

CENTRAL PARK

At approximately 100 acres, is the City's largest parcel dedicated for park use.

30 of these acres have been developed over the last 15 years.

DEVELOPMENT / UPGRADES

- 2022 • Dog Park
- 2021 • Outdoor Fitness Court
- 2016 • Solar Expansion Project
- 2015 • Pavilion with Picnicking Amenities
- 2013 • Freedom Courtyard
- 2008 • Playground
- 2005 • Development of 30 acres of park grounds and the building of the Community and Senior Center

HISTORY OF MASTER PLANS

The City acquired the land from Lewis Homes in 1984, and thereafter developed the first Central Park Master Plan which included the OmniCenter (including a central library, a community center, a children's theatre and lecture hall, a fine arts center and museum), sports complex, open space area, and a one-acre central plaza.

Later master plans included a 4-phase plan including a family aquatics center, lakes and rivers, tennis facilities and a gymnasium.

HISTORY OF FUNDING

- In 1990, worked for a State Grant that did not come to fruition
- That same year the City's fiscal condition plummeted as a result of dramatic changes in the California economy. Over the next six years the City experienced financial cutbacks, downsizing and budgetary restructuring; design and development halted
- In 1997 a Central Park Task Force was formed to re-address the Master Plan.
- Recommended to the City Council a city-wide ballot measure and Community Facilities District (CFD) to fund the development and maintenance of the park
 - The proposed CFD of \$129 per parcel for 20 years was overwhelmingly defeated
 - The passage of the 2002 State Park Bond Issue resulted in a \$10 million grant enabling the City to launch Phase I of the park development resulting in the 2005 development.
- In 2008 the Great Recession, followed by the loss of RDA, halted Phase II of the park

CURRENT MASTER PLAN

In 2017, the City of Rancho Cucamonga launched the Central Park Master Plan Update “reVISION” with significant community engagement and dialog

Given the history of fluctuating economic conditions, the updated document presented to the City Council and community in 2018, redirected the Central Park Master Plan from large 20 - 30 acre per phase projects into smaller 5 - 10 acre phased elements

Adopted plan provides a variety of both active and passive zones and uses for all ages. The core of the park features the “Great Lawn”, Viticulture Pavilion and Amphitheater, creating a flexible park area for large community event gatherings and celebrations.

Universal Accessible Playground will provide access to opportunity for people of all ages and abilities to promote play, physical activity, sociability, and learning.

The plan includes opportunities for public-private partnerships for the recreational pool, multi-purpose facility, adventure area, amphitheater, and viticulture pavilion.

The final Master Plan and EIR was adopted by the City Council in 2020.

In 2019, the City was awarded a grant from the State of California in the amount of \$3 million for the construction of a dog park on the southwest corner of Central Park.

The City continues to look for new funding opportunities to build more segments.

The City has applied for multiple rounds of additional State grants, but has been unsuccessful, largely because of the demographics of the immediate park area.

The next focus for pursuing funding will likely be for a public-private partnership.