Where are our Parks?
Where is our Open Space?

The new General Plan shortchanges parks and open space.
The time to fix it is NOW!
What is a General Plan?

- Blueprint for city development
- Governs all actions of physical development
- Required by state law
- Both general and long range

This shapes the city thru 2035 – build out
Community Vision

Developed in 2010 includes:

- Prioritize protection of open space and the natural environment

- Promote active lifestyles and health by fostering access to trails, parks, beaches and recreation

- Increase travel options with enhanced walking, bicycling and public transit
What is Added with this GP?

- 7,880 housing units
- 22,906 people
- Over 7.5 m sq ft Com/Ind/Office space with 23,217 jobs
- 2,360 hotel rooms
Stated Goals of General Plan

• Achieve the community vision

• Comply with laws and regulations

• Provide an “active waterfront”

• Revitalize older neighborhoods
Key Land Use Changes
1986 GMP Requirements

• Set CAP on housing units
• Promised 40% open space at Build-out

• Set performance standards
  – 15% open space per LFMZ
    after excluding environmentally constrained
  – 3 acres parkland/1,000 residents/quadrant
Types of Open Space

- Natural resources: 7,400 acres
- Managed production of resources: 300 acres
- Outdoor recreation: 1,200 acres
- Aesthetics/cultural: 600 acres

Total provided: 9,500 acres

40% promise: 10,000 acres

Acres short: 500 +
American Cremation Service
HABITAT CONSERVATION AREA

CALAVERA HILLS & ROBERTSON RANCH

NO TRESPASSING

VIOLATORS WILL BE PROSECUTED!
FINES UP TO $1,000 FOR TRESPASSING!

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(760) 731 - 7790

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NO:

FIRES
VEHICLES
MOTORCYCLES
BICYCLES
DUMPING

FIRES
HUNTING
VEHICLES
HORSES
MOTORCYCLES
PAINTBALL
BICYCLES
FIREARMS
DUMPING

HUNTING
What *Shouldn’t* Count as a Park?

- Locked/fenced school yard
- Hard line open space
- City wide recreation amenity
- Things that are not parks
Issues in NW Quadrant

• Less than $\frac{1}{2}$ required open space

• Pio Pico and Oak – road ROW

• Magee/Senior Center- serve City- wide

• Ocean St Sculpture Park

• Many neighborhoods have no park

• Heavy reliance on school yards- esp BV School
Section 4.4). Golf courses are included in calculation of overall supply of open space in the city. Table 4-4 summarizes existing park acreage by quadrant.

### Table 4-3: Existing Community Parks, Special Use Areas and Special Resource Areas (2010)

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<th>Facility Name</th>
<th>Quadrant</th>
<th>Acres</th>
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<td><strong>Subtotal Special Resource Areas</strong></td>
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<td><strong>Total Existing Parkland</strong></td>
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*Source: City of Carlsbad, 2010.*

### Table 4-4: Existing Parks Supply Summary by Quadrant, Acres (2010)

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<th>Northwest</th>
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<td>42</td>
<td>71</td>
<td>78</td>
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*Ratio is number of park acres per 1,000 population.*

*Totals may not add up due to rounding.*

*Source: City of Carlsbad Parks and Recreation Department, 2010.*
Olde Carlsbad: Grandfathered-in and Built-Out

“Community Parks – These are leisure facilities, approximately 20 to 50 acres in size; however, due to the 1982 revision of the Parks and Recreation Element, pre-1982 neighborhood parks of less than 20 acres have been reclassified and "grandfathered" into the Community Park classification. This reclassification was approved by the Parks and Recreation Commission in May 1987 and by the City Council in August 1987. Any future acquisition and development of community park sites within the northwest quadrant, where a near buildout situation exists, in all likelihood will require community park development of sites under 20 acres in size.”

(From Existing General Plan)
Citizens’ Group Report of 1989

• Prominent Carlsbad citizens
• Issues of concern
  – built-out neighborhood
  – no master-planned parks or green belts
  – counting school yards
  – Diminishing land for neighborhood parks
• 21 recommendations including - keep Buena Vista Reservoir as a park
Hosp Grove and Holiday Parks

• Hosp Grove
  – No open turf areas for free play
  – No playing fields
  – No structures
  – Steep trails offer limited opportunities for users of all age groups

• Holiday Park
  – No playing fields
  – No buffer from surrounding streets and noise from Highway 5
Challenges of Village/Barrio

• Highest minority and lowest income neighborhoods
• Pine Park Community Center promised since 1990
• Madison still a parking lot
• Less than half the minimum open space
• Future parks in quadrant a long distance
Green Access - Carlsbad

City of Carlsbad

- Less than 3 acres parkland per 1000 people and below $48,706 Median Household Income
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Over state average for people of color
State Average = 53.3%

Demographics - American Community Survey (ACS) 5-year blockgroup estimates 2008-2012, U.S. Census Bureau, census.gov/acs/www/ductbroducts/summary_table
Park/Green Space - California Protected Areas Database (CPAD) v1.0 July 2012, Greeninfo Network california.org
Based on the original map and analyses by The City Project and Greeninfo Network, August 2013, cityprojects.org and greeninfo.org CC BY NC SA
2012/13 Budget For Future Parks

NW – Pine Bldg  
  Business Park  
  2023/27 Design  

NE – Robertson Ranch  
  Unfunded  

SW – Poinsettia Park Bldg  
  Aviara Bldg  
  2018-22  
  2023-27  

SE Alga Norte Phase II  
  Leo Carrillo – Phase III  
  2012-18  
  2016-17  

City-wide -Veteran’s Park  
  Unfunded
What Is Needed

• Keep the 40% promise
• Don’t give full credit to locked/gated school yards
• Don’t double count hard line open space as a park
• Add criteria for neighborhood/walkable park
• Don’t count city-wide toward quadrant req.
• Don’t sell land needed for parks
We Can Save Parks/Open Space!

• Remember Hosp Grove!

• Start now- and keep going

• Get a handout for details
  lobbying, letters to the editor

• Tell everyone you know

  What else?