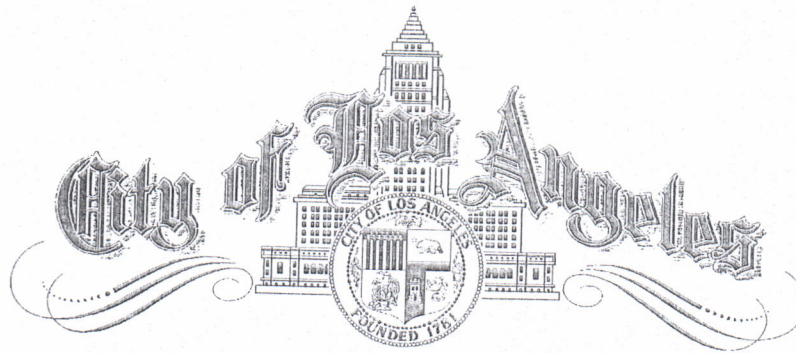


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City of Los Angeles Timeline of Progress

- 1985: Group of artists and poet, Lewis MacAdams, establishes Friends of the Los Angeles River.
- 1989: Mayor Tom Bradley forms the first LA River Taskforce.
- 1990-96: Los Angeles County establishes the County Los Angeles River Taskforce and Advisory Committee for river restoration efforts and completes County LAR Master Plan. Voters pass Proposition A for new river parks.
- 1994: Elysian Gateway Park, first river pocket park, opens.
- 1996: Proposition K is approved by voters provides funding for additional parks.
- 1997: First segment of River Bike Path opens.
- 1998: LA River and Gardens Center opens.
- 1999: Village Gardeners, a volunteer LAR community group in the Valley, is established.
- 1999 - 2002: Voters approve state propositions 13, 40, and 50 (park funding is provided).
- 2001: City of Los Angeles Department Recreation and Parks Department completes the Los Angeles River Greenway: Sherman Oaks to Studio City Master Plan.
- 2002: City Council Ad Hoc Committee on the LA River is established.
- 2002: Los Angeles River Trash TMDL is adopted.
- 2002: Baum Bike Bridge opens marking a major connection for the Los Angeles River Bikeway.
- 2003: The USACE completes the Los Angeles River Reconnaissance Study.
- 2003: Los Angeles River Nutrient TMDL is adopted.
- 2003: Los Angeles County approves Los Angeles River Signage Guidelines.
- 2003: City Department Taskforce established.
- 2003-04: A series of design workshops (GOOD Initiatives) are held, raising the profile of the river and initiating public interest for a master plan.
- 2004: The \$500 million City of Los Angeles Proposition O, "Clean Water, Ocean, River, Beach, Bay, Storm Water Cleanup" measure is approved by voters.



2004: Los Angeles County approves Landscape Guidelines and Plant Palette for the LAR.

2004-06: City of Los Angeles approves official LA River days and initiates LA City River Awards.

2005: A portion of the Los Angeles River Zanja Madre (original water system) is discovered.

2005: The Plastics Bag Taskforce is established and begins to address plastic litter in the River.

2005: Bureau of Engineering named river manager (Council File: 05-1199).

2005: Los Angeles River Poster is unveiled as part of the LAR's "The Future is Now" Campaign.

2005: LA River Revitalization Master Plan Initiated.

2005: City's LA River website goes online: www.lariver.org.

2005: LA River Signage and mileage markers are approved for the 32 miles within the City of Los Angeles.

2005: Los Angeles Riverfront Park in the San Fernando Valley is completed.

2006: City of Los Angeles Bureau of Sanitation River Video, "Los Angeles River, Linking us Together" is released.

2006: City of Los Angeles Integrated Resource Plan is adopted with language on the river.

2006: US Army Corps of Engineers LA River Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study Initiated with City as Local Sponsor.

2006: Los Angeles River Youth Conference held.

2006: Los Angeles River Valley Greenway is completed.

2006: Mayor Villaraigosa Signs "Sister River" Agreement with Cheong Gye Cheon River in Seoul, Korea.

2007: El Rio de Los Angeles State Park opens with City of Los Angeles as co-operator.

May 2007: City Council approves the Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan.

July 2007: \$25 million in local Proposition O funds are dedicated for acquisition of Taylor Yard G-2 site (CD1).

July 2007: \$1.958 million in state Proposition 50 California River Parkways funds are awarded to the 2-mile W. Valley Bikeway project in Canoga Park (CD3).

2007: \$536,519 in state Proposition 12 Los Angeles River Parkway funds are awarded to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for greening elements to complement the City's Elysian Valley Bikeway project (CD13).

2007: U.S. Congress passes the Water Resources Development Act (WRDA), authorizing \$25 million for Los Angeles River demonstration projects.

2007: \$2 million in state Coastal Conservancy funds are pledged toward acquisition of the Taylor Yard G-2 site (CD1).

2007: Oros Green Street is completed (CD13).

2008: \$350,000 in state A.B. 471 Environmental Enhancement and Mitigation Program grant funds are awarded to the Sunnynook River Park project (CD4).

2008: Proposition 50 California River Parkways grant funds are awarded to the North Atwater Park Expansion project (CD4).

2008: State Coastal Conservancy awards \$500,000 to the Riverdale Green Street project (CD13).

2008: City Council approves the City's Priority List of River Projects.

2008: LA River Keepers Start Work—Partnership with LA Conservation Corps.

2008: Mayor Villaraigosa Signs "Sister River" agreement with Yarkon River in Tel Aviv, Israel.

2008: Councilman LaBonge formalizes "Sister River" Agreement with Isar River in Munich, Germany.

2009: State Legislators Host "LA River in the Valley" Forum.

2009: River MOU Adopted by City Council and County Board of Supervisors.

2009: West SF Valley River Greenway awarded \$4 million in ARRA funds.

2009: City Acquires 6-acre Albion Dairy Site for Park (CD 1).

2009: U.S. Congress appropriates \$100,000 of the Water Resources Development Act of 2007 funds for the Taylor Yard "Bowtie" demonstration project (CD1).

2009: Community Redevelopment Agency Designates "CleanTech Corridor" Along Stretch of River in Downtown LA.

2009: Los Angeles and Arroyo Confluence Ave 19 Bridge is completed.

2009: Los Angeles River Revitalization Corporation Board is established.

July 7, 2010: United States Environmental Protection Agency (USEPA) Administrator Lisa Jackson announces decision that LA River is a "Traditionally Navigable Waterway" at Compton Creek.

July 8, 2010: Federal America's Great Outdoors Initiative is launched and a Listening Session is held in LA.

2010: Elysian Valley Bikeway is completed and links 16 river adjacent parks in the Glendale Narrows Segment of the Los Angeles River (CD1,4, 13).

2010: North Atwater Park breaks ground. (CD4)

2010: Riverdale Green Street is completed (CD13).

2008, 2009, and 2010: US Representative Lucille Roybal-Allard hosts Annual "LA River Day on Capitol Hill" in Washington, DC with participation from the City, the County, and the US Army Corps of Engineers

2011: Mayor's Los Angeles River Day of Service on April 30, 2011 attracts over 6,000 participants.

2011: Partnership begins with KCET on the LA River Recreational Survey and on Los Angeles River StoryShare Initiative.

2011: EPA announces that Los Angeles River is one of seven Federal Watershed Partnerships.

2011: Summer Non-Motorized Boating Pilot Program begins in the Sepulveda Recreation Basin of the Los Angeles River.