



City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks | LA Park Needs Assessment **PNA 2025 | Frequently Asked Questions**

What is a Park Needs Assessment?

A PNA is a process to determine City needs related to parks and park infrastructure, and is useful for informing decision making around top priorities that are important to the community. A PNA incorporates community feedback and considers data about park amenities, park locations and number of parks while balancing future population projections and budgets towards overall park improvements.

What is the timeline for the Park Needs Assessment Project?

The Park Needs Assessment will take place during 2025. The draft assessment will be ready by early fall 2025 and the document will be finalized by the end of 2025.

When can I learn more about the Park Needs Assessment or share my opinions about parks in Los Angeles?

Engagement events are being held around the City during 2025 and you can join in person or virtually! Visit the project website to explore events around the City, take the survey, and also sign up for emails about the project.

What is the relationship between the Park Needs Assessment and the 2028 Olympics?

We're excited the Olympics are coming to the City of Los Angeles and that some parks will play a role in the Games. This effort is not focused on the Olympic Games. This effort is a generational plan that is considering park needs for decades to come.

Who is leading the Park Needs Assessment?

The City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP) is leading the Park Needs Assessment. RAP is assisted by a team of experts and consultants that were selected in fall 2024 through a competitive City of Los Angeles bid process. Read more about the team on the project website.

What is the relationship between the Park Needs Assessment and other City of Los Angeles parks projects?

Several vision plans, design plans, construction plans, and construction projects at City of LA parks will continue during this period. The Park Needs Assessment is looking at future needs.



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Will the Park Needs Assessment consider possible funding sources to meet park needs?

Yes, one aspect of the Park Needs Assessment is to consider how future park needs can be met monetarily. This includes considering the current budgets of RAP and what will be needed to meet future community needs outlined in the assessment.

My non profit or community organization would like to be added to the interest group list. How can we join?

Email LACityParksNeeds@theolinstudio.com if you want your organization to be included in the email listserve for interested groups.

How were members of the Steering Committee and Technical Advisory Committee selected?

Steering Committee members include representatives of organizations that partner with RAP and the City of LA on city-wide parks and land initiatives as well as parks advocates that are dedicated to the park access, equity, recreation, and land stewardship. Committee members were invited by RAP.

Technical Advisory Committee members include representatives of government agencies that frequently work with RAP, technical experts for parks elements, and technical experts for mapping and data best practices. Committee members were invited by RAP.

Several other committees and interest groups are essential to the Park Needs Assessment and are being formed to support the PNA as well. RAP, in consultation with Council Offices and parks advocates, will be working through the Park Needs Assessment to identify individuals and organizations for participation in the various interest groups.