

Lower LA River Revitalization Plan

Project Update

Project Background

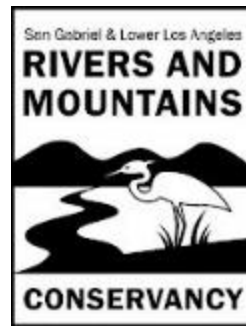


Assembly Bill 530

- In 2015, Governor Jerry Brown signed Assembly Bill 530 (Rendon), authorizing the creation of a local “Working Group” to develop the Lower LA River Revitalization Plan.



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Assembly Speaker,
State of California



San Gabriel and
Lower Los Angeles
Rivers and Mountains
Conservancy



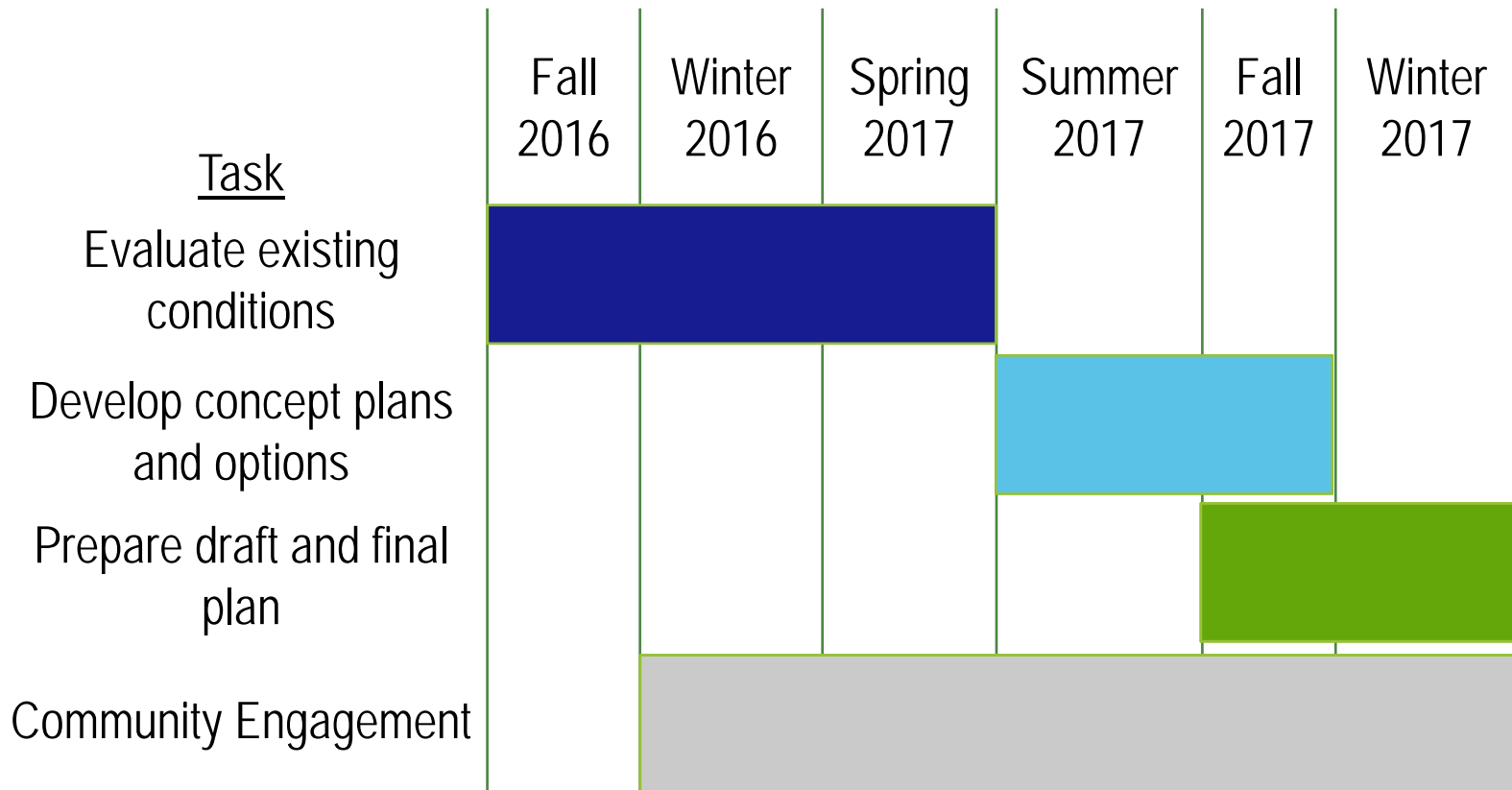
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Planning Process



Process Schedule



Plan Development Structure



Working Group Members

Businesses – Chamber of Commerce

California Assembly District 63,
Speaker Anthony Rendon

City of Bell

City of Bell Gardens

City of Cudahy

City of Downey

City of Huntington Park

City of Long Beach

City of Los Angeles

City of Lynwood

City of Maywood

City of Paramount

City of South Gate

City of Vernon

Council of Watershed Health

East Yard Communities for
Environmental Justice

Friends of the LA River (FoLAR)

From Lot to Spot (FLTS)

Gateway Cities COG

Gateway Water Management
Authority

Heal the Bay

Long Beach Conservation Corps

Los Angeles Conservation Corps

Los Angeles County Bike Coalition

Los Angeles County 1st District

Los Angeles County 2nd District

Los Angeles County 4th District

Los Angeles Neighborhood Land
Trust

Prevention Institute

Public Counsel

Regional Water Quality Control Board

River LA

The Nature Conservancy

The Trust for Public Land

Trails4All

Urban Waters Federal Partnership

Water Replenishment District

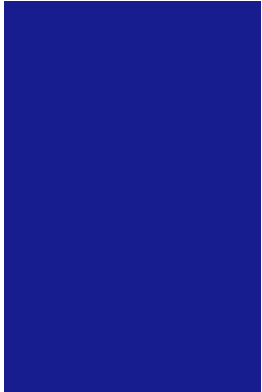
Watershed Conservation Authority

Watts Reimagined



Plan Elements





Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan

GUIDING PRINCIPLES



Community Economics, Health, and Equity



- Prevent local gentrification-induced displacement
- Address homelessness
- Increase equitable community access to multi-use trails, bikeways and assets
- Support and develop local business and workforce
- Promote wellness and physical activity
- Increase community green infrastructure



Public Realm



- Enhance connectivity
- Enhance and create diverse, vibrant public spaces
- Improve user experience and equitable access



Water and Environment



- Manage flood risk
- Enhance local water capture and use
- Improve environmental quality
- Conserve, enhance, and restore habitat, biodiversity, and floodplain functions



Community Engagement



- Listen to the community's needs to improve the Lower LA River
- Build awareness of the Lower LA River and promote revitalization
- Continue to work with the community while building projects



Engagement Opportunities



Engagement Opportunities

- Community Presentations
- Lower LA River Bike Tours
- Trails Usage & Education Sessions
- Pop-up Booths in Local Neighborhoods
- Online Questionnaire
- Community Workshops
- Quarterly Newsletter
- Monthly Working Group Meetings



Phase I: Outreach Events



Kick Off Event



City of South Gate Workshop



Kick Off Event



City of Long Beach Workshop



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Trail Use Etiquette Training



Earth Day Bike Ride with Speaker Rendon



Pop-Up Event



Long Beach Bike Ride with LACBC



Lower LA River Movie Night



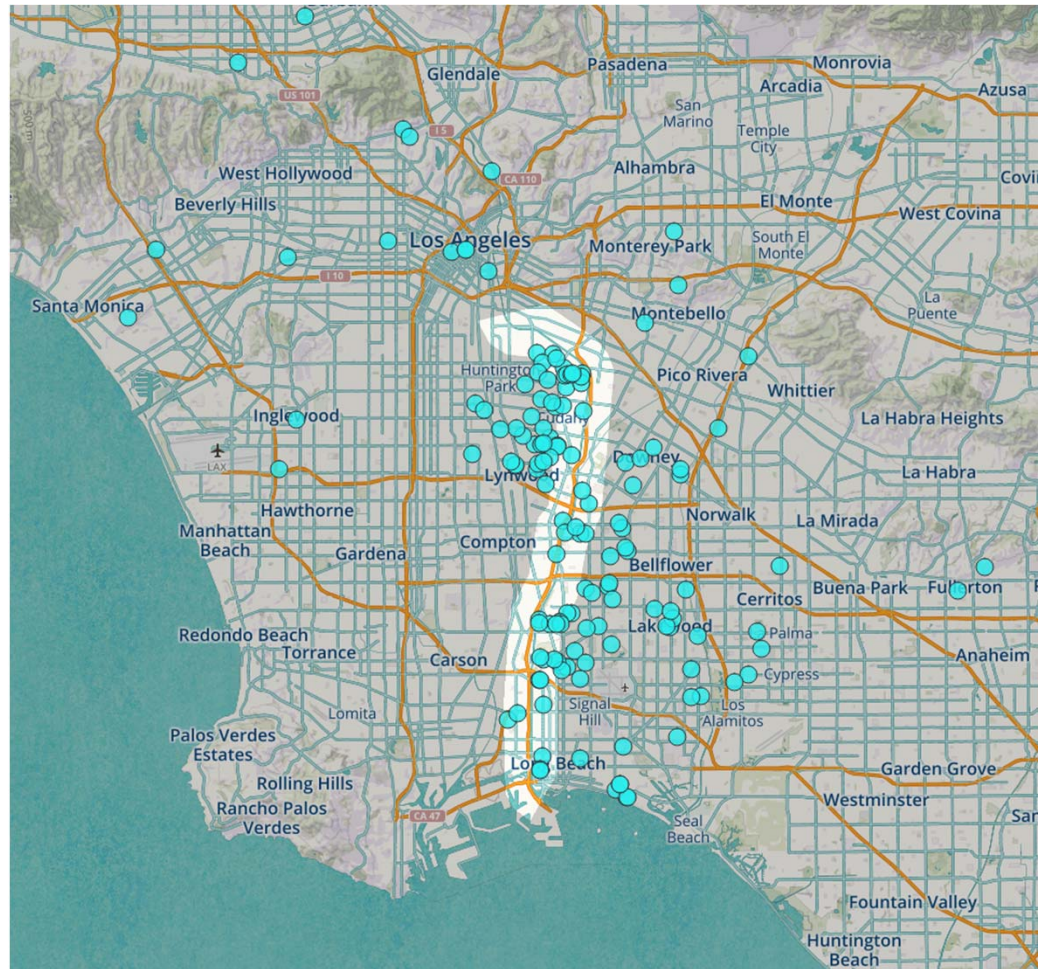
Phase I: Community Outreach Respondents



- 300 Responses
 - 121 Walk/run respondents
 - 134 bike respondents
- Location based data
- Major community concerns
 - Safety and lighting
 - Cleanliness
 - Access

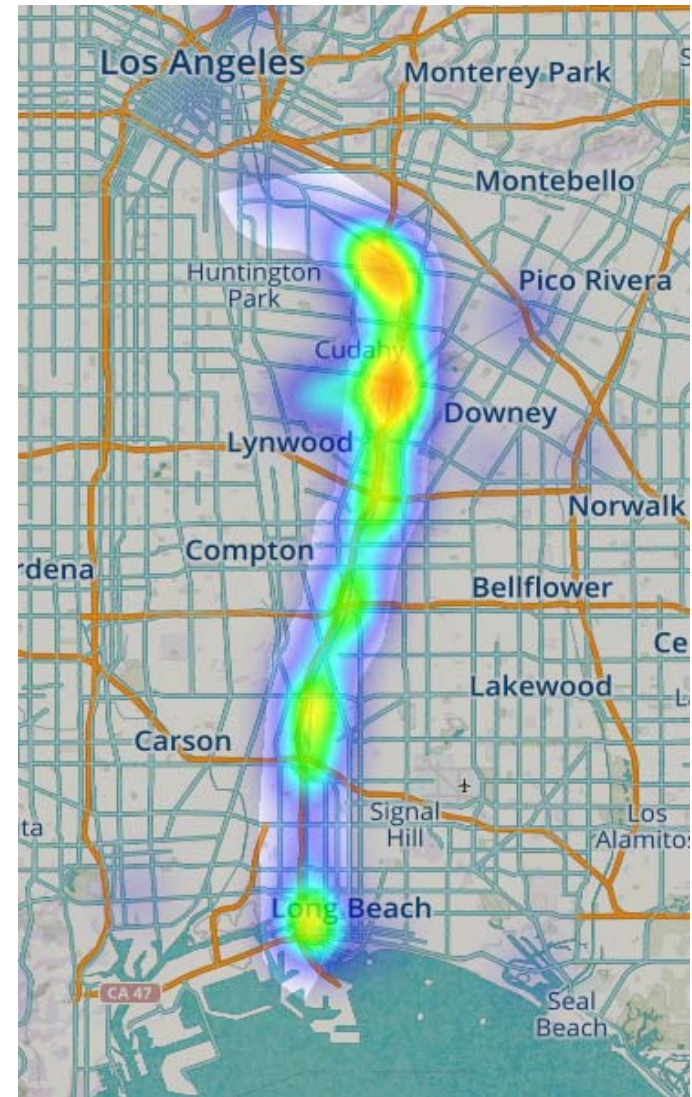
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Major Issues and Challenge Locations

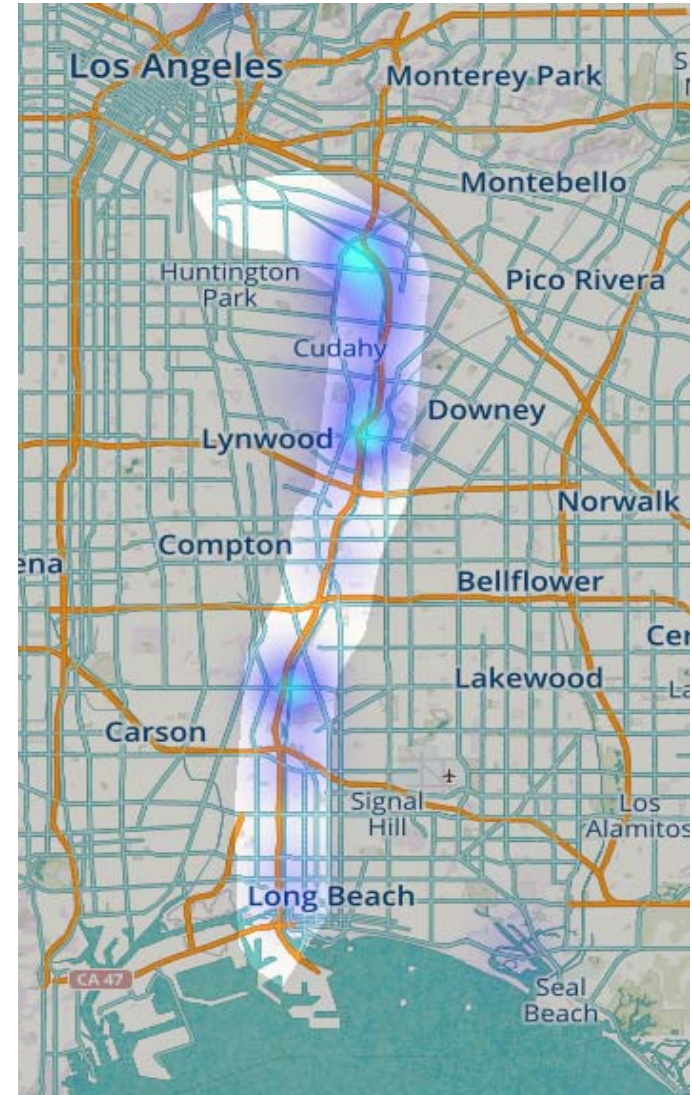
What kind of problems do you encounter here?	
Cleanliness/Debris	89
Security Concerns	72
No or poor access to the river	51
Path problems	43
Lack of natural areas	36
Other	36
Lack of activities	22
Total responses	349



Existing Bridges and Proposing New Bridges

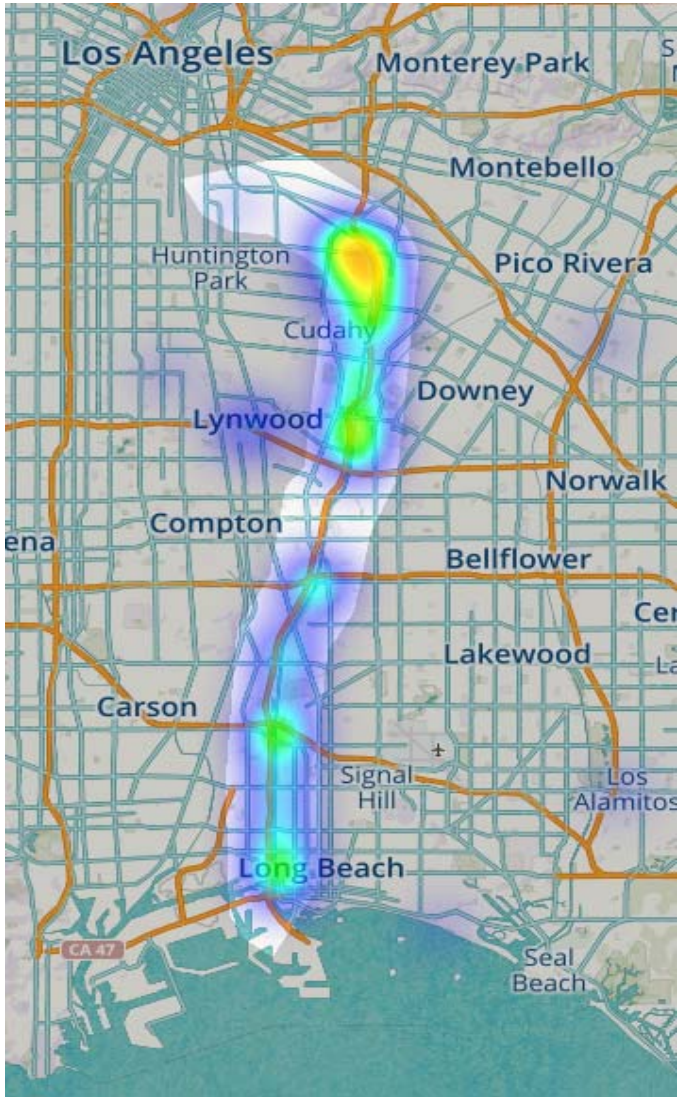
What kind of problems do you encounter here?	
Difficult to access	15
Unsafe	25
Not my preferred mode of transportation	15
Total responses	55

New bridges will be used by:	
People walking	58
People riding bikes	56
People riding horses	14
Total responses	128



Safety and Security

What kind of problem do you encounter here?	
Poor lighting	59
Trash/Debris	57
Lack of patrols	52
Insufficient maintenance	40
Other	39
Total responses	208



Phase I: Outreach Event Input – Issues

- Lack of landscaping and shade



- [Redacted] the River

- [Redacted] amenities

- Security

- Safer connections for bicyclists

- Air pollution and odors

- Prevent displacement

- Transient population [Redacted] business



- [Redacted] channel not designed to account for sea level rise at its outlet in Long [Redacted] may exacerbate potential coastal and inland flooding



- [Redacted] assemble a "river" (too much concrete)

Phase I: Outreach Event Input – New Issues

- Pet amenities
- “Do nothing” alternative



Phase I: Outreach Event Input – Opportunities

- Connect the LLAR to other community
- Dominguez Gap Wetland as a template
- Increase park space
- Convert warehouses to green space
- Provide better and consistent maintenance of river, trails, paths, and streets
- Provide better security
- Provide shade



- Create a natural-looking river



- Involve local youth in watershed education projects



- Conduct outreach to the transient population



Phase II: Outreach Events

- 3 Bike Tours
- 6 Pop-up Events
- 3 Community Workshops
- Celebration Event



LowerLARiver.org/calendar

Phase II: Community Workshops and Bike Tours

- September 23, 2017: Upper Segment
 - Approximately 40 participants
- September 30, 2017: Middle Segment
 - Approximately 30 participants
- October 7, 2017: Lower Segment
 - Approximately 35 participants



Phase II: Online Survey Mapping



Lower LA River Revitalization

Welcome to the online survey tool!

The Lower LA River Revitalization Plan (LLARRP) will address the unique and diverse needs of the river and its communities. The plan area stretches from the City of Vernon to the south River outlet at the Port of Long Beach.

Your input will help form the future of the Lower LA River. This online tool includes three parts:

Signature Projects: Flagship built projects that embody the community vision for the River

Signature Templates: Design concepts that will support long-term implementation of the LLARRP

Signature Policies: Policy concepts to be considered for recommendation in the LLARRP

This exercise should take about 5-15 minutes. Your responses will be saved as you go.

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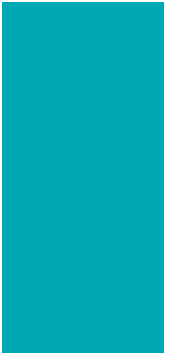
Get Involved

Share your ideas or input with us at LowerLARiver.org/survey

To learn more, visit LowerLARiver.org

Attend a Working Group Meeting or join us at an event in your community!





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