



## LOWER LA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATOR

**WASC Meeting - April 2025** 







#### **Power of Stormwater Solutions**

March 24, 2024

PRESENTED BY CENTRAL SANTA MONICA BAY AND LOWER LA RIVER WATERSHED COORDINATORS:

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#### WHERE DOES OUR WATER COME FROM?

Facts On LA County Water

WHAT IS STORMWATER?

#### STORMWATER SOLUTIONS

Green Infrastructure Benefits Safe Clean Water Program

#### **GET INVOLVED**

How You Can Make A Difference INTERACTIVE ACTIVITY



# Break Out Room Activity













Bioswale

Infiltration Basin

Infiltration Tank

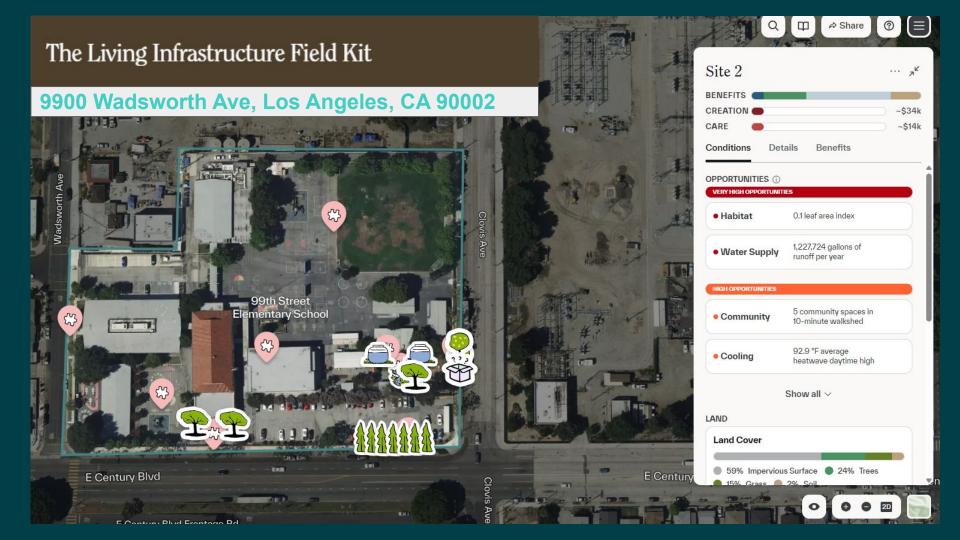
Permeable Pavement

Rain Garden

Storage Pond

- 1. Pick a school site
- 2. What issues are there (flooding/shade need ect)?
- 3. What plant, stormwater solutions and outdoor amenities could help?
- 4. Report out





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March 2025 California Newsletter Placement 1,000+ recipients

**Extract from the E-newsletter** 

## RESOURCES FOR LOS ANGELES COUNTY: SAFE CLEAN WATER PROGRAM AND GRANTS



The <u>Safe, Clean Water Program</u> (SCWP) provides funding and support for communities, including schools, to advance regional water infrastructure projects, local research, public education and community engagement to improve community resilience and maintain safe, clean water systems in the face of unpredictable, extreme weather. School districts, tribal organizations, municipalities and nonprofits in LA county are encouraged to apply. Two programs are currently accepting applications:

#### **Regional Program**

- Funds regional water infrastructure projects that increase local water supply and improve quality, and local research.
- Applications accepted until July 31, 2025. Learn more about this program here.

#### Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Program

- Funds sustained public education initiatives and community engagement efforts that support the SCWP.
- Applications accepted until April 4, 2025. Learn more about this program <u>here</u>.

### **CITY OF PARAMOUNT**

ECO-FRIENDLY FAIR (4/4/25)





























CITY OF BELL SPRING FESTIVAL (4/12/25)

# Water Foundation/ SCWP Public Education and Community Engagement Grants Application



"Rooted in Resilience: Community-Led Water Education at McBride Park Garden in Long Beach"





#### **Grant request:**

"Support for community gatherings, development of educational materials, and a shaded and fenced space to:

- safely educate our residents about stormwater and climate resilience; and
- explore what our community garden might look like with the addition of stormwater features such as rain gardens and rain barrels."

# SELECT STAKEHOLDER MEETINGS THIS PAST MONTH

- Carling Monder, Mitul Luhar, Alexander Robinson, Josh West (Academic Researchers) USC Dornsife Public Exchange: Potential applicant (3/26)
- 2. Dr Dustin Herrmann (Principal Scientist) and Manny Gonez (Director of Policy Initiatives), **Tree People: SCWP-funded study update** (3/26).
- 3. Annie Aung (Director, Facilities Planning & Development) **Downey Unified School District: Potential applicant** (4/1)
- Bruce Resnik (Director) and Maggie Gardner (Science & Policy Manager) LA Waterkeeper: LLAR community engagement (4/3)

#### **UPCOMING**

**Student Educational Workshop Scheduled - 07/14** 

