

Gateway Integrated Multi-Benefit Regional Water Management Project

Disadvantaged Community Assistance

Los Angeles Gateway Water Management Authority

Pico Rivera Emergency Intertie

This intertie project will result in an additional water supply available in the event of an emergency. The project will support the water supply needs of Pico Rivera, which is a city containing 35% DAC areas (see Figure 1).

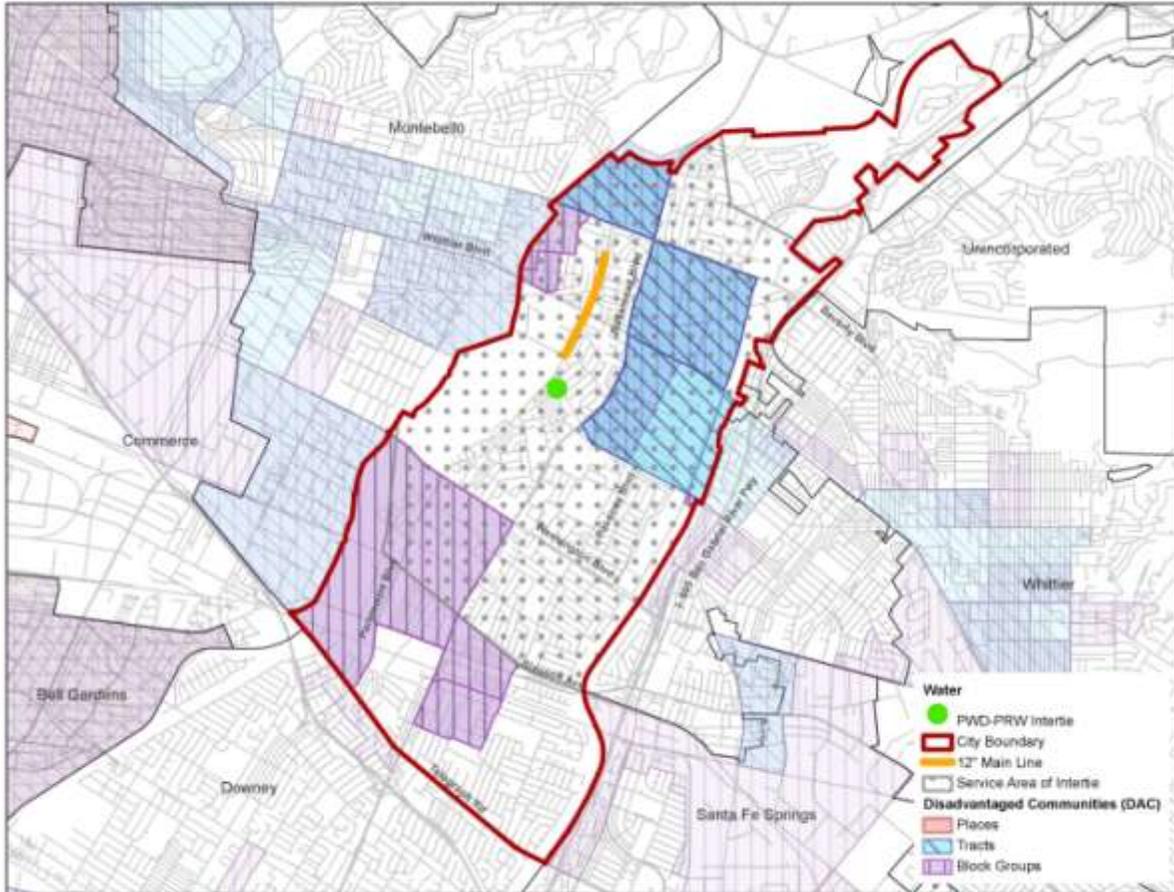


Figure 1: Pico Rivera Intertie and DAC Locations.¹

¹ Integrated Regional Water Management, Grants, DAC Maps, as accessed at <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resourceslinks.cfm>

Advance Groundwater Wellhead Treatment Facility

This project will result in an additional water supply of approximately 1,700 acre feet per year (AFY) to the City of Signal Hill, which is approximately 34% in DAC areas (see Figure 2).

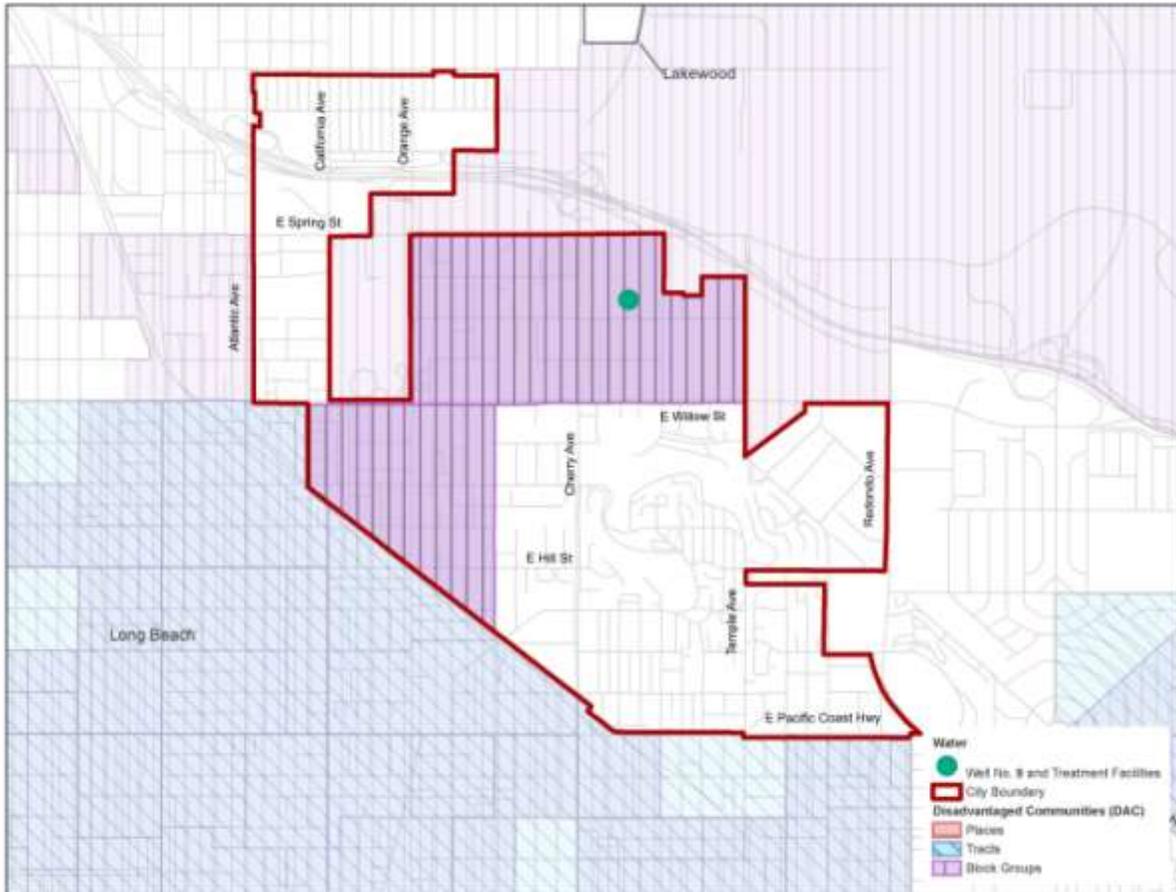


Figure 2: Advance Groundwater Well Head Treatment Facility and DAC Locations.

Catch Basin Trash Inserts and Face Plate Screens

DAC Analysis

The Storm Drain Catch Basin Retrofit Project addresses water quality issues in a geographic area encompassing 13 cities and nearly 0.7 million residents. The project area is in a high-minority and economically disadvantaged region. Of the thirteen cities participating in the project, four are categorized as disadvantaged communities as a whole (see Table 1), meaning that the median income levels in the city as a whole are less than 80% of the state's median household income (\$48,706). All of the remaining nine cities that are not disadvantaged as a whole are disadvantaged in part (see Table 2).²

Table 1: Population/Income Statistics by City.

<i>CITY</i>	<i>2010 POPULATION</i>	<i>UNEMPLOYMENT RATE</i>	<i>MEDIAN HOUSEHOLD INCOME</i>
Artesia	16,522	9.20	\$56,777
Bell Gardens*	42,072	19.80	\$39,167
Bellflower	76,616	12.80	\$50,565
Commerce	12,823	23.00	\$50,667
Downey	111,772	10.20	\$59,674
Hawaiian Gardens	14,254	14.20	\$56,055
Lakewood	80,048	8.20	\$77,380
Norwalk	105,549	13.30	\$60,488
Paramount*	54,098	18.30	\$41,333
Pico Rivera	62,942	11.80	\$57,594
Signal Hill	11,016	10.10	\$70,286
South Gate*	94,396	16.00	\$43,268
Vernon*	112	0.00	\$38,625
TOTAL	682,220	-	-
AVERAGE	-	6.18	\$25,996

*Denotes disadvantaged community

The increasing amount of trash pollution within the Gateway Region is a large source of sediment contamination, diminishing ecosystems, and toxic substance transport. Six of the participating cities are subject to the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL. Because the Regional Water Control Board certifies the CPS units as full capture devices³, this project will help bring those cities into 100% compliance with the Los Angeles River Trash TMDL.

In addition, for the remaining seven cities not subject to a Trash TMDL, the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System (MS4) Permit, effective on December 28, 2012, requires for cities to install trash excluders, or equivalent devices, on or in catch basins or outfalls to prevent the discharge of trash to the MS4 or receiving water no later than four years after the effective date of the Order⁴. Therefore, by

² Integrated Regional Water Management, Grants, DAC Maps, as accessed at <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resourceslinks.cfm>

³ Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, Los Angeles River Trash TMDL, p. 30, 2007.

⁴ California Regional Water Quality Control Board, ORDER NO. R4-2012-0175, p. 132, 2012.

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implementing this project, all participating cities will be complying with the requirements set forth by the MS4 Permit.

Without the assistance of this grant, all thirteen cities will have to find revenues in the tens of thousands of dollars to do this work or face strict, expensive, daily fines.

Removing trash from the Los Angeles County waterbodies and preventing trash from contaminating waterbodies in the future will improve water quality, protect the aquatic habitat, help maintain the beneficial uses of the affected waterbodies, and reduce greenhouse gas and carbon dioxide emissions. Preventing trash contamination will enhance public interest water quality and may promote participation in river restoration activities. Removal of trash will also help promote public recreation, particularly in beach areas that are consistently polluted with trash at the outfalls of these rivers. This will in turn reduce the distance of travel required to visit local recreational venues subsequently reducing greenhouse gas and carbon dioxide emissions.

In addition to physical and economical benefits, this project also raises public awareness of trash pollution. By raising public awareness of litter, how it travels, and accumulates has a local and regional impact by promoting a behavioral change in local residence of the Gateway Region. Public Outreach and Education will address the root cause of trash pollution (littering). Public education efforts are essential to pollution prevention. A 2005 report, *Environmental Literacy in America* by the National Environmental Education & Training Foundation found that 78% of the American public does not understand that runoff from agricultural land, roads, and lawns, is now the most common source of water pollution; and nearly half of Americans (47%) believes industry still accounts for most water pollution

These thirteen cities, each containing DAC areas, will garner multiple economic benefits from the implementation of this project. The elimination of trash from the Los Angeles County waterbodies will eliminate waste deposition on the beaches of Southern California, thereby preventing the loss of tourism dollars when visitors are discouraged from enjoying the beach due to large trash deposits. By creating local recreational venues, the distance of travel to enjoy a recreational venue will decrease therefore reducing the amount spent in gas. This money saved will instead be put back into the economy of DAC areas. Additionally, this project is a construction project that will generate local jobs immediately, subsequently strengthening the economy.

In addition to meeting water quality objectives, this project has potential to augment local water supplies. The Los Angeles River, San Gabriel River, Los Cerritos Channel, and Coyote Creek have each been identified for the potential beneficial use for municipal and domestic supply (MUN)⁵. Until water quality is improved, these waterbodies are not suitable for potable water use and can be considered a wasted potable water source. Removing trash from these waterbodies will significantly increase the potential of altering these waterbodies into additional potable water sources for the Gateway Region. Currently, the Gateway Region relies heavily on imported water, which is expensive and unreliable. Creating additional water supply for potable use in these DAC areas will effectively decrease the amount spent on water, subsequently allowing those funds to be used to strengthen the DAC economy.

⁵ Los Angeles Region Water Quality Control Board, *Water Quality Control Plan Los Angeles Region, Beneficial Uses*, October 28, 2011.

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The Gateway Cities’ compliance with the Trash TMDL will eliminate potential fines and penalties that would otherwise be imposed for violation of the TMDL. All thirteen cities benefitting from this project contain DAC areas. Without financial assistance from the State Water Board’s Clean Water Program, these cities would be unable to implement this critical environmental project.

DAC Waiver Request

A DAC waiver of \$1,047,400 is requested for the Catch Basin Trash Inserts and Face Plate Screens Project (see below).

Total Cost:	\$6,589,290
25% Funding Match Requirement:	\$1,647,323
16% Funding Match Offered:	\$1,047,400
DAC Waiver Requested:	\$599,923

A detailed analysis has been performed to determine the percent matching for each participating city. It is required that each applicant provides at least 25% matching funds to the total project cost unless that applicant is in a DAC area, in which case the applicant may apply for a DAC waiver of the matching funds. In this case, the project serves an area that is inscribed in multiple census tracts and block groups and some (but not all) of the census tracts and block groups are classified as a DAC. The requirements are to waive the cost share requirements in proportion to the population served that meets the DAC criterion, however since this project is unique in the sense that thirteen cities are incorporated a population analysis could not be performed due to a lack of data available. Therefore, the cost share requirements were generated using percent DAC area within each city limit assuming the population of each city is evenly distributed (refer to Figures 1 through 13 for city maps). See Attachment 4 herewith for a detailed cost breakdown. The percent DAC areas within each city are detailed in Table 2 below.

Table 2: DAC Percentage by City.

<i>City</i>	<i>DAC Percentage⁶</i>
Artesia	14%
Bell Gardens	100%
Bellflower	46%
Commerce	37%
Downey	30%
Hawaiian Gardens	40%
Lakewood	3%
Norwalk	12%
Paramount	100%
Pico Rivera	35%
Signal Hill	34%
South Gate	100%
Vernon	100%

⁶ Based on the percent of area within the city limits categorized as a DAC.

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This project is supported and identified as meeting the need of the DAC by the following community organizations (provided in alphabetical order with no specific ranking):

- Keep Downey Beautiful
- Lakewood Project Shepherd
- Norwalk Community Coordinating Council
- Pitch in Paramount

See Appendix A for the letters of support provided by each organization.

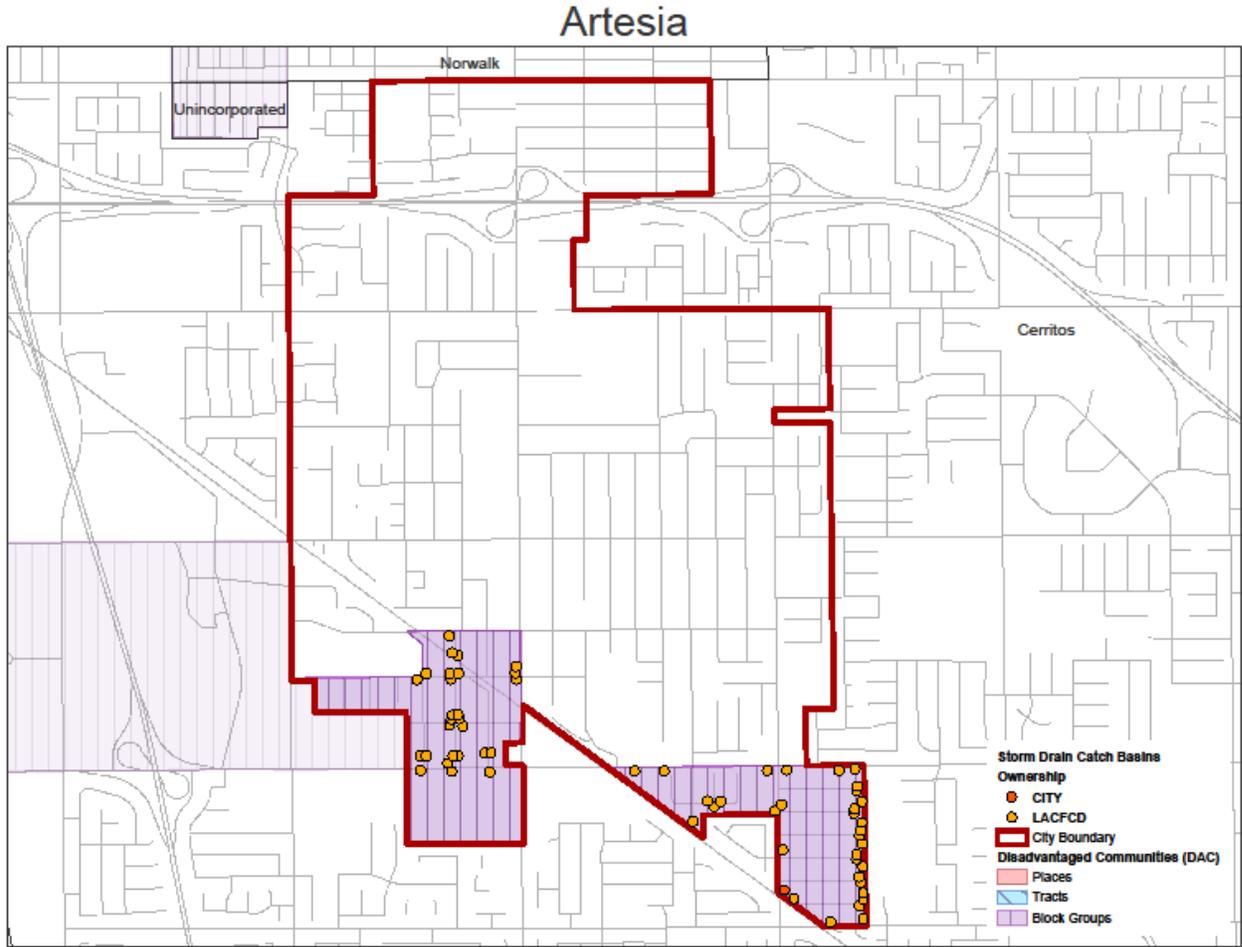


Figure 3: Catch Basin locations in Artesia. ⁷

⁷ Integrated Regional Water Management, Grants, DAC Maps, as accessed at <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resourceslinks.cfm>

Bell Gardens

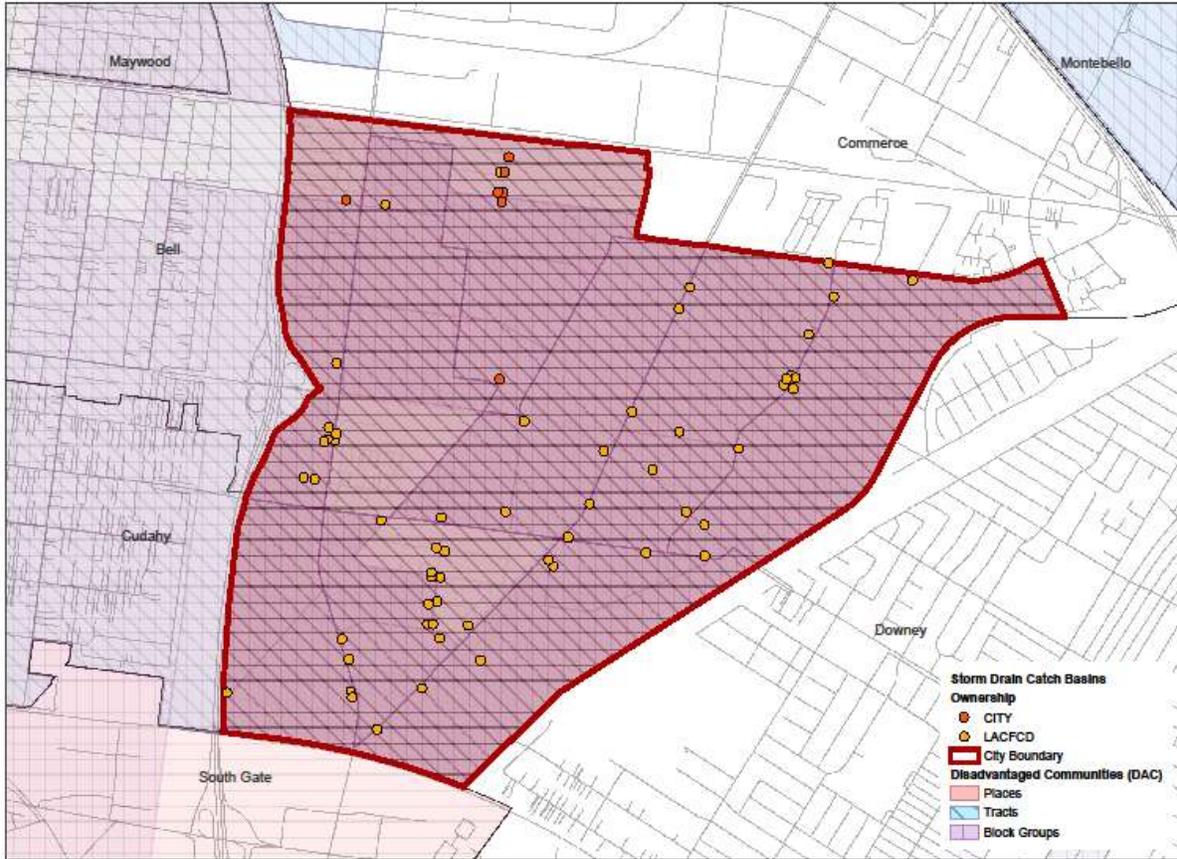


Figure 4: Catch Basin locations in Bell Gardens. ⁸

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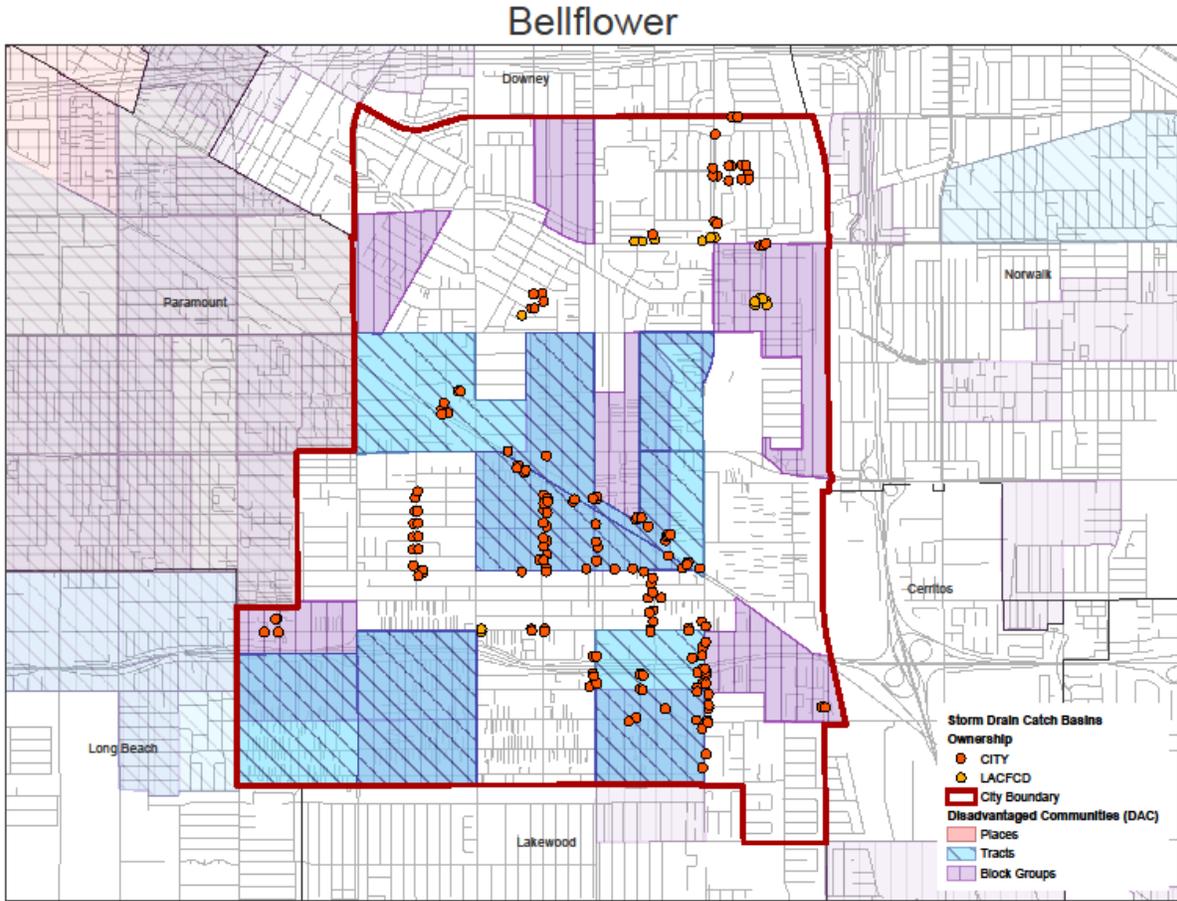


Figure 5: Catch Basin locations in Bellflower.⁹

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Commerce

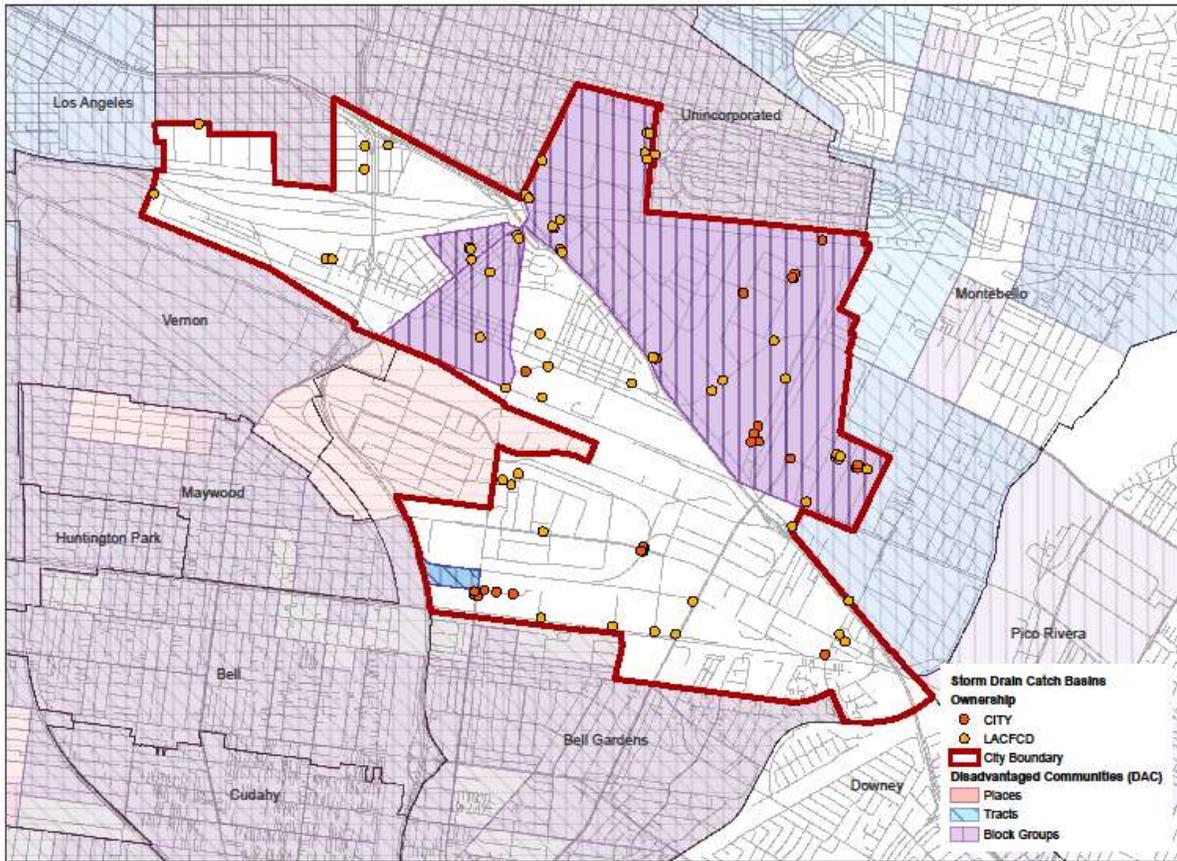


Figure 6: Catch Basin locations in Commerce.¹⁰

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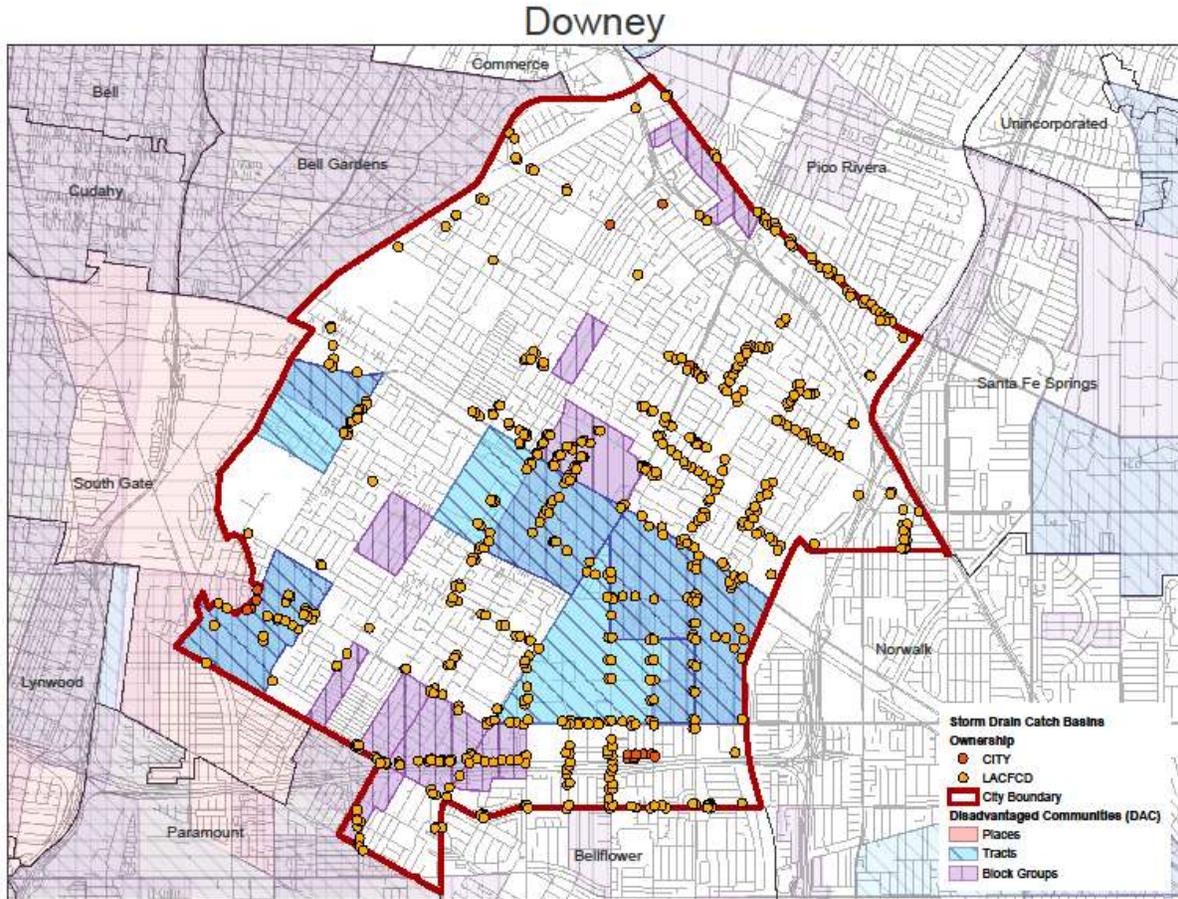


Figure 7: Catch Basin locations in Downey.¹¹

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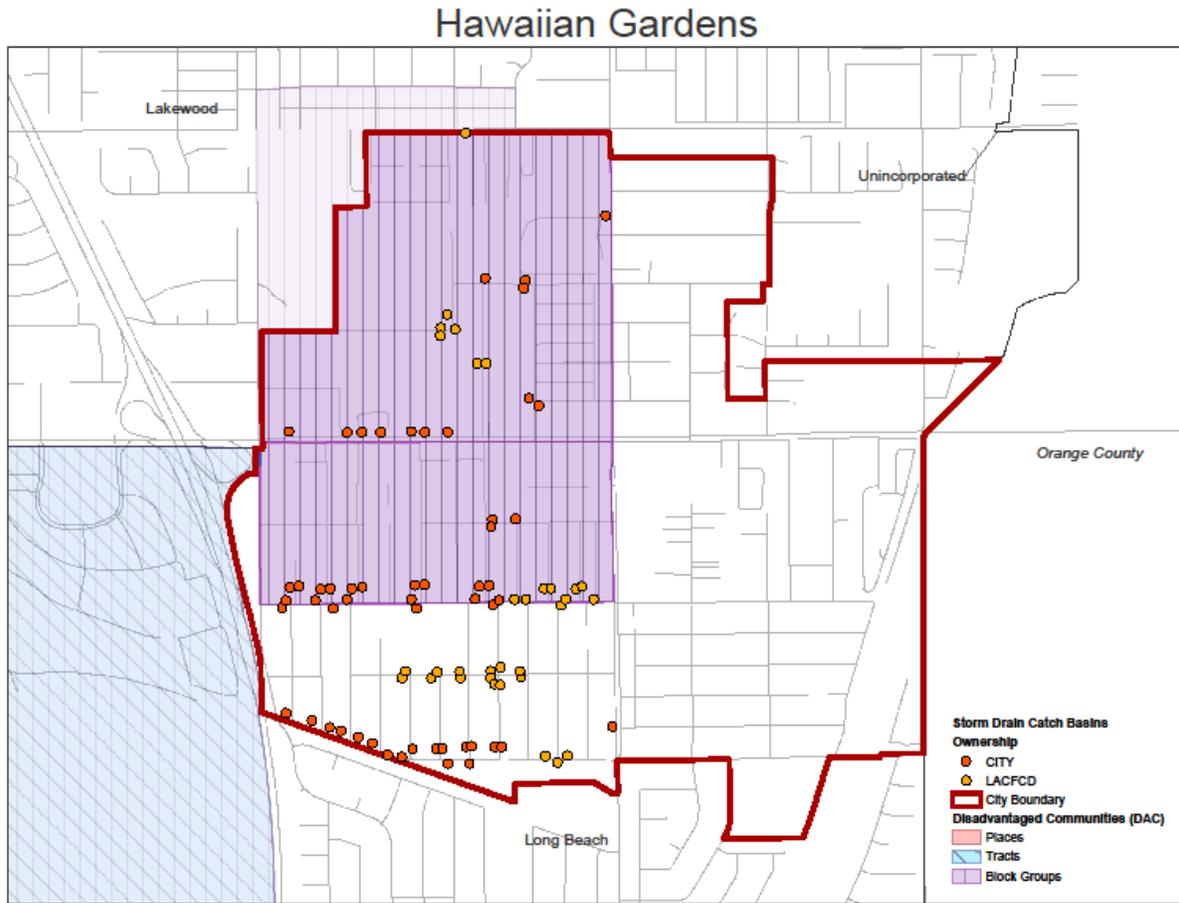


Figure 8: Catch Basin locations in Hawaiian Gardens.¹²

¹² Integrated Regional Water Management, Grants, DAC Maps, as accessed at <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resourceslinks.cfm>

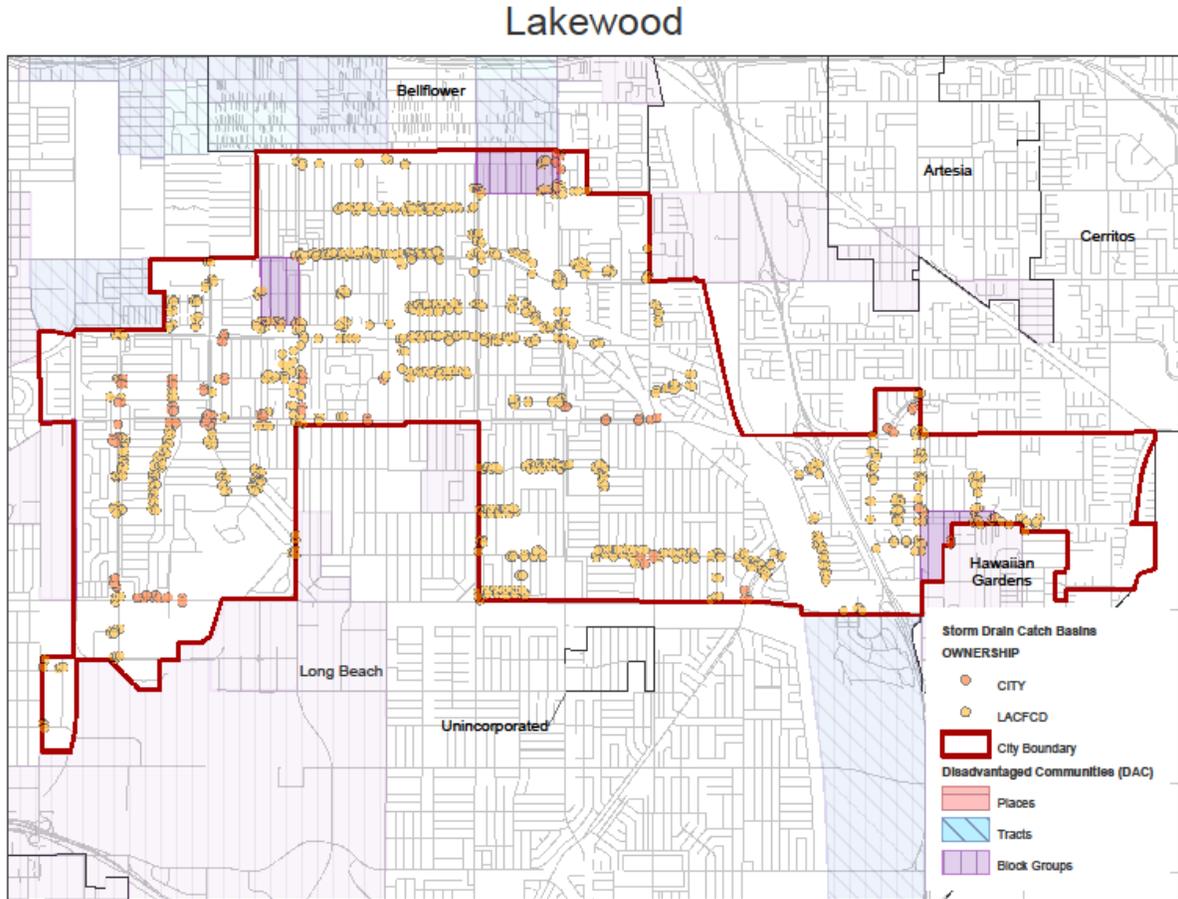


Figure 9: Catch Basin locations in Lakewood.¹³

¹³ Integrated Regional Water Management, Grants, DAC Maps, as accessed at <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resourceslinks.cfm>

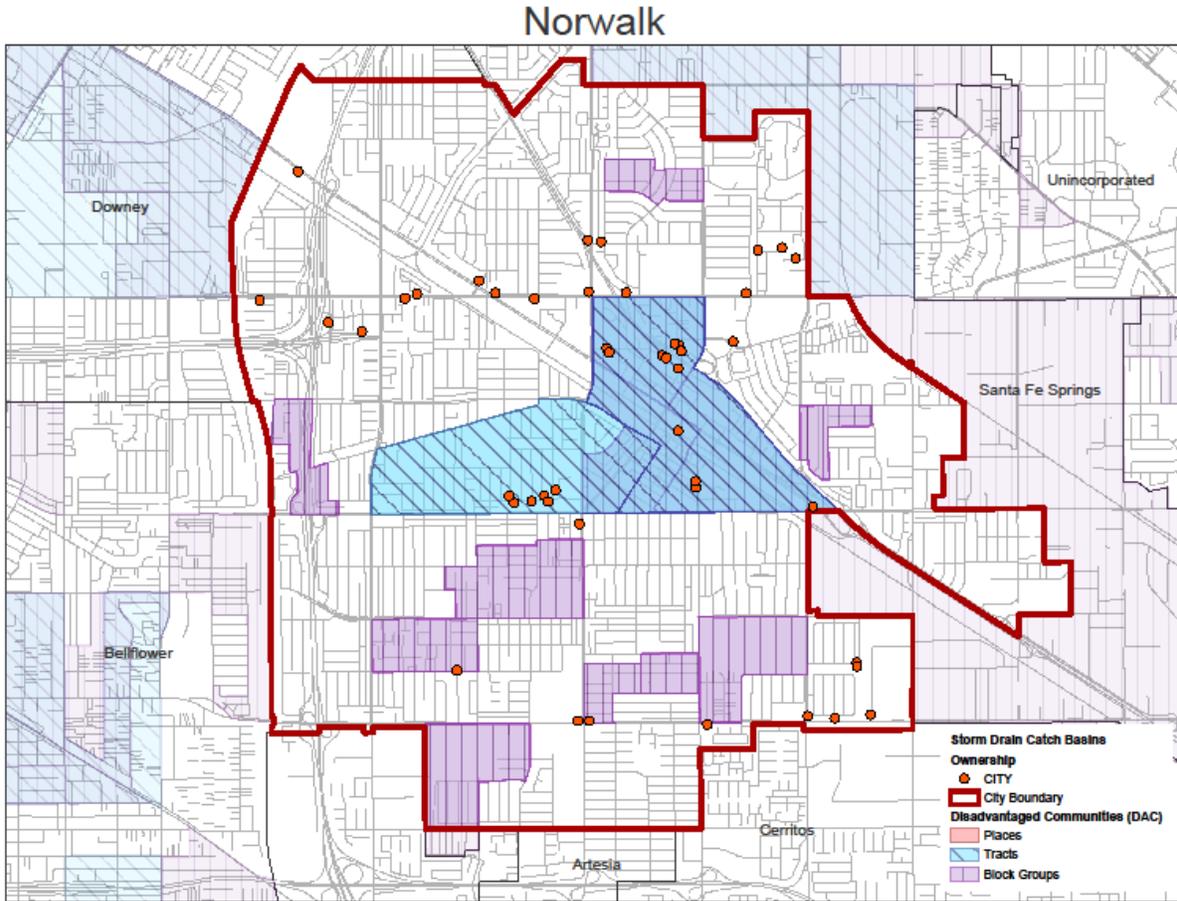


Figure 10: Catch Basin locations in Norwalk.¹⁴

¹⁴ Integrated Regional Water Management, Grants, DAC Maps, as accessed at <http://www.water.ca.gov/irwm/grants/resourceslinks.cfm>

Paramount

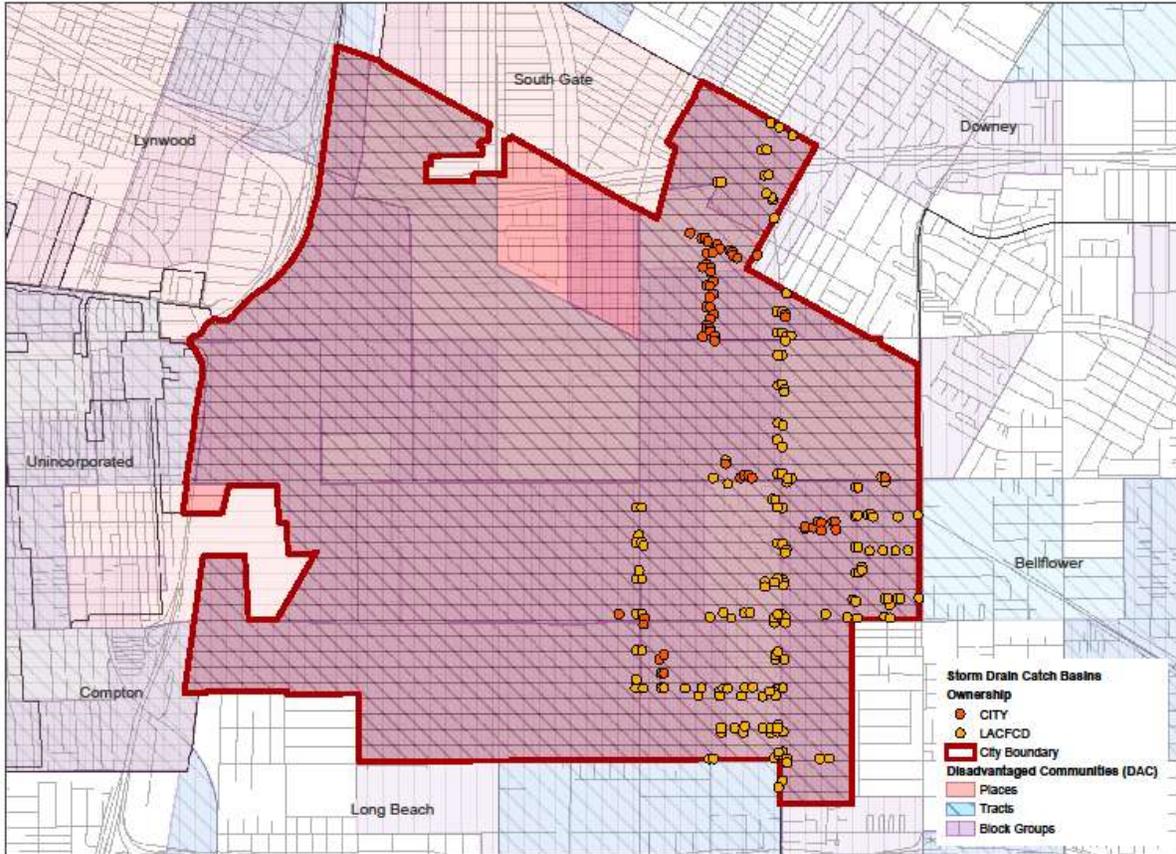


Figure 11: Catch Basin locations in Paramount. ¹⁵

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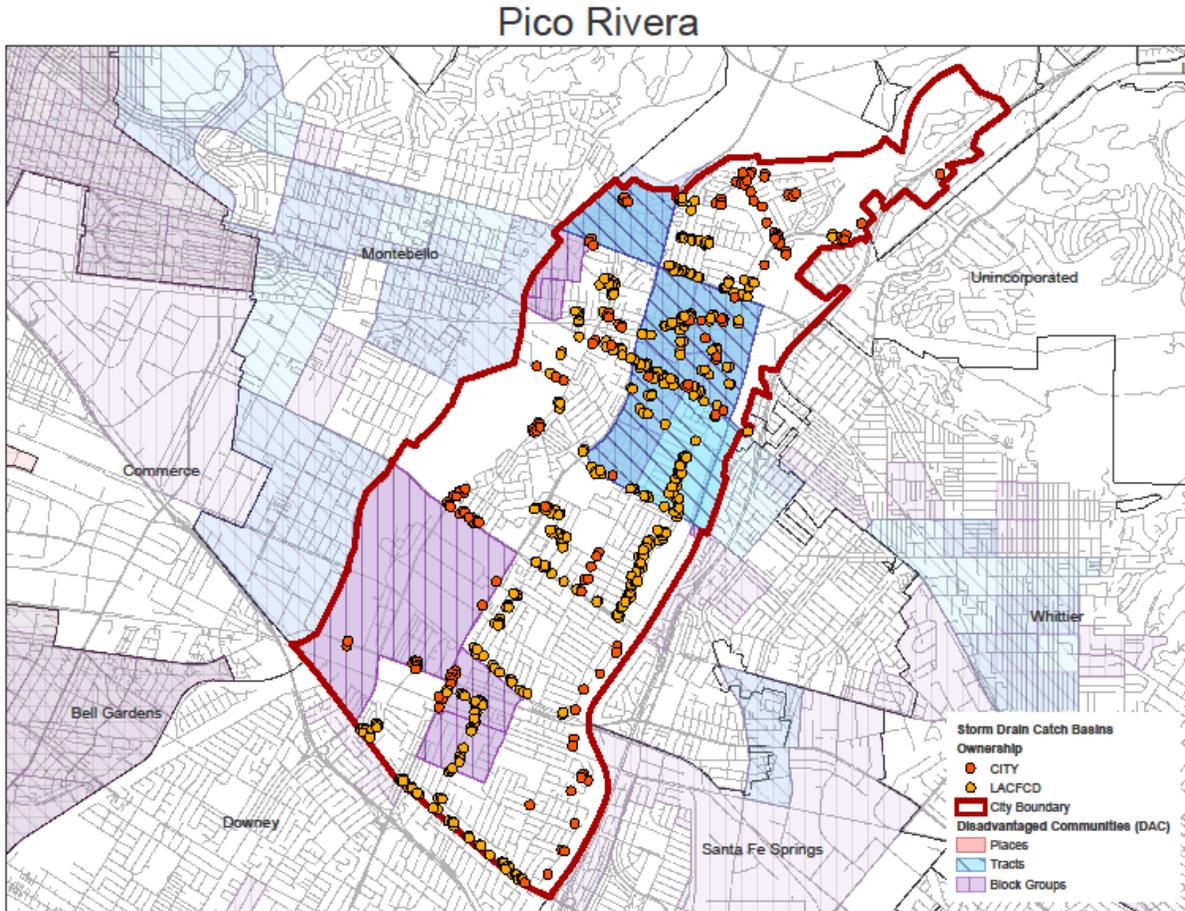


Figure 12: Catch Basin locations in Pico Rivera.¹⁶

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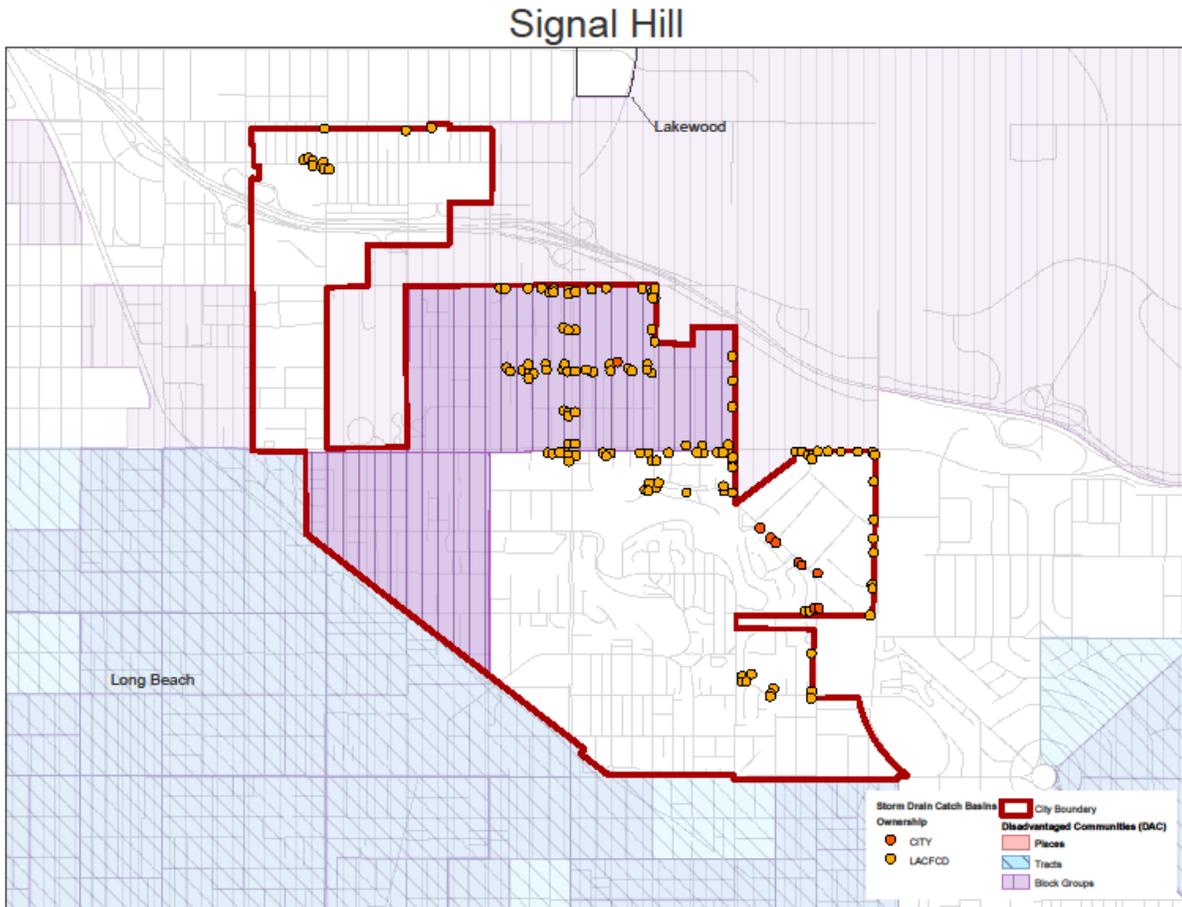


Figure 13: Catch Basin locations in Signal Hill.¹⁷

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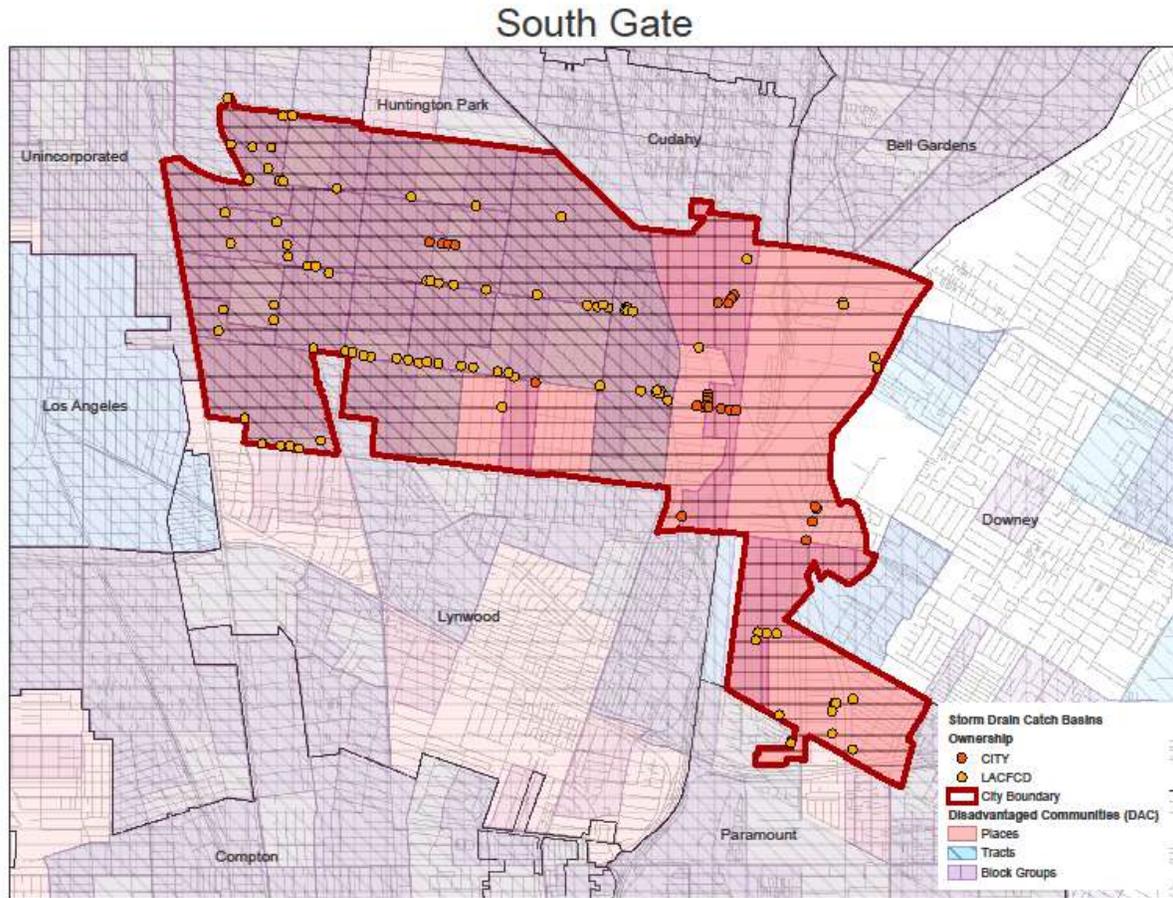


Figure 14: Catch Basin locations in South Gate. ¹⁸

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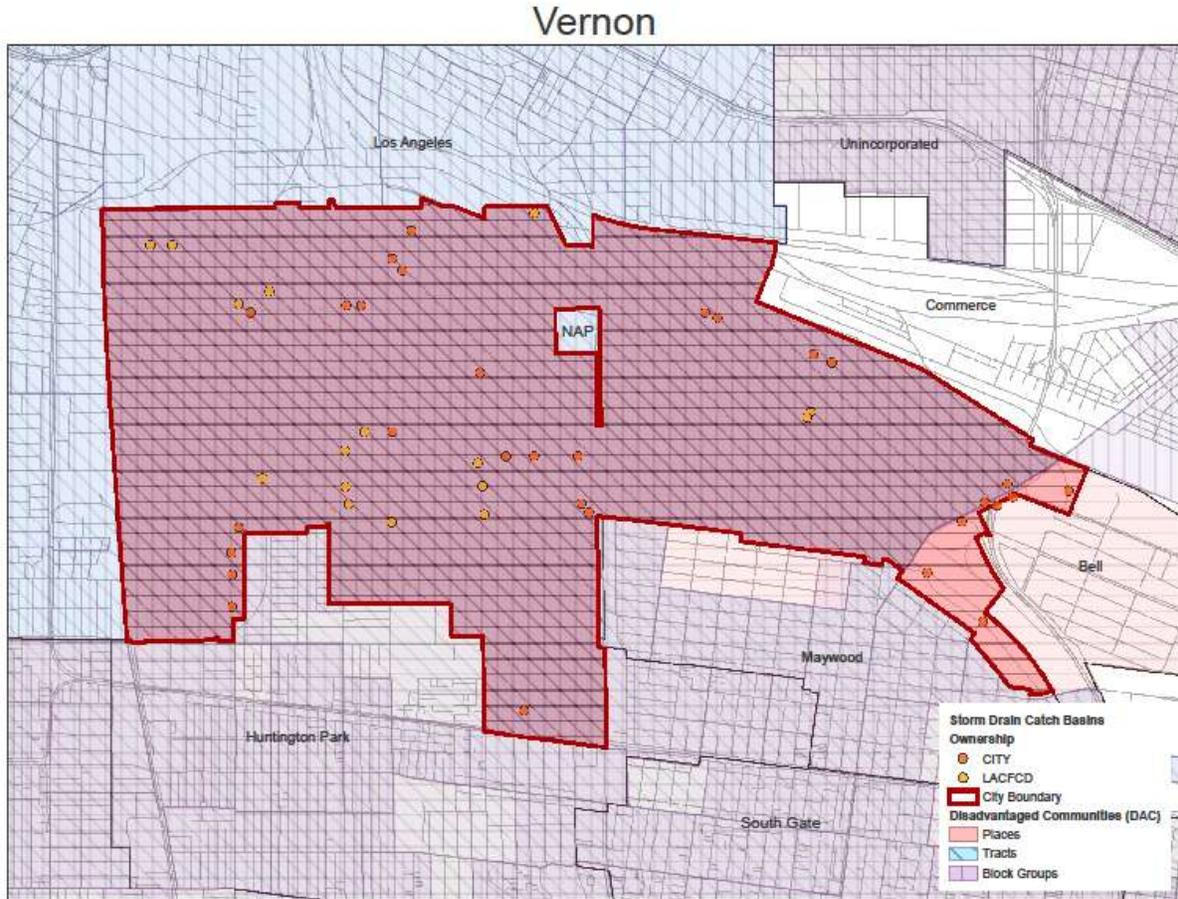


Figure 15: Catch Basin locations in Vernon.¹⁹

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Fernwood Water Improvement Park

DAC Analysis

The 2012 Guidelines defines a DAC as a community with an annual median household income (MHI) that is less than 80 percent of the Statewide MHI. The Guidelines further state, “Using the ACS data for the years 2006-2010, 80% of the Statewide MHI is \$48,706. According to the Community Fact Finder tool, the City of Lynwood has a Median Household Income of \$43,654 and is designated as a disadvantaged community place.

The City of Lynwood is a small, underserved community within a large metropolitan area. It is approximately 4.84 square miles in area with a population of approximately 70,000. The Fernwood Water Improvement Project is a multi-benefit project located in central Lynwood. It will serve disadvantaged communities throughout the city by protecting a new Lynwood Walking Park planned for a 5.25-acre city-owned empty lot along Fernwood Avenue and preventing periodic local flooding of Fernwood Avenue, a cross-town collector that parallels I-105. The project will provide these benefits to the DAC community by intercepting and capturing stormwater discharges from eight stormwater interceptors constructed by Caltrans along the northern embankment of I-105 (See Figure 16).

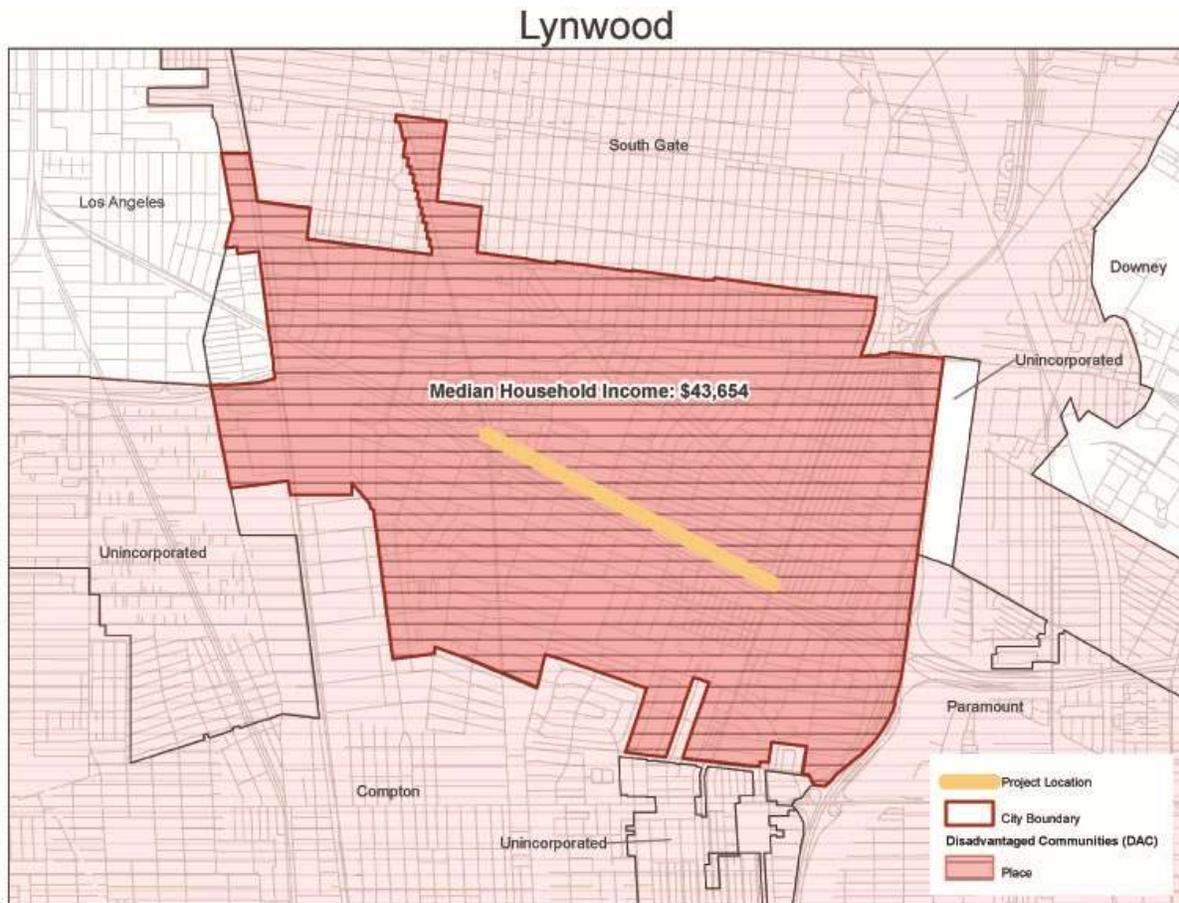


Figure 16: Fernwood Project DAC Locations.

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The project site drains primarily to the Los Angeles River, which serves as a major flood control channel for the Region. Since the project will increase storage and infiltration capacity at the site, it is expected to reduce flows to the Los Angeles River and therefore enhance the capacity of this water body to provide flood protection. The project site will capture runoff and stormwater that primarily drains to the Los Angeles River from the I-105 freeway and will improve stormwater quality to help the region meet requirements under the Municipal Separate Storm Sewer System Permit. The project is expected to improve water quality originating from approximately 100 acres to 280 acres of primarily Single Family Residential land use area and water that drains from the I-105 Freeway. Stormwater runoff from these areas typically contains metals, nutrients and bacteria, all of which are constituents that may be mitigated by the treatment features that will be included in the project design (i.e. biofiltration and infiltration).

DAC Waiver Request

The GWMA is requesting a DAC waiver in the amount of \$1,438,465.93 for the Fernwood Water Improvement Park Project (see Attachment 4 for a detailed budget analysis).

This project is supported and identified as meeting the need of the DAC by the following community organizations (provided in alphabetical order with no specific ranking):

- Lynwood Athletics Community Services
- Lynwood Block Watch Captains
- Lynwood Sports Association

See Appendix A for the letters of support provided by each organization.

Long Beach Graywater Program

DAC Analysis

The Long Beach Graywater project offers a recycling and outreach program located in a high-minority and economically disadvantaged region. The City of Long Beach contains multiple areas categorized as a DAC (median household income less than \$48,706). This project proposes 108 graywater sites, solely dedicated to the needs of DAC neighborhoods. Each of the proposed graywater sites will be located within DAC blocks and/or tracts (see Figure 17).

The project emphasis on DAC neighborhoods is based on outreach done in Central Long Beach by the Council for Watershed Health. In this outreach, community members identified an interest in re-using water. Central Long Beach DACs were included in planning through attending a WRD Groundwater Tour, attending a focus group, and taking surveys. The United Cambodian Community is an example of group that participated in this process. Community members revealed that a culture of graywater reuse already exists, but in a bootleg fashion that is not technically legal, such as saving graywater in buckets and hand watering their lawns with it. Offering code-compliant graywater systems to this community and harnessing their existing desire to reuse water would increase technical knowledge and reduce health risks. The graywater systems will provide the DAC community with a system to continue cultural traditions while reducing potable water demand and promoting water conservation.

The 20x2020 Water Conservation Plan aims to achieve a 20 percent per capita reduction in urban water demand by 2020.²⁰ In order to meet this goal it is critical that water conservation efforts such as the Long Beach Graywater Program are implemented. By implementing this project, approximately 2.2 acre-feet of water will be conserved per year. The Project will improve water management and result in quantifiable water savings and reductions in energy consumption through water conservation. Currently, the City relies heavily on imported water from the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD). This Project will reduce the need to import water supplies by maximizing water use efficiency.

DAC Waiver Request

The GWMA is requesting a DAC waiver in the amount of \$399,330 for the Long Beach Graywater Program (see Attachment 4 for a detailed budget analysis). This project is supported and identified as meeting the need of the DAC by the United Cambodian Community. See Appendix A for the letters of support provided by each organization.

²⁰ California Department of Water Resources, *20x2020 Water Conservation Plan*, February 2010.

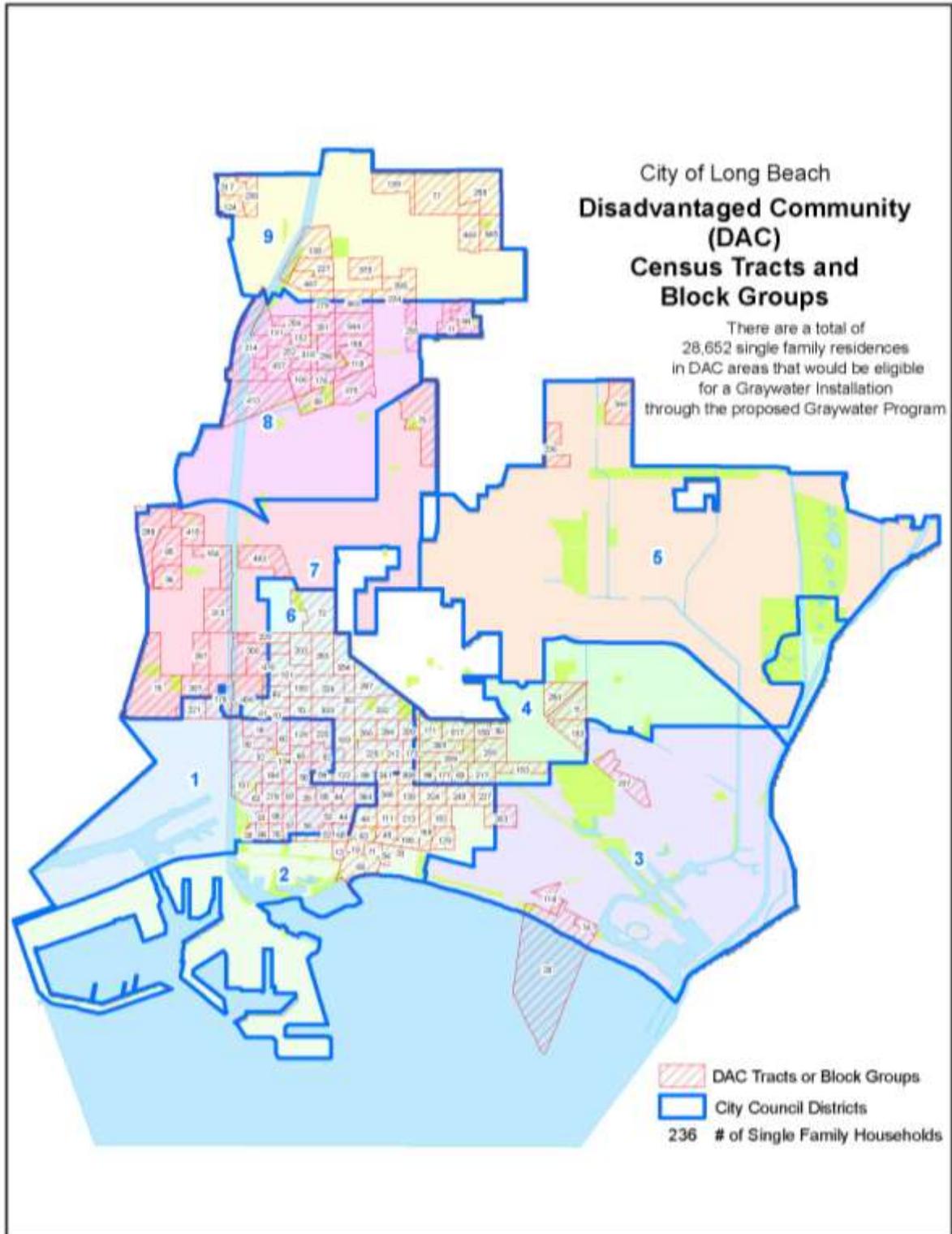


Figure 17: Long Beach DAC Locations.²¹

²¹ Provided by the City of Long Beach.

Appendix A
Letters of Support

March 26, 2013

California Department of Water Resources
1416 9th Street, Room 338
Sacramento, CA 95814

Subject: Letter of Support for Proposition 84 Grant Application, Catch Basin Screens and Inserts

To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Gateway Water Management Authority (GWMA) grant application for the installation of catch basin screens and inserts in catch basins throughout cities in the Gateway region, to include the City of Downey. The GWMA is dedicated to environmental sustainability, water conservation, and habitat enhancement, with a proven track record of implementing projects with community collaboration within Disadvantaged Communities.

Keep Downey Beautiful is pleased to support the GWMA in its effort to install catch basin screens and inserts in catch basins, a number of which will be located in Disadvantaged Community neighborhoods. Trash pollution is a concern for such areas, and this project will significantly decrease the amount of trash observed. Preventing trash from contaminating nearby waterbodies will improve water quality and protect aquatic habitat. In addition to protecting the environment, preventing trash contamination will enhance public interest in the rivers and beaches and help promote participation in education and restoration activities. We believe that this project will greatly benefit the local Disadvantaged Community and improve the state of our community as a whole.

Keep Downey Beautiful's purpose is to promote public interest in the general improvement of the environment of the City of Downey. Our mission is to bridge the cultural, language, and generational gaps within the community as a whole. Our goal is to assist community members to learn important information that affects the needs of both their families and the environment. We look forward to working with the GWMA in this effort.

Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Lars Clutterham".

Lars Clutterham, Chairperson
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LAKWOOD PROJECT SHEPHERD

A community program sponsored by Lakewood Rotary Club and the City of Lakewood

A California Non-Profit Public Benefit Corporation
5050 Clark Avenue, Lakewood, California 90712

March 25, 2013

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Project Shepherd is pleased to support the GWMA in their effort to install catch basin screens and inserts in catch basins, many of which will be located in Disadvantage Community (DAC) neighborhoods. Trash pollution is a concern for this area and this project will significantly decrease the amount of trash observed. Preventing trash from contaminating the water bodies will improve water quality and protect aquatic habitat. In addition to protecting the environment, preventing trash contamination will enhance public interest in the rivers and beaches and help promote participation in education and restoration activities. We believe that this project will greatly benefit the disadvantage community and improve the state of our community as a whole.

Project Shepherd is a direct social service non-profit organization in existence in the Gate Region/City of Lakewood for over 30 years. Our mission is to bridge the cultural, language and generational gaps between the disadvantaged community and mainstream, through direct provision of food and basic assistance for their families and environment. We look forward to working with the GWMA in this effort. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



Lisa Litzinger, Secretary
Lakewood Project Shepherd

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CITY OF LYNWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD BLOCK WATCH CAPTAINS ORGANIZATION

March 25, 2013

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Paramount, CA 90723

**“FERNWOOD WATER IMPROVEMENT PROJECT GRANT APPLICATION”
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To Whom It May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the City Lynwood and our grant application for the “Fernwood Water Improvement Park”. The park was designed by Lynwood residents this past spring through a community planning process and we the community stakeholders were part of identifying the issues and worked through a series of workshops to design a project that would provide multiple benefits to our disadvantaged community (DAC) by improving the water quality, increasing open space, recreational access and habitat.

The park will feature stormwater improvement elements such as infiltration areas and bioswales. The project also includes native shrubs and trees that will increase habitat for birds, butterfly species and mammals. The park will rectify the environmental justice issues created by flooding from the 710/105 freeway run off and will provide recreational opportunities for Lynwood.

We fully support this application and believe that it will be a stellar project that can serve as an example to other cities and the nation.

Sincerely,


Antonio Mungia
President
Neighborhood Block Watch

LYNWOOD ATHLETICS COMMUNITY SERVICES
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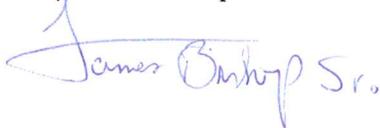
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Sincerely,
James Bishop Sr.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "James Bishop Sr." with a stylized flourish at the end.



Lynwood Sports Association

March 25, 2013

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Sincerely,

Charles Wood, President
Lynwood Sports Association



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COORDINATING COUNCIL

Norwalk Community Coordinating Council

Serving the Norwalk Community since 1936

We Believe in Norwalk!

March 25, 2013

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The Norwalk Community Coordinating Council (NCCC) is pleased to support the GWMA in their effort to install catch basin screens and inserts in catch basins, many of which will be located in Disadvantage Community (DAC) neighborhoods. Trash pollution is a concern for this area and this project will significantly decrease the amount of trash observed. Preventing trash from contaminating the waterbodies will improve water quality and protect aquatic habitat. In addition to protecting the environment, preventing trash contamination will enhance public interest in the rivers and beaches and help promote participation in education and restoration activities. We believe that this project will greatly benefit the disadvantage community and improve the state of our community as a whole.

The Norwalk Community Coordinating Council as an umbrella organization and communication tool for all non-profits in the City of Norwalk and also supports the community by assisting with a variety of social service projects. The NCCC has been in existence in the Gateway Region /City of Norwalk since 1936. We feel it is important to bridge the cultural, language and generational gaps between the ethnic Community and mainstream. We strive to assist the community members to learn the important information that affect the needs of their families and environment. We look forward to working with the GWMA in this effort. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

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President, Norwalk Community Coordinating Council

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NCCC Mission Statement: The NCCC acts as an umbrella organization and communication tool for all non-profits in the City of Norwalk and also supports the community by assisting with a variety of social service projects.

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Subject: Letter of Support for Proposition 84 Grant Application, Catch Basin Screens and Inserts

To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing this letter in support of the Gateway Water Management Authority (GWMA) grant application for the installation of catch basin screens and inserts in catch basins throughout cities in the Gateway region, to include the City of Paramount. The GWMA is dedicated to environmental sustainability, water conservation, and habitat enhancement with a proven track record of implementing projects with community collaboration within disadvantaged communities.

Emmanuel Reformed Church, the lead support for Pitch in Paramount projects, is pleased to support the GWMA in their effort to install catch basin screens and inserts in catch basins, many of which will be located in Disadvantage Community (DAC) neighborhoods. Trash pollution is a concern for this area and this project will significantly decrease the amount of trash observed. Preventing trash from contaminating the water bodies will improve water quality and protect aquatic habitat. In addition to protecting the environment, preventing trash contamination will enhance public interest in the rivers and beaches and help promote participation in education and restoration activities. We believe that this project will greatly benefit the disadvantage community and improve the state of our community as a whole.

Pitch in Paramount began in 2008, as a joint collaboration with the city, church and community volunteers that come together to clean up Paramount. We select projects that serve a beneficial community purpose; be it residential, commercial or public property improvements. Projects such as these would include planting of small trees and shrubs to provide new landscaping in lacking areas, removal of overgrowth landscape, painting of worn fencing, buildings or homes, moderate home repairs and general trash clean ups. To date, we have cleaned up 19 homes, cleaned over 3800 ft of MTA right of way property, and repainted fencing along several parks and bridges with over 600 volunteers.

Our mission is to bridge the cultural, language and generational gaps between the ethnic community and mainstream. Our goal is to assist the community members to learn the important information that affect the needs of their families and environment. We look forward to working with the GWMA in this effort. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,



Ken Korver

Pastor, Emmanuel Reformed Church



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Subject: City of Long Beach, Office of Sustainability Grant Application to the LA Gateway Region IRWM, Long Beach Graywater Program

To Whom It May Concern::

I am writing this letter in support of the City of Long Beach Office of Sustainability’s grant application to the Los Angeles Gateway Region IRWM for their Long Beach Graywater Program. The Office of Sustainability is dedicated to environmental sustainability, water conservation, and habitat enhancement with a proven track record of implementing projects with community collaboration.

United Cambodian Community, (UCC) is pleased to support the City of Long Beach in their effort to expand the Laundry to Landscape program by providing 108 additional homes located in the Long Beach’s Disadvantaged Community (DAC) neighborhoods and explores opportunities for multi-unit residential installations as well. Long Beach is currently completing a Laundry to Landscape pilot program that has been successful and well received in the community. This program has effectively repurposed water from washing machines to be used for irrigation in landscapes, providing water-savings to residents while raising awareness of innovative home-based water conservation options. We believe that this project will greatly benefit the Long Beach disadvantaged community and improve the state of our City as a whole.

United Cambodian Community (UCC) is a direct social services agency in existence in Long Beach for 35 years. Our mission is to bridge the cultural, language and generational gaps between the ethnic Cambodian Community and mainstream. Our goal is to assist the community members to learn the important information that affect the needs of their families. We look forward to working with the Office of Sustainability in this effort. Please feel free to contact us with any questions.

Sincerely,

Sara Pol-Lim
Executive Director
United Cambodian Community