

A YEAR OF ENGAGEMENT

PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL PARK OUTREACH SUMMARY

1300 participants so far have contributed to the park design vision.



COMMUNITY DESIGN FEEDBACK

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Go to your survey handout and share how you've participated so far.



BIKE, HIKES, AND NATURE WALKS

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ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDS ROUNDTABLE

PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL PARK



EL MONTE

WHITTIER NARROWS

ECOLOGY CANYON

PROJECT SITE

HABITAT AUTHORITY

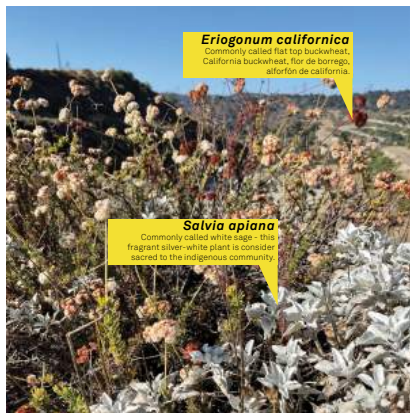
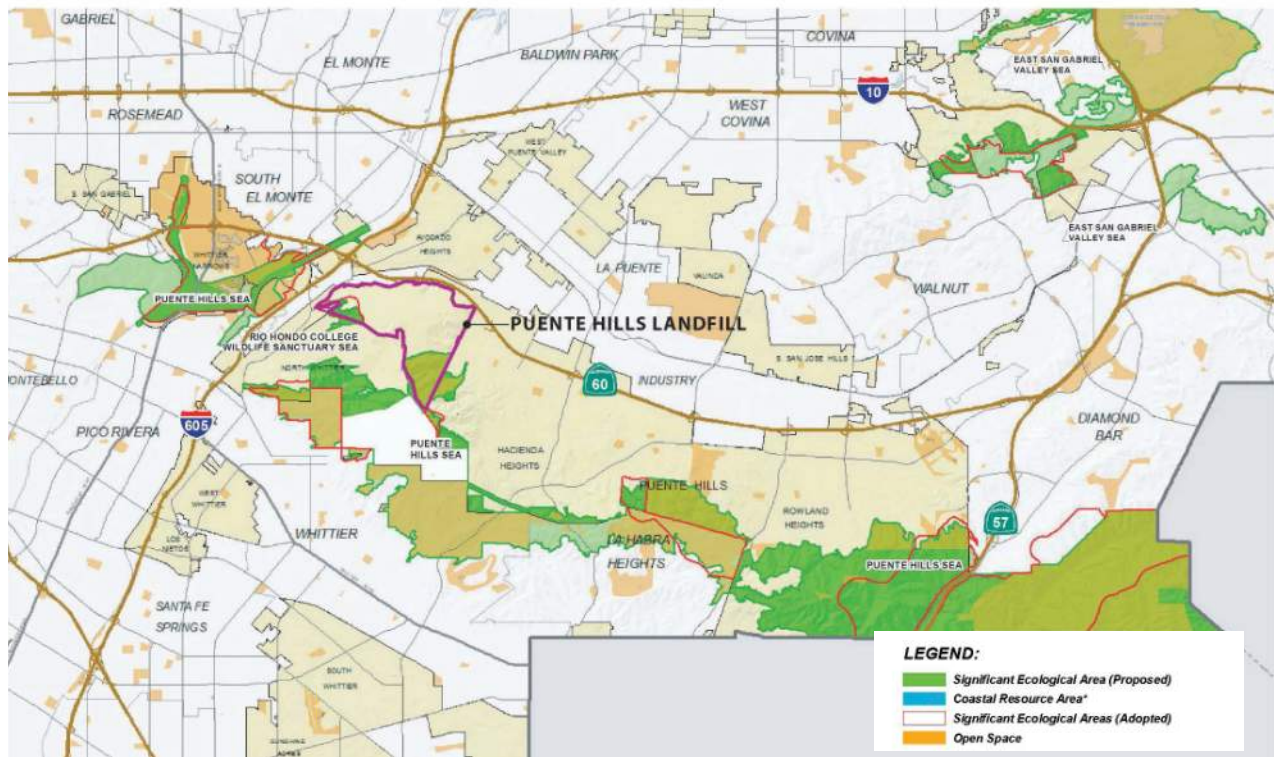
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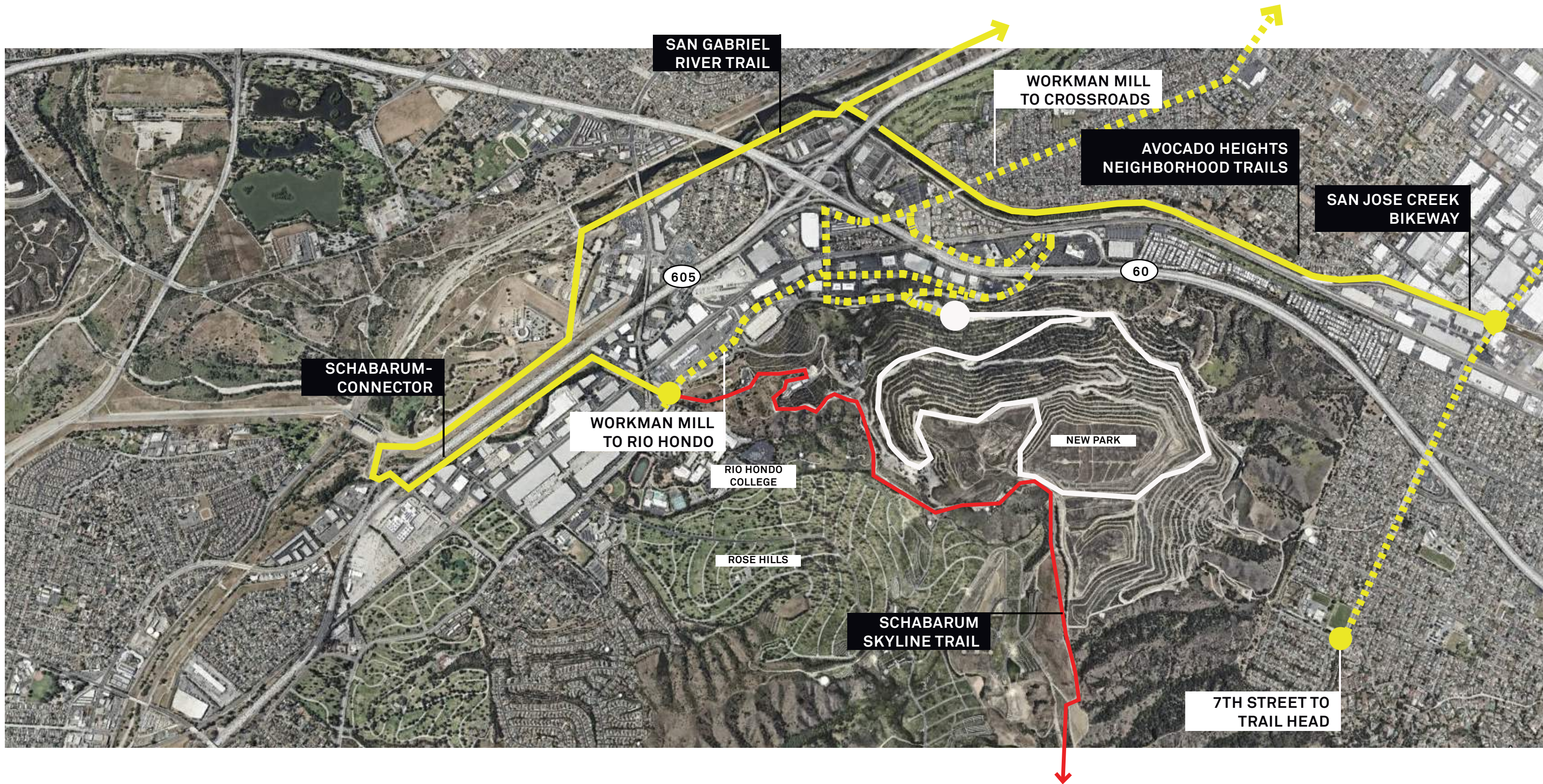
Anna's Hummingbird

Red-tailed Hawk



MOBILITY ROUNDTABLE

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YOUTH GROUP ROUNDTABLES

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Led by Active SGV!
South El Monte 45 students
Wilson High School after school group 5 students
Mountain View High School 32 students
South El Monte High School ASB Class 21 students
Bassett High School ASB Class 25 students
Whitter High School ASB Leadership Class 35 students

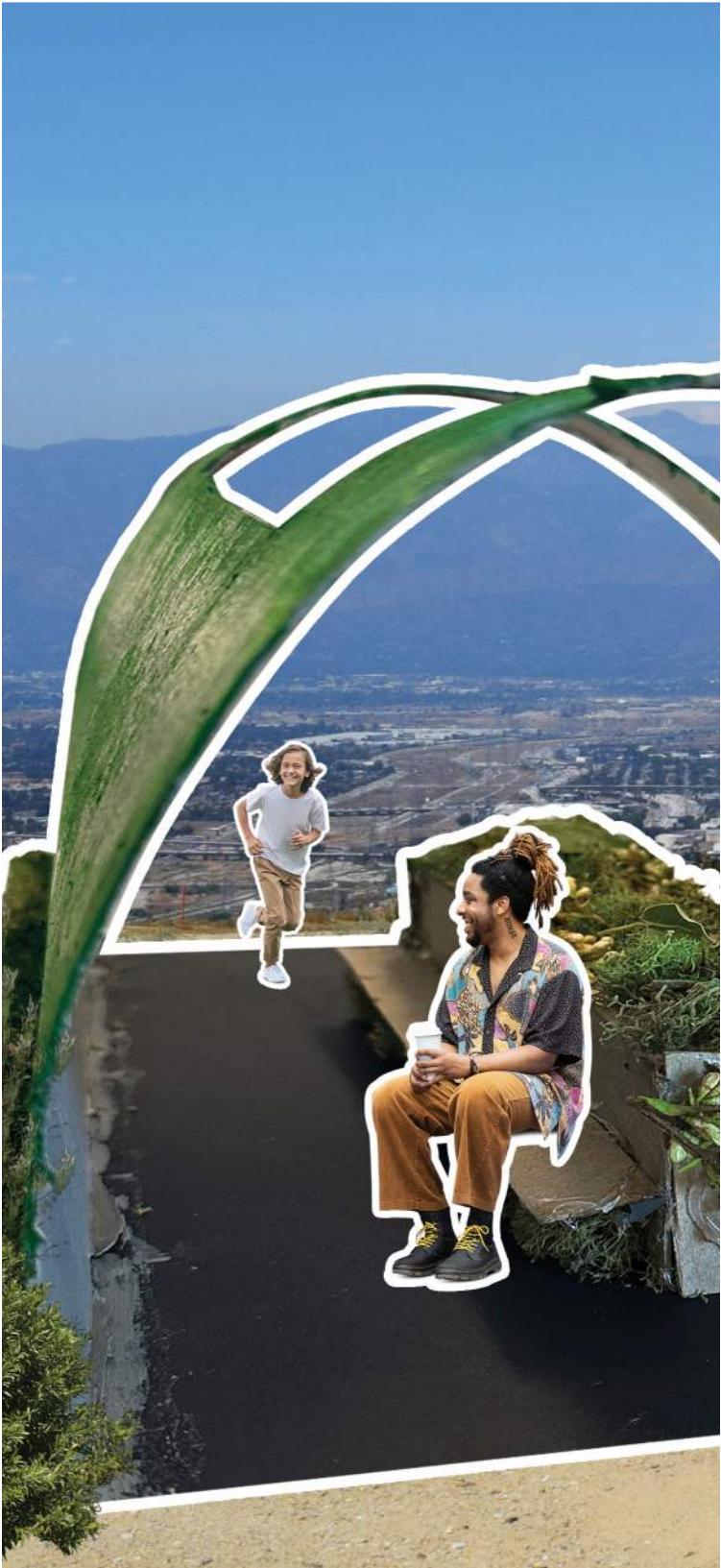
YOUTH AT WORK COHORT 1

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FOCUSED ATTENTION

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ACCESS + OPERATIONS

What We Heard

Respect Our Neighbors

- Many voiced concern about access through the residential neighborhoods, and the potential for increased nuisance from hikers being told and cutting through homeowners yards.
- Access will not be provided along the eastern edge of the landfill. A cohesive signage program for the park will be developed to provide clear way-finding and directional signage.
- Consider the effects of lighting and noise on the neighbors and wildlife.
- New lighting associated with the Proposed Project would be required to comply with existing County ordinances governing light pollution.
- Consider the effects of sound on the neighbors and wildlife.

A Clean, Safe, and Comfortable Park

- Keep the park clean and well maintained from the start
- Visible staff presence for visitors to feel safe
- Enforce park hours
- The park will follow the standard, seasonally adjusted LA County Parks and Recreation hours of operation.
- Keep the park well lit and secure at night and early mornings
- Safety lighting will be included at key areas, but the park is not anticipated to be open and lit at night in order to mitigate habitat and neighborhood light pollution.
- Restrooms and facilities
- Shade and rain cover

Traveling To and From the Park

- Multi-modal access by bike, pedestrian, and public transit from the neighborhood and throughout the park
- Shuttle connections to existing transit hubs in the neighborhoods
- Connections to local and regional transit stations, as well as other recreational sites and community hubs, are currently being explored.
- Improved equestrian connections to the neighborhoods
- Horse staging areas are planned for the park, as well as upgrades to the Workman Mill Road Trailhead and Staging area.
- Access for all abilities

Getting Around the Park

- Shared, safe roads and trails for bikes, cars, horses, and pedestrians
- Yes! The Park Loop Road will offer multi-modal access to the deck parking areas. The Loop Road will be divided to provide clear and safe travel—shared use paths are proposed, along with safety signage that defines right of way and multi-modal awareness.
- Safe passage for wildlife across roads and trails
- Multilingual signage and wayfinding



Access and Operations Priorities

- Biking to and around the park: 59%
- Access by transit: 22%
- Driving and parking on site: 39%
- Restrooms and facilities: 66%
- Well-kept grounds and cleanliness: 53%
- Clear park rules and enforcement: 23%
- Affordable and inclusive experience: 35%

How do you get to parks?

- Car: 66%
- Walk: 22%
- Bike: 8%
- Driving or walking: 7%

How will you get to the new park?

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RECREATION + WELLNESS

What We Heard

Play For All

- All abilities play equipment, nature-based play
- Two play areas are proposed—one with more traditional play equipment, that will be universally accessible and a nature play area that provides more free play opportunities.
- A mostly passive experience with opportunities for walking, hiking, and running in nature
- Opportunities for youth recreation

Enhanced Trail Experience

- Comprehensive trail wayfinding signage and interpretive elements
- Rest and seating areas along trails
- Safety and first aid stations
- Connections and enhancements to existing trails
- Stairs and ramps between park areas

Biking Improvements




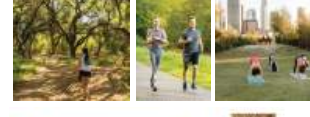



- Mileage markers
- Bike-specific trail signage and wayfinding
- Amenities like "fix-it" stations, bike racks, and water filling
- A bike rental concession
- Safe and dedicated bike lanes

Athletic Recreation

- Clarity on questions about athletic fields
- Due to the site requirements—slope, zero-water percolation, and limited parking—active sports fields cannot be considered.
- Alternative activities like Frisbee golf and archery
- Reinforced support for a bike skills area
- A bike rental station

Outdoor Rec + Wellness Priorities:

- Walking, hiking, running alone: 76%
- Walking, hiking, running in groups: 39%
- Organized fitness classes: 28%
- Bike-specific trail signage and equipment: 30%
- Bike skills and cycling: 38%
- Equestrian activities: 25%
- Wellness classes (yoga, meditation, etc): 39%

ARTS + PROGRAMMING

What We Heard

Programming for All

- Programs for all ages and abilities
- Games and activities similar to other Los Angeles County Parks
- Kids arts activities like music and theater
- Holiday events for the whole family
- Social programs for seniors
- Designated areas for art and painting

Bringing People Together

- Culture-based programming for all backgrounds
- Art and murals that celebrate different cultures
- Ethnic holidays and events where all are welcome

Educational and Intergenerational

- Programs related to landfill history and science
- Nature and wildlife learning
- Programs for kids and families to learn together

Impact on the Neighbors

- Permits and advisory notices for events
- Focus on community-oriented events
- Consider sound impact on neighbors and wildlife

Arts and Programming Priorities:



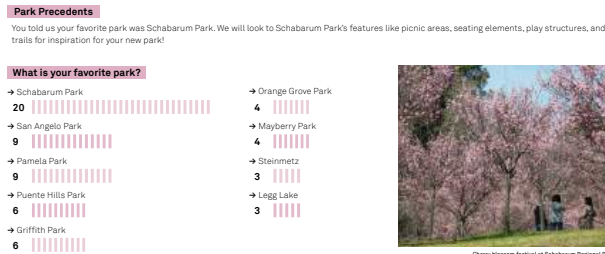
- Games and play: 54%
- Children and family programs: 57%
- Art installations: 30%
- Outdoor theater and dance performance: 38%
- Small musical performance: 23%
- Concerts and festivals: 56%

Park Precedents

You told us your favorite park was Schabaram Park. We will look to Schabaram Park's features like picnic areas, seating elements, play structures, and trails for inspiration for your new park!

What is your favorite park?

- Schabaram Park: 20
- San Angelo Park: 9
- Pamela Park: 9
- Puente Hills Park: 6
- Griffith Park: 6
- Orange Grove Park: 4
- Mayberry Park: 4
- Steinmetz: 3
- Legg Lake: 3

NATURE + ECOLOGY

What We Heard

Fauna

- General interest and curiosity about existing wildlife, and what future species could habitat be created for
- Concern for animal displacement during construction and impact from programming and events, particularly on the California Gnatcatcher
- Voiced concern over impact to bee habitats

The last Biological Assessment Reported 27 bird species found on site and a new report is coming in 2023!

- Western Bonaparte
- Great Horned Owl
- Red-Tailed Hawk
- Anna's Hummingbird
- California Quail
- Lesser Goldfinch
- American Goldfinch
- House Finch
- Turkey Vulture
- Wren
- American Crow
- American Kestrel
- Greater Roadrunner
- Northern Mockingbird
- California Towhee
- Song Sparrow
- California Gnatcatcher
- Buick
- Allen's Hummingbird
- Black Phoebe
- European Starling
- Brewer's Wren
- House Wren
- Cassia's Kingbird
- California Thrasher
- Mourning Dove

Flora

- Interest in using native plants for habitat and educational value.
- Yes! Native plants will be used throughout but the palette will not be 100% due to a variety of site constraints.
- The flat 117 acres of top decks are covered with a mono-crop clay cap that is specifically designed to keep rain and irrigation water from seeping into the landfill and the Sanitation Districts. Future planting will continue these efforts with native and appropriate non-groundcover and shrubs.

Experience

- Overall the community expressed the desire to maintain unbuilt space with a natural feel. A few comments requested water features for wildlife and public enjoyment
- Due to the nature of the site: lakes, ponds, or water features are not feasible.
- Create water reclamation opportunities
- The site currently captures all storm water runoff through a series of channels and detention basins. The site's irrigation is 100% reclaimed water.
- Create shade and cooling through tree canopy and shade structures
- Yes!

Great Ideas!

- Establish dedicated plant gathering areas for indigenous communities to harvest and cultivate
- Redwood College owns a herbarium collection of native plants that could be shared by the public at the Visitor Education Center
- Include scientific and indigenous names along with historical significance and traditional uses for interpretive signage

Top selections for nature programming:

- Preserving existing nature: 61%
- Enhancing animal habitats: 48%
- Shade trees, plantings, and gardens: 71%
- Birdwatching: 16%
- Self-guided nature experience: 35%
- Organized nature activities: 33%
- Environmental education: 34%






COMMUNITY + CULTURE

What We Heard

History and Heritage

- Education in the park and park visitor center
- Plaques and interpretive signage to inform and celebrate
- Celebrate the connection between Native cultures and natural history
- Signage and information about Nike Hill site

Celebrating Diversity

- A park that celebrates unique cultures and backgrounds while being OPEN TO ALL
- Exposure to one another's cultures and breaking down barriers
- Culturally familiar markers and features
- Multilingual spaces, signage, and workshops

Places for Community Expression

- Programming that comes from and celebrates the community
- A flexible amphitheater for many uses
- A stage that is fun to play on without an event
- A pavilion that can accommodate cultural celebrations in addition to performances

A Park For Families

- Educational and natural elements for all ages and abilities
- Bring kids and elders together with activities like gardening
- Safe and well maintained grounds
- Multilingual after-school programs
- A safe run by people from the community

Community and Culture Priorities:

- Education and awareness about the park: 50%
- Volunteering and job skills within the park: 43%
- Economic development for the region: 19%
- Family activities: 71%
- Social gatherings: 47%
- Celebrating diversity: 30%
- Neighborhood activism: 29%

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**Shade is
VERY IMPORTANT!**

Water for people and pets!

Don't do too much!

NEED BATHROOMS!

**Make this accessible to
all abilities**

**MUST have signage and wayfinding that list
Park Rules!**

Local artists! And SGV culture!

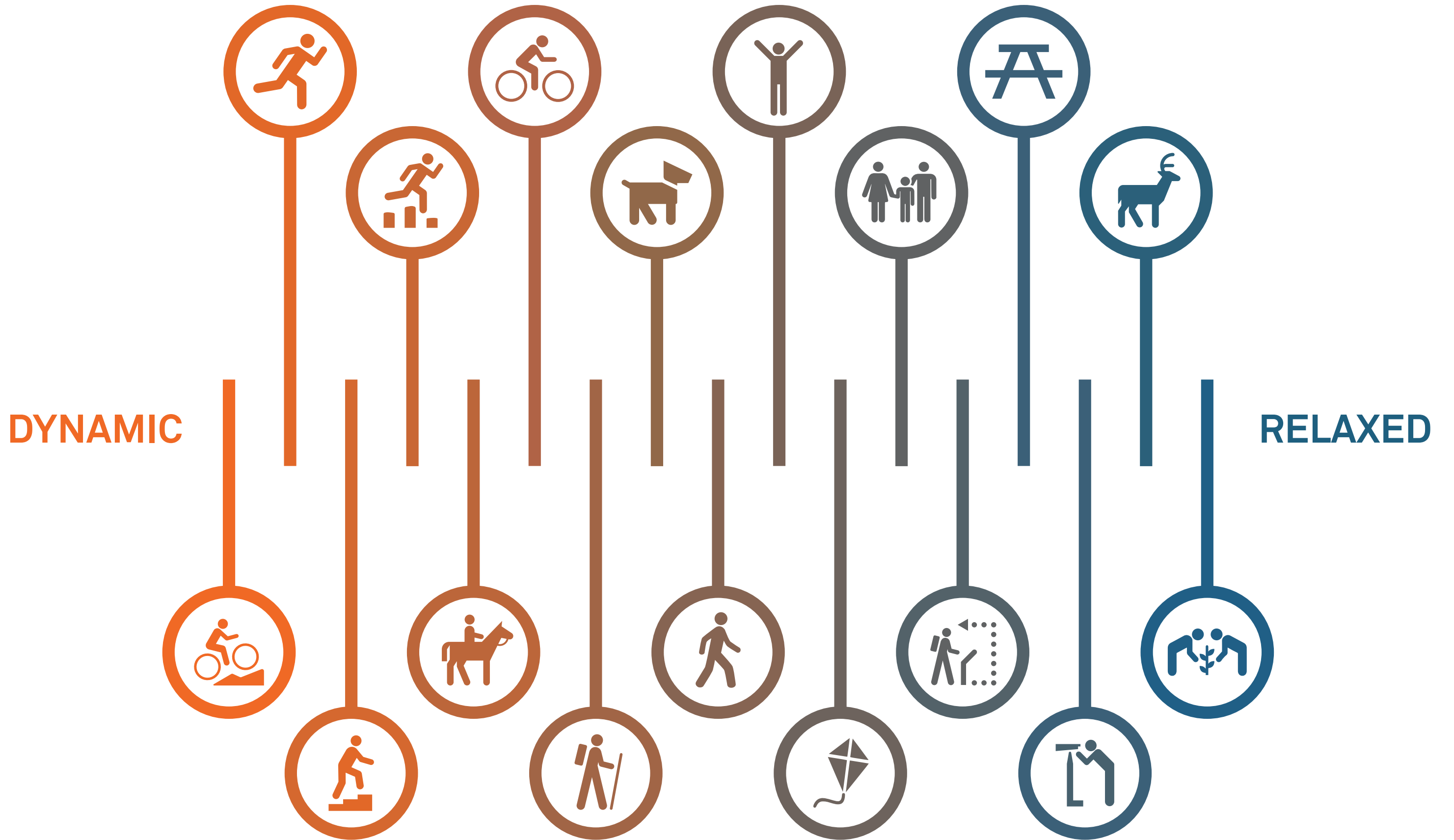
**concern about safety, security
and damage to adjacent properties**

**Let's honor local heros and celebrate the
heritage of
our indigenous communities!**

**Space for events!
All sizes - music, community, festivals**

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ACCESS + OPERATIONS	REC + WELLNESS	COMMUNITY + CULTURE	ARTS + PROGRAMMING	NATURE + ECOLOGY
<p>Multi-Modal Loop Road</p> <p>X miles of Multi-Modal Trails</p> <p>5 Parking Areas</p> <p>Shuttle Transit Stops</p> <p>Improved Trailheads</p> <p>Improved Horse Staging</p> <p>4 Restroom / Rest Areas</p>	<p>All-Abilities Play</p> <p>ADA Scenic Trail</p> <p>Stair Climbs</p> <p>Bike Rental / Fix-it Station</p> <p>Walking / Hiking / Running Loops</p> <p>Equestrian Trails</p> <p>Bike Skills Area</p>	<p>Education Center</p> <p>Nike Hill Plaza</p> <p>Amphitheater</p> <p>Outdoor Classrooms</p> <p>Ceremonial Space</p> <p>Picnic Areas</p>	<p>Art Plaza</p> <p>Sculpture Garden</p> <p>Flex Meadows</p> <p>Public Art</p> <p>Nature Art</p>	<p>Native Plants</p> <p>Nursery</p> <p>Diverse Habitat Areas</p> <p>Interpretive Signage</p> <p>Bird Blinds</p> <p>Nesting/Roosting Structures</p> <p>Tree Shade</p> <p>Ethnobotanical Gardens</p> <p>Solar Power</p>

EXISTING CONDITIONS BIRDSEYE

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PROPOSED BIRDSEYE PERSPECTIVE

PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL PARK



MOUNT WILSON 5,705 FT

MOUNT BADEN-POWELL 9,400 FT

MOUNT SAN ANTONIO 10,066 FT

SAN GABRIEL MOUNTAINS NATIONAL MONUMENT

EL MONTE

BALDWIN PARK

WEST COVINA

LA PUENTE

AVOCADO HEIGHTS



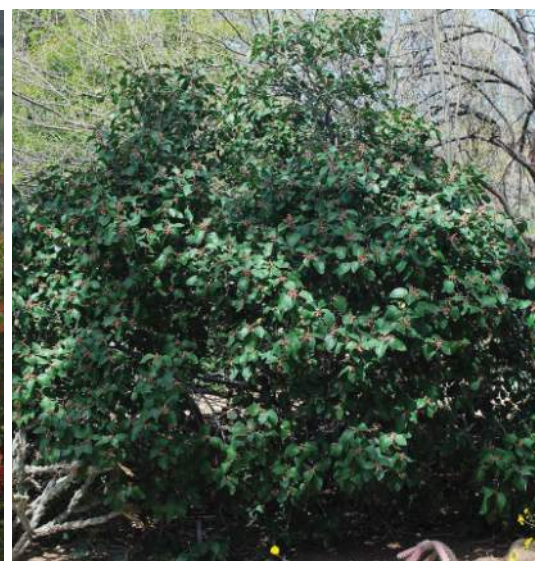
PARK DEVELOPMENT PLAN OF INDUSTRY

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FEATURED SHRUBS AND TREES



Malosma laurina - Laurel Sumac

Heteromeles arbutifolia - Toyon

Rhus ovata - Sugar Bush

Quercus berberidifolia - Scrub Oak

Quercus agrifolia - Coast Live Oak

Quercus durata - Leather Oak

FEATURED SPECIES



Datura wrightii - Sacred Datura



Dudleya lanceolata - Lanceleaf Liveforever



Chlorogalum pomeridianum - Wavy-leaved Soap Plant



Adenostoma fasciculatum - Chamise



Eriogonum elongatum - Longstem Buckwheat



Eriogonum fasciculatum - California Buckwheat



Amorpha californica - California False Indigo



Artemisia californica - California Sagebrush



Rhus integrifolia - Lemonade Berry



Ribes aureum - Golden Currant



Ribes speciosum - Fuchsiaflower Gooseberry



Salvia mellifera - Black Sage



Sambucus mexicana - Blue Elderberry



Stachys bullata - California Hedge-nettle

ACCESS + CIRCULATION

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MAIN ENTRY - CROSSROADS PKWY

VISITOR CENTER

SHARED OFFICE

BIKE RENTAL








RESTROOM
PROGRAM OFFICE

CAFE

RESTROOM

NIKE HILL

ROSE HILLS

-  FACILITY
-  PARK LOOP ROAD + MULTI-USE PATH
-  CONDITIONAL USE ROAD
-  EXISTING TRAIL
-  PRIMARY PARK TRAILS
-  DECK LOOP TRAILS
-  PARKING

WESTERN DECK

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WESTERN DECK

EASTERN

LOGY CANYON

NSMISSION LINES

MAINTENANCE OFFICE & RESTROOM

RE-ROUTE SCHABARUM-SKYLINE TRAIL SEGMENT

ADA ACCESSIBLE TRAIL

STAFF OFFICE RESTROOMS

MICROWAVE TOWERS

STAIR CLIMB

INTERPRETIVE ELEMENT

EXISTING TRAIL SEGMENT

SCENIC OVERLOOK & INTERPRETIVE ELEMENTS

COASTAL SAGE SCRUB

CEREMONIAL SPACE

PICNIC

FLEX MEADOW

PERFORMANCE MEADOW

RUNNING LOOP

INTERPRETIVE GARDENS

GRASSLAND

FLEX GATHERING

STAIR CLIMB

DOG RUN

ART

PICNIC

NATURE PLAY

COMMUNITY AMPHITHEATER

NATIVE PLANT NURSERY

INNER LOOP TRAIL

SOIL STOCKPILE (FUTURE MEADOW)

SHARED MAINTENANCE YARD

BIKE RENTAL

BIKE SKILLS

CAFE

SLIDE GARDEN

SCENIC TRAIL

NIKE HILL

RUNNING

COA

WESTERN DECK- THE ECOLOGY STORY

PUENTE HILLS LANDFILL PARK

TOWARDS MT. BALDY

TOWARDS DOWNTOWN LA

LIMIT TREES TO THIS AREA

SOIL STOCKPILE

CHAPARRAL AND COASTAL SAGE

NIKE HILL



WESTERN DECK- THE ECOLOGY STORY

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