

# FINAL RIVER DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY WORKPLAN

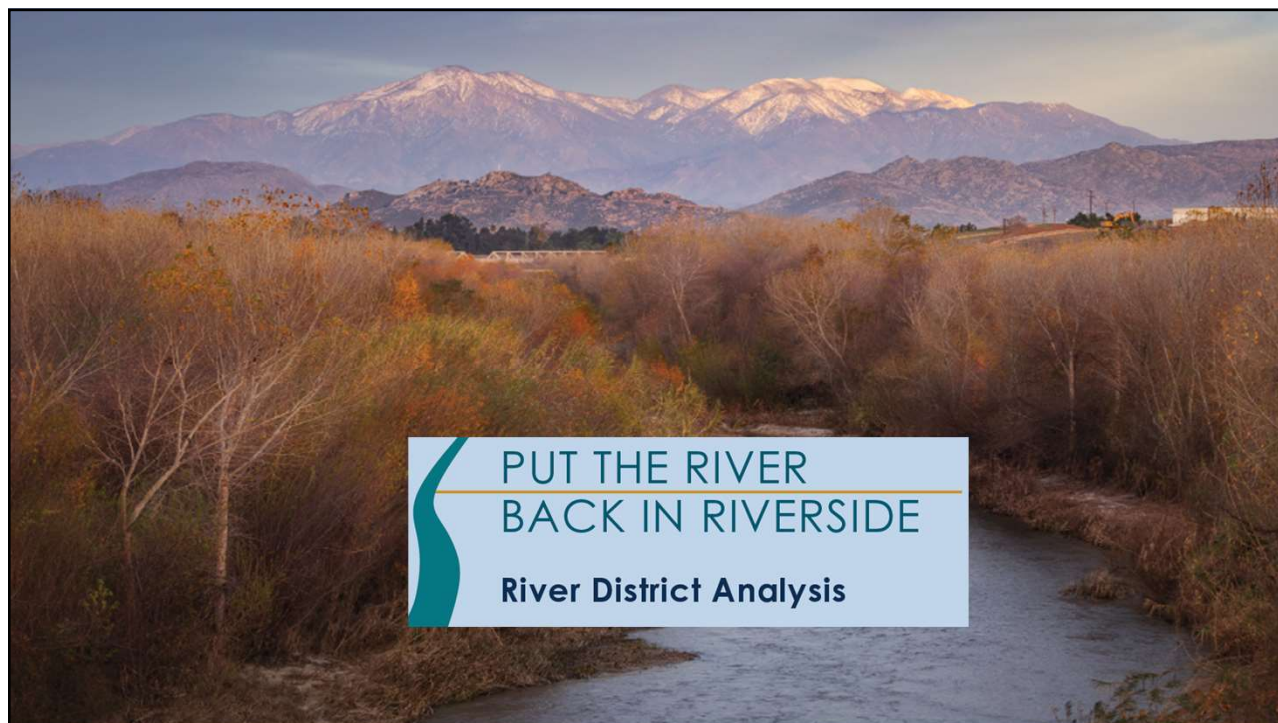
Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

**City Council**

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PUT THE RIVER  
BACK IN RIVERSIDE

River District Analysis

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# Problem Statement

Most Riversiders don't even know that there is a river, they don't know how to access the river, and they don't feel safe near the river.

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# Goal

'Put the river back in Riverside' by creating a public realm that will be environmentally and fiscally sustainable and will connect the community to the river.



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**RIVER DISTRICT COMMUNITY MEETING**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 14, 2024 • 4:30 P.M.**  
FAIRMOUNT PARK • 2601 FAIRMOUNT BLVD.  
Meet at Armory Behind Train

Walk Around Fairmount Park (Meet at the Armory) 4:30 p.m. | Meet & Greet 5:30 p.m. | Visioning and Breakout Sessions for the River District, Fairmount Park & Armory 6 - 8 p.m.

RSVP at [Parks@RiversideCA.gov](mailto:Parks@RiversideCA.gov)

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT [Parks@RiversideCA.gov](mailto:Parks@RiversideCA.gov) | (951) 826-2000

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**JOIN US IN-PERSON OR ON TEAMS**  
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**INDIGENOUS PEOPLES CONVENING ON THE REUNIÓN DE PUEBLOS INDÍGENAS SOBRE EL DISTRITO DEL RÍO**

**RIVER DISTRICT**

**TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2024**  
MARTES, 10 DE SEPTIEMBRE DE 2024

MAYOR'S CEREMONIAL ROOM | 3900 MAIN ST.  
SALA CEREMONIAL DEL ALCALDE

**MEETING TIME : 2 - 4 P.M.**  
HORA DE LA REUNIÓN : 2 - 4 P.M.

Email [SCampbell@riversideca.gov](mailto:SCampbell@riversideca.gov) to RSVP  
Envíe un correo electrónico a [SCampbell@riversideca.gov](mailto:SCampbell@riversideca.gov) para confirmar su asistencia

TEAMS LINK TO BE SENT AFTER RSVP.  
ENLACE DE TEAMS SE ENVIARÁ DESPUÉS DE CONFIRMAR ASISTENCIA

FOR MORE INFORMATION, VISIT OR CALL  
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<p><b>RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Boats</li> <li>• Pedal Boats</li> <li>• Kayaks</li> <li>• Electric Boats</li> </ul>	<p><b>COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Bike shop (Rentals &amp; Repairs)</li> <li>• Coffee Shop</li> <li>• Expanded golf</li> <li>• Restaurant</li> </ul>
<p><b>SAFETY</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Clear pathways</li> <li>• Lighting</li> <li>• Sidewalks / circulation</li> <li>• Crosswalks / access from neighborhoods</li> </ul>	<p><b>ACTIVITIES &amp; PROGRAMMING</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Exercise Stations</li> <li>• Pickleball Courts</li> <li>• Fishing Dock</li> <li>• Expand Event Programming</li> <li>• Youth Development Activities</li> </ul>
<p><b>ENVIRONMENTAL</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Sustainable Gardens</li> <li>• Preservation of wildlife</li> </ul>	<p><b>OTHER</b></p>  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Signage and Wayfinding</li> <li>• Interactive Art</li> <li>• Gateway/Entry Enhancement</li> </ul>

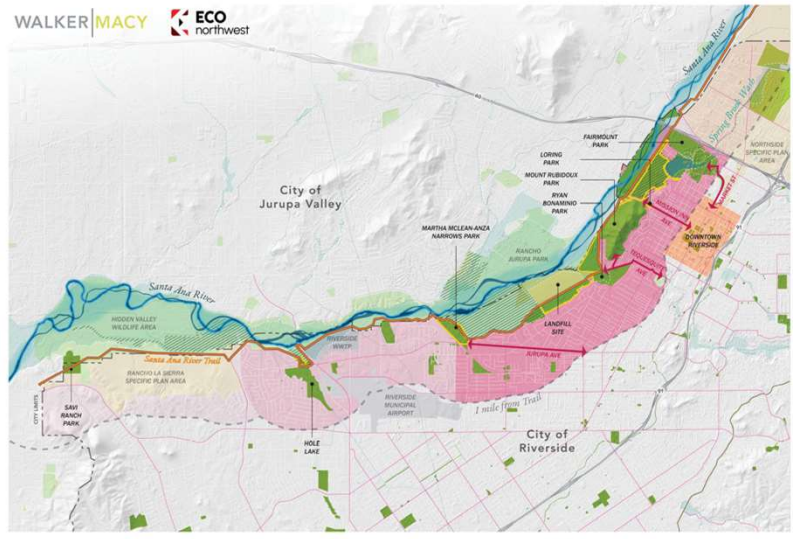
**Community Priorities**


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# River District

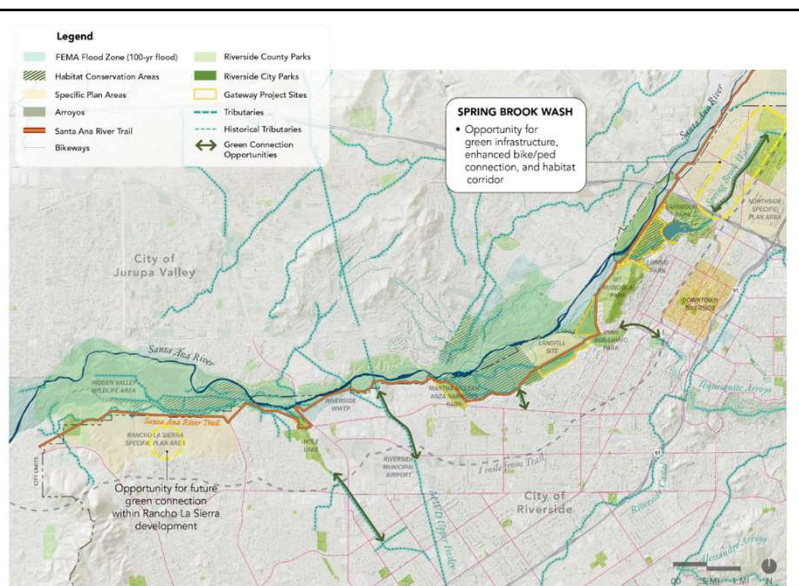
AE Flood Zone	River District Focus Areas	Riverside County Parks	River Trail
Habitat Conservation Areas	Community Connections	Riverside City Parks	Existing Bike Routes
Specific Plan Areas		Gateway Project Sites	

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# Tributaries

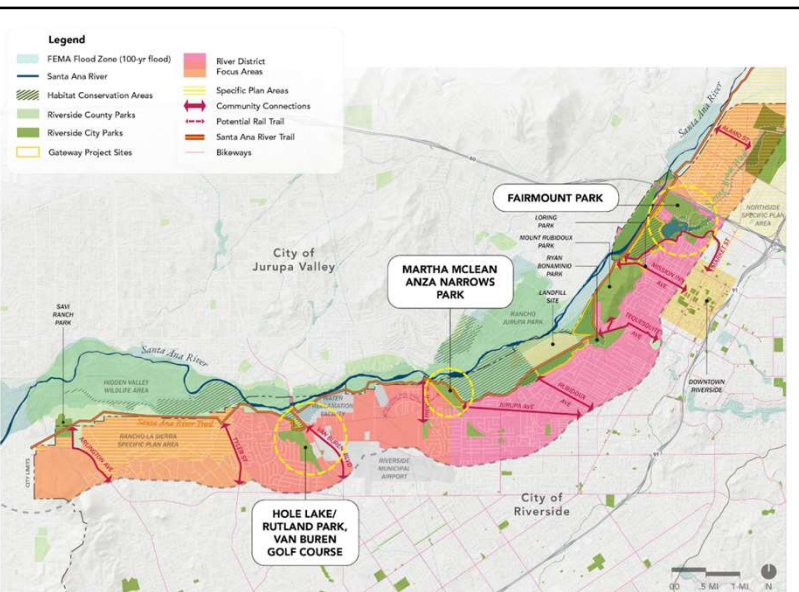


**River Tributary Opportunities**  
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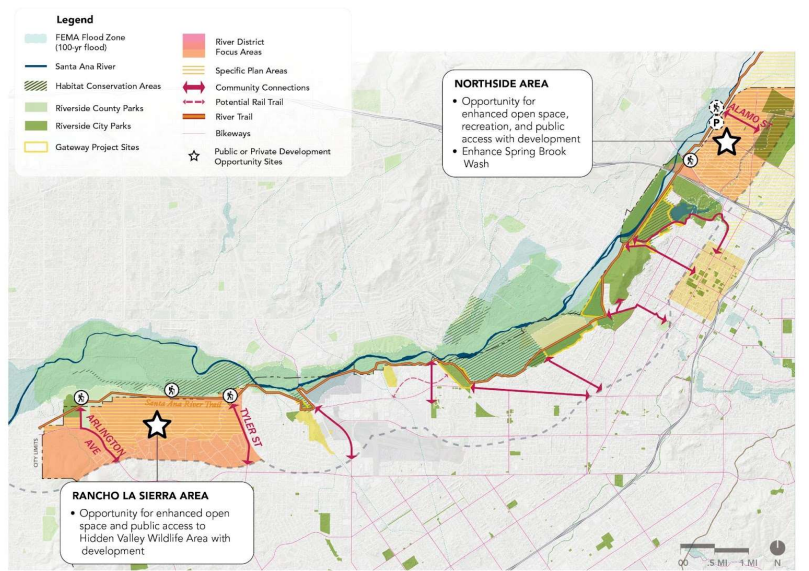


**Potential Catalyst Sites**  
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# Bookends



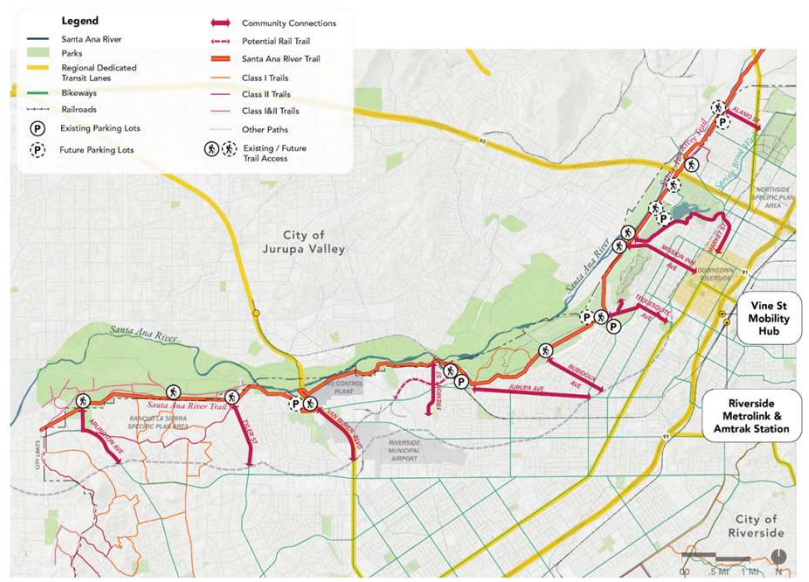
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# Access



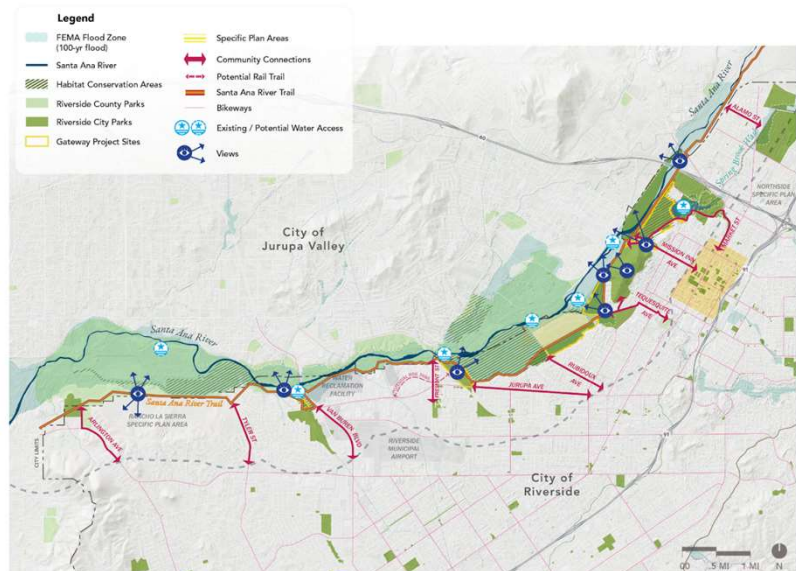
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# Views



**Water Access & View Opportunities**  
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# Goals

<p><b>BUILD IT</b></p>  <p>Improve parkland and restore habitat</p>	<p><b>MAINTAIN IT</b></p>  <p>Ensure constant, high-quality upkeep</p>
<p><b>PROGRAM IT</b></p>  <p>Provide activities and events for all</p>	<p><b>SECURE IT</b></p>  <p>Protect people and the environment</p>



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**Access**

Habitat and native landscape restoration

Consistent fencing designed to protect sensitive habitat areas

Branded wayfinding & environmental education signage


Accessible connections from public open spaces to the Santa Ana River Trail, including vehicular restrictions

Native restored landscapes and pollinator gardens

Trailhead amenities including branded wayfinding signage, art, seating, drinking fountains, waste receptacles, etc.

Public overlooks, seating, and activity areas along the trail

Clearly defined areas for public access to the water, including light watercraft



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## Fiscally Sustainable

### Financial Toolbox

- revenue funds
- endowment
- private investment to help fund public amenities

### Partnerships

- private sector
- non-profit organizations and conservancies
- public agencies



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# Environmental Challenges



# Environmental Opportunities

- Resilience through climate adapted plants
- Thoughtful restoration with native plants
- Reduce fire fuel by removing flammable invasive plants such as mustard and tumbleweed
- Increase awareness through education, volunteers, and community events



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### Our efforts should be:

- Inclusionary
- Nature focused
- Playful
- Community engaged

### Potential Public Art Examples

- Permanent Installations
- Temporary Installations
- Mosaics
- Maker's Spaces
- Performative Art
- First Nation Inspirations

### Potential Locations:

- Entry and Exit Points
- Parks along the River
- Pathways/Bikeways
- Underpasses

# Art Opportunities



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## RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council adopt the River District Feasibility Study Workplan.

