



# Urban Waters Federal Partnership

Los Angeles River Watershed  
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- ▶ **Vision, Mission & Principles**
  - “We believe a deeper connection to local water bodies can bring a new cycle of community hope and energy that will lead to healthier urban waters, improved public health, strengthened local businesses, and new jobs as well as expanded educational, recreational, housing, and social opportunities.”

## Agencies

EPA

USDA

DOI

HUD

DOT

USACE

NOAA

EDA

CDC

NIEHS

CNCS

USDEd

USDoe

# Urban Waters Locations

- Anacostia , DC/MD
  - Patapsco–Baltimore , MD
  - Bronx–Harlem , NY
  - South Platte –Denver, CO
  - **Los Angeles River Watershed, CA**
  - Lake Pontchartrain –New Orleans, LA
  - NW Indiana ,IN
- Mystic River–Boston, MA
  - Proctor Creek–Atlanta, GA
  - Martin Pena Canal–Puerto Rico
  - Middle Blue–Kansas City, MO
  - Middle Rio Grande–Albuquerque, NM
  - Passaic, NJ
  - W. Lake Erie Basin–Toledo, OH
  - Green–Duwamish–Seattle, WA
  - Delaware –Cooper, De
  - Big–Meramec Rivers–St. Louis, MO
  - Grand Rapids, MI



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## ▶ Federal Participants

- Bureau of Reclamation
- National Park Service
- US Army Corps of Engineers
- US Fish & Wildlife Service
- US Dept of Transportation
- US Forest Service
- National Weather Service
- USGS
- HUD

## ▶ State and Local Govt

- State of CA
- Los Angeles County
- Cities of Los Angeles, Glendale, Long Beach, Gateway Cities

35+

Environmental,  
Community and  
other local  
stakeholder  
organizations



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# Guiding Principles

- ▶ Promote clean urban waters
- ▶ Reconnect people to their waterways
- ▶ Conserve water
- ▶ Use urban water systems as a way to promote economic revitalization and prosperity
- ▶ Encourage community improvements through active partnerships
- ▶ Be open and honest. Listening to communities is the best way to engage them
- ▶ Focus on measuring results and evaluation to fuel future success



# LA River: Restoration

- ▶ **ARBOR Study** (City of LA/USACE)
- ▶ **Climate Change/Basin Stormwater Conservation Study** (Reclamation)
- ▶ **Sepulveda Basin Concrete Removal** (USACE)
- ▶ **E. San Pedro Bay Ecosystem** (City of Long Beach)
- ▶ **Arroyo Seco Watershed/Canyon** (ASF)
- ▶ **Compton Creek** (LA County, Coastal Conservancy, Heal the Bay)



# LA River: Connection & Recreation

- ▶ Indicators of Watershed Health (CWH)
- ▶ Open Rec Zone (City of LA, MRCA)
- ▶ LA River Natural Zone (CCCS)
- ▶ River Forecast Site (NOAA, LACC, MRCA, LARRC)
- ▶ Glendale Riverwalk (City of Glendale, NE Trees)
- ▶ De Anza Certification (NPS, City of LA)



# LA River: Community & Economy

- ▶ NELA Riverfront Collaborative (NELA RC/HUD)
- ▶ Safe Routes to the River (MRCA, LAUSD)
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- ▶ Greenway 2020 (LARRC)
- ▶ Engaging Financing (FRBSF, LARRC)



# Next Steps

- ❑ Communication
- ❑ Increased Access & Recreation
- ❑ Leveraging of Resources
- ❑ Engaging other Federal Partners
- ❑ Raising the profile of the River



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