

Waterways and Beaches
Working Group #3 Summary

Please use this summary sheet to share some of the discussion and key takeaways from your group. On the second page, you will find a blank matrix to transfer your notes from the breakout activity. Thank you!

Summary of Activity 1 - Goal Refinement Notes:

Overall the group felt the areas of need were relevant. They strongly felt that language needed to be included that reference homeless and climate adaptation/change. Additionally, there was robust discussion regarding minimizing the unintended consequences from new waterways and beach improvements.

Balanced Restoration of Our Waterways: Los Angeles' beaches and waterways are a cherished ecological and cultural resource that benefits the natural environment as well as the quality of life of communities. The redevelopment and maintenance of resources such as the Los Angeles River are an opportunity to improve environmentally degraded areas of the city that will require an additional commitment to economic and social inclusivity to foster stable, healthy communities. Los Angeles' iconic river, beaches, and waterways are a core part of our identity as a city and are a regionally celebrated resource.

Balanced Restoration of Our Waterways: Los Angeles' waterways and beaches are essential ecological and cultural resources that benefit the natural environment as well as the quality of life of communities. Enabling rehabilitation and stewardship of the Los Angeles River and its tributaries will significantly improve environmentally degraded areas of the city and enhance our local water supply. Through equitable and inclusive planning and policies, we will foster safe and climate-resilient communities. Los Angeles' iconic beaches and healthy waterways are a core part of our identity as a city and are regionally celebrated resources.

- **What were the itemized concerns that were expressed during the initial presentation and during the breakout groups?**
 - Flood reclamation
 - Stewardship
 - Hardscape reduction in flood channels
 - More residential water capture designs (DWP)
 - State+ County better acquisition power
 - Water supply
 - Water quality
 - Coordination with DPH
 - Coordination with LAHSA
 - Equitable planning
 - Resilient communities
 - Connections

Summary of Activity 2 - "Area of Need" Matrix Notes:

- **What are the verbs needed to implement each "Area of Need"?**
 - Increase
 - Promote
 - Integrate
 - Continue
 - Coordination
 - Enhance riparian habitat

- **Does it belong in multiple quadrants? If so which one? Explain.**
 - Water Quality
 - Water Supply
 - Urban Cooling
 - Connections
 - Seasonal Recreation Zone
 - Invasive species removal

- **Are there additional "Area of Need" that have not been identified?**
 - Homelessness
 - Equity
 - Permeability
 - Anti-displacement
 - More natural infrastructure
 - Natural versus man made interventions

Summary of Worksheet Responses:

- **Does the "Area of Need" Matrix reflect the goal for this chapter of the Open Space Element?**
 - Overall: yes.
- **What are the available resources the City can leverage to accomplish the goal and policies of this chapter?**
 - DPH
 - Regional Transportation
 - Homeless services
 - Affordable housing
 - Entrances/exit near transit and dense communities
- **What future resources can the City leverage to accomplish the goal and policies of this chapter?**
 - Connections to waterways and beaches
 - Road diets near waterways and beaches
 - Coordinating more with federal partners

Revised "Area of Need" Matrix

		Do we currently <i>have</i> it?	
		No	Yes
we <i>want</i> it by 2040?	Yes	<p align="center">Achieve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Floodplains included water management plans • Development standards near floodplain expansion and sea level rise • Wildlife protection polices and standards • Local and regional recreational needs • Convergent green infrastructure • Climate change • Watershed restoration • Water supply • Water quality • Role in regional mobility • Ecological restoration of all waterways • Hardscape reduction • Native planting and landscape • Intersection of issues watershed issues • Adjacent opens spaces to waterways and beaches • State has better negotiating leverage to acquire that property • Equitable mechanisms for appropriate managed retreat from the flood plains and beaches. • Funds to maintain and restore the city's many river and beach front properties 	<p align="center">Preserve / Improve</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LA River Restoration • Network of citywide BMP • Seasonal recreation zone • LA River Ecosystem Restoration Study (ARBOR) • Development standards in coastal areas • Ecological restoration along waterways • Nearby public transportation • Opportunities for daylighting of streams
	No	<p align="center">Avoid</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Development in floodplains and near coastal area 	<p align="center">Mitigate / Address</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Multiple jurisdictional issues • Runoff in waterways and beaches • Limited public access • Nearby urbanization • Floodplain and coastal developments • Negative impact from visitors • Invasive species • Hillside development • Limited funding to water projects • Limited pedestrian access • Segmented gaps (LA RIVER) • Stricter regulation regarding runoff