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• LA City Council Adopted in 2007
• First 32 miles of 51-mile river
• 20-50 year horizon
• 240+ potential projects
• 20 areas of targeted focus and 5 detailed opportunity areas
• 3 new management entities
• Prioritizes a 32-mile (64 miles—both sides) trail system that will connect to the Metro Orange, Gold, and Red Lines, Union Station, and the County’s LA River Bike Path)
• Calls for LA River Improvement Overlay district (LA-RIO)
• Proposes changes to the river’s concrete channel for the first time…

Within the City of LA, the LA River Corridor (1/2 mile from each bank) is Home to:

More than 1 million people (2000)*
More than 390,000 housing units (2000)
More than 480,000 workers (2000)
More than 35,000 businesses (2003)
More than 80 schools (2004-5)
The LA River Region’s Economic Development Potential:

- $2.9 to $5.7 billion in new development investment
- 52,000 to 104,000 new short-term jobs
- 10,500 to 19,000 new permanent jobs
- $360-$740 million annual increase in wages
- $90-$168 million increase in long-term tax revenue
- $7-$14 million annual increase in long-term sales tax revenue
- $20-$40 million annual increase in State income tax revenue
- $49-$96 million annual increase in property tax revenue
- $1.5-$3 million annual increase in utility tax revenue
LOS ANGELES RIVER REVITALIZATION:
Key Milestones Since 2007

2007: The City sets aside $25 million of local Proposition O funds for acquisition of LA River-adjacent sites
2008: The LA River Corps of the LA Conservation Corps starts work—www.lacorps.org
2009: City and County Establish LA River Cooperation Committee with US Army Corps commitment as advisory participant—www.lariver.org/rcc
2009: City Establishes LA River Revitalization Corporation—www.larivercorp.com
2010: US Environmental Protection Agency declares the LA River a “traditionally navigable waterway”
2012: President Obama includes the US Army Corps of Engineers’ LA River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study (LA River Study) in his FY2013&14 budgets
$17M in local Prop. O acquired Albion site & $5M from State to City for its park
$2M to City from State for the West Valley Bikeway on public land
$2M to City from State for North Atwater Park on City land
$1.7M to City from State for Sunnynook River Park on public land
$1M+ to County from State for Headwaters Greenway on public land
$1M+ to Trust for Public Land from State for Aliso Confluence on public land
$500K+ to MRCA from State for greenway in Elysian Valley on public land
$100K from US Congress to Army Corps for Taylor Yard Bowtie on State land
$100M+ since 2001 from State for Río de LA State Park & LA State Historic Park
Example LA River Corridor Projects Underway/Recently Completed in the City of LA
(with support, designs, funding, under construction or recent construction)

Note: All projects involve multiple partners and funders—due to space limitations only the leads are shown here.

- County Headwaters Project
- City Headwaters Bike Path
- City West Valley Bike Path
- City West Valley Bike Path
- City LA River Greenway
- County North Valleyheart Greenway
- MRCA Caballero Creek
- TPL Aliso Creek Confluence
- LACC/MRCA Boating Program
- SLAROS LA River Natural Park
- MRCA/CCS LA River Greenway
- LACC LA River Greenway
- Glendale Riverwalk
- LACC LA River Veteran Tribute Park and Gardens
- City N. Atwater Park & RRC La Kretz Crossing
- City Sunnynook Park
- State Parks/City/Army Corps Bowtie

This area includes:
- City Elysian Valley Bike Path
- NELA Riverfront Collaborative
- Rio Vistas
- NPS Safe Routes to the River
- Taylor Yard Bridge
- MRCA Confluence Park
- RRC Dorris Place Garden
- RRC Lincoln Heights Jail
- City Humboldt Park
- County Arroyo Seco Greenway
- CA State Parks LA State Historic Park
- City Albion Dairy Park
- FoLAR Piggyback Yard Collaborative
LA River revitalization has a national and global prominence.

The Los Angeles River Project

CNN's Richard Quest looks into the 50 year project that the City of Los Angeles has committed to in order to restore its river.

The Redemption of the L.A. River

Artery

Originally a waterway that wound through the Los Angeles Basin, the Los Angeles River was lined with concrete in the 1930s as part of a project to channel floodwaters from the region — a sparsely populated area at the time — toward the ocean.
The LA River is now a celebrated destination for residents and visitors.

Tour the L.A. River by bike
Enter the bike path at Elysian Park and enjoy the scenic ride through more than eight parks.

Start—0.7 Miles: Rev up to ride the river
Begin at the Los Angeles River Center, where you can stock up on L.A. River facts. Roam the courtyards, fountains, and gardens of this Spanish-style estate (7:30–12, afternoon hours vary; 510 W. Ave. 26; 323/221-5939), which houses the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy, Friends of the Los Angeles River, and other river-friendly groups. To get to the bike path, take a right on Ave. 26, another right on Figueroa St., and curve right onto Riverside Dr.

NEXT 0.7–3.9 miles: Go park hopping in Frogtown
USEPA: San Fernando Valley Superfund, brownfields, LA Conservation Corps partnerships, Green Infrastructure Community, and LA Urban Waters Pilot Lead

USDOI: America’s Great Outdoors, Basin Study, Anza National Historic Trail Designation, National Recreational Trail System, Rim of the Valley Study

USDA: National Forest Service: Angeles National Forest, National Center for Sustainability

HUD: North East Los Angeles Riverfront Collaborative


New Partnerships: Commerce/NOAA, FEMA

USACE: LA River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study “ARBOR” Area
L.A. River at a watershed

Revitalization plans await pivotal U.S. Army Corps study

This summer marks a moment of truth for the Los Angeles River.

On Tuesday, the leaders of the nonprofit L.A. River Revitalization Corp. used a riverside press conference at North Atwater Park to trumpet its plan to complete a continuous bike path and greenway along all 86 miles of the river, extending from the San Fernando Valley to Long Beach, by 2020.

The group also said it has raised more than $30 million to build a pedestrian, bike, and equestrian bridge that would span the river between Atwater Village and

U.S. veterans making gains on jobs front

Unemployment rates are now on par with those of the general population. Work is scarcest for the young.

By Alan Sakamoto

Unemployment among recent veterans has fallen sharply and now is in the same as for the rest of the U.S. population, hovering just above 7%, new federal statistics show.

The figures suggest a waning and stubborn trend of higher unemployment among veterans who left the military after September 2001 has been reversed. It now appears that veterans are being hired at a faster rate than non-veterans.

Advocates credited a variety of public and private efforts, including major U.S. corporations beginning to make good on pledges to hire hundreds of thousands of veterans, federal tax incentives for employers and allowances for veterans to receive professional licenses based on their military training.

In the second quarter of this year, average unemployment among post-9/11 veterans was 7.4%, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. That is not statistically different from the rate of 7.2% for non-veterans.

Until recently, the jobless rate among those veterans remained stuck in double digits, even as U.S. unemployment peaked in early 2009 and began to decline.

The Labor Bureau’s monthly employment surveys had been pointing toward a narrowing since April. But the monthly data are considered far less reliable than

[See Veterans, A7]
LA RIVER ECOSYSTEM RESTORATION FEASIBILITY STUDY
or ARBOR Study will go public in September 2013...
Comments to LA District Chief of Planning, Dr. Josephine Axt

ARBOR = Area with Restoration Benefits and Opportunities for Revitalization

$450M to $1B+
ALTERNATIVES
13, 16, & 20
Key Sites ★
Key Additions in Alt. 16
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Example conversion of channel from trapezoidal to vertical with terracing

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Verdugo Wash Confluence
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The Piggyback Group
Conceptual Site Plan

125 acres
East Side of River
Downtown LA
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**LA River at the Piggyback Yard**

However, only Alts. 16 & 20 include a river connection w/ trestle (shown here)
New Plans For a Bike Path Along All 51 Miles of the LA River

The LA River is on fire lately—a recreation zone open for all manner of fun, a new pedestrian bridge in the works, plans to rip out the concrete and restore 11 miles of the river, and, you know, sometimes there are actual flames, too. Now add Greenway 2020 to the list. It’s a plan, launched today, to create a continuous greenway and bike path along all 51 miles of the LA River by the end of the decade. According to its announcement, the Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation envisons 51 miles of greenway including bike paths and walking trails. The Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation used North Atwater Village park as a backdrop Tuesday to call attention to its proposal for a 51-mile greenway along the river.

The nonprofit development group, formed just over 2 years ago, is expanding plans to connect bike paths and walking trails along the waterway.
Remaking the Los Angeles Map
Thank You.

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