



## THE CULVER CITY STORY

City of Culver City residents enjoy a variety of parks and open spaces within and nearby the city. However, convenient access to parks and open spaces varies by neighborhood, meaning some residents do not have immediate access to the health and recreational benefits of parks and open spaces. In addition, the General Plan must contend with other challenges, including funding and maintaining facilities, that may limit access to quality parks and facilities.

The General Plan Update will identify opportunities to improve park access and quality for all.

## BY THE NUMBERS

The City of Culver City owns **91.5 acres** of recreational space across:

- **2** community parks
- **7** neighborhood parks
- **5** parkettes/mini parks

Residents have access to three times that much park space—**285 acres**—when counting other recreational spaces.

## Park Service Ratio and Open Space Inventory

A park service ratio measures park acres per 1,000 residents. A higher park ratio indicates better service.

Culver City has a 2019 population of 40,200 and a park service ratio (2.3) that is higher than that of nearby cities—Santa Monica (1.4), Redondo Beach (1.4), and Inglewood (0.8). The park service ratio for residents increases significantly (7.1) when counting other facilities like school grounds, cemeteries, plazas, and facilities like Media Park that are just outside Culver City’s limits, but leased and managed by the City of Culver City.

**2.3**

*Based on 91.5 park acres owned and managed by the City of Culver City.*

**7.1**

*Based on 285 acres, including an additional 193.5 acres of other facilities within City limits.*

Figure: Open Space Inventory for Culver City



**Culver City Parks:**  
91.5 acres

**Ballona Creek Length in  
Culver City: About 3.7 miles**

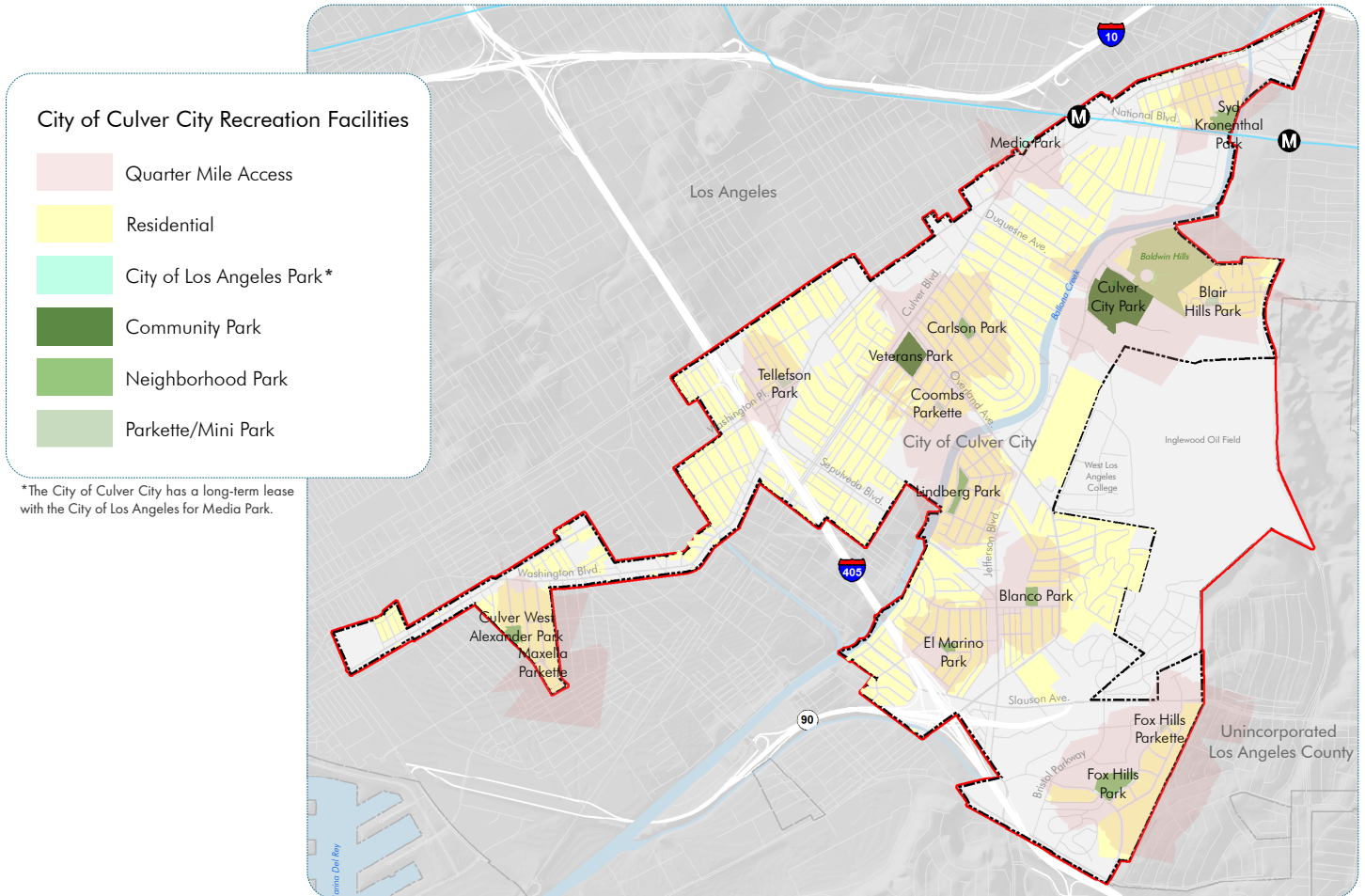
**Other Parks in Culver City:**  
About 193.5 acres

**Parks Nearby Culver City:**  
About 500 acres

## Access to and Quality of Parks

Convenient access to quality parks is important because it can increase exercise and create other health benefits. The map below shows residential areas in yellow, City parks in dark green, and areas within a quarter mile of a City park shown in pink surrounding each park. Convenient access to parks varies throughout the city and only 35% of residences are within a quarter mile walk of a park.

Figure: Convenient Residential Access to Parks in Culver City



## Key Opportunities for the General Plan Update

- 1 Enhance Ballona Creek**

Continued revitalization of Ballona Creek will improve bicycle and pedestrian connectivity and enhance the public realm.
- 2 Strengthen Community Partnerships**

Strengthening the City's partnerships with Culver City Unified School District, arts and cultural organizations, and other community partners could improve access to facilities and programming.

- 3 Improve Access**

The City can develop strategies to improve park access, including developing parks and public spaces in neighborhoods with limited park access and improving connections between parks.
- 4 Funding and Maintenance**

The City has limited funding sources to develop new and maintain existing parks. The General Plan Update can explore revenue sources to increase funding for capital improvements and maintenance.

