



Los Angeles Green Schoolyards

Connecting everyone to the outdoors™



Green Schoolyards

Across California

Approximately **23 million people** are living within a **10MW** of a school across the state

10 million children and youth

10,000 public schools

1,000 public school districts



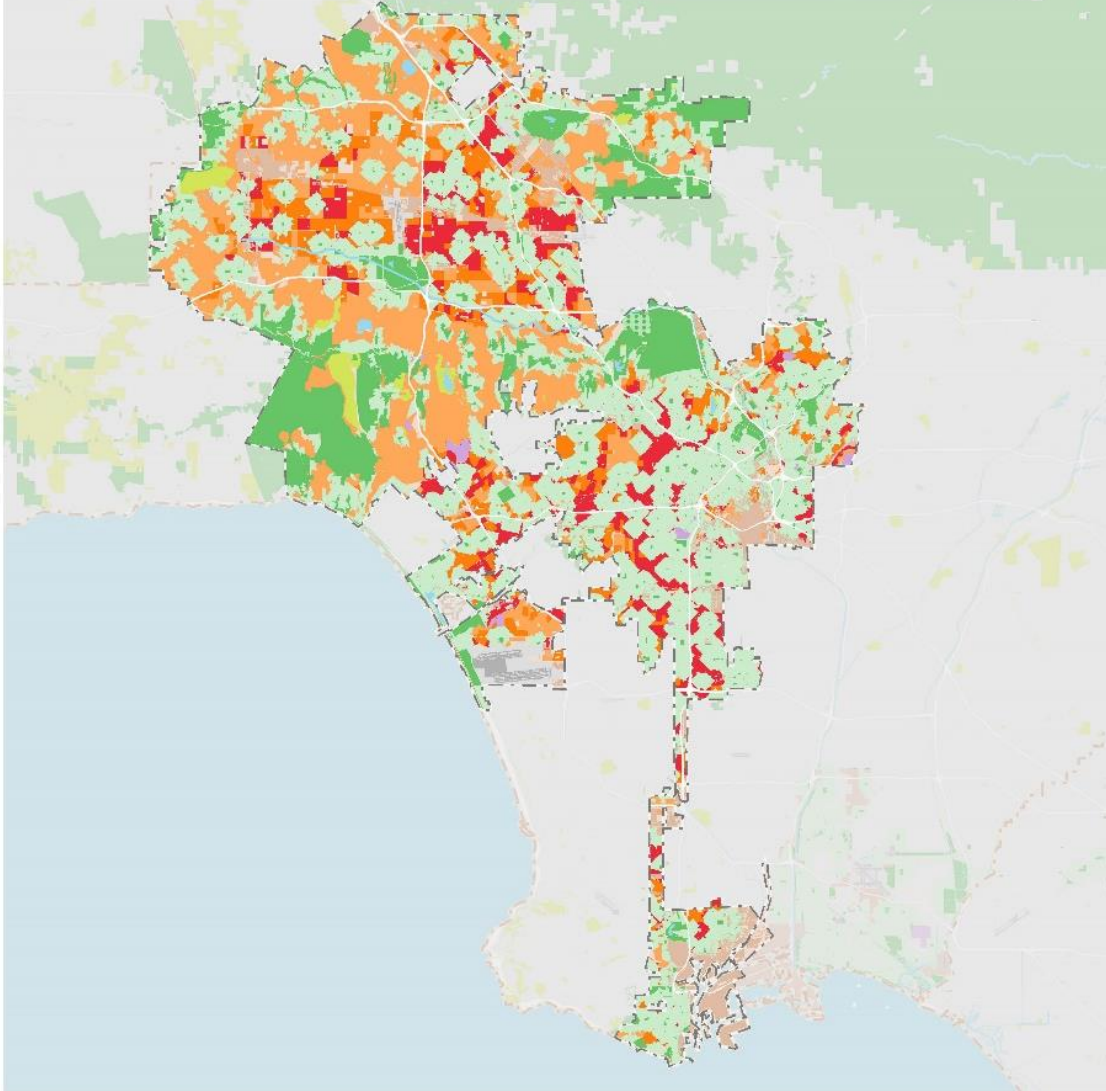
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PS 7X, New York

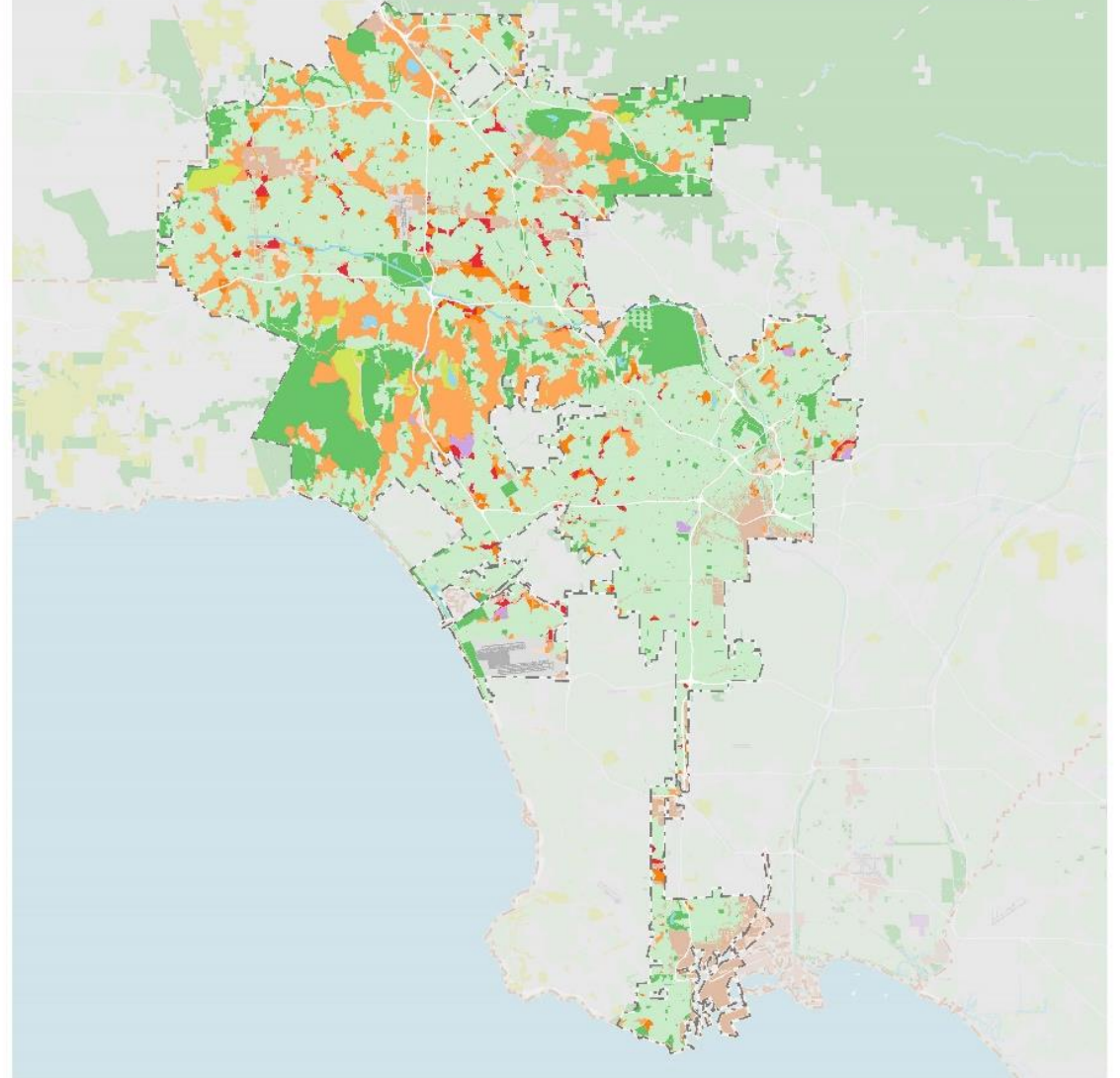
Current park need

61% of residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park



After incorporating all schoolyards

88% of residents live within a 10-minute walk of a park



Living Schoolyards Coalition (LSYC)

Policy Priorities

Include rigorous and specific greening metrics

- Integrate greening improvements into any planned repairs;
- Update district design guidelines to support comprehensive school greening.

Streamline and remove current barriers to greening and access

- Limit pass-through costs to District partners;
- District to pay for necessary facility code upgrades;
- Increase staff capacity to support schoolyard transformations;
- Actively engage community in the planning and design processes;
- Streamline the permitting process for shared use.

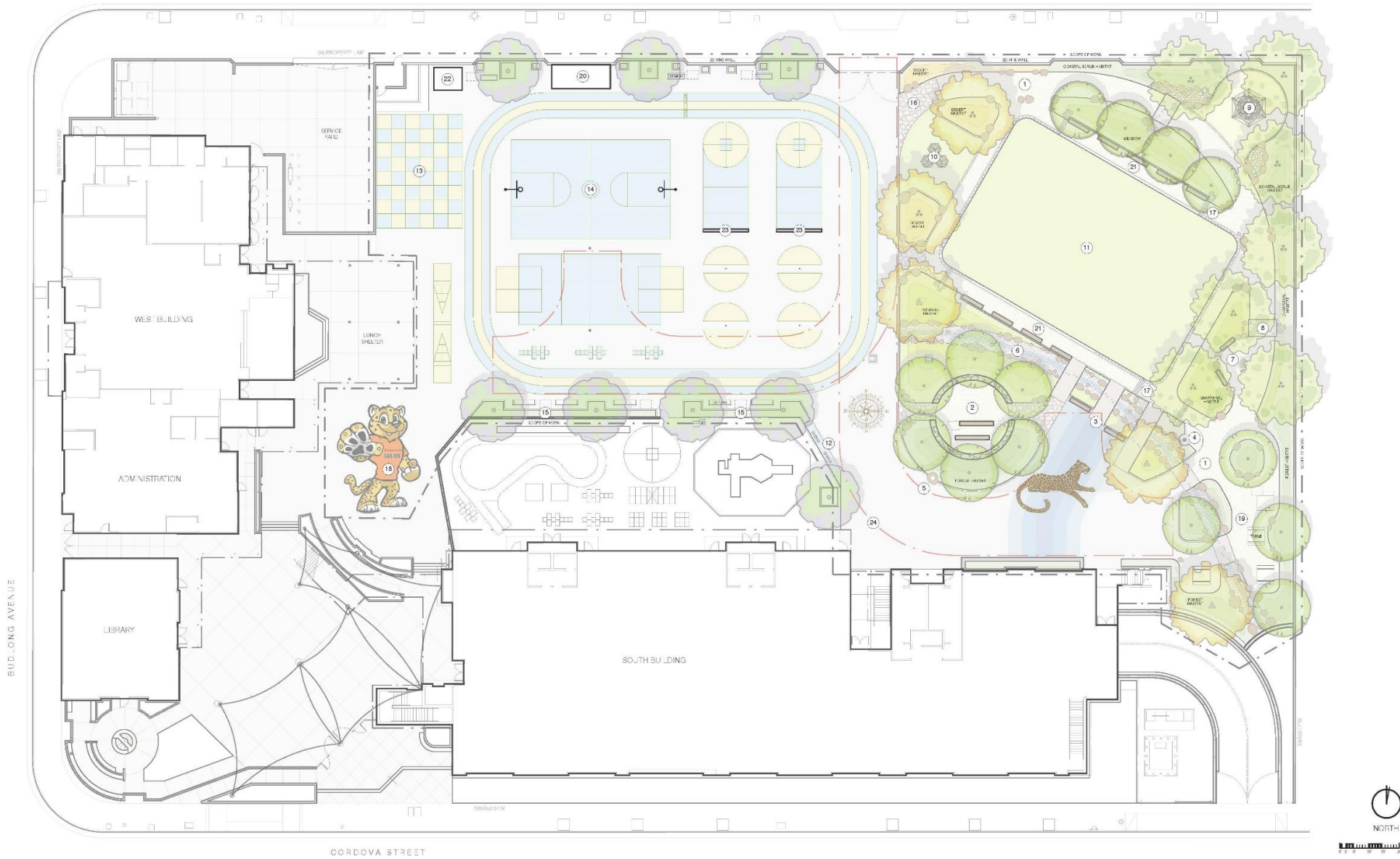




Castellanos Elementary School

Participatory Design





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Budget

- Original total budget for the project was \$1.1M
- Inclusive of all design, outreach, mosaic artwork and ADA upgrades
 - Inclusive of \$80K in fees from LAUSD & DSA
- Bids came back nearly double original estimate
- Total budget is now closer to \$2M
- Average cost of a larger school site between \$2.5M-\$3M

Discussion and Questions