



# Western Gage Green Alleys

proposed by Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative (LANI)

Technical Resources Program

Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Central Santa Monica Bay Watershed

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Previously Awarded TRP – No (first-time applicant)



# Project Overview

Greening a network of alleys and adjacent sidewalks to increase water capture and cleaning and improve access to green spaces for local residents

- **Primary Objective:** Improve water quality and alleviate flooding
- **Secondary Objectives:** Increase access to green spaces, improve climate resilience, enhance street safety, community revitalization
- **Project Status:** Feasibility/Planning
- **Total Funding Requested:** \$400,000







# Project Location



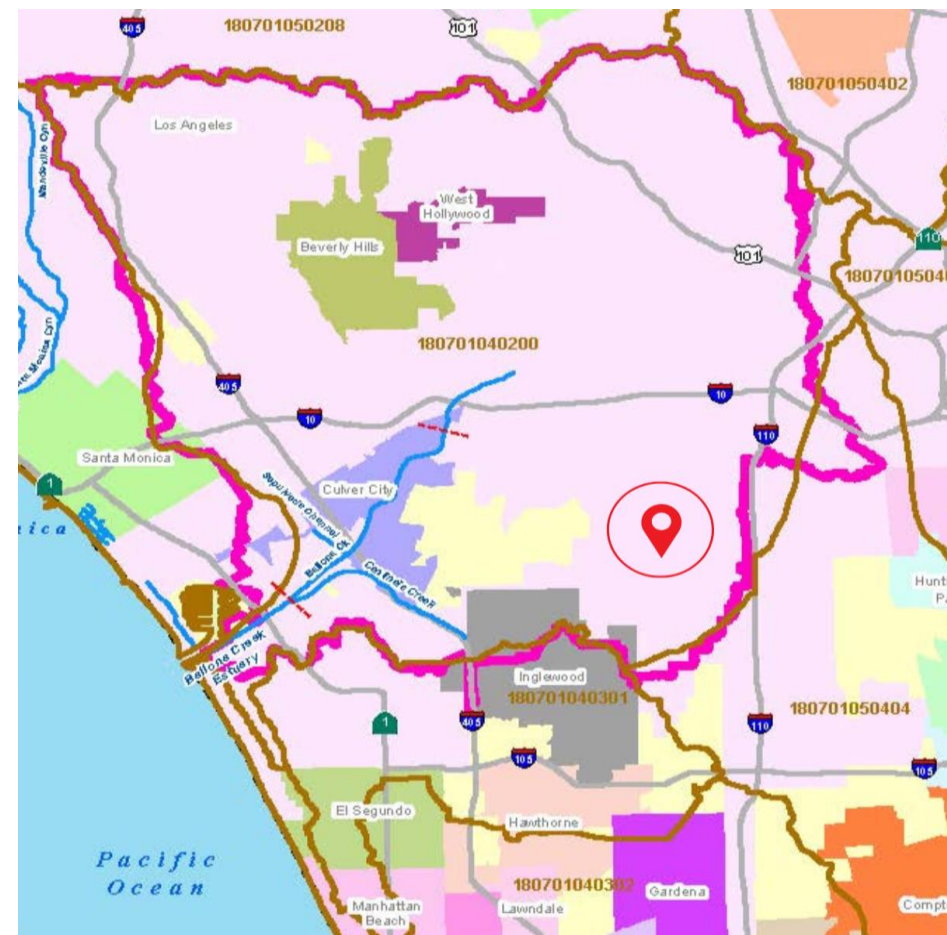




# Project Location



Santa Monica Bay Watershed



Ballona Creek Subwatershed



# Project Location

## Municipality

City of Los Angeles

L.A. City Council

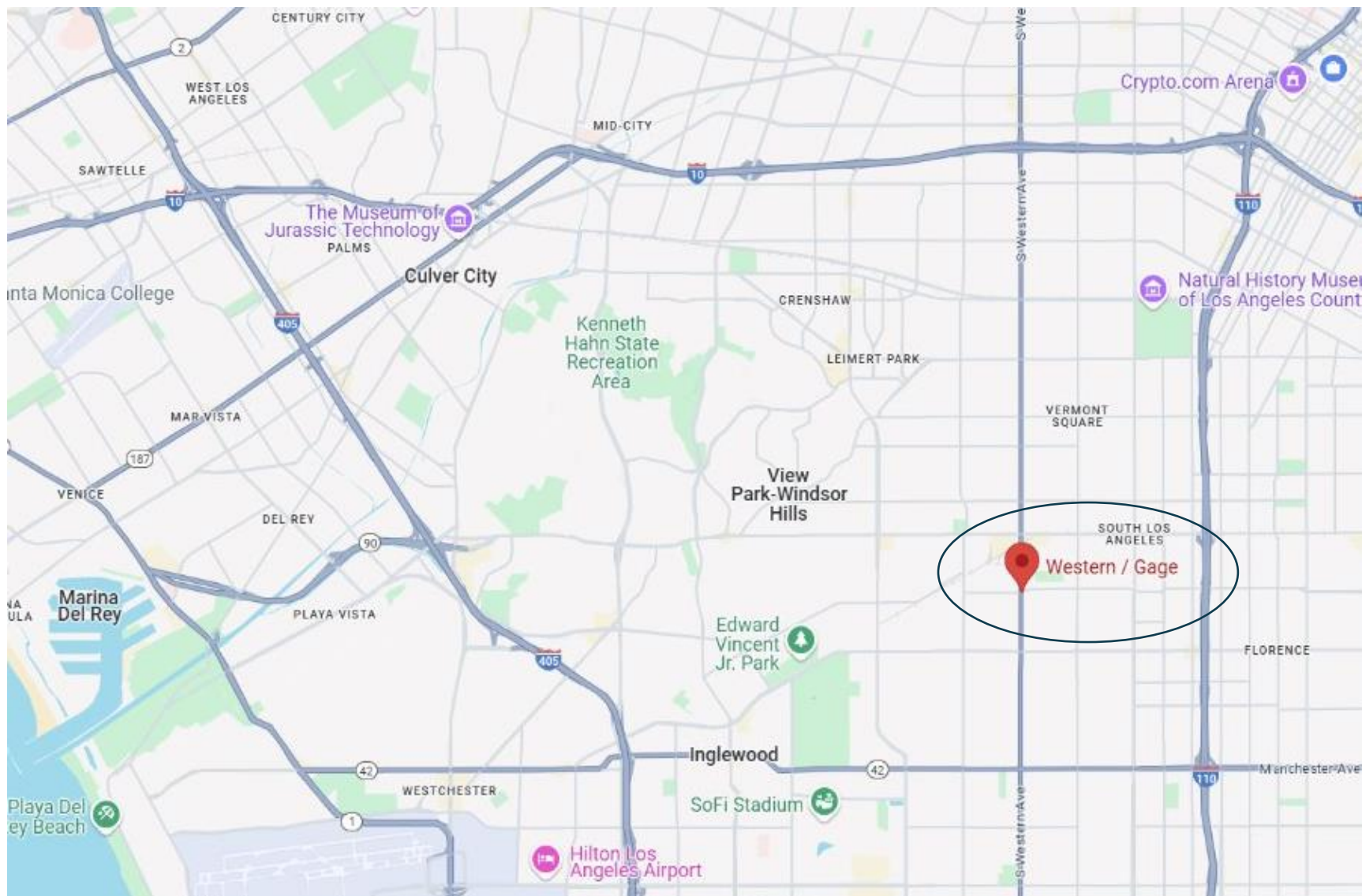
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L.A. County

Supervisory District 2

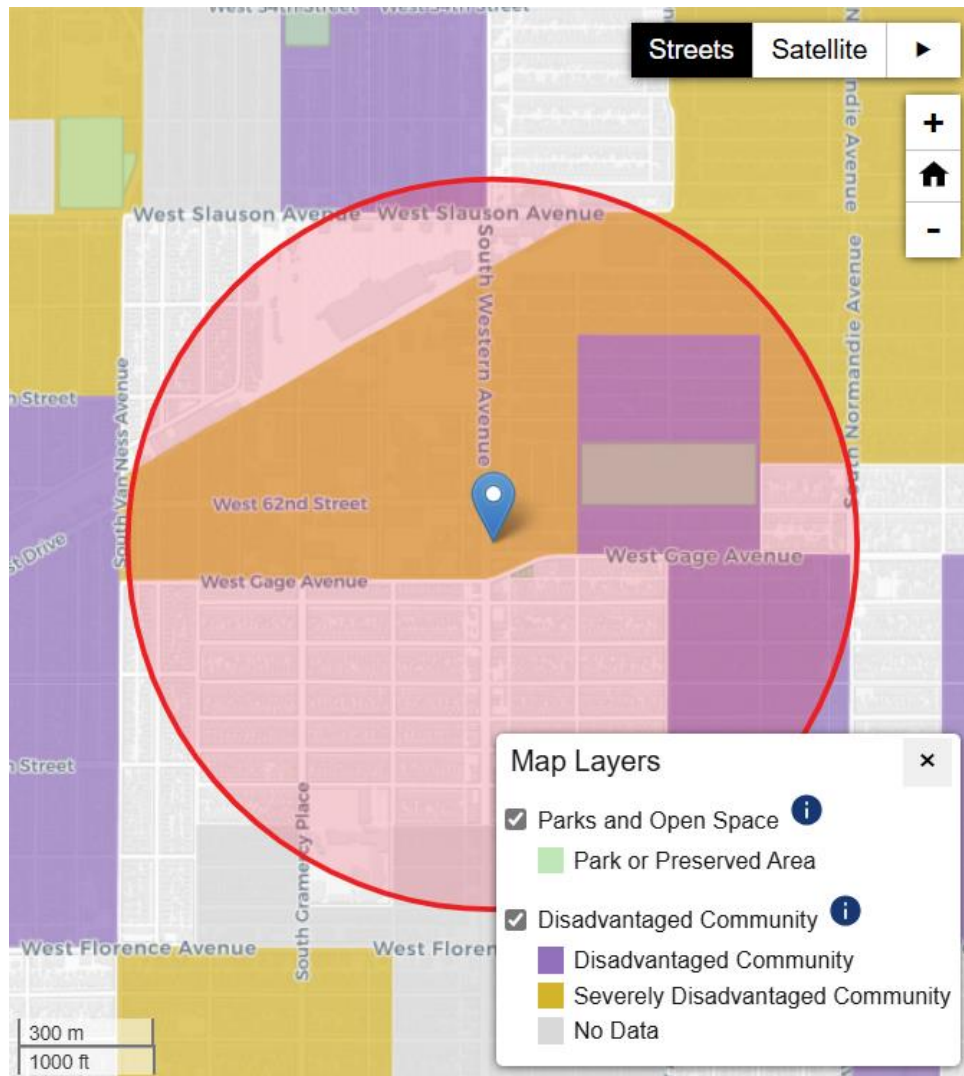
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# Project Location

## Disadvantaged Community



CA State Parks Community FactFinder Tool

## CalEnviroScreen Percentile Scores

### *Pollution*

- **98th - Overall Pollution Impact**
- 97th - Drinking Water Contaminants
- 93rd - Groundwater Threats
- 87th - Toxic Releases from Facilities
- 75th - PS2.5 Exposure
- 55th - Air Pollution

### *Social/Health Indicators*

- 98th - Asthma
- 85th - Poverty





# Project Background



- LANI has worked with neighborhood stakeholders since 2007
- Western Gage Tot Lot Park – **completed Feb. 2021**
- Western Gage Community Park – **breaking ground Feb. 2025**



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## Benefits to Municipality & Disadvantaged Community

- Create a collective network of green and stormwater infrastructure between two parks by improving alleys and sidewalks with Best Management Practices (BMPs)
- Enhance aesthetics, and increase connectivity between green public spaces with more accessible pedestrian environments in alleys and on sidewalks
- Reduce surface runoff from urban streets into the storm drain, reducing ocean pollution
- Increase groundwater recharge in alley and adjacent street infrastructure
- Increase urban tree canopy, reducing urban heat island effect



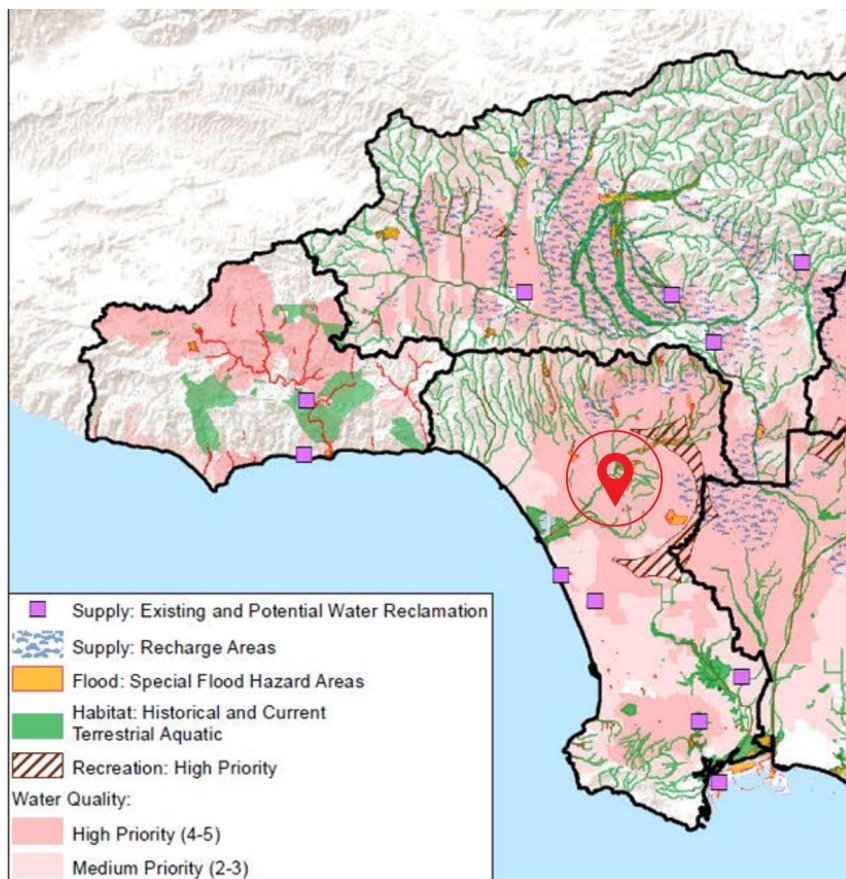
*Sample of Potential Green Alley Elements*



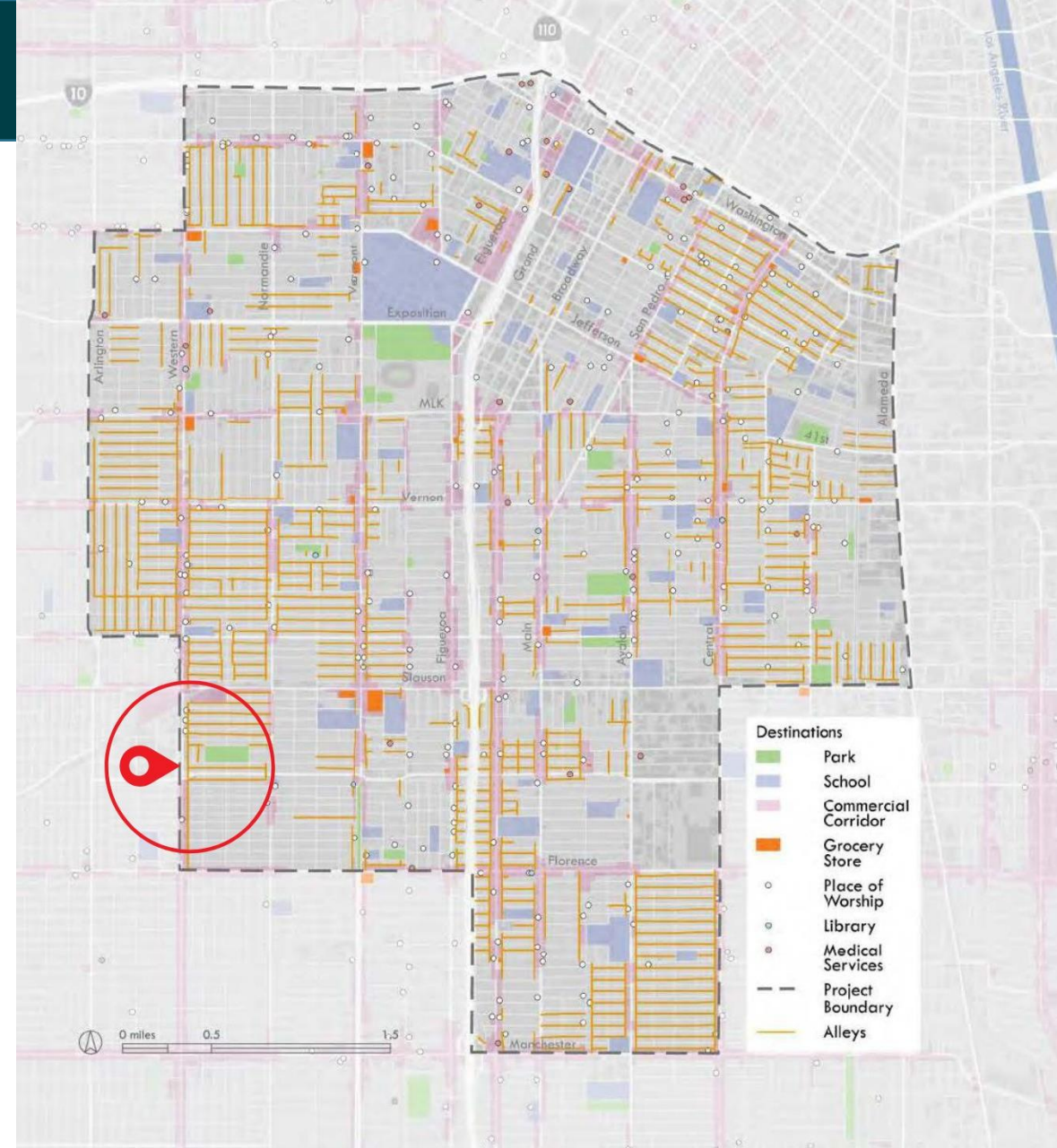


# Project Background

## Greater Los Angeles County Region Integrated Regional Water Management Plan



## Alleys Amplified: The South L.A. Green Alleys Master Plan







# Project Background

## LANI's Expertise

- Founded as an independent non-profit in 1994
- Helped pioneer an equity-centered, community-building approach to improving infrastructure in Los Angeles, which is today's best practice
- Our core belief is that community members have deep knowledge about their own needs and what would make their neighborhoods better
- Many municipal agencies and departments choose to work with us because of our success completing infrastructure projects with a high degree of community participation and satisfaction



## NEIGHBORHOOD COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM WESTERN GAGE MEDIAN PARK PROJECT

CONSENSUS BUILDING

You Shared Your Ideas....Now Join Us to View and  
Provide Feedback on the Proposed Park Use and Elements  
for the Western Gage Median and Pocket Parks



The Western Gage Steering Committee, made up of local stakeholders, is participating in a community design process to identify and the prioritize elements that will become a park on the median and 2 triangular lots at this intersection. Attend the meeting to hear about the proposed park features and to give the design team your feedback.

**Monday, May 23, 2011**  
**6:30PM to 7:30PM**  
**Amistad Plaza**  
**6050 Western**  
**Los Angeles, CA 90047**  
(Non-meter street parking available on Western)



LA COMMUNITIES

PROJECT PARTNERS

Councilmember Bernard C. Parks CRA/LA Melendrez LANI  
creation Western Sluison CAC Western Gage Steering Committee

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# Project Background



## LANI Implemented Projects

- **DaWoolJung/Koreatown Pavilion**  
Completed 2006, \$695,000
- **Baldwin Hills Conservancy Gateway Bridge**  
Completed 2013, \$450,000
- **Wilmington Town Square Park Renovation**  
Completed 2023, \$1,200,000
- **Koreatown Gateway**  
Current, \$3,600,000
- **Baldwin Hills Elementary School Living Schoolyard**  
Current, \$2,015,000

## Additional Municipal Partners

- City of Los Angeles Recreation and Parks
- City of Los Angeles Bureau of Engineering
- Los Angeles City Planning
- City of L.A. Office of Community Beautification
- County of Los Angeles Department of Public Health
- County of Los Angeles Public Works
- Multiple City Council Offices



# Partners

- **Implementation Partners**

- LA Sanitation and Environment (LASAN)
- City of Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT)
- Urban Forestry, Bureau of Street Services (StreetsLA)

- **Project Supporters**

- CD8
- Neighborhood Council

- Received Letter of Non-Objection from LASAN
- Have not yet engaged with Flood Control or Vector Control Districts







# Project Details







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## Current Conditions







# Cost & Schedule

| Phase        | Description       | Cost         | Completion Date |
|--------------|-------------------|--------------|-----------------|
| I            | Planning & Design | \$9,450,000  |                 |
| II           | Construction      | \$25,550,000 |                 |
|              | Project Lifespan  | 50 years     |                 |
|              |                   |              |                 |
|              |                   |              |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b> |                   |              |                 |

We acknowledge that this project's scope is ambitious, and we are fully aware that it is likely to be implemented in phases, an alley or block of sidewalk or two at a time, as capacity and funding allow. We are requesting that the entirety of the project be studied for feasibility at the outset to confirm what is possible and position the project to be successfully funded and built moving forward.



# Funding Request

| Year  | SCW Funding Requested | Phase | Efforts during Phase and Year |
|-------|-----------------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| 1     | \$400,000             |       | Feasibility Study             |
| 2     |                       |       |                               |
| 3     |                       |       |                               |
| 4     |                       |       |                               |
| 5     |                       |       |                               |
| TOTAL |                       |       |                               |



# Questions?

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