378
Community Events & Workshop Participants

1,896
Multilingual Surveys

17
Community Park Audits


Parks System


Christine W.:
- Water safety is very important
- All my kids swam at Monta Rays & play water polo




policies &
programs
will make
our parks
even bet
Community
2nd
FLIP ME OVER!
6th
FLIP ME OVER!
7
Want to Learn More?
Ask to See the Policies & Programs


park equity in Monterey Park


Park Funding


3
10
1
collect your $5 park dollars
check out the "park menu" below
decide together what to buy
put your dollars in the red envelope


Monterey Park,
we hear you!


hello
I am a








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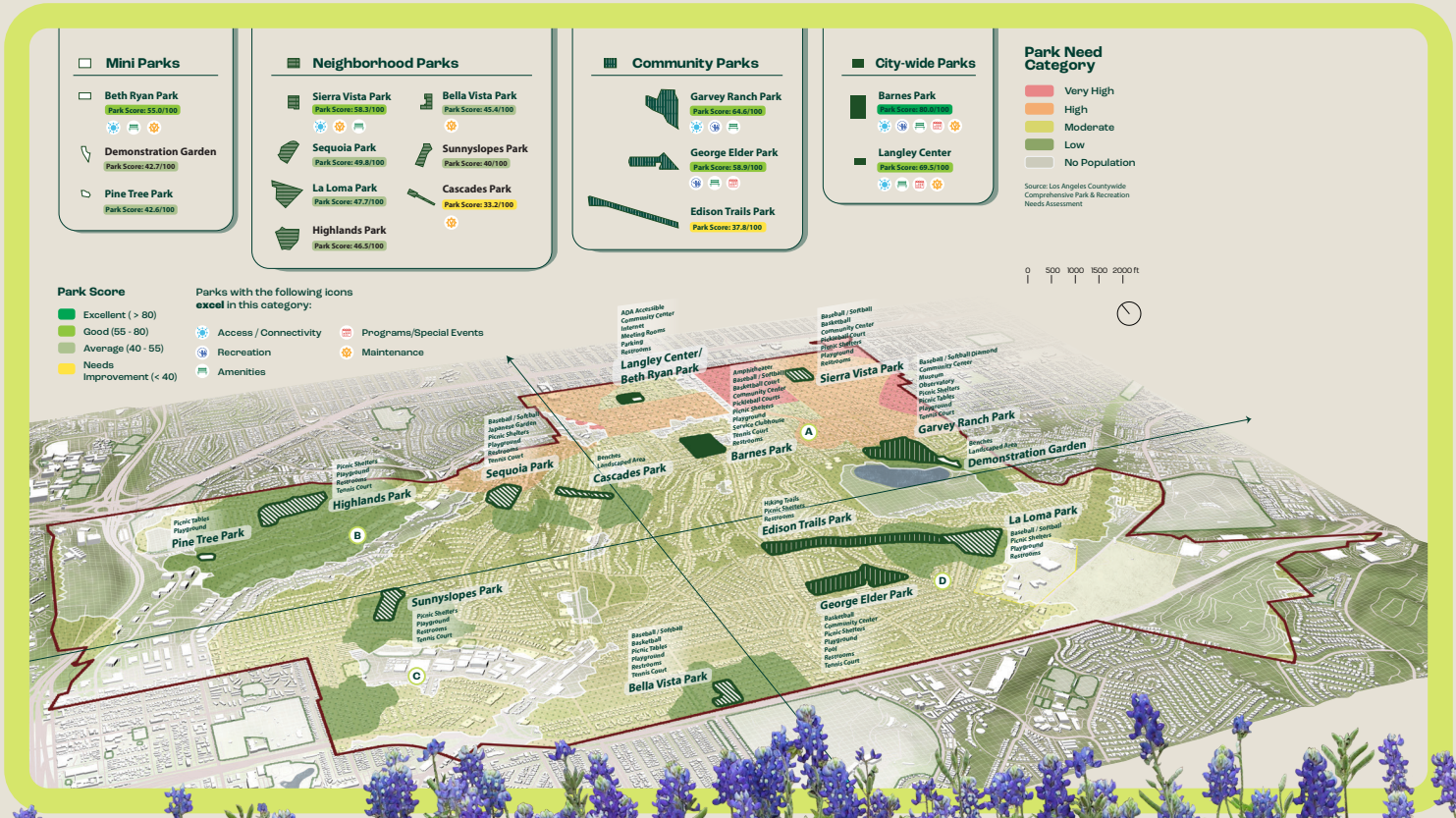
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How is Park Need Determined?

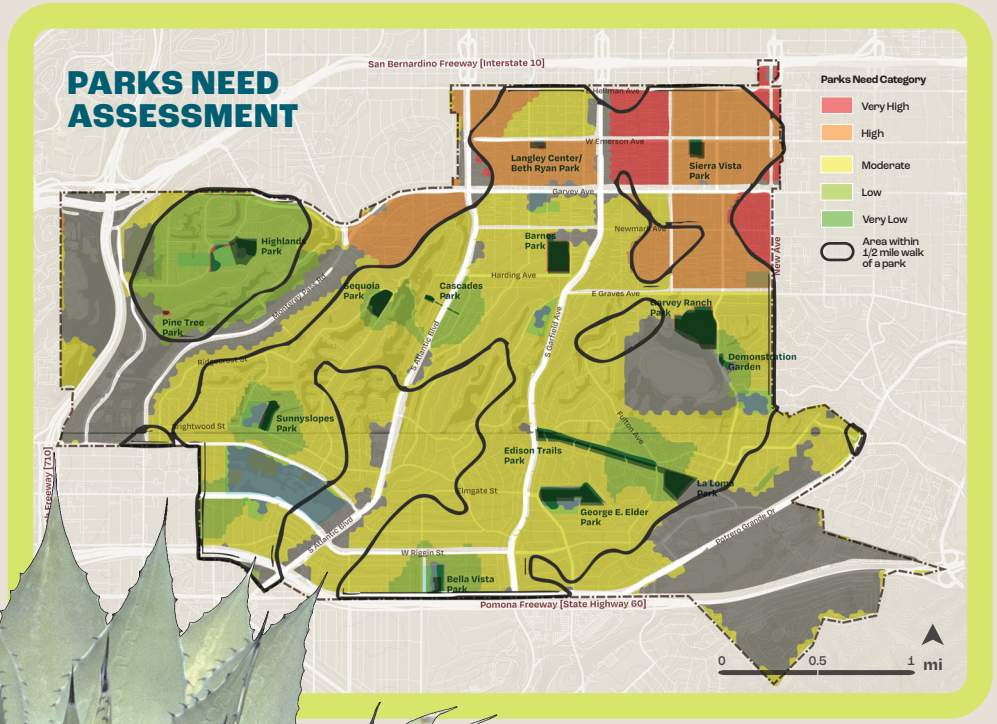
This was paired with **demographic and environmental data** to identify where the greatest needs exist — from park access gaps to areas most vulnerable to pollution or displacement.



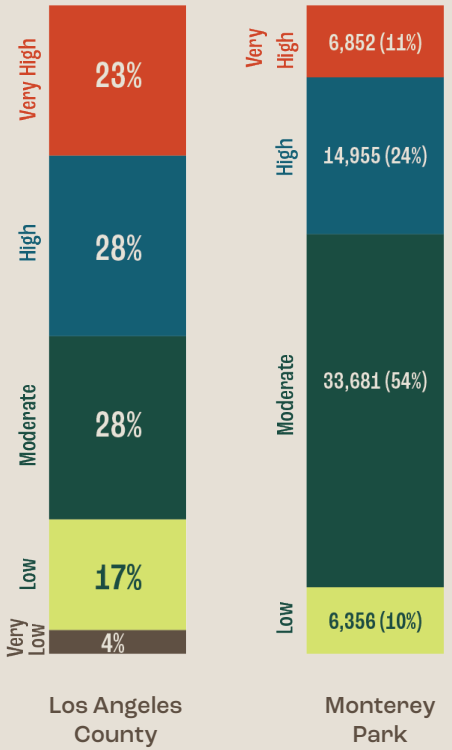


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The plan recognizes, for example, that **Monterey Park has only 2 acres of park space per 1,000 people**, compared to the county average of 3.3, and that **some neighborhoods, especially in the northeast, have very limited park access.**



How Many People Need Parks?





What did Community Say?

Monterey Park residents shared a **powerful vision** for their parks:

"**Vibrant, inclusive**, and **resilient** community spaces that enrich **quality of life**, foster **joy and belonging**, and support the **health and well-being** of all residents."





What did Community Say?

From this vision, the Plan identifies the following **guiding principles:**

Upgrades
Enhance existing facilities before considering a new park facilities

Health
Expand the availability of healthy park and recreational activities

Safety
Improve safety inside and getting to parks

Equity
Increase park access to underserved communities

Sustainability
Plan and design parks for the health and safety of the natural environment

Culture
Enhance the cultural programs being offered and the spaces for them

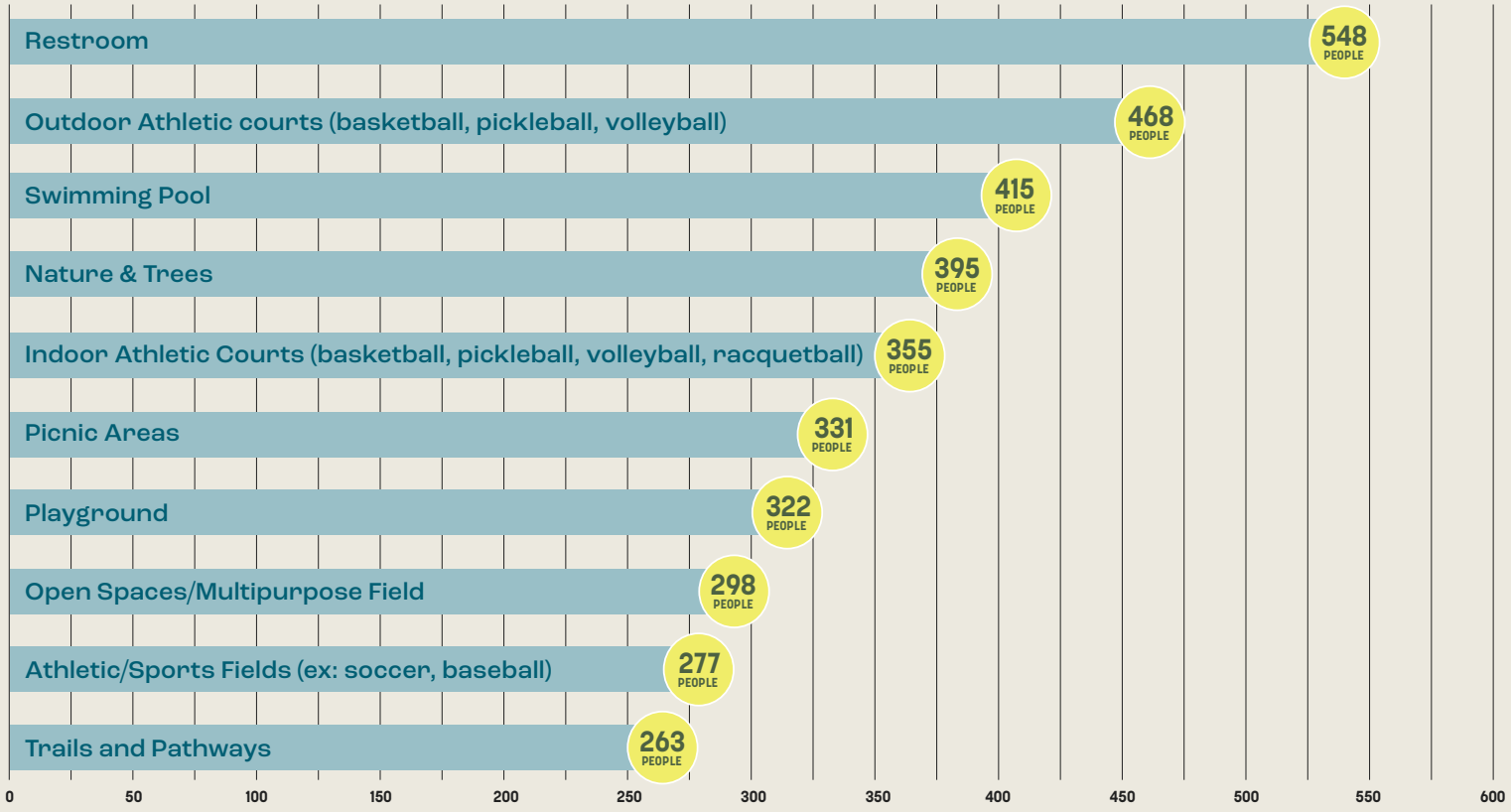
Quality
Use designs and materials that are low-maintenance but high in quality

Education
Consider parks as a place to learn and teach about nature and history



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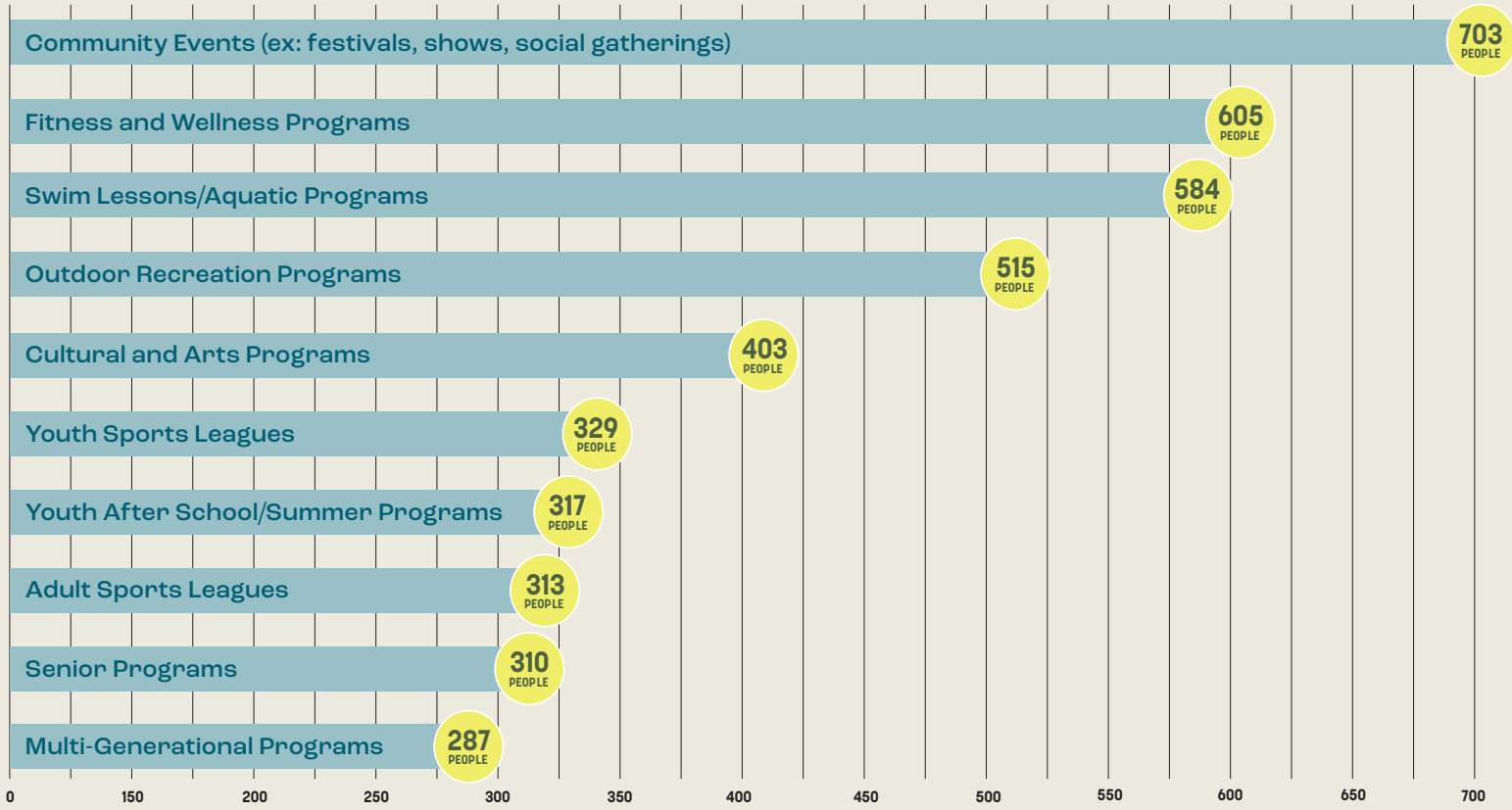
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Most Important/ Desired Park Program



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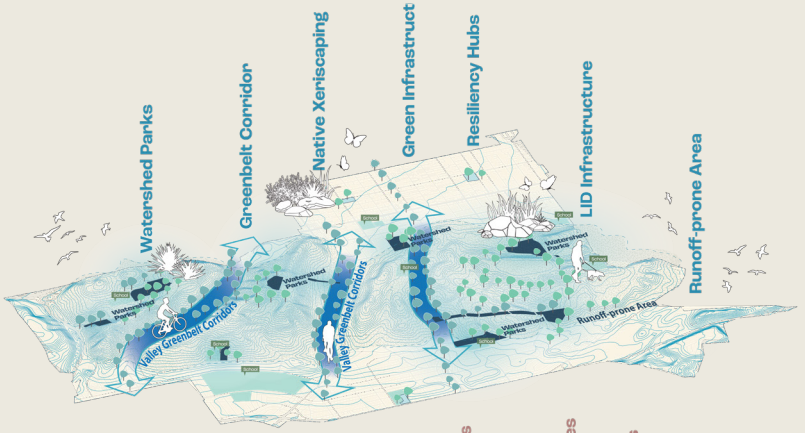
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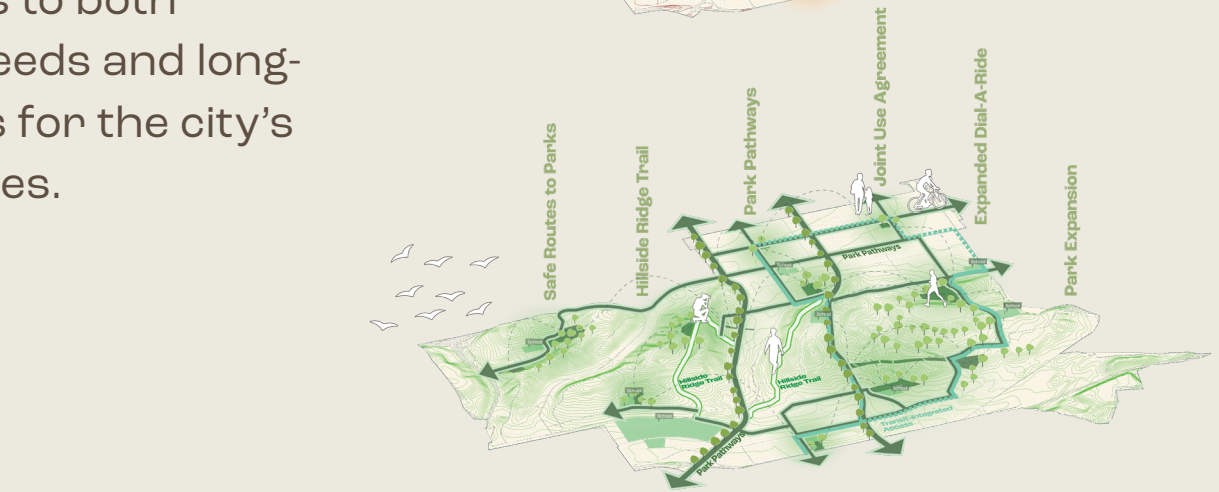
Park Network Vision

The park network vision represents the **potential community identified opportunities** to meet and expand the city's park need.

This vision is shaped not only by a comprehensive review of existing conditions and best practices, but also by **robust community input** that speaks to both practical needs and long-term hopes for the city's public spaces.









What Comes Next?

GROW Monterey Park outlines **specific, achievable strategies** for how the City can:

- Enhance park maintenance and programming
- Pursue joint-use agreements with schools and utilities
- Create more green connections between parks and neighborhoods
- Use creative strategies to activate underutilized spaces
- Plan new park amenities — from shade trees to public art to walking trails

The Plan also acknowledges financial challenges and calls for increased funding, strategic partnerships, and community stewardship to bring the vision to life.



Why This Matters?

Monterey Park is a proud, diverse, and growing city — and its parks must reflect and support that. Whether you're a child playing at your neighborhood park, a senior enjoying tai chi at Langley Center, or a parent looking for a safe walking route to school, **this Plan is for you!**





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