



PALMDALE GENERAL PLAN UPDATE

Public Facilities + Open Space

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Chapter 7: Public Facilities + Open Space

This chapter provides a general overview of the City of Palmdale's emergency services, schools and higher education facilities, open space and public parks, and public facilities and services.

Key Findings

- **Higher Education.** There is strong demand for higher education in Palmdale and the surrounding region; currently Palmdale does not have a local four-year University.
- **Technical Training for Aerospace.** Palmdale has a high demand for trained technicians in the aerospace industry to support government contracts sourced out of Air Force Plant 42.
- **Park Space.** Palmdale has 360 acres of existing parkland, not including the area of Ritter Ranch Park which lies partially within the City limits. Based on the current population, the City would need to increase park space by 433 acres to meet its goal of 5 acres per 1,000 residents parkland-to-population ratio. The City is currently seeking funding to acquire and develop open space and park land.

Emergency Services

The City of Palmdale contracts with Los Angeles County for law enforcement, fire and emergency medical services. Palmdale contains one sheriff's station and five fire stations, as shown on Table 7.1 and Figure 7.1 Emergency Facilities.

Table 7.1 Emergency Facilities

	Facility	Address
1	Los Angeles County Sheriff's Station	750 East Avenue Q
2	Los Angeles County Fire Department Station #24	1050 West Avenue P
3	Los Angeles County Fire Department Station #37	38318 9th Street East
4	Los Angeles County Fire Department Station #93	5624 East Ave R
5	Los Angeles County Fire Department Station #131	2629 East Ave S
6	Los Angeles County Fire Department Station #136	3650 Bolz Ranch Rd

Law Enforcement

The Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department operates one station located at 750 East Avenue Q which serves the City Palmdale and surrounding communities (Acton, Agua Dulce, Big Pines/Wrightwood, Green Valley, Lake Elizabeth, Lake Hughes, Leona Valley, Littlerock, Llano, Pearblossom, Vallyermo and Vasquez Rocks¹). Table 7.2 and 7.3 compares the Sherriff station's total reported incidents and arrests within the City of Palmdale from 2015 to 2018. Crime is split into two categories, Part 1 Crime – which refers to violent crimes; homicide, rape, robbery, and aggravated assault. While Part 2 Crime refers to property crimes; burglary, motor vehicle theft, larceny-theft.



Palmdale Sheriff's Station

¹ Palmdale Station. (2016). Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Areas We Serve. Retrieved from: <http://shq.lasdnews.net/CrimeStats/yir9600/yir2016/plm/synopsis.htm><http://shq.lasdnews.net/pa ges/patrolstation.aspx?id=plm>

Table 7.2 Palmdale Sherriff Response Synopsis (2015 - 2018)

Total Reported Crimes	Calendar Year 2015 ²	Calendar Year 2016 ³	Calendar Year 2017 ⁴	Calendar Year 2017 ⁵
PART 1 Crimes	3,915	3,507	3,402	3,087
PART 2 Crimes	5,268	5,349	5,411	4,944
Noncriminal Incidents	6,923	7,314	7,183	8,017
Total Reported Incidents	16,106	16,170	15,996	16,048
Adult Arrests	4,767	4,575	5,726	5,359
Juvenile Arrests	348	356	271	257
Total Arrests	5,115	4,931	5,997	5,616

Table 7.3 Crime Rate Comparison

Crime rate per 10,000 population	2015	2016	2017	2018
PART 1 Crimes	225.65	201.04	200.55	185.46
PART 2 Crimes	297.09	302.09	302.28	277.65

The Palmdale Sherriff’s Station is a state-of-the-art facility constructed in 2006 to replace the previous neighborhood sub-station. The sheriff’s station includes a 47,000 square-foot main building, 7,800 square-foot jail, and 8,400 square-foot motor pool and storage building.⁶

Public Security Officers + Park Watch

Palmdale Public Security Officers (PSOs) are frontline ambassadors, assisting patrons, answering questions, and providing information about City-sponsored activities and events. PSOs monitor the City’s parks and facilities, including the Palmdale Transportation Center and Park & Ride lots. They serve as a proactive deterrent to unacceptable behavior by maintaining high visibility at City facilities, while also encouraging safe activities by informing patrons of rules and regulations.

In addition, Palmdale has a Park Watch program throughout all local neighborhood parks. The goal of Park Watch is to prevent crime and vandalism

² Palmdale Station – City of Palmdale (2015). Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. Retrieved from: <http://shq.lasdnews.net/CrimeStats/yir9600/yir2015/plm/24.htm>

³ Palmdale Station – City of Palmdale (2016). Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. Retrieved from: <http://shq.lasdnews.net/CrimeStats/yir9600/yir2016/plm/24.htm>

⁴ Palmdale Station – City of Palmdale (2017). Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. Retrieved from: <http://shq.lasdnews.net/CrimeStats/yir9600/yir2017/plm/24.htm>

⁵ Palmdale Station – City of Palmdale (2018). Los Angeles County Sheriff’s Department. Retrieved from: <http://shq.lasdnews.net/CrimeStats/yir9600/yir2018/plm/24.htm>

⁶ Palmdale Sherriff’s Station, (n.d.) Los Angeles County Sherriff’s Department. Retrieved from: <http://shq.lasdnews.net/pages/patrolstation.aspx?id=PLM>

through community involvement by asking park users to report suspicious or illegal activity, allowing law enforcement and the City to be proactive in addressing concerns. Both programs are operated from the Neighborhood Services Department.

Perception of Safety

Through stakeholder interview discussions many community members shared their feeling that Palmdale has an outward reputation of being unsafe. By comparison, the initial results from the Palmdale General Plan Update Community Survey indicate that approximately 57% of residents said they agree or strongly agree that with the statement, “My family/or I feel safe in our (Palmdale) community.”

Fire and Emergency Medical Service

Fire protection, first response emergency and medical services in Palmdale are contracted through the County of Los Angeles Fire Department (LACoFD). LACoFD operates five stations within the City of Palmdale which are categorized under in the North Regional office, Division Five, within Battalions 11 and 17.

The County of Los Angeles Fire Department incident analysis is available for the City of Palmdale. As shown in Table 7.4, the response times have generally decreased across all categories since 2015 and are within the LACoFD response time goal of 4-6 minutes for on scene arrival.

Table 7.4 LACoFD Average Incident Response Times for City of Palmdale*

Category	2015	2016	2017	2018
Structure Fire	4.82	4.48	4.66	4.55
Grass Fire	6.09	5.55	5.64	5.91
Mobile Property/Vehicle Fire	5.90	5.62	5.19	4.32
Motor Vehicle Accident	5.15	5.21	5.09	5.26
Heart Attack/Chest Pain	5.73	5.68	5.64	5.45
Difficulty Breathing	5.77	5.72	5.46	5.54

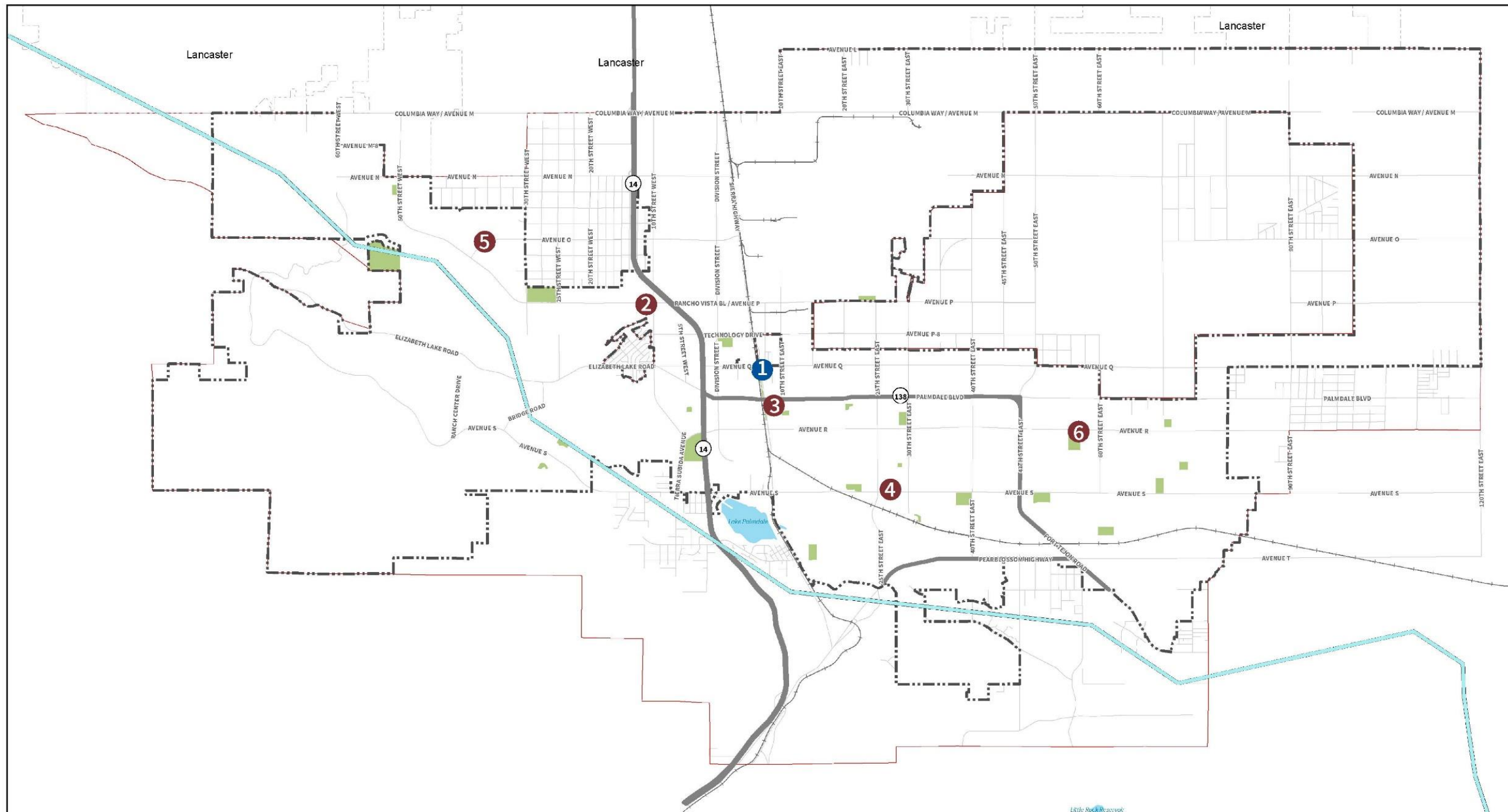
Source: County of Los Angeles Fire Department

* Data is related to a specific request for certain incident types and therefore does not reflect all incidents within the city of Palmdale. Average response times are for incidents within Palmdale’s municipal boundary and include urban, suburban, and rural areas.








Emergency Operations

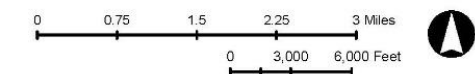
Working in conjunction with law enforcement and fire personnel, the City’s Emergency Services Coordinator facilitates the City’s efforts to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural or human made disasters.

Figure 7.1 Emergency Facilities



Emergency Facilities

-  City Boundary
-  Sphere of Influence
-  California Aqueduct
-  Major Highway/Arterial
-  Railroad
-  Fire Station
-  Sheriff Station



Data Sources: City of Palmdale GIS data;
World Terrain Base, 2015 ESRI, USGS, NOAA.

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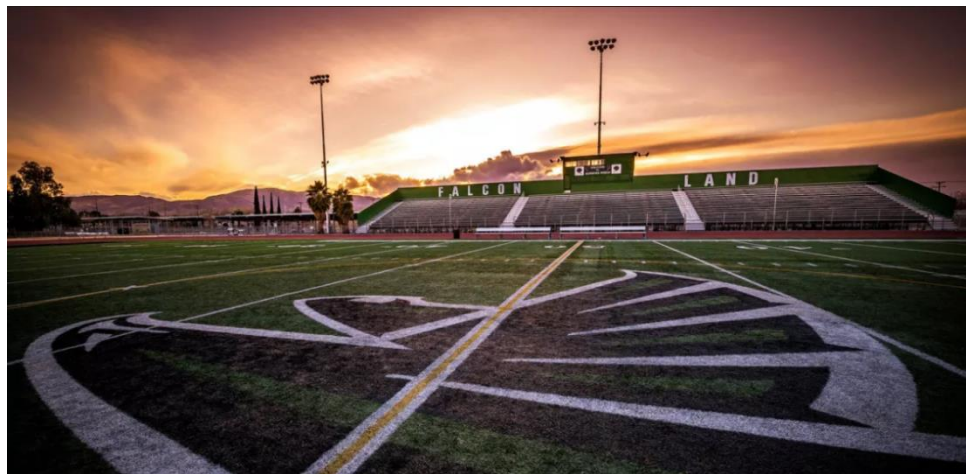
Schools

High-quality education is a priority in the City of Palmdale. The City is served by three school districts; two elementary (K-8) districts – Westside School District, and Palmdale School District; and one high school district – Antelope Valley Union High School District.

The City includes traditional and non-traditional learning with two dual-immersion schools, Los Amigos and Dos Caminos Schools, and a school of choice, Palmdale Learning Plaza which offers visual/performing arts and International Baccalaureate (IB) programs.

Palmdale also contains two charter schools, Antelope Valley Learning Academy for home-schooled children in grades K-12, and the Palmdale Aerospace Academy. With the clustering of aerospace industries in the City, many campuses have taken a focused approach at educating local talent and inspiring young minds to join the aerospace industry. The City of Palmdale nominates members to serve on the board of the Palmdale Aerospace Academy, which provides specialized STEM education for grades 7-12.⁷ Table 7.5 lists each school by district and grade level serving Palmdale.

The City also has a variety of higher education opportunities. Antelope Valley Adult Education provides Career Technical Education programs for adults interested in starting a new career in the clerical, medical, dental, and technology fields. Additionally, the Aircraft Fabrication and Assembly (AFAB) program, housed at the Antelope Valley College Palmdale Center, prepares students with entry-level and upgraded skills for the aerospace industry. Table 7.7 lists the higher education institutions serving the City of Palmdale.



Palmdale High School athletic field.

⁷ K-12 Education. (2019). City of Palmdale. Retrieved from: <http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/Residents/Local-School-Districts>

Table 7.5 Schools Serving Palmdale

Institution	Address	Grades
Public Schools		
Antelope Valley Union High School District		
1	Highland High School*	39055 25th St West 9-12
2	Knight High School (William J. "Pete" Knight High School)	37423 70th St East 9-12
3	Palmdale High School	2137 East Avenue R 9-12
4	R. Rex Parris Alternative High School	38801 Clock Tower Plaza Dr East 9-12
Palmdale School District		
5	Barrel Springs Elementary	3636 Ponderosa Way K-5
6	Buena Vista Elementary	37005 Hillcrest Dr K-5
7	Cactus Intermediate	3243 East Ave R-8 6-8
8	Chaparral Elementary*	37500 50th St East K-5
9	Cimarron Elementary	36940 45th St East K-5
10	David G. Millen Intermediate	39221 22nd Street West 6-8
11	Desert Rose Elementary	37730 27th St East K-5
12	Desert Willow Intermediate	36555 Sunny Lane 6-8
13	Dos Caminos Elementary	39147 Palm Tree Way K-5
14	Golden Poppy Elementary	37802 Rockie Lane K-5
15	Joshua Hills Elementary	3030 Fairfield Ave K-5
16	Los Amigos Elementary	6640 East Ave R-8 K-5
17	Manzanita Elementary	38620 33rd St East K-5
18	Mesquite Elementary*	37622 43rd St East K-5
19	Oak Tree Learning Center	38136 35th St East
20	Palm Tree Elementary*	326 East Avenue R K-5
21	Palmdale Learning Plaza	38043 Division Street
22	Quail Valley Elementary	37236 58th St East K-5
23	Shadow Hills Intermediate	37315 60th St East 6-8
24	Summerwind Elementary	39360 Summerwind Drive K-5
25	Tamarisk Elementary*	1843 East Ave Q-5 K-5
26	Tumbleweed Elementary*	1100 E Avenue R-4 K-5
27	Yucca Elementary*	38440 2nd St EAST K-5
Westside Union School District		
28	Anaverde Hills Elementary	2902 Greenbrier St K-8
29	Cottonwood Elementary	2740 West Avenue P-8 K-5
30	Esparanza Elementary	40521 35th St West K-5
31	Gregg Anderson Academy Elementary	5151 West Avenue N-8 K-8
32	Hillview Intermediate	40525 Peonza Lane 6-8
33	Rancho Vista Elementary	40525 Peonza Lane K-5
Private and Charter Schools		
34	Antelope Valley Learning Academy	37212 47th Street East K-12
35	Antelope Valley YouthBuild	38626 9 th Street East

36	Berean Fellowship Christian School	38050 30th Street East	1-12
37	Empowered Church International/Empowered Learning Academy	2205 East Palmdale Boulevard, Suite B	K-12
38	Palmdale Aerospace Academy (PSD, City of Palmdale, NASA)	37212 47th Street East	TK-12
39	Saint Mary School	1600 East Avenue R-4	K-8
40	Shepherd Christian School	1730 High Vista Ave	K-12
41	Westside Christian	40027 11 th Street West	K-8

*Palmdale Early Childhood Education Classroom Programs – English

Table 7.6 Selected Preschools in Palmdale⁸

Preschools		Location
42	A Caring Touch Christian Family Center	3035 East Avenue S
43	Adventureland Preschool	41337 10 th Street West
44	Bright Futures Preschool & Daycare	1320 Date Palm Drive
45	Eagle Vision Preschool	2121 E Palmdale Blvd
46	Head Start State Preschool	975 East Avenue P8
47	Just Plane Kids	2555 East Avenue P
48	Kids World Daycare & Preschool	1220 E Avenue R-3
49	Leaps & Bounds Preschool	2026 East Avenue Q

In addition to the preschools listed in Table 7.6, there are 74 currently licensed home childcare centers that operate in Palmdale⁹.

Palmdale has four higher education institutions as shown in Table 7.7. In addition to these programs offered in Palmdale, several four-year degree programs are offered at satellite campuses outside the City in the greater Antelope Valley. However, currently Palmdale does not have an independent four-year University campus within City limits. All schools and higher education facilities within Palmdale are mapped in Figure 7.2.

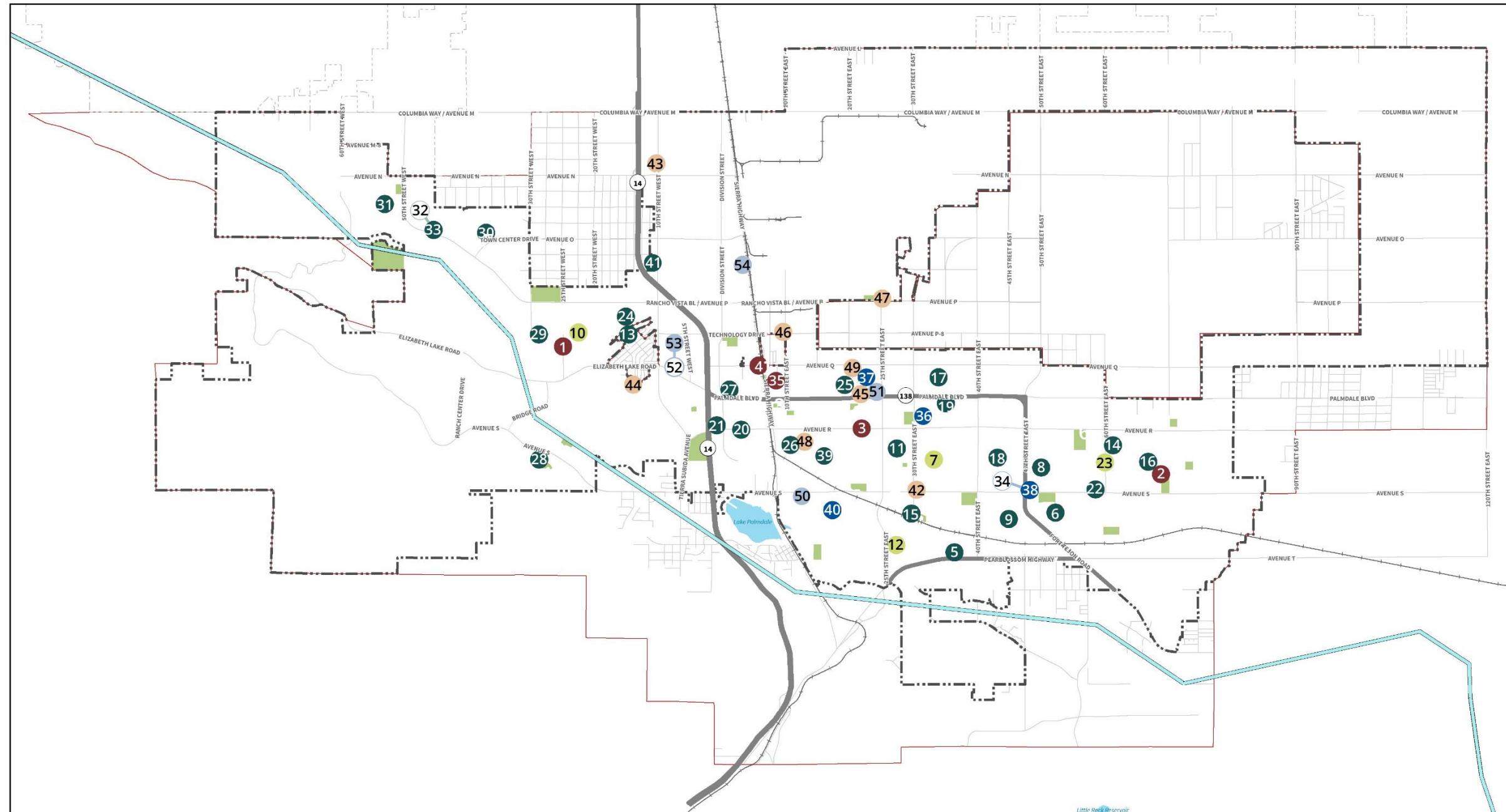
⁸ Early Childcare Education Programs. (2019). Palmdale School District. Retrieved From: <https://www.palmdalesd.org/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=35&ModuleInstanceId=2486&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=1277&PageID=63> Palmdale Safe Routes to School Plan

⁹ California Department of Social Services. Retrieved from: <https://secure.dss.ca.gov/CareFacilitySearch/Search/ChildCare>

Table 7.7 Higher Education in Palmdale

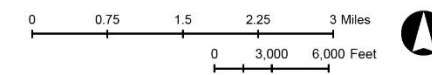
Institution		Address	Degrees Offered
50	Antelope Valley Adult Education	1156 East Avenue S	Trade School Certificates
51	Antelope Valley College Palmdale Center <i>(Community College)</i>	2301 East Palmdale Blvd	Certificates Trade School Associate Degree
52	Brandman University <i>(Private)</i>	39115 Trade Center Dr Suite 203	Certificates & Courses Credentials & Authorizations Associate Degree Bachelor's Degree Master's Degrees Doctoral Degrees
53	DeVry University Keller Graduate School of Management <i>(Private)</i>	39115 Trade Center Dr Suite 100	Master's Degree
54	Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University High Desert Campus <i>(Private)</i>	40015 North Sierra Hwy Suite B-200	Certifications Associate Degree Bachelor's Degree Master's Degree

Figure 7.2 Schools and Higher Education Facilities



Schools Serving Palmdale

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| City Boundary | Preschool | Middle School |
| Sphere of Influence | Elementary | High School |
| California Aqueduct | K-12 | Higher Education |
| Major Highway/Arterial | | |
| Railroad | | |



Data Sources: City of Palmdale GIS data;
World Terrain Base, 2015 ESRI, USGS, NOAA.

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Parks and Open Space

This section describes parks, open space and recreation facilities and their accessibility in Palmdale, including current and targeted levels of service.

Recreation and Open Space Facilities

Palmdale provides residents with varied options for recreation facilities and is looking to provide additional open space opportunities.

Open Space/Trails

Formal bike and pedestrian trails and designated passive open space are limited within the City of Palmdale. There is the Avenue S Bike Trail, which is a Class 1 bike path, that runs approximately 1.5 miles east to west along Avenue S, from Aerospace Highway to Hamilton Place. Barrel Springs Trail and the walking paths of Anaverde Park, do however, provide access to open space. The Ritter Ridge and Joshua Ranch Loop offers hikers and mountain bikers an 11-mile trail to enjoy and view wildlife. Also located within City limits are portions of Ritter Ranch, a 4,000-acre open space park with scenic views and hiking trails that is managed by the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority¹⁰.

As part of Palmdale’s Active Transportation Plan, dependent on the availability of future funding, the City intends to develop 117 miles of trails, for biking, hiking, and horse riding, within the planning area. The development of these bike lanes, bikeways, bike routes and multi-use trails promote alternative modes of transportation to connect key destinations throughout the City.

The City is interested in acquiring more open space and developing more trails to create more passive recreational opportunities for its residents. There are many informal trails in the adjacent foothills that the City could formalize and continue to expand the trail network. To help accomplish this, the City applied for a grant to develop a feasibility/needs assessment for trails near Barrel Springs.

Existing Parks

Palmdale has 20 parks throughout the planning area, totaling 365 acres. These parks provide a variety of amenities and include unique facilities Palmdale operates a the public water park, DryTown Water Park, in addition to the multiple parks with pools throughout the City (Marie Kerr Park in the west, McAdams and Melville J. Courson Parks in the central region, and Palmdale Oasis Park in the southeast). Palmdale also is home to the Joe Davies Heritage Airpark, which celebrates the City’s rich aerospace history. The Palmdale Amphitheatre at Marie Kerr Park provides an excellent venue for regular concerts and family movie nights.

¹⁰ Mountains Recreation & Conservation Authority – Park Listing. Retrieved from: <https://mrca.ca.gov/parks/park-listing/ritter-ranch/>

In addition to the unique features highlighted above, Palmdale provides numerous valuable park and recreation facilities throughout the planning area. The 37-acre Domenic Massari Park in the eastern portion of the City, provides residents with multiple playgrounds, lighted basketball courts, tennis courts, and skatepark, as well as walking paths, softball fields, sand volleyball courts, picnic tables, and a community room. The largest of the four parks in the western region of Palmdale is the Marie Kerr Park, which has various lighted sports facilities, including the Best of West softball fields and a skatepark, as well as a picnic pavilion, barbecues, walking pads and a pool. The Yellen Park, opened in 2017, also in the eastern region of Palmdale, provides the City's off-leash, enclosed dog park. The central region of Palmdale has numerous parks, providing easy access to recreational facilities and amenities for a majority of residents. Nearly every park in Palmdale (except Arnie Quinones Park) provides restrooms for public use. All of Palmdale's parks are in fair to good condition. The parks within Palmdale are listed in Table 7.8 and mapped in Figure 7.3.

Table 7.8 Community, Neighborhood, Special Use and Greenway Parks: Size and Condition

Park/Facility	Size	Overall Condition
American Indian Little League Fields	5 acres	Fair
Anaverde Hills Park	6 acres	Good
Arnie Quinones Park	10 acres	Fair
Domenic Massari Park	37 acres	Fair
Desert Sands Park	20 acres	Fair
Dr. Robert C. St. Claire Parkway	8 acres	--
Foothill Park	12 acres	Good
Joe Davies Heritage Airpark	25 acres	Good
Joshua Hills Park	4 acres	Fair
Legacy Commons Park	1 acre	Good
Manzanita Heights Park	4 acres	Fair
Marie Kerr Park	77 acres	Fair
William J. McAdam Park	19 acres	Fair
Melville J. Courson Park	5 acres	Fair
Palmdale Oasis Park	29 acres	Good
Palmdale Youth Pony League Fields	5 acres	Fair
Pelona Vista Park	76 acres	Fair
Poncitlan Park	2 acres	Fair
Sam Yellen Community Park	25 acres	Good
Tejon Equestrian Park	20 acres	Fair
Total	365 acres	

Notes: -- = Data not Available

Source: Los Angeles County. 2011. Los Angeles Countywide Comprehensive Park & Recreation Needs Assessment



Foothill Park in Palmdale.

Park Service Ratio

Palmdale has an established parkland-to-population requirement of 5.0 acres of parkland per 1,000 persons. The City has a current population of 158,605, which means the City would need 793 acres of parkland to meet its parkland-to-population ratio target. The existing 360 acres of parkland and open space, not including Ritter Ranch Park, equates to approximately 45 percent of that requirement. Based on the current population, the City would need to add 433 additional acres of parkland to meet the 5.0 acres/1,000 persons standard. Palmdale has adequate acreage to fill this demand. However, half of the available park space has yet to be developed and some sites are not approximate to residents currently or where future development is proposed.

The Palmdale City Council is very interested in developing more parkland. Potential future parks identified in the Palmdale 2019 10-year Capital Improvement Plan include the development of sports fields in the drainage basin at Oasis Park, 76 acres of new neighborhood parks. The City is also interested in potentially using natural stormwater drainage basins for recreation purposes.

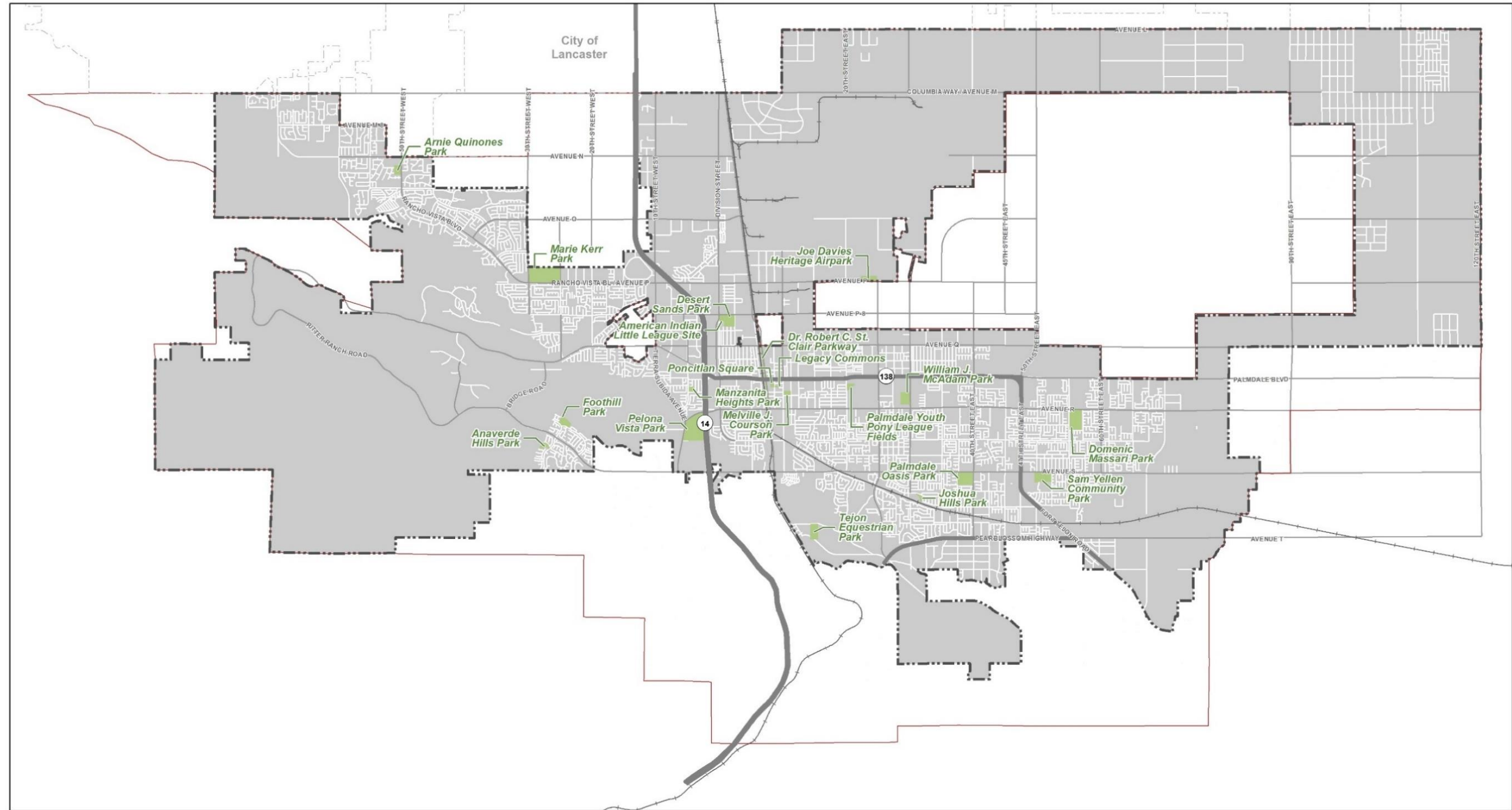
Palmdale continually provides upkeep and upgrades for park facilities. The 2019-2020 fiscal year Capital Improvement Budget allocates \$4.7 million to these improvements, which include: refurbishment of DryTown Water Park facilities, McAdam Park restroom upgrades, Sports Field renovations, and \$2.5 million towards Oasis Park improvements.



Neighborhood walking path in the Anaverde community.

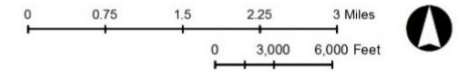
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Figure 7.3 Palmdale Parks



Palmdale Parks

- Park
- City of Palmdale Boundary
- Sphere of Influence
- Other City Boundary
- Major Highway/Arterial
- Railroad



Data Sources: City of Palmdale GIS data.

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Public Facilities + Services

The City's main governmental offices are centrally located at the intersection of Palmdale Boulevard and Sierra Highway. This includes City Hall, located at 38300 Sierra Highway, which houses the offices of the City Manager and elected officials, City Council chambers, City Attorney, Administrative Services, and City Clerk; Development Services located at 38250 Sierra Highway, which includes Building & Safety, Planning, Public Works, Business License, Economic & Community Development, and Neighborhood Services; Human Resources & Community Programs located at 823 E. Avenue Q-9, City Library located at 700 E. Palmdale Blvd, and Chimbole Cultural Center located at 38350 Sierra Hwy.

Several other facilities, including the Palmdale Playhouse, Recreation & Culture Offices, Legacy Commons for Active Seniors, and Courson Park (which features a brand-new recreation pool), are located off 10th Street East. The City's Maintenance Center is located at 39110 3rd Street East, across from Desert Sands Park. Table 7.9 lists major publicly accessible services and or facilities in Palmdale. These are broken out by City, Los Angeles County, and Federal facilities.



Palmdale Building and Safety Division offices

The City operates 12 Cultural and Recreation Facilities, including recreation centers, pools, skate parks, library, Legacy Commons for Active Seniors, Best of the West Softball Complex, Palmdale Amphitheatre, and DryTown® Waterpark.

The City of Palmdale Parks and Recreation Department offers a variety of recreational activities for all ages at community facilities. Services include community events, performing arts classes and events, youth and adult sports, senior citizen services, hobbies and special interest classes, mind and body classes, educational and library services, aquatic programming and free community building services at select park locations. A list of the recreation facilities where some of these activities are hosted is provided in Table 7.9.

On occasion, the City provides elementary school grounds for additional programs, such as sports leagues, as needed. The City also has a reciprocal agreement with the high school district to use campus facilities for recreation programs.



City of Palmdale Library

Table 7.9 Public Facilities

	Facility	Address
City of Palmdale		
1	Chimbole Cultural Center	38350 Sierra Hwy
2	Drytown Water Park	3850 East Avenue S
3	Gabriel's House Community Center	38553 4th Street East
4	Hammack Activity Center ¹	815 Avenue Q-6
5	Hammack Neighborhood House (Focus #4)	1012 East Avenue Q-5
6	Joe Davies Heritage Airpark at Palmdale Plant 42	2001 East Avenue P
7	Legacy Commons for Active Seniors	930 East Avenue Q-9
8	Manzanita Neighborhood House (Focus #5)	38627 32nd Street East
9	Marie Kerr Pool	39700 30th Street West
10	Melville J Courson Pool	38226 10th Street East
11	Palmdale Oasis Pool	3850 East Avenue S
12	Palmdale Amphitheater	2723 Rancho Vista Boulevard
13	Palmdale City Hall	38300 Sierra Hwy
14	Palmdale City Library	700 East Palmdale Boulevard
15	Palmdale Playhouse	38334 10th Street East
16	Palmdale Recreation and Culture Office	38260 10 th Street East
17	Palmdale South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES)	1002 East Avenue Q-12
18	Tumbleweed Neighborhood House (Focus #4)	1129 East Avenue R-4
19	William J McAdam Pool	38115 30th Street East
20	Yucca Neighborhood House (Focus #3)	503 East Avenue Q-3
County of Los Angeles		
21	Los Angeles County Animal Care Center	38550 Sierra Hwy
22	Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services	39959 Sierra Highway #150
23	Los Angeles County Housing Authority	2323 E Palmdale Boulevard
24	Los Angeles County Public Works	38126 Sierra Hwy
25	Palmdale GAIN Office	1050 East Palmdale Boulevard
Federal		
26	Antelope Valley Veterans Center	38925 Trade Center Drive
27	SSA Office of Disability Adjudication and Review	38925 Trade Center Drive
Notes: 1. The Hammack Activity Center is a City facility; however, programming is operated by the Boys and Girls Club.		

Neighborhood Programs

The Neighborhood House Program is a partnership between the City of Palmdale and Antelope Valley Partners for Health (AVPH) to offer neighborhood targeted community programs for residents. Programs are free to residents and offer drop-in afternoon activities for children, meeting space, and a variety of other services. Palmdale currently has four neighborhood houses which are located in Focus Neighborhoods. These neighborhood houses serve as a resource center under the Neighborhood Improvement Strategy.¹¹

Two existing Neighborhood Houses have community gardens, as part of Palmdale's Community Garden Program. Gardens are active next to the Yucca Neighborhood House and next to the Hammack Neighborhood House.

The Neighborhood Watch Program in Palmdale organizes neighborhoods in the city to prevent crime and reduce fear. Neighborhood Watch programs form partnerships between residents, law enforcement and city government and provides ongoing crime prevention and public safety education¹². This program is one of the most effective and least costly ways to prevent crime and build a spirit of community.



Community volunteers at Palmdale's first Community Garden (Source: Antelope Valley Times)

¹¹ *Neighborhood Houses. (2019). City of Palmdale. Retrieved From: <http://cityofpalmdale.org/211/Neighborhood-Houses-Community-Gardens>*

¹² *City of Palmdale Neighborhood Watch Program. Retrieved From: <http://cityofpalmdale.org/DocumentCenter/View/338/Neighborhood-Watch-Program-Overview-PDF>*

South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES)

South Antelope Valley Emergency Services (SAVES) is a City program founded in 1983 to alleviate hunger among very low and extremely low income (according to HUD income standards) working families, elderly, disabled, and homeless in the south Antelope Valley (this includes Palmdale, Littlerock, Pearblossom, Llano, Lake Los Angeles with Palmdale Zip Code, Acton and Lake Elizabeth).¹³

SAVES works in collaboration with the Los Angeles Regional Food Bank to provide emergency and daily food, in the form of nutritious meals and bags of groceries four days a week, to those in need. SAVES is operated under the City's Community Programs division of the Administrative Services department.

Los Angeles County Public Services in Palmdale

Los Angeles County offers public services in the City of Palmdale, including:

- **Palmdale Animal Care Center** is the Los Angeles County animal control service for Palmdale and the surrounding Antelope Valley.
- **Los Angeles County Public Works** has government offices located in Palmdale which serves as the regional road maintenance district office.
- **Palmdale GAIN Office** provides employment-related social services to CalWORKs participants in Palmdale.¹⁴
- **Los Angeles County Department of Children & Family Services** has a regional office located in the City of Palmdale, connecting the Palmdale parents and youth to these services.
- **Los Angeles County Housing Authority**
- **Palmdale Fire Prevention** is the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Inspection Office located in the City of Palmdale and servicing Palmdale, Acton, Pearblossom, Valeyrmo, Vasquez Rocks, and Wrightwood

Additional Los Angeles County health services are available at public facilities in Palmdale which are noted in Chapter 6. Public Health + Equity.

Federal Services in Palmdale

Two Federal facilities are located in Palmdale, including:

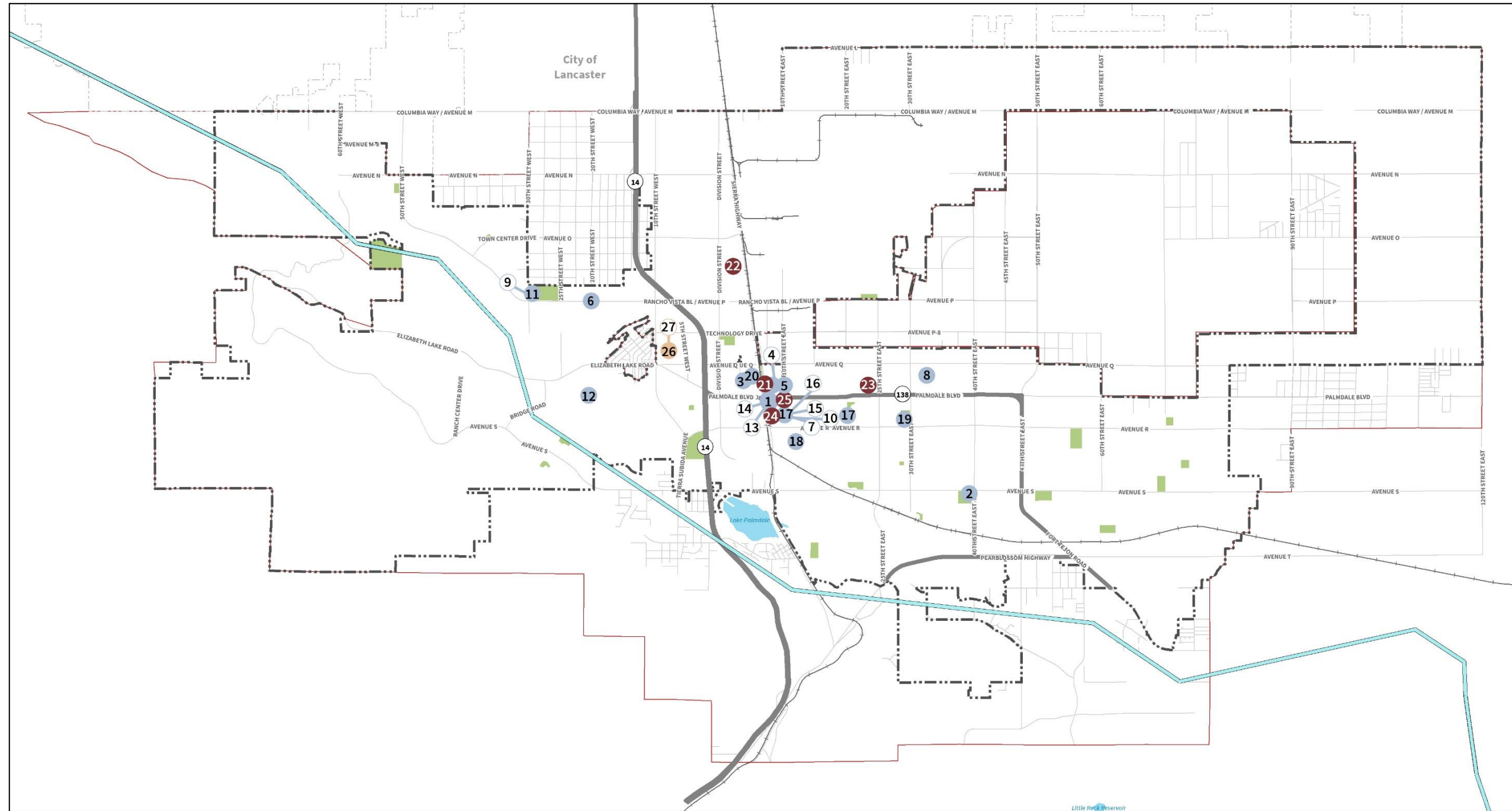
- **Antelope Valley Veterans Center** is the US Department of Veterans Affairs, Veteran resources center serving military veterans in the area.
- **Social Security Administration office of Disability Adjudication and Review** is a regional resource for determining disability status and leave benefits.

¹³ South Antelope Valley Emergency Services. (2019). City of Palmdale. Retrieved from: <http://www.cityofpalmdale.org/Residents/SAVES>

¹⁴ Greater Avenues for Independence (GAIN). (n.d.). Los Angeles County Department of Public Social Services. Retrieved From: <http://dpss.lacounty.gov/wps/portal/dpss/main/programs-and-services/greater-avenues-for-independence/>

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Figure 7.4 Public Facilities



Public Facilities

- City Boundary
- Sphere of Influence
- California Aqueduct
- Major Highway/Arterial
- Railroad
- Federal
- County
- City



Data Sources: City of Palmdale GIS data; World Terrain Base, 2015 ESRI, USGS, NOAA.

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Policy Guidance

The key policy guidance that pertain to open space, parks, schools, and public services and facilities are summarized below.

1993 General Plan, Public Services Element

The Public Services Element’s objectives and policies provide provision of fire and police protection to support and meet the needs of Palmdale residents through contracts with Los Angeles County.

The Public Services Element provides a plan for ensuring that public services and infrastructure are available to permit orderly growth and promote public health, safety, and welfare. The policies and implementation programs are designed to ensure that adequate infrastructure will be available to keep pace with the type and extent of development anticipated in the Land Use Element. Accordingly, Objective PS5.4 of this element intends to provide adequate park and recreation facilities to meet the needs of existing and future residents.

Policy direction encourages exploring funding mechanism to support community facilities like recreation centers, performing arts, playhouse, and library, evaluating the need for satellite services to adequately meet the needs of residents.

The Element also supports the provision of a variety of local educational opportunities to serve the greater community and subsets of Palmdale resident’s unique needs.

1993 General Plan, Parks, Recreation, and Trails Element

The Parks, Recreation, and Trails element of the 1993 General Plan provides general guidance for the development and funding of parks and open space. It calls for equitably located and varied parks throughout the city to meet the needs of all residents (Policy PRT1.1.2, PRT1.1.3). The plan also describes means for increasing access points to open space areas (Policy PRT3.1.2) and developing trail systems to connect with the existing County and City of Lancaster Trail systems (PRT4.1.1). The element also highlights implementation strategies by identifying funding sources, standards for park development and objective priorities.

1993 General Plan, Environmental Resources Element

The Environmental Resources Element also addresses open space and promotes creating and maintaining an open space network throughout the City. Policies that protect open space include:

- Implementing the standards adopted under the City’s Hillside Management Ordinance for new development including clustering and density transfer of housing units, in order to maintain areas of scenic and other open space within hillside areas (Policy ER1.1.4).

- Integrating natural hazard areas, such as floodways, seismic fault zones, and unstable soils, into the open space network in order to ensure public health, safety and welfare while preserving open space (Policy ER1.1.6).
- Cooperating with private and public entities whose goals are to preserve natural and man-made open space (Policy ER1.1.8).
- Developing criteria and guidelines to identify how to establish land trust open space locations (Policy ER1.1.8).