



Location: Los Angeles County

Timeframe: 2009 - 2010

Project Partners: Los Angeles County
Department of Regional Planning, Community of
Lennox

Project Services

- Public workshops and stakeholder interviews
- Existing conditions analysis
- Policy recommendations



This project created a Vision Plan for the community of Lennox to help guide the changes and improvements sought by the community. Ultimately, this vision will include revitalization of Hawthorne Boulevard and Inglewood Avenue, programs to expand home ownership, and for joint-use of school open space.

Goals

- Preserve and enhance existing neighborhood character
- Increase safety at parks and public spaces
- Reduce trash, graffiti, and other nuisances
- Attract more high-quality stores
- Develop more senior housing
- Provide safe routes to schools
- Redevelop Hawthorne Blvd. with a mix of uses

Over the decades, neighborhoods which were mostly single-family oriented have experienced overcrowding resulting in external effects of parking shortage and/or encroachment into adjoining commercial parking. Equally important is the need to address the changes that have occurred on Hawthorne and Inglewood Boulevards which are, in the community's opinion, not very attractive or appealing as destinations. Lennox seeks its own identity to match the strong social and civic ties that make it a positive place. In general, Lennox has room for improvement in a variety of areas. With an already strong sense of community pride and outlook for the future, Lennox is focused on leveraging all of its assets to make it an even better place to live, work or visit. Some assets include the 105 freeway and the corresponding Metro Green Line Station at Hawthorne Boulevard which provide access to the greater Los Angeles Region and South Bay.

Results

- Provided recommendations and priority actions to:
 - Increase levels of code enforcement
 - Fund a County-sponsored residential façade improvement program
 - Calm traffic, and improve pedestrian crossing and bicycle access at key locations
 - Fund pedestrian improvements, enhance bus/transit stops, and implement road diets
 - Create a redevelopment area to assist with economic development
 - Provide financial incentives for new development
 - Implement a corridor streetscape improvement program
- Update of zoning code including parking and development standards
- Plan to undertake a comprehensive streetscape improvement program