

WHAT IS THE ULART PLAN?

The Upper Los Angeles River and Tributaries (ULART) Revitalization Plan recommends more than 300 proposed opportunities and projects throughout numerous neighborhoods, with a priority on disadvantaged communities along the Aliso Canyon Wash, Pacoima Wash, Tujunga Wash, Burbank Western Channel, Verdugo Wash, Arroyo Seco, and Upper LA River.



REVITALIZATION PLAN MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of the ULART Revitalization Plan is to develop prioritized opportunities with the following components:



NATURE BASED AND WATERSHED
MANAGEMENT



SAFE ACCESS



REDUCTION AND MANAGEMENT
OF EXISTING FLOOD RISKS TO
COMMUNITIES



OPEN SPACE



ALIGNMENT WITH COMMUNITY
NEEDS AND FEEDBACK



CULTURE, ARTS, AND
EDUCATION



MULTIPLE BENEFITS



ALIGNMENT WITH
FUNDING SOURCES



RECONCILIATION WITH PREVIOUS
EFFORTS



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A Comprehensive Process

Over a period of 20 months, the Working Group convened 33 public meetings to gather feedback and design a collaborative, inclusive planning process.

The Working Group solicited ideas and input from the community, listening to area residents and stakeholders talk about their vision for the river and tributaries.

Two committees were created to examine and provide feedback throughout the process: **People and Recreation** and **Water and the Environment**. The People and Recreation Committee was tasked with identifying and prioritizing opportunities that focus on the community need for public space and passive recreation within and along the Upper Los Angeles River and its tributaries. The Water and Environment Committee concentrated on opportunities focusing on the community need and responsibility for a sustainable environment using an integrated approach.

A three-phase process was utilized to develop the plan and select the design areas.

PHASE 1 Define the mission, purpose, goals, and objectives for revitalizing the Upper LA River and its Tributaries.

PHASE 2 Develop criteria, identify general opportunity areas, and select locations for in-depth analysis and illustrative development.

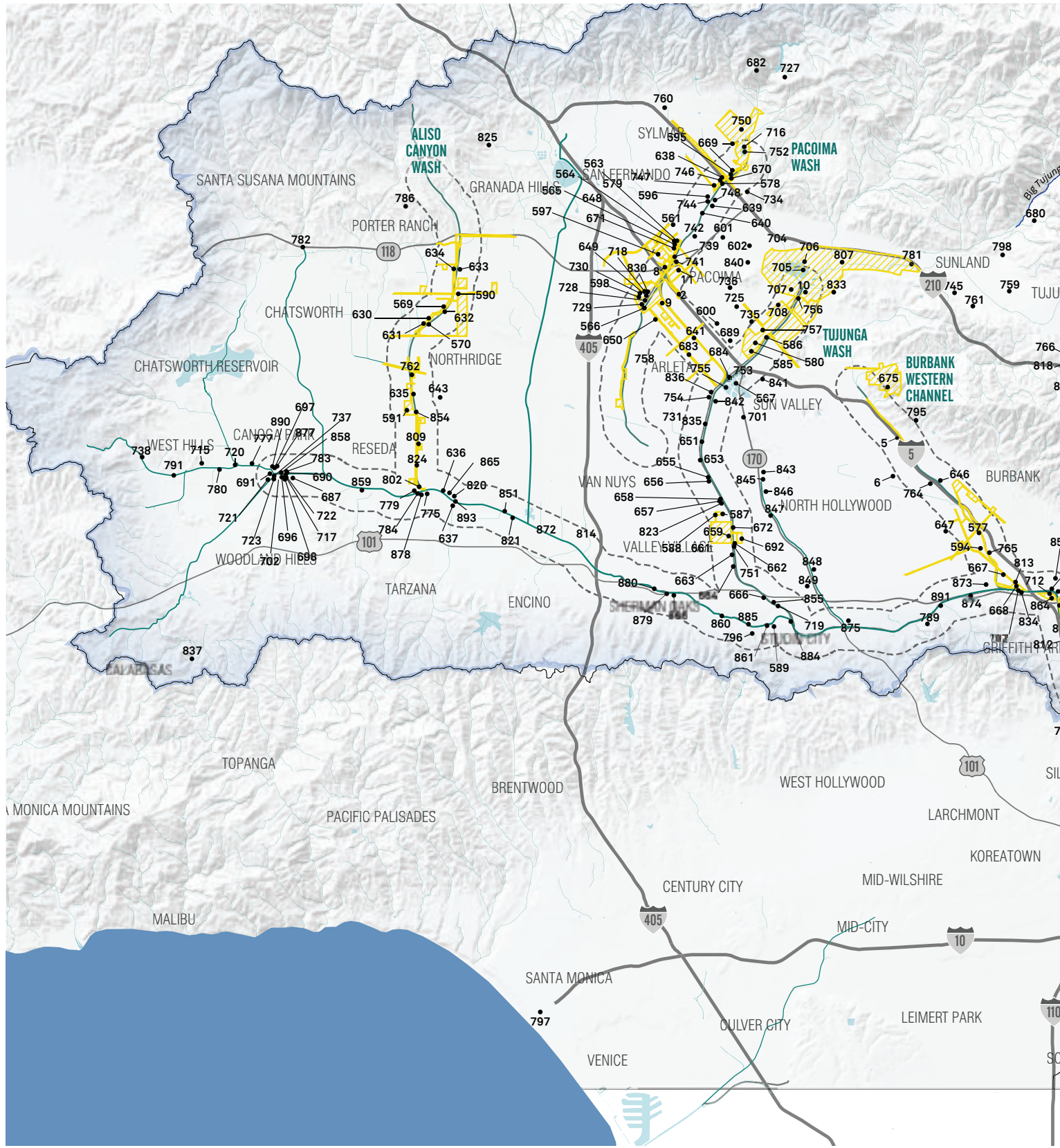
PHASE 3 Develop the Plan and concepts for potential projects.

EXPLORE THE NEIGHBORHOODS

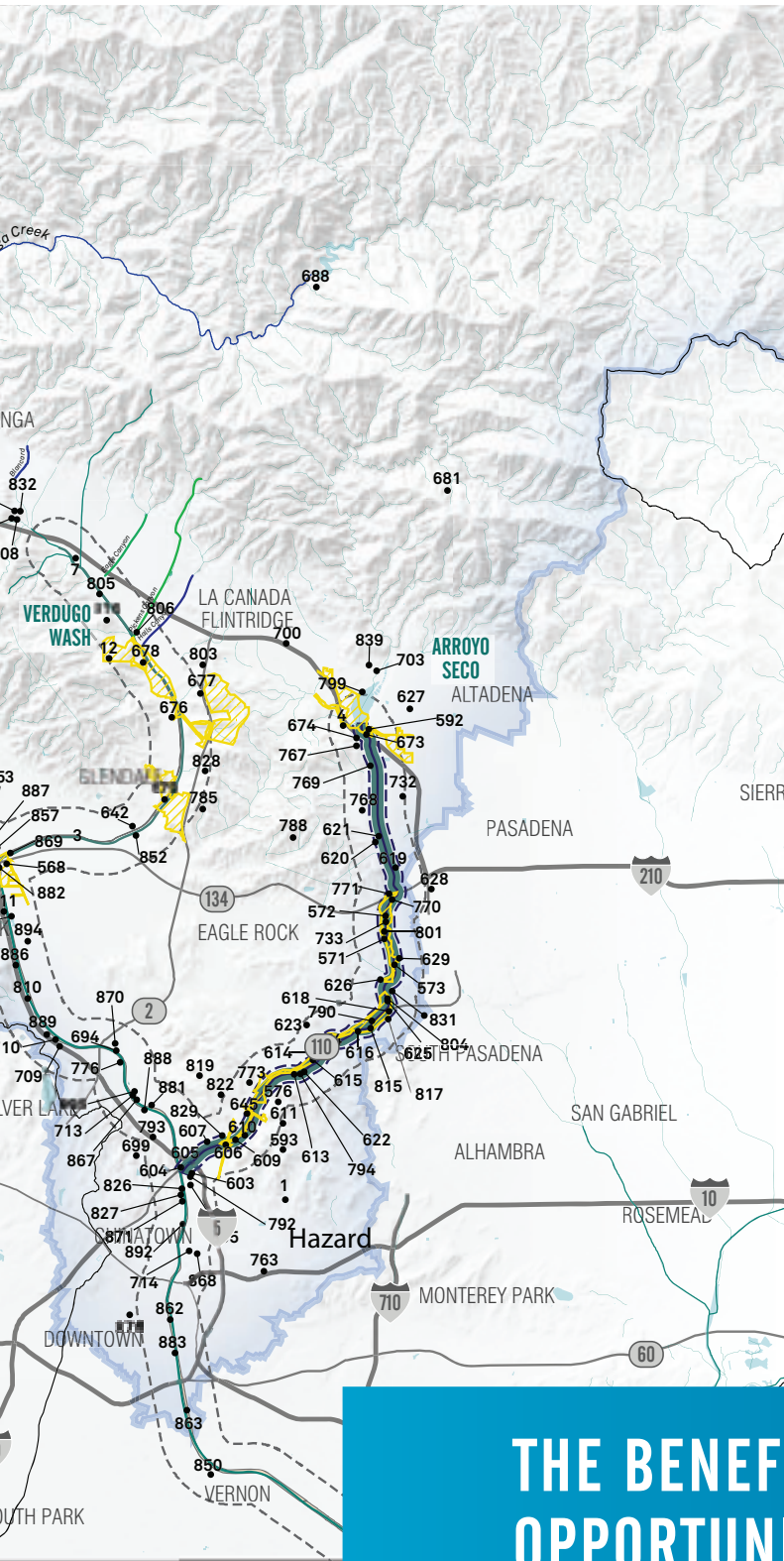
that can benefit from this Plan >>

NEIGHBORHOOD OPPORTUNITIES THROUGHOUT GREATER LA

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2.5mi
 5mi
 Opportunity Area
 Design Area Bundle



The ULART Working Group defined a variety of opportunities in various neighborhoods that are laid out in the plan. This map highlights communities along the Upper Los Angeles River watershed that are optimal opportunities for open space, multi-benefit parks, ecological connectors, and enhancements to cultural centers, while also fostering recreation and stewardship.

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THE BENEFITS OF THESE OPPORTUNITIES
are extensive and will improve quality of life, details on the next page >>

BENEFITS OF THE ULART PLAN

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The Opportunity Areas outlined in this Reader's Guide, and detailed in the ULART Plan (upperlariver.org), include projects designed to create new open space and habitat, reduce the impacts of pollution, connect communities, and increase protections for natural habitats and wildlife. These are extensive, innovative projects that both address immediate needs and will have lasting, long-term benefits.

The Plan Will Provide:



Comprehensive coverage
17.5 SQUARE MILES¹
of ULART Opportunity Areas

(equivalent to three Griffith parks)



Massive impact
1,530,000²
residents are within a half mile
of a ULART Opportunity Area

(equivalent to the entire population of San Diego)



People in need
625,000³
disadvantaged residents will have access
to these exciting Opportunities

(equivalent to the entire population of Detroit)

1. Square mileage was calculated with AutoCAD and ArcGIS. The 11 design area concepts account for 10 mi². The 344 opportunity areas account for 7.49 mi².

2. According to the 2010 census, 635,107 people live within 1/2 mile of the 11 design area concepts and 911,906 people live within 1/2 mile of the 344 opportunity areas.

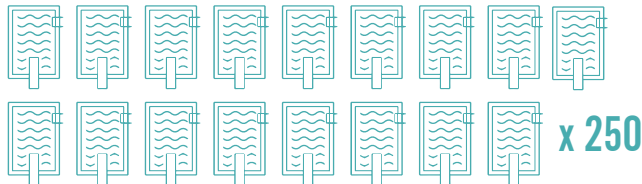
3. According to CalEnviroScreen 3.0, 45% of the people living within 1/2 mile of the 11 design area and 37% of the people living within 1/2 mile of the 344 opportunity areas are considered disadvantaged.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

The following summarizes the benefits calculated for the Plan's projects and opportunity areas, along with their contribution towards the OurCounty Sustainability Plan goals¹.

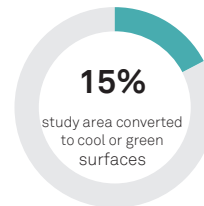
WATER

The design includes **9.6 square miles** of new or enhanced permeable cover



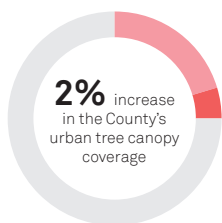
STORMWATER CAPTURE
8,695 acre-feet
OR **4,348**
OLYMPIC-SIZED SWIMMING POOLS

OUR COUNTY
GOAL TARGET 2A

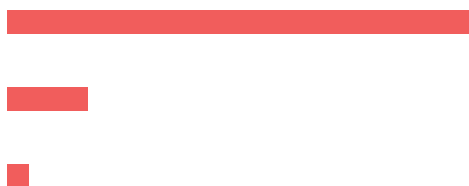


PLANTING

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GOAL TARGET 2D



The design includes **256,617 trees**, **3,060 acres** of additional tree canopy coverage that provide the following benefits:



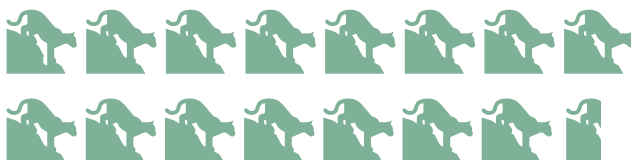
313,917 tons
Additional Carbon Sequestration

8,547 tons
Additional Carbon Dioxide Avoided

168 tons
Additional Pollutant Removal

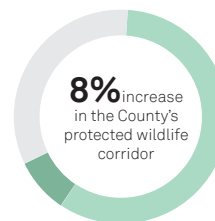
HABITAT

The design includes **7.6 square miles** of new and enhanced ecological habitat



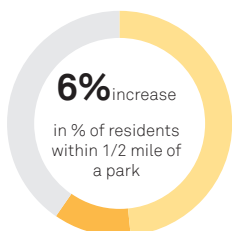
EQUIVALENT TO
14.5 VERDUGO MOUNTAINS OF OPEN SPACE PRESERVE

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GOAL TARGET 5A



COMMUNITY

OUR COUNTY
GOAL TARGET 6A



The design includes **8.4 square miles** of new and enhanced open space and **1,058 miles** of new or enhanced community connections



740 miles
Green Streets

212 miles
Multi-modal paths

106 miles
Trails

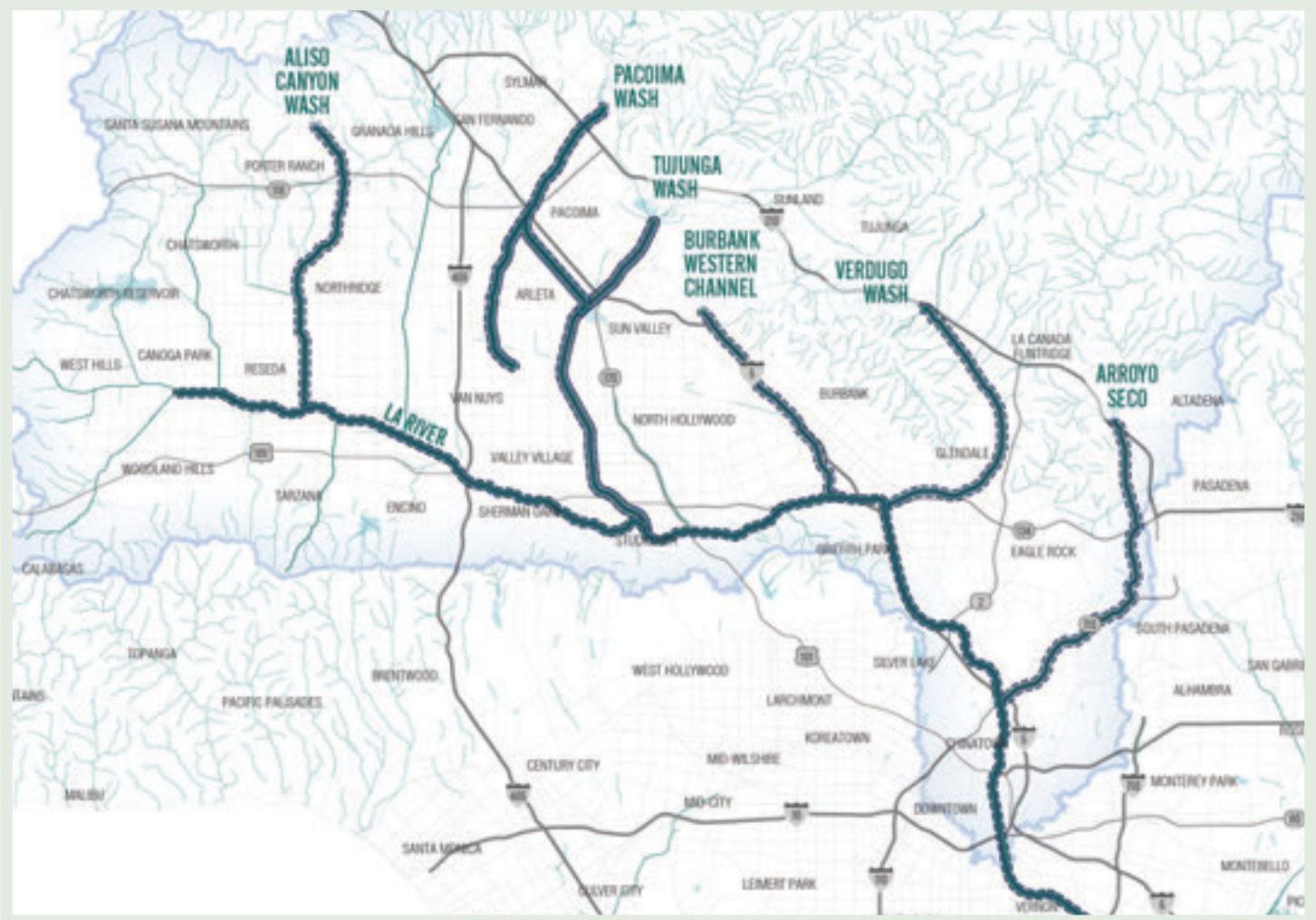
1. The Los Angeles Countywide Sustainability Plan proposes to make LA County a more equitable, prosperous and resilient region in the years ahead. It was unanimously adopted by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors in 2019.

EXPLORE THE OPPORTUNITIES

that this Plan can bring to your community >>

THESE INCLUSIVE, MULTI-PURPOSE PROJECTS PROPOSE PLACES THAT:

- ▶ **1.53 million** people can easily walk to
- ▶ Capture **8,695 acre-feet of stormwater** a year
- ▶ Plant & nurture **250,000 trees**
- ▶ Provide **over 1,000 miles** of shaded green streets and trails
- ▶ Preserve and enhance **over 6,000 acres** of urban wildlife ecology



NOW!

Thanks to state legislation and the work of the ULART Working Group, you can help move projects forward! Read on >>