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.
Planning Process
Process Schedule

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<th>Fall 2016</th>
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Lower La River
Plan Development Structure

- Working Group
- Agency Staff & Consultants
- Community, Technical and Community Advisors (as needed)
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

- Community Economics, Health, and Equity
- Public Realm
- Water and Environment
- Implementation

Community Engagement
GUIDING PRINCIPLES

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GUARDING 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
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- 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

LOWER LA RIVER
Phase I: Outreach Events

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
Phase I: Online Survey Mapping Input

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### Major Issues and Challenge Locations

What kind of problems do you encounter here?

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<td>89</td>
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<td>Security Concerns</td>
<td>72</td>
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<td>No or poor access to the river</td>
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<td>Path problems</td>
<td>43</td>
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<td>Lack of natural areas</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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<td>Lack of activities</td>
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<td><strong>Total responses</strong></td>
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![Map of Lower LA River](image-url)
## Existing Bridges and Proposing New Bridges

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<td>Difficult to access</td>
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<td>Unsafe</td>
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<td>Not my preferred mode of transportation</td>
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### New bridges will be used by:

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<td>People walking</td>
<td>58</td>
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<td>People riding bikes</td>
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<td>People riding horses</td>
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Safety and Security

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<td>Poor lighting</td>
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<td>Lack of patrols</td>
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<td>Insufficient maintenance</td>
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<td>Other</td>
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Phase I: Outreach Event Input – Issues

- Lack of landscaping and shade
- Air pollution and odors
- Prevent displacement
- Transient population, homelessness
- Security
- Safer connections for bicyclists
- Community Economics, Health and Equity
- Public Realm
- Water and Environment

- River channel not designed to account for sea level rise at its outlet in Long Beach and may exacerbate potential coastal and inland flooding
- Does not resemble 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

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.
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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