

<https://la.curbed.com/2019/7/3/20681291/map-public-property-los-angeles>

The article in the link above discusses the creation of a new interactive map created by the City Controller within Los Angeles. This map specifically highlights the location of publicly owned land within Los Angeles, with the intent behind the map being to better utilize properties whose use have not been properly maximized in the past. This intent is visible in the quote from Ron Galperin, the City Controller, who states that vacant and underused lots could potentially be “repurposed to increase our affordable housing stock or for economic development” (Walker, 2019). Within the map, around 14,000 properties are shown, all owned by one of six public agencies including: the City of Los Angeles, the County of Los Angeles, the State of California, the Federal Government, as well as the Los Angeles Unified School District.

I found this article useful because it highlights an interactive map tool that I was not aware of prior to reading this article. I believe that knowing the location of publicly owned land within Los Angeles and being able to easily visualize these locations is one of the first necessary steps in being able to improve the ways that public land within Los Angeles is used. One thing that I would like to know more about is how outside stakeholders have used this map since its creation and whether or not there have been any significant changes to the way that publicly owned land within Los Angeles is used. I also think that it could be beneficial to combine this dataset with other information such as household statistics including income, education, as well as other key figures in order to gain a better understanding of the quality of life of individuals that reside on or near publicly owned land.