

# Upper LA River and Tributaries Working Group Meeting September 26, 2019

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**Blue Sky Opportunity in Recommend Design Area Concepts** 

**Blue Sky Opportunities in Design Areas** 

Blue Sky Opportunity in New Location

# Aliso Canyon Wash

Wilbur Debris Basin

Aliso Recommended Design Area B

At the Wilbur Debris Basin design concept area, we recommend examining opportunities to consolidate under-utilized public properties, like the Northridge Substation and LA Sanitation's parking lot-repurposing 20% of underutilized public properties, to create potential housing and open space.

#### **Southern Aliso Greenbelt Connector**

Aliso Design Area C

Create multi-benefit connections throughout Reseda that create shaded pedestrian/bike passages, capture stormwater, and connect schools and recreation centers.

# **Pacoima Wash**

San Fernando HS + Spreading Grounds

Pacoima Design Area C

At the San Fernando High School and Spreading Grounds design concept area, there is potential to create much-needed natural space and access. Most of Pacoima Wash water is diverted to the Tujunga Wash upstream of the spreading grounds. This creates an opportunity to create access to the Pacoima Wash south of the spreading grounds with low risk of flooding.

# Tujunga Wash

**Hansen Dam Spreading Grounds** 

Tujunga Design Area C

The Hansen Dam Spreading Grounds and the nearby landfills and gravel pits could be transformed into 'infiltration parks' that combine infiltration canyons with upland habitat and park experience.

# **Tujunga Wash Greenway Expansion**

Tujunga New Design Area!

Between Sherman Way and Webb Avenue, there is an opportunity to create a variety of access points to the tributary. These could include paths that cantilever over the waterway, in-channel bridge, in-channel terraces.

# **Tujunga Cultural Center**

Tujunga Design Area C

At the CBS-Viacom site to the east of Mission College, there is an opportunity to create a passive park that filters stormwater before it enters the Tujunga Wash.

# **Burbank Western Channel**

**Multi-use Green System** 

Burbank Recommended Design Area C

At the Multi-Use Green System Network, there is an opportunity to create more filter forests along the I-5 that can sequester carbon and mitigate highway pollution.

#### **Burbank Western Confluence**

# Burbank Design Area C

At the midpoint of the Bette Davis Park area of Griffith Park, the LA riverbed transitions from concrete-lined to a soft bottom bed. There is an opportunity to restore the existing riparian "buffer habitat", create demonstration parks, naturalization through channel modification by way of terracing and wetlands.

### Verdugo Wash

# San Rafael Ecological Connector

# Verdugo Recommended Design Area A

This design area is connected the Verdugo Mountains on the west and the San Rafael Hills on the east. It is a key pinch point between two significant ecological habitats that could improve connectivity and benefit all species. There is an opportunity to create wildlife land bridges, a habitat park, and widened channel terraces.

#### Confluence

# Verdugo Design Area C

At the confluence of the LA River and the Verdugo Wash, there is an opportunity to restore Valley Foothill Riparian Strand and Freshwater Marsh Habitat, increase habitat connectivity, and provide passive recreation by widening the Verdugo channel mouth, sloping the Verdugo Wash's south bank and restoring a riparian fringe at the confluence of the LA River. Alternative 20 proposed similar ideas.

# Arroyo Seco

# **Heritage Square**

# Arroyo Seco Recommended Design Area C

At the Heritage Square Design Area, there is an opportunity to expand the area north and widen the channel at the Arroyo Seco golf course. This could create the potential for wetland diversion, wildlife extension, and floodable recreation fields.

# **Lower Arroyo Park Naturalization**

#### Arroyo Seco Design Area B

This design area has some of the best remaining native habitat in the Arroyo Seco south of Devil's Gate Dam. There is an opportunity to remove the Arroyo's concrete lining and restore a natural stream channel. The ample open space, coupled with possible Arroyo naturalization, also offer the opportunity to infiltrate large volumes of urban runoff generated upstream.

#### L.A. River Mainstem

# **Piggyback Yard Park**

#### New Design Area!

Piggyback Yard is an existing operating rail facility near Lincoln Heights. There is an opportunity to create significant open space and wetlands with hydrologic connectivity to the LA River. Alternative 20 proposed similar ideas and this project could go in to greater detail.

# Sepulveda Basin/Nike Missile Housing

#### New Design Area!

Sepulveda Basin is owned by the Army Corp of Engineers and is operated by various partners. Opportunities for improvements include; habitat, water quality, recreation, as well as open space and housing.