## Best Practices Catalog

### 1. Improving Existing Parks

- Retrofit Existing Parks
  - Multi-Function and Multi-Use
  - High Use Facilities
  - Activities Grouped into Settings
  - Adding Play in a Natural Context
  - Maintenance Friendly

- Joint Use Facilities

### 2. Creating Diverse New Open Spaces

- School Yards — “Schoolyard Parks”
- Parking Lots — Flexible open spaces
- Creeks (connectivity, attractive sites for parks, trails)

### 3. Improving Existing Right of Way (ROW)

- Improving Access & Connectivity
  - Bike Facilities
  - Trails, Stairs and Paths

### 4. Repurposing Street ROW

- Flexible Lanes
- Paving to Parks & Places

### 5. Integrating Green Infrastructure

- Regenerative Landscape (Soil, Water and Bay Area Friendly Planting)
- Integrated Stormwater Management (Reducing Impervious Surface, Planters, etc)
- Water Management (Imperial, Recycled Water, etc)
- Material Production + Energy Harvesting

### 6. Building Social Infrastructure

- Support Maintenance of Parks, Greenways/Trails, Improved ROW
- Support Community Building (Strong Neighborhoods & Commercial Areas, Community Identity)

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**Best Practices**

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**Retrofit of an Existing Park**

1. Improving Existing Parks
Retrofit of an Existing Park

POGO Park (Elm Park), Richmond

Multi-functional and Multi-user

Jamison Square, Portland

High Use Facilities

Activities Grouped Into Settings
Adding Play in a Natural Context

Maintenance Friendly

Joint Use Facilities

2. Creating Diverse, New Open Spaces
Schoolyard to “Schoolyard Parks”

Parking Lots to Flexible Open Spaces

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Community Gardens

New Neighborhood Park in Underserved Area

Doyle Hollis Park, Emeryville

Utility Corridor to Trails

West San Gabriel River Utility Corridor
3. Improving Existing Street Right-of-Way

Improving Access & Connectivity

Green Lane, Long Beach

50%

100%

300%
Sidewalks

(Sometimes, all it takes is a ping pong table...)

4. Repurposing Street Right-of-Way

Flex Lanes
Pavement to Parks & Plazas

Upper Market, San Francisco

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Los Angeles

Community Gardens

Gilman Gardens, Seattle
Play Areas

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Regenerative Landscape

Soil
Water
Plants

5. Integrating Green Infrastructure
Integrated Stormwater Management

Water Management

Material Production & Harvesting

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6. Building Social Infrastructure

Harvesting

Improving Environmental Benefits Through Materials

Support Maintenance

Cermak / Blue Island, Chicago

Berkeley Rose Garden
Support Maintenance

Identity

Identity, Urban Form and Sense of Place

Portland, Oregon