

Upper LA River & Tributaries Revitalization Plan

Informational Meeting

Wednesday, March 13, 2019

Discovery Cube
11800 Foothill Blvd.
Sylmar, CA 91342
6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

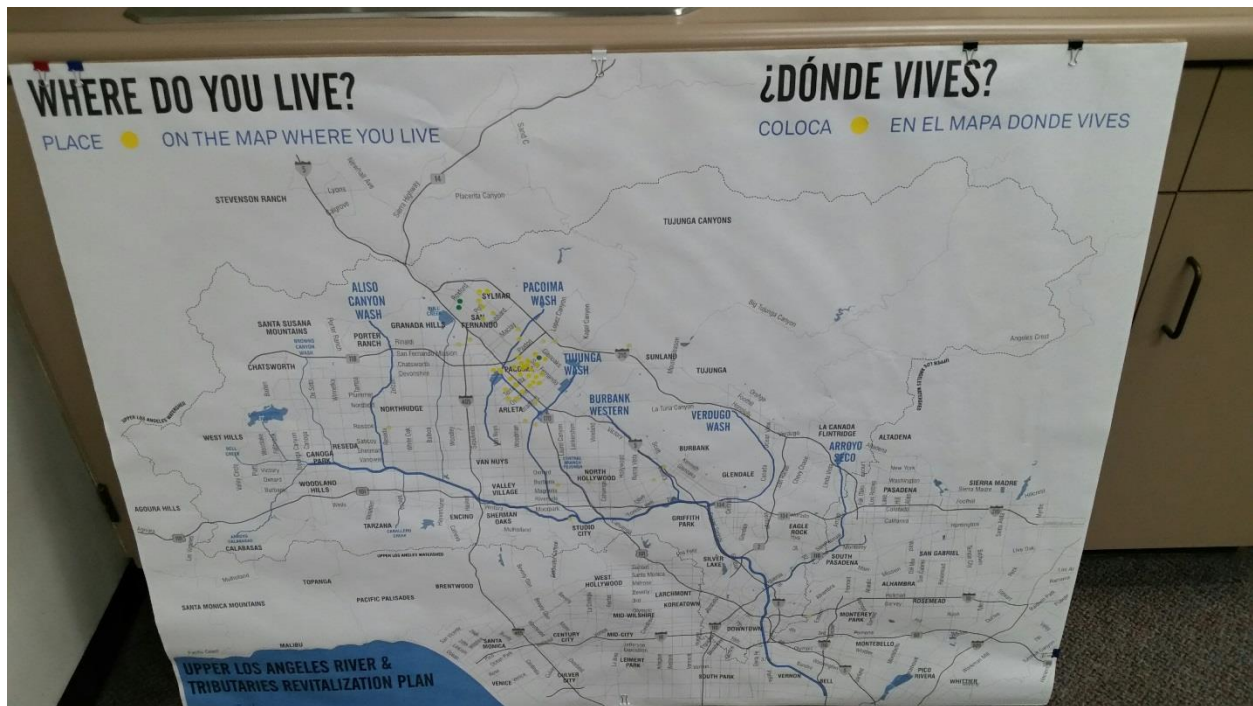
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Introduction

On March 13, 2019 **Pacoima Beautiful** hosted an informational community meeting to solicit input into the Upper LA River & Tributaries (ULART) Revitalization Plan. The role of Pacoima Beautiful is to conduct community outreach for this planning effort. Prior to the meeting Pacoima Beautiful used a variety of communication methods to promote the meeting. Approximately 80 community members attended the meeting.

Station 1: Tell us where you live

Community members placed dots on a map of the study area to show where they live.



Station 2: Tell us what you do at the River

Participants responded to a series of questions related to the tributaries and sections of the LA river that are being studied. The following is a synopsis of the responses.

Did you know there is a river?

Yes: 43

No: 1

Do you know what a tributary is?

Yes: 23

No: 10

What do you do when you visit the river?

Walk/Run: 20

Kayak: 2

Bike: 8

Go to a park: 5

Other: 9

If not, why?

Access: 12

Safety: 7

Other: 3

Defined Walkways

Ex. 1
Love it: 14

Like it: 2

Neutral: 1

Ex. 3
Love it: 13

Like it: 1

Neutral: 0

Ex. 2
Love it: 13

Like it: 4

Neutral: 0

Landscaping

Ex. 1
Love it: 14

Like it: 4

Neutral: 2

Ex. 2
Love it: 5

Like it: 0

Neutral: 3

Ex. 3
Love it: 15

Like it: 3

Neutral: 1

Wayfinding

Ex. 1
Love it: 17

Like it: 1

Neutral: 2

Ex. 2
Love it: 11

Like it: 3

Neutral: 2

Ex. 3
Love it: 11

Like it: 5

Neutral: 3

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Creeks, and Streams**

**Aesthetics
Estética** Consider the images below and tell us what you think
Considera las imágenes de abajo y dínos lo que piensas love it / le encanta 😊, like it / le gusta 😊, or feel neutral / o se siente neutral 😊

Lighting / Alumbrado

Defined Walkways / Pasillos definidos

Landscaping / Paisajismo

Wayfinding / Orientación

ability

Environment

Resource Conservation

Ex. 1

Love it: 20

Like it: 1

Neutral: 0

Ex. 2

Love it: 19

Like it: 1

Neutral: 0

Ex. 3

Love it: 21

Like it: 11

Neutral: 0

Additional Comments: 3

- "The wash to become a bike path".
- "Mobility access for the non-driver"

- “Bike path at Pacoima diversion channel to go around the whole Pacoima spreading grounds”

Sustainability

Ex. 1

Love it: 25

Like it: 1

Neutral: 2

Ex. 2

Love it: 22

Like it: 4

Neutral: 1

Ex. 3

Love it: 22

Like it: 9

Neutral: 1

Habitat Restoration

Ex. 1

Love it: 18

Like it: 3

Neutral: 0

Ex. 2

Love it: 21

Like it: 3

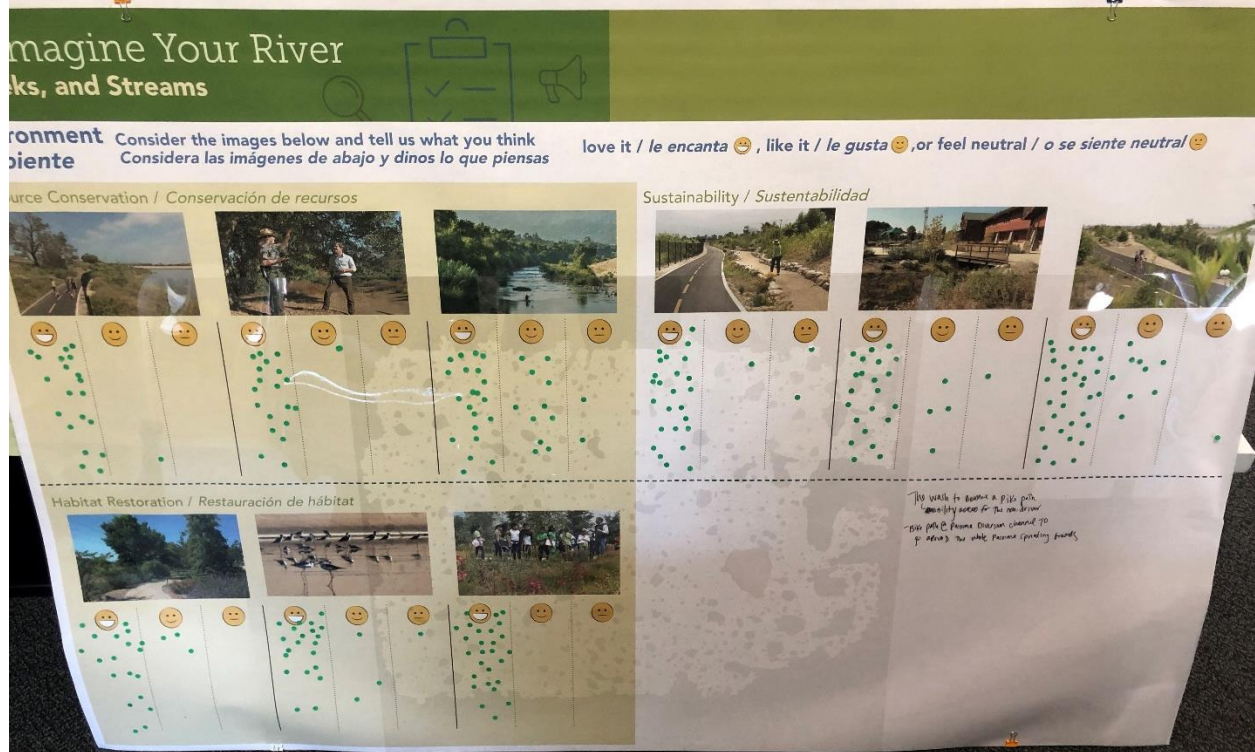
Neutral: 1

Ex. 3

Love it: 27

Like it: 0

Neutral: 0



Safety Lighting

Ex. 1
Love it: 13

Like it: 2

Neutral: 2

Ex. 2
Love it: 5

Like it: 2

Neutral: 4

Ex. 3
Love it: 23

Like it: 2

Neutral: 0

Improved Access

Ex. 1
Love it: 15

Ex. 2
Love it: 18

Like it: 3

Neutral: 5

Ex. 3

Love it: 15

Like it: 4

Neutral: 2

Multimodal Accessibility

Ex. 1

Love it: 11

Like it: 5

Neutral: 3

Ex. 3

Love it: 24

Like it: 2

Neutral: 1

Like it: 7

Neutral: 5

Ex. 2

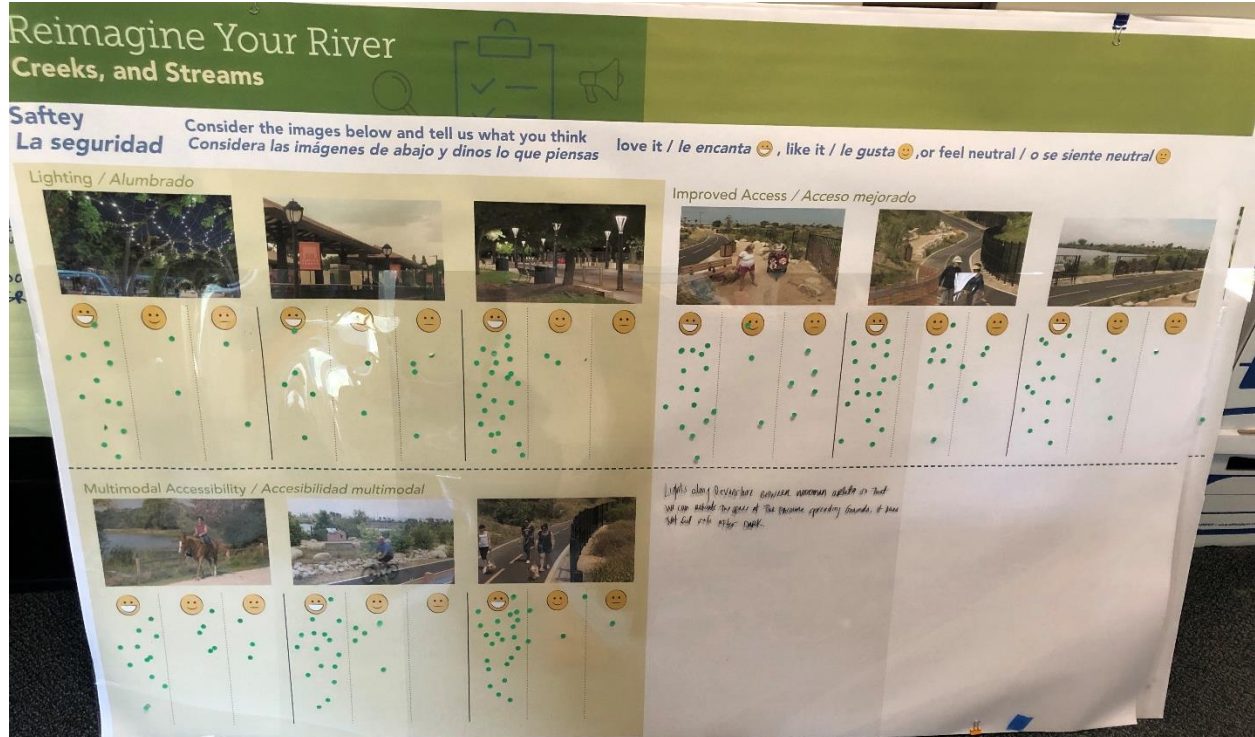
Love it: 16

Like it: 5

Neutral: 0

Additional Comments: 1

- “Lights along Devonshire between Woodman and Arleta so that we can activate the space at the Pacoima spreading ground. It does not feel safe after dark”.



Access Community Amenities

Ex. 1
Love it: 16

Like it: 1

Neutral: 0

Ex. 3
Love it: 19

Like it: 0

Neutral: 1

Ex. 2
Love it: 12

Like it: 5

Neutral: 0

Open Spaces

Ex. 1
Love it: 15

Like it: 4

Ex. 2
Love it: 17

Like it: 1

Neutral: 1

Neutral: 2

Ex. 3
Love it: 26

Like it: 8

Neutral: 1

Recreation

Ex. 1
Love it: 22

Ex. 2
Love it: 18

Like it: 2

Like it: 1

Neutral: 3

Neutral: 0

Ex. 3
Love it: 17

Like it: 0

Neutral: 0

Defined Points of Access

Ex. 1
Love it: 11

Ex. 2
Love it: 16

Like it: 2

Like it: 1

Neutral: 3

Neutral: 0

Ex. 3
Love it: 15

Like it: 2

Neutral: 4

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**Access
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Community Amenities / Comodidades de la comunidad			Open Spaces / Espacios abiertos		
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Recreation / Recreación			Defined Points of Access / Puntos de acceso definidos		
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Infrastructure Sidewalks

Ex. 1
Love it: 20

Like it: 5

Neutral: 2

Ex. 3
Love it: 7

Like it: 5

Neutral: 2

Ex. 2
Love it: 13

Like it: 5

Neutral: 0

Drainage

Ex. 1
Love it: 15

Ex. 2
Love it: 2

Like it: 13

Neutral: 1

Ex. 3

Love it: 5

Like it: 4

Neutral: 3

Pedestrian Lighting

Ex. 1

Love it: 17

Like it: 15

Neutral: 0

Ex. 3

Love it: 6

Like it: 2

Neutral: 0

Like it: 2

Neutral: 7

Ex. 2

Love it: 15

Like it: 5

Neutral: 1

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Infrastructure
Infraestructura

Consider the images below and tell us what you think love it / *le encanta* 😍, like it / *le gusta* 😊, or feel neutral / *o se siente neutral* 😐

Considera las imágenes de abajo y dínos lo que piensas

Sidewalks / Aceras

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Drainage / Drenaje

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Pedestrian Lighting / Iluminación peatonal

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Station 4: Storytelling

Community members were asked to share a memorable experience along/in the river. Below is a summary of key ideas taken from the videos that were recorded and stories that were written on the comment cards.

Cruz - "Hi, what I would like to see in the LA river is the representation for the Indigenous people of California. The Fernandeno Tataviam Band of Mission Indians still live in the area, they could make villages like they had before, it would be really nice if the community of LA would make areas like that near the water. To share their traditions and history. Also, a lot of the community here likes riding horses and enjoying nature. Because there are some communities here that are from Mexico who still enjoy being out in nature."

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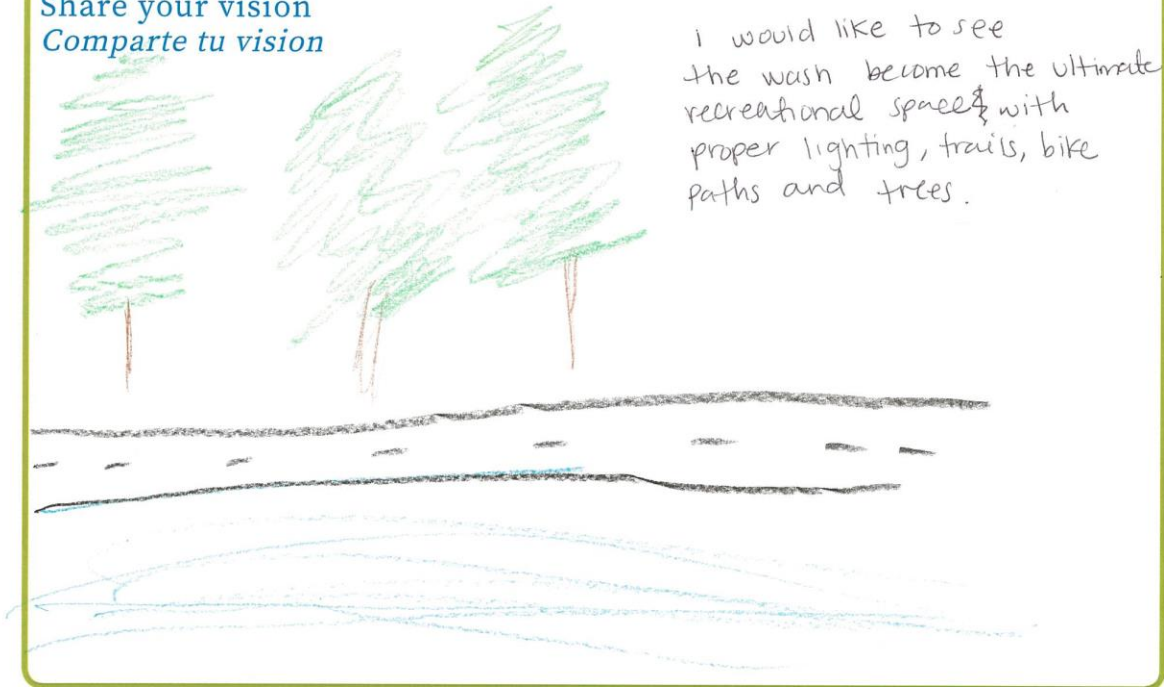


Draw a picture of things you would like to do at the River!

¡Haz un dibujo de las cosas que te gustaría hacer en el río!

Share your vision

Comparte tu vision

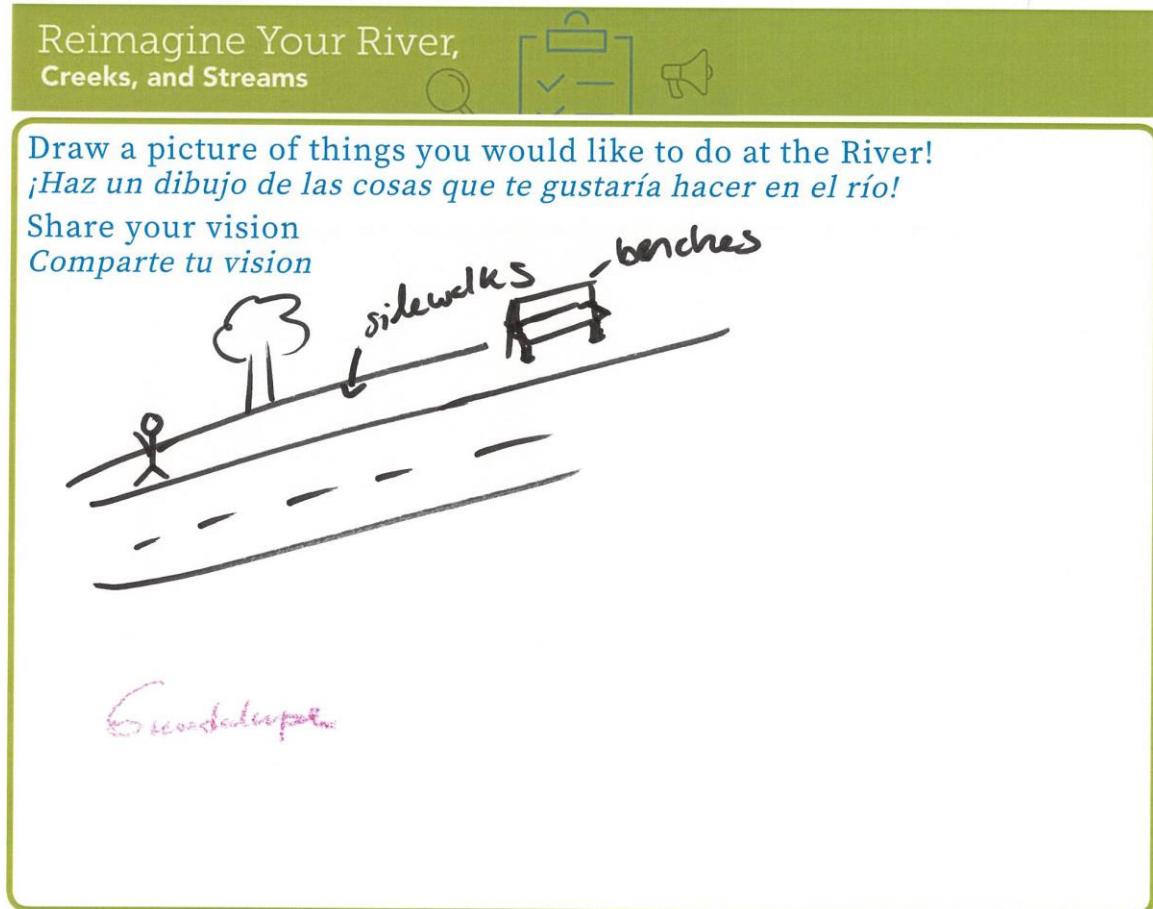


Marlene - "Some things that I would like to see along the LA river are spaces for us to run walk and have some outdoor time. There are studies that show that it's important to be outside, they show it's beneficial to our mental health. Having more spaces that are safe to walk with our families. Here in San Fernando I haven't had much space to walk outside and I feel that's affecting my physical and mental health."

Alex - "The Pacoima Wash? It's nothing really special. It's just a bunch of concrete, no one really walks by there. I would like to see a path to walk along the Pacoima Wash, I know they already made a walking path along San Fernando road so it would be nice to have one along the Pacoima Wash"

Julio (student) - "Yeah more of a vision. I've read the book *Indigenous People's History of the United States*, so I've learned about the land and the history of the people on the land but a much smaller population. A vision I have for the river is for this process to be very inclusive of the indigenous people who use to live here and still live here. So, including them a lot more in these conversations and making it a point to reach out to these communities of indigenous people. Something I see is going to happen is that

homeless people may come up to the river and start living near the river, I would like the police to stop policing them. I would like for them to be ok and have services provided for them. Personally, what I would like to be doing near the river is walking by it and looking at the wild life”



Victor S. (student) - “I live near the Pacoima Wash. What I want to see are plants and trees. Me personally, I like taking hikes and looking at all the wildlife around me. What I like is learning how the native people that used to live here used the herbs and plants to their advantage. Providing and having more wildlife near the Pacoima Wash would help kids like me learn about the plants. I feel like knowing about the plants connects us to nature. You have a totally new respect for nature when you know about nature.”

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Fidel V.- “What I would like to see is for the river to be cleaned and become beautiful with trees and plants, so we could get fresh oxygen. And for there to be walking paths with plants and trees so people can breathe fresh air while they walk along the river.

Rosalina C. - “I would like to see more parks, more green trees, and for the river to be safer so we could have picnicks.”

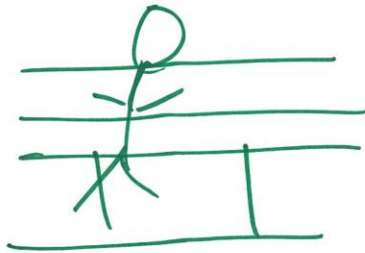
Johnny (student) – “My only story is, during an internship I was around the LA river a lot and I noticed a lot of birds around the area but, not a lot of water which was upsetting. I was a lot of people fishing which like kind of fun.”

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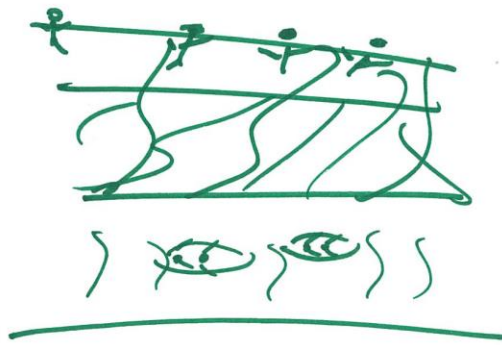
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Meditate/yoga

tai chi



Yesenia C. – “Hello my name is Yesenia C. and I work for Pacoima Beautiful I’m a youth organizer and I work with youth around the North East San Fernando Valley. One of the very important things I see around the community that we need is more green spaces. Adding a green way along the Pacoima Wash would be an excellent addition to the community. We don’t have a lot of parks or green spaces so it’s very important for kids to have access to the outdoors and the Pacoima wash would be a great way to start.”

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Amparo M.: “I’m really happy with this program you have for the community to protect the natural environment, I would like to see greener parks so we could breathe fresher air free of contaminants.”

Cerina, Crystal, Andrew, Daniel, Jon (students) – “Our goal is to solve air pollution. Planting trees around the community. We need the trees to stop the air pollution from factories that cause people to have asthma.”

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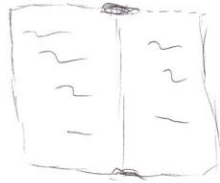


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Reading

Native teachings

animals

learn

plants

herbs

environmental knowledge

Additional Comments

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Community programming throughout the year.
Have Community engaged in restoration, education.

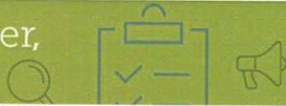
Kayaking

Placemaking & Wayfinding to help navigate

A River App to help create adventures-

Sustainability focus ^{partnership} [w] Schools.

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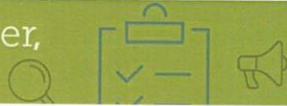


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Quisiera que hubiera
suficiente seguridad para los niños
y lugar mas accesible para las personas incapasitas

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Comparte tu vision

I would like to ride a bike from a tributary
all the way to Long Beach. 😊

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Comparte tu vision

Me gustaria ver un lugar o
seccion donde el rio de Los Angeles
tenga una ~~vecindad~~ que
representacion de los indigenas
de California El tribu Tataviam
San Fernando Mission Band of Mission
Tataviam Indians
A village ,

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Comparte tu vision

*Tractor y camiones
por los lados*

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I like to ride my bike along the river
I'd like to see shops places where the Community
can Interact along the river in form of libraries
book shops bike shops.

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I would want to try and see a lot of wildlife. There can be ~~also~~ bikeniding from different places. It would be cool to see some fishing but they have to put the fish back so they keep reproducing.

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me gustaria caminar a la orilla
del rio si se mantiene limpio
porque es algo relajante el ver
el agua de un rio.

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Going to the river to take walks along the side of the
river, as well as bike rides, but with their enclosed ~~tot~~ lane,
so that there is limited disruption between cyclist & pedestrians.

I would like the homeless people
to be okay... For our communities
to embrace them and
for them to be okay.
I don't want to feel bad
when I see them... I don't
want police to be policing
them.

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*me gusta el proyecto
que esta en marcha el
Rio todo Lo mas Lindo*

Share additional comments or ideas:

I WOULD LIKE TO SEE BIKE PATHS
THAT MAKE USE OF THE EXISTING
RIVER WAYS. THEY RUN THROUGH THE
VALLEY IN ~~THE~~ A VERY CENTRAL AND EFFICIENT
MANNER. I WOULD LIKE TO SEE HAUSEN
DAM CONNECTED TO PANORAMA CITY BY
A BIKE/HORSE TRAIL

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Share additional comments or ideas:

Thank you for today!
We look forward to the
future/next steps. Amy Drosco

Share additional comments or ideas:

Mission College is a strong supporter of the
Big Turpin Broom Wash Bike Lane from Mission College
to all way from to the LA River.
We will be writing a letter supporting
both projects. Solid Luck

Share additional comments or ideas:

There ought to be posters or something that
includes ~~the~~... Something about cultural...
Could we have restrooms all through
it. Water fountains as well... We
have to make sure the river
water is clean too..

Share additional comments or ideas:

The Pacoima wash contributor to The ~~Pacoima~~ ^{PSG} Spreading Grounds- LA County
Flower County District listened to The Coalition called Vitalize SFV & will
enhance The fence & put a Bike path along The ^(PSG) however its not
enough. The whole circumference of The PSG can be accessible,
we want vitalized sidewalks like The Nature Parkway, a CA
native plant garden, Devonshire which Dissects The PSG has
no lighting & inside The fence where The PSG is, There is under-
utilized space like calling for a small amphitheatre
dog park, mile markers, Benches & most importantly Lighting.
~~Water~~ The waterways can be greenways & alternative mode
for transportation for folks on foot & or bicycle/skate.

Thank You. Yolie Anguiano @natureparkway vitalizesfv.org

Share additional comments or ideas:

Comparte comentarios o ideas adicionales:

Spread out the stations. It's
too crowded in the workshop.

Station #5 - Visiting the LA River Rover

Community members also got the chance to learn about the plants, trees, and wildlife along the Los Angeles river in a fun Mobile Visitor and Education Center called The LA River Rover brought to us by the Friends of the Los Angeles River. Inside this amazing mobile visitor center the community got to learn all about the watershed and tributaries that lead into the LA river and how important they are to our ecosystem. The LA River Rover gave community members many ideas as to what they would like to see along their own Pacoima tributary in the near future.