

# OPEN SPACE ELEMENT



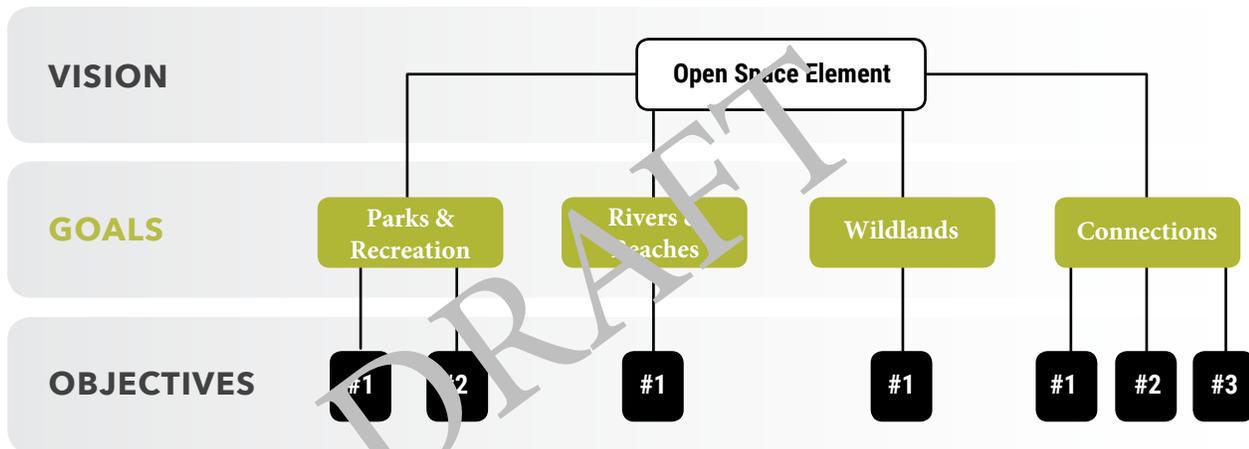
## Goals and Objectives Reference Guide

### INTRODUCTION

This reference guide was developed specifically for the Open Space Working Group as a tool to inform discussion and survey responses. The goals and objectives contained throughout OurLA2040 will follow a consistent format that may diverge from many of the policies built into the current General Plan. For your information, please read through this brief reference guide to for an introductory discussion on goals and objectives and an overview of what is currently in the existing General Plan.

### OVERVIEW

**Hierarchy of Vision, Goal, and Objectives:** The diagram below indicates a hierarchy of vision, goals, and objectives. Each element chapter in OurLA2040 will likely contain only one goal. Following each goal are a series of linear objectives. The reason for this structure is that goals often require multiple objectives to capture the complexity of the topic.



### DEFINITIONS

The following definitions and examples were adapted from the existing Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles (<https://cityplanning.lacity.org/cwd/gnlpln/PlanforHealthyLA.pdf>).

**Vision and Guiding Principles:** A statement capturing beliefs and ideal conditions at the beginning of the Element. The Vision can be distilled into several guiding principles that permeate throughout the General Plan.

**Example:** With a focus on public health and safety, the Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles provides a roadmap for addressing the most basic and essential quality-of-life issues: safe neighborhoods, a clean environment, access to health services, affordable housing, healthy and sustainably produced food, and the opportunity to thrive. By incorporating a stronger health lens to the City’s policies and practices, Los Angeles is committed to fostering great neighborhoods that create fair and equitable opportunities for all Angelenos.

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**Goals:** A Goal is a broad statement that describes the future condition or “end” state. Goals are outcome-oriented and achievable over time.

**Example:** *Bountiful Parks and Open Spaces.* Improve access to existing parks and open spaces and prioritizing new parks in the most underserved neighborhoods.

**Objectives:** An objective is an aspirational measure of goal attainment. Objectives follow the goal and precede specific policies. Quantifiable objectives often follow the S.M.A.R.T. methodology, however some objectives require qualitative measures that must be adequate and monitorable. S.M.A.R.T. objectives are specific, measurable, attainable, relevant and time-oriented.

**Example #1:** Increase access to parks so that 75% of all residents are within a ¼ mile walk of a park or open space facility.

**Example #2:** Increase the miles of the Los Angeles River that are revitalized for natural open space and physical activity, particularly in low-income areas.

**Example #3:** Improve the percentage of citywide population meeting physical fitness standards per week so that 50% percent of the population meets physical activity guidelines.

# OPEN SPACE: EXISTING GENERAL PLAN GOALS

An Overview of Goals from the Conservation, Open Space, Public Recreation and Health Elements

General Plan Element	Goal Description	Page
Conservation	A city that preserves, protects and enhances its existing natural and related resources.	pp. II - 1
Open Space	To insure the preservation and conservation of sufficient open space to serve the recreational, environmental, health and safety needs of the City.	pp. 3
Open Space	To conserve unique natural features, scenic areas, cultural and appropriate historical monuments for the benefit and enjoyment of the public.	pp. 3
Open Space	To provide an open space system which provides identity, form and a visual framework to the City.	pp. 3
Open Space	To conserve and/or preserve those open space areas containing the City's environmental resources including air and water.	pp. 3
Open Space	To provide access, where appropriate, to open space lands.	pp. 3
Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles	Bountiful Parks and Open Spaces. Improve access to existing parks and open spaces and prioritizing new parks in the most underserved neighborhoods.	pp. 53
Public Recreation Plan	<i>Not Available. (The Public Recreation Plan sets forth recreation standards intended to provide a basis for satisfying the needs for neighborhood and community recreational sites. Much of these standards are now contained within the Quimby Ordinance).</i>	

# OPEN SPACE: EXISTING GENERAL PLAN OBJECTIVES

*An Overview of Objectives from the Conservation, Open Space, Public Recreation and Health Elements*

General Plan Element	Objective Description	Page
Conservation	Retain in agricultural use, as appropriate, the last state designated significant agricultural parcel within the city, the Pierce College parcel.	II - 2
Conservation	Retain, to the extent feasible, the last remaining agricultural features of the city as part of the city's heritage and economy.	II - 3
Conservation	Protect the city's archaeological and paleontological resources for historical, cultural, research and/or educational purposes.	II - 5
Conservation	Protect important cultural and historical sites and resources for historical, cultural, research, and community educational purposes.	II - 9
Conservation	Protect and promote the restoration, to the greatest extent practical, of sensitive plant and animal species and their habitats.	II - 13
Conservation	Retain equine oriented uses as a part of the city's heritage and for recreational, educational and economic purposes.	II - 17
Conservation	Protect the coastline and watershed from erosion and inappropriate sedimentation that may or has resulted from human actions.	II - 22
Conservation	Protect and restore ocean fisheries (habitats).	II - 25
Conservation	Protect fisheries and enhance, restore or create fisheries for native fish populations and for sport fishing or harvesting in city managed waters.	II - 25
Conservation	Retain the forests as primary watershed, open space and recreational resources for the region.	II - 28
Conservation	Preserve, protect, restore and enhance natural plant and wildlife diversity, habitats, corridors and linkages so as to enable the healthy propagation and survival of native species, especially those species that are endangered, sensitive, threatened or species of special concern.	II - 34
Conservation	Protect important natural habitats and scenic sites outside the city which are owned by the city or are impacted by city facilities.	II - 42
Conservation	Protect and reinforce natural and scenic vistas as irreplaceable resources and for the aesthetic enjoyment of present and future generations.	II - 48
Conservation	Protect and enhance the diversity and sustainability of the natural ecologies of the Santa Monica and San Pedro bays, including the bay fishery populations.	ii - 55
Conservation	Conserve sand and gravel resources and enable appropriate, environmentally sensitive extraction of sand and gravel deposits.	ii - 59
Conservation	Conserve petroleum resources and enable appropriate, environmentally sensitive extraction of petroleum deposits located within the city's jurisdiction so as to protect the petroleum resources for the use of future generations and to reduce the city's dependency on imported petroleum and petroleum products.	ii - 64

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Open Space	To establish standards, criteria and an order of importance for the location, quantity, quality, conservation and preservation of open space.	pp. 4
Open Space	To encourage private persons and all levels of government to assume a logical role in the regulation, funding, planning, development and operation of a coordinated open space system for the State, County, region and City.	pp. 4
Open Space	To establish guidelines for utilizing existing open space for the maximum benefit of the citizens of Los Angeles consistent with the rights of persons owning such open space.	pp. 4
Open Space	To develop programs and techniques to encourage private land owners to create and/or preserve open space areas and/or linear strips of land connecting open space areas.	pp. 4
Open Space	To identify, preserve and/or conserve ecologically important areas within the City which are worthy of preservation and protection.	pp. 4
Open Space	To identify unique natural features, scenic areas and historical sites which are desirable for preservation.	pp. 4
Open Space	To identify, preserve and/or conserve those lands necessary as open space land in order to protect the public health and safety.	pp. 4
Open Space	To emphasize the importance of, and to preserve open space and natural features in private and public development.	pp. 4
Open Space	To identify the need and methods of providing for open space in proposed centers and impacted areas* of the City.	pp. 4
Open Space	To establish appropriate guidelines for the use of the City's beaches and waterfront.	pp. 4
Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles	Increase the number of neighborhood and community parks so that every Community	pp. 54
Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles	Plan Area strives for 3 acres of neighborhood and community park space per 1000 residents (excluding regional parks and open spaces). (Health Atlas Map 62)	pp. 54
Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles	Increase access to parks so that 75% of all residents are within a ¼ mile walk of a park or open space facility. (Health Atlas Map 63)	pp. 54
Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles	Increase the number of schools (public, private, and charter) that have shared use agreements for community use outside of normal school hours by 25%.	pp. 54
Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles	Increase the miles of the Los Angeles River that are revitalized for natural open space and physical activity, particularly in low-income areas.	pp. 54
Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles	Increase the number of parks that feature or incorporate universally-accessible features.	pp. 54
Plan for a Healthy Los Angeles	Improve the percentage of citywide population meeting physical fitness standards per week so that 50% percent of the population meets physical activity guidelines.	pp. 54

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Public Recreation Plan	To provide a guide for the orderly development of the City's public-recreational facilities.	pp. 1
Public Recreation Plan	To provide long-range standards for use in connection with new subdivisions, intensification of existing residential development, or redevelopment of blighted residential areas as described under general local recreation standards.	pp. 1
Public Recreation Plan	To develop and locate public facilities to provide the greatest benefit to the greatest number of people at the least cost and with the least environmental impact.	pp. 1
Public Recreation Plan	To provide a guide of priorities for the acquisition and development of public recreational facilities.	pp. 2
Public Recreation Plan	To further refine and carry out the goals and objectives set forth in the Concept and Citywide Plan for recreation.	pp. 2