



Urban Greening Projects at a Glance

RECENTLY COMPLETED

SMART Parks Toolkit

Funder: The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation

This toolkit by the Luskin Center for Innovation (LCI) won a Best Practice Award from the American Planning Association, and is helping park managers, designers, and advocates plan for and use technology to improve service and enhance operations and management in urban parks.

Creating a Complete Los Angeles River Greenway for All: Stories and Guidance

Funder: The Rosalinde and Arthur Gilbert Foundation, the California Endowment, and the David Bohnett Foundation

LCI engaged hundreds of river stakeholders to create a user-friendly guide to help increase local capacity for river revitalization and maximize the benefits of a complete and comprehensive L.A. River greenway. The guide features 14 case studies of projects that have improved community access to the L.A. River.

Turf Replacement Program Impacts on Households and Ratepayers

Commissioned by: City of Los Angeles, Mayor's Office of Sustainability Luskin Center for Innovation

This report provides a financial analysis of the turf replacement rebate program offered by the City of Los Angeles, describing the potential short- and long-term costs and benefits to households and ratepayers. The research supported the city's decision-making around the program.

Green Alley Development for Los Angeles and Beyond

Funder: Trust for Public Land

This report provides practical information to city staff, community members, and others interested in green alleys as a way to expand open space in park-poor communities. The Avalon Project in South Los Angeles – a particularly park-poor neighborhood – is placed into context through our green alley framework. Also included are examples of solutions from alley transformations throughout the nation.

CURRENT RESEARCH

Maximizing the Social Benefits of Trailhead Improvements in the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area

Funder: National Park Service (NPS)

In collaboration with the NPS, LCI is assessing the needs of visitors to the nation's largest urban national park, the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. The study entails a visitor-use survey at trailheads to help NPS better understand trail use, inform investment in on-site visitor services based on user patterns and preferences, and assess how well the NPS is serving its diverse constituents.

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