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
2010 Community Vision

- 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?

- 22,906 people
- Over 7.5 m sq ft Com/Ind/Office space with 23,217 jobs
- 7,880 housing units
- 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
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
- Outdoor recreation: 1,200
- Aesthetics/cultural: 600

Total provided: 9,500 acres

40% promise: 10,000 acres

Acres short: 500+
American Cremation Service
HABITAT CONSERVATION AREA
RANCHO LA COSTA

NO TRESPASSING

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

For information contact:
The Center for Natural Lands Management
(760) 731-7790

(CPC 602, CVC 38000-38506)

NO:
Fires
Vehicles
Motorcycles
Bicycles
Dumping

Horses
Hiking
Paintball
Paintball
Firearms
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 SE and SW Quadrant

- Less than 15% open space per LFMZ
- Preserve land double counted as parks
- Shortchanged community parks
- Veteran’s park - counts 22.5 acres in all quads
- Some neighborhoods have no parks
- School yards counted as parks
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>
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<td>Total Existing Parkland</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.*
What is a Community Park

“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)
La Costa Canyon and Leo Carillo

La Costa Canyon
– How big is it - 2.6 acres/city website, 5.8/GP
– No playing fields
– No structures - except restrooms

Leo Carillo
– Designated historic site
– No playing fields
– No active recreation facilities
– Challenging terrain
Carillo Ranch Vegetation and Sensitive Species
Poinsettia Park Vegetation and Sensitive Species

- Poinsettia Park Boundary
- City of Carlsbad Releve Locations
- CNLM Sensitive Plant Points 1998-2010
  - Ceanothus verrucosus

Draft Vegetation Communities:
- Baccharis Scrub - Mulefat Dom
- Developed
- Diegan Coastal Sage Scrub

Unit Conversion:
- 0 50 100 Feet
- 0 200 400 Meters
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2012/13 Budget For Future Parks

NW – Pine Bldg
   Business Park
   2023/27 Design
   2023/27 Partial

NE - Robertson Ranch
   Unfunded

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

SE Alga Norte Phase II
   2012-18
   Leo Carrillo – Phase III
   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
• Add criteria for neighborhood/walkable park
• Don’t count Veteran’s park in 4 quad’s
• 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?
As you see, folks, Carlsbad has SCADS of open space!

Carlsbad, CA in the year 2025