

## Wildlands

### **Working Group #3 Summary**

*Please use this summary sheet to share some of the discussion and key takeaways from your group. On the second page, you will find a blank matrix to transfer your notes from the breakout activity. Thank you!*

#### **Summary of Activity 1 - Goal Refinement Notes:**

**A Harmonized Urban-Wildland Interface:** Our Urban-Wildland Interface is a distinctive feature of Los Angeles - a city nestled between a vast coastline and distinctive ridgelines. The development patterns of Los Angeles' built environment have historically encroached upon the City's own natural environment that is home to critical species of flora and fauna and abundant natural resources. Los Angeles will be a city that adopts conscientious development strategies to protect our wildlands and ecology, conserve natural resources, and promote universal respect and environmental stewardship of our wildlands through education and awareness.

- **What were the itemized concerns that were expressed during the initial presentation and during the breakout groups?**
  - Inclusion
  - Increase access for all
  - Getting people from inner-city areas to wildland areas
  - Carryout language that focuses on underserved areas
  - Connectivity
  - Wildlife corridors
  - Connections to open space
  - Replace term 'encroach' with reclaim, protect, re-wild
  - Flag 'conscientious development strategies'
  - Multi-benefit projects

#### **Summary of Activity 2 - "Area of Need" Matrix Notes:**

Key themes were: protection of native species (flora and fauna), education about ways to interact with wildland areas and wildland corridors, bolstering development restrictions, how to reclaim/de-pave/de-concrete the city, taking wildlands into account in development projects

#### **Summary of Worksheet Responses:**

Flipchart notes from group discussion

- Quimby
- Improvement districts/authority
- Condition compliance/enforcement of "fees & fines"
- College & universities
- Coordination between DCP and LADBS
- Using technology
  - Visual inventory
  - Checklist
  - Lawful base – i.e. HPOZ
- Linkage zones for trees

- Park/open space in lieu of fees or build park before development
- Fold into CAP improvement:
  - permeable surface
  - ordinance
  - technology
    - counter
    - internal projects
- retrofit school playgrounds for joint use, adding permeable surfaces
- Trail management plans
  - Apps/technology/social media
  - Viewing decks
  - Active/pro-active management
  - Closing trails
- Buffers for trails
- Reclaim land
  - Eminent domain
  - Lack of funding
  - Quimby fees a source?
- Trash management in wildlands
  - Education, schools
  - Messaging, PSA's
- Maintenance of wildlands
- Volunteers/ambassadors, docents
- 75% of the city is non-permeable
- Urban wildlife and water issues
- Human impact on urban wildlife

**Revised "Area of Need" Matrix**

		Do we currently <i>have</i> it?	
		No	Yes
Do we <i>want</i> it by 2040?	Yes	<p align="center"><b>Achieve</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Transit to trails/rail to trail</li> <li>• Wildlands as multi-benefit infrastructure</li> <li>• Wildlife mobility policies and programs</li> <li>• Robust biodiversity</li> <li>• Identified waterways for wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Increased regional coordination</li> <li>• Role in climate adaptation</li> <li>• Increased role in <b>pollution mitigation</b></li> <li>• More preserves</li> <li>• Long term inventory</li> <li>• Long term monitoring</li> <li>• More habitat restoration</li> <li>• Watershed approach</li> <li>• Expanded SEAs</li> <li>• <b>Protection/Conservation of wildlife and wildlife habitats and easements</b></li> <li>• <b>Protective development standards for private projects</b></li> <li>• Identification of new open space land within the City of Los Angeles</li> <li>• Park equity</li> <li>• Permeable surfaces</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Preserve / Improve</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Native plants preference</b></li> <li>• Partnerships with Community-Based Organizations (CBO)s</li> <li>• Existing open space land</li> <li>• Biodiversity and species mobility</li> <li>• Improved network of trails with wildlands</li> <li>• Wildlands incorporated into public infrastructure projects</li> <li>• Increased and improved water quality and supply</li> <li>• Increased watershed protection</li> <li>• Quality open space resources and facilities</li> <li>• Civic engagement</li> <li>• Promoting physical fitness</li> <li>• Equity outcomes of each investment</li> </ul>
	No	<p align="center"><b>Avoid</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Fencing in wildlife habitat</li> <li>• Construction in Sensitive Ecological Areas (SEA)s</li> <li>• Impervious surfaces</li> </ul>	<p align="center"><b>Mitigate / Address</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Limited public access</li> <li>• Encroaching urbanization</li> <li>• Impact from visitors</li> <li>• Invasive species</li> <li>• Hillside development</li> <li>• Climate change</li> <li>• Urban heat island effect</li> <li>• Lack of park access</li> <li>• Public Safety</li> <li>• Lack of Wayfinding</li> <li>• Noise &amp; light disturbances</li> <li>• Helicopters</li> <li>• Need a comprehensive tree inventory. Currently most trees are on private property, making it difficult to inventory</li> <li>• Park inventory</li> </ul>