



Sunnyglen Park is situated on 5.46 acres at 5525 Del Amo Boulevard. The land was acquired from the residential developer in October of 1968 and takes its name from the tract. The land was formerly a hog farm and landfill. It was a complicated and lengthy process that was initiated in 1968 to convert a "once upon a time mudpie hog farm" into a beautiful, accommodating, and multi-faceted community recreation facility.

Since funds were not available within the City's budget for any such park development, the property could not be immediately beautified. The site was, however, put to very appropriate interim usage. The City of Torrance received a request for use of the property by Southwood Little League. This organization was granted permission to develop, according to City standards, a three-diamond baseball complex. It was advantageously utilized for a period of 10 years from 1969 to 1979. Although during the 10 year period of Little League usage, a tremendous number of the community's children benefited from this baseball complex, the citizen's primary concerns, at this time, were the actualization of their community park.

The City applied for and acquired the sorely needed funding source through Federal Revenue Sharing and a matching State Grant under Senate Bill 174 (the Roberti-Z'berg Urban Park Act). This act provided money for the development of urban open space for recreational purposes and literally opened the "green grass door" for the development of the Sunnyglen property as a neighborhood park. The Little League games were relocated and development began in August of 1979.

The landscape architect worked very closely with homeowners' representatives and City staff to develop a concept that would set this facility apart from other park designs within the City. Sunnyglen Park is a multi-faceted facility to accommodate most any of the community's leisure time needs. Today, it also features a sheltered picnic area, a basketball court, children's play area, and a jogging/walking track that measures .28 miles. Sunnyglen Park indeed exemplifies

a unique project in the recycling of urban land. The park's dedication on August 23, 1980, was a memorable day marking the completion of a complex project—an undertaking which from start to finish necessitated the cooperation of the community and City staff to transform the hog farm to the neighborhood park.