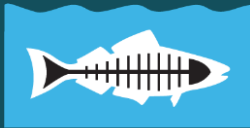


Central Santa Monica Bay (CSMB) Safe, Clean Water Projects & Disadvantaged Community Programming

WASC MEETING
APRIL 1, 2025



Heal the Bay



**SAFE CLEAN
WATER PROGRAM**




Purpose

1. Explore the location of awarded projects and current projects under consideration in relation to disadvantaged communities.
2. Inform WASC decision-making regarding direct benefits to disadvantaged communities.

Takeaway

- This slide deck is a resource for the WASC to reference when reviewing project applicants.

Interim Disadvantaged Community Programming Guidelines

Safe, Clean Water Program	
Implementing Disadvantaged Community Policies in the Regional Program	
	
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Purpose	
Experience to-date in the Regional Program reveals that aspects of Safe, Clean Water Program (SCWP) related to providing Disadvantaged Community Benefits require further guidance to better support achieving the outcomes sought. The SCWP emphasizes investments that produce benefits in or directly to disadvantaged communities. Complying with the Disadvantaged Community Benefit policy in the Program is complex, and asserting what benefits accrue to which communities is not easily quantified.	
As of May 2021, the District Program is developing a study which, among many things, will review how other funding programs that direct investment in disadvantaged communities have worked to overcome the many challenges that remain when seeking to implement the SCWP policy. That study will inform future guidance, currently expected in the Spring of 2022, in support of Stormwater Investment Plan (SIP) development in the Regional Program for Year 4 (2022-23).	

Available on the website under [SCWP Disadvantaged Community Benefit Policies](#)
tinyurl.com/SCWPDAC

SCW Program Definitions

“**Disadvantaged community**’ means a census block group that has an annual median household income of less than eighty percent (80%) of the Statewide annual median household income (as defined in Water Code section 79505.5).” (Section 16.03(H))



Example of a Census Block Group in the CSMB

“**Disadvantaged Community (DAC) Benefit**’ means a Water Quality Benefit, Water Supply Benefit, and/or Community Investment Benefit located in a DAC or providing benefits directly to a DAC population.” (Section 16.03(I))

“Water Quality Benefit”



“Water Supply Benefit”



“Community Investment Benefit”



SCWP Disadvantaged Community Benefit Policy

Provide Disadvantaged Community Benefits that are $\geq 110\%$ of the ratio of the disadvantaged community population to the total population in the Watershed Area. *(Section 18.04 (J))*

All Projects 5-Year Distribution

DISADVANTAGED COMMUNITY (DAC) ALLOCATION

Required DAC Ratio	45%
Required Funding for DACs FY25-30 (110%)	\$15,264,547
Funding Allocated for DACs FY25-30 (~160%)	\$24,344,323

To date, the CSMB SIPs have met and exceeded required investment in disadvantaged communities.

Projects provide a Disadvantaged Community Benefit if:

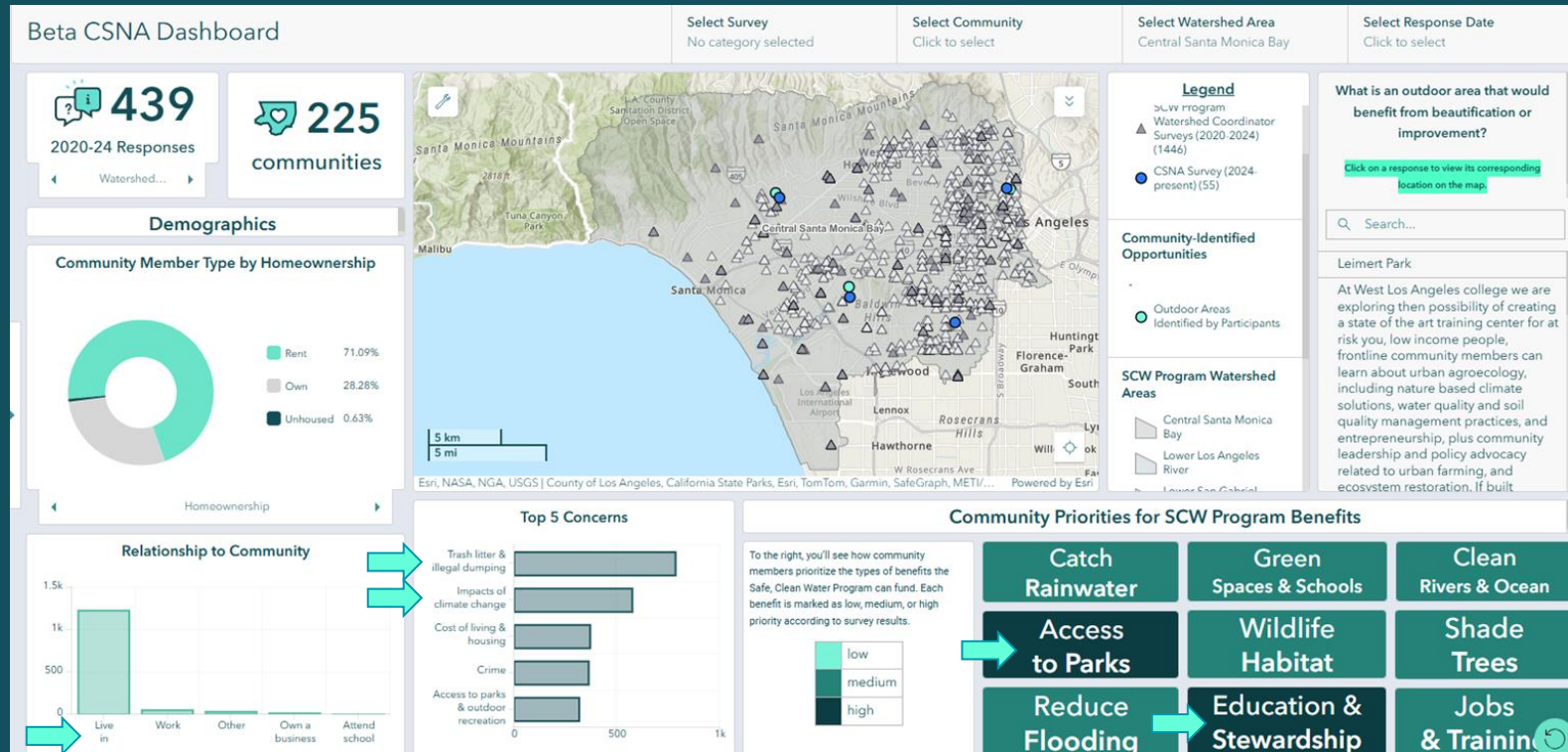
1. **Any of the construction effort** is within a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community

OR

1. **None** of the construction effort is within a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community **BUT it provides a “direct benefit”** to a census block group designated as a disadvantaged community. Indicating a project...
 - Meets the goals of the SCWP
 - The benefits provided to the community by each Project, and the area within which those benefits will be felt.

How Can you as a WASC Validate Direct Benefits?

Hearing from community members is the best way to validate a direct benefit.



Other Possible Considerations:

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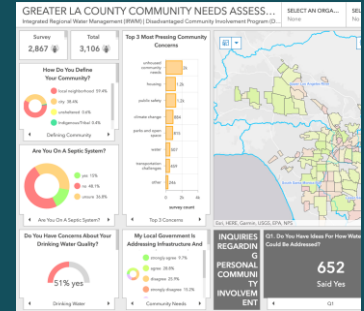
Some projects are near disadvantaged block groups. Can us the SCWP Spatial Data Library

Other Census data ([DWR
DAC
Mapping Tool](https://tinyurl.com/DWRDACmap))

CalEnviroScreen
4.0
tinyurl.com/CaEnviroScreen4

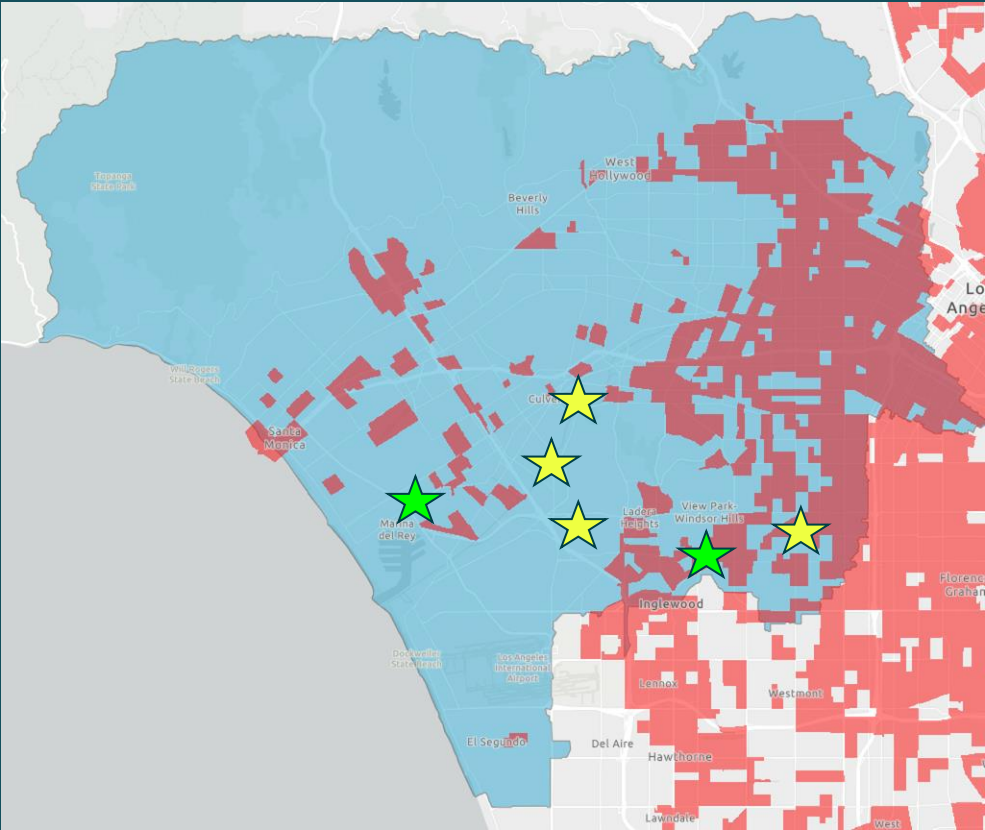


LA County RPOSD Park Needs
Assessment
tinyurl.com/LACparkneed





IRWM DAC Involvement Program
Greater LA County Needs
Assessment
tinyurl.com/IRWMPDAC

FY 25/26 Projects Under Consideration



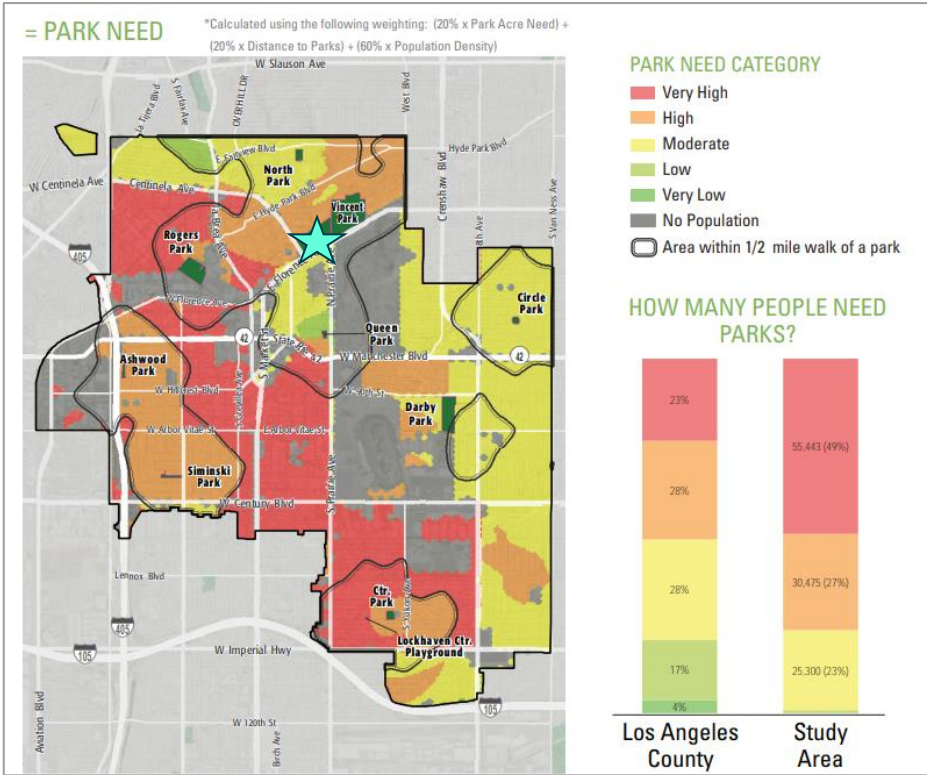
TRPs Submitted Projects for FY 25-26

PMRs Submitted Projects for FY 25-26

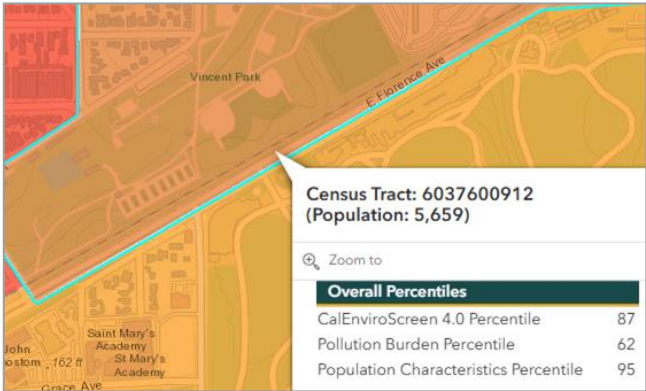
	Located in DAC	Claims DAC Benefit	Does Not Claim DAC Benefit
PMR 	1	1	1
TRP 	1	4	0

PMR

Edward Vincent Jr. Park Project (PMR)



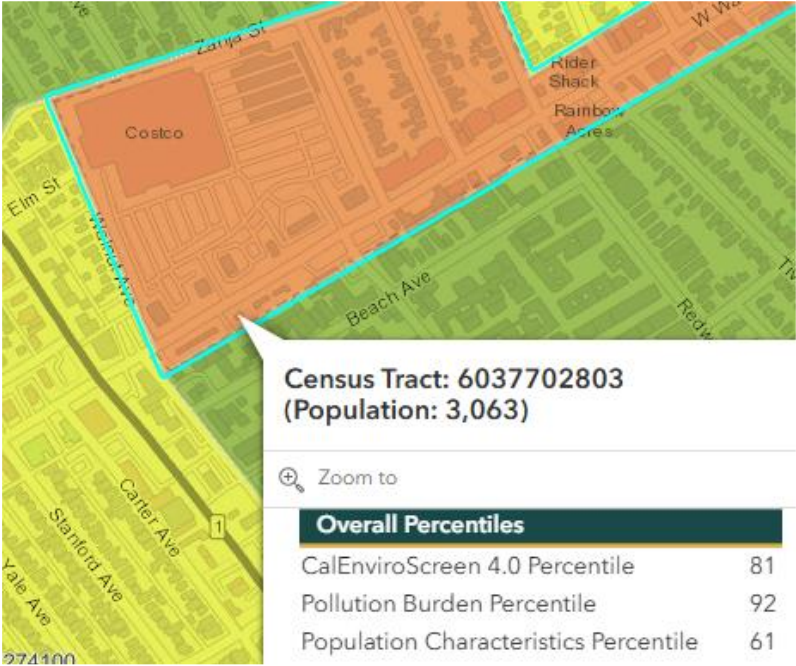
Located in a DAC?	Yes
Claims Benefits to DACs?	Yes
CalEnviroScreen Score	87th Percentile
Park Need	High



PMR

Washington Boulevard Project (PMR)

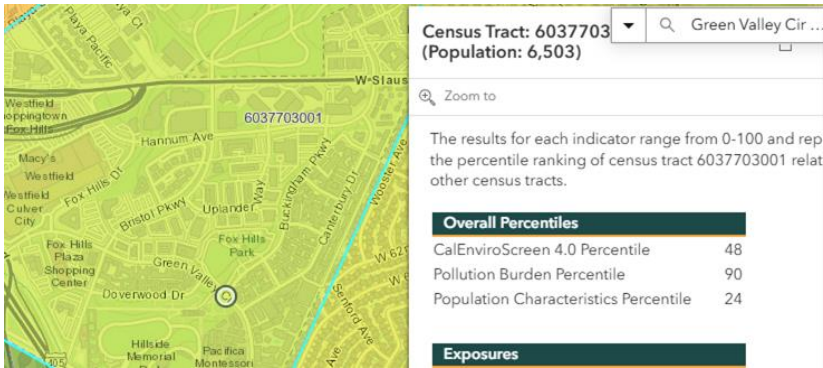
CalEnviroscreen:



Located in a DAC?	No
Claims Benefits to DACs?	No
CalEnviroScreen Score	81st Percentile
Park Need	Moderate-High

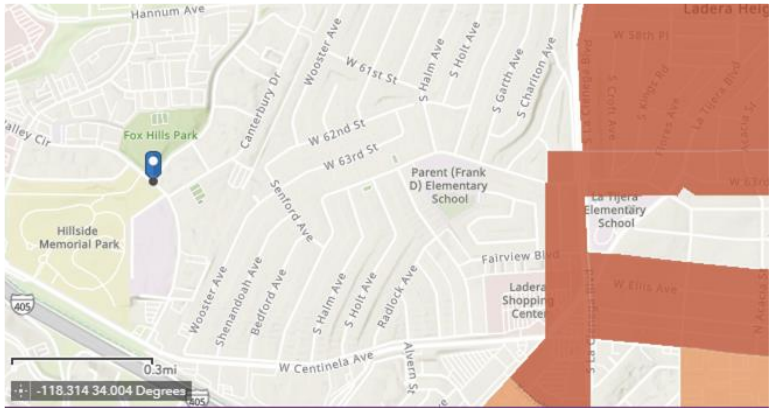
TRP Fox Hills Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture (TRP)

CalEnviroscreen:

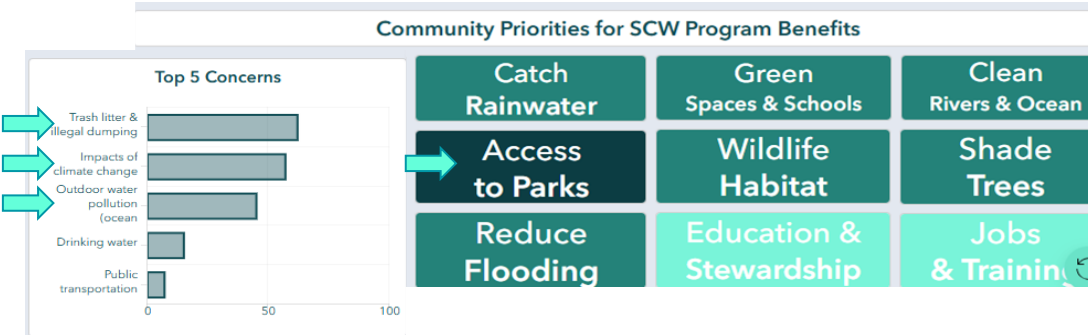


Located in a DAC?	No
Claims Benefits to DACs?	Yes
CalEnviroScreen Score	48th Percentile
Park Need	Moderate

DWR DAC Mapping Tool:



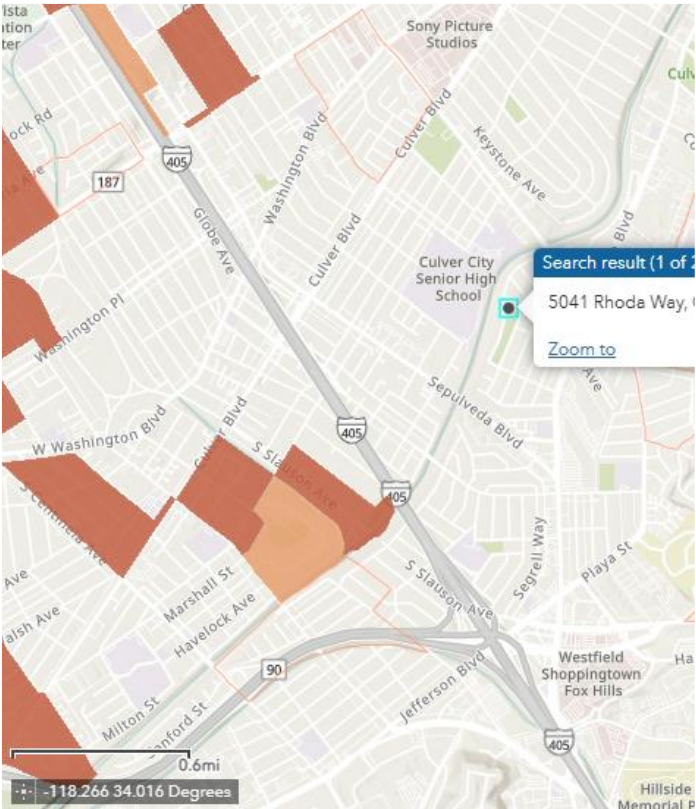
CSNA Results for Culver City, Playa Vista LANC, Westchester LANC:



TRP

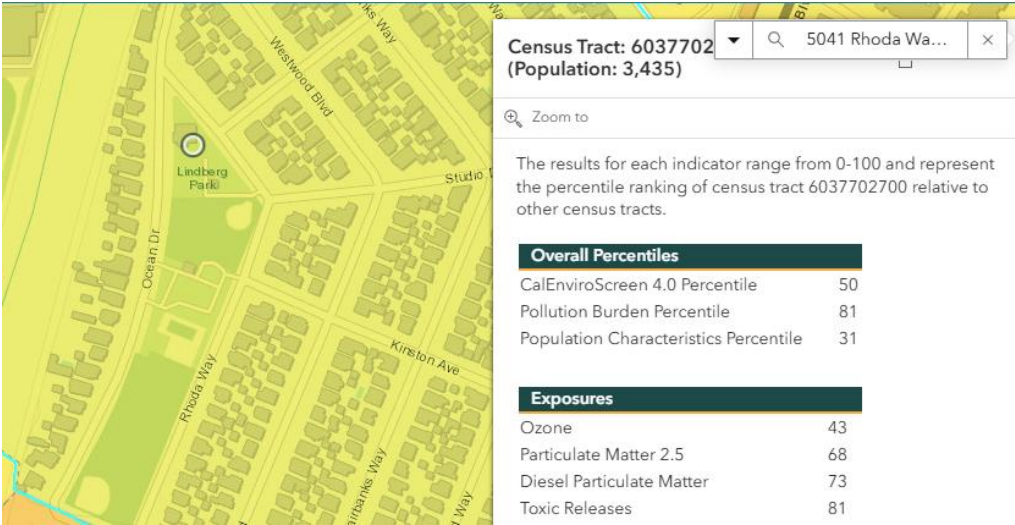
Lindberg Park Multi-Benefit Stormwater Capture (TRP)

DWR DAC Mapping Tool:



Located in a DAC?	No
Claims Benefits to DACs?	Yes
CalEnviroScreen Score	50th Percentile
Park Need	Low

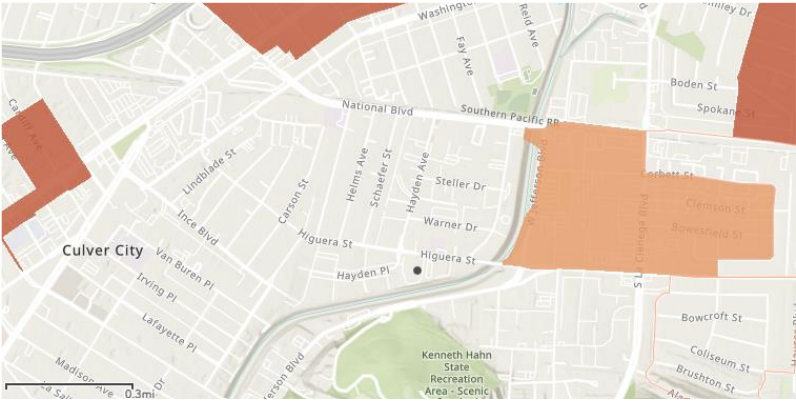
CalEnviroscreen:



TRP

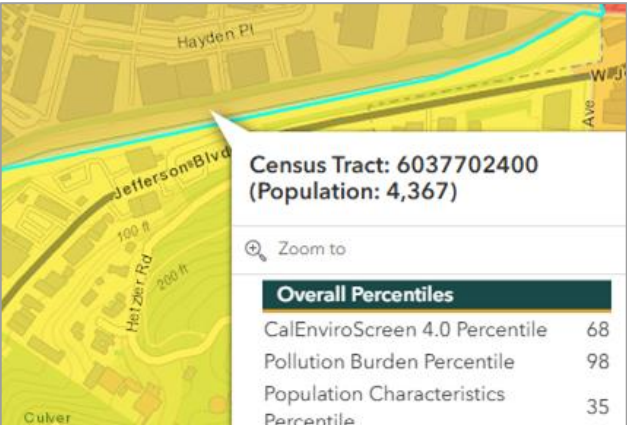
Hayden Tract Community Greenbelt (TRP)

DWR DAC Mapping Tools:



Located in a DAC?	No
Claims Benefits to DACs?	Yes
CalEnviroScreen Score	68th Percentile
Park Need	Moderate

CalEnviroScreen:



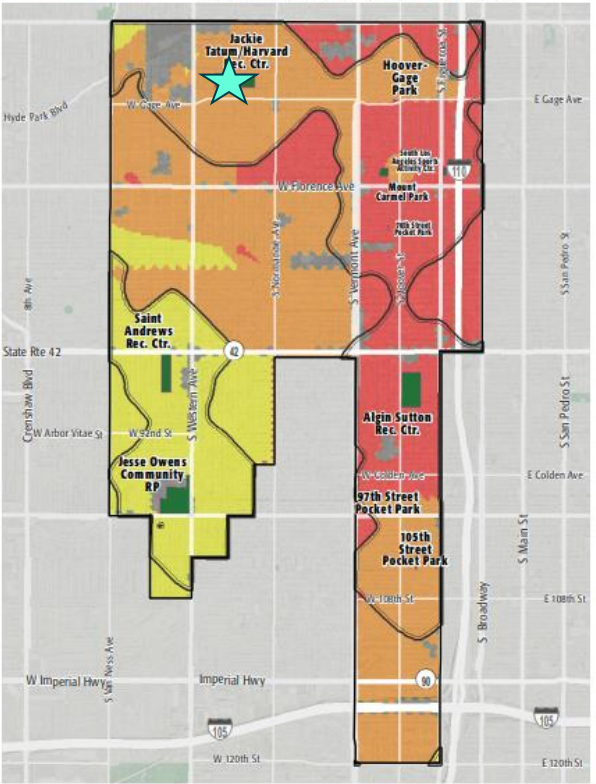
CSNA Results for Culver City, Baldwin Hills LANC, Del Rey LANC, Westchester LANC, Mar Vista LANC, Palms LANC:



TRP Western Gage Green Alleys Project (TRP)

= PARK NEED

*Calculated using the following weighting: (20% x Park Acre Need) + (20% x Distance to Parks) + (60% x Population Density)



PARK NEED CATEGORY

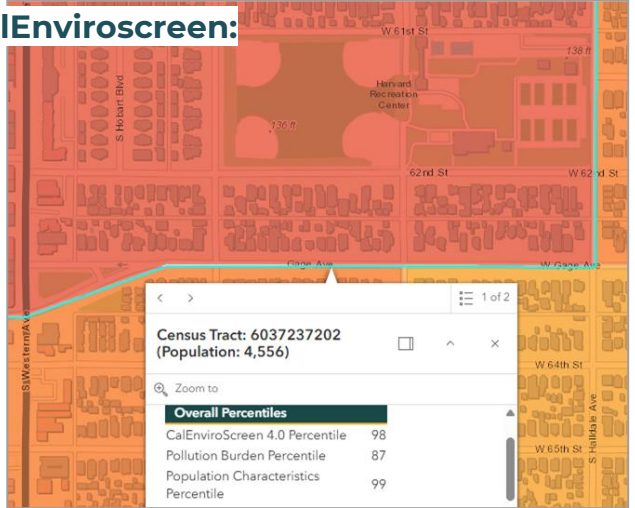
- Very High
- High
- Moderate
- Low
- Very Low
- No Population
- Area within 1/2 mile walk of a park

HOW MANY PEOPLE NEED PARKS?










Located in a DAC?	Yes
Claims Benefits to DACs?	Yes
CalEnviroScreen Score	98th percentile
Park Need	High



CalEnviroScreen:







Community Investment Benefits Details & Icon Legend

Community Investment Benefits	Icon
1. Improve flood management, flood conveyance, or flood risk mitigation	
2. Create, enhance, or restore park space, habitat, or wetland space	
3. Improve public access to waterways	
4. Create or enhance new recreational opportunities	
5. Create or enhance green spaces at school	
6. Reduce heat local island effect and increase shade	
7. Increase shade or the number of trees or other vegetation	




Overview of Funded CSMB Projects

Project Name	Claim DAC benefit?	Within a DAC?	Cal Enviro Screen	Park Need	Community Investment Benefits	\$ SCWP Ask
Beverly Hills Burton Way Green Street and Water Efficient Landscape Project (IP)	No	No	44	Moderate		\$5M
Culver City Mesmer Low Flow Diversion (IP)	No	No	61	High-Low		\$950k
Ladera Park Stormwater Improvements Project (IP)	No	No	58	Low-Very Low		\$2M
MacArthur Lake Rehabilitation Project (IP)	Yes	Yes	86	Very High		\$31M
Monteith Park and View Park Green Alley Stormwater Improvements Project (IP)	Yes	Yes	63	Low		\$4.5M

Overview of FY 25-26 CSMB Projects Cont.

Project Name	Claim DAC benefit?	Within a DAC?	Cal Enviro Screen	Park Need	Community Investment Benefits	\$ SCWP Ask
Sustainable Water Infrastructure Project (IP)	Yes	Yes	81	Low		\$7M
Washington Boulevard Stormwater and Urban Runoff Diversion (IP)	No	No	81	Low		\$3.M
Ballona Creek TMDL Project (IP)	No	No	53	Moderate		\$22M
Slauson Connect Clean Water Project (IP)	Yes	Yes	85	Very High		\$4.9 M
Angeles Mesa Green Infrastructure Corridor Project (IP)	Yes	Yes	79	Moderate		\$8.4 M

Overview of FY 25-26 CSMB Projects Cont.

Project Name	Claim DAC benefit?	Within a DAC?	Cal Enviro Screen	Park Need	Community Investment Benefits	\$ SCWP Ask
Edward Vincent Jr. Park Stormwater Improvements Project (IP)	Yes	Yes	87	Low		\$4.3M
Ladera Heights - W Centinela Ave Green Improvement (IP)	No	No	47	High-Low		\$500k
Imperial Highway Green Infrastructure Project (IP)	Yes	Yes	36	Low		\$5.2M
Community Garden Stormwater Capture Investigation (SS)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Helps promote access to green space	\$371k
Microplastics in LA County Stormwater (SS)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Promotes public education	\$247k
Regional Pathogen Reduction (SS)	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Helps protect human health	\$1.2M

Moving Forward

As a WASC, you are tasked with validating whether a Project provides a “direct benefit” to a disadvantaged community. Done on a project-by-project basis.

Take into consideration:

- What you have heard from the community themselves?
- What benefits is the project providing and how are these quantified?
- What areas will experience those benefits?
- Do the project benefits meet community-identified priorities and concerns?
- What other project-specific considerations should be taken into account?
(E.g. community access to a site)

THANK YOU