



## **WILLOW SPRINGS MISSION STATEMENT**

Councilmember James Johnson, 7<sup>th</sup> District

To provide a regional park in the center of the urban core that:

1. Is a regional resource for residents of surrounding communities, including Signal Hill, to enjoy;
2. Provides open space and recreational opportunities to the underserved residents of North, Central, and West Long Beach;
3. Provides educational and interpretative opportunities, particularly for youth and students;
4. Restores wetlands and provides habitat for endangered, threatened, or otherwise precious species;
5. Is sustainable, both in minimizing water, energy, and other resources onsite, and by inspiring visitors to plant sustainable landscape themselves;
6. Is compatible with the ongoing uses on and surrounding the property;
7. Complements neighboring trail and open space plans, and is integrated with them;
8. Is financially feasible, both in its creation and ongoing maintenance;
9. Provides opportunities for exercise and encourages healthy lifestyles;
10. Improves water quality by capturing storm water and using natural processes to minimize the discharge of pollutants to the to the Los Angeles River and the Pacific Ocean;
11. Can be phased in its implementation, maximizing the opportunities for community participation and allowing for successive improvements over time; and
12. Preserves the land in perpetuity for future generation to enjoy.



COMMERCIAL

PARKING NATIVE GARDEN

AMERIGAS PROPANE L.P. OWNED

NATURE PLAY

RESTROOM

NATIVE GARDEN

SHADE STRUCTURES

BMX TRACK

BIOSWALE

SUSTAINABLE PLANTINGS

DOG PARK

RESTROOM

MEADOW

SHADE STRUCTURES

GAZEBO / OVERLOOK

FORMAL GARDEN

MULTI USE ADA TRAILS

SUSTAINABLE PLANTINGS

MULTI USE TRAILS

GAZEBO

PARKING

VISITOR CENTER

WATER TREATMENT / WETLAND

PARKING

RESTROOM

SUSTAINABLE PLANTINGS

SUSTAINABLE PLANTINGS

BIOSWALE

OVERLOOK TRAIL

MULTI USE TRAILS

COMMUNITY GARDEN / EDUCATION AREA

PARKING

FARM 50

AMPHITHEATER / BAND SHELL

SHADE STRUCTURES

SUSTAINABLE PLANTINGS

OVERLOOK TRAIL

BIOSWALE

CALIFORNIA AVENUE

ORANGE AVENUE





# CALIFORNIA GARDENS MASTER PLAN SUMMARY REPORT SEPTEMBER 24, 2012

## CONCEPTUAL DESIGN PROCESS

On September 1, 2011, RJM Design Group, Inc. was contracted by the City of Long Beach, to provide professional workshop facilitation and planning services for the California Gardens Site.

The project team, consisting of the Office of City Council 7th District, City of Long Beach Parks Recreation and Marine representatives, and RJM Design Group, met first to review the approach and methodology. Data collection began to establish a comprehensive database through a review and analysis of available pertinent information provided by the client.

### **WORKSHOP #1**

As part of the planning process, a workshop was held on Saturday, July 21, 2012, from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in the EDCO Building. Seventy three (73) residents and community members attended the workshop. The workshop involved a series of exercises. First basic background information was provided and then all participated in the site awareness tour which allowed all the participants to experience the site in the same way.



### **WORKSHOP DISCUSSION**

After the site tour, participants were divided into eight (8) different working groups for the discussion process. The following is the summary consensus responses from the participants.



#### TOPIC 1a

What do you **like** best about the site?

- ❖ Topography/Varied Terrain
- ❖ History
- ❖ Habitat/Nature

#### TOPIC 1b

What do you **dislike** most about the site?

- ❖ Debris/Trash/Rubble
- ❖ Invasive Plants/Non-Native Plants
- ❖ Toxicity/Hazardous Material



#### TOPIC 2

What do you believe are the most important **issues** related to the development of the site?

- ❖ Funding/Income Source
- ❖ Toxicity of Soil/Contamination
- ❖ Restore/Preserve Habitat/Natural Resources

#### TOPIC 3

What **park amenities** would you like to see at California Gardens?

- ❖ Walkways/Trails/Accessible Paths
- ❖ Picnic/Shade Structures/Benches
- ❖ Nature Education/Visitor Center
- ❖ Restroom



## GROUP CONCEPT PLANS

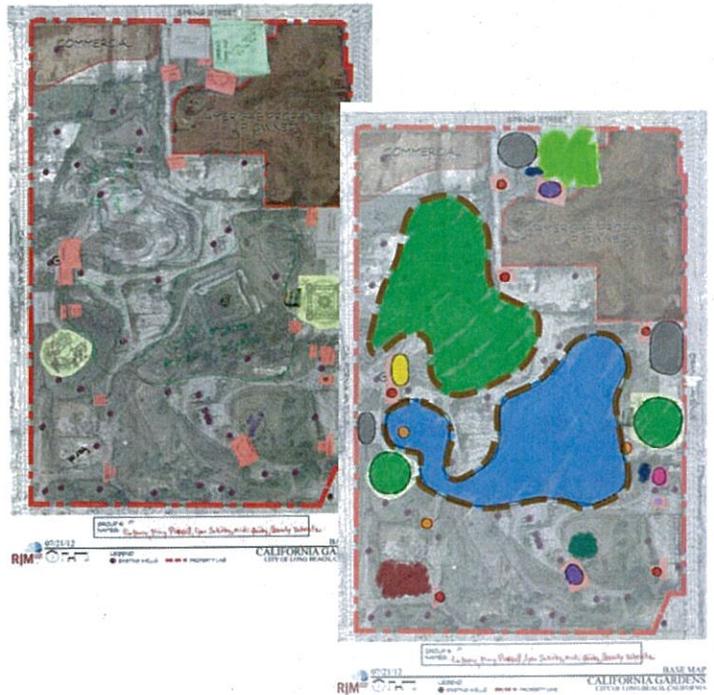
Each group was asked to take the consensus issues and improvements and utilize their creative energy, to develop a concept plan for the site. Based upon participant input, (8) alternatives were prepared by the groups during the workshop.

### Composite Analysis:

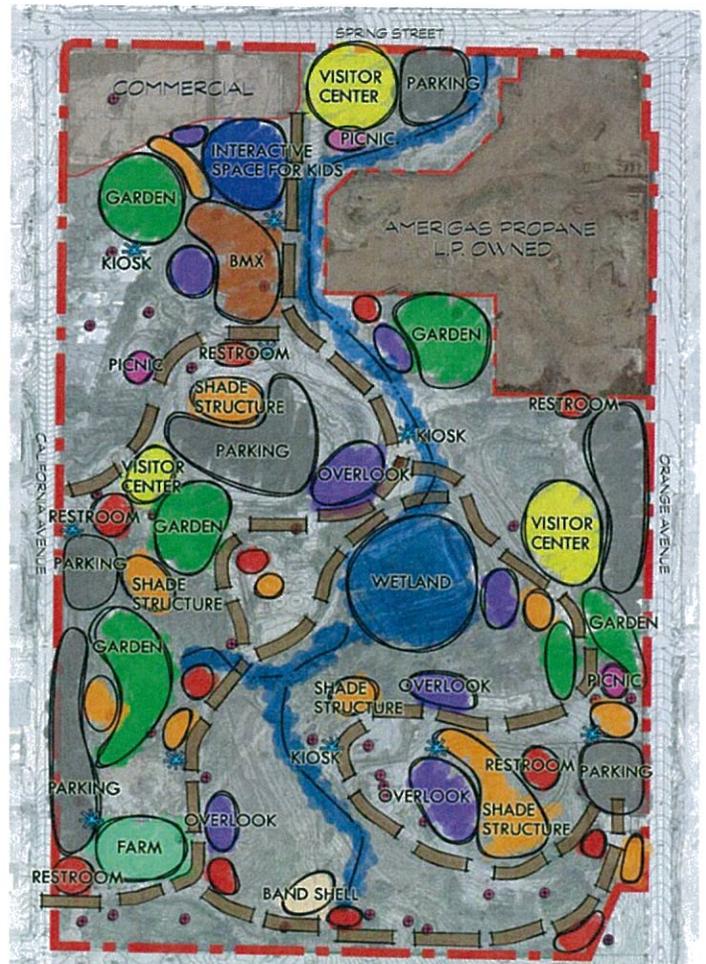
The composite plan is a combination of all the elements that came out of the group design charette. Every element that is identified on each group plan is recorded in a matrix and then compared for similarities between the plans.

### Consensus Planning:

The Diagrammatic Consensus Plan is a representation of the key ideas and concerns developed from the participants. The design team continued the planning effort by refining the consensus plan with an appropriate level of detail to accurately communicate the spatial relationships, program, and site elements in a Preliminary Conceptual Plan.



	Group 1	Group 2	Group 3	Group 4	Group 5	Group 6	Group 7	Group 8	Total
Bike Lane, Class I							X		1
Bike Rental and Repair Station							X		1
BMX, Off road Bike Destruction							X		1
Community Center		X			X				2
Community Gardens		X							1
Concert Shell		X							1
Demonstration Garden		X							1
Dog Park				X				X	2
Farm				X	X			X	3
Formal Garden								X	1
Gasbois				X		X		X	3
Habitat							X	X	2
Informal Garden	X		X	X			X		4
Interactive Space for Kids				X					1
Kiosk, Informational/Educational/Historical				X			X		2
Native Plantings			X			X		X	3
Nature Center			X	X		X		X	4
Park Overlook	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	8
Parking	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	7
Picnic Tables	X			X			X	X	3
Recurring, Recycling, Water Wheel	X								1
Restroom Building	X								1
Restaurant/Cafe	X	X		X	X		X	X	5
Shade Structures	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	7
Silica Dunes							X	X	2
Skate Park					X				1
Stream				X		X			2
Telescope Area								X	1
Terrace								X	1
Trails/Walking Paths	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	7
Trees	X	X							2
Visitor Center	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	6
Water Station							X	X	2
Wetland/Stream Water Restoration Area	X	X	X	X	X		X	X	7
Wheel Chair Accessible Garden Path							X	X	2



**Preliminary Master Plan:**

Once the Preliminary Master Plan was developed the design team presented it to participants during to establish consensus on major elements, function and arrangement.



