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David Diaz

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**RE: SUPPORT | Amigos de los Rios | Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project**

Yvette Martinez

As a place-based community organization dedicated to realizing a more sustainable, equitable, and livable San Gabriel Valley, ActiveSGV is pleased to submit this formal declaration of support for Amigos de los Rios' Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project for funding by the LA County Safe Clean Water Program.

Stephanie Ramirez

Wesley Reutimann

Chris Tran

**Integrating and celebrating urban forestry and green infrastructure into community hubs such as public schools has proven academic, mental and physical health benefits, for students and surrounding communities.** ActiveSGV staff, volunteers, and constituents have experienced these benefits firsthand at the Jeff Seymour Family Center in El Monte, an El Monte City School District property that is home to ActiveSGV's office, and was blessed with an urban greening transformation led by Amigos de los Rios.

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As a community organization committed to supporting a more sustainable and equitable San Gabriel Valley, ActiveSGV strongly supports efforts to improve the urban forest, air quality, and resilience of high-need communities in the San Gabriel Valley, which is located in one of the most polluted air basins in the United States.

If you have any questions regarding our support for this application, please contact me at [david@activeSGV.org](mailto:david@activeSGV.org).

Thank you for your time and consideration,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "David Diaz". The signature is stylized with a large, looped "D" and a long, sweeping underline.

David Diaz, MPH  
Executive Director



May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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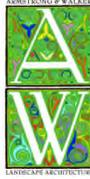
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Sincerely,

Heng Lam Foong  
Program Director  
API Forward Movement





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Sincerely,

*Anna Armstrong*

Calif. Registered Landscape Architect #2293

*Richard Walker*

Calif. Registered Landscape Architect #3478

Anna Armstrong & Richard Walker  
Principals/ Owners  
Armstrong & Walker, Landscape Architecture



Audubon

Audubon Center  
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Marcos Trinidad  
Center Director  
Audubon Center at Debs Park



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Submit a Public Comment to support our Emerald Necklace Projects!

### PUBLIC COMMENT FORM:

I, Brian Piña, CCC at CCC support the *Plymouth*

*School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project*. This Emerald Necklace Project will protect water resources and provide significant public health benefits to the school and surrounding community.

Email Address: B.Piña-1145@gmail.com Telephone Number: (213) 585-0171

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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I, Andrew \_\_\_\_\_, CCB \_\_\_\_\_ at CCC \_\_\_\_\_ support the *Plymouth*

(Name) (Title) (Organization)

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Email Address: willawitteski@gmail.com Telephone Number: (818)-284-8621

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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I, Alessander \_\_\_\_\_ (Name) CM \_\_\_\_\_ (Title) at \_\_\_\_\_ CCC \_\_\_\_\_ (Organization) support the *Plymouth*

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Email Address: Janet.herrera@ccc.org Telephone Number: (523) 914-0854

Address: \_\_\_\_\_



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Sincerely,  
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Christy Zamani  
Executive Director  
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Edith Allen  
Professor Emeritus



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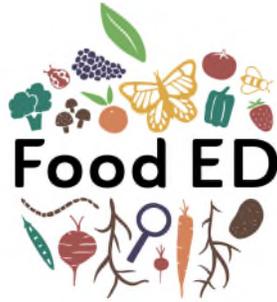
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(Name) (Title) (Organization)

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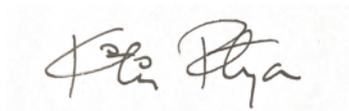
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Kristin Ritzau, PhD  
Executive Director  
Food Exploration and Discovery

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Maritza Travanti  
President, Board of Education  
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Superintendent

**DARVIN JACKSON**  
Assistant Superintendent, Human Resources

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Assistant Superintendent, Educational Services

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Sincerely,



Connie Wu  
Assistant Superintendent, Business Services  
Monrovia Unified School District



# OUTWARD BOUND ADVENTURES

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May 16, 2021

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Safe Clean Water Program Grant Administrator  
Los Angeles County Public Works  
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Jorge Cortez  
Director of Operations  
Outward Bound Adventures



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Submit a Public Comment to support our Emerald Necklace Projects!

### PUBLIC COMMENT FORM:

I, David Lovett, parent at Plymouth Student support the Plymouth  
(Name) (Title) (Organization)  
*School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project*. This Emerald Necklace Project will protect water resources and provide significant public health benefits to the school and surrounding community.

Email Address: Kenneth Stalwood Telephone Number: 661-916-9999

Address: 815 S Calhoun Ave Meriden 01016



AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS  
**EMERALD  
NECKLACE**

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I, Beth Moscarelli (Name) Parent (Title) at Plymouth (Organization) support the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project. This Emerald Necklace Project will protect water resources and provide significant public health benefits to the school and surrounding community.

Email Address: BethMoscarelli@gmail Telephone Number: 329 5528446

Address: 577 N Davenport Rd Apt H 91016



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I, James Liang (Name) Parent (Title) at Plymouth (Organization) support the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project. This Emerald Necklace Project will protect water resources and provide significant public health benefits to the school and surrounding community.

Email Address: kimkon2002@yahoo.com Telephone Number: (626) 829-3514

Address: 1385 Tararanda Circle, Arcadia CA 91006



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I, William Wong (Name) Parent (Title) at Plymouth (Organization) support the Plymouth

*School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project.* This Emerald Necklace Project will protect water resources and provide significant public health benefits to the school and surrounding community.

Email Address: Williamwong@gmail.com Telephone Number: 917-647.8708

Address: 532 Date Ct Monrovia, CA 91016



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PUBLIC COMMENT FORM:

I, Lynn Wang at Plymouth School support the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project. This Emerald Necklace Project will protect water resources and provide significant public health benefits to the school and surrounding community.

Email Address: lynnwang20@gmail.com Telephone Number: 678 278 2882

Address: 5759 Golden West Ave Temple City CA  
91780



## PLYMOUTH PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION, INC.

Plymouth Elementary School • Monrovia Unified School District  
1300 Boley Street, Monrovia, CA 91016  
(626) 471-2400 • Fax (626) 471-2410  
plymouthpta@yahoo.com

May 14, 2021

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Sincerely,

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Jeannine Pao Brown  
President  
Plymouth Parent-Teacher Association, Inc.

May 12, 2021

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Sincerely,

*Megan Esquer*

Megan Esquer

Assistant Principal

Santa Fe Computer Science Manet School

May 12, 2021

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Sincerely,

*Geoffrey G. Zamarripa*

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Principal, Santa Fe CSMS

# SANTA FE

COMPUTER SCIENCE MAGNET SCHOOL

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May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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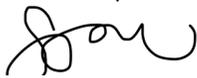
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Sincerely,



Sarah Gibson  
Executive Producer  
SJ Gibson Films



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Sincerely,

5/17/2021

**X** roberto morales

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Roberto Morales

Signed by: Roberto Morales

Chair-Nature For All Coalition  
Senior Organizing Representative  
San Gabriel Mountains Campaign

May 12<sup>th</sup>, 2021

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Sophie S. Parker, Ph.D.  
Lead Scientist  
The Nature Conservancy  
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Los Angeles, CA 90071  
626-720-1296

# Support for the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project

Plymouth Elementary is a Title I school serving a diverse population of students in Transitional-Kindergarten to 5th Grade. While we are a thriving community of students, parents, and teachers, the campus itself has been in need of improvements to enhance safety and learning. We fully support the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project for funding by the Los Angeles County Safe Clean Water Program for the innumerable ways it will benefit our school and its community.

**PLYMOUTHPTA** MAY 14, 2021 06:16PM

**SOPHIAJEREMYMO** MAY 17, 2021 10:49PM

## Madeline Mo

I have helped plant flowers in my old old playground and in the front of the school. It was so fun.

**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 10:54PM

## Please keep on funding

Hello, I'm Charis and I'm in fourth grade at Plymouth Elementary School. I am so thankful for this project going on. It's making our school look AMAZING! I love how our school has totally transformed into a beautiful place. This project has made me feel so happy and makes me smile. Please keep funding and supporting so we can complete this wonderful project at our school.

Thank you!

Charis Ho, 4th grader  
Plymouth Elementary School



**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 11:02PM

## Please keep funding

Hi I am Toby. I am in second grade at Plymouth. I think that the project is amazing. I helped out for many hours for two days and it was so much fun! The last time I came here it totally transformed. It is like a park. I am very thankful for the Amigos de los Rios group to be willing to work so hard- even on really hot days. I love their perseverance!

Please continue to support Amigos de los Rios.

Toby Ho, 2nd grade student  
Plymouth Elementary School



CLARA BROWN MAY 17, 2021 10:53PM

### Love the plants

I love the plants in the front and in the back. I loved planting. It was so fun!



SOPHIAJEREMYMO MAY 17, 2021 10:56PM

### Please fund the Amigos de Los Rios project at Plymouth Elementary

Dear County Commissioners,

I am a parent of a 1st grader at Plymouth Elementary. Amigos de Los Rios's presence and project has brought our parent-teacher-staff community together by teaching our kids about caring for their school campus and the environment. Students have taken great pride in planting, watering and caring for the plants/landscape and school grounds.

The Stormwater Capture project is definitely needed for the safety of the School. The water is standing all year long and not just smells, it brings a lot of mosquitoes.

Please help us finish our last project to get ride of the mosquitoes and make the school a wonderful place for learning.

Jeremy & Sophia



ANONYMOUS MAY 17, 2021 10:32PM

### MUSD BOE PUBLIC COMMENT DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR Amigos de los Rios PLYMOUTH SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD STORMWATER CAPTURE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT



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**BOE Letter of Support - Plymouth Public Comment Safe Water  
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**DAX HARBAUGH** MAY 17, 2021 10:42PM

**This project needs your funding!**

I'm Dax and I am in 4th grade at Plymouth, but I have been at this school before I could walk (when my older brother started Kindergarten). Lots of younger siblings walk with their family to bring or pick up their Plymouth Dragon! We have a great school, that is getting better!

I am so glad that there are so many great changes to our campus and it makes being at school so much nicer because the Tiger Mosquitoes aren't following me everywhere! I hate being bitten! But there are still places on campus where water sits for a long, long, long, long time and gets really gross. I know Amigos de los Rios has a plan to help fix that and I hope they are able to get the money needed to fix more.

I hope we can have more pervious concrete ... it is amazing to see it work and I don't have to walk in mud anymore!

Please help Amigos continue making this school amazing and a great example of how to keep children and families safe.

Dax Harbaugh, 10 years old  
4th grade

**DESIREE HARBAUGH** MAY 17, 2021 11:03PM

**Support and fund this project!**

It only drizzled and gently rained today, and important pedestrian crossings were flooded.

We need modern interventions for capturing and redirecting storm water and urban runoff in and around Plymouth Elementary.

I have always worried about rainy days the most! Gutters can flood almost to the top of the curb, and parent volunteers help hundreds of students safely exit their cars or cross the street because they need help making it to the sidewalk safely.

It can be fixed, but not without this critical funding. Please support this important project."

Desiree Harbaugh, Parent of two students, volunteer, and school staff member.



**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 10:41PM

**Please fund Amigos de los Rios so they can continue to work on our Plymouth campus!**

Dear County Commissioners,  
I am a parent of a 2nd and 5th grader at Plymouth Elementary. We are so grateful for the work that Amigos de los Rios has started to help alleviate drainage and flooding issues on our campus as well as beautify our campus space. Every year during the rainy season, water pools on the asphalt and on the lawns making it the perfect breeding ground for mosquitos and potential diseases. We have had to, in the past, constantly spray our children with mosquito repellent before they start their day at school. With Amigos de los Rios' expertise, we hope to minimize dealing with these issues.

The work that Amigos de los Rios does has been transformative. Not only are they making our campus safer for our Plymouth students, staff, families as well as members of the community who use our school fields and grounds, they have designed it so that many of the spaces are functional learning spaces as well. We are in awe of the addition of new outdoor rock seating/classroom that our children can use, a new walkable pathway, and plenty of green spaces. We ask that you continue to fund this type of invaluable

work and especially so that they can complete the work that is much needed at our school site.

Thank you for your time,

Katie Tseng Holle  
Plymouth Elementary Parent

**KELLY CURTIS** MAY 17, 2021 09:35PM

### **Please continue to support this project.**

Thank you Amigo De Los Rios for enriching our campus and creating an actual and beautiful environment for students to learn in. I'm so thankful for all the work you have done.

**KATRINA HO** MAY 17, 2021 10:26PM

### **Please support our project!**

Dear County Commissioners,

Over the last few months, I have been in awe of how our campus is being transformed into a safe learning oasis for our students. I had never thought that a school campus could look so beautiful and functional at the same time. Every week, I see the Amigos de los Rios crew working diligently on these gardening projects that not only beautifies our school, but effectively addresses the flooding and drainage problems that our school staff and students have endured for years.

The first year my daughter started coming to this school in kindergarten, I remember that it was a regular routine to spray her down with mosquito repellent every morning so that she wouldn't get bitten. The mosquito problem was really bad due to the poor drainage around the school. As a teacher now at the school, I have also witnessed students slipping on the muddy lawns when it rains because the water has no where to go and ends up pooling in areas where students might cross.

Already, the work that Amigos de los Rios has done so far have been invaluable to alleviating these problems at our school. However, continued work needs to be done to fully address these issues, and so I ask that you would grant them the funds to continue the incredible work that they have been doing here at Plymouth Elementary.

There are so much wonderful things that I can say about Amigos de los Rios and their work, but here are just some highlights: both staff and students alike have been more inspired to exercise due to the presence of the new permeable pavement track; our school community, young and old, have enjoyed some sweet fellowship time as we dug and planted alongside each other (socially distanced); students have immensely enjoyed the outdoor learning spaces as they are given opportunities to just appreciate nature. Please help us support Amigos de los Rios! They simply are a phenomenal group of people who have been extremely knowledgeable and passionate about making our school a wonderful place to learn. THANK YOU!!!

Sincerely,  
Katrina Ho

(Teacher and parent of a 2nd & 4th grader at Plymouth Elementary)



**PLYMOUTHPTA** MAY 17, 2021 11:00PM

### **Plymouth PTA's Letter of Support for the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project**



May 14, 2021

Rio Hondo  
Safe Clean Water Program Grant Administrator  
Los Angeles County Public Works  
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**PUBLIC COMMENT  
DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR  
Amigos de los Rios  
PLYMOUTH SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD STORMWATER CAPTURE  
DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

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**Plymouth PUBLIC COMMENT SAFE CLEAN WATER SUPPORT  
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**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 09:04PM

**Beautiful!**

I am a parent of a 3rd and 5th grader at Plymouth. For many years there has been issues with flooding and mosquitos at the school. I am so happy to see these issues finally getting a permanent resolution.

But what impressed my the most is how beautiful the campus has become! The flowers, the outdoor classrooms, the walking path and the garden add so much life and peacefulness to the campus. Thank you to Amigos De Los Rios for all that you've done to make our campus amazing!

Natalie Ridley  
Parent

**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 08:56PM

**Thank you**

Hi, I am Piper. I am in tk at Plymouth. My mom is typing for me to telling you that I love how you have made my school beautiful. Thank you for letting me come plant beautiful flowers and plants. I love digging in the dirt and helping. Thank you for the track and the big rocks. Everything is beautiful. I can't wait to go back to school and play on my new playground area in kindergarten.

**ADDISON MACLELLAN** MAY 17, 2021 09:14PM

**THANK YOU!**

I cant even begin to show all the appreciation we all have for Amigo De Los Rios. Their hard work, dedication and creative minds have helped transform our campus into a beautiful, peaceful & safe place to be. The additions have made it safe for everyone to enjoy their outside space, take peaceful walks on the new path and provide so much more useful space for our memorable family nights. I love already seeing the improvements of how water is being dispersed throughout the campus to reduce the flooding. It makes my heart happy to know that my daughter (who is partially blind, Autistic and has a plethora of health issues) has a safe place to be. We ask for approval of funding to help complete the vision. We look forward to their future work to further their improvements with eliminating the flooding issues we currently face. We are so thankful and blessed to have this partnership with Amigos De Los Rios.

Sincerely,  
The MacLellan Family

**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 08:55PM

**Thank you from the bottom of my heart!**

I am Levi and Piper Chang's mom. Over the weekend we got to volunteer and help be a part of all the beautiful work Amigo De Los Rios has done to our school. I stood there in amazement at all the work that has been put into it. My family and I have been home for the last year and not seen the campus til we recently had an open house drive thru. I couldn't believe my eyes they way it has transformed. The part that is so very important that most don't see is that it is helping our terrible water drainage problem. My kid used to come home with soaked socks and shoes from the wet

soggy field.

Personally to see my kids come alive after this weekend from working on planting and weeding their area just made my soul come alive and I know it did for them too. They keep asking when can they go back to help more.

So words really can't express how grateful my family and I am for all of your amazing work. We look forward to working more on this project.

Beth Moser-Chang parent at Plymouth



LEVI CHANG MAY 17, 2021 08:54PM

## Thank you! Please fund this for my school.

I am Levi and a 2nd grader at Plymouth. Last weekend I got to go with my mom and sister to plant and weed at my school. I have not been to school in over a year and it was amazing to see all the work that had been done. I look forward to going back to school and showing my friends where my family and I planted. I also can't wait to come back to the campus when I am older and see how it all grows. Plus people get to enjoy this for years to come. I like that they are working on the water part because my socks and shoes always get so muddy and wet when I play with my friends at recess. Thank you for making my school so special and extra fun. I can't wait to come back and volunteer next month and plant more.

Levi Chang 2nd grader



XBOYLE1 MAY 17, 2021 08:53PM

I want to thank you Amigo De Los Rios did a fantastic job for our school! They transformed our school into a kid friendly, nature friendly, and learning friendly environment. There are so many elements there for the kids to observe and discover. The fun boulders not only reflect the nature geology setting, but also the fun parts to talk to friends. The variety of the plants make our school so lovely and enjoyable. They are so efficient from designing to executing the whole transforming plan. Thank you for making our school a better and resourceful place to be. Thank you for bring the best from your professional expertise to our reality.

Xia Boyle

Parent and Mandarin Dual Immersion Teacher at Plymouth Elementary

BREYMAN BROWN MAY 17, 2021 05:25PM

## This is an amazing project and we need to support it!

Hi, I'm Breyman Brown and I'm a 4th grader here and the new trees and plants that were planted here in the last few months are amazing. The stormwater capture will help keep the concrete dry and the grass less muddy. I play soccer so I know that muddy fields equals a lot of people falling on their bums. The blacktop looks more natural and beautiful thanks to the volunteers and Amigos De Los Rios's hard work in making our school a more beautiful and natural place to be.

ANONYMOUS MAY 17, 2021 08:51PM

## Let's Fund This project

It has been eye catching and beautiful to see the changes and hard work to not only beautify our school campus, but to support the neighborhood and land. I have taught in Monrovia for 21 years and lived in the neighborhood for 18. I have experienced the flooding many times first hand! 4 and 5 year olds arriving at school wet and dripping and carry the water and leaves into our carpet where we

sit each day. The worms would flood to the top and fill the sidewalks. This was often frightening to the children because there were so many worms we couldn't walk on the sidewalks without stepping on the remains. It was a big job for the custodians to try to manage the wet day procedures and schedules and try to manage the sidewalks full of worms and puddles. This project has helped to balance the drainage, add plant life, and support the land. It allows the school to function with greater ease and adds a wonderful look and earth supporting intention. Watching our community members come together again, in person, after a year of distancing, and seeing small groups of families and students work together to volunteer in helping the projects grow has been a reminder of our past and a hopeful glimpse of what will come. This funding has the potential to make a difference for the earth and the people in our community. Please fund this important project.

Shannon Varner  
T-k and K teacher

**AMANDA FELIZARDO** MAY 17, 2021 01:33AM

## **In Support of Amigo de los Rios continued work at Plymouth Elementary**

My name is Amanda Felizardo and I have been a staff member at Plymouth Elementary since 2018. I work as a kindergarten teacher's aide and have seen first hand how Amigos de los Rios has transformed our kinder play area, and I believe their continued work on campus would benefit the community. The addition of the trees, plants, and rocks on the play area have not only made it more beautiful, breaking up the concrete monotony of a dated play area, but it has also helped to reintroduce native flora and fauna to the area, providing students with opportunities to see more nature literally in their school's backyard. I am also looking forward to the benefits these nature areas will have when it rains, as the previous puddles of water that formed on the concrete and were havens for dirty water and mosquito larva have now been broken up with plants and trees. The large puddles of water that students had to avoid or risk getting wet and dirty will not be an issue in this area anymore, and continued work by Amigos de los Rios on other parts of campus would also benefit the school and community.

The poor rainwater collection on campus that currently exists is inefficient, does nothing to increase our local water supply, and does not protect public health. Amigos de los Rios has helped to address this issue, and their continued work would address these concerns. Large puddles that form throughout campus, including in the staff parking lot, are a concern, and an additional obstacle to the health and wellbeing of students and staff and the community. The uneven concrete has created perfect pools for water to sit in that students must avoid, and some of these puddles are again so deep and wide that our TK and kindergarten students have been drenched to the knees when jumping or walking through them. They are then left in dirty, wet clothes until their parents are able to come to school and bring them a change, spending time in the

nurse's office and missing time in class or at play. The continued work of Amigos de los Rios would address these concerns, as well as greatly improve our water supply and protect the health of all of us in the community.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Felizardo  
Plymouth Staff

**ANONYMOUS** MAY 16, 2021 10:40PM

In Support of Amigos De Los Rios and all the work they've done at Plymouth

As a teacher and a parent, I cannot say enough about the benefits this project has brought to our community. The plants and trees that have been planted add natural beauty to the campus as they are all plants native to our region. This was created a natural learning opportunity for our students. The trees that have been planted, once matured, will also add shade that will reduce the temperature of the concrete during the hotter months of the year. Stone benches have been thoughtfully placed beneath these trees as well.

The new porous concrete walkways have given students a path to walk on as they cross from the school buildings to the play yard. This path continues around the larger field of the school and becomes a walking path that students now can use to walk/run laps. Many students have set a goal to walk a mile each day around the track. As they walk along this track, they walk around our playground and under a beautiful canopy of trees. They walk by outdoor rock classrooms where other teachers may be reading a book to his/her class, and past a rock river lined with new trees that has been specially designed to drain water runoff away from the fields and back into the Earth.

Our students haven't been able to use the climbing structure yet this year, but they have been having a rich outdoor experience of exploration and play because of the additions made by Amigos De Los Rios.

From Karen Harvey Jarrett  
Teacher and Parent of a student  
Plymouth Elementary School

**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 08:50PM

## **In support of the Amigos De Los Rios project from a Plymouth Student (age 8).**

The plants and rocks and trees that they put in the ground makes the school feel much more natural. Before it was just concrete everywhere. When it rained I couldn't really walk because of all the squishy mud. Now it's nice to be outside.

## In support of Amigos de los Rios continued work at Plymouth Elementary School

Dear LA County Commissioners,

Hi, I'm Kristine Rietze, parent of a Kindergartner at Plymouth Elementary. I want to voice my support of Amigos de Los Rios' continued work on the campus. The work they have done so far has greatly improved the school by adding beauty and quality outdoor spaces. My son talks almost daily about the rock spaces that Amigos installed. As the students are not yet permitted to play on the play structures, I had been concerned that there would not be outdoor time for the students to move and bond with each other. Thanks to Amigos that is not the case. His teacher utilizes the rock area by having the students play a game where they move from rock to rock based on the way they answer a question she asks. My son has loved this game, the time spent outdoors and all he has learned about his classmates! On our drive through the school for the drive-thru open house, our whole family got to view the enhancements and were happy to see how they made the campus look. I share all of this so that you can understand how important their work on the campus is. I would like them to be able to continue their work so that flooding and drainage issues can be addressed. The school collects runoff water, floods during the rainy season and has stagnant water sitting right out front where students, faculty and parents walk and drive daily. It is a haven for mosquitoes and is sometimes so large, it is difficult for smaller children to cross over. I am asking that funding be continued to address these issues. Combined with the work that has already been done and these future improvements, it will allow Plymouth Elementary continue to impact lives for the better for years to come. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Kristine Rietze  
Parent of a Kindergarten student

## Please fund the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project!

Dear LA County Commissioners,

I am a parent of a 1st and 2nd grader at Plymouth Elementary School in Monrovia. I am so proud of all the work that Amigos de los Rios has been doing to beautify our school by providing outdoor learning spaces and planting drought-resistant trees and flowers. Despite all the amazing work that has been done, with the help of many families from the school and community members, I hope Amigos de los Rios will be able to receive the funding necessary to get rid of the persistent flooding problems. The stagnant water around the school has been breeding grounds for mosquitoes and my kids would come home with visible welts from mosquito bites after school when they were attending in-

person classes. Funding this project will improve both the mental and physical health and well-being of our children and the surrounding community.

Sincerely,  
Justine Ung  
Parent of Plymouth Elementary School

## LACSCWP, Support and Fund the Plymouth Elementary Storm Water Capture Demonstration Project

The area immediately surrounding Plymouth Elementary School was designed for life in the 1950s. Seventy years later, this school property is still the terminus for storm water and all urban runoff from several streets and neighboring properties; a result of improper planning and engineering. Runoff causes regular flooding at the front of our school, in our staff parking lot, and finally stopping in the field where about 500 elementary-aged children play throughout the year. In this park-starved area of Monrovia / Unincorporated Monrovia, the school field is the only open space many families have regular access to. Flooding and ponding water create extremely dangerous driving and pedestrian conditions and make proper maintenance by the City and School District impossible.

Funding this project directly aligns with many of the SCWCP goals by (1) improving water quality within the watershed, (2) improving drought preparedness by capturing storm water and urban runoff into locations designed for proper infiltration and greatly improves safety, (3) improving public health by reducing direct human and wildlife contact with contaminated and vector infested water, as well as improving access to the open spaces and recreational opportunities at Plymouth, (4) investing in solutions to the infrastructure void in this community, (5) using nature-based solutions to make the proposed Project improvements, (6) serving a neighborhood and growing elementary school community, (7) providing tangible and significant benefits to the Disadvantaged Community around Plymouth Elementary, and (8) will also promote green jobs and career pathways.

Please fund this critical project and make it possible to continue improvements that will have lasting positive generational impacts!

Desiree Harbaugh,  
Plymouth Elementary parent since 2012, School Volunteer, Staff member since 2018, and resident of Los Angeles County

## Please fund the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project

Dear County Commissioners,

I am the parent of a 4th grader and a 1st grader at Plymouth Elementary, and the work that has been happening at our campus under the leadership and vision of Amigos de los Rios has been nothing short of transformational! We have watched concrete turn into flowers that are bringing so much life, beauty, and hope to our campus after an incredibly difficult year.

The approach Amigos de los Rios has taken to stormwater capture at our campus confers so many benefits for our students—outdoor classrooms, real-world learning opportunities, mental and physical health improvements—while addressing the nuisances and safety issues caused by flooding and improper drainage. There is still so much work that needs to be done. Please help Amigos de los Rios complete its vision of a multi-benefit, beautiful, and safe campus for the students at Plymouth by funding this demonstration project.

Sincerely,  
Jeannine Pao Brown  
Parent at Plymouth Elementary



**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 08:47PM

## Please Fund The Storm Water Capture Demonstration Project

Dear County Commissioners

I am a former Plymouth School Parent and Community Member. My daughter previously attended Plymouth for 6 years. In her time at Plymouth the flooding issues during the rainy weather were very much a struggle to navigate. The water puddles were a magnet for mosquitoes and created some additional challenges and health concerns for our children. No child or parents should have these worries when they send their children to school. I am elated to hear about all the beautiful landscaping and corrections being made for the storm water capture. This school is such a wonderful special place for our children to learn. Please fund this project so that our children will have a safe and beautiful campus for years to come.

Sincerely,  
Corrie Mendez  
Community Member

**ELIZABETH SAAVEDRA** MAY 15, 2021 12:11PM

## PLEASE FUND THE STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT

We are parents of a 2nd grader and future Dragon. It has been such a joy to see the developments happening on campus, even as our students have been away. Poor drainage and large puddles on and surrounding campus may seem like minor annoyances, but the ability to access campus safely (especially for the kids with special needs like those in our son's special day class) can actually mean a great deal. We are grateful for the work that has already been done and we hope you will continue to support the efforts of Amigos de los Rios in creating a safe, beautiful, and welcoming environment for all of our students.

**CARYL ROMERO** MAY 17, 2021 08:47PM

## HELP fund the STORMWATER capture for Plymouth Elementary School 🌱🐉

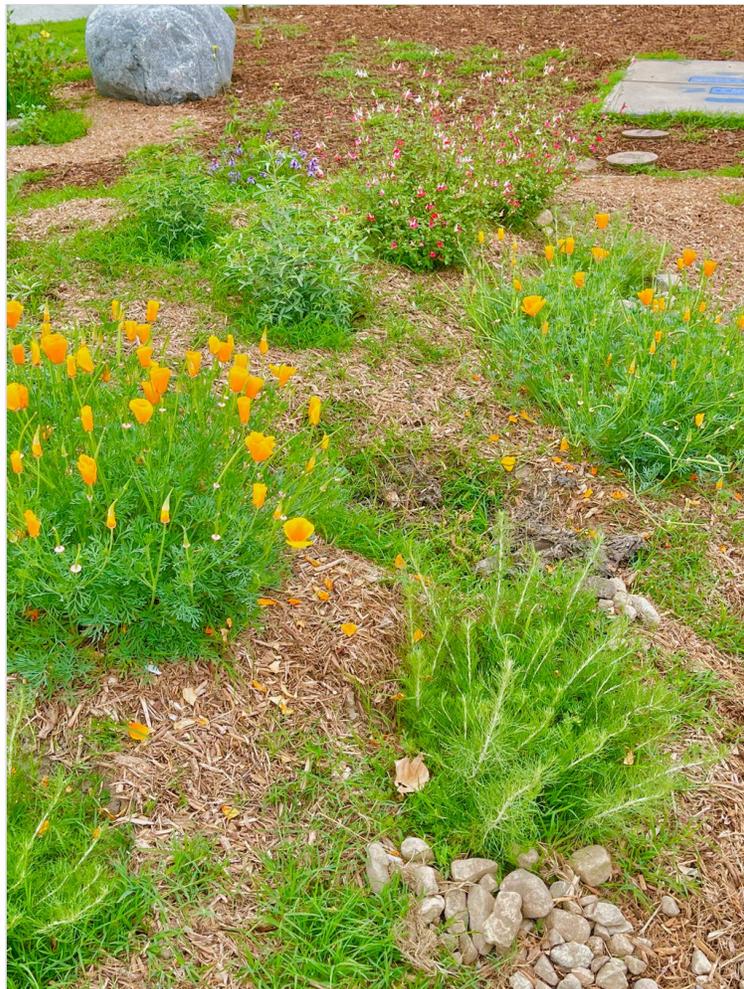
To LA County Commissioners,

I am a mother of two wonderful boys, a 4th grader and a 2nd grader at Plymouth Elementary. Thanks to Amigos de los Rios Plymouth Elementary was very fortunate to be granted a stormwater capture and has come a long way in building a better place for our students. Our beloved school needed lots of help, but the remarkable work done by Amigos de los Rios has been astounding for our kids and the entire school. The students can now learn new things both inside and outside of their classrooms. They have created many ways to help a child physically, mentally, and emotionally. It's amazing to see the vision Amigos de los Rios had for our school come to fruition. However, there's still more

work to do. Therefore, we hope that you will grant Amigos de los Rios the funding that they will need to help us complete the beautification of our beloved school.

Sincerely,

Caryl Romero  
Plymouth Parent



**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 08:44PM

## **Rachel Fernandez**

I'm a parent of a graduating 5th grade student and also a staff member of this awesome school... And when my son started here 7 years ago this school really had nothing but great families and great staff! Over this past year I have seen so many wonderful changes happening on campus and how beautiful this school is and working with the kids every day it's nice to see them excited about all these wonderful things happening on campus and that in a year with covid and so much chaos that the school didn't fall apart or forgot about it's wonderful students, families, staff and community but instead survived with beautiful big changes for them to be excited about. With kids change is great it shows them that in every situation bad or good change can happen. And every day these kids come to school and see this beautiful school getting better and more beautiful than before and they are happy.. that is why I think we should keep building change to make the school better.

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May 12, 2021

Rio Hondo  
Safe Clean Water Program Grant Administrator  
Los Angeles County Public Works  
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**PUBLIC COMMENT  
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Project improvements include strategic removal of impermeable hardscape areas and water intensive grass field areas and integration natural infrastructure solutions to improve site capacity for infiltration. In addition to the planting of over 90 trees and 800 shrubs, water-smart enhancements will include permeable pavement, native habitat bioretention areas with infiltration planters, rain gardens, bioswales, and Low-Impact Development planters. These project elements will manage stormwater through capture and infiltration, protect and improve water quality, enhance water supply, and address watershed health and drainage challenges to mitigate ongoing flood risk.

This natural infrastructure project will provide multiple co-benefits including access to enhanced recreational opportunities, native habitat, greenhouse gas sequestration, urban heat island mitigation, improved air quality, and improved opportunities for active transportation and outdoor learning experiences among the school community.

Of critical importance to Safe Clean Water Community Program goals, this innovative demonstration project will engage, train, and empower generations of Monrovia Unified School District students to become next-generation water resource stewards to address

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Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project

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Safe Clean Water Program

Southern California's ongoing water resources issues. Integrating and celebrating urban forestry and natural infrastructure into school grounds also has proven academic performance, mental health, and physical wellness benefits for students and school community. In direct response to current COVID-19 challenges, co-benefits of the urban forestry elements of the project will also include creation of outdoor areas where classroom learning can occur in an open air setting with social distance.

This Safe Clean Water project will provide multiple water resources and community investment benefits for current and future generations and result in further dynamic collaboration between the City of Monrovia, Monrovia Unified School District, and Los Angeles County to achieve outlined water resources and social benefits

Sincerely,

*Elizabeth M. Orozco*

Elizabeth M. Orozco

Clerical Assistant III

Monrovia Unified School District

# Support for the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project

Plymouth Elementary is a Title I school serving a diverse population of students in Transitional-Kindergarten to 5th Grade. While we are a thriving community of students, parents, and teachers, the campus itself has been in need of improvements to enhance safety and learning. We fully support the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project for funding by the Los Angeles County Safe Clean Water Program for the innumerable ways it will benefit our school and its community.

**PLYMOUTHPTA** MAY 14, 2021 06:16PM

**TRACI ROBINSON** MAY 18, 2021 02:43AM

**Thank you Amigos de los Rios! You're doing an amazing job! Please Keep Funding our School project to help with with the flooding and drainage concerns. We are so appreciative of all of the planting of all the beautiful trees and plants that are making Plymouth so awesome! Our students are truly enjoying the new yard and comment every day how much fun it is to walk the path and sit and enjoy themselves on the boulders around the yard. It's a beautiful transformation, and our Dragons absolutely love it! Thank you so much!**

Traci Robinson  
4th Grade Teacher- Plymouth

**ANONYMOUS** MAY 18, 2021 12:59AM

**Thank you Amigos de los Rios for your excellent work dealing with the flooding and drainage issues at Plymouth School! We appreciate all the new planters, plants, and permeable pavement that have been installed. These improvements mean so much to our Plymouth community. We hope that you can continue this work on the flooding and drainage issues on our campus. It will further improve our school safety and learning.**

Howard Lee  
Parent of a Plymouth 2nd grader

**AIDEN KANG** MAY 18, 2021 12:59AM

## **PLEASE, HELP US!**

Hello, I'm a 4th grader and this is my 5th year in Plymouth. I am so happy and amazed on the improvement. Our school looks so beautiful and amazing now with beautiful plants and landscape. Thank you Armigo de los Rios for their dedication and hardwork. I can't wait for the completion of the Stormwater Capture project. We don't have to worry about mosquitoes attack, daily bug sprays and the muddy lawn. We can enjoy the beautiful outdoor safely. Please continue support Amigos de los Rios. We need your help!

Aiden Kang, 4th grader  
Plymouth Elementary School

**SOPHIAJEREMYMO** MAY 17, 2021 10:49PM

## **Madeline Mo**

I have helped plant flowers in my old old playground and in the front of the school. It was so fun.

**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 10:54PM

## **Please keep on funding**

Hello, I'm Charis and I'm in fourth grade at Plymouth Elementary School. I am so thankful for this project going on. It's making our school look AMAZING! I love how our school has totally transformed into a beautiful place. This project has made me feel so happy and makes me smile. Please keep funding and supporting so we can complete this wonderful project at our school.

Thank you!

Charis Ho, 4th grader  
Plymouth Elementary School



**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 11:02PM

## Please keep funding

Hi I am Toby. I am in second grade at Plymouth. I think that the project is amazing. I helped out for many hours for two days and it was so much fun! The last time I came here it totally transformed. It is like a park. I am very thankful for the Amigos de los Rios group to be willing to work so hard- even on really hot days. I love their perseverance!

Please continue to support Amigos de los Rios.

Toby Ho, 2nd grade student  
Plymouth Elementary School



**CLARA BROWN** MAY 17, 2021 10:53PM

## Love the plants

I love the plants in the front and in the back. I loved planting. It was so fun!



**SOPHIAJEREMYMO** MAY 17, 2021 10:56PM

## Please fund the Amigos de Los Rios project at Plymouth Elementary

Dear County Commissioners,

I am a parent of a 1st grader at Plymouth Elementary. Amigos de Los Rios's presence and project has brought our parent-teacher-staff community together by teaching our kids about caring for their school campus and the environment. Students have taken great pride in planting, watering and caring for the plants/landscape and school grounds.

The Stormwater Capture project is definitely needed for the safety of the School. The water is standing all year long and not just smells, it brings a lot of mosquitoes.

Please help us finish our last project to get ride of the mosquitoes and make the school a wonderful place for learning.

Jeremy & Sophia



ERICA CHANG MAY 18, 2021 12:33AM

## PLEASE Support and Fund the Plymouth Elementary Storm Water Capture Demonstration Project

Dear County Commissioners,

I'm a mother of a 4th grader at Plymouth Elementary. I am so thankful and appreciate for Amigos de los Rios. Their dedication and hard work transformed our school into a beautiful outdoor safe learning environment for the kids.

Poor drainage and large water puddles are always the big challenge especially on the rainy days and these also created the breeding paradise for mosquitoes. The flooding also a huge safety issue for the kids at school.

Therefore, for the safety of the Plymouth students, we ask for your continue funding and support the Stormwater Capture project. The kids need a safe and healthy beautiful learning environment. It can't happen without your help.

Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Erica Chang

ANONYMOUS MAY 17, 2021 10:32PM

## MUSD BOE PUBLIC COMMENT DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR Amigos de los Rios PLYMOUTH SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD STORMWATER CAPTURE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

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### PUBLIC COMMENT DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR Amigos de los Rios PLYMOUTH SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD STORMWATER CAPTURE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT

On behalf of the Monrovia Unified School District Board of Education, we support the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project for funding by Los Angeles County's Safe Clean Water Program.

### BOE Letter of Support - Plymouth Public Comment Safe Water 051721

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DAX HARBAUGH MAY 17, 2021 10:42PM

## This project needs your funding!

I'm Dax and I am in 4th grade at Plymouth, but I have been at this school before I could walk (when my older brother started Kindergarten). Lots of younger siblings walk with their family to bring or pick up their Plymouth Dragon! We have a great school, that is getting better!

I am so glad that there are so many great changes to our campus and it makes being at school so much nicer because the Tiger Mosquitoes aren't following me everywhere! I hate being bitten! But there are still places on campus where water sits for a long, long, long time and gets really gross. I know Amigos de los Rios has a plan to help fix that and I hope they are able to get the money needed to fix more.

I hope we can have more pervious concrete ... it is amazing to see it work and I don't have to walk in mud anymore!

Please help Amigos continue making this school amazing and a great example of how to keep children and families safe.

Dax Harbaugh, 10 years old  
4th grade

DESIREE HARBAUGH MAY 17, 2021 11:03PM

## Support and fund this project!

It only drizzled and gently rained today, and important pedestrian crossings were flooded.

We need modern interventions for capturing and redirecting storm water and urban runoff in and around Plymouth Elementary.

I have always worried about rainy days the most! Gutters can flood almost to the top of the curb, and parent volunteers help hundreds of students safely exit their cars or cross the street because they need help making it to the sidewalk safely.

It can be fixed, but not without this critical funding. Please support this important project.”

Desiree Harbaugh, Parent of two students, volunteer, and school staff member.



**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 10:41PM

## **Please fund Amigos de los Rios so they can continue to work on our Plymouth campus!**

Dear County Commissioners,  
I am a parent of a 2nd and 5th grader at Plymouth Elementary. We are so grateful for the work that Amigos de los Rios has started to help alleviate drainage and flooding issues on our campus as well as beautify our campus space. Every year during the rainy season, water pools on the asphalt and on the lawns making it the perfect breeding ground for mosquitos and potential diseases. We have had to, in the past, constantly spray our children with mosquito repellent before they start their day at school. With Amigos de los Rios' expertise, we hope to minimize dealing with these issues.

The work that Amigos de los Rios does has been transformative. Not only are they making our campus safer for our Plymouth

students, staff, families as well as members of the community who use our school fields and grounds, they have designed it so that many of the spaces are functional learning spaces as well. We are in awe of the addition of new outdoor rock seating/classroom that our children can use, a new walkable pathway, and plenty of green spaces. We ask that you continue to fund this type of invaluable work and especially so that they can complete the work that is much needed at our school site.

Thank you for your time,

Katie Tseng Holle  
Plymouth Elementary Parent

**KELLY CURTIS** MAY 17, 2021 09:35PM

## **Please continue to support this project.**

Thank you Amigo De Los Rios for enriching our campus and creating an actual and beautiful environment for students to learn in. I'm so thankful for all the work you have done.

**KATRINA HO** MAY 17, 2021 10:26PM

## **Please support our project!**

Dear County Commissioners,

Over the last few months, I have been in awe of how our campus is being transformed into a safe learning oasis for our students. I had never thought that a school campus could look so beautiful and functional at the same time. Every week, I see the Amigos de los Rios crew working diligently on these gardening projects that not only beautifies our school, but effectively addresses the flooding and drainage problems that our school staff and students have endured for years.

The first year my daughter started coming to this school in kindergarten, I remember that it was a regular routine to spray her down with mosquito repellent every morning so that she wouldn't get bitten. The mosquito problem was really bad due to the poor drainage around the school. As a teacher now at the school, I have also witnessed students slipping on the muddy lawns when it rains because the water has no where to go and ends up pooling in areas where students might cross.

Already, the work that Amigos de los Rios has done so far have been invaluable to alleviating these problems at our school. However, continued work needs to be done to fully address these issues, and so I ask that you would grant them the funds to continue the incredible work that they have been doing here at Plymouth Elementary.

There are so much wonderful things that I can say about Amigos de los Rios and their work, but here are just some highlights: both staff and students alike have been more inspired to exercise due to the presence of the new permeable pavement track; our school community, young and old, have enjoyed some sweet fellowship time as we dug and planted alongside each other (socially

distanced); students have immensely enjoyed the outdoor learning spaces as they are given opportunities to just appreciate nature. Please help us support Amigos de los Rios! They simply are a phenomenal group of people who have been extremely knowledgeable and passionate about making our school a wonderful place to learn. THANK YOU!!!

Sincerely,  
Katrina Ho

(Teacher and parent of a 2nd & 4th grader at Plymouth Elementary)



PLYMOUTHPTA MAY 17, 2021 11:00PM

## **Plymouth PTA's Letter of Support for the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project**



plymouthpta@yahoo.com

May 14, 2021

Rio Hondo  
Safe Clean Water Program Grant Administrator  
Los Angeles County Public Works  
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### **PUBLIC COMMENT DECLARATION OF SUPPORT FOR Amigos de los Rios PLYMOUTH SCHOOL NEIGHBORHOOD STORMWATER CAPTURE DEMONSTRATION PROJECT**

We support the **Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project** for funding by Los Angeles County's Safe Clean Water Program.

This multi-benefit project will address ongoing water quality, water supply, flooding, and drainage issues at the Plymouth Elementary School campus and along surrounding streets in the City of Monrovia. Plymouth Elementary is owned and operated by Monrovia Unified School District, and some project work will occur on surrounding public streets owned and managed by the City of Monrovia and Los Angeles County Public Works. This community is located at the southern end of a downslope, U-shaped street system with no outlets or storm drain infrastructure. Stormwaters routinely flood campus areas, impact safe arrival and departure of students, and create treacherous conditions and vector challenges impacting public health for school and community residents.

### **Plymouth PUBLIC COMMENT SAFE CLEAN WATER SUPPORT letter - docx**

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ANONYMOUS MAY 17, 2021 09:04PM

### **Beautiful!**

I am a parent of a 3rd and 5th grader at Plymouth. For many years there has been issues with flooding and mosquitos at the school. I am so happy to see these issues finally getting a permanent resolution.

But what impressed me the most is how beautiful the campus has become! The flowers, the outdoor classrooms, the walking path and the garden add so much life and peacefulness to the campus. Thank you to Amigos De Los Rios for all that you've done to make our campus amazing!

Natalie Ridley  
Parent

ANONYMOUS MAY 17, 2021 08:56PM

### **Thank you**

Hi, I am Piper. I am in tk at Plymouth. My mom is typing for me to telling you that I love how you have made my school beautiful. Thank you for letting me come plant beautiful flowers and plants. I love digging in the dirt and helping. Thank you for the track and the big rocks. Everything is beautiful. I can't wait to go back to school and play on my new playground area in kindergarten.



**ADDISON MACLELLAN** MAY 17, 2021 09:14PM

## THANK YOU!

I cant even begin to show all the appreciation we all have for Amigo De Los Rios. Their hard work, dedication and creative minds have helped transform our campus into a beautiful, peaceful & safe place to be. The additions have made it safe for everyone to enjoy their outside space, take peaceful walks on the new path and provide so much more useful space for our memorable family nights. I love already seeing the improvements of how water is being dispersed throughout the campus to reduce the flooding. It makes my heart happy to know that my daughter (who is partially blind, Autistic and has a plethora of health issues) has a safe place to be. We ask for approval of funding to help complete the vision. We look forward to their future work to further their improvements with eliminating the flooding issues we currently face. We are so thankful and blessed to have this partnership with Amigos De Los Rios.

Sincerely,  
The MacLellan Family

**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 08:55PM

## Thank you from the bottom of my heart!

I am Levi and Piper Chang's mom. Over the weekend we got to volunteer and help be a part of all the beautiful work Amigo De Los Rios has done to our school. I stood there in amazement at all the work that has been put into it. My family and I have been home for the last year and not seen the campus til we recently had an open house drive thru. I couldn't believe my eyes they way it has transformed. The part that is so very important that most don't see is that it is helping our terrible water drainage problem. My kid used to come home with soaked socks and shoes from the wet

soggy field.

Personally to see my kids come alive after this weekend from working on planting and weeding their area just made my soul come alive and I know it did for them too. They keep asking when can they go back to help more.

So words really can't express how grateful my family and I am for all of your amazing work. We look forward to working more on this project.

Beth Moser-Chang parent at Plymouth



**LEVI CHANG** MAY 17, 2021 08:54PM

## Thank you! Please fund this for my school.

I am Levi and a 2nd grader at Plymouth. Last weekend I got to go with my mom and sister to plant and weed at my school. I have not been to school in over a year and it was amazing to see all the work that had been done. I look forward to going back to school and showing my friends where my family and I planted. I also can't wait to come back to the campus when I am older and see how it all grows. Plus people get to enjoy this for years to come. I like that they are working on the water part because my socks and shoes always get so muddy and wet when I play with my friends at recess. Thank you for making my school so special and extra fun. I can't wait to come back and volunteer next month and plant more.

Levi Chang 2nd grader



**XBOYLE1** MAY 17, 2021 08:53PM

I want to thank you Amigo De Los Rios did a fantastic job for our school! They transformed our school into a kid friendly, nature friendly, and learning friendly environment. There are so many elements there for the kids to observe and discover. The fun boulders not only reflect the nature geology setting, but also the fun parts to talk to friends. The variety of the plants make our school so lovely and enjoyable. They are so efficient from designing to executing the whole transforming plan. Thank you for making our school a better and resourceful place to be. Thank you for bring the best from your professional expertise to our reality.

Xia Boyle  
Parent and Mandarin Dual Immersion Teacher at Plymouth Elementary

**BREYMAN BROWN** MAY 17, 2021 05:25PM

## **This is an amazing project and we need to support it!**

Hi, I'm Breyman Brown and I'm a 4th grader here and the new trees and plants that were planted here in the last few months are amazing. The stormwater capture will help keep the concrete dry and the grass less muddy. I play soccer so I know that muddy fields equals a lot of people falling on their bums. The blacktop looks more natural and beautiful thanks to the volunteers and Amigos De Los Rios's hard work in making our school a more beautiful and natural place to be.

**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 08:51PM

## **Let's Fund This project**

It has been eye catching and beautiful to see the changes and hard work to not only beautify our school campus, but to support the neighborhood and land. I have taught in Monrovia for 21 years and lived in the neighborhood for 18. I have experienced the flooding many times first hand! 4 and 5 year olds arriving at school wet and dripping and carry the water and leaves into our carpet where we

sit each day. The worms would flood to the top and fill the sidewalks. This was often frightening to the children because there were so many worms we couldn't walk on the sidewalks without stepping on the remains. It was a big job for the custodians to try to manage the wet day procedures and schedules and try to manage the sidewalks full of worms and puddles. This project has helped to balance the drainage, add plant life, and support the land. It allows the school to function with greater ease and adds a wonderful look and earth supporting intention. Watching our community members come together again, in person, after a year of distancing, and seeing small groups of families and students work together to volunteer in helping the projects grow has been a reminder of our past and a hopeful glimpse of what will come. This funding has the potential to make a difference for the earth and the people in our community. Please fund this important project.

Shannon Varner  
T-k and K teacher

**AMANDA FELIZARDO** MAY 17, 2021 01:33AM

## **In Support of Amigo de los Rios continued work at Plymouth Elementary**

My name is Amanda Felizardo and I have been a staff member at Plymouth Elementary since 2018. I work as a kindergarten teacher's aide and have seen first hand how Amigos de los Rios has transformed our kinder play area, and I believe their continued work on campus would benefit the community. The addition of the trees, plants, and rocks on the play area have not only made it more beautiful, breaking up the concrete monotony of a dated play area, but it has also helped to reintroduce native flora and fauna to the area, providing students with opportunities to see more nature literally in their school's backyard. I am also looking forward to the benefits these nature areas will have when it rains, as the previous puddles of water that formed on the concrete and were havens for dirty water and mosquito larva have now been broken up with plants and trees. The large puddles of water that students had to avoid or risk getting wet and dirty will not be an issue in this area anymore, and continued work by Amigos de los Rios on other parts of campus would also benefit the school and community.

The poor rainwater collection on campus that currently exists is inefficient, does nothing to increase our local water supply, and does not protect public health. Amigos de los Rios has helped to address this issue, and their continued work would address these concerns. Large puddles that form throughout campus, including in the staff parking lot, are a concern, and an additional obstacle to the health and wellbeing of students and staff and the community. The uneven concrete has created perfect pools for water to sit in that students must avoid, and some of these puddles are again so deep and wide that our TK and kindergarten students have been drenched to the knees when jumping or walking through them. They are then left in dirty, wet clothes until their parents are able to come to school and bring them a change, spending time in the

nurse's office and missing time in class or at play. The continued work of Amigos de los Rios would address these concerns, as well as greatly improve our water supply and protect the health of all of us in the community.

Sincerely,  
Amanda Felizardo  
Plymouth Staff

**ANONYMOUS** MAY 16, 2021 10:40PM

In Support of Amigos De Los Rios and all the work they've done at Plymouth

As a teacher and a parent, I cannot say enough about the benefits this project has brought to our community. The plants and trees that have been planted add natural beauty to the campus as they are all plants native to our region. This was created a natural learning opportunity for our students. The trees that have been planted, once matured, will also add shade that will reduce the temperature of the concrete during the hotter months of the year. Stone benches have been thoughtfully placed beneath these trees as well.

The new porous concrete walkways have given students a path to walk on as they cross from the school buildings to the play yard. This path continues around the larger field of the school and becomes a walking path that students now can use to walk/run laps. Many students have set a goal to walk a mile each day around the track. As they walk along this track, they walk around our playground and under a beautiful canopy of trees. They walk by outdoor rock classrooms where other teachers may be reading a book to his/her class, and past a rock river lined with new trees that has been specially designed to drain water runoff away from the fields and back into the Earth.

Our students haven't been able to use the climbing structure yet this year, but they have been having a rich outdoor experience of exploration and play because of the additions made by Amigos De Los Rios.

From Karen Harvey Jarrett  
Teacher and Parent of a student  
Plymouth Elementary School

**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 08:50PM

**In support of the Amigos De Los Rios project from a Plymouth Student (age 8).**

The plants and rocks and trees that they put in the ground makes the school feel much more natural. Before it was just concrete everywhere. When it rained I couldn't really walk because of all the squishy mud. Now it's nice to be outside.

**JACOB RIETZE** MAY 17, 2021 08:50PM

**In support of Amigos de los Rios continued work at Plymouth Elementary School**

Dear LA County Commissioners,

Hi, I'm Kristine Rietze, parent of a Kindergartner at Plymouth Elementary. I want to voice my support of Amigos de Los Rios' continued work on the campus. The work they have done so far has greatly improved the school by adding beauty and quality outdoor spaces. My son talks almost daily about the rock spaces that Amigos installed. As the students are not yet permitted to play on the play structures, I had been concerned that there would not be outdoor time for the students to move and bond with each other. Thanks to Amigos that is not the case. His teacher utilizes the rock area by having the students play a game where they move from rock to rock based on the way they answer a question she asks. My son has loved this game, the time spent outdoors and all he has learned about his classmates! On our drive through the school for the drive-thru open house, our whole family got to view the enhancements and were happy to see how they made the campus look. I share all of this so that you can understand how important their work on the campus is. I would like them to be able to continue their work so that flooding and drainage issues can be addressed. The school collects runoff water, floods during the rainy season and has stagnant water sitting right out front where students, faculty and parents walk and drive daily. It is a haven for mosquitoes and is sometimes so large, it is difficult for smaller children to cross over. I am asking that funding be continued to address these issues. Combined with the work that has already been done and these future improvements, it will allow Plymouth Elementary continue to impact lives for the better for years to come. Thank you!

Sincerely,  
Kristine Rietze  
Parent of a Kindergarten student

**JUSTINEUNG** MAY 16, 2021 07:42AM

**Please fund the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project!**

Dear LA County Commissioners,

I am a parent of a 1st and 2nd grader at Plymouth Elementary School in Monrovia. I am so proud of all the work that Amigos de los Rios has been doing to beautify our school by providing outdoor learning spaces and planting drought-resistant trees and flowers. Despite all the amazing work that has been done, with the help of many families from the school and community members, I hope Amigos de los Rios will be able to receive the funding necessary to get rid of the persistent flooding problems. The stagnant water around the school has been breeding grounds for mosquitoes and my kids would come home with visible welts from mosquito bites after school when they were attending in-

person classes. Funding this project will improve both the mental and physical health and well-being of our children and the surrounding community.

Sincerely,  
Justine Ung  
Parent of Plymouth Elementary School

**DESIREE HARBAUGH** MAY 16, 2021 01:59AM

## LACSCWP, Support and Fund the Plymouth Elementary Storm Water Capture Demonstration Project

The area immediately surrounding Plymouth Elementary School was designed for life in the 1950s. Seventy years later, this school property is still the terminus for storm water and all urban runoff from several streets and neighboring properties; a result of improper planning and engineering. Runoff causes regular flooding at the front of our school, in our staff parking lot, and finally stopping in the field where about 500 elementary-aged children play throughout the year. In this park-starved area of Monrovia / Unincorporated Monrovia, the school field is the only open space many families have regular access to. Flooding and ponding water create extremely dangerous driving and pedestrian conditions and make proper maintenance by the City and School District impossible.

Funding this project directly aligns with many of the SCWCP goals by (1) improving water quality within the watershed, (2) improving drought preparedness by capturing storm water and urban runoff into locations designed for proper infiltration and greatly improves safety, (3) improving public health by reducing direct human and wildlife contact with contaminated and vector infested water, as well as improving access to the open spaces and recreational opportunities at Plymouth, (4) investing in solutions to the infrastructure void in this community, (5) using nature-based solutions to make the proposed Project improvements, (6) serving a neighborhood and growing elementary school community, (7) providing tangible and significant benefits to the Disadvantaged Community around Plymouth Elementary, and (8) will also promote green jobs and career pathways.

Please fund this critical project and make it possible to continue improvements that will have lasting positive generational impacts!

Desiree Harbaugh,  
Plymouth Elementary parent since 2012, School Volunteer, Staff member since 2018, and resident of Los Angeles County

**JEANNINE PAO BROWN** MAY 17, 2021 11:01PM

## Please fund the Plymouth School Neighborhood Stormwater Capture Demonstration Project

Dear County Commissioners,

I am the parent of a 4th grader and a 1st grader at Plymouth Elementary, and the work that has been happening at our campus under the leadership and vision of Amigos de los Rios has been nothing short of transformational! We have watched concrete turn into flowers that are bringing so much life, beauty, and hope to our campus after an incredibly difficult year.

The approach Amigos de los Rios has taken to stormwater capture at our campus confers so many benefits for our students—outdoor classrooms, real-world learning opportunities, mental and physical health improvements—while addressing the nuisances and safety issues caused by flooding and improper drainage. There is still so much work that needs to be done. Please help Amigos de los Rios complete its vision of a multi-benefit, beautiful, and safe campus for the students at Plymouth by funding this demonstration project.

Sincerely,  
Jeannine Pao Brown  
Parent at Plymouth Elementary



**ANONYMOUS** MAY 17, 2021 08:47PM

## Please Fund The Storm Water Capture Demonstration Project

Dear County Commissioners

I am a former Plymouth School Parent and Community Member. My daughter previously attended Plymouth for 6 years. In her time at Plymouth the flooding issues during the rainy weather were very much a struggle to navigate. The water puddles were a magnet for mosquitoes and created some additional challenges and health concerns for our children. No child or parents should have these worries when they send their children to school. I am elated to hear about all the beautiful landscaping and corrections being made for the storm water capture. This school is such a wonderful special place for our children to learn. Please fund this project so that our children will have a safe and beautiful campus for years to come.

Sincerely,  
Corrie Mendez  
Community Member

ELIZABETH SAAVEDRA MAY 15, 2021 12:11PM

## PLEASE FUND THE STORMWATER CAPTURE PROJECT

We are parents of a 2nd grader and future Dragon. It has been such a joy to see the developments happening on campus, even as our students have been away. Poor drainage and large puddles on and surrounding campus may seem like minor annoyances, but the ability to access campus safely (especially for the kids with special needs like those in our son's special day class) can actually mean a great deal. We are grateful for the work that has already been done and we hope you will continue to support the efforts of Amigos de los Rios in creating a safe, beautiful, and welcoming environment for all of our students.

CARYL ROMERO MAY 17, 2021 08:47PM

## HELP fund the STORMWATER capture for Plymouth Elementary School 🌱🐸

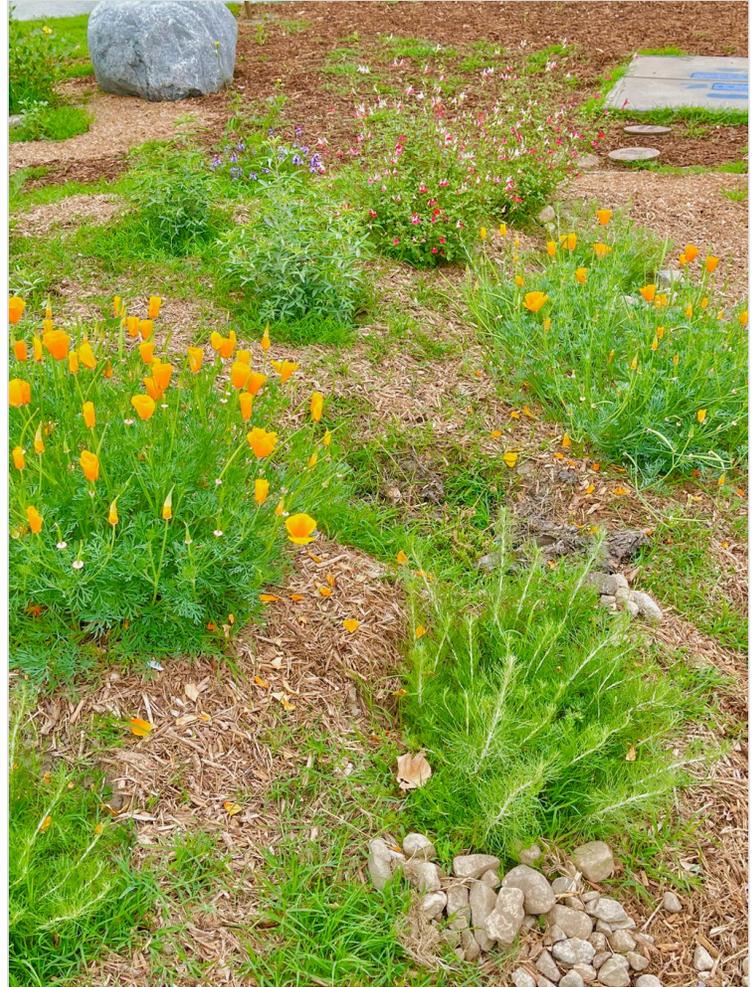
To LA County Commissioners,

I am a mother of two wonderful boys, a 4th grader and a 2nd grader at Plymouth Elementary. Thanks to Amigos de los Rios Plymouth Elementary was very fortunate to be granted a stormwater capture and has come a long way in building a better place for our students. Our beloved school needed lots of help, but the remarkable work done by Amigos de los Rios has been astounding for our kids and the entire school. The students can now learn new things both inside and outside of their classrooms. They have created many ways to help a child physically, mentally, and emotionally. It's amazing to see the vision Amigos de los Rios had for our school come to fruition. However, there's still more

work to do. Therefore, we hope that you will grant Amigos de los Rios the funding that they will need to help us complete the beautification of our beloved school.

Sincerely,

Caryl Romero  
Plymouth Parent



ANONYMOUS MAY 17, 2021 08:44PM

## Rachel Fernandez

I'm a parent of a graduating 5th grade student and also a staff member of this awesome school... And when my son started here 7 years ago this school really had nothing but great families and great staff! Over this past year I have seen so many wonderful changes happening on campus and how beautiful this school is and working with the kids every day it's nice to see them excited about all these wonderful things happening on campus and that in a year with covid and so much chaos that the school didn't fall apart or forgot about it's wonderful students, families, staff and community but instead survived with beautiful big changes for them to be excited about. With kids change is great it shows them that in every situation bad or good change can happen. And every day these kids come to school and see this beautiful school getting better and more beautiful than before and they are happy.. that is

why I think we should keep building change to make the school better.

