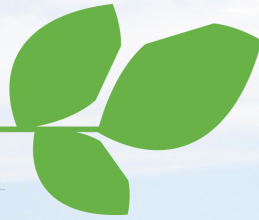


Los Angeles Parks Foundation



Annual Report 2022

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Dear Friends of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation,

Thank you for loving and supporting our 450 city parks – the diverse public spaces for all Angelenos to pursue their famously healthy, outdoor lifestyles.

With your support we invested more than \$3 million dollars to fund city park improvements in 2022. One shining example involves our founding Board Member, Jill Werner, and the Werner Family Foundation, who generously sponsored a beautiful new playground in Boyle Heights. The tight-knit neighborhood uses the playground well into the evenings. Thank you to the entire Werner family!

We also installed our final Clippers Court at the new Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex, a stunning new, state-of-the-art rec center and pool in South Los Angeles. The Clippers' \$10 million investment in more than 300 new basketball courts citywide is unprecedented and unmatched. We are grateful to the team, owner Steve Ballmer and our Development Chair, Clippers Foundation President Denise Booth, for their unwavering commitment to our city parks.

Nike, another visionary LAPF partner, focused on improving youth sports programs citywide in 2022. The sports giant funded a new position within the parks department to lead and elevate youth sports throughout Los Angeles. Nike then turned its attention to coaching our coaches. Through off-site retreats at the company's bucolic Playa Vista campus, Nike worked with city park staff to identify and codify best practices for coaches. Together, we developed manuals to demystify the daunting parental task of coaching young athletes, and inculcating them with the skills and values of healthy competition.

The health of our city – and the air we breathe – is always top of mind. So, we're grateful to our longstanding partners at the Annenberg Foundation and Board Member Thomas Safran for generously supporting our Park Forest initiative. Mr. Safran funded four forests in one location with a huge installation of 50 flowering Pink Trumpet trees at Lake Balboa. The Annenberg Foundation supported four forests in urbanized areas that desperately need shade. Since launching this innovative program in 2020, we have planted 22 Park Forests.

In Griffith Park, the largest green space in Los Angeles and one of the largest city parks in the world, we partner with the Griffith J. Griffith Trust year-in and year-out to support environmental sustainability and honor the history of this spectacular urban wilderness. In 2022, the Trust provided free golf equipment for kids and a new horse for our Park Rangers. The Trust also funded the development and installation of a new native plant garden at LAPF headquarters in the Commonwealth Yard. Come visit and we'll give you a tour!

We invite you to read more about our work in 2022 and learn about our ambitious plans in the following pages. Thank you again for supporting this work!



David Nickoll
Board Chair



Carolyn Ramsay
Executive Director



Our Mission

The mission of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation is to enhance, expand, preserve, and promote public parks, recreation and open space for the diverse people of Los Angeles.

Vision

The work of the Los Angeles Parks Foundation grows from the premise that access to safe, well-programmed, highly functional parks, recreation centers and open green spaces improve the quality of life for all Angelenos. Through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation, donors are making a choice to directly invest in their communities, fight climate change, and enhance the social, environmental and physical health of this great city.



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Thank you to Carlyle Hall, Thomas Miller, Mark Rios, and Lucinda Starrett who retired from the board this year.

KEY PROJECTS

350 Los Angeles Clippers Community Basketball Courts

In 2018, the Los Angeles Clippers and Connie & Steve Ballmer donated \$10 million to renovate every single basketball court in a Los Angeles city park and recreation center. It is the largest philanthropic donation that the City of Los Angeles has received to date. In June 2022, we announced the opening of the 350th and final Los Angeles Clippers Community Basketball Court. The court, located at the Michelle and Barack Obama Sports Complex, marks the completion of the largest single project in LAPF history.

Now, 98% of Angelenos have a Clippers Community Court within 2-miles of where they live.



Msgr. Ramon Garcia Recreation Center Playground

Jill Werner and the Werner Family Foundation donated \$500,000 to build and bring a new ADA-accessible play complex to Monsignor Ramon Garcia Recreation Center in Boyle Heights. Through this donation, two damaged playgrounds were replaced with new ADA-accessible structures with resilient surfacing. One structure caters to children 2-5 years old, featuring sensory play elements, with the other geared towards children from 5-12 years old, which includes shade, balance beams and swings.



NIKE's Women Coach LA Program and Girls Empowerment

Through a \$400,000 donation from Nike, LAPF partnered with the sports giant and the Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks to develop the 'Women Coach Los Angeles Program (WCLA).' This program increases the pool of trained female coaches in youth sport leagues throughout the City of Los Angeles by creating a pipeline of talent and female representation. The program focuses on recruiting, training and placing female coaches to promote gender equity and engage female role model mentors for girls.

Our goal is to increase the number of women involved in coaching and improve participation and retention of girls in target underserved communities. More women coaching means more girls staying active and healthy.



11th Annual Rose Award: Honoring Jaime Lee

On October 13, 2022, we honored Jamison Realty CEO and LA2028 Olympics board member Jaime Lee at our 11th annual Rose Award in the Exposition Park Rose Garden. The Rose Award celebrates women in Los Angeles who have made a significant contribution to our city.

The 2022 Rose Award was our second highest grossing Rose Award in Los Angeles Parks Foundation history. Thank you to everyone who supported the event!



Ahmanson Foundation: Rhodes Avenue Park Fitness

Through an \$89,000 donation from the Ahmanson Foundation, we installed state-of-the-art fitness equipment in Rhodes Park, North Hollywood. The new fitness area includes a full-body circuit with eight resistance exercises, an adult climbing wall, a cross-training trapeze rack, an elliptical machine, sturdy metal instructional signage, and rubber flooring tiles for safety and low-impact.

City National Bank's Laurel Canyon Dog Park Shade Structure and Dog Wash

Through a \$32,000 donation from City National Bank, a new shade pergola, benches, and a dog wash station were installed within Laurel Canyon Dog Park – LA's oldest off-leash dog park. These improvements also included making the structure ADA-accessible by connecting the existing parking lot ramp to the seating area. Laurel Canyon Dog Park is now wheel-chair accessible!





6th Annual Griffith Park Run Half Marathon & 5K

After a pandemic hiatus, we hosted the 6th annual Griffith Park Run Half Marathon & 5K on February 13th, 2022. Hundreds of runners, joggers and supporters turned out to participate in our new trail course within Griffith Park.



Girls Play Los Angeles (GPLA)

We have been working closely with the Department of Recreation and Parks on the Girls Play Initiative to make sports more accessible to girls in Los Angeles in 2022. With funding from Finish Line Youth Foundation, we were able to support GPLA sports programming to approximately 3,000 girls at 100 parks and recreation facilities in low-income neighborhoods throughout Los Angeles.

Griffith J. Griffith Charitable Trust

With continued support from the Griffith J. Griffith Trust, we are supporting essential programs within Griffith Park.



Griffith Park Rangers

In 2022 we supported the Park Rangers to purchase much-needed supplies and equipment, including specialized tack for the horse-mounted units, firefighting equipment for the ranger trucks, and search-and-rescue thermal imaging cameras.

We also added a new Ranger to the unit – a horse named Archie!

Marty Tregnan Golf Academy

We were able to contribute new golf equipment to Marty Tregnan Golf to improve the conditions for both the youth and coaches.

Commonwealth Native Plant Nursery

GJG helped fund the the construction and installation of our native plant demonstration garden and native plant nursery. Now in it's second year, the nursery is fully operational and will provide native plants to city parks.





Commonwealth Native Plant Demonstration Garden

LAPF installed our very own native plant demonstration garden enabling us to create an outdoor learning environment meant to engage with Angelenos in native plant horticulture and provide a multi-faceted and dynamic foundation to model landscape projects throughout Los Angeles.

Come by and volunteer at the nursery!

Hollyhock House

At Los Angeles' first UNESCO World Heritage Site, and LA's first Frank Lloyd Wright designed home, the Hollyhock House has been working to restore and enhance the landscaping with native plants. At the Hollyhock House in Barnsdall Art Park, a few of our native plants were installed to beautify this park and create a habitat for wildlife.



LA's First Miyawaki Forest

In 2021, the Hancock Park Garden Club sponsored the installation of the Miyawaki Forest in Griffith Park. This experimental project tests and will serve as a highly effective model for restoring habitats and biodiversity. With just a little bit of watering over the last year, look at how much it's grown!

We grew 145 seedlings, mostly from seed gathered in Griffith Park, and planted them in an intensive pattern to encourage competition for sunlight and growth rates up to 10x faster than traditional plantings. This method of intensive plantings was developed in the 1970s by Japanese landscape architect Akira Miyawaki. Our "forest" takes up just 1,000 square feet and is possibly the first Miyawaki Forest in Los Angeles.



Westwood Recreation Center

We installed native plants at the Tommy's Field sign at Westwood Recreation Center. This installation helps compliment the recreation center's efforts to reduce water usage.



Park Forests

We introduced the Los Angeles Park Forest initiative in 2020 to combat the heat crisis and bring shade to Los Angeles' most vulnerable communities/neighborhoods. Since our launch, it has become one of our most popular programs to date. We are committed to planting 10 Park Forests per year until 2030 to help address three main goals: fighting climate change, growing the urban canopy, and restoring native wildlife habitats.

In 2022, we installed 12 Park Forests in city parks, exceeding our goal of planting 10 Park Forests per year.

Our Park Forests consist of a diverse palate of native and non-native drought tolerant trees. Each Park Forest contains between 12 and 50 24-inch box trees. We partner with the Department of Recreation and Parks to determine tree species most appropriate for the park. All of our Park Forests are installed and maintained for two years by the industry's leading landscape contractors.

This year, we had both our first multi-Park Forest donation and our largest Park Forest donation to date. Thank you to all of 2022 Park Forest Sponsors!

2022 Park Forest Sponsors

Annenberg Foundation

St. Andrews Recreation Center, MLK Rec Center, Bradford Rec Center, and Glassell Rec Center.

In 2022, the Annenberg Foundation sponsored four Park Forests in Los Angeles. This was our first multi-forest donation. Thanks to their generous \$100,000 donation we brought 12-tree Park forests to four parks lacking sufficient shade.

The Safran Family Charitable Trust

Lake Balboa

The Safran Family Charitable Trust supported four Park Forests at Lake Balboa, installing 50 flowering Pink Trumpet Trees with a \$100,000 donation. This will mimic the previously donated Cherry Blossoms trees. This is our largest Park Forest installation in a single location to date.

Barnsdall Art Park Foundation

Barnsdall Art Park

Barnsdall Art Park Foundation's donation allowed for 40 Olive trees to be planted to help revive the historic 1890s Olive Grove.



Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation:

SWAT Officer Randal D. Simmons Park

The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation sponsored this beautiful 12-tree micro-forest at LAPD SWAT Officer Randal D. Simmons Park. We planted native Coast Live Oaks and Shumard Oaks to restore the tree canopy at this beloved neighborhood park.

Thomas R. Miller & Family:

Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park

Thomas R. Miller & Family's donation led to a Park Forest installation at Ken Malloy Harbor Regional Park – our first of the year!

Wells Fargo

Hansen Dam Recreation Center

Thanks to a generous donation from Wells Fargo, we installed a 12-tree Park Forest to bring cooling shade to the Hansen Dam Recreation Area and combat record-breaking heat. This micro forest includes drought tolerant Coast Live Oaks, critically endangered Torrey Pines, and Indian Rosewoods.





Park Adoptions

By partnering with LAPF through the Adopt-a-Park program, organizations are facilitating relationships with the park, community and department. Many of the park adoptions recur annually and their impact is substantial. Barnsdall Art Park Foundation (BAPF) installed a park forest consisting of 40 olive trees to restore the Historic Olive Grove in Barnsdall Art Park. The Clifford Family Foundation adopted Robert Burns Park in Windsor Square to fund the installation of fitness equipment that offers many options for a full body workout.

The Windward School supported their neighboring city park Mar Vista Recreation Center with the installation of a batting cage and a reworked electric circuit. Sikand Foundation benefited Hollenbeck Recreation Center by re-surfacing a patio and adding a guardrail to make the park safe and enjoyable for all.

David Bohnett Foundation adopted the Franklin Canyon Orange Grove. Their sponsorship allows for the maintenance and harvest of the trees. All of the fruit is distributed by fellow nonprofit Food Forward to hunger-relief agencies throughout Los Angeles. This year, Food Forward was able to distribute 17,005 lbs of fresh fruit to Angelenos in need.



2022 Park Adopters

Barnsdall Art Park Foundation

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Clifford Family Foundation

Robert Burns Park

David Bohnett Foundation

Franklin Canyon Orange Grove

Sikand Foundation

Hollenbeck Recreation Center

Windward School

Mar Vista Recreation Center

Friends of the Parks

Through direct donations from our Friends of the Parks program, Parks and Recreation centers are able to complete projects, renovations, or host events with support from generous community members. These funds may also be used by staff to purchase vital equipment for the park.

One shining example of a community-led project is the partnership at Yucca Community Center. Neighborhood Councils from Hollywood United, Central Hollywood, and Hollywood Hills West came together to raise funds to add a dance floor the Yucca Community Center. Other Friends of the Park (ESPN), contributed funding that allowed Van Ness Recreation Center to purchase supplies to bolster their Girls' Cheer, Volleyball, and Soccer programs. Oakwood Recreation Center received a donation from Lids allowing them to purchase equipment for a variety of things, such as their sports programs, camps, and teen clubs. Mar Vista Neighborhood Council's generous support allowed for the renovations to Mar Vista Recreation Center's stage floor and gym floor.

We also held an event celebrating the reopening of Venice Beach's famous Muscle Beach – following the installation of new calisthenics equipment for the community to use.



Holiday in the Parks

Every year the Los Angeles Parks Foundation's Board of Directors fund holiday parties in parks and recreation centers to make sure all children have a chance to experience the Holiday season in some small way. This year, we received a record number of applications and funded events in 50 Los Angeles parks and recreation centers - our most ever!



Small Projects

With funding from generous organizations, we also support several smaller programs within parks and recreation centers. Through the Los Angeles Parks Foundation, the Port of Los Angeles generously donated funding to the Cabrillo Beach Pier Fishing Program to instruct 250+ youth on the importance of safe fishing practices. South Park received investments from Eric Freedman, Toby Bailey, Mitchell Butler, and Snap Inc to refurbish and renovate the tech room. Dick's Sporting Goods contributed funding toward the current programming and LA based outreach for GPLA.



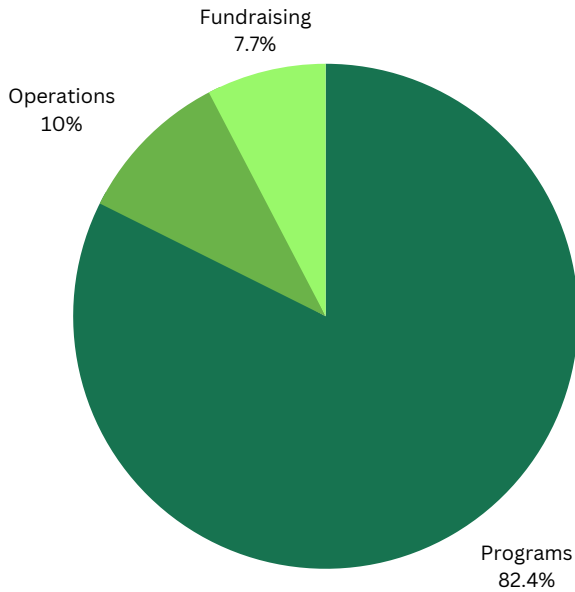
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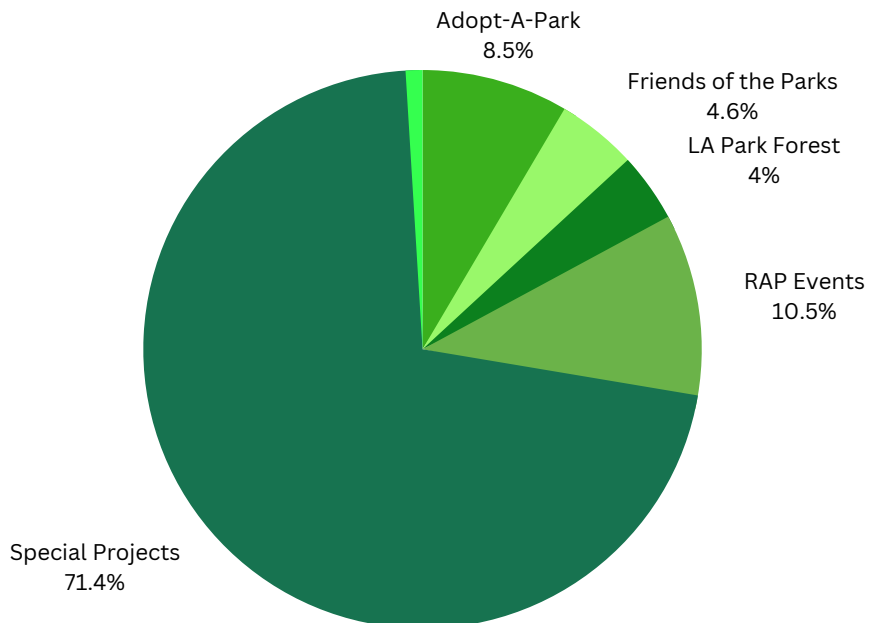
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Total Expenditures:

PROGRAM vs. OPERATIONS



**Total Expenditures:
PROGRAMS + PROJECTS**





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