

# LOS ANGELES RIVER MASTER PLAN



## HISTORY

1938 – 1960: As a result of major flooding disasters, the Los Angeles River was channelized to form a 51 mile concrete-lined water course through 13 cities.

1977: The Los Angeles County Flood Control District led an effort to provide multipurpose uses along the river by developing a river bikeway through Long Beach.

1990: Friends of the Los Angeles River revitalized interest in improving the river and influenced Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley to form the Los Angeles River Task Force.

1991: County Board of Supervisors directed the development of the Los Angeles River Master Plan and appointed an Advisory Committee.

1996: County Board of Supervisors adopted the Los Angeles River Master Plan.

## GOALS

The Los Angeles River Master Plan (LARMP) Advisory Committee, which consists of approximately 50 members, including representatives from Federal, State, cities, local agencies, and environmental and community groups formulated a multi-objective program for the Los Angeles River while recognizing its primary purpose of flood protection. Overall, the Master Plan advocates environmental enhancement, recreational opportunities, and economic development throughout the Los Angeles River and Tujunga Wash corridors.



## ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- The Los Angeles River has attracted over **\$175 million** in projects that are either completed or in development and design.
- Working with stakeholders, our completed projects total over **\$110 million**.
- We continue to work with stakeholders to develop future projects like the **Wrigley Greenbelt** and enhancements at **Golden Shore**.
- The County has been instrumental in providing approximately **\$25 million in Proposition A funding** for River projects.
- County Public Works has been the lead on **8 Earth Day** events which have increased awareness of the River and have improved its environmental resources.
- To facilitate development of the River, the County has **adopted guidelines for landscaping and signage** and is working to finalize maintenance guidelines.
- The Landscape Guidelines and Plant Palette was **awarded a Certificate of Merit for Outstanding Planning Document** by the Association of Environmental Professionals.

