The Anza National Historic Trail in Griffith Park
The setting:
L.A.’s largest municipal park
isted in the founding of Los Angeles and whose vast rancho survives today in Griffith Park
Assessing the Trail

Griffith Park Anza Trail Reach 1: Opportunities & Constraints
Issues To Be Addressed
Opportunities for Enhancement
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What is Piggyback Yard?

125 acre Freight Yard/Transfer Station built at the end of the 19th Century owned by Union Pacific. This is the last active rail yard in the City of Los Angeles.
What is Piggyback Yard?

This is the largest privately owned land in the City of Los Angeles. The FoLAR-Collaborative Vision, 177 acres in total will include adjacent auto yards & former recycling facility.

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Lewis Mac Adams has had his eye on Piggyback Yard for over a decade.

A Vision of a Park on a Restored Los Angeles River

Lewis MacAdams and the area known as Piggyback Yard. He founded Friends of the Los Angeles River, which aims to return the river to a natural state.

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LOS ANGELES — On a recent Monday morning, Lewis MacAdams, a 65-year-old poet, was standing on the roof of a sheriff’s department garage on the edge of downtown.
Partners

The PBy Group

Project conceived by
Friends of the Los Angeles River

In an extraordinary Pro Bono collaboration,
The 1st study was created over an 8 month period.

Project designed pro bono by
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The 2nd study was an Economic Analysis-Hydrology/Moving water main stem study funded by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy (SMMC). Further Studies are needed (How to deal with existing Rail) Funding for Future Studies is needed
Of the 125 acres, 80 of them will be reserved for floodwater detention, wetlands restoration and parkland creation. The other 40 acres are slated for development. This rail yard can be transformed into something that will benefit all Angelinos.
State Historic Park (Cornfields) Today
Piggyback Yard is twice as big as Taylor Yard & Cornfields Combined
There are 3 proposed pathways for the Los Angeles River to enter and exit Piggyback Yard – FoLAR recommends the “Island Overflow” as the preferred alternative.
L.A. River Revitalization Master Plan

- City plan that supports river restoration and revitalization projects for 32 out of the 52 miles of the L.A. River.
- $3 Million Plan funded by the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power
- Tetra Tech, Inc. Design Team selected
- 18 month planning process with community input
- Final, 20-Year Plan slated to be released in January, 2007
Taking it a step further
Thank YOU for Caring about the Los Angeles River!

The Great Los Angeles River CleanUp

Saturday, May 18

We will see YOU on the River
NELARC

The Process

Builds upon the growing momentum of efforts already underway to transform the River, and aims to create a Riverfront District as a focal point of community revitalization, recreational activities, environmental stewardship, sustainable civic engagement, and economic growth for the entire city.
Federal Grant Background

Partnership for Sustainable Communities

Community Challenge Planning Grant
NORTHEAST LOS ANGELES RIVERFRONT COLLABORATIVE

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Grant Objectives

Engage the community in identifying a NELA Riverfront District

Create a comprehensive implementation strategy for community revitalization and reinvestment that links land use, economic development and workforce strategies; and

Create a model of engagement and public media to foster civic participation in the revitalization of communities.
Neighborhoods
Atwater Village
Glassell Park
Cypress Park
Elysian Valley
Lincoln Heights
Program Elements

I. Economic and Sustainable Riverfront Development Study and Policy

II. Planning Coordination, Placemaking, and Mobility Planning

III. Workforce Development and Regional Food Study

IV. Civic Engagement Research, Education, and Practices

V. Media and Technology Tool Development
Bringing nature back to urban environments

“More trees are better”
- Scott Wilson, founder North East Trees

North East Trees
person by person

North East Trees

tree by tree
Mack Sennett (January 17, 1880 – November 5, 1960) director and actor and was known as the innovator of slapstick comedy in film.
Sennett Creek
Sennett Creek
Sennett Creek Park

(Proposed Concept)
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