

## Studio City River Greenway Charrette

### Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy Proposition 1 Grant Application

**1) A detailed scope of work, including a list of specific tasks, a detailed budget, and a timeline for project implementation (including a completion date for each task);**

See Attached

**2) Any preliminary project plans as required;**

N/A

**3) A detailed description of the need and urgency for the grant;**

Los Angeles faces ongoing threats of climate vulnerability in a dynamic region, including drought, flood, heat, fire, air quality, and vanishing habitats. According to the latest IPCC report, we have 10 years to reduce greenhouse gas emissions by 50% and sequester existing emissions. Nature is anticipated to be as much as 30% of the solution.

While wetlands (including waterways) are recognized as the most effective land use for absorbing carbon<sup>1</sup> and cleansing water—and at the same time providing water supplies, cooling, and supporting flood risk management—less than 5% of this key land type are estimated to remain in LA County<sup>2</sup>. Nature-based solutions to manage stormwater simulate parts of these roles while also reducing peak flows, making restoration of waterways and wetlands possible. This project proposes to plan for incorporating nature-based solutions in a highly urbanized business corridor adjacent to the Los Angeles River, activation of key access points, and interpretations to help a high-profile community recognize these benefits, advance them, and direct a spotlight toward a better, more resilient future.

The Studio City Greenway completed in 2004 was the City's first stretch of greenway along the Los Angeles River. However, gates intended to be main access points have not opened, businesses still face away, and low visibility and poor operations contribute to rising conflicts between greenway users and homeless residents. Inappropriate maintenance has resulted in overwatering and poor soil health, and runoff from surrounding hardscapes contribute to erosion and destabilization of the banks and trail. As a result, significant resources are underused and underperforming—wasting precious land, investments, and setting poor precedent for future project work.

Regional plans recognize that every available square foot is significant for water and carbon management in our region—and this can be realized by advancing cost-effective, replicable, distributed, nature-based solutions. The planning process to better integrate the river greenway into the surrounding community must necessarily take this approach into consideration, and this funding source will support a community-based engagement process to advance practice and realize the best possible water and climate outcomes for the community.

The River Project is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit that has been working for nearly two decades in the field on similar projects with a mission of *working toward living rivers, nourished by healthy watersheds*. The organization has

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<sup>1</sup> Nahlik, A., and M. Fennessy. 2016. Carbon Storage in US Wetlands. *Nature Communications*, 2016 (7). National Center for Biotechnology Information, US National Library of Medicine: Bethesda, MD. Accessed from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC5159918/#b2>

<sup>2</sup> Faber, P.M., E. Keller, A. Sands, and B.M. Massey. 1989. *The ecology of riparian habitats of the southern California coastal region: A community profile*. US Department of the Interior, Fish and Wildlife Service, Biological Report 85(7.27). Accessed from: <https://www.nwrc.usgs.gov/techrpt/85-7-27.pdf>

been involved in many related initiatives, including acting as advisory to the original development of this stretch of greenway; leading the community-based design for the adjacent Valleyheart Greenway; securing the first \$83.5 million in state funding for key projects on the LA River; organizing the Coalition for a State Park at Taylor Yard; participating in drafting the guiding document *Common Ground*; and leading the development of the Tujunga-Pacoima Watershed Plan which continues to be a success, with 23 of 37 preferred projects already implemented or in development as of October 2018. The breadth of this portfolio gives the organization perspective and capacity to recognize significant points of action that will advance work consistent with *Common Ground* and imperatives to realize climate resilience through watershed planning.

**4) A detailed description of how the project will provide multi-benefit ecosystem, water quality, water supply, and watershed protection and public benefits;**

There has been increasing demand for integrating the greenway into the surrounding community from residents, business owners, and community leaders. The project will build on a grant already awarded for The River Project through the City of Los Angeles for enhancement and revegetation of the Studio City Greenway in collaboration with City government and local community organizations.

This project will include a foundational two-day charrette process together with community follow-up and concept plan development for the parking lot of the adjacent shopping area, planned greenway areas, and each of three entrances. The three proposed entrance areas are at the Vons parking lot gate, the Studio City parking garage, and the Rhodes and Ventura parking lot. Planned areas relevant for consideration include the North Bank of the Valleyheart Greenway and Sycamore Pocket Park.

The focus of these interventions will be on strategies for nature-based solutions to both realize and demonstrate in high-profile locations (1) stormwater capture and treatment; (2) soil building and climate-appropriate native vegetation to be passively irrigated by stormwater, providing regenerative habitat in the riparian corridor; (3) use of low-impact materials; and (4) river interpretation and access.

The charrette and follow-up process will integrate the perspectives of many community members, organized to meaningfully engage the following groups:

- Studio City Business Improvement District (BID)
- Studio City Chamber of Commerce (Chamber)
- Studio City Residents Association (SCRA)
- Studio City Beautification (SCBA)
- City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks (Rec & Parks)
- Save LA River Open Space (SLAROS)
- Studio City Farmers Market (Market)
- Los Angeles Homeless Services Authority (LAHSA)

Technical and design experts will be contracted to be involved throughout the process, working directly with community members in the charrette, in follow-up, and in delivering the final plan concepts for future phases of project work in this stretch of the LA River. Possible strategies are anticipated to include removing impermeable surfaces, grading for rainwater capture, urban forestry and planting select native species, circulation planning and signage, seating, gate enhancements, and interpretive elements.

**5) A detailed description of how the project achieves one or more of the purposes of Proposition 1 as stated in Water Code Section 79732(a);**

*1) Protect and increase the economic benefits arising from healthy watersheds, fishery resources, and instream flow.*

The project is located along the Los Angeles River channel, and will result in implementation plans for strategies that both physically improve conditions, and also socially support continued benefits and

responsible investments. These will create regenerative urban spaces to draw surrounding high-profile commercial areas to face the river, provide opportunities for enhanced public spaces for human use, appreciation, recreation, tourism, and sales associated with river interpretation, and a healthier watershed.

*2) Implement watershed adaptation projects in order to reduce the impacts of climate change on California's communities and ecosystems.*

The wider watershed is interconnected and inseparable from the river channel itself—this project seeks to apply leading practices of regenerative, nature-based solutions that manage stormwater onsite, reduce local temperatures, improve overall conditions, enhance awareness of the river and surrounding environments, and the continued advancement of more comprehensive restoration projects.

*3) Restore river parkways throughout the state, including, but not limited to, projects pursuant to the California River Parkways Act of 2004 (Chapter 3.8 (commencing with Section 5750) of Division 5 of the Public Resources Code), in the Urban streams Restoration Program established pursuant to Section 7048, and urban river greenways.*

This planning process will expand on the City's first stretch of greenway on the Los Angeles River, applying developing principles and practices to make better use of existing resources and improve underperforming elements of the greenway and surrounding landscapes.

*9) Protect and restore rural and urban watershed health to improve watershed storage capacity, forest health, protection of life and property, stormwater resource management, and greenhouse gas reduction.*

Nature-based solutions leverage natural system functions including a host of healthy organisms in soil, plants, and associated wildlife to do significant work addressing regional challenges: cycling carbon, water, and volatile compounds, cooling the environment, and in the process of absorbing and infiltrating water slowing and reducing peak flows that contribute to significant flood risks faced downstream of the project area. Additionally, interpretation and increased visibility of the project access points will serve as demonstrations for continued work across the region, including conservation, water management, and even restoration.

*11) Reduce pollution or contamination of rivers, lakes, streams, or coastal waters, prevent and remediate mercury contamination from legacy mines, and protect or restore natural system functions that contribute to water supply, water quality, or flood management.*

The projects will focus on replicable opportunities for nature-based solutions that capture and treat water adjacent one of the region's most significant waterways. Stormwater reductions will help to achieve TMDL targets, and will also provide demonstrations for similar work across the region.

*12) Assist in the recovery of endangered, threatened, or migratory species by improving watershed health, instream flows, fish passage, coastal or inland wetland restoration, or other means, such as natural community conservation plan and habitat conservation plan implementation.*

Vegetation selections and soil management strategies will be made with emphasis on greatest impact for native species that may benefit from coverage in the project locations. With wetlands and adjacent upland habitats facing particular threats in the region these are among the most significant possible actions in urban areas.

**6) A detailed description of how the project promotes and implements one or more of the objectives of the California Water Action Plan as stated in Section 1.3 of this guideline;**

The project addresses all three objectives outlined in the California Water Action Plan through critical paths necessary to achieve targets.

Water capture and infiltration in the project area infiltrates directly to an unconfined groundwater aquifer actively sourced for local water supplies. Concept development will involve meaningful community engagement through a watershed planning process, considering optimal species benefits as a leading factor in design development, materials, and operations management. The funding source will support a planning process focused on water management driven nature-based solutions appropriate for urban contexts—given the scale of our challenges, every square foot of public and private property must be creatively adapted to address climate-resilience and in our region that fundamentally necessitates wise water management, carbon sequestration, and leveraging natural systems to offset more cost and carbon-intensive human inputs. This planning process will advance replicable, cost-effective practice such that future projects can be efficiently implemented and widely distributed, which regional plans recognize must be done to achieve targets.

**7) A detailed description of how the project helps meet the State’s greenhouse gas emissions reductions targets, including a quantification of the metric tons of CO2 or CO2e removed or avoided, and an explanation of the methodology used to quantify this figure;**

The process will advance design concepts that have not yet been developed—as such, total volumes are not available. However, reducing impermeable materials and maximizing healthy soils are anticipated to be leading strategies. The world’s soils hold more than three times the carbon in the atmosphere,<sup>3,4</sup> and together with layers of vegetation that have been demonstrated to remove up to 40% of greenhouse gasses such as nitrous oxide along urban streets<sup>5</sup> significant progress can be made with such interventions. Based on afforestation in the US as 0.35 tons carbon per hectare per year including soil and deciduous trees,<sup>6,7</sup> this number could be converted to an approximated .007 pound carbon per square foot per year for urban installations. Water captured of this and similar projects may also offset water imports over time, and the associated carbon footprint of these imports.

**8) A detailed description of how the project promote and implements other relevant regional and state plans and policies;**

The proposed planning effort will address State, regional, and local plans, including local and regional river parkway plans; water resource plans for quality, supply, and flood risk management; climate, air, and soil; and also habitat and active transportation. Among these are the following:

*US Bureau of Land Management and County Flood Control District Los Angeles Basin Study*

River restoration strategies were among the highest ranked for impact and cost-effectiveness, as well as distributed projects for stormwater management, water supplies, and climate resilience. This planning project advances these strategies.

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<sup>3</sup> Rattan, L.. 2007. Carbon Sequestration. *Philosophical Transactions of the Royal Society B Biological Sciences*. The Royal Society. Accessed from: <http://rstb.royalsocietypublishing.org/content/363/1492/815>

<sup>4</sup> Batjes, N.. 1996. Total Carbon and Nitrogen in the Soils of the World. *European Journal of Soil Science*, 1996 vol. 47 (2). British Society of Soil Science and the National Societies of Soil Science in Europe. Accessed from: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1365-2389.1996.tb01386.x>

<sup>5</sup> Pugh, T., A. MacKenzie, J. Whyatt, and C. Hewitt. 2012. Effectiveness of Green Infrastructure for Improvement of Air Quality in Urban Street Canyons. *Environmental Science and Technology* 2012, 46 (14). Washington, DC: American Chemical Society. Accessed from: <https://pubs.acs.org/doi/abs/10.1021/es300826w>

<sup>6</sup> Minasny et. al. 2017. Soil Carbon 4 per Mille. *Geoderma*, vol. 292. Elsevier. Accessed from: <https://www.sciencedirect.com/science/article/pii/S0016706117300095>

<sup>7</sup> Morris, S., S. Bohm, S. Haile-Mariam, and E. Paul. 2017. Evaluation of Carbon Accrual in Afforested Agricultural Soils. *Global Change Biology*, vol. 13 (6). Accessed from: <https://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/abs/10.1111/j.1365-2486.2007.01359.x>

#### *California Healthy Soils Initiative*

Building of healthy soils is vital to address regional challenges, and is a driving foundation for nature-based solutions. Notably urban biofiltration areas in semi-arid regions can be important for both carbon sequestration and habitat, with organic mulch increasing soil organic matter (carbon sequestration) and organisms in soil more than inorganic mulch.<sup>8</sup>

#### *California Senate Bill 32 Greenhouse Gas emission reduction target for 2030 and 2018 Executive Order B-55-18 to achieve carbon neutrality*

Projects that sequester carbon and apply low-impact materials are key components identified as necessary to reduce emissions and reach carbon neutrality.

#### *State Wildlife Action Plan*

Vegetation species will be selected to maximize habitat priorities appropriate for the climate and locations, increasing benefits of site and surrounding landscape cover and wildlife benefits.

#### *Upper LA River Enhanced Watershed Management Plan (EWMP)*

The potential strategy types and scales are consistent with the projects identified for stormwater capture and treatment to reduce TMDL concentrations.

#### *County LA River Master Plan*

The project advances the goal of a complete nearly 52 miles of LA River Trail, and calls for improvements consistent with the 1996 plan, and also consistent with concepts under consideration in recent planning for the update including access points, passive recreation opportunities, vegetation, stormwater management, interpretation, wayfinding, art, and beautification.

#### *County Bike Master Plan*

The project will include planning for access points between trails and routes identified in the plan.

#### *City of LA DWP Stormwater Capture Master Plan*

Distributed projects that capture and infiltrate water are essential to realize regional water supply targets.

#### **9) Indicate whether the project will have matching funds from private, local, or federal sources, and if so, to what extent;**

There is not a formal fund match for this phase. Other potential contributions may include but are not limited to the time of local government, organizations, and participants, as well as meeting space, and contributions toward realizing project concepts developed through this project in future phases.

#### **10) Indicate whether the project will benefit a disadvantaged community;**

Over half of all downstream communities are recognized as disadvantaged communities (DAC) threatened by severe flood risk, water quality through TMDL exceedances, air quality, limited outdoor access, heat island, and other climate-related vulnerabilities. This planning effort will advance projects that reduce downstream flows, improve water quality, clean air and sequester carbon, and provide additional regional access points to public outdoor corridors which present opportunities to serve these communities.

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<sup>8</sup> Pavao-Zuckerman, MA and C. Sookhdeo. 2017. Nematode Community Response to Green Infrastructure Design in a Semi-arid City. *Journal of Environmental Quality* 46(3). Accessed from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28724103>

**11) Indicate whether the project will use the services of local or state conservation corps;**

The planning developed for this project is intended to advance additional projects ready for implementation, which will in future phases beyond the scope of this project include work relevant for local and state conservation corps.

**12) A detailed description of any new or innovative technology or practices that will be applied to the project; and**

Meaningful community engagement and experts from fields anticipated to include design, planning, engineering, and art will make determinations on approaches and scale of strategies. However, the focus will be on innovative methods to manage stormwater with minimal material inputs and provide low-impact vegetated areas with healthy soil. The best practices in these areas are constantly developing, and will involve leading approaches which may include novel integration of concrete cuts, step pools, vegetation layering, adaptive management of green waste, and collaborative operations between local organizations and businesses.

**13) A detailed method for monitoring and reporting on the progress and effectiveness of the project during and after project implementation.**

The plans developed will be advanced for implementation funding in partnership with the local organizations collaborating in the charrette process. Success will be evident by the securing of funding and completion of the project concepts to be developed through this project. Local government, the MRCA, and local partners will continue to be informed of status over time as they have been since project work began—and then paused in this river section nearly two decades ago.

**How scope of work will protect or enhance and urban creek as defined in Section 7048(e);**

The planning effort will explore opportunities to capture water and to improve native vegetation cover adjacent the Los Angeles River as it flows through a box channel in a primarily residential and commercial section in Studio City. These interventions may improve water quality, help to reduce peak flow which is key in flood risk management, and to improve integrity of species habitat. These interventions collectively, across the watershed over time, may also make possible restoration in key areas of the river while advancing practice, awareness, and potential for expanding similar interventions.

**Description of how project is consistent with the Common Ground Plan.**

This plan project is consistent with the Guiding Principles, Strategies, and Opportunities identified in *Common Ground*. Specific to improving and increasing connection to a river parkway, the planning will address land through open space and recreation improvements, water through consolidation of riverfront greenway addressing flood management, water quality and supply, and also planning by addressing multiple objectives and being comprehensive and inclusive of relevant government and local partners for greatest near and long-term impacts.

**SANTA MONICA MOUNTAINS CONSERVANCY  
GRANT APPLICATION**

<b>Project Name:</b> Studio City River Greenway Charrette	<b>Amount of Request:</b>	\$50,000.00
	<b>Total Project Cost:</b>	\$50,000.00
<b>Applicant Name:</b> The River Project	<b>Matching Funds:</b>	\$0
	<b>Lat/Long:</b>	N 34°8'39.647" W 118°24'4.434"
<b>Applicant Address:</b>  12215 Ventura Blvd #111 Studio City, CA 91604	<b>Project Address:</b> 12305 Valleyheart Dr Studio City, CA 91604	
	<b>County</b>	<b>Senate District</b>
	Los Angeles	18
	<b>Assembly District</b>	
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<b>Phone:</b> 818.980.9660	<b>Tax ID:</b>	95-4858263
<b>Email:</b> winter@theriverproject.org		

<b>Grantee's Authorized Representative:</b> Melanie Winter, Founder & Director <i>Name and Title</i>	818.980.9660 <i>Phone</i>
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**Overhead Allocation Notice:**

- Any overhead costs will be identified as a separate line item in the budget and invoices.
- The Conservancy encourages grantees to reduce overhead costs including vehicle and phone expenses.
- The overhead allocation policy has been submitted prior to, or with, the grant application.

**Outreach and Advertising Requirement:**

- Applicant has read the staff report and board resolution regarding contract policies.
- Applicant has adopted contract policies for the purpose of increasing outreach and advertising to disadvantaged businesses and individuals.

*All check boxes must be checked*

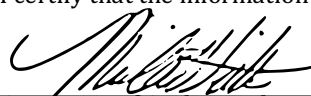
**Brief Project Description:**  
Planning and concept design development for access points and enhancements to the Studio City Greenway and surrounding landscape in collaboration with City government and local community organizations, with a focus on stormwater capture and treatment, soil building, climate-appropriate native vegetation, low-impact materials, and interpretation and access.

\*attach additional pages with project detail

<b>Tasks / Milestones:</b>	<b>Budget:</b>	<b>Completion Date</b>
Project Management	\$5,447.55	December 2019
Engagement & Coordination	\$8,833.25	September 2019
Charrette	\$15,834.50	May 2019
Concept Development	\$17,834.50	July 2019
Materials & Printing	\$2,050.20	September 2019

<b>For Acquisition Projects:</b>	<b>APN(s):</b> N/A
	<b>Acreage:</b> N/A

I certify that the information contained in this Grant Application form, including required attachments, is accurate.


11/30/18

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*Signature of Authorized Representative*
*Date*





**PAYEE DATA RECORD**

STD. 204 (Rev. 6-2003) (REVERSE)

1	<p><b><u>Requirement to Complete Payee Data Record, STD. 204</u></b></p> <p>A completed Payee Data Record, STD. 204, is required for payments to all non-governmental entities and will be kept on file at each State agency. Since each State agency with which you do business must have a separate STD. 204 on file, it is possible for a payee to receive this form from various State agencies.</p> <p>Payees who do not wish to complete the STD. 204 may elect to not do business with the State. If the payee does not complete the STD. 204 and the required payee data is not otherwise provided, payment may be reduced for federal backup withholding and nonresident State income tax withholding. Amounts reported on Information Returns (1099) are in accordance with the Internal Revenue Code and the California Revenue and Taxation Code.</p>								
2	<p>Enter the payee's legal business name. Sole proprietorships must also include the owner's full name. An individual must list his/her full name. The mailing address should be the address at which the payee chooses to receive correspondence. Do not enter payment address or lock box information here.</p>								
3	<p>Check the box that corresponds to the payee business type. Check only one box. Corporations must check the box that identifies the type of corporation. The State of California requires that all parties entering into business transactions that may lead to payment(s) from the State provide their Taxpayer Identification Number (TIN). The TIN is required by the California Revenue and Taxation Code Section 18646 to facilitate tax compliance enforcement activities and the preparation of Form 1099 and other information returns as required by the Internal Revenue Code Section 6109(a).</p> <p>The TIN for individuals and sole proprietorships is the Social Security Number (SSN). Only partnerships, estates, trusts, and corporations will enter their Federal Employer Identification Number (FEIN).</p>								
4	<p><b><u>Are you a California resident or nonresident?</u></b></p> <p>A corporation will be defined as a "resident" if it has a permanent place of business in California or is qualified through the Secretary of State to do business in California.</p> <p>A partnership is considered a resident partnership if it has a permanent place of business in California. An estate is a resident if the decedent was a California resident at time of death. A trust is a resident if at least one trustee is a California resident.</p> <p>For individuals and sole proprietors, the term "resident" includes every individual who is in California for other than a temporary or transitory purpose and any individual domiciled in California who is absent for a temporary or transitory purpose. Generally, an individual who comes to California for a purpose that will extend over a long or indefinite period will be considered a resident. However, an individual who comes to perform a particular contract of short duration will be considered a nonresident.</p> <p>Payments to all nonresidents may be subject to withholding. Nonresident payees performing services in California or receiving rent, lease, or royalty payments from property (real or personal) located in California will have 7% of their total payments withheld for State income taxes. However, no withholding is required if total payments to the payee are \$1,500 or less for the calendar year.</p> <p>For information on Nonresident Withholding, contact the Franchise Tax Board at the numbers listed below:</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Withholding Services and Compliance Section:</td> <td>1-888-792-4900</td> <td>E-mail address:</td> <td>wscs.gen@ftb.ca.gov</td> </tr> <tr> <td>For hearing impaired with TDD, call:</td> <td>1-800-822-6268</td> <td>Website:</td> <td>www.ftb.ca.gov</td> </tr> </table>	Withholding Services and Compliance Section:	1-888-792-4900	E-mail address:	wscs.gen@ftb.ca.gov	For hearing impaired with TDD, call:	1-800-822-6268	Website:	www.ftb.ca.gov
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5	<p>Provide the name, title, signature, and telephone number of the individual completing this form. Provide the date the form was completed.</p>								
6	<p>This section must be completed by the State agency requesting the STD. 204.</p>								
	<p><b><u>Privacy Statement</u></b></p> <p>Section 7(b) of the Privacy Act of 1974 (Public Law 93-579) requires that any federal, State, or local governmental agency, which requests an individual to disclose their social security account number, shall inform that individual whether that disclosure is mandatory or voluntary, by which statutory or other authority such number is solicited, and what uses will be made of it.</p> <p>It is mandatory to furnish the information requested. Federal law requires that payment for which the requested information is not provided is subject to federal backup withholding and State law imposes noncompliance penalties of up to \$20,000.</p> <p>You have the right to access records containing your personal information, such as your SSN. To exercise that right, please contact the business services unit or the accounts payable unit of the State agency(ies) with which you transact that business.</p> <p>All questions should be referred to the requesting State agency listed on the bottom front of this form.</p>								

Timeline

2019

	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	Jun	July	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec
Project Management	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue	Light Blue
Engagement and Coordination	White	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	Dark Blue	White	White	White
Charette <sup>1</sup>	White	White	White	Light Blue	Light Blue	White	White	White	White	White	White	White
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# Studio City River Greenway Community Engagement and Design for Habitat and Access Improvements

Scope and Budget for Proposition 1 Application: Project Planning & Design

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Materials and Printing	\$ 2,050.20
<b>Sum Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,000.00</b>

<sup>1</sup> 2-Day charette with local community on concept design development

- 3 LA River Access Points
- Parking lot retrofits for water capture and community access (Private, supported by SCBA and SC BID)
- Sycamore Pocket Park (Public Property)

<sup>2</sup> Up to three river access points, parking lot retrofits, and sycamore pocket park with follow-up event for community feedback

<sup>3</sup> To include experienced landscape architects, may also include experts such as fluvial geomorphologist, civil engineer, artist, etc.



November 29, 2018

Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy  
Los Angeles River Center and Gardens  
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**RE: Grant Applications for Proposition 68 Studio City Greenway Re-Activation and Proposition 1 Studio City River Greenway Charrette**

The Studio City Chamber of Commerce supports the proposed Studio City Greenway Re-Activation Project and Studio City River Greenway Charrette. The proposed projects are planned to meaningfully include us in a decision-making process that will address existing challenges and result in a safe, accessible outdoor space, with robust habitat and ecosystem functions that serve our community and the wider region.

As the first stretch of greenway along the Los Angeles River, the approach of providing access, outdoor space, interpretation, and native habitat has been influential for continued work on the river. However, challenges to management over time have resulted in invasive species dominating, lack of visibility, and the resulting disuse. Gates that were intended to be open have never opened, and our resources are not functioning as planned.

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This work is not only regionally important for the wellbeing of our communities, environment, and local business, but also as a visible demonstration to inform future projects. We need to get this right and provide the best examples for what can be accomplished.

Thank you for your consideration,

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Esther Walker  
Executive Director

Cc: The River Project

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November 30, 2018

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Sincerest regards,

Stephen Mejia  
Policy & Advocacy Manager  
Friends of the Los Angeles River

Cc: The River Project



December 1, 2018

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Thank you for your consideration,

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Conner Everts, Co-Chair  
Green LA Water Committee

# STUDIO CITY

BUSINESS DISTRICT

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To: The Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy                      November 30, 2018  
Los Angeles River Center Gardens  
570 West Avenue Twenty-six, Suite 100  
Los Angeles, California 90065

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Thank you very much for your consideration to this very important and impacting issue.

Sincerely,

*John T. Walker*

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Studio City Beautification Association (SCBA) is dedicated to beautifying and maintaining public lands for the enjoyment of all. SCBA supports the proposed Studio City Greenway Re-Activation Project and Studio City River Greenway Charrette and looks forward to working towards an improved public space.

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Karen Younce, President

  
Studio City Beautification Association

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Studio City Residents Association (SCRA) supports the proposed Studio City Greenway Re-Activation Project and Studio City River Greenway Charrette. The SCRA has worked hand in hand over the years with The River Project towards an overhaul of the Greenway from Laurel Canyon to Whitsett. This grant will begin the long awaited process.

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Alan Dymond, President

  
Studio City Residents Association

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# Save LA River Open Space



ALLIED WITH THE STUDIO CITY RESIDENTS ASSOCIATION

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