



PUBLIC NOTICE

PUBLIC NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTIVITY AND PREPARATION OF ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT

WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION AREA SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT,
LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

**U.S. ARMY CORPS OF ENGINEERS
LOS ANGELES DISTRICT**

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Comment Period: January 14, 2022 to February 12, 2022
Direct comments to: Lieutenant Colonel Malia R. Pearson

Notice of Preparation

WHITTIER NARROWS RECREATION AREA SPECIAL EVENTS PERMIT PROGRAMMATIC ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA.

The Los Angeles District, U. S. Army Corps of Engineers (Corps) is preparing an Environmental Assessment (EA) on behalf of the County of Los Angeles, Department of Parks and Recreation (Proponent). The Proponent has requested the Corps' approval to issue special event permits to concessionaires for two large annual re-occurring events, the Spring and Fall Fairs, and, in addition, a second group consisting of several smaller events, at leased Areas A, B, and D of the Whittier Narrows Recreation Area in unincorporated Los Angeles County, California, for a 5-year period from 2022 to 2026. The Proponent is the primary recreational facility operator and lessee, administering the recreation outgrant at Whittier Narrows Recreation Area to provide recreation opportunities to the general public. Based on historic use (2017-2019), the Spring Fair has averaged approximately 20,000 attendees over a 15-day period. Over the same period, the Fall Fair has averaged approximately 10,000 attendees over an 8-day period. Activities have included carnival rides and games, specialty rides, live entertainment, food and beverage booths, and souvenir booths. Other proposed events would be for one-day duration with an estimate of 5,000-10,000 attendees. All public events would be required to follow the latest guidance from County of Los Angeles, Department of Public Health to ensure the safety of workers, customers, and communities, and to lower the risk of COVID-19 transmission. The Corps is requesting comments pertaining to the proposed project from Federal, state, local agencies, and the public in general that would lead to the determination by decision makers on the preparation of a Finding of No Significant Impact or whether an Environmental Impact Statement would be required.

The Environmental Assessment is being prepared in compliance with the National Environmental Protection Act (NEPA) other Federal laws, regulations, Executive Orders, and Corps' policies. The Corps is the lead Federal agency for the proposed action. Comments received will be considered in determining whether an Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) will be required or whether a Finding of No Significant Impact (FONSI) can be issued.

All comments must be received by 5 p.m. on February 12, 2022.

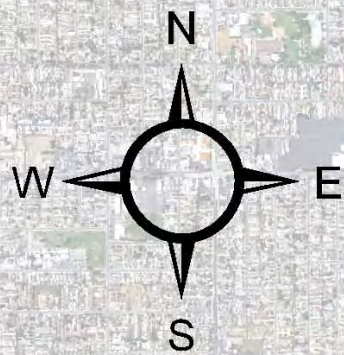
A draft EA can be made available upon request, and the Corps shall consider any comments received during the public comment period (January 14 - February 12, 2022). Consideration of public and agency comments would be reflected in a memorandum for record placed in the Administrative Record, unless consideration of the comments is reflected directly in the EA. Pursuant to 33 CFR § 230.11, a separate notification will be sent to concerned agencies, organizations, and to the interested public stating that the FONSI is available for review once the EA is complete. If significant effects on the quality of the human environment are subsequently identified and cannot be mitigated to a less than significant level, the Corps will initiate preparation of an EIS and afford the public opportunities to participate in the environmental review process.

If you have questions or would like additional information, please contact Lieutenant Colonel Malia R. Pearson at (213) 219-1619. Comments should be sent to:

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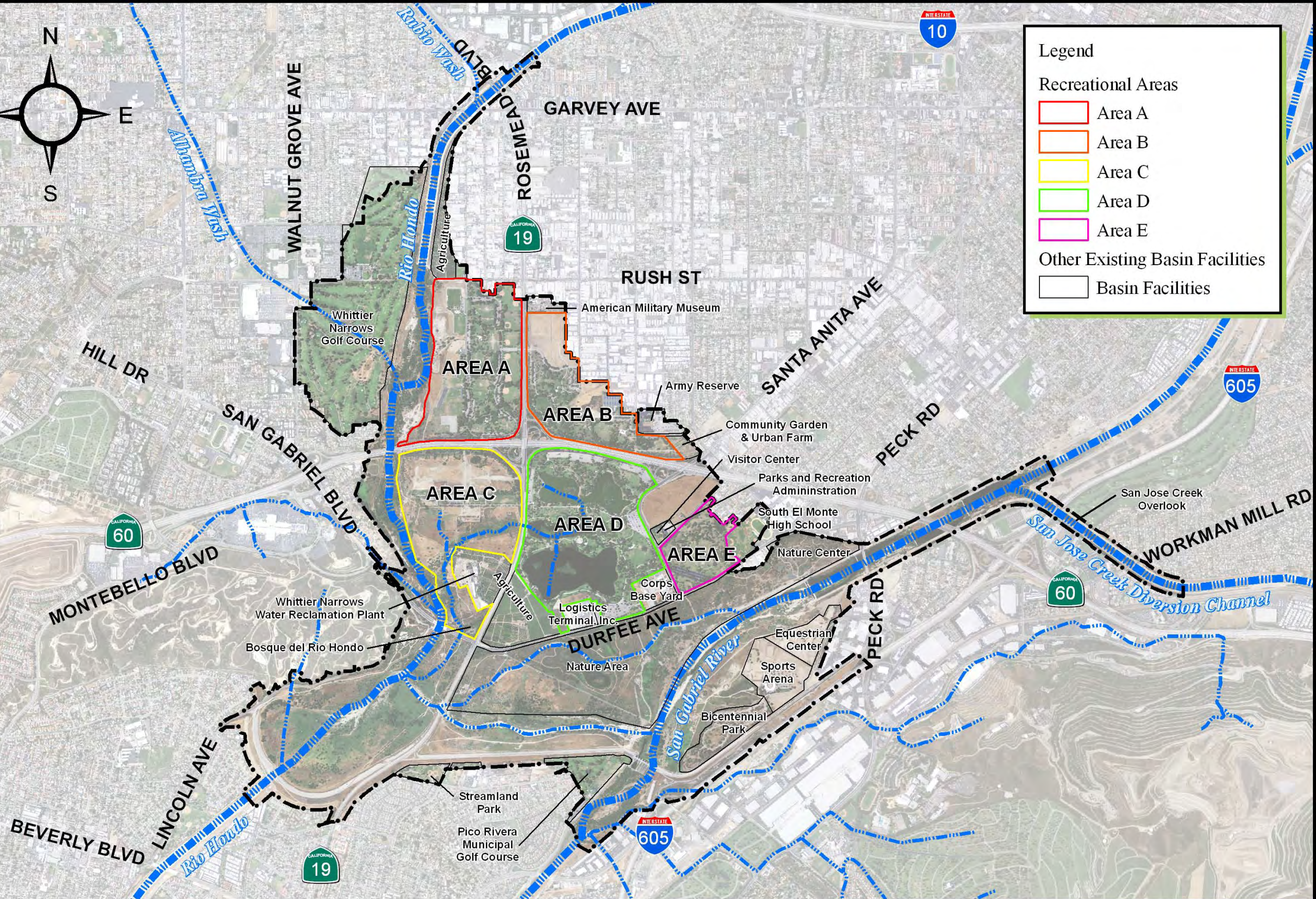
Legend

Recreational Areas

- Area A
- Area B
- Area C
- Area D
- Area E

Other Existing Basin Facilities

- Basin Facilities



Data Source: Corps 2010
Aerial Source: NAIP 2009

Whittier Narrows Dam Basin Existing Recreation

