

Culver **CITY**
PARKS, RECREATION & COMMUNITY SERVICES

PARKS PLAN

PRCS Commission Meeting
June 2024



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TONIGHT'S TOPICS

INTRODUCTION

**WHAT IS A
PARKS PLAN?**

**ENGAGEMENT
UPDATE**

**LEARNING ABOUT
CULVER CITY PARKS**

**PLANNING
PROCESS**

NEXT STEPS

YOUR CULVER CITY PARKS

Culver City Parks and Recreation Services (PRCS) owns and operates 13 parks.

MAP LEGEND

Culver City Boundary

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

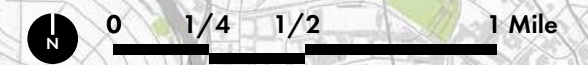
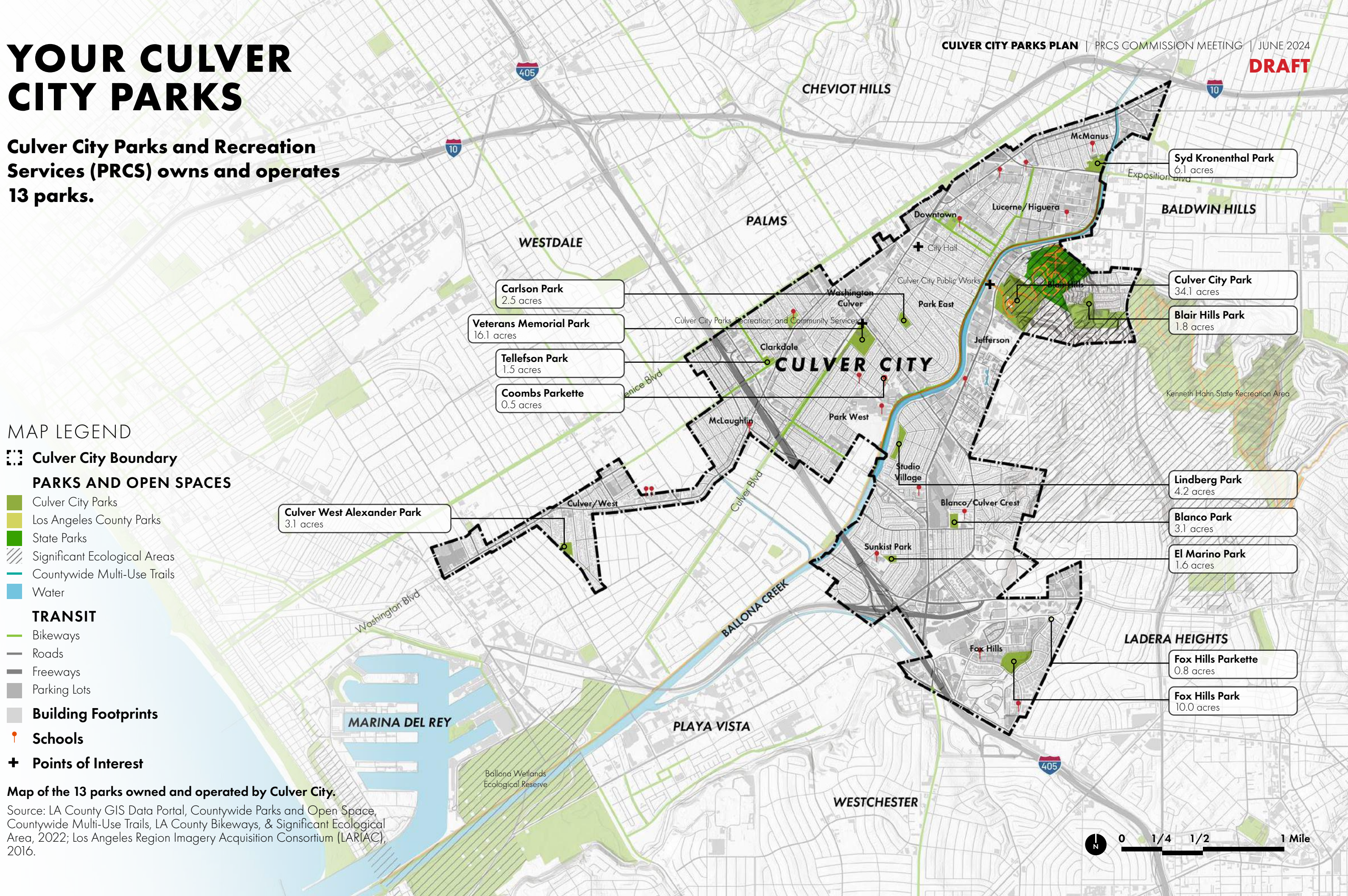
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- Building Footprints
- Schools
- Points of Interest

Map of the 13 parks owned and operated by Culver City.

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WHAT IS A PARKS PLAN?

CULVER CITY GENERAL PLAN

CULVER CITY PARKS PLAN

SITE PLANS

PLANNING PROCESS

Meetings with interested partners, research, analysis, and review of planning documents

Generating design ideas and vision alternatives based on community input

Refining the selected alternative into a draft Parks Plan

Responding to comments and finalizing the Parks Plan

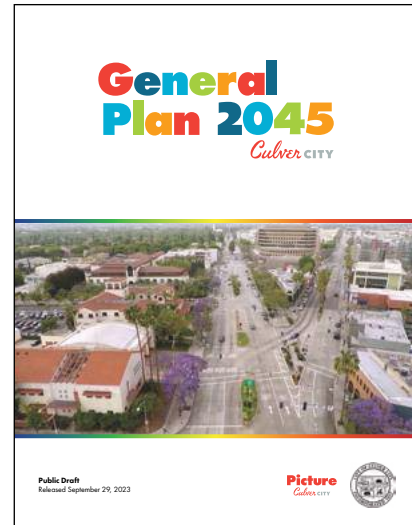
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KEY EXISTING PLANS



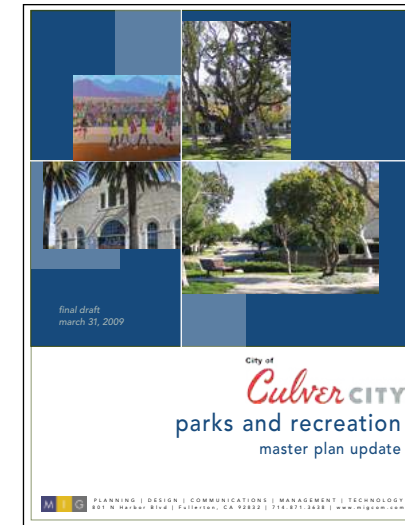
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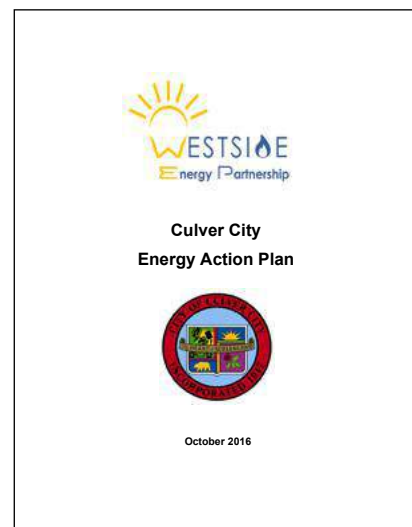
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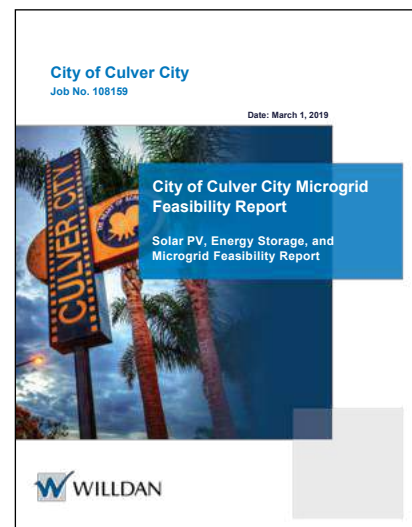
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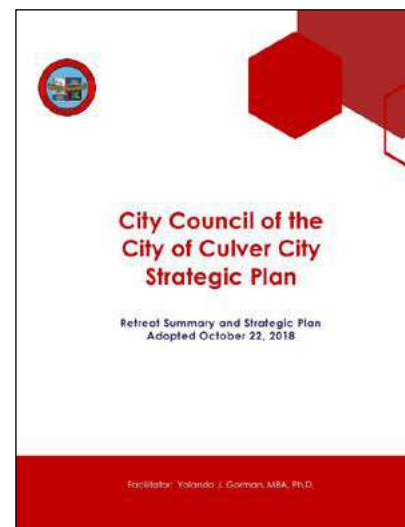
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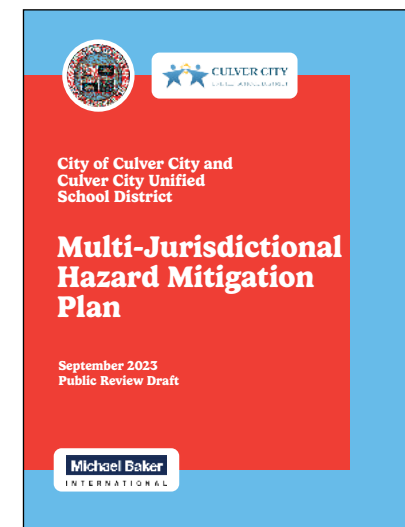
Energy Action Plan
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Microgrid Feasibility Report
2019



2018-2023 Strategic Plan
2018



Hazard Mitigation Plan
2023



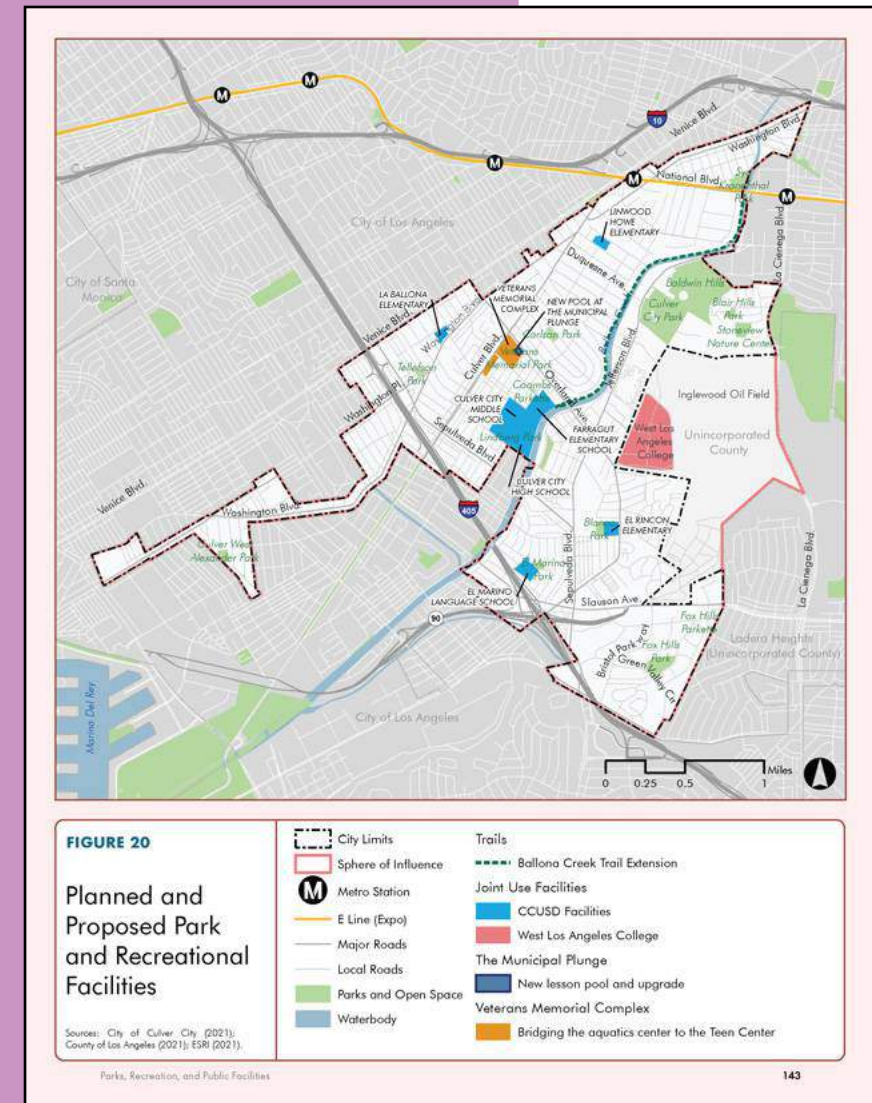
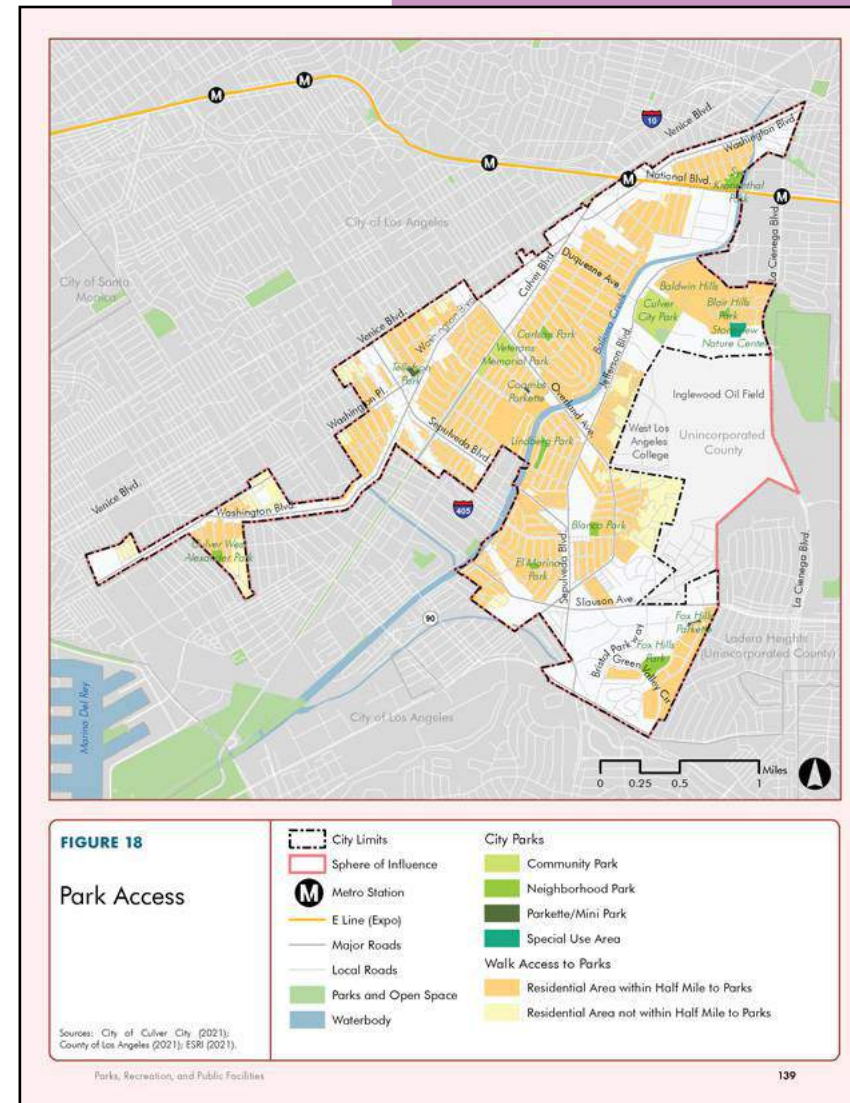
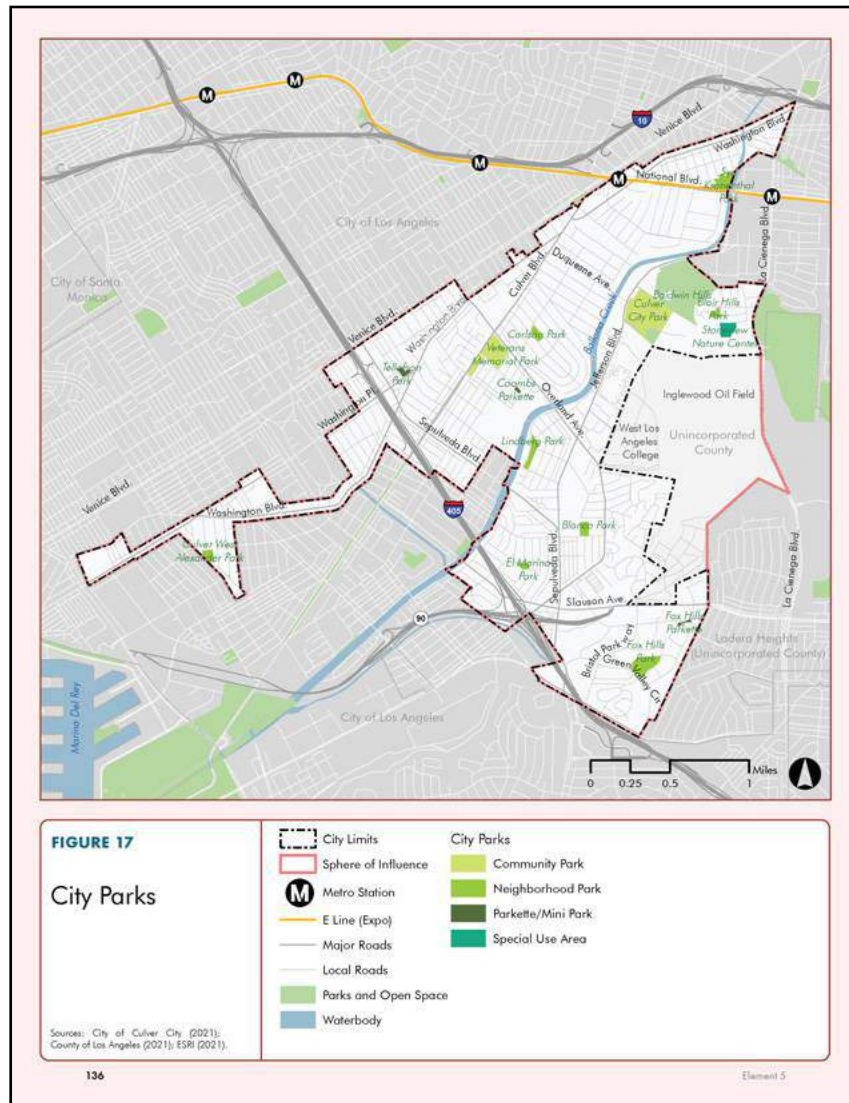
Enhanced Watershed Management Program for the Ballona Creek Watershed
2016

DRAFT GENERAL PLAN 2045

The Culver City Draft General Plan 2045 contains the vision for the future of Culver City in 2045. The Plan studied the history and current conditions of the City in order to project future population trends, needs, and policies.

Important Topics Include:

- Existing Open Spaces and Opportunities
- Sustainability
- Improving Air Quality
- Equity and Prioritizing SB 1000 Communities
- Multi-Modal and Carbon-Free Transit
- Cost of Housing and Displacement Risk
- Jobs
- Arts and Culture



Source: General Plan 2045, City of Culver City, California: Public Draft General Plan, 2023 September 29. Pages 136, 139, and 143. Accessed March 15, 2024.

GOALS OF THE PARKS PLAN

**ENHANCING RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES
FOR RESIDENTS OF ALL AGES.**

**IMPROVING ACCESSIBILITY AND
CONNECTIVITY WITHIN THE PARKS SYSTEM.**

**PRESERVING AND ENHANCING
NATURAL HABITATS.**

**STRENGTHENING CULVER CITY PARKS
PROGRAMMING AND FACILITIES.**

**PROMOTING SUSTAINABILITY, CLIMATE
RESILIENCY, AND EQUITY**

**EXPANDING ARTS AND CULTURE
OPPORTUNITIES.**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

**COMMUNITY
MEETINGS**

POP-UPS

WEBSITE

SURVEY

KIDS CAMP

SOCIAL MEDIA

**DEPARTMENTAL
MEETINGS**

**KEY GROUP
MEETINGS**

**COMMISSION
MEETINGS**

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MEETING PEOPLE WHERE THEY ARE

COMPLETED ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

Meeting 1

Wednesday, May 1, 2024
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Syd Kronenthal Park
3459 McManus Ave
Culver City, CA 90232
Format: In-person

Meeting 2

Thursday, May 2, 2024
6:00pm – 8:00pm

Location: Zoom
Format: Virtual

Meeting 3

Tuesday, May 14, 2024
6:30pm – 8:30pm

Location: El Marino Park
5301 Berryman Ave
Culver City, CA 90232
Format: In-person

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MEETING 1: SYD KRONENTHAL



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

MEETING 3: EL MARINO



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

ANALOG ENGAGEMENT



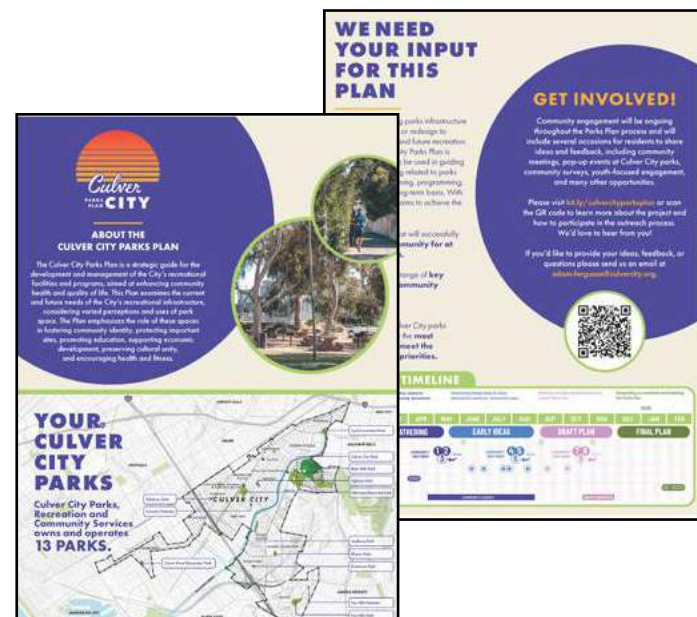
Mailers Sent to Every Culver City Household



English and Spanish Flyer Distribution at Community Gathering Spaces



Vinyl Banners Posted Throughout Culver City Parks



English and Spanish Fact Sheets

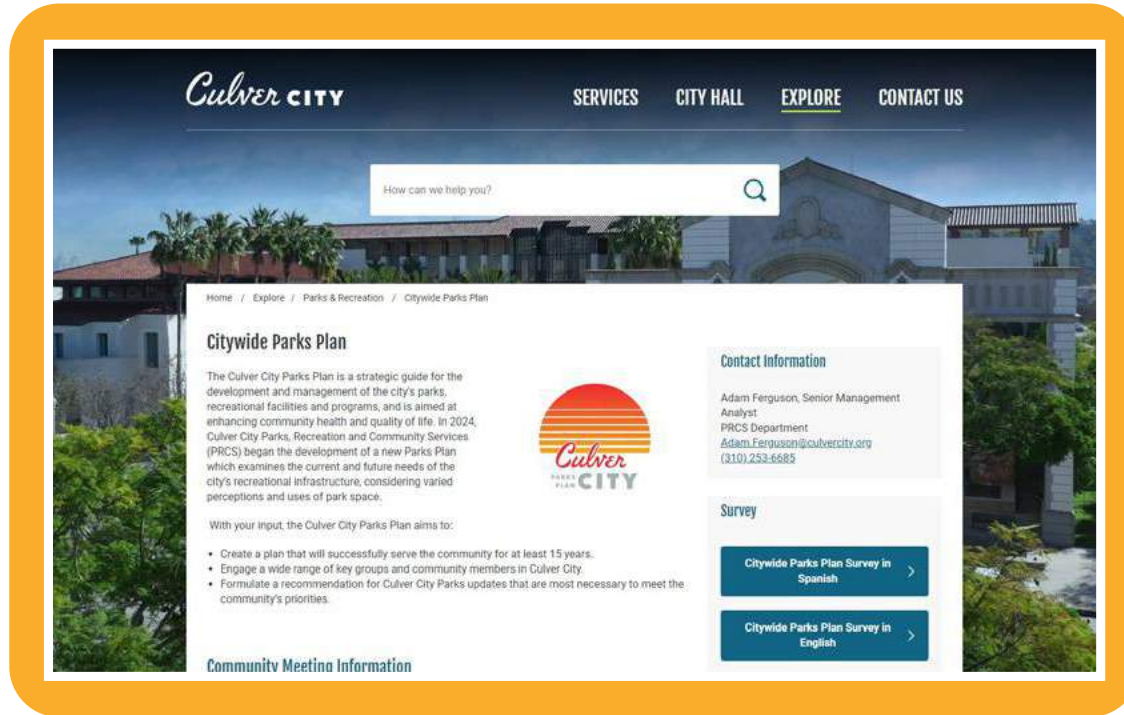


English and Spanish Paper Survey

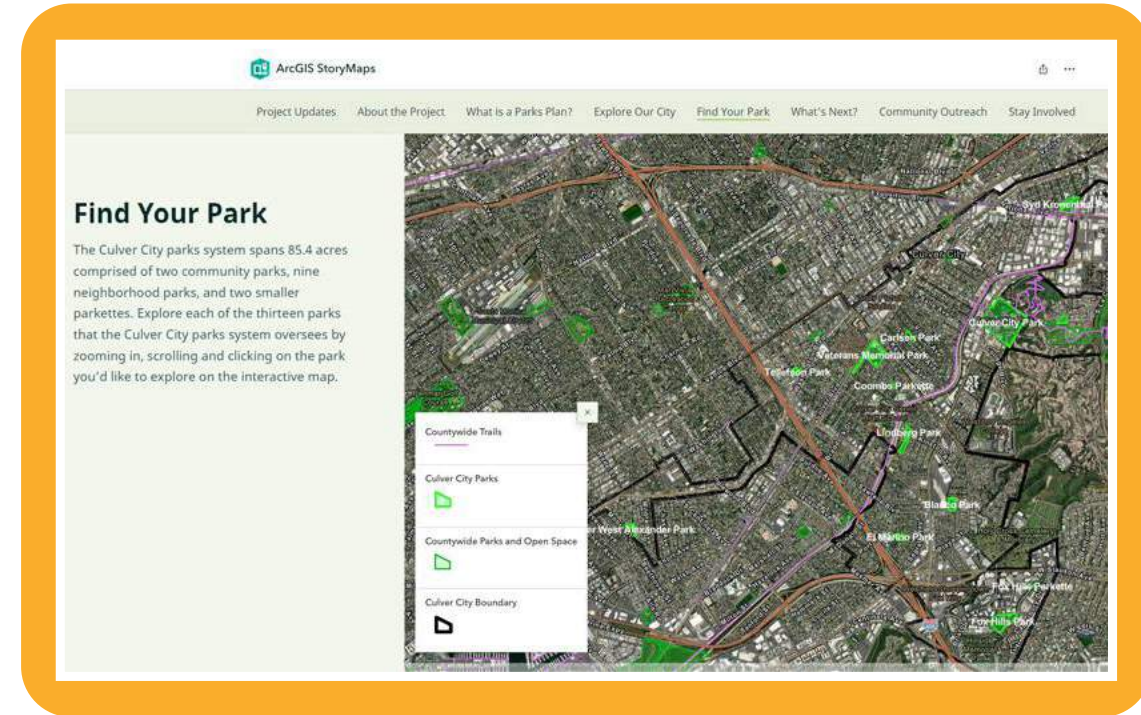


COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

DIGITAL ENGAGEMENT



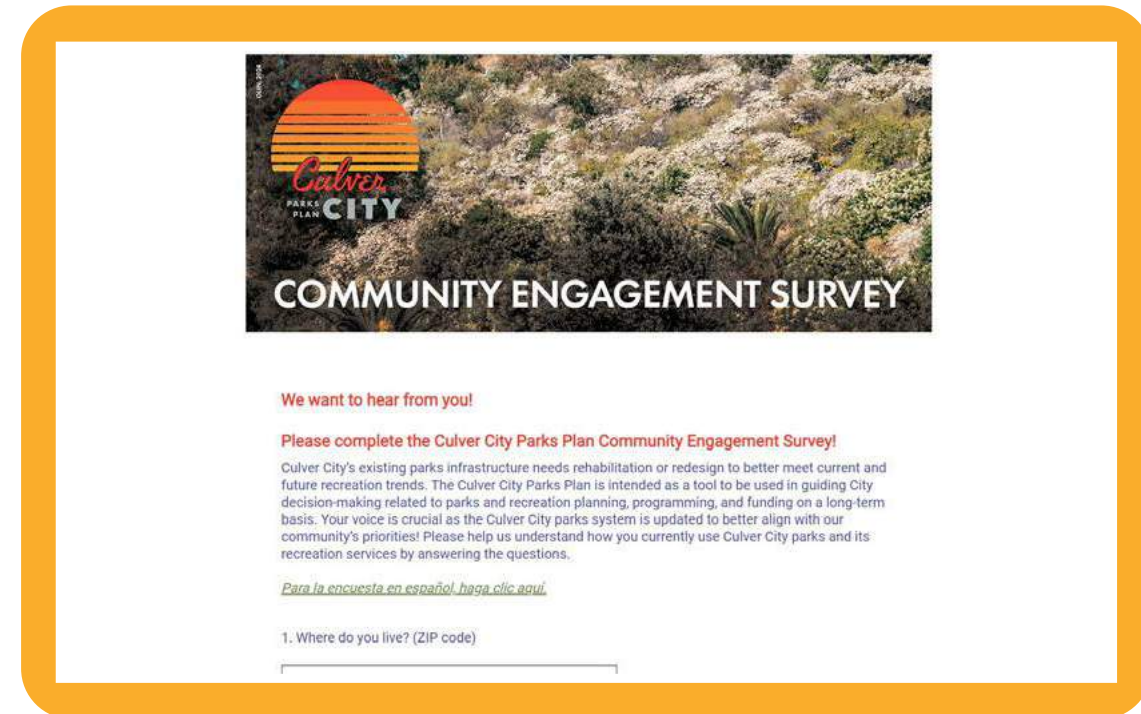
PRCS Landing Page



Story Map



Virtual Meeting Recording



English and Spanish Digital Survey

PROJECT COORDINATION

CITY DEPARTMENTS

PUBLIC WORKS

**DEPARTMENT
OF ADVANCED
PLANNING**

PRCS STAFF SUMMIT

INTERESTED PARTNER MEETINGS

**CULVER CITY ARTS
FOUNDATION**

**CCUSD
ENVIRONMENTAL
SUSTAINABILITY
COMMITTEE**

**UPCOMING:
RECREATIONAL
LEADERS AND
DISABILITY ADVISORY
COMMITTEE**

PRELIMINARY RESULTS

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?
WHICH CULVER CITY PARK DO YOU USE THE MOST?

MAP LEGEND

Culver City Boundary

Culver City Parks

IN-PERSON RESPONSES

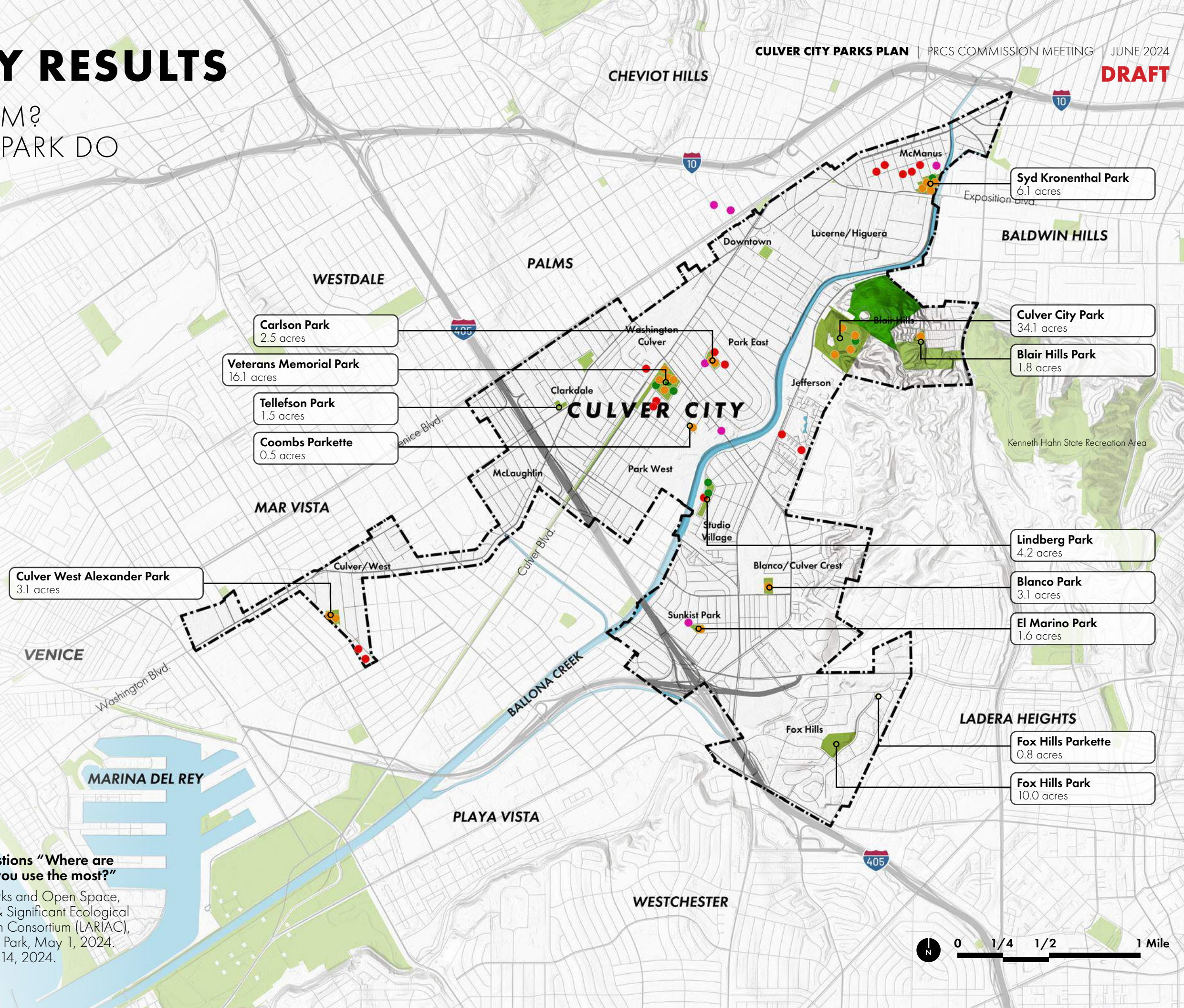
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- Which Culver City park do you use the most?

**NOT ON THIS MAP?
PLACE A STICKER HERE!**



Map of community meeting responses to questions "Where are you from?" and "Which Culver City park do you use the most?"

Source: LA County GIS Data Portal, Countywide Parks and Open Space, Countywide Multi-Use Trails, LA County Bikeways, & Significant Ecological Area, 2022; Los Angeles Region Imagery Acquisition Consortium (LARIAC), 2016. OLIN, Community Meeting at Syd Kronenthal Park, May 1, 2024. OLIN, Community Meeting at El Marino Park, May 14, 2024.



WHAT WE HEARD

PRELIMINARY COMMUNITY MEETING TAKEAWAYS

Culver City parks are widely beloved

Save some space for passive recreation

Interest in increasing access to recreation amenities (pools, etc.)

Increase diversity of types of play / sensory play for children

Interest in bicycle and pedestrian safety

Plant more native street trees

Interest in increasing access to children's programming and camps

Interest in more engagement with the arts

Interest in sustainable water management

SURVEY RESPONSES

COUNT AS OF 5/28/2024

277+



TAKE THE PARKS
PLAN SURVEY!

PRELIMINARY SURVEY RESULTS

SURVEY QUESTIONS

- Where do you live?
- How long have you lived in Culver City?
- What generation do you belong to?

- Which Culver City park do you use most?
- How frequently do you spend time in Culver City parks?
- What mode of transportation do you use to access Culver City parks?
- What do you like about Culver City parks?
- Describe Culver City Parks, Recreation, and Community Services in 3 words.

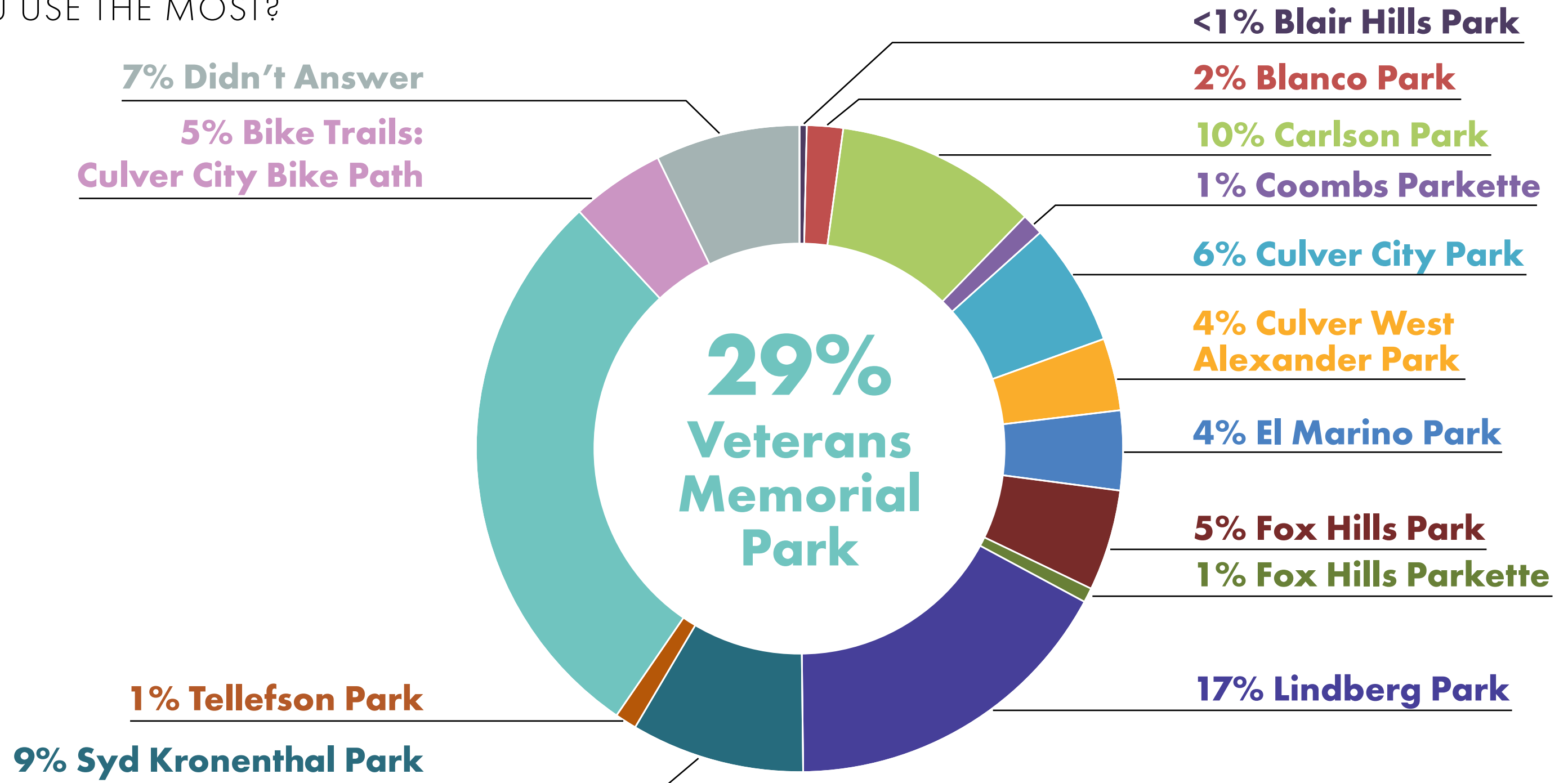
- What Culver City parks programs do you use the most?
- What additional programs would you like to see?
- What activities do you most frequently do while in Culver City parks?
- Of the following benefits that parks, recreation facilities & programs may provide, which do you think are the most important?

- To promote sustainability and climate resiliency throughout the Culver City parks system, what are the most interesting features in your opinion to implement during park improvements?
- Anything we missed?

- What prevents you from using Culver City parks facilities?
- What improvements would encourage you to walk or bike to more parks?
- What does Culver City need to improve upon with parks & recreation in the future?
- What are some great ideas for Culver City parks?
- Which parks or recreation facilities in Culver City need the most attention?

PRELIMINARY SURVEY RESULTS

WHICH CULVER CITY PARK DO YOU USE THE MOST?



WHAT WE HEARD

DESCRIBE CULVER CITY PARKS, RECREATION,
AND COMMUNITY SERVICES IN 3 WORDS.

**"Progressive,
educational, fun!"**

**"Diverse, universal,
committed"**

"Fun, accessible, community"

"Amazing, limited, equity-challenged"

**"Dated,
convenient,
small"**

**"Worn, loved,
used"**

**"Valuable, wonderful,
necessary"**

**"Clean, friendly,
refreshing"**

**"Responsive, available,
friendly"**

WHAT WE HEARD

QUOTES FROM SURVEY
OPEN ENDED RESULTS

"While certain capital improvements are needed, **I think it's more important to focus on services** than on the physical elements, i.e. provide enough staff to properly maintain and update the parks/facilities that we already have and to **EXPAND** the program offerings.

...The city's leadership needs to convince Amazon, Apple and SONY that they should make significant (multi-million dollar) investments in parks & cultural infrastructure before asking residents to take responsibility for additional debt. **Only the most recent Culver City residents are high income. The vast majority couldn't afford to move here today.**"

"**Overall, I really love the parks in Culver City.** I would like to see more dog parks that aren't just dirt lots, and more native trees for shade. I had no idea there were classes, could this be promoted more?"

"**Don't recreate the wheel,** improve upon plants and maintenance and trash collection."

"pickleball, pickleball, pickleball"

"Allow for **more performances and guests**, allow for conventions and shows, educational shows needed. Host international shows."

"**The scout house has been an active part of Culver City for many years.** It could use some help. It's vital to so many scouts and subscout families."

WHAT WE HEARD

QUOTES FROM SURVEY OPEN ENDED RESULTS

"Please update and expand the playgrounds, there are so many children in Culver City now and the playgrounds are very crowded. **We need to be inclusive and have equipment for special needs children too!**"

Please keep the parks natural with trees and green. Do not put in more cement. Lindberg Park does not need an additional sidewalk. There is already a sidewalk around the park. Fix the existing sidewalks and park equipment before adding new."

"Parks are precious. I'll paraphrase, but Syd Kronenthal said something like, 'Occasionally people will want to remove a park to put in a mall or housing, and they'll work hard to convince others and make that happen. But no one ever proposes removing a mall to install a park. Parks are precious and you must protect them.'"

"Our parks are truly the most wonderful part of our town. Thank you all for the work you do. **I really hope our funding starts to prioritize this important part of our City.**"

"The best thing about the parks is their greenery, trees, and open space. We have a LOT of development in the area... **We should focus more on nature, and finding ways to connect our bike paths better to our park system.** We have a lot of GREAT paths, but they don't always connect."

CITY-MAINTAINED OPEN SPACES

Culver City maintains but does not own Media Park, the Ballona Creek Bike Path, and the Culver Boulevard Bike Path.

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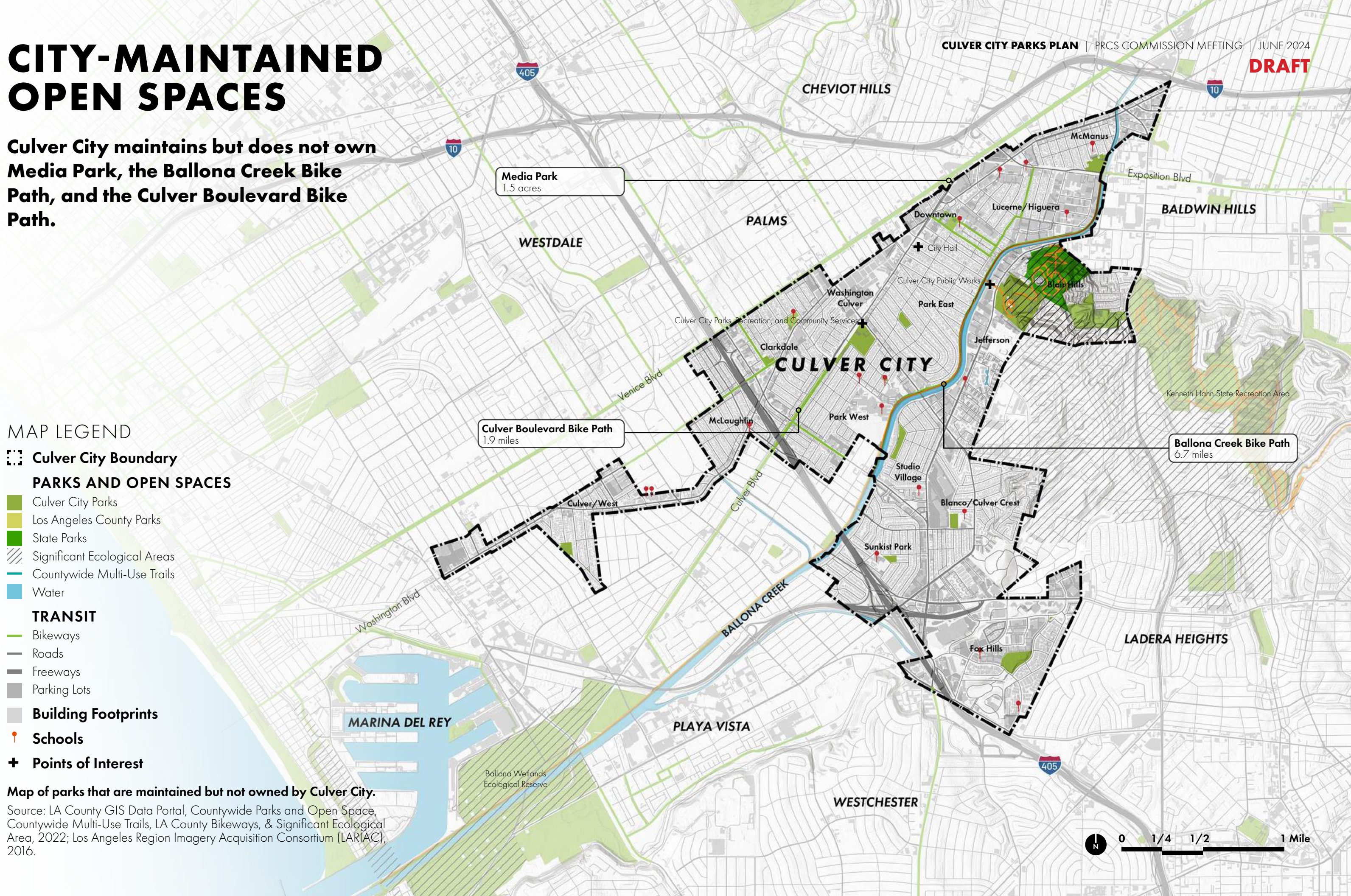
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Map of parks that are maintained but not owned by Culver City.

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ADJACENT PARKS AND OPEN SPACES

Culver City residents, employees, and visitors have access to numerous parks and open spaces beyond those owned or maintained by the City.

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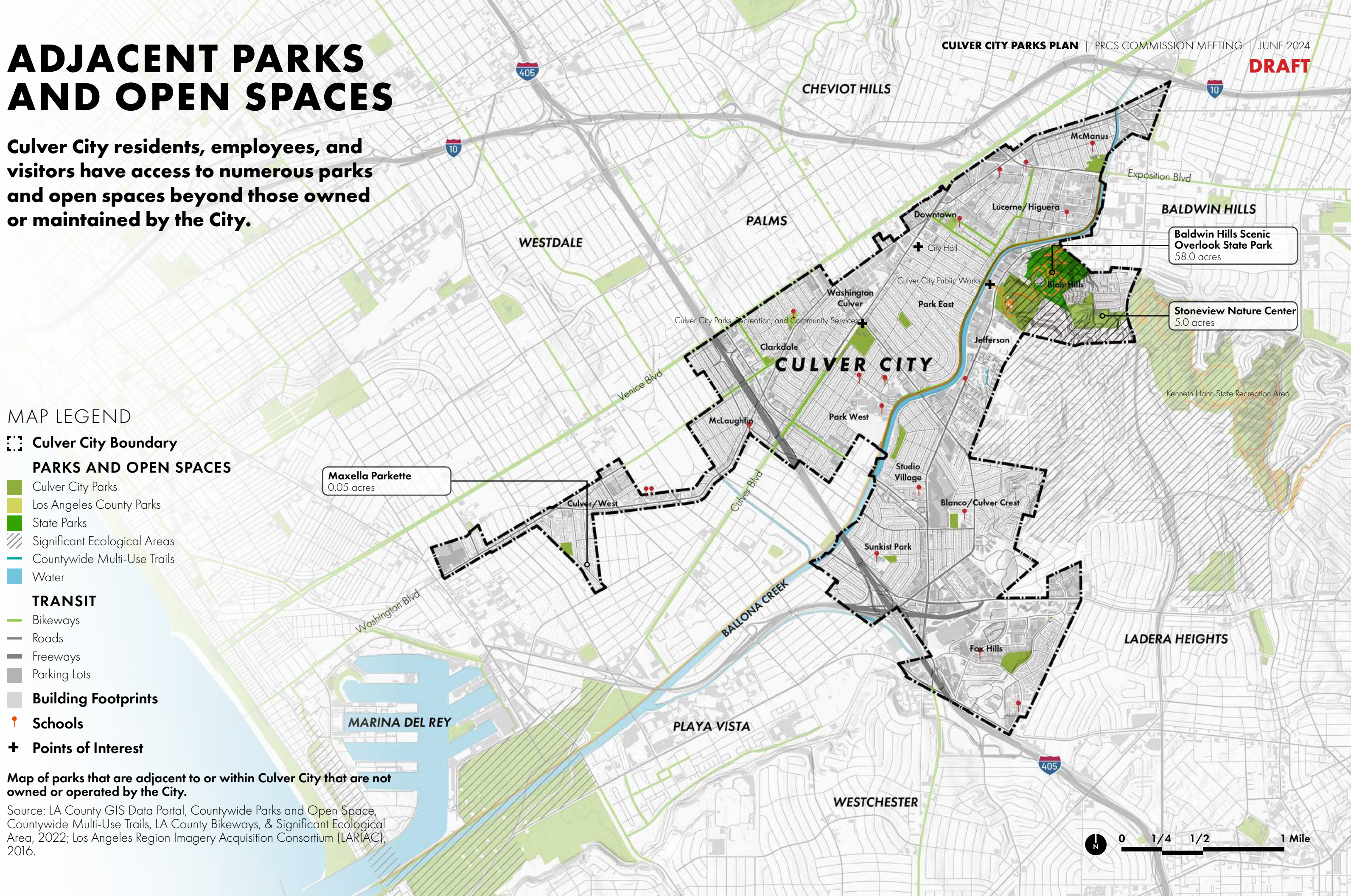
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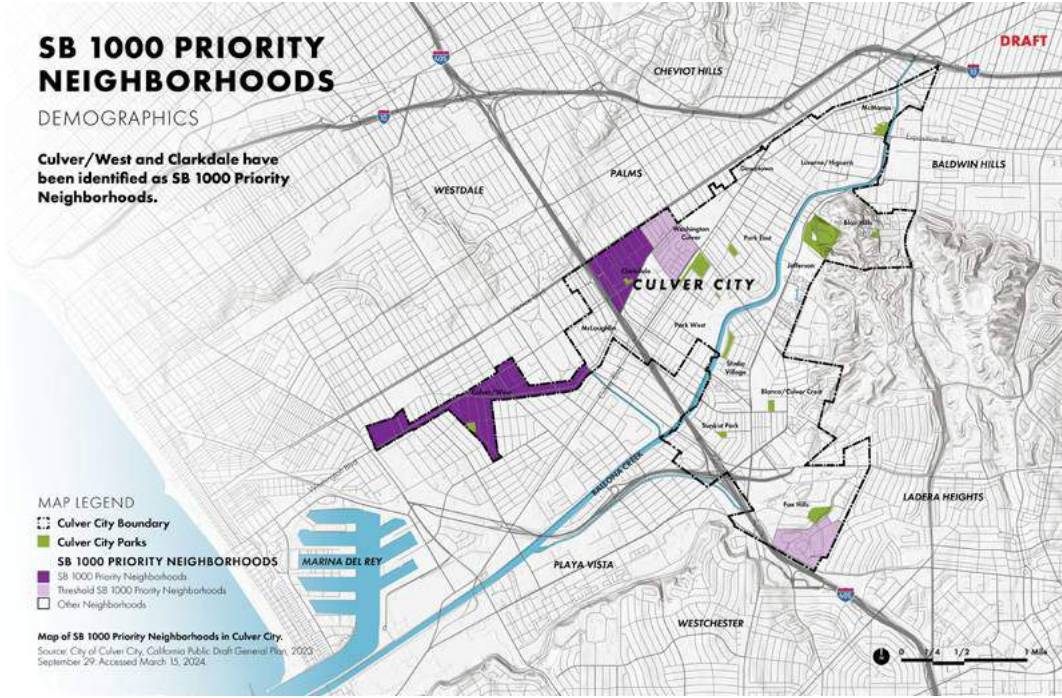
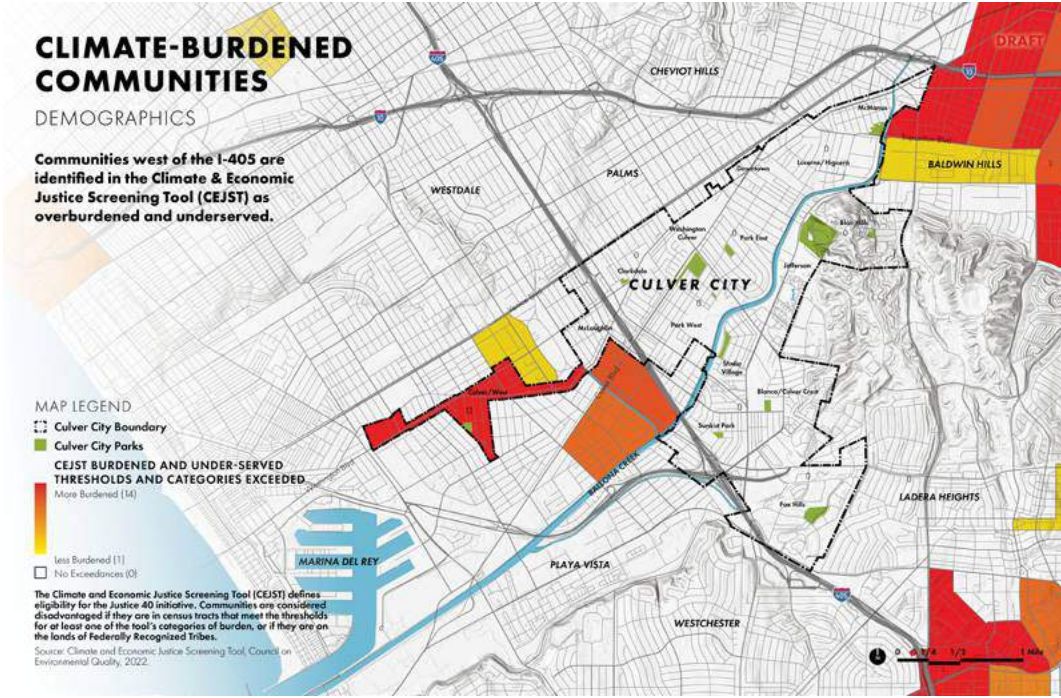
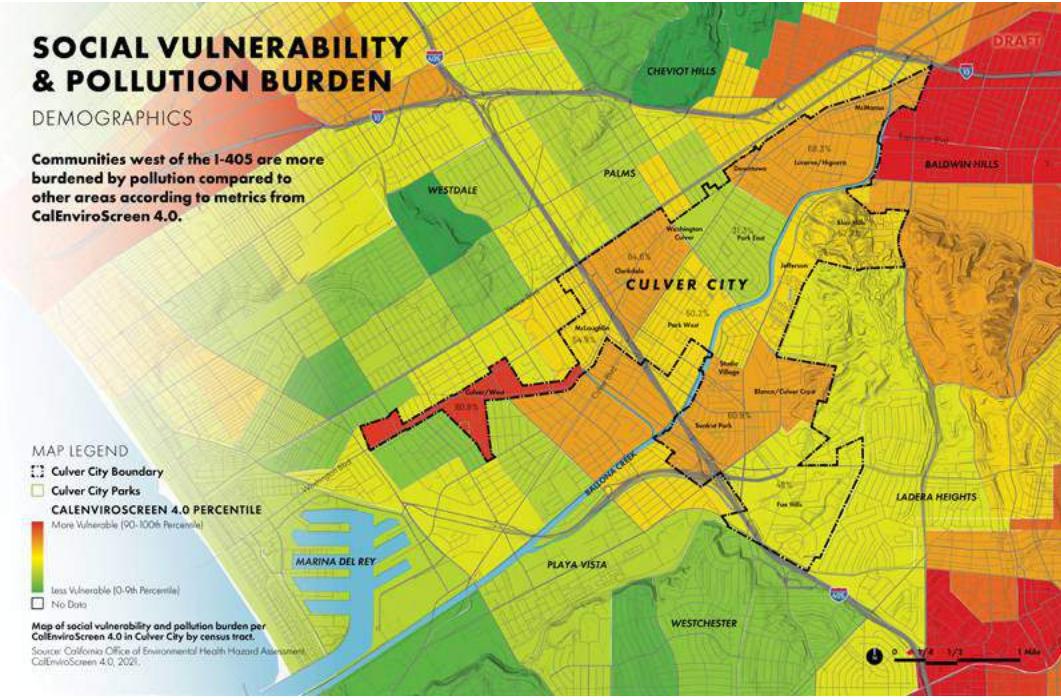
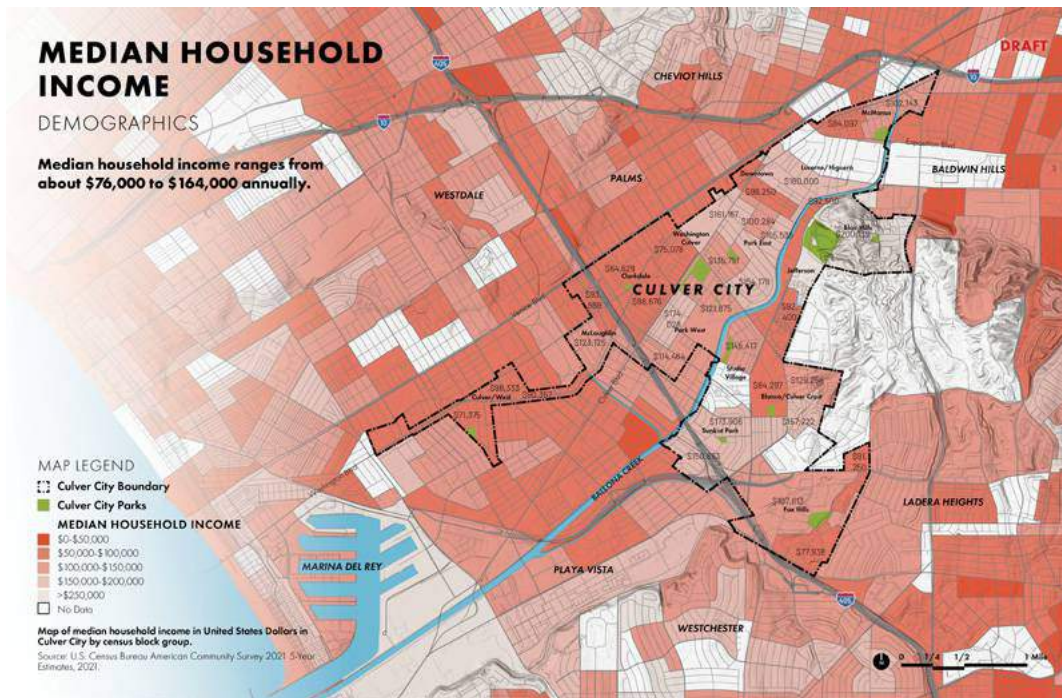
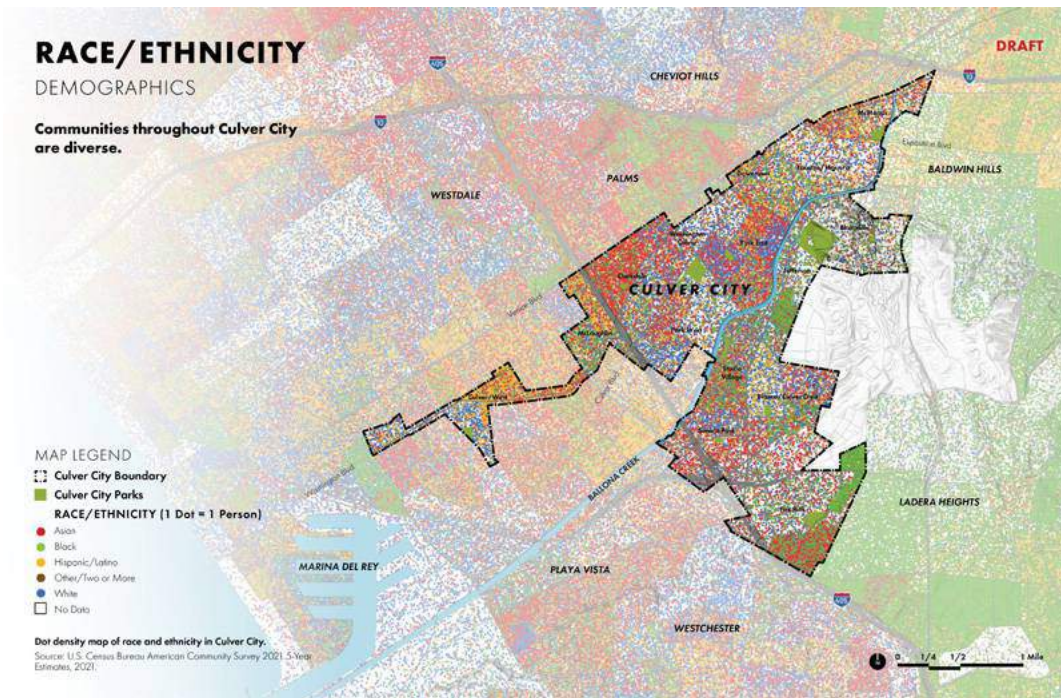
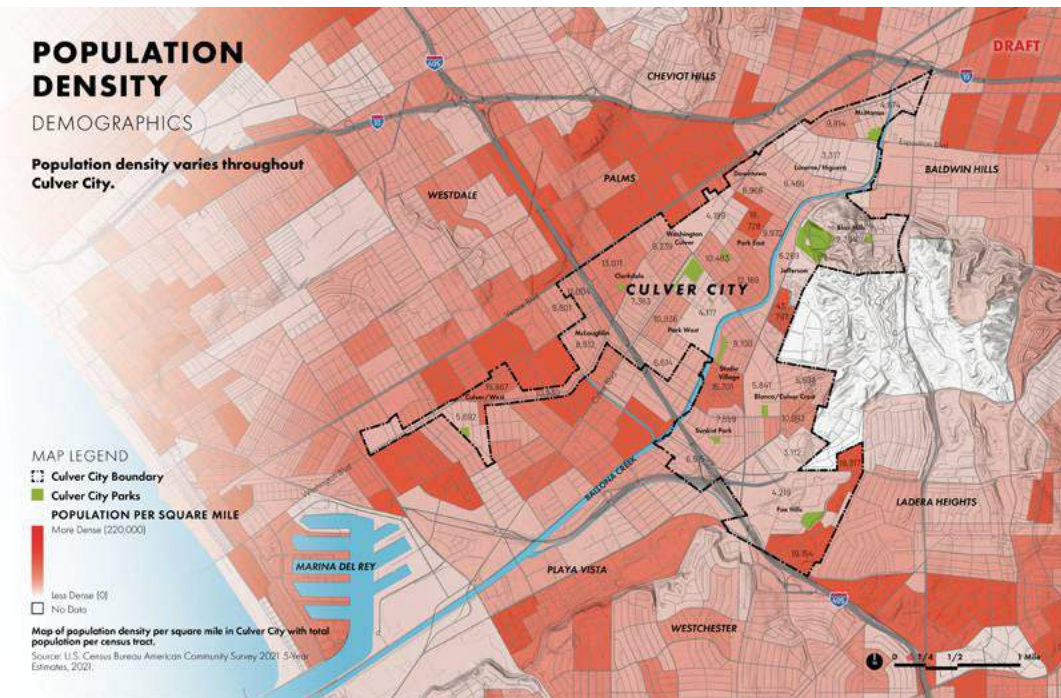
Map of parks that are adjacent to or within Culver City that are not owned or operated by the City.

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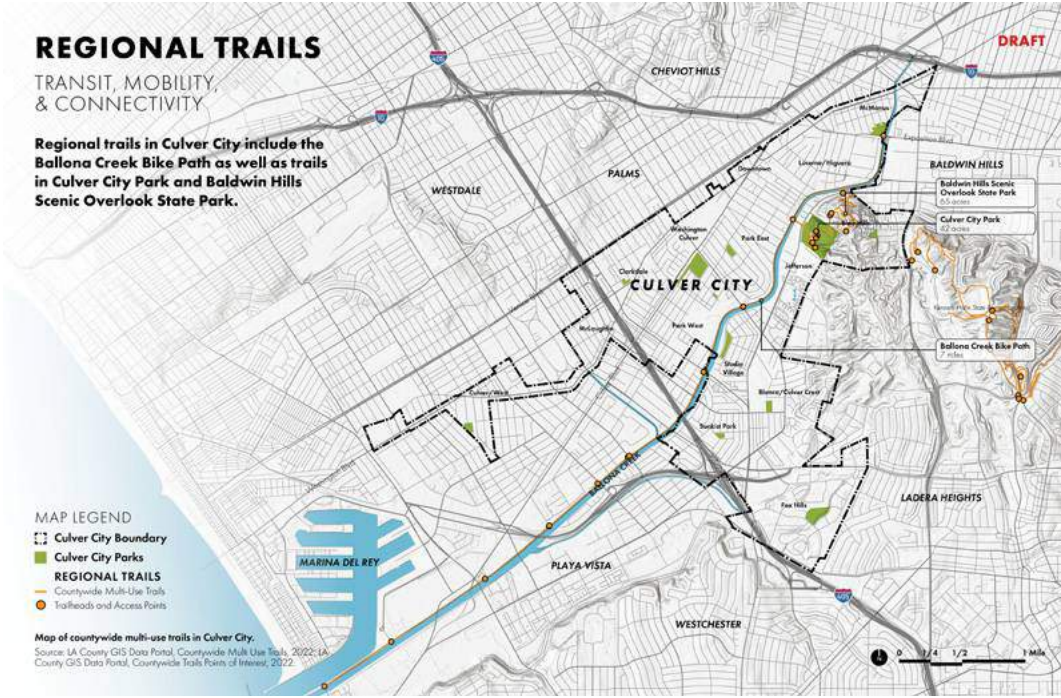
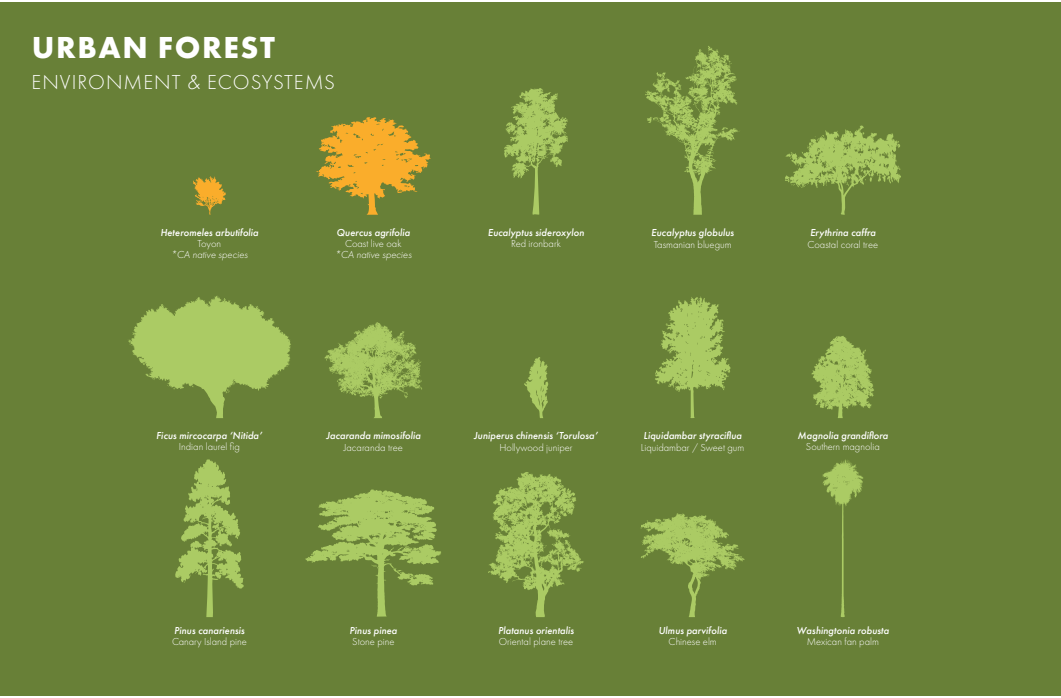
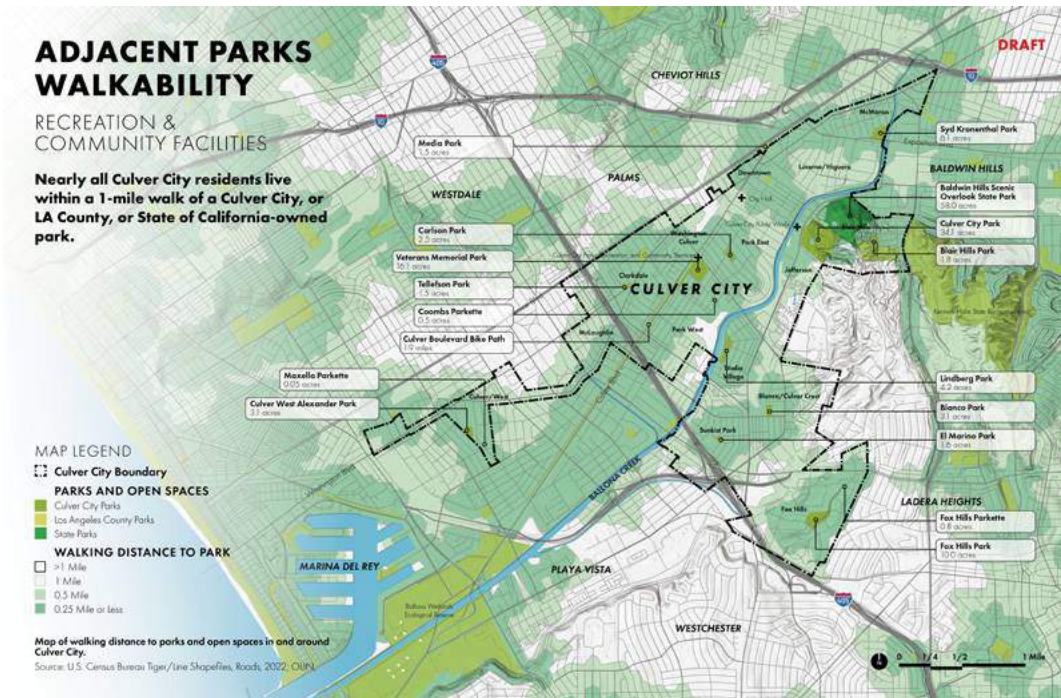
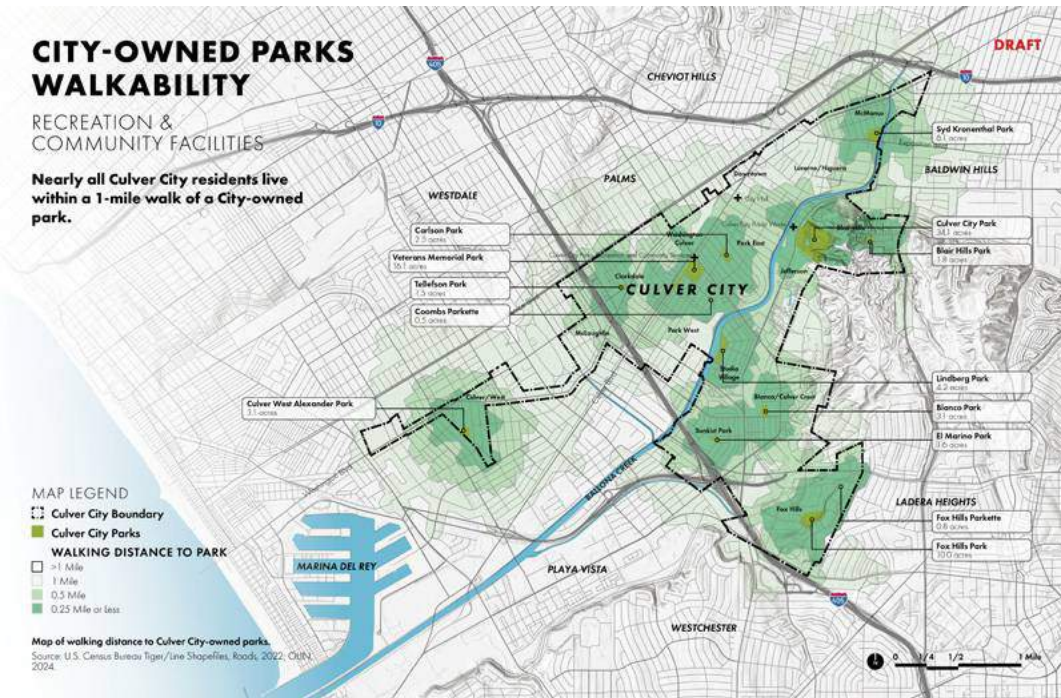
EXISTING CONDITIONS

PEOPLE / DEMOGRAPHICS



EXISTING CONDITIONS

NATURE / WATER



PLANNING PROCESS



Park Need

Park Acreage Per Resident, Park Pressure, Distance to Park, Mobility, Amenities, Programming

Water Need

Regional Stormwater Capture Parks, Parks with On-Site Management

Ecological Need

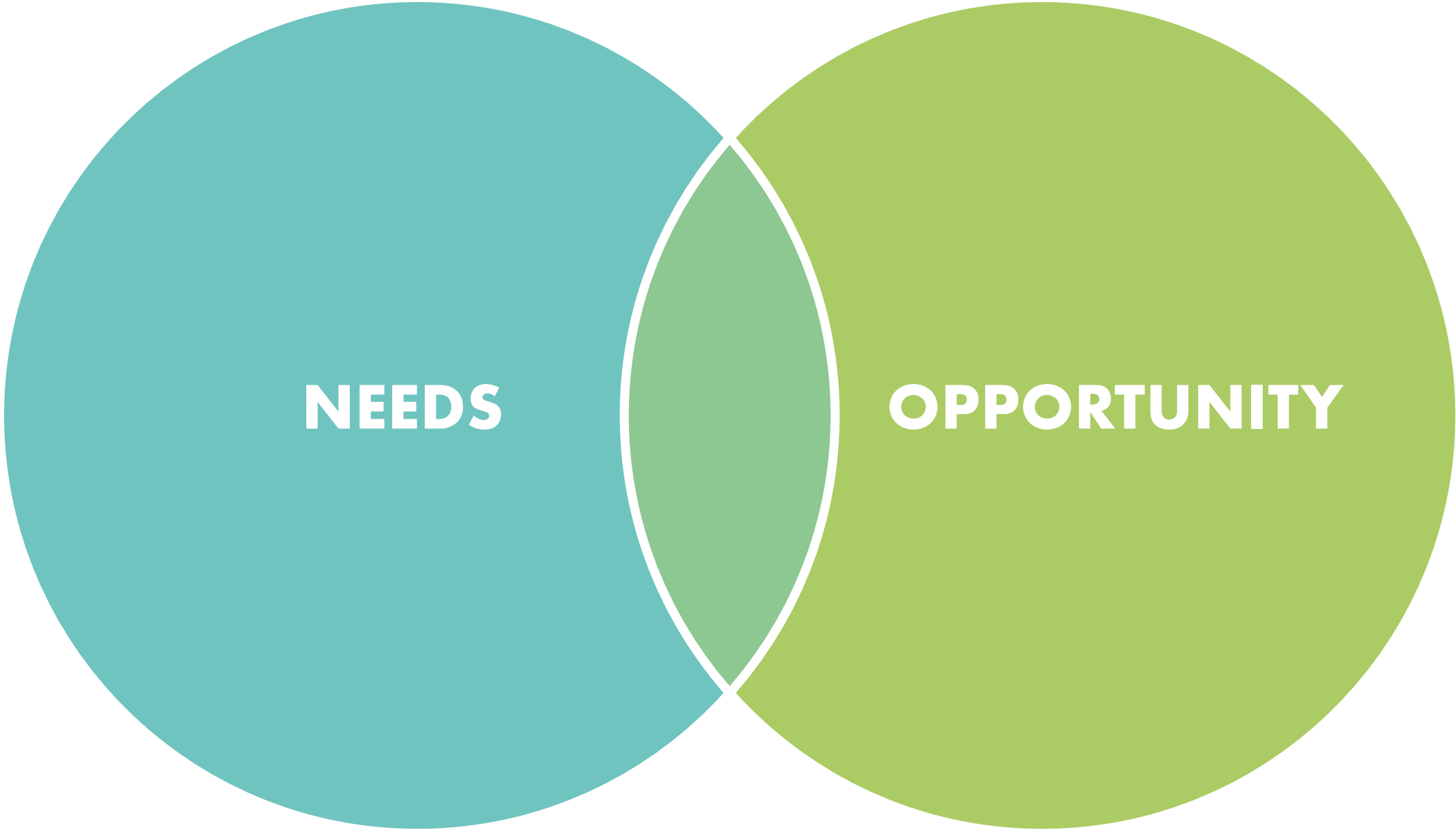
Tree Canopy and Shade, Wildland Urban Interface and Fire Risk, Regional Ecological Connectivity

OPPORTUNITY ANALYSIS

Existing Parkland
Potential Acquisitions
Partnerships
Arts, Schools, Streetscapes

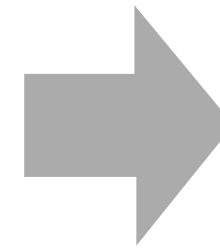
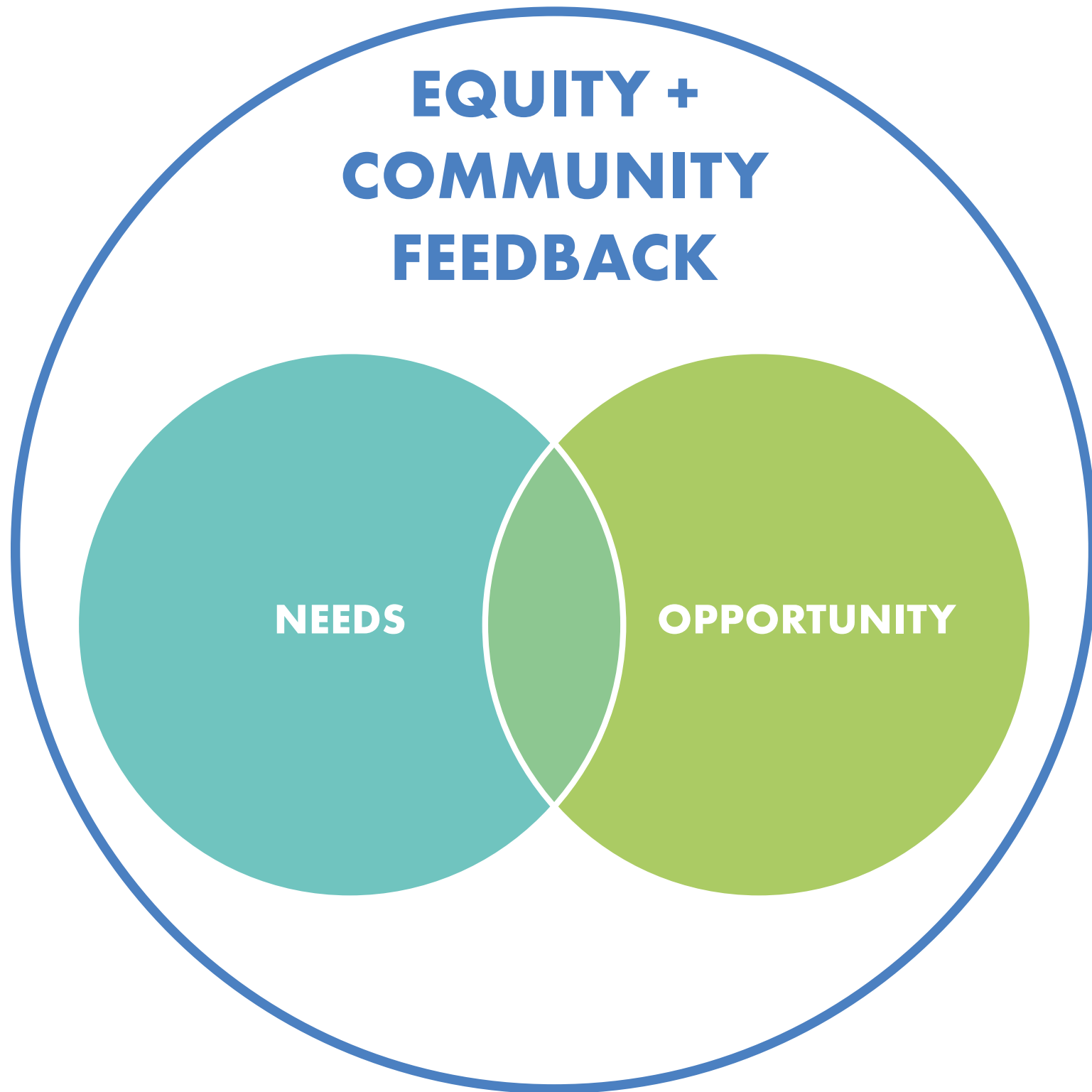


NEEDS + OPPORTUNITY OVERLAY





DEVELOPMENT OF PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS



**PLAN
RECOMMENDATIONS**

IMPORTANT UPCOMING DATES

Meetings with interested partners, research, analysis, and review of planning documents

Generating design ideas and vision alternatives based on community input

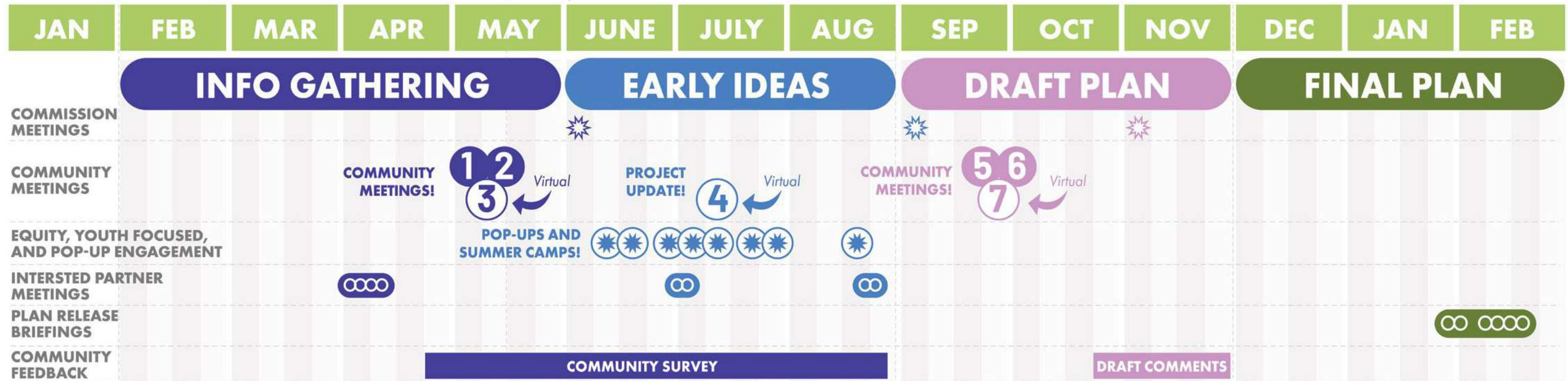
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Next Steps Include:

- Summer pop-ups
- Continue info gathering and begin sharing early ideas
- Continue meetings with interested partners
- Draft Parks Plan roll out for feedback in fall engagement meetings