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Project Background:

• Priority project of the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan

• Located in CD 4, and has been a long time goal of Councilman LaBonge

• CD 13 is directly across the river in Atwater Village
Project Funding:

- $1.35 Million from Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (Proposition 84 Funds)
- $350,000 from State of California EEM Grant Program (A.B. 471)
- $1.7 Million total funding
Project Schedule:

- Preliminary Design & Community Input completed by September 1, 2008
- Final Plans submitted for Bid & Award by November 1, 2008
- Construction to begin in March/April 2009, completed by February 2010
- Area affected by Bridge Repair Project to be completed later
Approx. 3.4 acre parcel
Vacant/Underutilized
Owned by Caltrans/LADWP
Visible from Bikeway
Convergence of 2 pedestrian bridges
Griffith Park-accessible
Near Red Car Park and Atwater Village
Existing Conditions

Sunnynook River Park
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Sunnynook River Park

Example: Steelhead Park
Sunnynook River Park

Park Elements to include: Walkways, benches, trash cans, picnic tables

New Drinking fountain? (only if potable water supply is available)
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EXISTING FREEWAY PLANTING TO REMAIN

TREES TO REMOVE
(PERUVIAN PEPPER,
EUCALYPTUS,
CHINESE ELM)

EXISTING TREES TO REMAIN
(PINES, OAKS, SYAMORE,
ELDERBERRY)

SUNNYNOOK RIVER PARK - PROPOSED TREE REMOVAL
Sunnynook River Park

NEW NATIVE TREE PLANTING, TO INCLUDE:

- Sycamore
- Coast Live Oak
- Elderberry
NEW RIPARIAN TREE PLANTING, TO INCLUDE:

Sunnynook River Park

Cottonwood & Arroyo Willow
NEW NATIVE SHRUB PLANTING, TO INCLUDE:

Monkeyflower  Buckwheat  Wild Rose

Toyon  Bladderpod
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- Provide educational & interpretive elements
Signage & Interpretive Program:

- “Outdoor Classroom”
Example: Outdoor Classroom at Taylor Yard
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- Interpretive Panels:
  - “History & Development of the River”
  - “The River’s Role in Flood Protection”
  - “Importance of the River Ecosystem”
  - “Native Plant & Habitat Gardening”
  - “Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail”
  - Glendale/Hyperion Bridge Project & Historic River bridges
Interpretive Signage Examples: Taylor Yard
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- Hyperion Bridge Restoration

- Signage to denote important connections to local destinations, such as Griffith Park, Red Car Park, etc.
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- Passive stormwater treatment system
Sunnynook River Park

Example: Stormwater treatment swale, Taylor Yard
PRELIMINARY PARK CONCEPT PLAN

• PUBLIC COMMENT AND INPUT
  • Some park elements are necessary components in scope as specified in Grant Application
  • Are there any other potential park elements that need to be addressed?
  • Are there any important issues or constraints not yet discussed?
  • Additional comments?
Design Elements Consistent with:

- City’s *Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan* (2007)
- SMMC’s *Los Angeles River as Urban Wildlife Refuge* (2005)
- *Common Ground: From the Mountains to the Sea* (2001)
- County’s *Los Angeles River Master Plan* (1996)
- Griffith Park Master Plan Working Group’s *Urban Wilderness Identity*

Project Goals:

- A premiere destination along the River bikeway
- A substantial expansion of River-adjacent native habitat
- An opportunity for River-related environmental education
- Improved accessibility to the River
Comments on this presentation and input regarding the final park design can be submitted to:

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