

RIVER DISTRICT FEASIBILITY STUDY

Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department

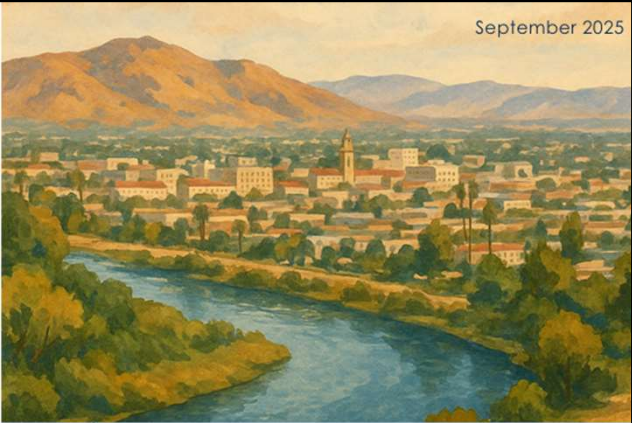
City Council
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River District



September 2025



PUT THE RIVER
BACK IN RIVERSIDE

River District Analysis

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History

INTRODUCTION

A winding timeline path with circular icons containing the City of Riverside logo. The path starts at 2003, goes right, then loops back left to 2019, then right to 2018, then left to 2021, then right to 2023, and finally right to 2025.

Year	Event
2003	City established Santa Ana River Task Force
2014	SB1390 created the Santa Ana River Conservancy Program
2018	Coastal Conservancy approved the Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Open Space Plan
2019	\$2 million in grant funds
2021	Mayor established Santa Ana River Working Group
2023	California State Coastal Conservancy awarded the City \$200,000 to conduct a formal feasibility study
2025	Feasibility study completed

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Gateway Projects

PROJECT SITES

A map of Riverside, California, showing the Santa Ana River and surrounding areas. Project sites are highlighted in yellow and labeled with callouts. The map includes major roads like 60, 71, 91, and 94, and landmarks like Jurupa Valley, Riverside Airport, and various parks. A scale bar indicates 1 mile and 1/2 mile.

PROJECT SITES:

- JURUPA AVE. TRAIL HEAD
- MARTHA MCLEAN ANZA NARROWS PARK
- TEQUESQUITE NORTH EXTENSION
- TEQUESQUITE SOUTH EXTENSION
- SANTA ANA RIVER GREENWAY
- CAMP EVANS AT FAIRMOUNT PARK
- CARLSON PARK + ST. FRANCIS FALLS

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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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Community





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



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

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Community



RECREATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES  - Boats - Pedal Boats - Kayaks - Electric Boats	COMMERCIAL OPPORTUNITIES  - Bike shop (Rentals & Repairs) - Coffee Shop - Expanded golf - Restaurant
SAFETY  - Clear pathways - Lighting - Sidewalks / circulation - Crosswalks / access from neighborhoods	ACTIVITIES & PROGRAMMING  - Exercise Stations - Pickleball Courts - Fishing Dock - Expand Event Programming - Youth Development Activities
ENVIRONMENTAL  - Sustainable Gardens - Preservation of wildlife	OTHER  - Signage and Wayfinding - Interactive Art - Gateway/Entry Enhancement



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Native Tribes



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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 :

Email SCampbell@riversideca.gov to RSVP
Envíe un correo electrónico a SCampbell@riversideca.gov para confirmar su asistencia

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



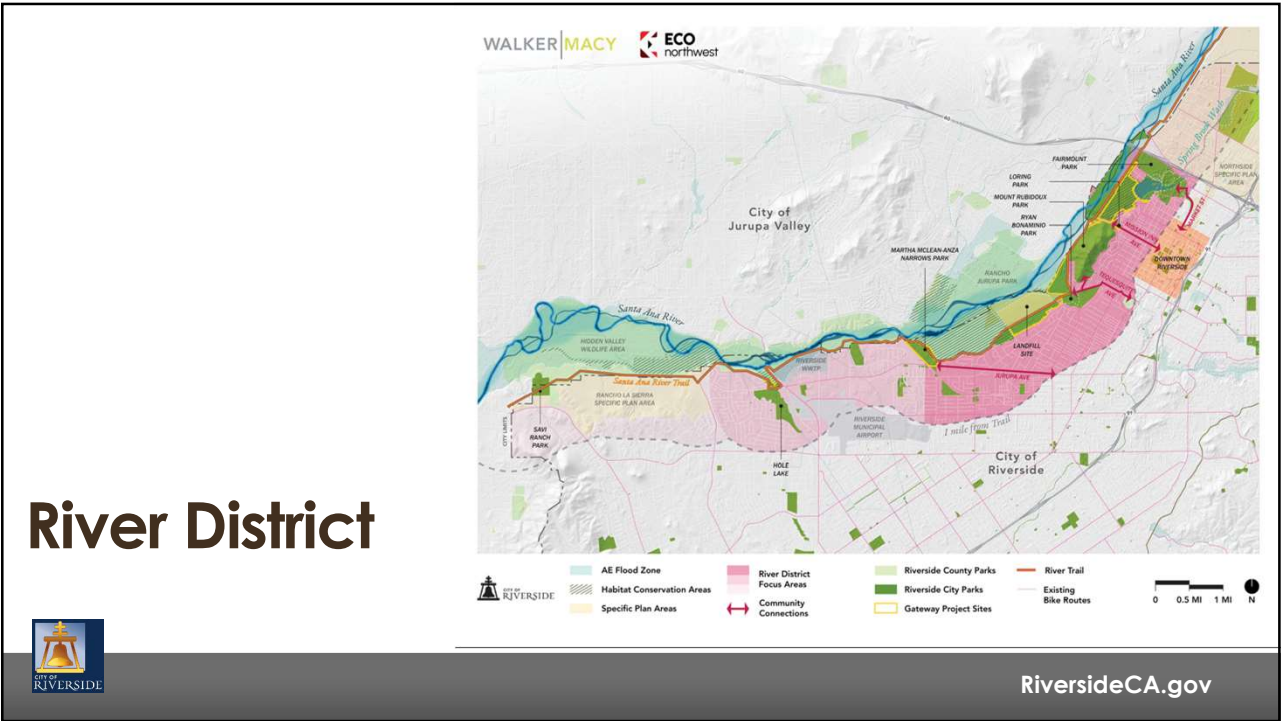
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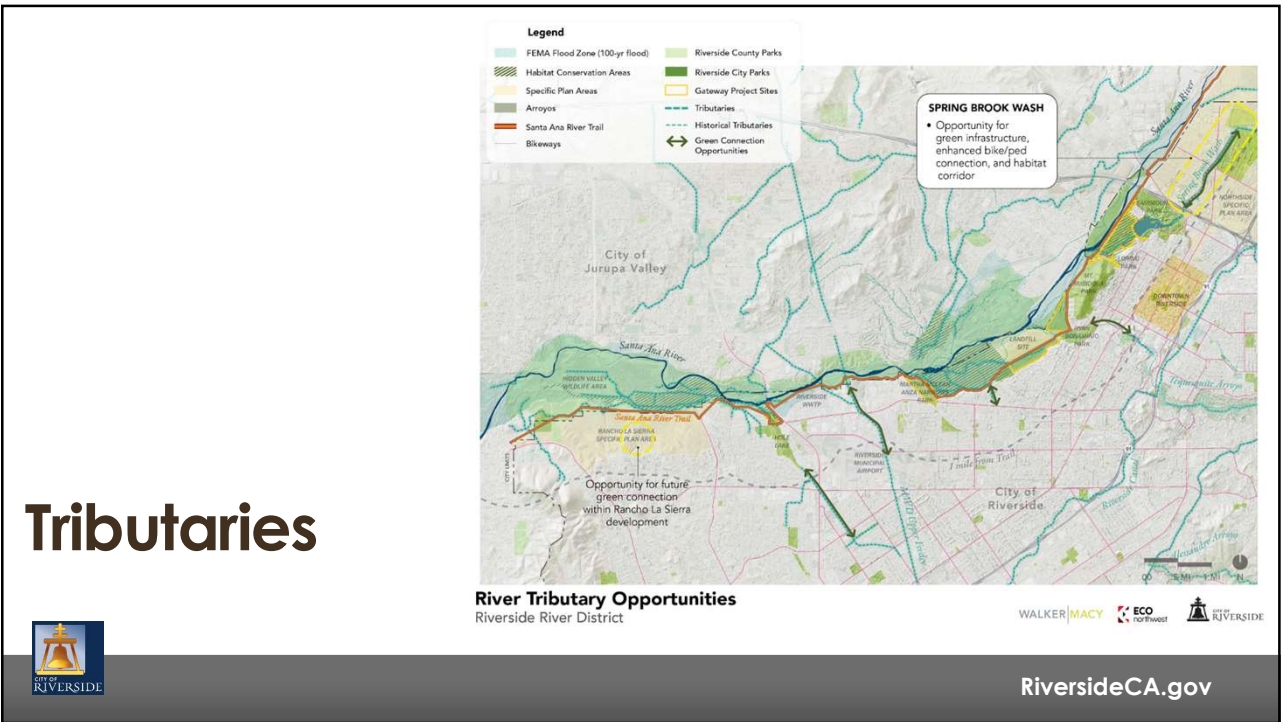
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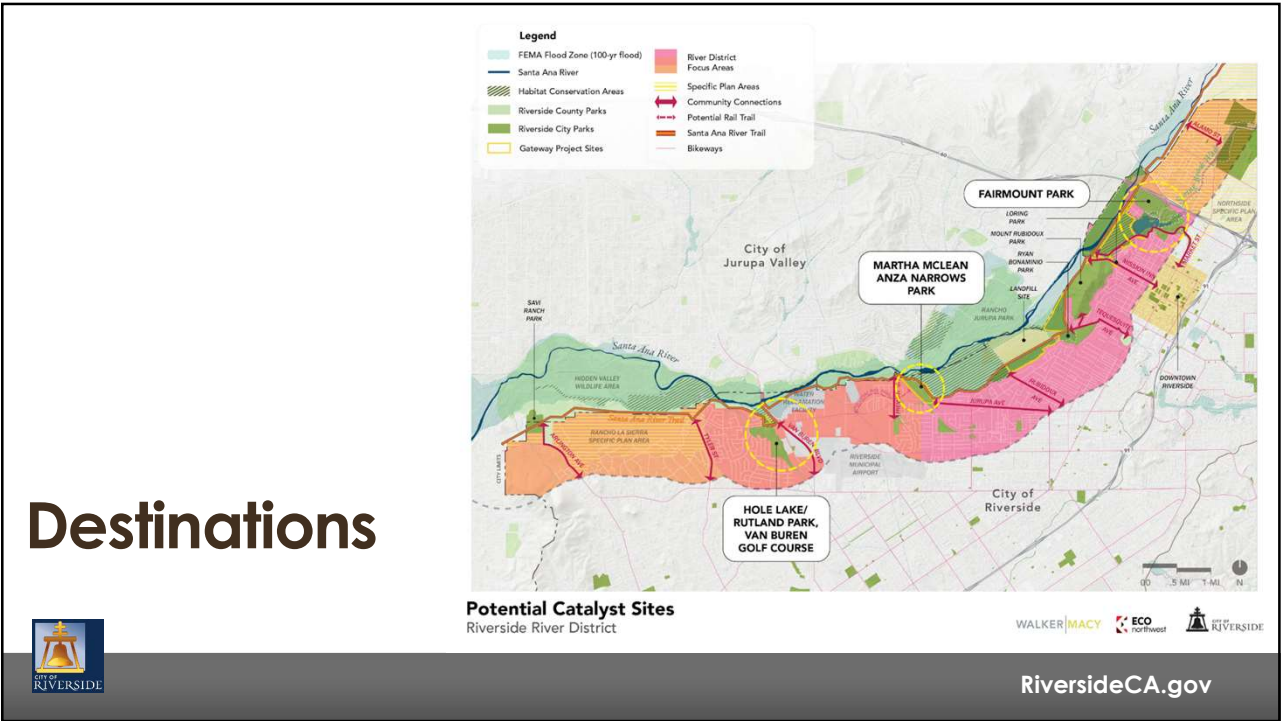
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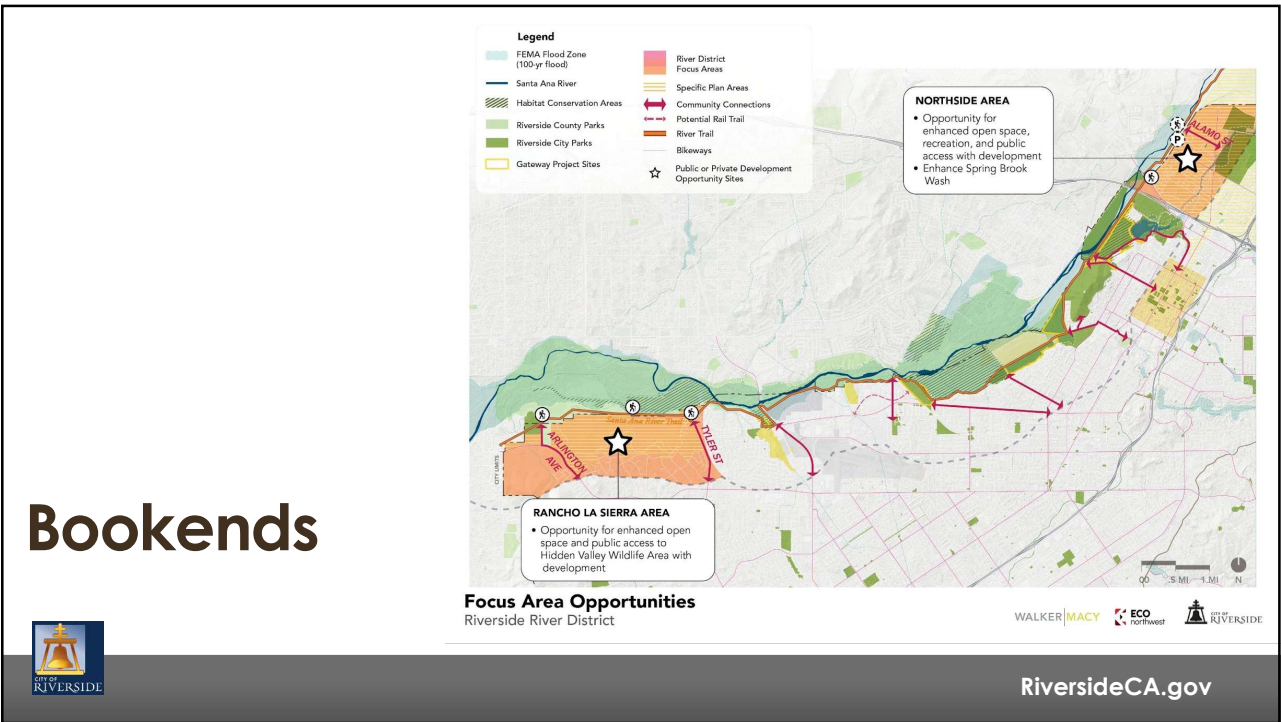
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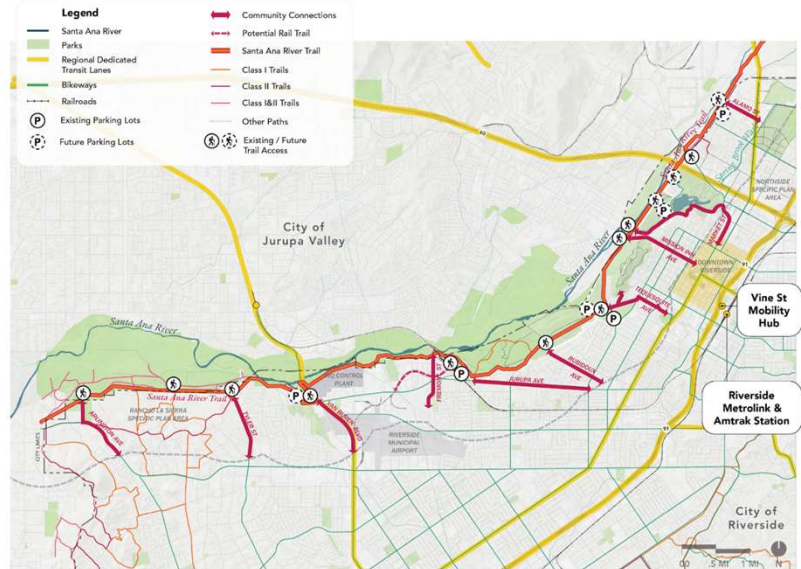


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Access



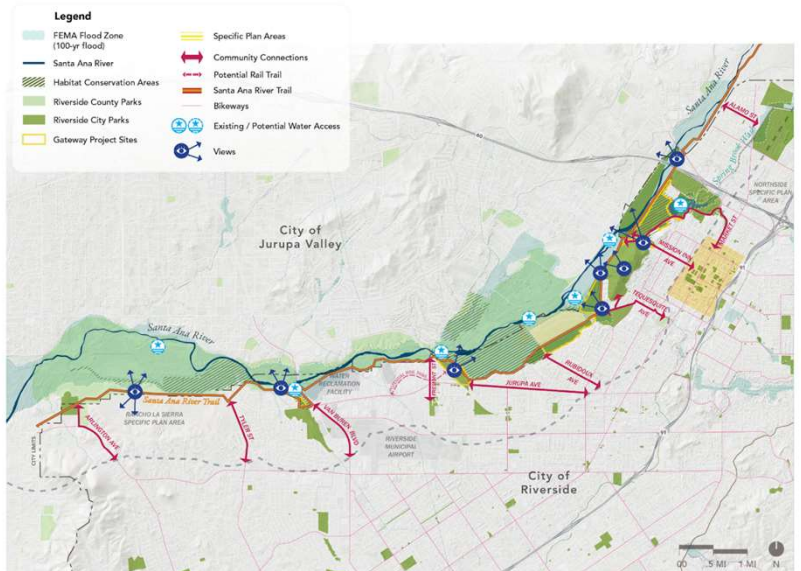
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Views



Water Access & View Opportunities
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Goals



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



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Trail Heads

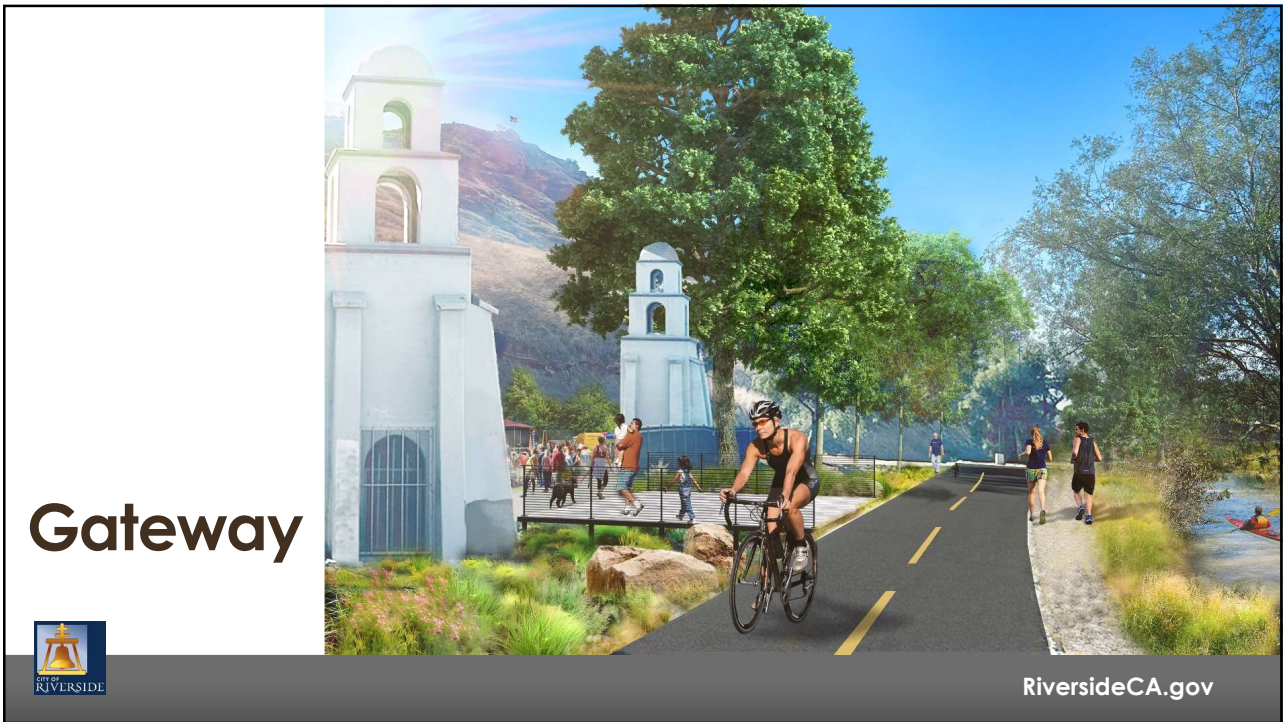
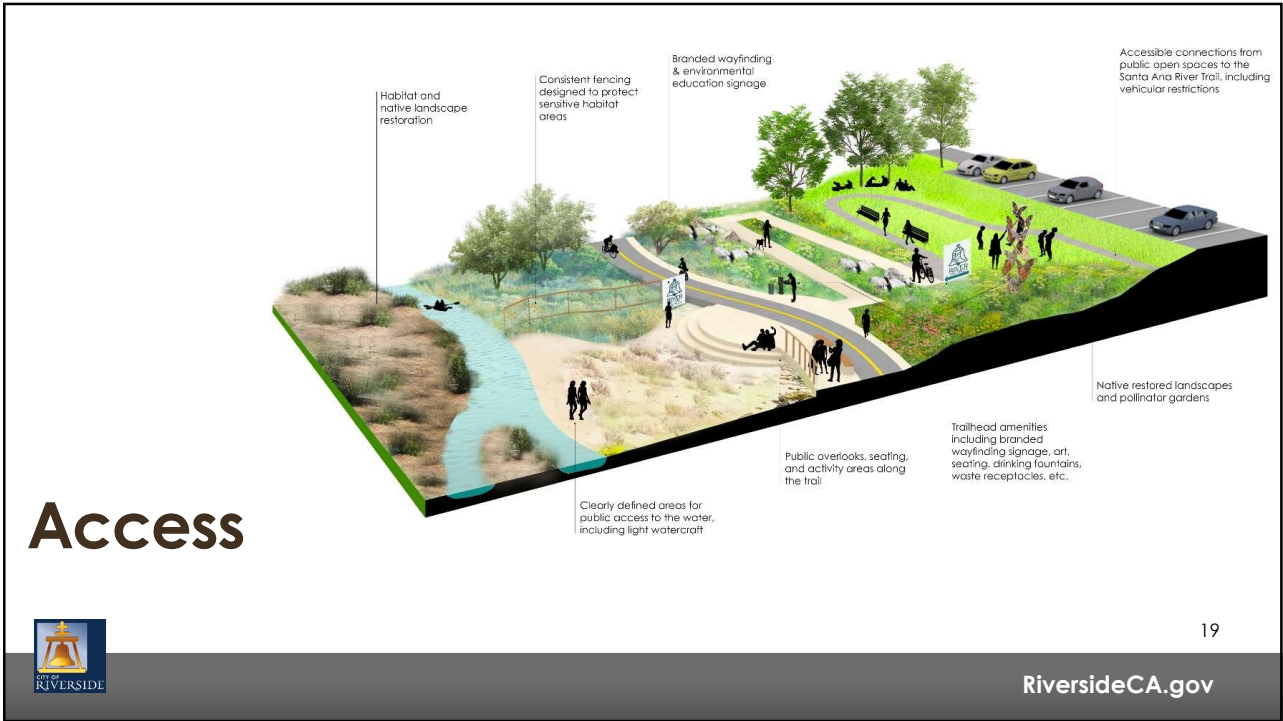






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Connection





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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 and shade
- 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

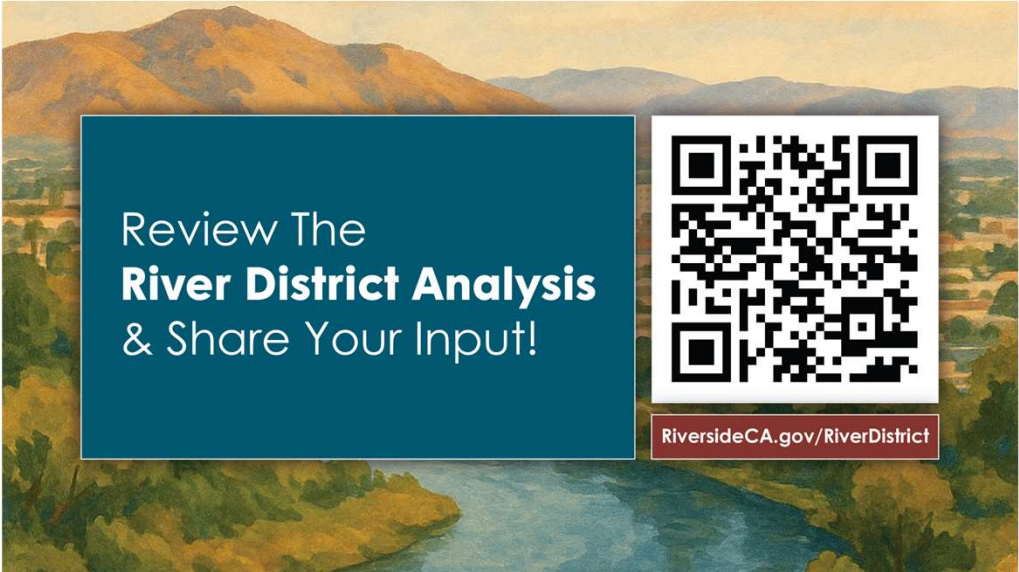
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Review The
River District Analysis
& Share Your Input!



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RECOMMENDATION

That the City Council receive an update on the River District Feasibility Study; provide feedback and accept the report for file.



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