





The Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan — at a Glance

The Lower Los Angeles River (the river) is the core of southeast Los Angeles and serves a critical role by managing flood risk. It protects life and property by collecting stormwater from surrounding areas and safely conveying it to the ocean. The river's paths and trails also provide a space for the community to recreate and travel within the region. Despite these functions, the river's potential value as a place for relaxation, discovery, recreation, tourism, and economic development has yet to be realized. In 2015, California State Assembly Bill 530 (AB 530) was passed to revive the river through the development of a watershed-based, equitable, community-driven plan. The language of Assembly Bill 530 (Rendon), called for Secretary John Laird, Natural Resources Agency, in consultation with the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, to appoint members to participate in the Lower Los Angeles River Working Group. The Working Group, chaired by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy, included city representatives and community advocates who came together to create the Lower Los Angeles River Revitalization Plan (the Plan). The Plan describes opportunities for improving the environment and residents' quality of life along the river. This Plan ensures that the voices of the people are heard now and in the future as the river is reimagined and revitalized into an integral part of a healthy, equitable, and sustainable community.



Existing AB 530

Few opportunities for recreation exist, and it is challenging for diverse users to access the river

Instead of using it as a gathering place and asset, businesses are not oriented to take advantage of the riverfront

Watershed health must be improved so that the built environment can meet the needs of people and wildlife

The river does not look or feel like a river nor a great place to be

AB 530 prompted
26 outreach events,
22 public meetings, and
over 60 committee meetings
to develop the Plan

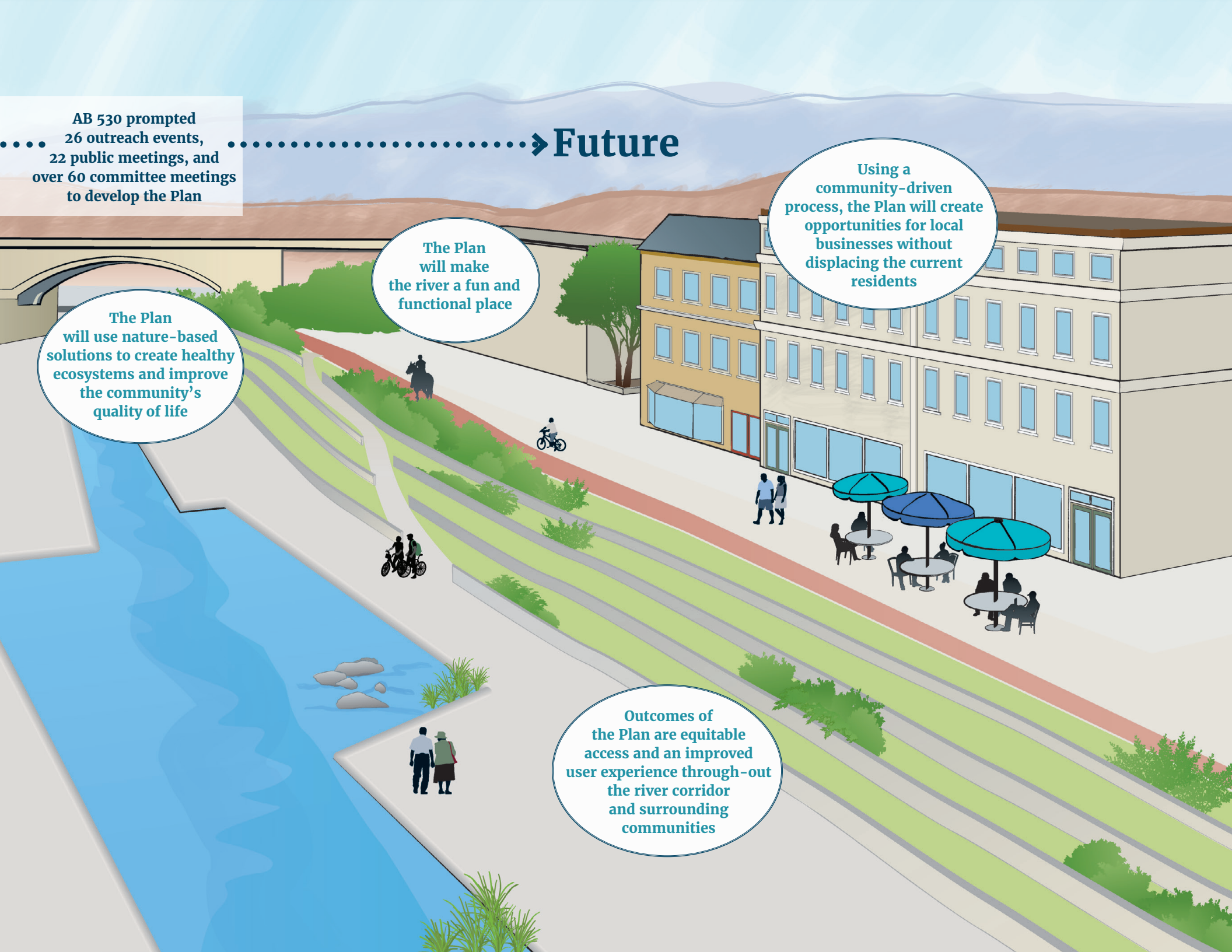
Future

The Plan
will make
the river a fun and
functional place

The Plan
will use nature-based
solutions to create healthy
ecosystems and improve
the community's
quality of life

Using a
community-driven
process, the Plan will create
opportunities for local
businesses without
displacing the current
residents

Outcomes of
the Plan are equitable
access and an improved
user experience through-out
the river corridor
and surrounding
communities





The Plan was developed by a Working Group comprised of forty stakeholder groups, including advocacy organizations, state and federal agencies, and the fifteen cities located within 1 mile of the river from Vernon to Long Beach. Over the course of 22 months, the Working Group participated in public meetings and outreach events to gather community input and to create an inclusive process for Plan development. This process was transparent and community-driven and was used to establish clear goals and objectives for river revitalization. The Working Group then used this process to identify **155 multi-benefit project opportunities** within 1-mile of the river which would address the communities' revitalization objectives in a balanced and equitable manner.

Along with specific project opportunities, the Working Group developed **four project templates** for multi-use path enhancements, complete streets, river channel enhancements, and bridge crossing improvements. These templates will help enable rapid revitalization, connectivity and consistency between new projects.

The Working Group also recognized the need to provide tools to help prevent the displacement of residents and local businesses as revitalization-induced investments occur throughout the corridor. A **Community Stabilization Toolkit** (the Toolkit) was developed to highlight policies

and programs which can be used to protect the existing river-adjacent communities. The Toolkit includes fact sheets describing:

- Community Benefits Agreements
- Inclusionary Housing Policies
- Locally Owned Business Support
- No Net Loss Housing Policies
- Rent Control Ordinances
- Workforce Development
- Community Land Trusts

To take advantage of the new educational opportunities created by revitalization efforts, the Working Group developed a **Watershed Education Program**. Core educational concepts, learning objectives, and implementation recommendations were created based on three overarching themes:

- Interconnectedness of the people, the culture, the river, and the watershed
- Nontraditional education pathways and place-based learning, engaging a wide audience
- Multiple benefit thinking, leveraging education and connectedness

The Watershed Education Program identifies ways to engage the community about the personal connection between everyday activities (such as driving a car, watering a lawn, picking up pet waste) and watershed and environmental health.

Finally, the Plan recommends establishing an Implementation Advisory Group that will be central to carrying out the Plan based on the guiding principles developed by the Working Group. The Implementation Advisory Group will provide guidance on prioritization, funding, and implementation of projects and will include community representation to ensure that the public's voice is heard.

The Plan includes these elements to provide advocates, agencies, and cities with tools to revitalize the river in ways aligned with the Working Group's carefully developed goals and objectives.

