

## Conservation and Open Space Elements Workshop City of Costa Mesa July 16, 2014

### EVENT SUMMARY

#### OVERVIEW

A key component of any general plan update is public outreach and input from a wide segment of the community. Previously, the City has hosted five (5) community visioning workshops and two study sessions pertaining to the City’s General Plan Update. The most recent community visioning workshop occurred on Wednesday, July 16, 2014 at the Neighborhood Community Center. The emphasis of this workshop was to obtain input and to receive comments from as many members of the public as possible regarding the General Plan’s update on the Conservation Element and the Open Space and Recreation Element. In order to gather as much public input as possible, the workshop was publicized on the City’s website and at City Hall. Initially, the workshop was planned to last from 6:00 P.M. to 8:00 P.M. However, the meeting was extended to 9:00 p.m. due to the large number of attendees requesting to provide comments at the meeting. The City’s Development Services Director, Mr. Gary Armstrong, and Ms. Laura Stetson, Principal for MIG | Hogle-Ireland (the consultant firm assisting the City with the General Plan update), moderated the workshop. The workshop was attended by approximately 50 participants.



*Gary Armstrong, Community Development Director and Laura Stetson, General Plan Consultant give a brief introductory presentation*

The format for the workshop was divided into two segments: Open House and Facilitated Discussion. The Open House segment (6:00 P.M. to approximately 7:15 P.M.) consisted of opening remarks by Mr. Armstrong and Ms. Stetson, followed by the public having an opportunity to peruse a series of presentation boards within an open house setting. The following presentation boards (as shown in Appendix 1) were on display at the meeting:

- Board 1: Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation Information
- Board 2: Map of Existing Parks and Open Space
- Board 3: Existing Bicycle Routes and Trails
- Board 4: Master Plan of Parks and Recreation Update Schedule
- Board 5: Current Costa Mesa Conservation and Sustainability Programs
- Board 6: Land Use and Park Data

In addition to the presentation boards, attendees were allowed to write comments and provide feedback at five interactive stations. Two additional general comment boards were also provided for attendees. The interactive stations covered the following topics:

- Station 1: What active recreational facilities are missing from Costa Mesa parks?
- Station 2: Tell us what types of parks and recreation facilities are missing at Costa Mesa parks?
- Station 3: What are the best approaches for reducing pollutant emissions?
- Station 4: What are the three highest priorities for waste reduction?
- Station 5: What are the three highest priorities the City should address?

The comments and feedback provided at the interactive stations are provided under Section 1 of this report. Following the Open House portion of the workshop, a facilitated discussion moderated by Mr. Armstrong and Ms. Stetson occurred from approximately 7:15 P.M. to 9:00 P.M. The comments and questions provided during the facilitated discussion are discussed under Section 2 of this report. All of the comments and feedback gathered at this workshop will be compiled with other comments and provided to the City’s decision makers during the General Plan Update hearings.

## **SECTION 1: COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK FROM OPEN HOUSE**

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The following are all of the comments provided on both general comment boards and at Interactive Station No. 2. The comments are edited for clarity and grammar only.

### **General Comment Boards**

1. Get more non-profits involved in park rehabilitation.
2. Eliminate more of the “dangerous might fall” lining parkway trees.
3. Have the people who mow the parkway check on the sprinkler overspray.
4. Please do not close the community garden off of Hamilton.
5. Thank you for sponsoring city composting classes at the park.
6. Costa Mesa cannot cope with more buildings and people until we fix the sewer systems.
7. Change Title 20 to allow no grass or brown lawns due to severe drought conditions.
8. Please stop ruining good intersections with good line of sights, margins, etc., by sticking trees, irrelevant signs, and irrelevant medians all over them.
9. If residents do not want parkway trees they should not be required to have one.
10. Consider making the public golf course 18 holes and the rest open park.
11. Give up golf course for open space.



*Workshop participants review and discuss the conservation and recreation boards*

12. No additional development.
13. What is up with this? Golf courses where we cannot go and which has grass that uses water make up almost as much parkland in Costa Mesa.
14. New median in Mesa Verde? Why? Such a waste, rethink that expenditure.
15. Keep existing library next to Lions Park.
16. Provide high design creative pedestrian bike bridges over key spots on Bristol and Newport Blvd.
17. It seems that this great reach is at odds with the West Side overlay. Overlay gives incentives like less greenbelt and less parking spaces when you want more parks, more conservation. The Overlay puts extremely high density in an area that cannot handle the sewage and traffic with the already aging and sometimes failing infrastructure.
18. Bethal towers waste water - we have to run our water 20 minutes for it to get hot. Nine floors to two floors we have no hot water until we waste all the water for 20 minutes.
19. Make bicycling to work easy. Provide safe bike lanes to key places of employment.
20. We need to stop all of this development, the traffic will be insane.
21. Keep lighting indirect to minimize impact to wildlife and stargazers.
22. Major (illegible) at Fairview Park. How to have less impact on wild life noise/light at night.
23. Impact of state mandated water restrictions and 20 percent reduction on landscaping and parkway trees.
24. Reduce noise over and around wildlife habitat.
25. A City like Costa Mesa (illegible) in a desert in a drought should have codes for properties and code enforcers that focus on encouraging less water use. A code that penalizes people for whom (illegible) sends the wrong signal. Less focus on violators and more on positive education.
26. Minimize impact of field lighting on surrounding residents.
27. Reduce noise over mature habitat.
28. Allow space to accommodate natural flora and fauna.
29. Protect endangered plants and animals (at all costs).
30. Reduce development to permit better access to natural areas reduce air pollution, high pollution, etc.
31. City needs to work with Newport Beach on maximum open space at Banning Ranch and conservancy efforts to keep as open space.
32. Where is data to support need for more sports parks? All comments are anecdotal, not based on current usage i.e., ("We need more fields").



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What do you think?

## General Comments

Did we miss anything? Tell us. Place your sticky note on the board.

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COPE (or  
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to + within the  
COPE that U.S.  
WATER) give us  
ALMOST ALL  
PARKING IN COPE

Have the  
people who  
know the  
Parkway - check  
on Spunkies  
and Seag.

Plan  
Do Not  
Close  
Community  
Center

New mission  
in new  
words  
why? Such  
a waste -  
network that  
expensive

NO ADDITIONAL  
DEVELOPMENT

Thank You for  
Spunkies  
City Commission  
CHASO AT  
THE PARK

Please stop running  
good interactions  
with good level of sight  
markers, etc. by using  
trees, vertical signs,  
directional markers  
all over the

Consider  
making the  
Public golf  
course 18 holes  
+ the rest of the  
park

Give  
up golf  
course for  
open  
space

Costa Mesa  
Council COPE  
W/ MORE BLOSS &  
PEOPLE UNTIL  
WE FIX SEWER SYSTEMS

Change Title 20  
to allow no  
grass or brown  
lawns due to  
severe drought  
conditions

## Station 2: Tell us what types of parks and recreation facilities are missing at Costa Mesa parks?

1. Home Ranch and Sakioka #2 would be great sites for sports complexes.
2. Preserve all open and natural spaces, acquire more!!
3. Keep Fairview Park natural.
4. Rearrange the letter in density and it spells destiny. Is density our destiny? Please no.
5. Saving as much of Banning Ranch as open space is very important. It is a legitimate issue for our general plan as it impacts Costa Mesa and can influence what happens there.
6. More passive open space.
7. Fairview Park remain as a natural park.
8. Preserve Fairview Park as natural space-no additional facilities of any kind- only actions should be to preserve native flora & fauna.
9. No sport fields at Fairview Park.
10. Charge developers park fees for apartments raise all developer fees. Costa Mesa should not be an easy lay.
11. Preserve open space so we allow birds and critters to migrate.
12. Engage local non-profits and educators in efforts to provide interpretive experience of natural and open space areas. Educating the local populace about their local resources and natural history.
13. Save our historic agricultural land, such as the Segerstrom bean fields.
14. More open wild life areas for indigenous plants and animals that belong here.
15. Consider a nature center at Fairview Park for the master plan.
16. I agree (with comment number 15).
17. Encroachment of wildlife habitat has reached dangerous levels- leave natural resources.
18. We want quality of life: restore open space, bring back native habitats and bring back the animals.
19. Kids need open, unstructured play. Save Fairview Park. No more mowing or destroying vernal pools.
20. No more nature deficits. Bring back native plans, archaeological sites, should be revered not destroyed.
21. More passive open space.

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## Park and Recreation Facilities

Tell us what is missing at Costa Mesa parks.  
Place your sticky note on the board.

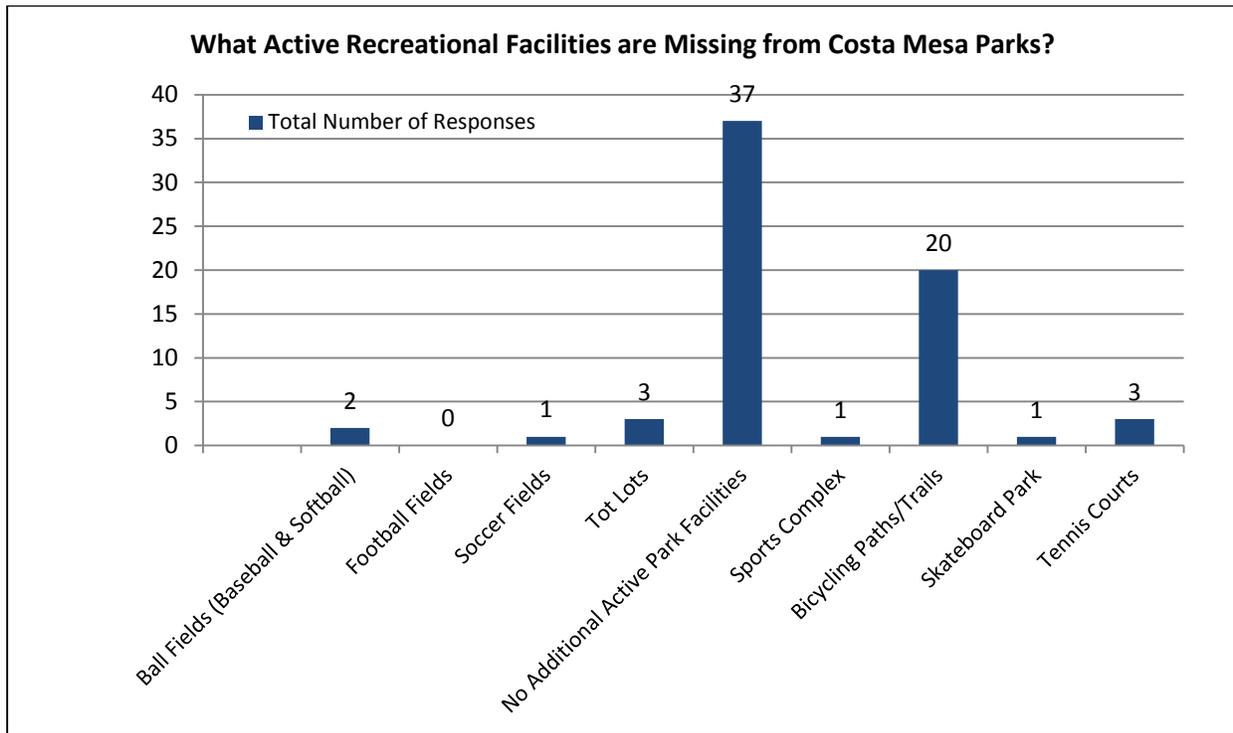
The board features several sticky notes with handwritten text:

- Yellow note (top left):** Preserve all open and natural spaces. Acquire more!!
- Yellow note (top center):** More Open Wild Life Areas For Indians (Puma, Arroyo, Pajaritos, etc.)
- Yellow note (top right):** I agree! (with arrow pointing down)
- Yellow note (middle right):** Consider a Native Center at Fairview Park in the master plan
- Green note (middle right):** Encroachment of wildlife habitat has been documented - dangerous looking - leave natural! (with arrow pointing to a note below)
- Blue note (middle left):** HOME RANCH + SAKURA #2 WOULD BE GREAT SITES FOR SPORTS COMPLEXES
- Blue note (middle center):** KEEP FAIRVIEW PARK NATURAL
- Blue note (middle center):** SAVE OUR HISTORIC AGRICULTURE LAND, SUCH AS THE SEEDS FROM BETA FIELDS
- Yellow note (middle left):** Leaving as much of Beverly Ranch as open space is very important. It is all a legal obligation from general plan. As it is open space, it is not a concern. Explain what happens there.
- Blue note (middle left):** Removing the beam in density and it opens up the density. Please do.
- Yellow note (middle center):** No sports fields at Fairview park
- Yellow note (middle right):** Engage local residents and educators in efforts to create, identify, experience and maintain open space areas. Encourage the local private and public sector to contribute to the natural beauty.
- Yellow note (middle right):** We want quality of life - Restore open space - bring back native habitats - bring back the animals
- Yellow note (middle right):** Save Fairview Park - No more mowing or disturbing natural areas
- Yellow note (bottom left):** More passive open space
- Yellow note (bottom center):** Fairview Park - remain as a natural park
- Yellow note (bottom center):** PRESERVE OPEN SPACE SO WE ALLOW BIRDS & CATTERS TO MIGRATE
- Yellow note (bottom center):** CHARGE DEVELOPERS PARK FEE FOR APARTMENTS RAISE ALL DEVELOPER FEES FOR MESA SHOULD BE AN EASY WAY
- Yellow note (bottom right):** No more nature-dictated - Bring back native plants, archeological sites should be retained not destroyed
- Yellow note (bottom right):** MORE PASSIVE OPEN SPACE

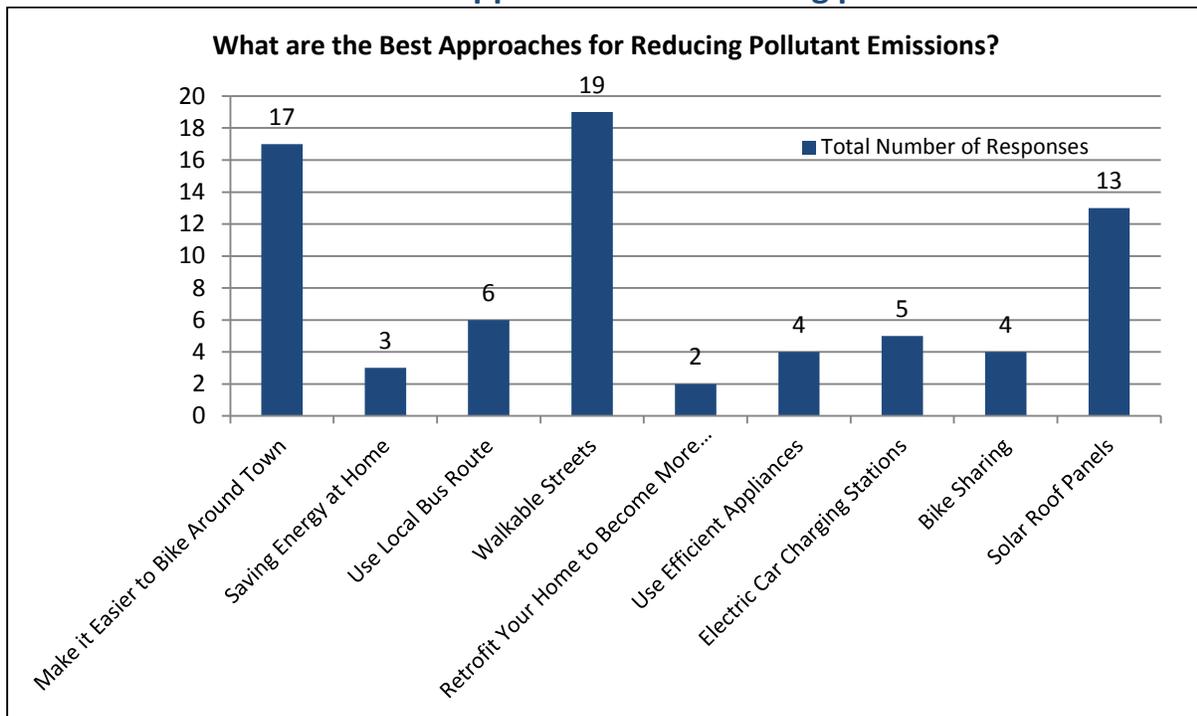
## Interactive Stations

At each of the interactive stations, attendees were allowed to choose up to three items that they believed were priorities that should be addressed in the General Plan's updated Conservation Element and the Open Space and Recreation Element. The following charts display the total number of responses provided at Interactive Stations No. 1, No. 3, No. 4, and No. 5.

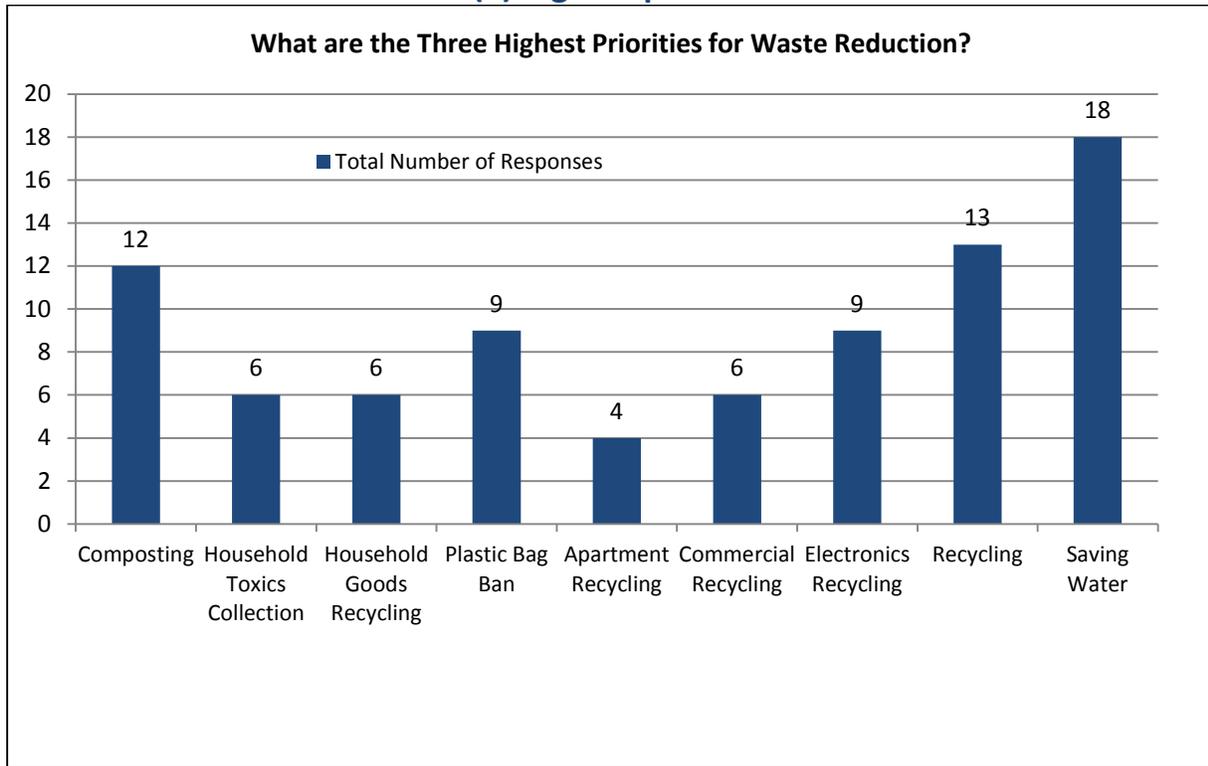
### Station 1: What active recreational facilities are missing from Costa Mesa parks?



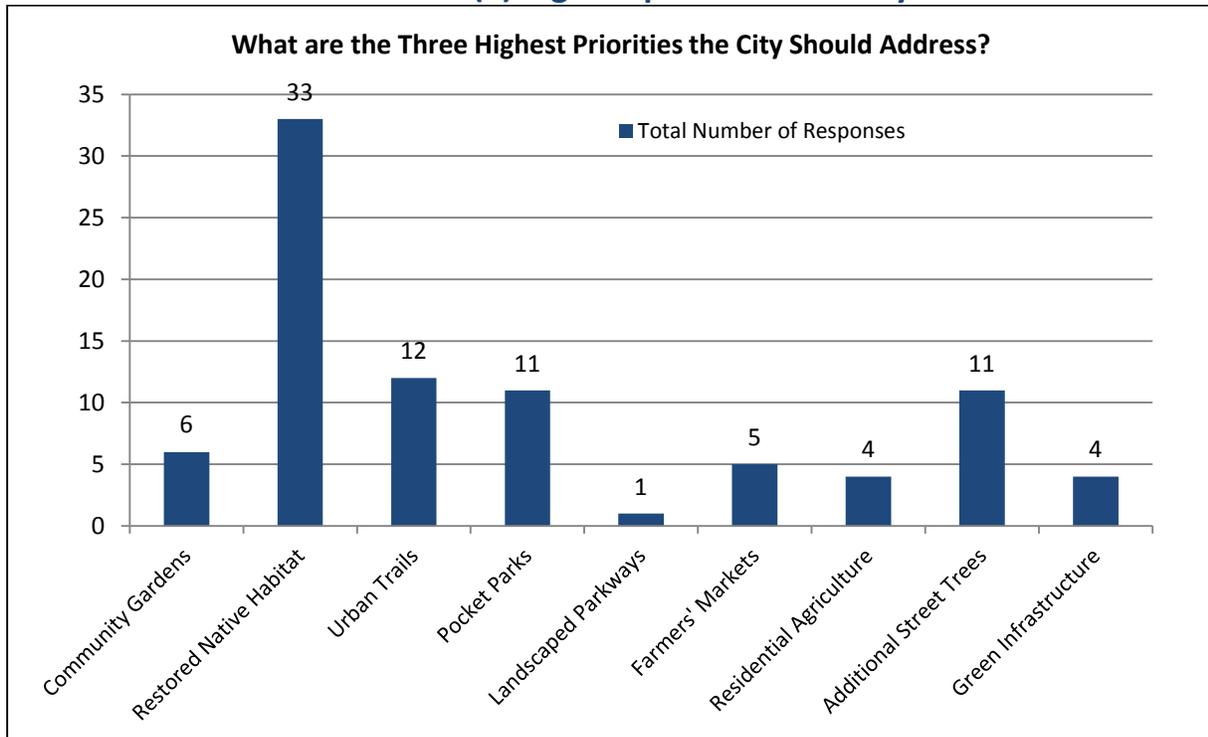
### Station 3: What are the best approaches for reducing pollutant emissions?



**Station 4: What are the three (3) highest priorities for waste reduction?**



**Station 5: What are the three (3) highest priorities the City should address?**

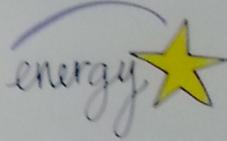
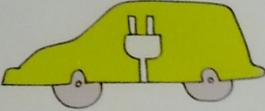




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# Improve Air Quality

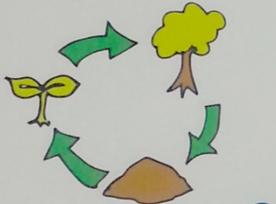
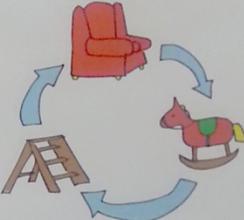
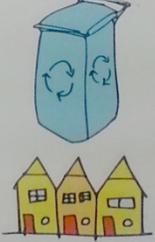
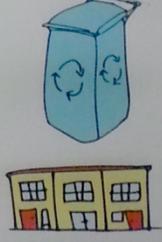
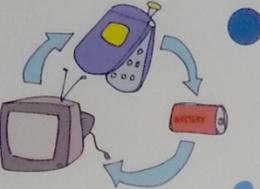
What are the best approaches for reducing pollutant emissions?  
Choose up to three.

 <p>Make it Easier to Bike around Town</p>	 <p>Saving Energy at Home</p>	 <p>Use Local Bus Routes</p>
 <p>Walkable Streets</p>	 <p>Retrofit Your Home to Become More Energy Efficient</p>	 <p>Use Efficient Appliances</p>
 <p>Electric Car Charging Stations</p>	 <p>Bike Sharing</p>	 <p>Solar Roof Panels</p>

What do you think?

# Waste Reduction

What are the three highest priorities for waste reduction?  
Choose up to three.

 <p>Composting</p> <p>10 blue dots</p>	 <p>Household Toxics Collection</p> <p>5 blue dots</p>	 <p>Household Goods Recycling</p> <p>6 blue dots</p>
 <p>Plastic Bag Ban</p> <p>10 blue dots</p>	 <p>Apartment Recycling</p> <p>5 blue dots</p>	 <p>Commercial Recycling</p> <p>5 green dots</p>
 <p>Electronics Recycling</p> <p>10 blue dots</p>	 <p>Recycling</p> <p>10 blue dots</p>	 <p>Saving Water</p> <p>15 blue dots</p>

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What do you think?

# Natural Community Resources

What are the three highest priorities the City should address?  
Choose up to three.

<p>Community Gardens</p> <p>5 dots (1 blue, 1 green, 3 blue)</p>	<p>Restored Native Habitat</p> <p>20 dots (15 blue, 5 green)</p>	<p>Urban Trails</p> <p>12 dots (10 blue, 2 green)</p>
<p>Pocket Parks</p> <p>10 dots (8 blue, 2 green)</p>	<p>Landscaped Parkways</p> <p>3 dots (2 blue, 1 green)</p>	<p>Farmers' Markets</p> <p>5 dots (4 blue, 1 green)</p>
<p>Residential Agriculture</p> <p>4 dots (3 blue, 1 green)</p>	<p>Additional Street Trees</p> <p>10 dots (8 blue, 2 green)</p>	<p>Green Infrastructure</p> <p>4 dots (3 blue, 1 green)</p>

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# Current Costa Mesa Conservation and Sustainability Programs

Environment	Energy/Water Conservation	Green Building/Development	Green Infrastructure/Water Quality	Mobility/Air Quality
<p>Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Restoration at Fairview Park</p>	<p>Solar Panels at Costa Mesa Downtown Recreation Center and Neighborhood Community Center</p>	<p>Costa Mesa "Green Team" to Promote Sustainable Building Techniques into Public and Private Projects</p>	<p>Green Infrastructure: Integrate Drought-Tolerant Landscaping and Bio-swales into Capital Improvement Projects</p>	<p>Fairview Channel Bike Trail (from Santa Ana River to Placentia Avenue)</p>
<p>City Owns and Manages Two Community Gardens (Del Mar and Hamilton Community Gardens)</p>	<p>Water Efficiency Landscape Guidelines to Encourage Native Vegetation and Drought-Tolerant Landscape Materials</p>	<p>Mesa Green Award Recognizes Exceptional "Green" Projects</p>	<p>Proposed Linear Park along Arlington Drive Will Integrate Drought-Tolerant Landscape, Bio-swales, and Water Infiltration Systems</p>	<p>Initiated Safe Routes to School Improvements</p>
<p>Grant to Plant and Maintain 250 Park Trees</p>	<p>Partnership with Gas Company to Implement Energy Efficient Projects</p>	<p>City Adopted CAL Green Code as Part of the Statewide Mandatory Green Building Code</p>	<p>New Water Infiltration System in Lions Park to Allow Water Runoff to Percolate into Soil</p>	<p>Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program Grant to Initiate New Bicycle Projects</p>
	<p>Go Green Program: Reduces Permit Fees and Expedites Solar Panels and Electric Charging Stations</p>	<p>City Website and Brochures Advertise Green Building and Sustainable Approaches</p>		<p>Grant to Develop Three Multipurpose Trails</p>
	<p>Drought-Tolerant Landscaping and Water-Efficient Irrigation in the Medians along Harbor Boulevard</p>			<p>Upgraded and Coordinated Traffic Signals to Move Cars Efficiently and Reduce Vehicle Emissions</p>
	<p>Reclaimed Water Used to Irrigate Fairview Park, Costa Mesa Golf Course, Joann Bike Trail, Jack R. Hammett Sports Complex, and Twinkle Park</p>			

## SECTION 2: COMMENTS AND FEEDBACK FROM FACILITATED DISCUSSION

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The Facilitated Discussion portion allowed attendees to ask questions, provide comments / feedback regarding the updates to the City's General Plan Conservation Element and the Open Space and Recreation Element. All questions, comments, and feedback were written on a wall graphic, which has been provided as Appendix 2. The following includes the questions discussed and some answers provided at the meeting.

### General Comments/Questions

1. Why are we taking away parts of open space areas for development?
2. Do not want to eliminate open space for development?
3. How is park utilization measured?
  - a. *It is primarily measured through maintenance/inventory assessments.*
4. What about parks other than Fairview Park? Look at other parks other than Fairview Park to satisfy resident's demands for open space.
  - a. *The Open Space Master Plan that will be finalized next year will include analysis of all parks in the City.*
5. What measures are being taken to care for wildlife?
6. Some parks are locked. As a result, more public access to parks is needed.
  - a. *Public access is based on the field programs, especially for sports parks.*
7. Define passive parks?
8. Do live/work units bring in a fee as required per the Quimby Act?
  - a. *Yes, a fee is taken in for subdivided projects, if the developer chooses to pay in the in-lieu fee rather than provide parkland.*
9. Agriculture is currently prohibited in residential zones. Would like to see the Zoning Code amended to allow "backyard" agriculture in the residential zones.
  - a. *The Zoning Code could be amended to allow agricultural uses in residential zones.*
10. Provide a goal in the General Plan that requires new infrastructure to be installed, such as sewer pipes, and mandate a capacity limit based on current infrastructure.
11. New methods, such as solar photovoltaic panels and electric vehicles should be developed to reduce greenhouse gases.
12. Is recycling already required for development projects?
  - a. *Yes, each development must satisfy the diversion requirement.*
13. Any discussion in the City regarding in-ground chemicals on the City's Westside?
  - a. *No parks are planned in this area at this time.*
14. There is a coyote problem in the City because pets are running loose.
  - a. *The City is aware of the issue and is urging residents to not leave pets outside at night and to bring in all pet food, which attract coyotes.*
15. The Home Ranch and Sakioka properties should trade land for sports parks in order have more density and buildings.
16. The current utilization of parks in the City must also account for residents from other cities using the parks.
17. It is the City's priority to maintain its current park/acre ratio and meet the General Plan's park/acre goal.
18. Flora in a symbiotic relationship with other flora and fauna should be used in all parks, yards, nature areas, and medians. For example, plants that are used by butterflies.

19. Impressed with residents voices and passion heard at workshops and public meetings. A petition should be circulated by the public to ensure that their voices are heard by the decision makers.

## Comments/Questions Re: Fairview Park

1. Children need parks to play in. If not enough parks are available, children could suffer from “Nature Deficit Disorder.”
2. How does the Fairview Park Master Plan dovetail into the General Plan?
  - a. *The City gathers all public input and provides it to the Park Commission, which then implements the Master Plan.*
3. Was the Master Plan approved?
  - a. *Yes, it was approved in 1998, and it has been amended over the years. The initial Master Plan and its subsequent amendments were provided to the public as part of the adoption and amendment process.*
4. What criterion was used to evaluate the condition of Fairview Park?
5. Were some elements of the Master Plan eliminated?
  - a. *Yes, the dog park was removed from the Master Plan.*
6. Was an environmental study conducted regarding the proposed turnout at the end of Pacific Avenue? What were the results of the study?
  - a. *As required by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), an environmental assessment of the project was conducted. The report was uploaded to the City’s website and was made available at the City’s library.*
7. The Master Plan was funded without first receiving approval from the residents and the community.
8. Appears to be a lack of streets that can be retrofitted for commuter biking because the streets were designed to accommodate automobiles.
  - a. *Progress has been made with new bike trails being constructed in the City.*
9. Recreational/scenic bike trails are a waste since they are seldom used and often vandalized. There is a need for more commuter-friendly bicycle facilities.
  - a. *It is a challenge to the City because of the limited right-of-way improvements that can be performed to a particular street.*
10. The City should work with the City of Newport Beach to maintain as much open space as possible with the approval of Banning Ranch.
11. It appears 50% of residents do not currently use the sports fields.
12. More drought-tolerant parkway trees should be used to decrease water usage.
13. Confusion from the public regarding the public input process for the Open Space Master Plan, specifically was the public made aware of the new Open Space Master?
  - a. *The Request for Proposal (RFP) was distributed and was funded by the City Council.*
14. Multiple concerns regarding the proposed turnout at Fairview, specifically that the project could add too much parking and could lead to additional impacts to the park and surrounding residents.
15. No more parking spaces should be added at Fairview Park.
16. What is the purpose of the proposed turnaround? Could it lead to more traffic?
  - a. *The turnout is being constructed to improve local traffic flow and public safety access, and to eliminate motorists from using resident’s driveways to turnaround.*
17. The City urges residents to attend the Fairview Park Committee meeting to voice their concerns regarding future projects at the space and to ensure that open space is preserved at the park. The next Fairview Park Committee meeting is scheduled for August 6, 2014.

18. Do not sacrifice open space.
19. Color coded maps should be provided in the future to allow for easier readability.
20. The General Plan's goal regarding acre/per 1,000 residents will not be maintained to ensure a high quality of living in the City.
21. Land use overlays should be considered to enhance existing open space and to provide new open space opportunities.
22. The increase in "brown" lawns requires that resident transition to drought-tolerant landscaping in yards. This reduction would also reduce Code Enforcement actions in regards to property maintenance.

The next community visioning workshop will be held August 27, 2014 from 6:00 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. at a location to be determined.

## Appendix 1: Workshop Boards

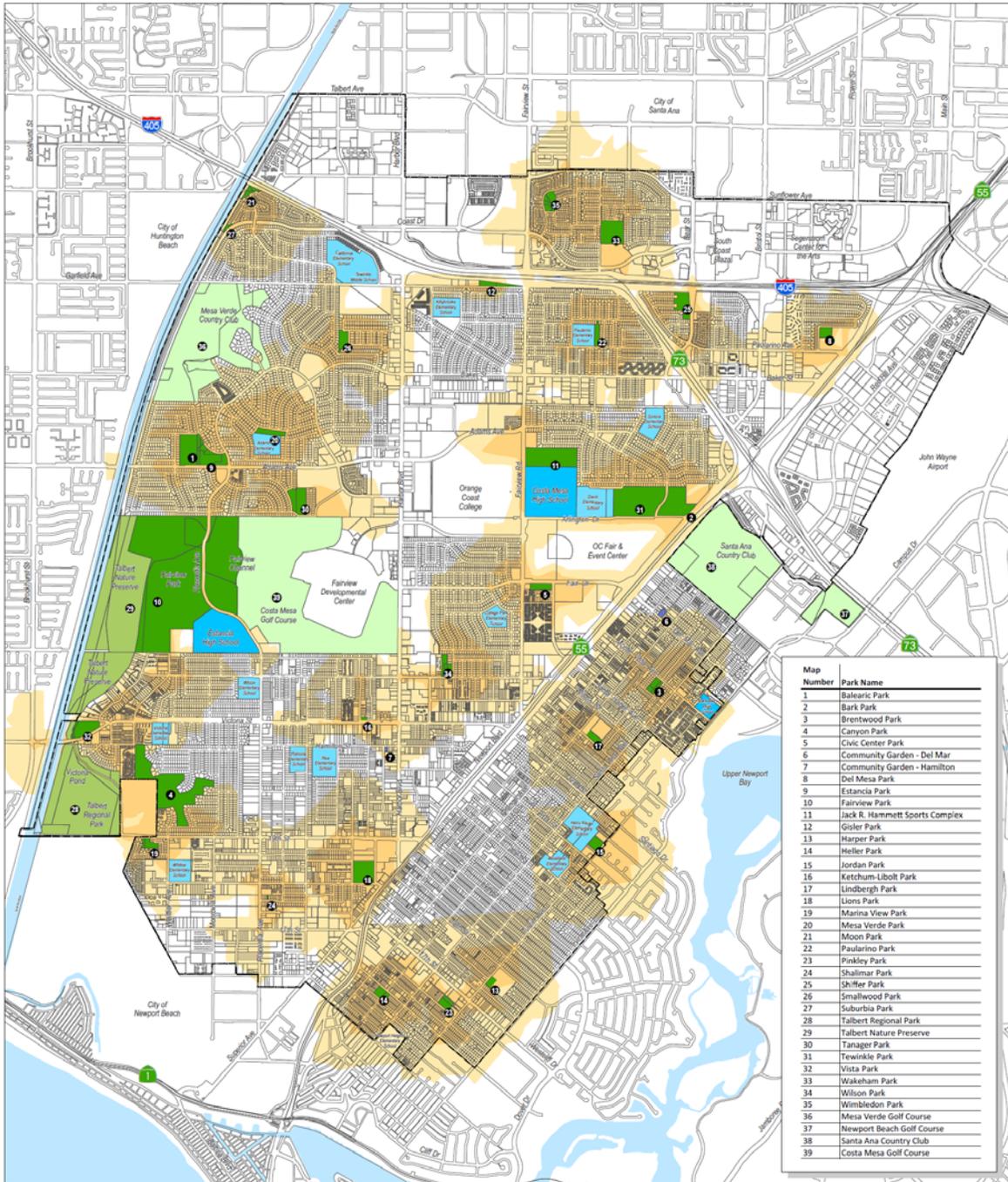
## Costa Mesa Parks and Recreation Information

### Park Acreage Statistics (2014)

- 2014 Population: 111,846
- 3.76 Acres/1,000 Residents (2014)
- Active Park Space: 420.4 Acres
- City Goal: 4.26 Park Acres/1,000 Residents

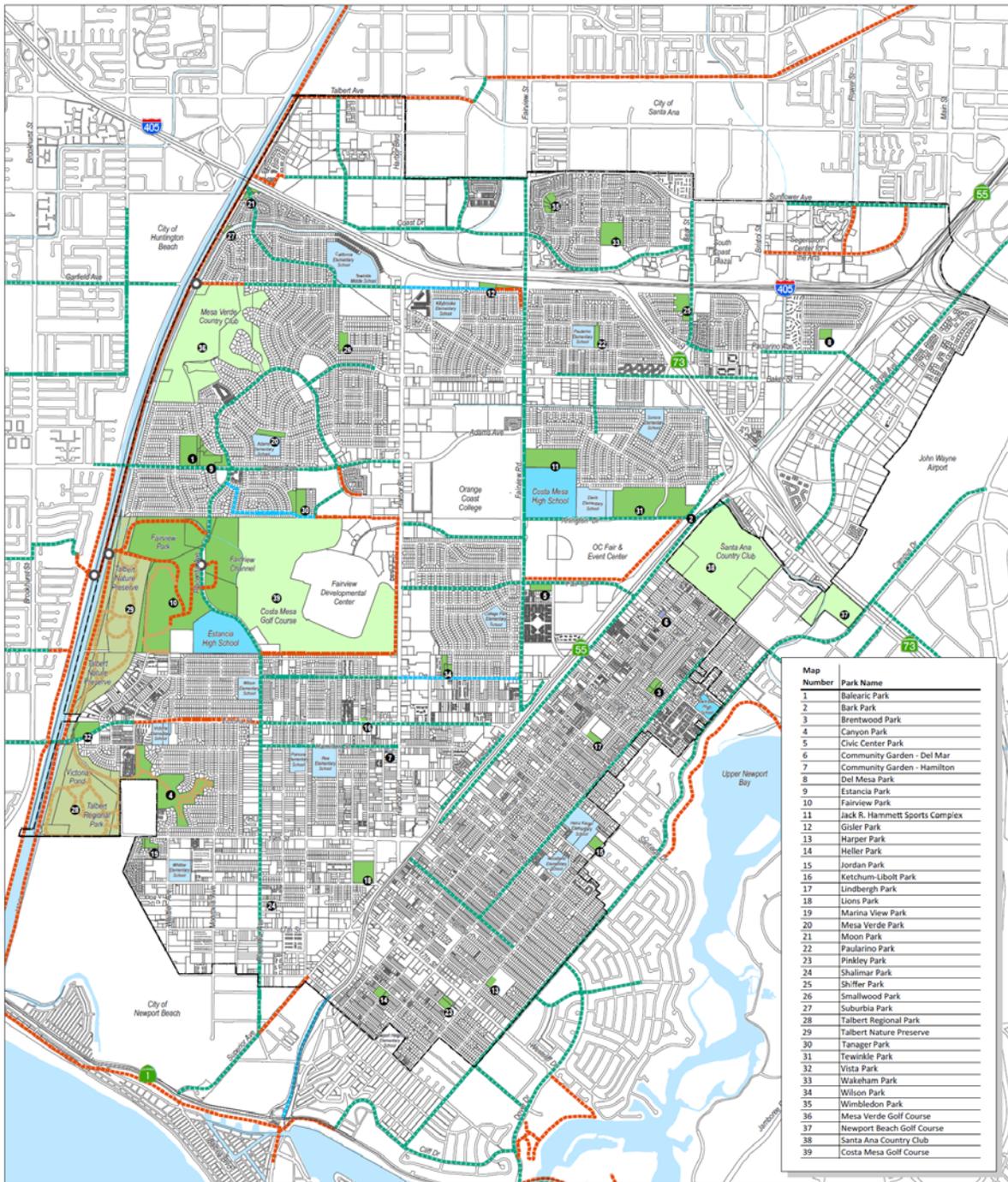
### Park Amenities

Map #	Public Park Name	Address	Park Amenities														
			Amphitheater	Baseball Fields	Basketball Courts	Community Center	Exercise Areas	Hand ball	Lake/Water Feature	Playgrounds	Recreation Building	Soccer Fields	Softball Fields	Tennis Courts	Utility Fields	Volleyball Courts	
1	Balearic Park	1975 Balearic Dr.			■	■					■	■	■			■	■
2	Bark Park	970 Arlington Dr.															
3	Brentwood Park	265 E. Brentwood Pl.									■						
4	Canyon Park	970 Arbor St.									■						
5	Civic Center Park	77 Fair Drive															
8	Del Mesa Park	2080 Manistee Dr.			■						■						■
9	Estancia Park	1900 Adams Ave.															
10	Fairview Park	2525 Placentia Ave.															
11	Jack R. Hammett Sports Complex	2750 Fairview Rd.										■				■	
12	Gisler Park	1250 Gisler St.										■					■
13	Harper Park	425 E. 18th St.										■					
14	Heller Park	257 E. 16th St.										■					
15	Jordan Park	2141 Tustin Ave.										■					
16	Ketchum-Libolt Park	2150 Maple St.										■					
17	Lindbergh Park	220 E. 23rd St.										■					
18	Lions Park	570 W. 18th St.		■	■	■						■	■	■		■	■
19	Marina View Park	1035 W. 19th St.															
20	Mesa Verde Park	1795 Samar Dr.										■					
21	Moon Park	3377 California St.										■					
22	Paularino Park	1040 Paularino Ave.										■					
23	Pinkley Park	360 E. Ogle St.										■					
24	Shalimar Park	782 Shalimar Dr.										■					
25	Shiffer Park	3143 Bear St.			■			■				■					■
26	Smallwood Park	1646 Corsica Pl.		■								■		■			
27	Suburbia Park	3302 Alabama Cir.															
30	Tanager Park	1780 Hummingbird Dr.			■							■					■
31	Tewinkle Park	970 Arlington Dr.	■	■	■				■			■		■	■	■	
32	Vista Park	1200 Victoria St.										■					
33	Wakeham Park	3400 Smalley St.			■		■					■					■
34	Wilson Park	360 W. Wilson St.										■					
35	Wimbledon Park	3440 Wimbledon Wy.			■		■					■					



## Existing Parks and Open Spaces (2014)

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Map Number	Park Name
1	Balearic Park
2	Bark Park
3	Brentwood Park
4	Canyon Park
5	Civic Center Park - Del Mar
6	Community Garden - Hamilton
7	Community Garden - Del Mar
8	Del Mesa Park
9	Estancia Park
10	Fairview Park
11	Jack R. Hammitt Sports Complex
12	Gisler Park
13	Harper Park
14	Heller Park
15	Jordan Park
16	Ketchum-Libolt Park
17	Lindbergh Park
18	Lions Park
19	Marina View Park
20	Mesa Verde Park
21	Moon Park
22	Paulirino Park
23	Pinkley Park
24	Shalimar Park
25	Shiffer Park
26	Smallwood Park
27	Suburbia Park
28	Talbert Regional Park
29	Talbert Nature Preserve
30	Tanager Park
31	Tewanite Park
32	Vista Park
33	Wakeham Park
34	Wilson Park
35	Wimbledon Park
36	Mesa Verde Golf Course
37	Newport Beach Golf Course
38	Santa Ana Country Club
39	Costa Mesa Golf Course

**Existing Parks and Open Spaces (2014)**

- Park and Recreational Facilities
- Open Space
- Golf Courses
- Community Gardens

**Existing Schools (2014)**

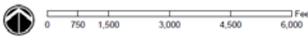
- Elementary and Middle Schools
- High Schools

**Bicycle Routes and Trails**

- Class I - Multi-Purpose Trail
- Class II - Bike Lane
- Class III - Signed Bike Route
- Open Space Hiking Trail
- Bridges

**Base Map Features**

- City Boundary
- Sphere of Influence
- Large Water Bodies
- Water Courses/Drainage Channels



Date: July 2014

## Existing Bicycle Routes and Trails (2014)

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## Master Plan of Parks and Recreation Update

### What is a Master Plan of Parks and Recreation?

The Master Plan of Parks and Recreation is a comprehensive report that catalogues and analyzes the condition of Costa Mesa’s recreation program and facilities. It presents recommendations for the future enhancement of parks and recreation facilities and program based on public input, objective data, technical expertise, and emerging best practices.

The Master Plan of Parks and Recreation is the General Plan implementation tool and provides more detail than the General Plan.

### Current Master Plan

The City of Costa Mesa Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation was adopted in 1996 and updated in 2003.

### New Master Plan Update Schedule

1. Request for Proposals (RFP):	<b>August 2014</b>
2. Consultant Selection and Award of Contract:	<b>October 2014</b>
3. Master Plan Process Completed:	<b>July 2015</b>

**Open Space and Recreation, and Conservation Elements**  
 Community Workshop - The Great Reach

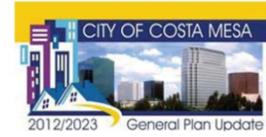


**Current Costa Mesa Conservation and Sustainability Programs**

Environment	Energy/Water Conservation	Green Building/Development	Green Infrastructure/Water Quality	Mobility/Air Quality
Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Restoration at Fairview Park	Solar Panels at Costa Mesa Downtown Recreation Center and Neighborhood Community Center	Costa Mesa "Green Team" to Promote Sustainable Building Techniques into Public and Private Projects	Green Infrastructure: Integrate Drought-Tolerant Landscaping and Bio-swales into Capital Improvement Projects	Fairview Channel Bike Trail (from Santa Ana River to Placentia Avenue)
City Owns and Manages Two Community Gardens (Del Mar and Hamilton Community Gardens)	Water Efficiency Landscape Guidelines to Encourage Native Vegetation and Drought-Tolerant Landscape Materials	Mesa Green Award Recognizes Exceptional "Green" Projects	Proposed Linear Park along Arlington Drive Will Integrate Drought-Tolerant Landscape, Bio-swales, and Water Infiltration Systems	Initiated Safe Routes to School Improvements
Grant to Plant and Maintain 250 Park Trees	Partnership with Gas Company to Implement Energy Efficient Projects	City Adopted CAL Green Code as Part of the Statewide Mandatory Green Building Code	New Water Infiltration System in Lions Park to Allow Water Runoff to Percolate into Soil	Bicycle Corridor Improvement Program Grant to Initiate New Bicycle Projects
	Go Green Program: Reduces Permit Fees and Expedites Solar Panels and Electric Charging Stations	City Website and Brochures Advertise Green Building and Sustainable Approaches		Grant to Develop Three Multipurpose Trails
	Drought-Tolerant Landscaping and Water-Efficient Irrigation in the Medians along Harbor Boulevard			Upgraded and Coordinated Traffic Signals to Move Cars Efficiently and Reduce Vehicle Emissions
	Reclaimed Water Used to Irrigate Fairview Park, Costa Mesa Golf Course, Joann Bike Trail, Jack R. Hammett Sports Complex, and Twinkle Park			



# Open Space/Recreation and Conservation Elements Community Workshop - The Great Reach Land Use and Park Data



## Population and Housing

Year	Population	Housing	Single-Family		Multi-Family	
			Number	%	Number	%
1990	96,357	39,611	18,720	48.8%	19,649	51.2%
2000	108,724	40,406	19,467	49.7%	19,726	50.3%
2010	109,960	42,120	20,904	50.8%	20,286	49.2%
2014	111,846	42,160	20,940	50.8%	20,290	49.2%
2020	113,700	42,469	19,576	46.1%	22,893	53.9%

Sources:  
1990 to 2014 Population and Housing Data: State of California, Department of Finance, E-8 Historical Population and Housing Estimates, 1990-2000, 2000-2010, 2011-2014, November 2002, 2012 and May 2014  
2020 Population Projection: SCAG Adopted Regional Transportation Plan (RTIP), 2012.  
2020 Housing Projection, including Single-Family and Multi-Family Data: City of Costa Mesa 2001 General Plan, 2002.

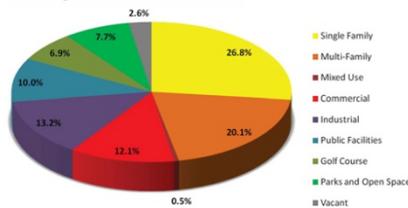
## Park Ratio per 1,000 Residents

Year	Population	Park Acres <sup>1</sup>	Acres per 1,000 Residents
1990	96,357	Unknown	N/A
2000	108,724	410.6	3.78
2010	109,960	420.4	3.82
2014	111,846	420.4	3.76
2020	113,700	420.4	3.70

Sources:  
2000 Park Acres: General Plan Environmental Impact Report, 2002.  
2010 to 2020 Park Acres: Open Space Master Plan of Parks and Recreation, 2003.  
Note:  
1.) Does not include joint-school facility acres.

## 2001 Existing Land Uses

### Existing Land Use Distribution

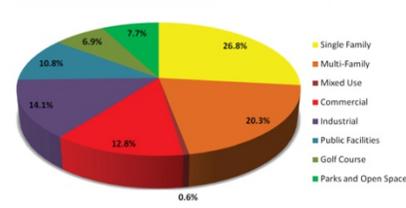


### Land Use Acres and Percentages (2001 and 2020)

Land Use	2001 Existing		2020 General Plan	
	Acres	%	Acres	%
Single-Family	2,168	26.8%	2,167	26.8%
Multi-Family	1,627	20.1%	1,645	20.3%
Mixed Use <sup>1</sup>	43	0.5%	48	0.6%
Commercial	983	12.1%	1,035	12.8%
Industrial	1,073	13.2%	1,146	14.1%
Public Facilities	812	10.0%	878	10.8%
Golf Course	560	6.9%	560	6.9%
Parks and Open Space	621	7.7%	621	7.7%
Vacant	213	2.6%	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 2020 General Plan Land Uses

### General Plan Distribution



### 2020 Urban Plan Acres

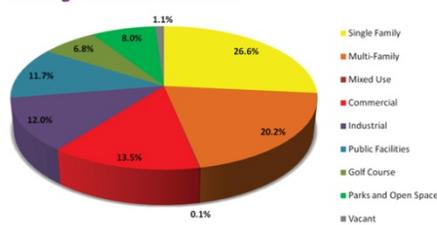
Urban Plans	Acres
Westside Urban Plans	626
SoBECA Urban Plan	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>666</b>

Note:  
1. Mixed Use in 2001 was defined as a mix of commercial and office or industrial uses, or a mix of commercial and residential uses.

Sources:  
Existing Land Use: General Plan Environmental Impact Report, 2002.  
General Plan Land Use: General Plan, 2002.

## 2014 Existing Land Uses

### Existing Land Use Distribution

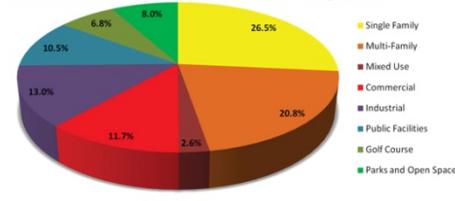


### Land Use Acres and Percentages (2014 and 2035)

Land Use	2014 Existing		2035 General Plan	
	Acres	%	Acres	%
Single-Family	2,153	26.6%	2,148	26.5%
Multi-Family	1,635	20.2%	1,687	20.8%
Mixed Use <sup>1</sup>	8	0.1%	210	2.6%
Commercial	1,096	13.5%	949	11.7%
Industrial	970	12.0%	1,054	13.0%
Public Facilities	951	11.7%	852	10.5%
Golf Course	553	6.8%	553	6.8%
Parks and Open Space	647	8.0%	647	8.0%
Vacant	87	1.1%	--	--
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>	<b>8,100</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

## 2035 Proposed Draft General Plan Land Uses

### General Plan Land Use Distribution - Proposed



### 2035 Urban Plan Acres

Urban Plans	Acres
Westside Urban Plans	566
SoBECA Urban Plan	52
<b>Total</b>	<b>618</b>

Note:  
1. Mixed Use is defined today as a mix of commercial and residential uses. This is similar to the definition identified in the urban plans.

Sources:  
Existing Land Use: MIG Existing Land Use Analysis (GIS), 2014.  
General Plan Land Use: Recommended Draft Land Use (GIS), 2014.

## Appendix 2: Wall Graphic

# COSTA MESA

7/16/14

**INTERESTS**  
 \* INTERESTS !!  
 \* WHO'S WHO?  
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**OPEN SPACE/RECREATION AND CONSERVATION WORK SHOP**

- WHY ARE WE TAKING AWAY PARTS OF OPEN SPACE AREAS
- DO NOT WANT TO ELIMINATE OPEN SPACE
- RESIDENTS HAVE ONE DESIRE - IMPACTED BY TURN AROUND

HOW DO YOU MEASURE PARK UTILIZATION

MAINTENANCE / INVENTORY ASSESSMENTS

WHAT ABOUT OTHER PARKS OTHER THAN FAIRVIEW (REMOVE PRESSURE)

MASTER PLAN - WILL INCLUDE ANALYSIS

CARE FOR WILDLIFE

- SOME PARKS ARE LOCKED - NEED PUBLIC ACCESS
- FIELD PROGRAM FOR STAFF

# FAIRVIEW PARK

HOW DOES FAIRVIEW PARK M.P. DIETARY INTO GEN. PLAN

GATHER INFO -> PARK COMMISSION -> MP APPROVED?

- WHO ARE ON COMMITTEE?
- CITY COUNCIL APPOINTED
- CRITERIA?
- RESIDENTS -> USE FAIRVIEW PARK
- WERE SOME IMPELEMENTS ELIMINATED
- YES - DOB PARK

ENV. STUDY CONDUCTED -> ADDRESS IMPACT ON WILDLIFE

YES -> CEQA UPLOADED TO FAIRVIEW WEBSITE (LIBRARY)

PLAN/FUND -> WITHOUT RESIDENTIAL/COMMUNITY APPROVAL, RECREATIONAL

BICYCLE PLAN LACK OF RETROFIT STREETS FOR COMMUTER BIKING

SOME PROGRESS -> NEW BIKE TRAILS

BANNING FANCH - TAKE A POSITION TO MAINTAIN O.S.

CONFLUENCE IN PUT -> PROPOSAL/SCOPE OF WORK

PROJECTS MOVING FORWARD NOT A PART OF OS MASTER PLAN

CONCERNED -> PURE OVER NATURE

AFRAID OF PROJECTS LEAD TO TOO MUCH PARKING

PARKING SPACES -> NIGHT OFFICE MORE ADVANTAGE

PURPOSE OF TURN AROUND -> CUL-DE-SAC -> ROAD AREA

AVOID RESIDENT DRIVEWAYS LOCAL TRAFFIC

FIRE/PAVING ACCESS (IMPROVE) -> NOT NECESSARY

CAN WE RE-OPEN DISCUSSION

RFP WENT OUT ALREADY CC FUNDED

COME TO F.V.P MEETING TO PRESERVE OPEN SPACE

GOAL -> DO NOT SACRIFICE OPEN SPACE

ACCES FOR LOCAL -> NOT RAISED -> HIGH QUALITY RECREATION

LAND USE OVERLAP



■ NEW WAYS TO REDUCE GREEN HOUSE GASES  
 - SOLAR  
 - ELECTRIC VEHICLES

■ FAIRVIEW PARK  
 - NATURE DEFICIT DISORDER  
 - KIDS NEED NATURAL PARKS

■ RECYCLING ALREADY REQUIRED NEEDED TO MEET DIVERSION  
 ■ MORE RECYCLING?

■ WASTES IDE STUDIES  
 - TOXIC  
 - NO PARK SET ASIDE  
 - WHY ACQUIRE LAND FOR PARKS  
 PAY FEE / DEDICATE LAND FOR PARKS

■ HOME RANCH / SAKIOKA  
 TRADE DENSITY / BUILDING FOR SPORTS PARK  
 ■ EXISTING ENTITLEMENTS  
 - OPP. FOR TRADING

■ UTILIZATION PARKS  
 - LOOK @ OTHER RESIDENTS USE CM PARKS  
 ■ CROSS BENEFIT  
 - TAKE INTO ACCOUNT

■ COYOTE PROBLEM  
 - DOGS RUNNING LOOSE  
 ■ FOOD SURRY / CATS  
 ■ TRAP  
 ■ TAKE FOOD / PETS IN @ NIGHT  
 ■ PETER COYOTES

■ PLANTS THAT ATTRACT BUTTERFLIES (SYMBIOTIC)  
 ↓  
 IN ALL PARKS / YARD / NATURE AREAS  
 MEDIANAS

■ PRIORITY TO MAINTAIN PARK ACRE RATIO  
 AUGUST 6  
 FAIRVIEW PARK MEETING

NEXT MTG:  
 AUG. 27TH  
 → OTHER ELEMENTS

