

GATEWAY CITIES AND RIVERS URBAN GREENING PLAN

OUTREACH: Preliminary Issue Identification for Lower San Gabriel River

SAN GABRIEL RIVER FEEDBACK EVENTS

- 11.23.16. Camp Fire Long Beach Workshop with Amigo De Los Rios (~50 participants)
- 03.29.16. Cerritos Wetlands Land Trust Meeting (~30 participants)
- 04.09.16. Earth Day Event booth mapping exercise at the Sanitation District in Whittier (~20 participants)

Safety and Security was frequently cited as a concern, with a desire for safety patrols along the river, to better deal with homeless populations, increase lighting, and educate bike riders, pedestrians, and equestrians about sharing the trail.

Improving Access to river trails with additional access points to parks and trails, connections to other trail systems (such as Orange County and the LA River), more parking facilities in parks, better trail connections to the surrounding communities, and better visibility into and out of the trails. Equestrians would like an uninterrupted trail for horses.

More Natural Areas There is a desire for increased green space along the river, more tree canopy, and native plantings. There is also interest in increased wildlife habitat and in restoring wildlife corridors. Many would like to see the entire river become soft bottom.

Water Quality concerns were focused on where the river meets the ocean. People would like to see cleaner lagoons, beaches, and bays.

Maintenance of trails, native vegetation, amenities, etc. are challenges.

More Programs and Amenities We have been hearing a lot of interest in recreation and education programming and amenities, and we plan to further explore program recommendations through online outreach. Some of the program suggestions we have heard about are listed below:

-*Programs:* Wetlands education, education centers, community outreach

-*Trail Amenities:* lighting, water fountains, rest stops, restaurants/cafes, fencing to separate uses, more trees and shade, and better signage. Equestrians would like stables along the trail, water stops, and other horse-friendly enhancements.

