

Open Space & Recreation Element (OSRE) Update

Study Session – June 26, 2025

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OSRE Team



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What is Open Space?

Neighborhood Parks

Skate Park

Beaches

Golf Courses

Dog Parks

Mini Parks

Ecological Reserves

Regional Parks

Wetlands

Waters

Trails

Community Gardens

... and more!

What is an Open Space Element?

Open Space and Recreation Element (OSRE)

- A **long-term** policy document that determines how the City **uses, expands, and designs park and recreation spaces**
- Planners use this as a guide for the land use, **development**, and **management** of open spaces.
- One of nine elements within the City's **General Plan** mandated by the State
- It is not a document that regulates day-to-day operations of the Parks, Recreation, and Marine (PRM) Department or programs for capital improvements



Why update?

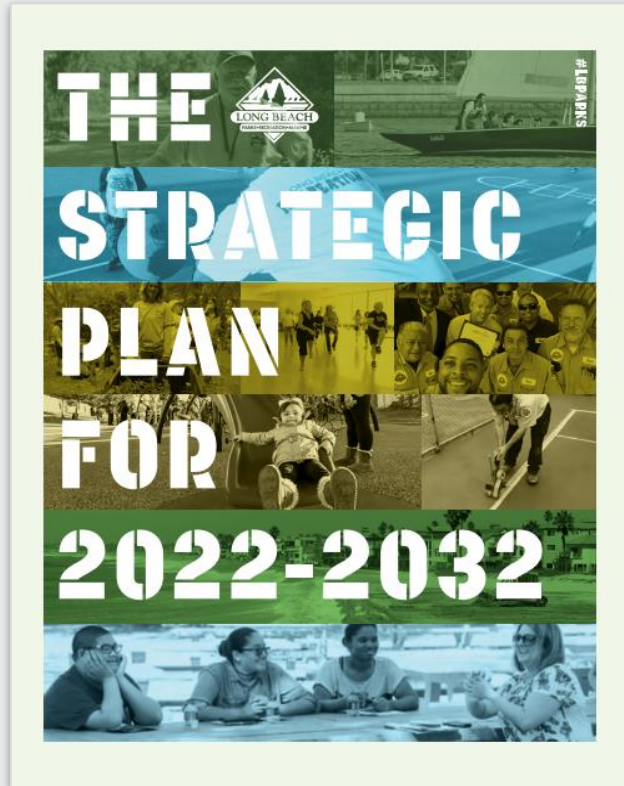
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- **Senate Bill 1425** – Request cities to update Open Space Elements by January 1, 2026
- **Mayor's 100-Day Plan** – Called for the OSRE update focusing on resident accessibility
- **Long Beach Climate Action Plan (LB CAP)** – Calls to enhance and expand green space, particularly parks and green space in communities most vulnerable to extreme heat and air quality climate impacts

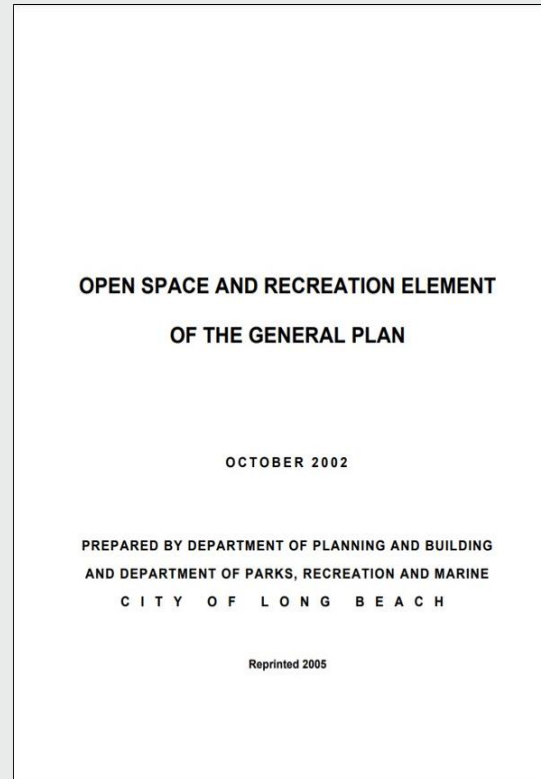


Update is Underway

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Building off existing Strategic Plan



Last updated in 2002



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Framework

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HEALTH

RECREATION

**OPERATIONS &
MAINTENANCE**

**OPEN SPACE
RESOURCES**

Framework

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Within the four major themes, there are **10 total subcategories** from **state-mandated requirements**.

HEALTH

- Access for historically underserved communities
- Public Health, Safety & Climate Resilience

RECREATION

- Outdoor Recreation Facilities
- Programming & Events

OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE

- Management & Operations
- Financial Resilience

OPEN SPACE RESOURCES

- Natural Resources
- Managed Production of Resources
- Military Support
- Tribal Resources

Meeting Current and Future Needs

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In the planning process, we'll be looking at ways to:

- Expand and improve **park access**
- Ensure robust **community engagement**
- Make our green spaces more **climate-ready**
- Ensure **consistency** with existing plans, including Housing and Land Use Elements



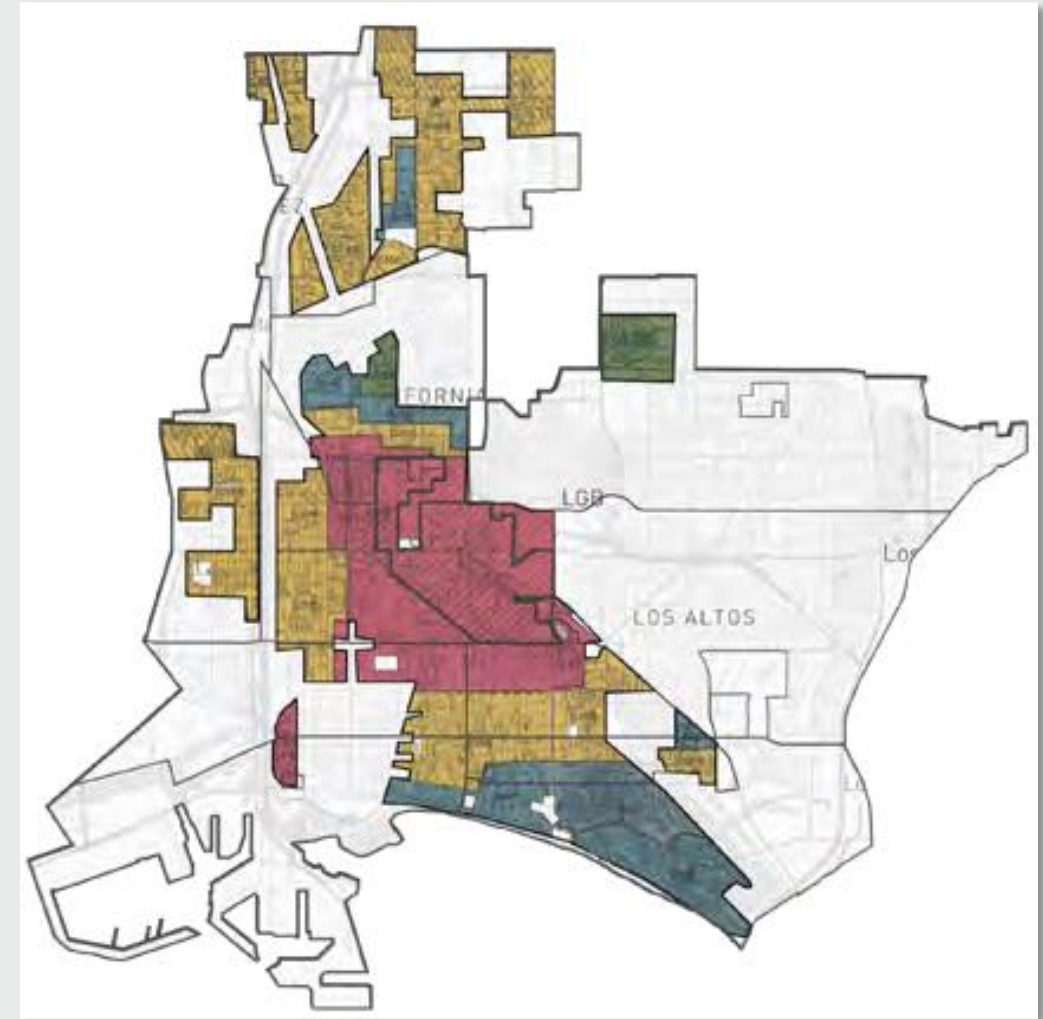
Roots of Neighborhood Disparities

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Redlining

“Alien land laws, restrictive covenants (deed restrictions), segregation and White flight, **redlining**, and other discriminatory practices were tools at the federal, state, and local levels that supported and perpetuated **systemic racism**.”

- City of Long Beach, *Historic Context Statement: Suburbanization & Race* (2022)



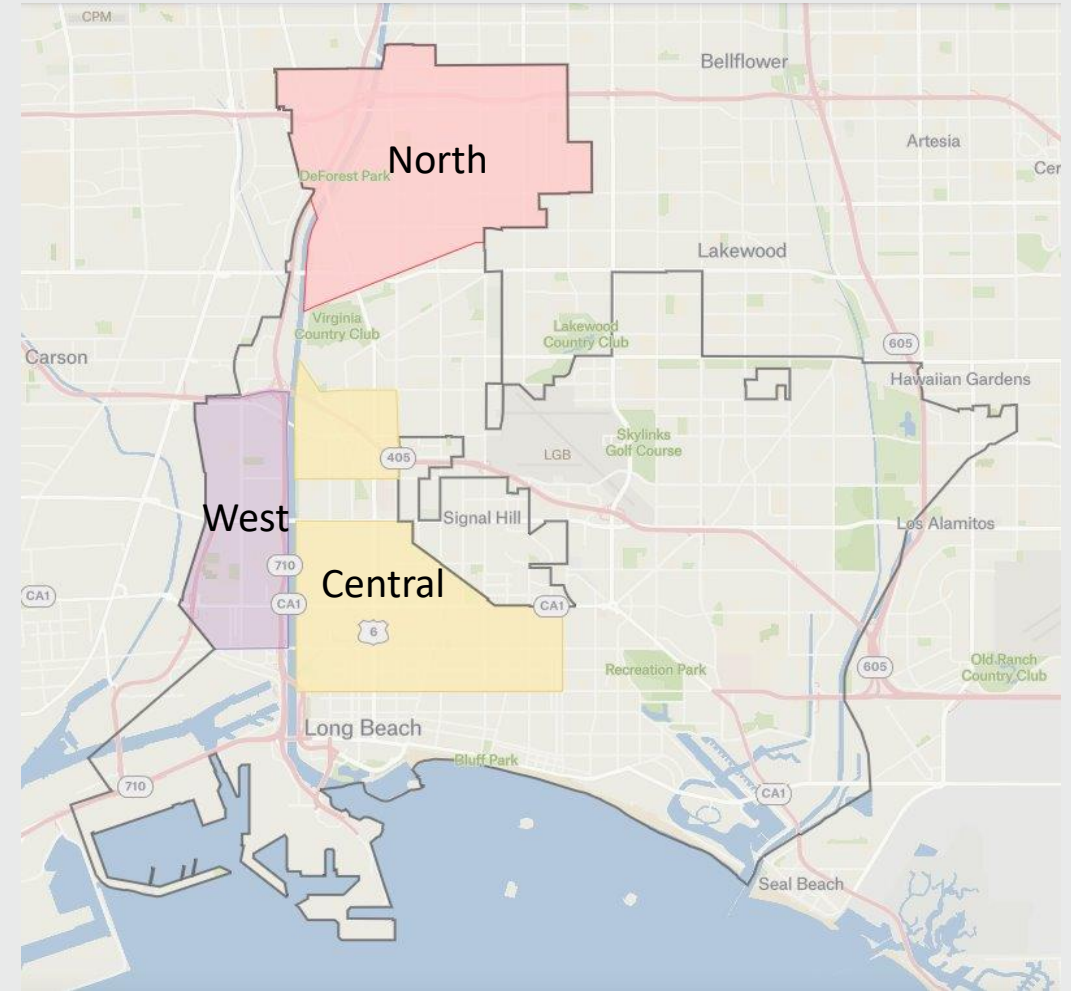
Redlining in Long Beach, 1934-1968

Priority Areas

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We are prioritizing community outreach and engagement in **Central, West, and North Long Beach**, which historically and persistently have fewer and poorer quality parks and open space.

Our Priority Area map integrates boundaries from the Long Beach Health Equity Map (2023) and SB 535 Disadvantaged Communities (2022)



Community Engagement

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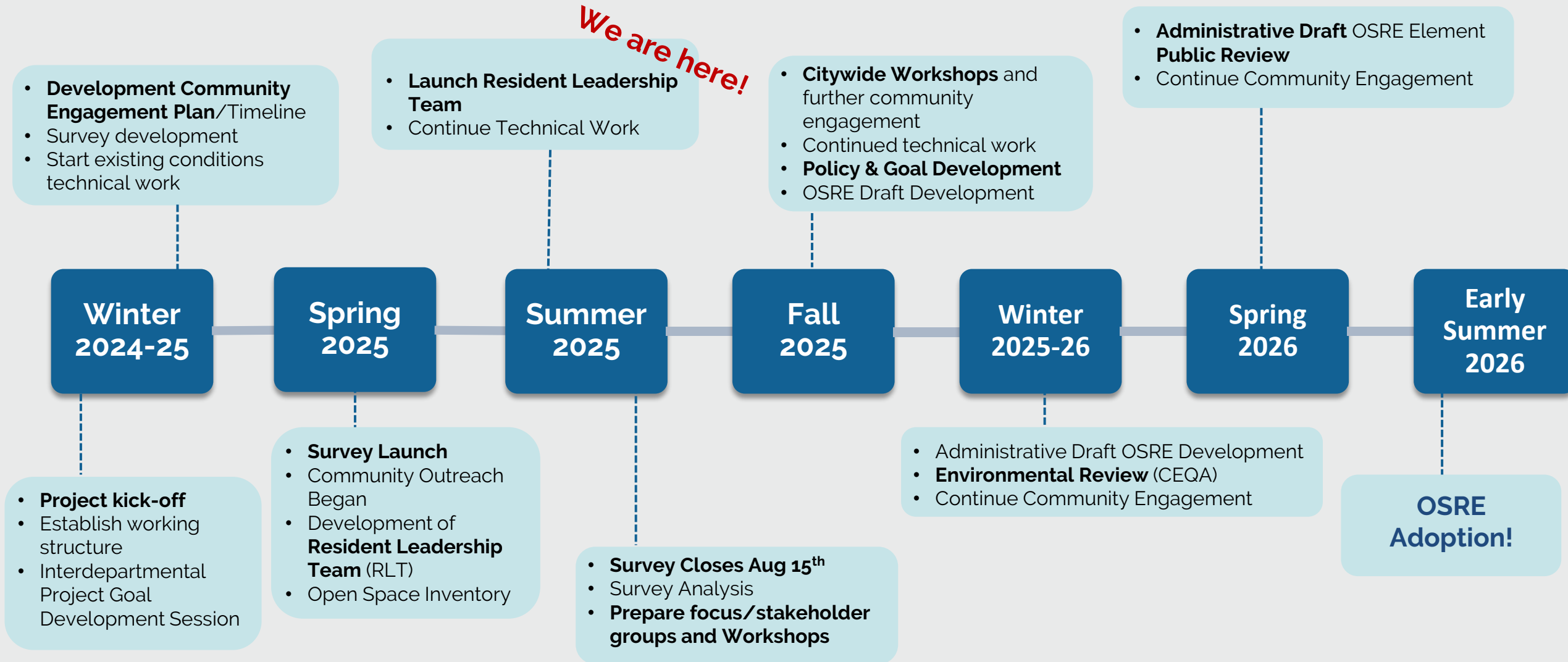
Goals

- Conduct **robust outreach** that engages, educates, and **empowers** community members to help **shape the OSRE and the City's priorities**
- Work closely with community members to **build capacity and leadership** to be involved in parks and open space **decision-making** and **resource prioritization**
- Center **communities that have been traditionally left behind** in information we share, questions we ask, outcomes we achieve



Timeline

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YOUR VOICE, YOUR PARKS!

Help Shape the Future of Long Beach's
Parks and Open Spaces!

Scan to participate in the
community survey!



<https://longbeachsurvey.org>

Stay Involved

- Visit the **project website** to stay updated:
www.longbeach.gov/osrupdate
- Sign up to **receive regular updates** on
the project: bit.ly/osrupdate
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