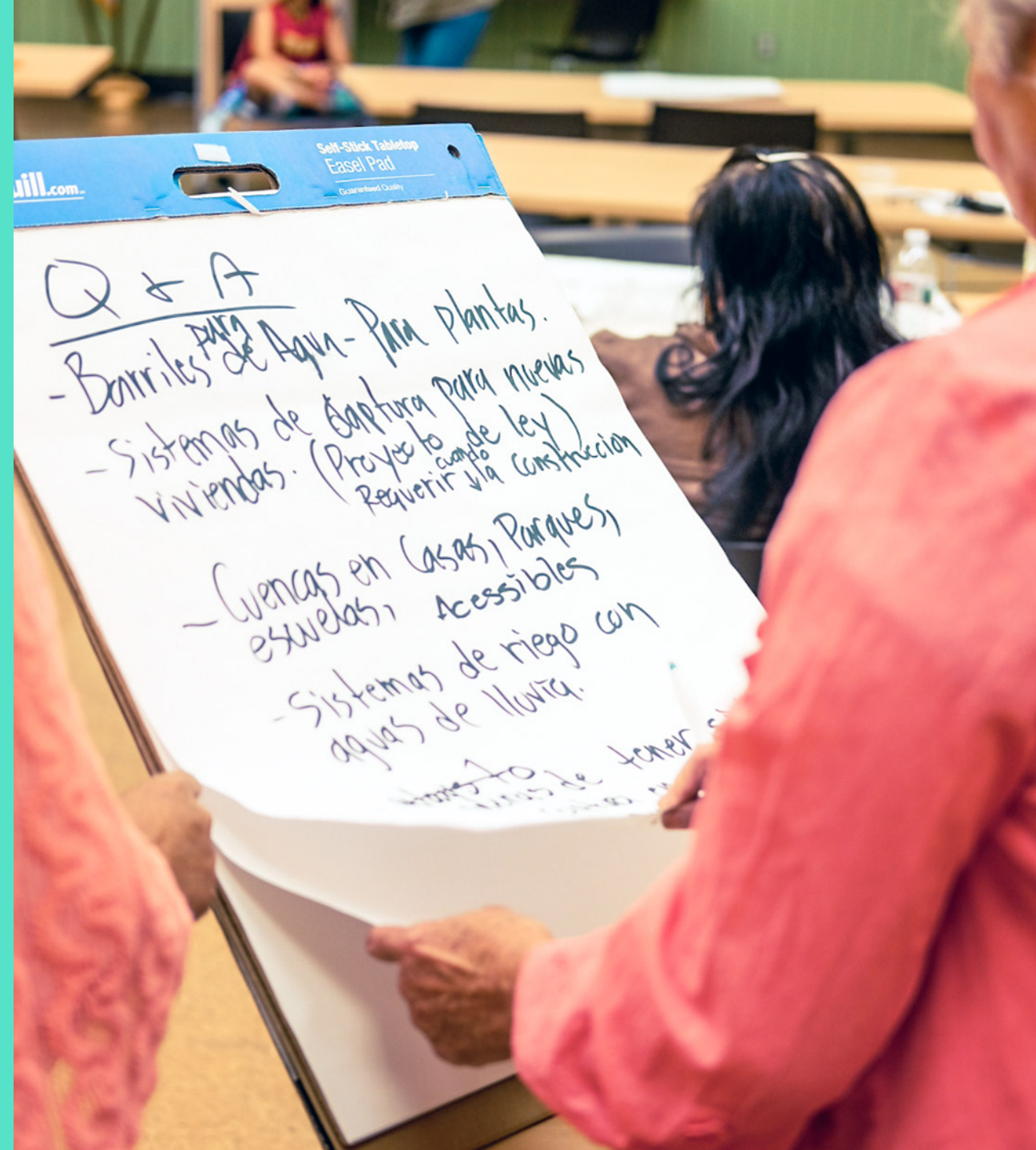


SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM

October 21st, 2026

Highlights from the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) 2025 Annual Report

South Santa Monica Bay Watershed Area Steering Committee



The Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) was created to give residents the opportunity to share what matters most in their neighborhoods and outline their communities' strengths, key needs, and opportunities.

What changes
would you like to
see in LA County?



Share your vision with the
**Safe, Clean Water Program
Community Strengths and
Needs Assessment.**

Scan the QR Code or visit
SafeCleanWaterLA.org/Survey
to participate!



Scan Me!

What is it?

LA County Safe, Clean Water Program

Community Strengths & Needs Assessment Survey

The Safe, Clean Water Program wants YOUR INPUT about the things you like, and the things you would like to change, in your community.

Your response is completely anonymous.

This questionnaire will take approximately 5 minutes to complete and may be completed at your own pace.

All questions require a response except where noted as "optional."

To view the survey in another language, click **English-US** at the top of the page and select your preferred language.



1. Think of one area of LA County that you know best. This could be the area where you live, work, study, or otherwise spend time.

What is the name of this community?*

This can be a city (such as "Alhambra" or "Carson") or a neighborhood (such as "Boyle Heights" or "North Long Beach"). Please be as specific as possible.

1a. Please indicate this community on the map.*

Click on the map to drop a pin or type in an address in the search bar to find that location. (Optional)

Encuesta de fortalezas de la comunidad y evaluación de necesidades

Programa de agua limpia y segura del Condado de Los Angeles

El Programa de agua limpia y segura (Safe, Clean Water Program) desea SU OPINIÓN sobre las cosas que le gustan y las cosas que le gustaría cambiar en su comunidad. **Su respuesta es completamente anónima.** Tardará aproximadamente 5 minutos en llenar este cuestionario y puede hacerlo a su propio ritmo. Todas las preguntas requieren una respuesta, excepto cuando se indique como "opcional".

Piense en un área del Condado de LA que conozca mejor. Esta podría ser el área en la que vive, trabaja, estudia o pasa tiempo de otra forma. ¿Cuál es el nombre de esta comunidad?

Puede ser una ciudad (como "Alhambra" o "Carson") o un vecindario (como "Boyle Heights" o "North Long Beach"). Por favor, sea tan específico como pueda.

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¿Cuál es su relación con esta comunidad? Seleccione todo lo que corresponda.

☐ Vivo en esta comunidad. ☐ Trabajo en esta comunidad.

☐ Tengo un negocio en esta comunidad. ☐ Asisto a la escuela en esta comunidad.

Otro (Describa a continuación)

Seleccione la opción que mejor describa su situación de vivienda actual. Seleccione uno.

☐ Es de mi propiedad ☐ Rento ☐ Alojamiento temporal

☐ Sin alojamiento ☐ Otro

Enumere una cosa que usted disfruta de su comunidad. (Opcional)

¿Cuáles problemas le preocupan más en su comunidad? Elija hasta 3.

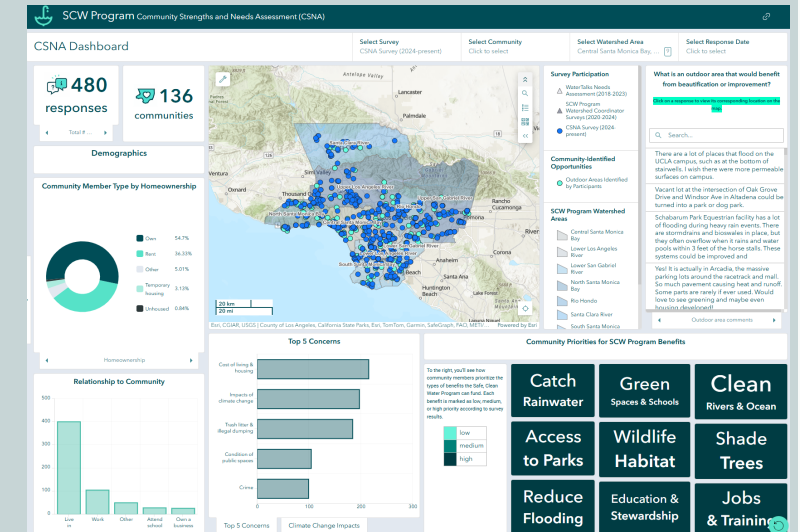
☐ Desperdicios, basura y tiradero ilegal ☒ Costo de vida y de vivienda

☐ Delitos ☐ Tráfico y estacionamiento

☐ Transporte público, peatones y seguridad para bicicletas ☐ Contaminación del agua del exterior (océano, ríos, lagos)

☐ Agua potable ☒ Calidad del aire

☐ Acceso a los parques y recreación al aire libre ☐ Estado de los espacios públicos (aceras, parques, calles)



Digital Survey

Available on desktop and mobile, in 10 languages

Paper Survey

Used by Watershed Coordinators during in-person outreach

Dashboard

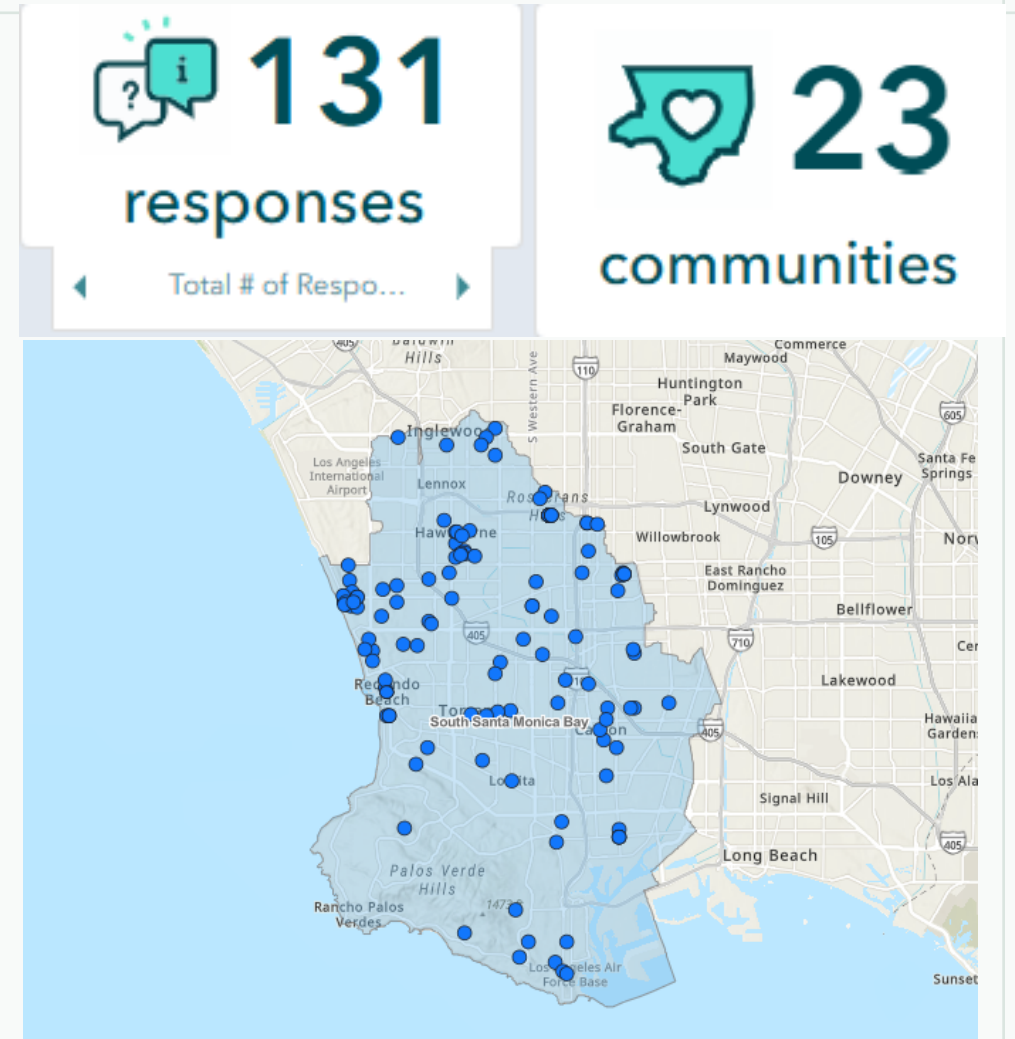
Interactive map and filters visualize and summarize response data

How can the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) be used by WASCs, Watershed Coordinators, and others?

- Learn about community strengths, needs, and priorities ahead of planned **engagement** activities
- Demonstrate project alignment with Initial **Watershed Plans**
- Inform **project design** with community-stated needs
- Assess whether project **benefits** claimed by Project Applicants align with community-identified needs and priorities
- Identify opportunities to improve existing **community outreach** efforts

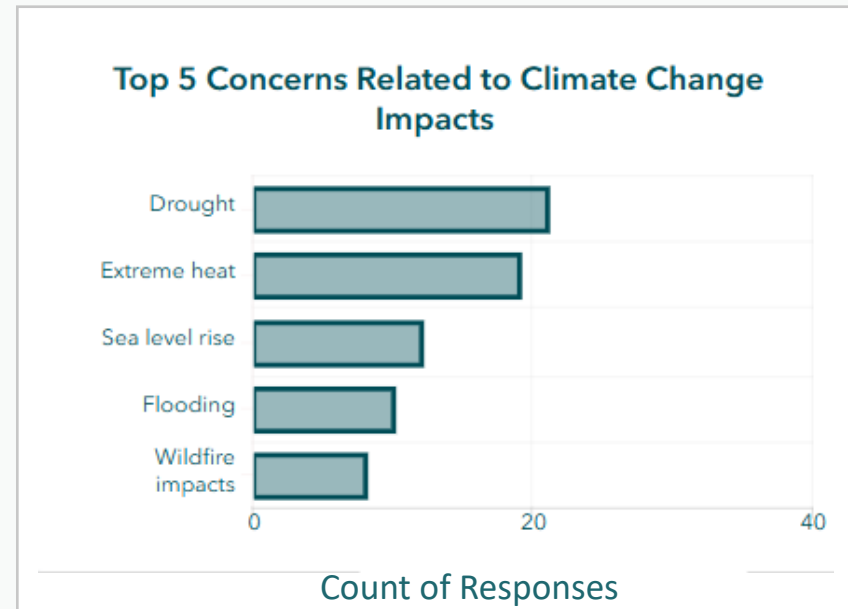
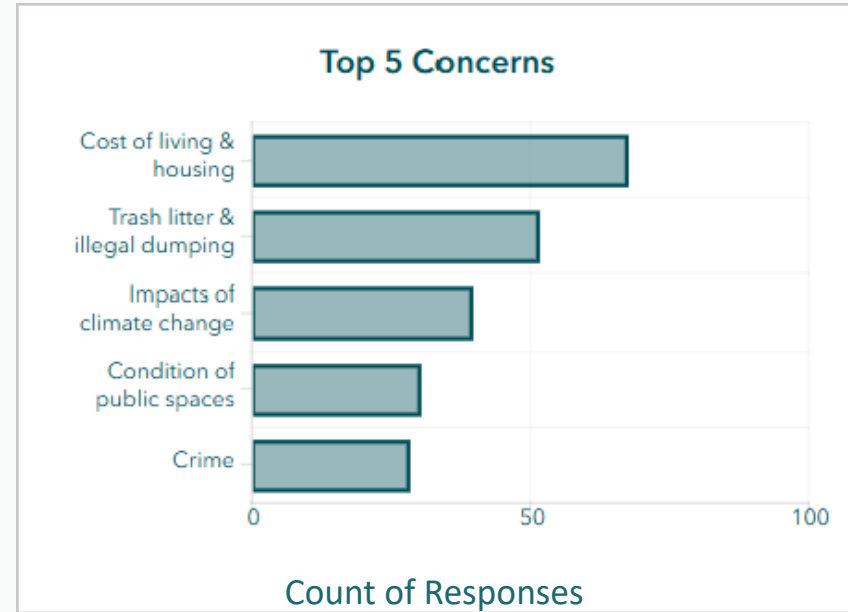
CSNA Participation

- Reporting period: November 2024 – December 2025
- Participant demographics:
 - 55% own their home
 - 77% speak English at home
 - 86% live in the watershed area
 - 0% are unhoused
 - 3% identify as Native American, indigenous, and/or tribal

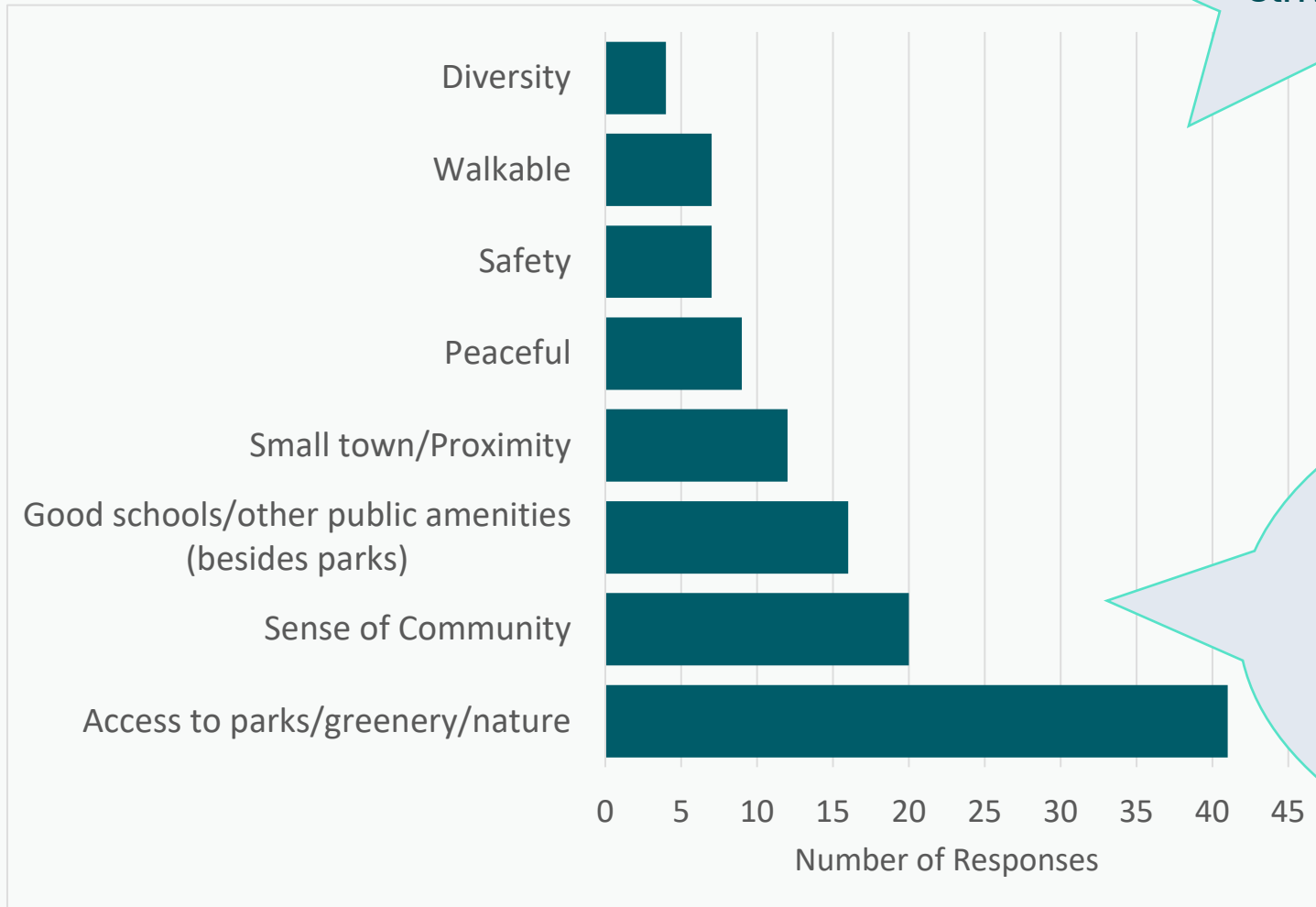


Community-Identified Concerns

Additional comments emphasized concerns about **water quality** and **safety**, **stormwater management**, **water conservation**, the need for **more trees and green spaces**, **cleaner parks**, **safe bike infrastructure**, and **increased education** on environmental and water stewardship.



Community-Identified Strengths



"A vibrant coastal city with beautiful beaches and parks—an exceptional place to live and work, where the community strives for excellence"

"I know my neighbors, we look out for each other..."

"...I enjoy how many recreational and sporting activities are in my community because it improves physical and mental health, enhances social skills, and opportunities for personal growth helping myself and other kids in my community..."

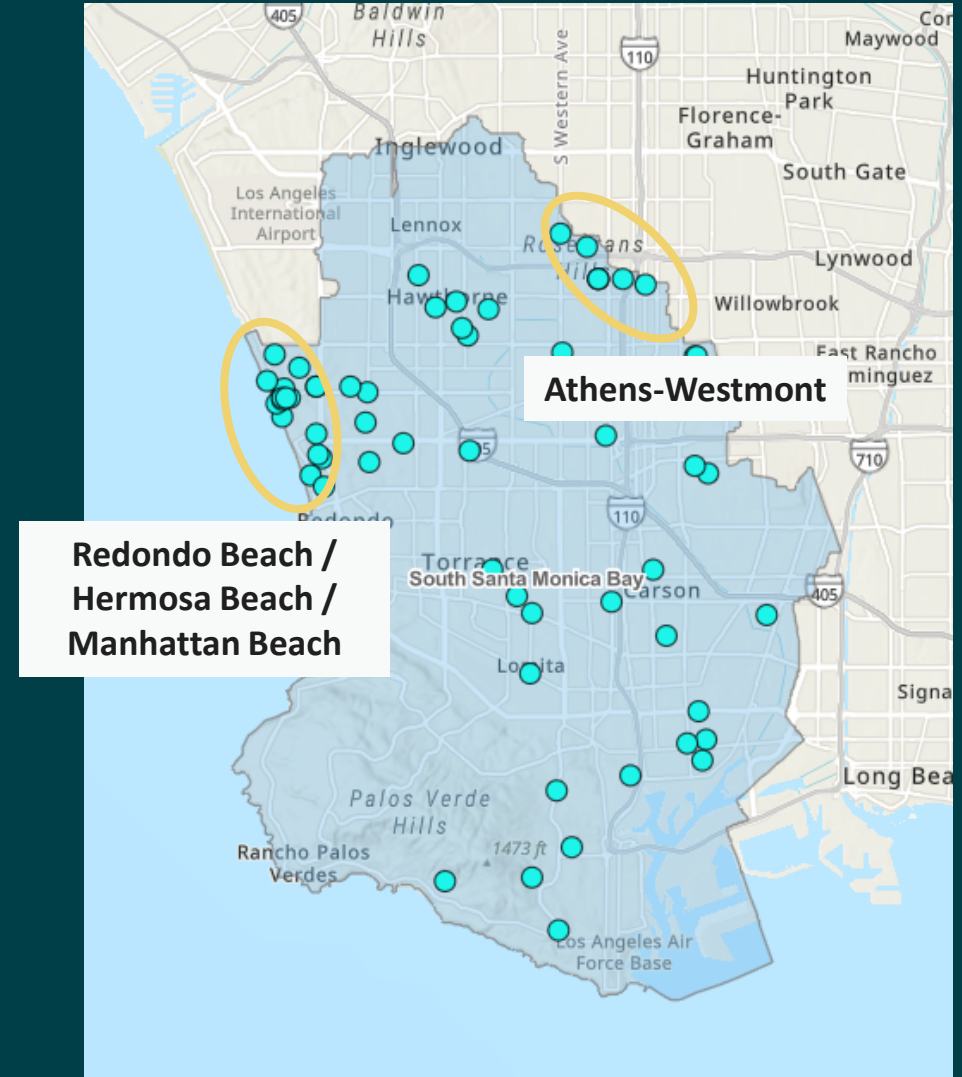
Community Priorities for SCW Program Benefits

Echoing “strengths” in the last slide, community members prioritize **green spaces & schools, cleaner waterways, and access to parks.**

Ranking	Community Benefit
1 st	Cleaner water in our bays, rivers, lakes & at the beach
2 nd	Access to parks, walking paths & outdoor recreation
3 rd	Greener outdoor areas, less pavement at schools
4 th	Capture & store rainwater for future use
5 th	Street trees & plants to combat extreme heat
6 th	Public education about pollution prevention & environmental stewardship
7 th	Employment & job training opportunities
8 th	Improved wildlife habitat
9 th	Flooding protection

Community-Identified Improvement Areas

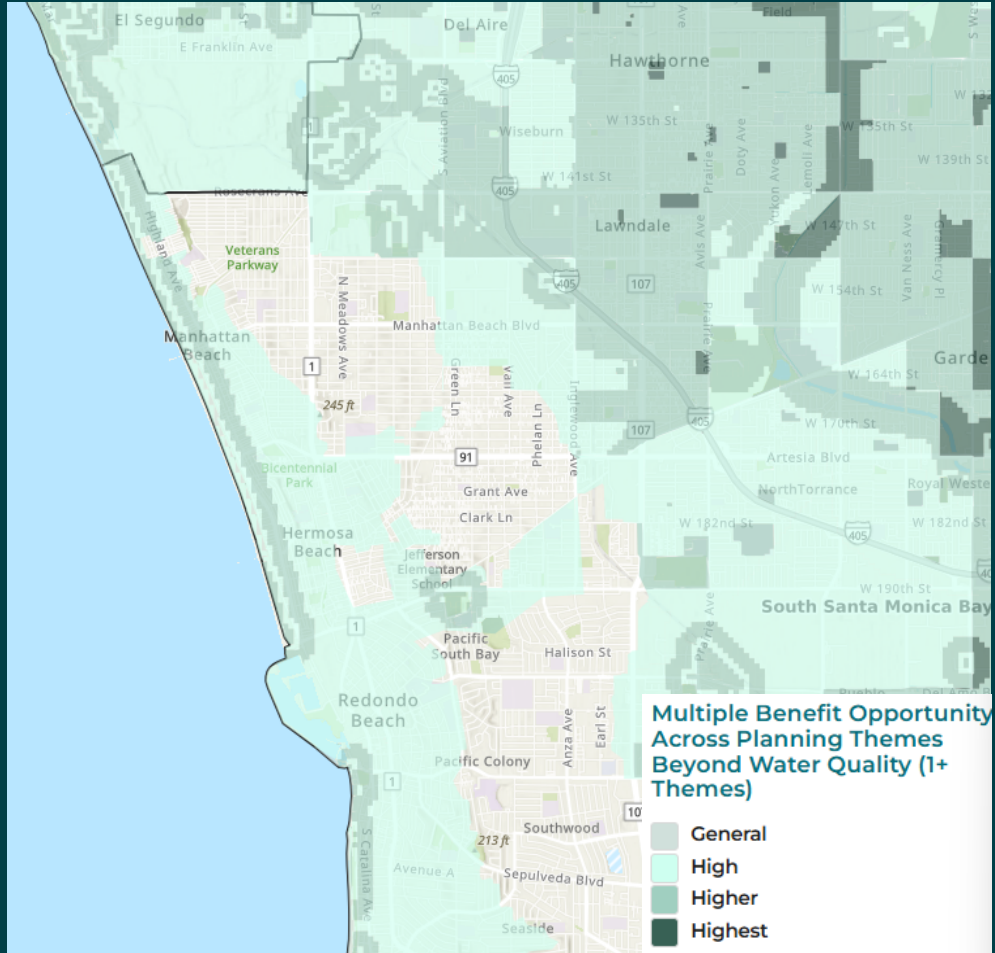
- CSNA participants are asked to identify an outdoor area in their community that would benefit from improvement or beautification.
- 125 responses to this question were submitted for SSMB during reporting period.
- 2 high-density clusters (>10 records per sq mile)



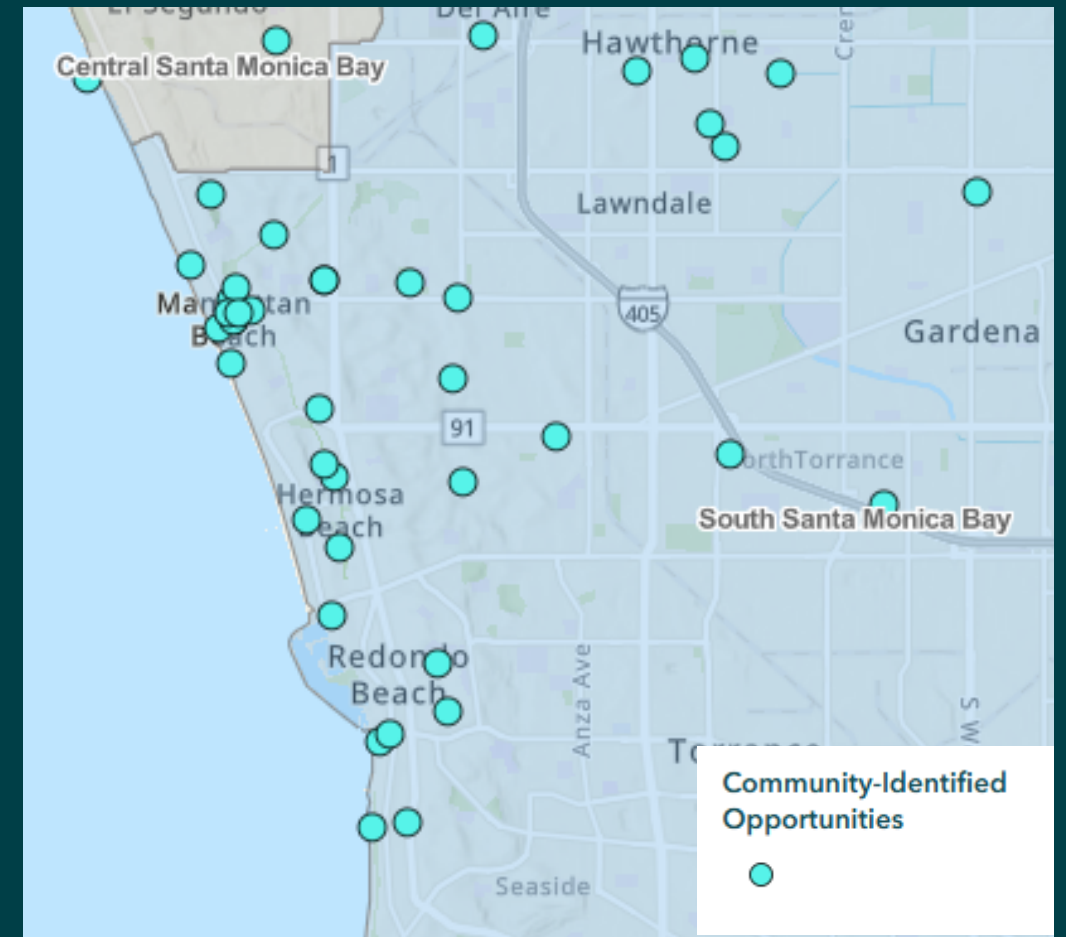
Key Findings in High-Density Improvement Area Clusters

Cluster Name (response count)	Key Themes	Priority Improvement Areas (count of mentions) Bold text indicates a SCW Program Infrastructure Program Project or Project Concept has been funded in the area
Athens-Westmont (23 responses)	- Clean and maintain roads and sidewalks, and plant shade trees along streets to improve walkability. - Beautify community parks and convert abandoned spaces into public green spaces.	Athens Park (2)
Redondo Beach / Hermosa Beach / Manhattan Beach (21 responses)	- Improve sidewalk conditions and connectivity. - Add more native greenery to public spaces and parks. - Improve stormwater drainage to improve water quality and reduce flooding. - Public access	- Veteran's Parkway and Greenbelt (3) Manhattan Beach (3) - Pollywog Park (2)

Alignment with Multiple Benefit Opportunity Areas

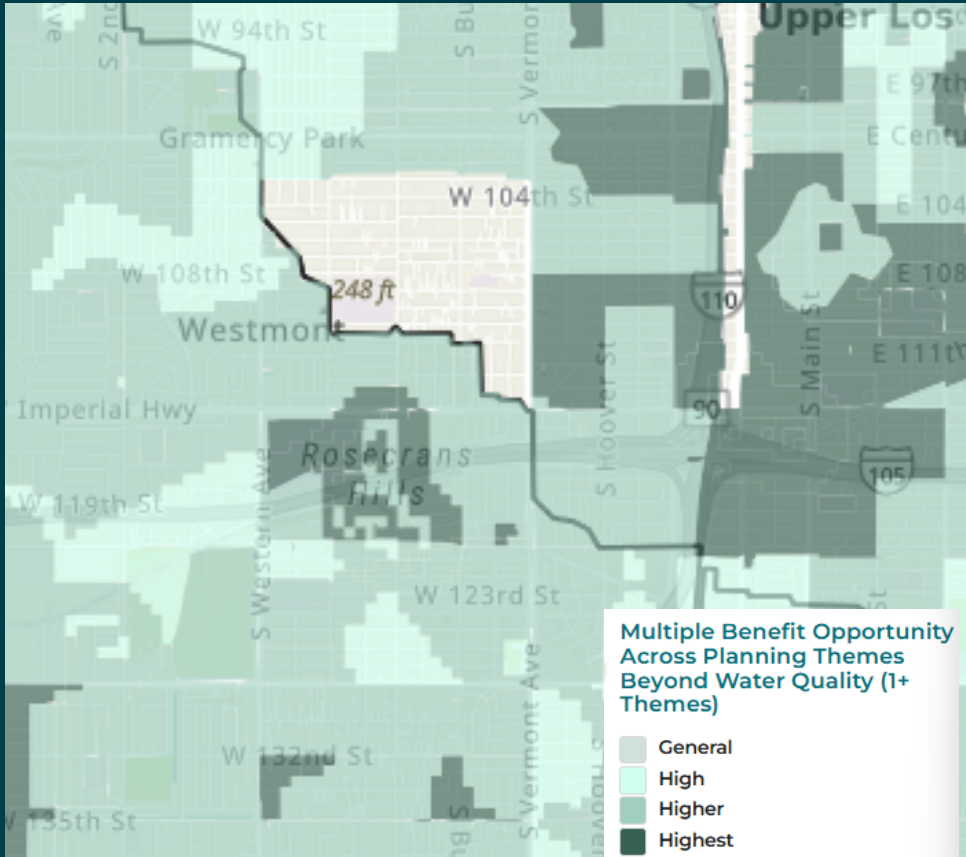


SSMB Multiple Benefit Opportunity Areas Across Planning Themes (1+ themes)

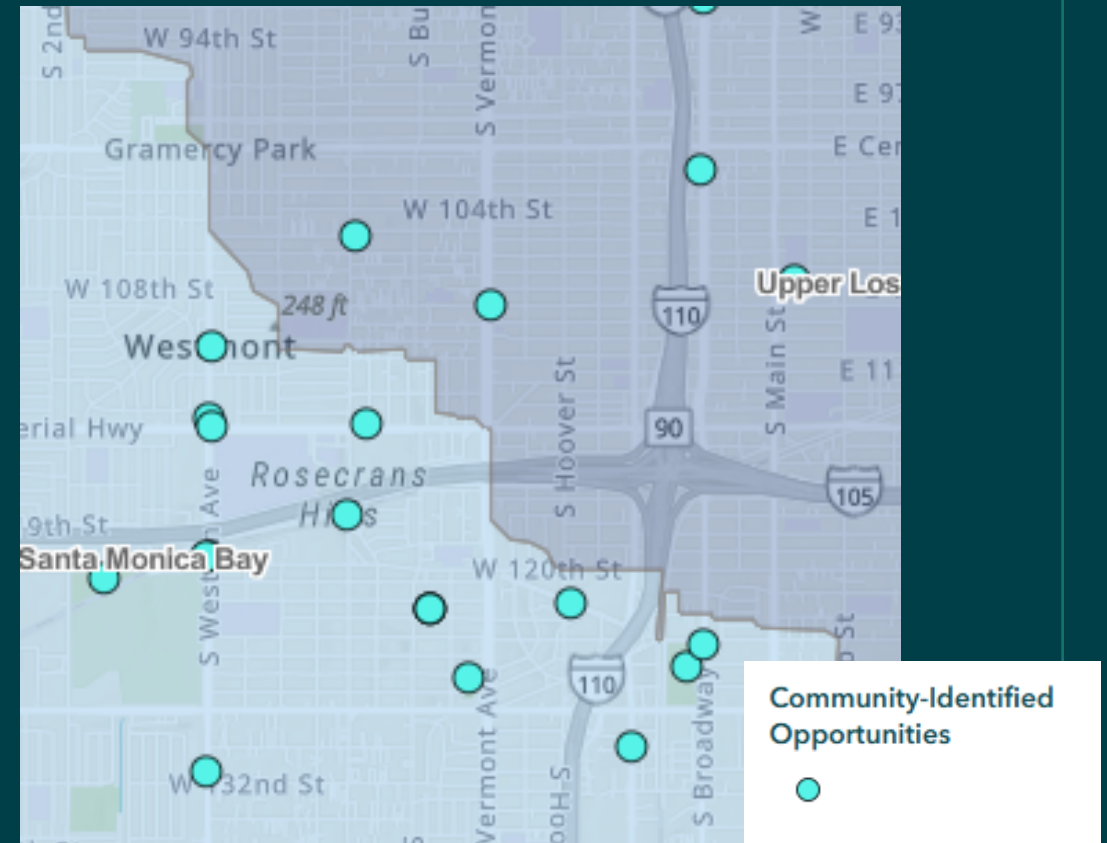


High-Density Cluster of Community-Identified Improvement Areas: Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach

Alignment with Multiple Benefit Opportunity Areas



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High-Density Cluster of Community-Identified Improvement Areas: Athens-Westmont

CSNA Resources Available on the SCW Program Website



Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA)
Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

1. What is the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment?

The Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA) consists of a brief Survey, to gather input from the public about community needs, strengths, and priorities, and a Dashboard (an online GIS-based tool) that visually showcases survey results and tracks trends in responses. Information gathered through the CSNA may serve as a resource for anyone interested in engaging with Los Angeles County's Safe, Clean Water Program (SCW Program). The CSNA Survey and Dashboard will remain open to new responses on an ongoing basis, acting as a "living database" of community voices in Los Angeles County.

The CSNA Survey launched on November 27, 2024, and can be taken by anyone and the CSNA Dashboard launched shortly thereafter on March 3, 2025. To access the CSNA Survey, [Click Here](#). To access the CSNA Dashboard, [Click Here](#).

2. Why was the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment created?

In 2019, Los Angeles County Public Works (Public Works) commissioned the Metrics and Monitoring Study (MMS) to conduct a program-wide assessment of the SCW Program. MMS included recommendations for the development of program methods, metrics, and monitoring criteria to inform tracking, planning, reporting, and decision-making in the SCW Program. An early product of MMS, the [Equity in Stormwater Investments white paper](#) recommended the creation of a process "to assess and report community needs, strengths, and preferences on an ongoing basis." Similarly, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors and the SCW Program's Regional Oversight Committee recognized and supported the need to develop a process to obtain community feedback as it relates to the SCW Program.

To address this need, Public Works developed the CSNA to inform anyone engaging with the SCW Program about the issues and priorities that are most important to local communities.

3. How will the information collected from the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment be shared with the public?

Information gathered through the CSNA Survey is published on an online GIS-based tool called the CSNA Dashboard. The CSNA Dashboard uses charts, graphs, an interactive map, and other data visualization tools to summarize survey results and track trends in responses over time.

CSNA Survey results will also be summarized and made available as a downloadable data layer in the SCW Program [Spatial Data Library](#). The Spatial Data Library (SDL) is a collection of public resources relevant to the SCW Program. The SDL can be used to explore

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FAQ

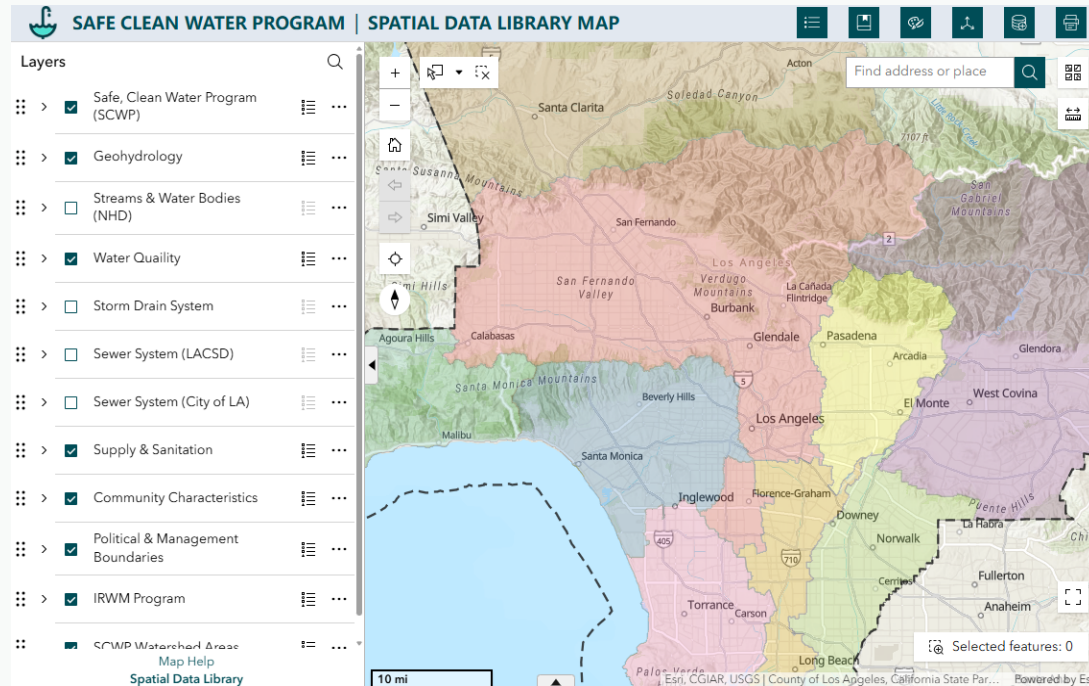


Promoting the Community Strengths and Needs Assessment (CSNA)

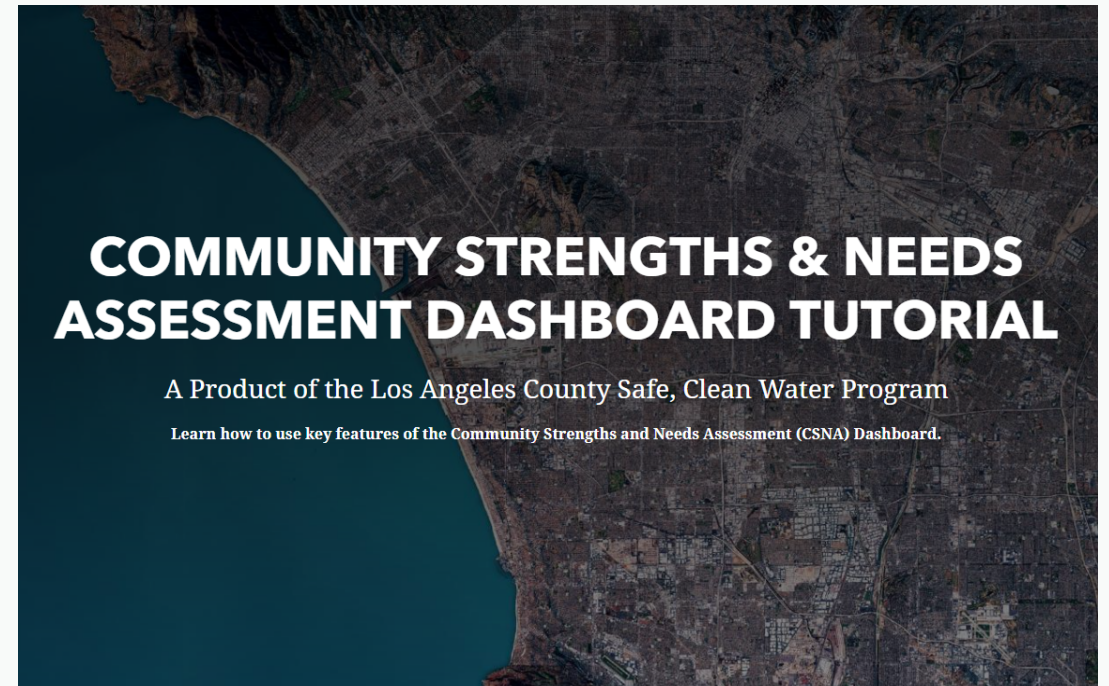


Promotion Toolkit

CSNA Resources Available on the SCW Program Website



Spatial Data Library



Dashboard Tutorial

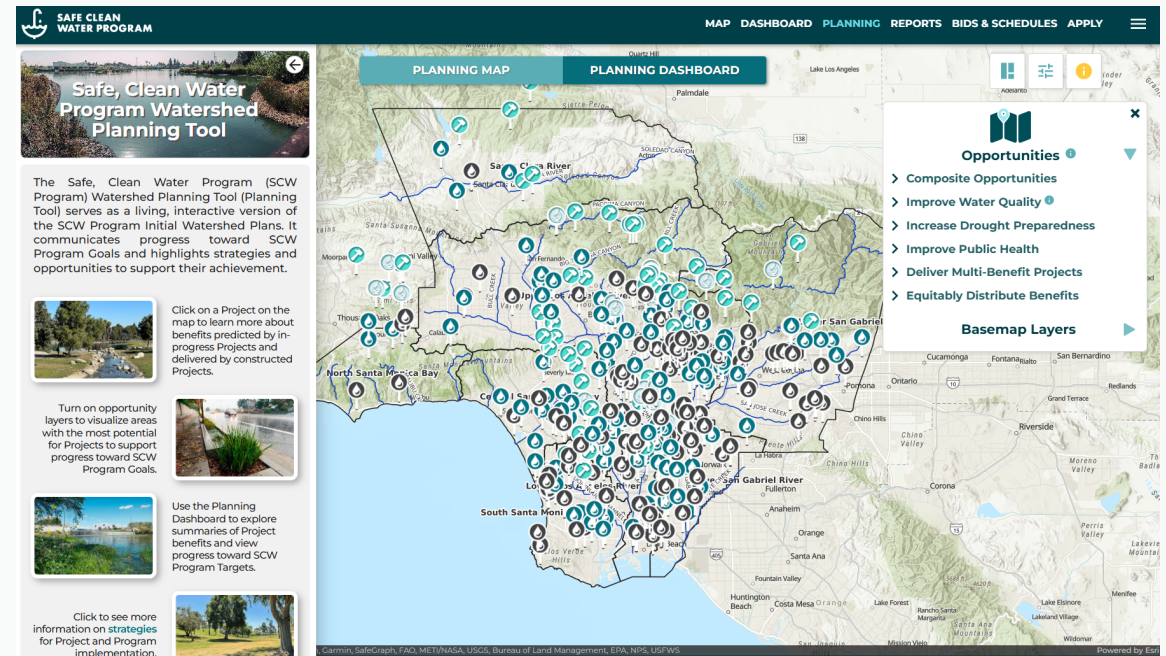
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The Safe, Clean Water Program is taking a big step forward with the Watershed Planning effort, which aims to enhance the delivery of benefits provided by the Program.

-  Technical Info Session - Draft Initial Watershed Plans
-  Technical Info Session - FAQ
-  Technical Info Session - Presentation

Watershed Planning Website



Watershed Planning Tool

Quick Links:



[SafeCleanWaterLA.org/
Survey](https://SafeCleanWaterLA.org/Survey)



[SafeCleanWaterLA.org/
CSNADashboard](https://SafeCleanWaterLA.org/CSNADashboard)

Thank you!

QUESTIONS?

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