City of Paramount


Paramount (incorporated in 1957) lies 16.5 miles south-southeast of downtown Los Angeles, just east of the (710) Freeway. Its population ranks 36th largest among Los Angeles County cities. It has a large job base heavily concentrated in the manufacturing and service industries. Land uses are mixed-urban with large industrial tracts dominating. Median family income in 1989 was $30,540, while the average household size was 3.8. Sixty percent of the population is Hispanic.

Issues

- There is a need for improved flood protection.
- Public safety issues, including crime, gangs, rock throwing at homes adjacent to the LARIO Trail, need to be addressed. There is a need for safety patrols along the trails.
- Signage is needed along bike and horse trails.
- Amenities, such as restrooms and water fountains, need to be built.
- There is a need to provide equestrian access to the County Riding Trail.
- Access to LARIO Trail needs to be improved.

Adopted General or Recreational Plans

- The City of Paramount General Plan assigns areas adjacent to the river to the following categories: low-, low/medium- and high-density residential; major industrial, open space; and public/semi-public facilities.

Jurisdictional Planned Projects

- Acquisition of property for park purposes.
- Rail-to-trail multiple city trail project.

Recommendations Based on Master Plan Goals

- Provide better access to the existing LARIO Trail from local parks.
- Institute a safety program.
- Provide access from the rail trail to the river.
- Develop recreation-related sales for local businesses.
- Begin an extensive tree planting program on the east bank.