



## New Park Coming to Larch Avenue

In March 2011, the City purchased a 1.5-acre property located on Larch Avenue near 147<sup>th</sup> Street, intending to develop the land into a park. The City then entered into a partnership with Trust for Public Land (TPL), a national nonprofit conservation organization. TPL hosted public workshops to find out what the Lawndale community most wanted in a new park. The input from residents led to the conceptual design above. In 2012, the state awarded TPL a \$4.1 million grant to build the park. The project continues to move forward. Next up -- creating the final design and construction drawings. Then the construction phase, beginning early in 2015. Finally, the grand opening at the end of the year.

The final design will include the following:

- Grassy play areas with separate areas for different ages
- Plenty of shade trees
- Covered picnic area for larger events, as well as smaller picnic areas
- Fitness equipment
- Restrooms near play and picnic areas
- Security lighting, solar lighting
- Handicap accessible walking paths and playground elements
- Art installations by local community artists
- Water efficient systems and drought-tolerant, native vegetation