

conservation/open space policy map

The Conservation and Open Space Policy Map depicts existing open space of regional significance and areas recommended for public acquisition. The map also depicts areas requiring special management because of the presence of natural resources or natural hazards. Due to the nature and scale of the map, areas of less than fifty acres are not shown.

1. Existing Open Space

Public or private areas currently devoted to uses such as parks, golf courses, beaches, and nature preserves. Other open space includes ing trails. Other open space includes national forests, cemeteries, sanitary landfills, military lands, flood control channels, lands under utility power lines and other dedicated open areas. (Structural improvements may be consistent with this intent if supportive of the primary open space uses.)

2. Recommended Open Space

Proposed regional parks and recreation areas based on current federal, state, city and county proposals. Acquisition is subject to available funding.

3. Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area (proposed)

A major portion of the Santa Monica Mountains is designated by Congress as a National Recreation Area (NRA) in order to protect the mountain's scenic resources and wildlife habitats for the enjoyment of local residents and visitors. While major land acquisitions are proposed, not all properties within the NRA boundaries are to be purchased. For those properties not acquired, this category recognizes the responsibilities of local government to plan in a manner compatible with the management of the mountains as a major recreation area and natural resource.

4. Special Management Areas

Areas where comprehensive management is needed to protect natural and scenic resources; to minimize the threat to life and property; and to ensure that where development takes place, identified natural resources are protected and natural hazards are avoided or appropriately mitigated.