

## Reseda River Loop Greenway Summary Report

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The Reseda River Loop Greenway project is the second phase of a larger Los Angeles River revitalization effort by the Trust for Public Land and City of Los Angeles. Phase I, the Los Angeles River and Aliso Creek Confluence Park, opened in 2016 and provides two acres of vital community green space located at the confluence of the Los Angeles River and Aliso Creek. Phase III is a bike path along the south bank of the Los Angeles River between Vanalden Avenue and Reseda Boulevard; the City of Los Angeles is currently developing the bike path project.

The Greenway project will create new recreational opportunities and greening along the Los Angeles River by converting an inaccessible maintenance right of way into a half-mile decomposed granite walking trail between Reseda Boulevard and Wilbur Avenue on the north bank of the Los Angeles River. It will also increase neighborhood connectivity by installing a pedestrian bridge over Aliso Creek, expanding access to the existing Confluence Park.

## The Greenway will include:

- ADA accessible decomposed granite pathway
- A pedestrian bridge over the Aliso Creek channel
- Biofiltration planters
- Native and drought tolerant trees and shrubs
- Decorative gates and fencing
- Informational signage

The project arises from community outreach completed prior to the Phase I Confluence Park that identified the need for community connectivity. Outreach related to the current Greenway phase includes door-to-door outreach with project neighbors in late 2021/early 2022, a presentation to the Reseda Neighborhood Council and booth at the Reseda CicLAvia event in February 2023, and an informational workshop held at Confluence Park in April 2023. Outreach and engagement will continue throughout the project development.

The project is funded through the Community Redevelopment Agency/Los Angeles (CRA/LA) Excess Non-Housing Bond Proceeds program and the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy. Partners include the City of Los Angeles (Council District 3, LA Sanitation, Department of Recreation and Parks, and Bureau of Engineering), County of Los Angeles Flood Control District, and Trust for Public Land.

Currently, the project is nearing the end of City and County plan check, is close to finalizing a NEPA study required by federal permitting, and is getting ready to start preparing a USACE permit application. The project has encountered both permitting and regulatory delays and expects to continue to be impacted by complex coordination issues due to its location along the Los Angeles River, as well as involvement and oversight by multiple agencies. The project team is diligently working through these issues, but it does speak to the complexity of building projects along the Los Angeles River.

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