

The Bowtie

Presentation to the Greater Cypress Park Neighborhood Council

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TAYLOR YARD
BOWTIE PARCEL
(18 ACRES)
STATE PARKS

MRCA
EASEMENT
(12.5 ACRES)
CITY OF LA

TAYLOR YARD
G2 PARCEL
(42 ACRES)
CITY OF LA

RIO DE LOS ANGELES STATE PARK
(40 ACRES)
STATE PARKS OWNED
CITY OF LA OPERATED



N SAN FERNANDO RD

LOS ANGELES RIVER

Parking



BOWTIE
DEMONSTRATION
PROJECT
(2.5 ACRES)

PASEO DEL RIO
PROJECT
(APPROX. 8 ACRES)

TAYLOR YARD G2
WATER QUALITY
IMPROVEMENT
PROJECT (PROP O)

TAYLOR YARD
BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN
BRIDGE PROJECT

**GIVE OUR KIDS
A PLACE TO PLAY**

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AT TAYLOR YARD**

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Meet the Bowtie

Bowtie community engagement process
presented by Hugo Garcia



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Meet the Bowtie...

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- walking, jogging and bike trails
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- historical, cultural and environmental programming
- unstructured play areas



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What's next

We need your help making the Bowtie a success!

Visit our website to learn about meetings, actions, and other activities that will be available to get involved:

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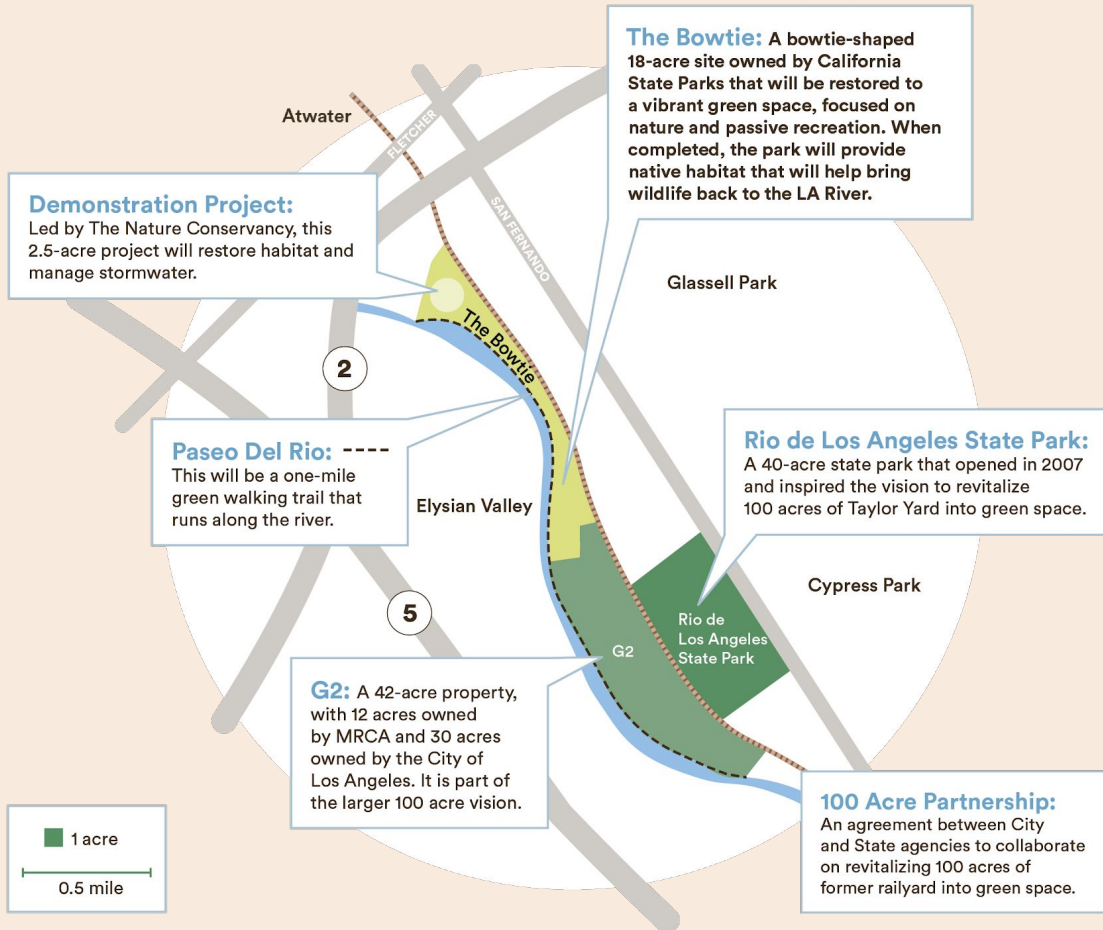
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Community Engagement and Outreach Plans

Outreach Purpose

To reach out and engage diverse community stakeholders to obtain their opinions on possible amenities and activities at the Bowtie park project. We want to make ensure that GCPNC constituents are provided access to, and a voice in the future conceptual design of the park.



Community Engagement and Outreach Plans

Principal targeted outreach:

To stakeholders from the communities that abut the Bowtie project – including Glassell Park, Cypress Park, Elysian Valley and Atwater Village, although outreach will include other adjacent communities. Stakeholders include residents, youth, faith-based and community organizations, agencies, schools, elected officials, parks, and others.

Notable outreach to date:

Glassell Park/Los Feliz Community of Schools, Church of the Epiphany, Anahuak Soccer, Glassell Park NC, Elysian Valley Arts Collective, Glassell Park Recreation Center, LA Mas, Sequoyah HS, Super King Market, CDI, Assembly member Wendy Carrillo, LA State Historic Park, Elysian Valley Riverside NC, Atwater Village NC, Manos Que Sobreviven, LAUSD District 5, El Centro del Pueblo, Glassell Park Improvement Association, Elysian Valley Riverside NC, and now at Greater Cypress Park NC.



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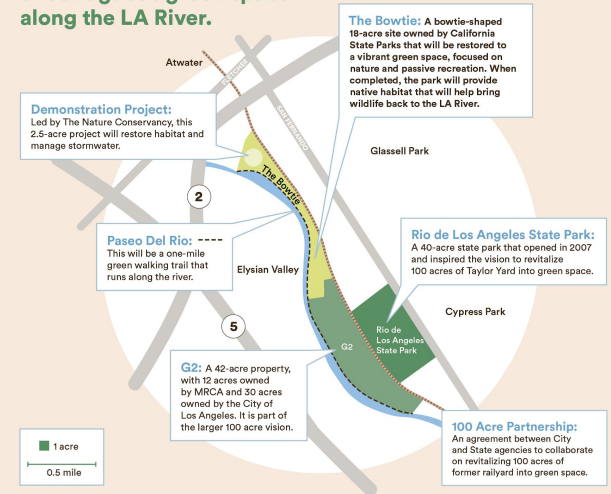
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The Bowtie is part of a larger vision to create 100 acres of contiguous green space along the LA River.



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Conozcamos Bowtie...

¿QUÉ ES POSIBLE?

Imaginemos un espacio verde que podría incluir algunos de los siguientes elementos:

- restauración y mejora del hábitat
- oportunidades para ver aves y otros animales salvajes
- senderos para caminar, trotar y montar en bicicleta
- zonas de picnic a la sombra
- programas históricos, culturales y medioambientales
- zonas de juego no estructuradas



Bowtie es un terreno industrial de 18 acres sin desarrollar a lo largo del Río de Los Ángeles, que se transformará en un vibrante parque estatal accesible a los miembros de la comunidad en el noreste de Los Ángeles.

Haciendo avanzar Bowtie

2021 es un año crucial para Bowtie. Parques Estatales de California está lanzando un proceso de escucha de la comunidad. Queremos escuchar directamente a los residentes sobre sus deseos, necesidades y preocupaciones al hablar sobre un nuevo parque en su barrio. Los comentarios se utilizarán para orientar y guiar el diseño y abogar por el acopio de los recursos necesarios para hacer realidad el parque. Nos comprometemos a crear un parque para todos, seguro y libre de contaminación.

Lo que sigue

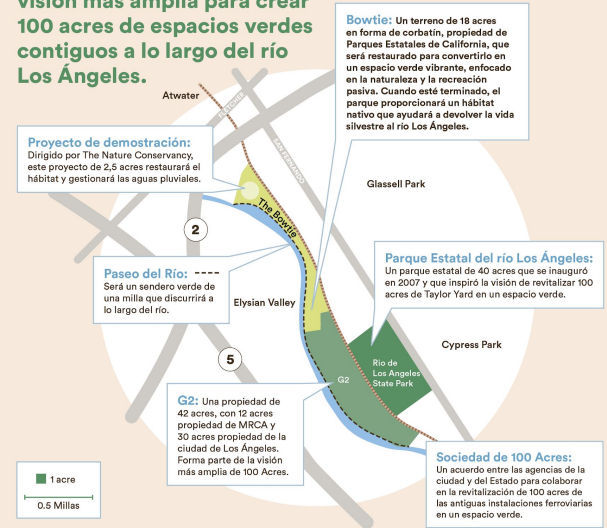
Necesitamos su ayuda para que Bowtie sea un éxito. Visite nuestra página web para conocer las reuniones, acciones y otras actividades que estarán disponibles para participar: parks.ca.gov/thebowtie

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Bowtie forma parte de una visión más amplia para crear 100 acres de espacios verdes contiguos a lo largo del río Los Ángeles.



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Kilalanin ang Bowtie...

ANO ANG MAAARING MANGYARI?

Envision a green space that might include some of the following:

- Kini-kinita ang isang luntiang lugar na maaaring kasama ang sumusunod:
- restorasyon at pagpapaganda ng tirahan
- mga oportunidad na makita ang mga ibon at iba pang wildlife
- mga daanan para sa paglalakad, pagja-jogging at bisikleta
- mga lugar na malilim para sa pagpi-picnic
- makasaysayan, pang-kultura at pang-kapaligirang pagpoprograma ng mga lugar palaruan na hindi nakaayos



Ang Bowtie ay 18 akre na lupaang pang-industriya na hindi napaunlad sa tabi ng LA River, na gagawin isang masiglang Parke ng Estado na mapupuntahan ng mga miyembro ng komunidad sa Northeast LA.

Pagsulong ng Bowtie

Ang 2021 ay isang napakamahalagang taon para sa Bowtie. Ang California State Parks ay naglulunsad ng isang proseso na makinig sa komunidad. Gusto naming marinig nang direkta mula sa mga residente ang tungkol sa kanilang mga kagustuhan, pangangailangan, at mga alalahanin patungkol sa isang bagong parke sa kanilang lugar. Ang feedback ay gagamitin upang ipaalim, gabayan at magtaguyog ng mga kinakailangang mapagkukunan upang maisakatuparan ang parke. Kami ay nakatuon sa pagsasagawa ng isang parkeng ligtas at malaya sa kontaminasyon para sa lahat.

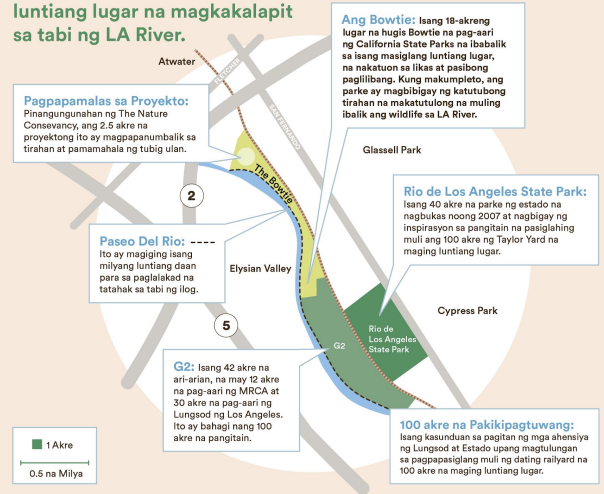
Ano ang Susunod

Kailangan namin ang inyong tulong upang gawing matagumpay ang Bowtie! Bisitahin ang aming website upang malaman ang tungkol sa mga pagpupulong, pagkilos, at iba pang aktibidad na magiging available upang makilahok: parks.ca.gov/thebowtie

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Ang Bowtie ay bahagi ng isang mas malawak na pangitain upang lumikha nang 100 akre na luntiang lugar na magkakatapit sa tabi ng LA River.



Pangkat ng Bowtie



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Bowtie Community Survey

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When complete, the park will provide native habitat to help bring wildlife back to the river. It will include educational opportunities, as well as areas to relax, walk, run, or bike. Your feedback will be used to inform and guide the design of this park – and to advocate for the resources needed to make the park a reality.

This is something I would like to see as part of the Bowtie design:



Project Tools: Survey

3. Accessible trails and paths for exercise and recreation – walking, jogging, biking, etc.



left: Los Angeles State Historic Park, photo via Weekend Sherpa.
right: Corktown Common, photo via MVVA.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree



Project Tools: Survey

4. Green, open space for relaxing, picnicking, yoga, and more



left: Grand Park, photo via LA Mag.

right: Los Angeles State Historic Park, photo via CA State Parks.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
- Disagree
- Strongly Disagree



Project Tools: Survey

6. Unstructured play areas, such as open space, rocks and other structures built into the land that allow for climbing, jumping, and other opportunities for children to interact with the landscape



left: Photo via Mikyoung Kim Design. center: Photo via FLTS. right: Photo via MVVA.

- Strongly Agree
- Agree
- Neutral
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- Strongly Disagree



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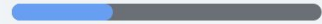
10. What is most important to you at The Bowtie? Do you have any suggestions for programming not included above?

Your answer

Additional comments/questions?

Your answer

Next



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Demographics

These questions help us know whether we are reaching people of all ages and backgrounds representative of the communities around the Bowtie

Age

Your answer _____

Race/Ethnicity

Latino/Latinx

Asian/Pacific Islander

Black

White

Indigenous

Mixed Race

Other: _____

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Preferred Language

Your answer _____

Zip Code

Your answer _____

Neighborhood

- Glassell Park
- Atwater Village
- Cypress Park
- Elysian Valley
- Mt. Washington
- Lincoln Heights
- Other: _____



Project Tools: Survey



Contact Info

May we email you updates about the Bowtie?

Yes

No

Other: _____

Name

Your answer _____

Email

Your answer _____

Phone Number

Your answer _____

English Survey



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This is something I would like to see as part of the Bowtie design:

1. Restoration and enhancement of natural habitat at the Bowtie, along the LA River, including native plants and landscaping that supports restoration of wetlands habitat, to attract birds and wildlife



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Our Ask

How can the GCPNC assist with disseminating the Bowtie survey to stakeholders manually and/or online? Can the GCPNC connect the Bowtie community engagement team to community organizations/events?



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Remediation on the Bowtie Demonstration Project

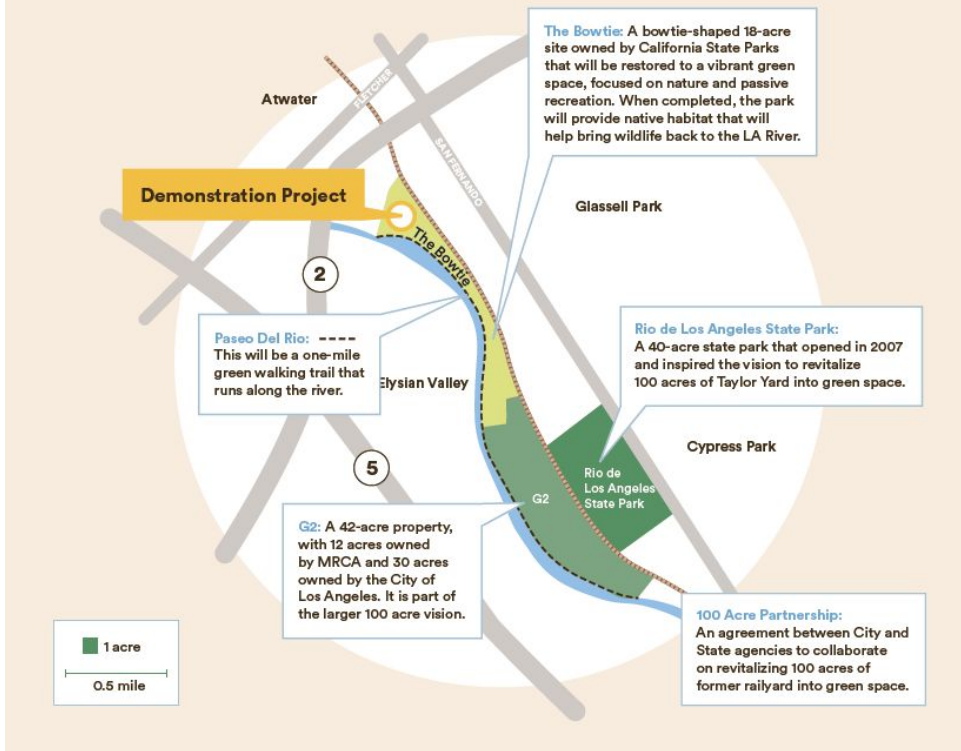
Environmental conditions presented by Markus
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Bowtie Demonstration Project:

Led by The Nature Conservancy, this 2.5-acre project will restore habitat and manage stormwater.



My Background

- Geologist/environmental scientist working in California for 30 years.
- Beginning with the CA State Historic Park in 2002 (while it was still called the “Cornfield” rail yard), have served communities and agencies in the creation of parks and open spaces on land previously used for other purposes.
- In SoCal these projects have included:
 - LASHP
 - Maywood Riverfront Park
 - Wishing Tree (Carson)
- Many communities, especially working-class urban communities, don’t have many green places for people to gather and play. The redevelopment of land abandoned by industry – when done right – can deliver park spaces to neighborhoods that need them.



First Experiences

- Alphabet City in the 1970s didn't have many green places to play (and the ones we did have weren't super inviting).
- Mrs. Toledano. My first community garden.



City Slicker Farms – West Oakland

My second community garden.

Former paint factory and wrecking yard in a community with food access and nutrition challenges and virtually no place to gather and play.

We bought the land, negotiated and supervised site cleanup, raised money, and built an amazing farm park.

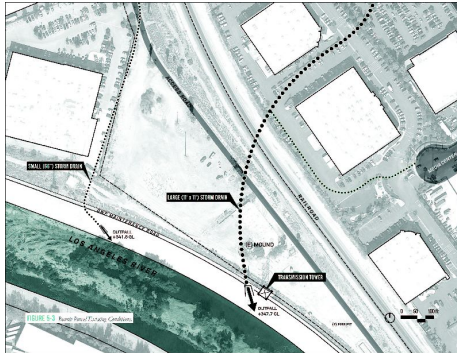
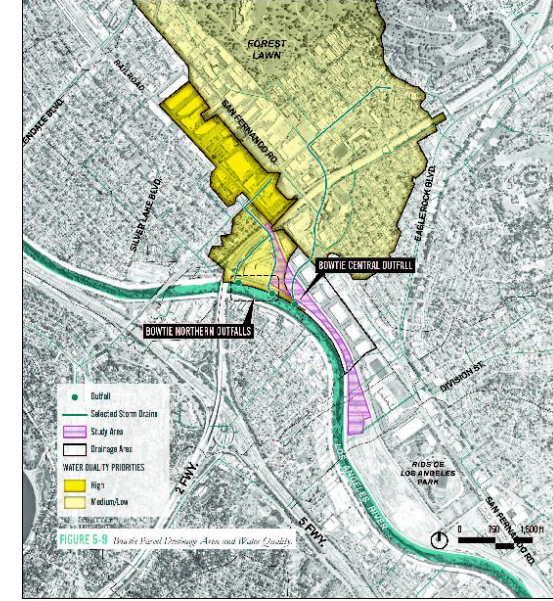


City Slicker Farms – West Oakland



Demonstration Project

- Revitalizing underutilized land for a community purpose.
- Creating a filter for stormwater runoff from an industrial area that currently drains right to the LA River.
- Many times, the only way to improve the environmental quality of post-industrial “Brownfield” land is by way of development.
- Agency-managed, community-engaged projects = better outcomes.



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Demonstration Project and Bowtie

- Parcel relationship and “developability”
- Community interests and concerns
 - *Design elements – what will it look like; how will we be able to access and enjoy the location after project completion.*
 - How the work at the Demonstration Project relates to what is planned for the rest of Bowtie and Taylor Yard G-2.
 - Environmental conditions – past, present and future.

DESIGN ELEMENTS

FIGURE 5-20 Inspirative Images for Bowtie Parcel Conceptual Design.



Demonstration Project and Bowtie Environmental Conditions

Understanding environmental – the most important tool used to understand environmental conditions and the presence of potentially hazardous substances is the historic record.

How was the property developed, occupied and used over time? Knowing this provides the investigation with useful tools and a starting place.



1938



1947



1964



Demonstration Project and Bowtie Environmental Conditions

Episodes of site investigation have occurred on Bowtie and on the Demonstration Project sub-parcel. Additional in-depth assessment planned for Bowtie.

Results of soil testing showed generally low concentrations of materials commonly found in urban/transit environments – lead (likely from historic leaded gasoline used by vehicles on roads and freeways), arsenic (an element found naturally in most CA soil but also in common weed-killer chemicals), and hydrocarbons (from the combustion of coal and diesel fuel by locomotives).

Substances are mostly only found in surface and near-surface shallow soil.



Demonstration Project and Bowtie Environmental Conditions

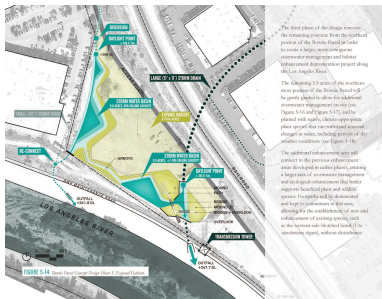
How do the site conditions affect the community – in the past, present and future.

- Distant past – the conditions detected during recent site investigations are likely similar to the conditions present during State Parks operations. During those periods the site was used as a roadway, for storage, and for small-scale tenant operations.
- Recent past and present – limited access for vehicles, limited (no longer occurring) community member visits, largely vacant and lightly utilized while assessment and planning for future uses is ongoing.
- Near future – Demonstration Project construction.
- Further future – Project parcel enjoyment.

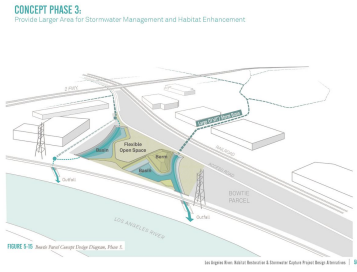


Environmental Condition Management

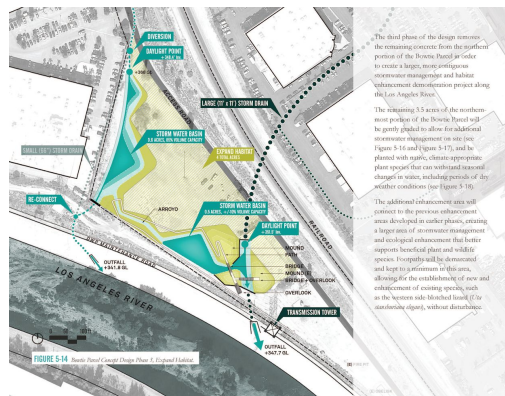
- **Near future – Demonstration Project construction.**
 - Dust control (wetting, pile covering, managing size of graded areas, etc.),
 - Air quality monitoring to ensure effectiveness of dust control measures,
 - Stop-work commitment in the event of a control measure failure,
 - Traffic planning and control to ensure health and safety of pedestrians and motorists,
 - Considerations of design and construction alternatives to minimize truck/equipment trips and associated emissions,
 - Other measures to be determined.
- **Further future – Project parcel enjoyment.**
 - Post-construction long term site operation and management details to be presented in the coming months.



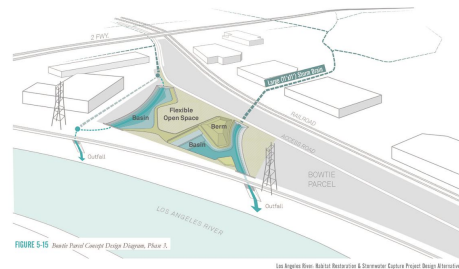
The next phase of the design process is the construction phase. This phase involves the implementation of the design and construction alternatives identified in the previous phases. The construction phase is a critical component of the project and will involve a range of activities, including site preparation, foundation work, and the construction of the main building structure. The construction phase will also involve the implementation of the environmental management plan, which will include measures to minimize the impact of construction on the environment. The construction phase will be a complex and multi-faceted process, and it will require close coordination between the design team, the construction team, and the environmental management team. The construction phase will be a key opportunity to demonstrate the effectiveness of the environmental management plan and to ensure that the project is completed in a sustainable and responsible manner.



Thank you!



CONCEPT PHASE 3:
Provide Larger Area for Stormwater Management and Habitat Enhancement



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