

The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust's Transforming Inner-City Lost Lots (TILL) Urban Greening Planning Project

Need for Plan

1. How has the need for an urban greening plan been established?

2A. Describe the assessments that have been conducted to date.

Within the City of Los Angeles, there are estimated to be between 500 and 1,000 publicly-owned parcels of surplus, undevelopable, sliver, remnant, undeveloped medians and other parcels that are "lost" opportunities for providing urban greening related benefits. Five separate City of Los Angeles departments have such parcels in their landholdings. Although these departments maintain lists of these properties for various reasons, a comprehensive study of the parcels to determine the potential urban greening related benefits that these parcels could provide, has not yet been performed.

Individually the parcels are typically small (less than 3,500 square feet), but collectively, their urban greening benefits can be significant. The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust's Transforming Inner-City Lost Lots (TILL) urban greening planning project proposes to assess the urban greening potential of each parcel, prioritize the parcels based on community-needs criteria, and assist in the greening of prioritized parcels by creating a systemic urban greening plan. The proposed TILL urban greening planning project is designed to:

- Create a comprehensive inventory of these publicly-owned parcels;
- Produce "Parcel Profiles" to assess the potential greening benefits of the parcels;
- Map the parcel locations using GIS software;
- Create and apply a multi-criteria community needs model to the parcel locations;
- Prioritize the parcels for urban greening improvements, based on the results of the modeling and the characteristics of the sites;
- Work with local Councilmembers, Neighborhood Councils, community groups, businesses, and other stakeholder groups to assist in parcel transformation to green spaces, community gardens, mini-parks, and other similar urban greening projects;
- Develop a multi-element plan, documenting all aspects of the project, which will serve as a resource for transforming such publicly-owned spaces into benefit providing assets; and
- Create an interactive website, which will serve as a resource to further assist in parcel transformation.

The need for the Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust's TILL urban greening planning project has been well established, directly and indirectly, by many sources. The need for equitably distributed green and open space projects across the City of Los Angeles, for example, has been partially established by the following assessments.

Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust Transforming Inner-City Lost Lots (TILL) Program

Deliverable 1

Deliverable 2
Deliverable 3
Deliverable 4

Other Tasks and Deliverables

