ULTRA Project
Team 5
Methods

✧ Informal interviews

✧ Asking questions such as
  ✧ “How long have you been a resident?”
  ✧ “How many people usually visit the park?”
  ✧ “Is there anything specific you would like changed about the park/pond?”
  ✧ “What would you like the city to do for the residents who access the pond?”
  ✧ Any other comments
Methods

✦ Emic perspectives
  ✦ How do the locals think?
✦ Participant observation
  ✦ Sights
  ✦ Smells
  ✦ Oddities/Normality
Ragan Park

Trash littering the Ragan Park pond
Ragan Park

- Grandparents and grandson on playground
  - Only spoke Spanish
- Trash on edge of pond
- Many people were using the track
  - Exercising
  - Walking dogs
- Man taking recyclables out of the trashcans.
Ragan Park

✦ Possible improvements

✦ Clean up trash around pond and park
✦ Barbeque grill, more tables and benches
✦ Add a public restroom
✦ Remove the oak trees
✦ More lighting
Robert Cole Park

Wildlife is abundant at the Robert Cole Park

Beautification at Robert Cole Park
Robert Cole Park

- Adequate walking space
- Work out equipment
- Bird droppings prominent
- Visually pleasing
- Pond maintenance
  - Algae
  - Trash around edges
Carrington is often a place of social gathering.
Carrington

- Great social attraction
- “No need for major changes”
  - Minor changes would include alteration to the drinking water
- Community feels stronger due to beautification
- New opportunities to exercise and come together as a community
- Interview with man in mid-thirties
28th and Osbourne

Under construction
28th and Osbourne

- Expectations
  - Child-friendly
  - Working water fountains
  - To be more informed
Conclusion

- There were four parks studied by the students of the ULTRA project.
- Each park has its potential and room for improvement.
- Overall, community was very interested in the ongoing project, and wish to be involved with upcoming changes.