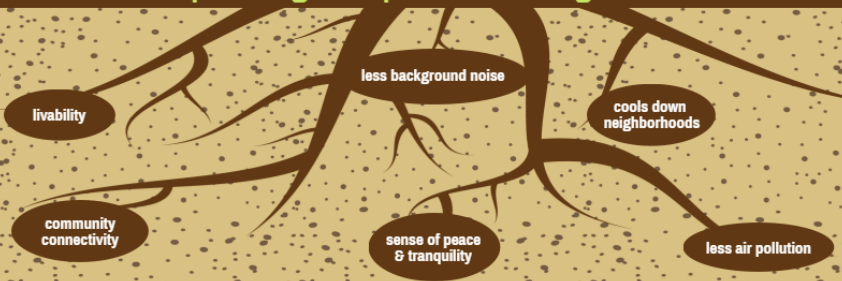


CHILDREN'S HEALTH & URBAN PARKS

Use of and access to parks promotes health:



Local parks & green space benefit neighborhoods



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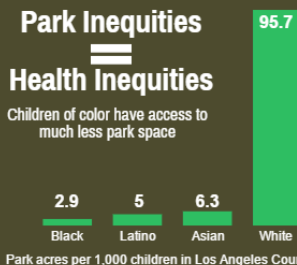
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PARK ACCESS



Too Far Away



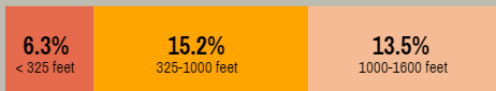
2 in 3 kids in Los Angeles County do not live within walking distance (1/4 mile) of a park

PARK LOCATIONS

Higher levels of air pollution are found in parks within ~1600 feet, (500 meters) of a busy road or freeway. Health studies show that pollutants contribute to many health effects including asthma, breathing and lung problems.

Too Close to Traffic

Over 35% of parks in LA County are within 1600 feet of a busy road or freeway.



THE FUTURE

Parks improve public health
Parks can be healthy, safe, inviting places for kids and families

PLAN

When choosing locations and building new parks:
Is the neighborhood involved in planning?
Are park resources targeting the communities with the least access?

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Community members, families, & neighborhoods can make a difference!