



San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. What is a strategic implementation plan?

A strategic implementation plan helps groups organize work around a set of shared priorities. The plan is a toolkit that helps communities, cities, and local jurisdictions coordinate large public projects. The plan helps provide a template that can be tailored to individual communities' needs and can be used to plan out individual project sites while aligned with a larger vision.

2. What is a Greenway?

A greenway is a pathway or trail that communities can use for biking, walking, and other uses such as horseback riding, picnic areas, etc. A greenway network is a group of interconnected greenways that can help connect people and communities.

3. Why create the San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan?

The San Gabriel Valley Greenway Network Strategic Implementation Plan (SGVGNSIP) was created to outline a plan to create a countywide network of interconnected greenways along flood control systems providing recreational opportunities, active transportation options, trails for equestrian use, and stormwater improvements within the San Gabriel River Watershed area of the San Gabriel Valley (SGV). The existing public right of way (ROW) along the channelized watershed, washes, and creeks presents an immense opportunity for green space and trail development across many cities and neighborhoods throughout the SGV.

4. What is the SGV Greenway Network Plan and what does it do?

The SGV Greenway Network Plan is a master plan and toolkit designed to offer a holistic and systematic regionwide implementation strategy for greenway projects within the San Gabriel River Watershed. Its aim is to assist cities, neighborhoods, and communities that share the watershed, to maximize the positive impact of individual projects on the greenway network for the benefit of both the specific community project and the entire network's region.

5. Does the Greenway Network Plan propose specific projects along the channel?

No specific projects are being proposed for development by this Plan. However, many early implementation projects in various stages have been outlined in the background of the document. The Plan builds upon connections to those existing efforts and also examines ten potential conceptual sites. The concept sites were identified and analyzed utilizing feedback from communities and the steering committee, available greenspace demographics, potential alignment with existing trails, amongst many other data points. The 10 conceptual plans and accompanying graphic renderings provide a vision and potential design strategy for any number of future projects within the Plan area.



The Greenway Network Plan provides important statistical information and analysis needed to support the funding of future projects as well as a programmatic design toolkit. The toolkit clearly illustrates the design possibilities given the various opportunities and constraints typical of the conditions found along the channel and its tributaries as it flows through neighborhoods and city intersections.

6. Does the Greenway Network Plan recommend a one size fits all solution?

There is no singular implementation strategy for the entirety of the SGV Greenway Network. Future projects should tailor to the unique requirements and opportunities presented by specific tributary segments, as well as the diverse needs of neighboring communities. Projects must also respect the needs of flood risk management while achieving the SGV Greenway Network Plan's goals and objectives.

7. What outreach has been done and who has been engaged?

Public engagement efforts have been actively conducted throughout the Plan area. These engagement efforts have focused on plan awareness as well providing multiple avenues for community feedback over an extended period.

To date there have been:

- **80 community events**
- **2.3K survey responses**
- **8 community workshops**
- **212K social media impressions**
- **4K in person interactions**

Ongoing efforts include:

- **Planned community workshops**
- **community pop-up events**
- **social media posts**
- **website publicity**
- **laminated posters, fact sheets, and surveys**

The SGV Greenway Network Plan development team has utilized direct feedback to develop the plan's programmatic focus and hierarchy of goals.

In addition to direct community engagement, the plan team has met with the many municipal stakeholders encompassed in the Plan's geographic area, as well as various County agencies and active non-profit organizations to ensure that the Plan is in alignment with best practices and shared County goals and objectives.



8. How will this help communities along the channel?

The SGV Greenway Network Plan helps communities by offering a clear roadmap for active transit and green space connectivity in their neighborhood and providing the tools and resources to design and implement projects that best suit their individual needs. The implementation of any project will be dependent on community needs and funding availability, but the framework exist within the Plan, while respecting local planning processes as well as the requirements and standards that help maintain the safety and integrity of the flood control system.

9. Have any similar projects already been implemented along the SGV Greenway Network?

Yes, there are various planned greenway and bikeway projects included in the document. These are projects within the SGV that have advanced into design, construction, or have been recently completed. Project implementation status varies from early planning through construction. The Emerald Necklace projects, for example can be found along eight of SGV primary tributaries.

10. How will the SGV Greenway Network Plan be implemented over time?

Following the release of the final plan, individual communities will lead project development. The timeline for any individual project depends on funding availability, project size, and decisions made by local authorities. This approach acknowledges the unique circumstances and priorities of each community involved.

11. Is there funding to implement any of the ideas in the Plan?

Resources for funding are available at the local, state, and federal level, and are generally awarded through a competitive grant application process. The Plan outlines these funding resources and encourages project proponents to ensure that the proposed project follows the guidelines of the Plan and aligns with the grant requirements. The Plan provides the program components, justification and supporting arguments to help local projects achieve grant funding.

12. How does this incorporate existing plans that were drafted?

Existing plans and studies have been reviewed, incorporated and/or aligned with to meet the active transportation, shared greenspace, park equity, and flood control directives and goals of the region. A few of the plans that informed and helped shape the direction of the SGV Greenway Network Plan:

- 2012 Bicycle Master Plan, LA County Public Works
- 2013 County of Los Angeles Trails Manual, DPR
- 2017 Emerald Necklace Implementation Plan, WCA
- 2018 SGV Regional Active Transportation Plan and Greenway Network Study, SGVCOG
- 2022 Los Angeles Countywide Park Needs Assessment Plus (PNA+), DPR
- 2022 LA River Master Plan, LA County Public Works

A comprehensive list of the previous master plans, manuals, and studies used in the research and development of the Greenway Network Plan is outlined in the Plan.



13. How does the Greenway Network Plan address greenspace equity in the San Gabriel Valley?

The promotion of equitable practices is at the forefront of plan development process. “Promoting equitable funding to improve social justice outcomes” is a statewide mandate outlined in the L.A. County Board of Supervisors Motion to support the SGV Greenway Network. The identification and highlighting of communities within the Plan area most in need of greenspace was a critical component of the initial analysis.

14. Does the SGV Greenway Network Plan call to capture or clean stormwater prior to flowing through the channels?

Yes, integrating stormwater management is one of the key required features in the Plan’s design guidelines. SGV Greenway Network project proponents are encouraged to use every opportunity to capture stormwater, control flooding, recharge groundwater, and improve water quality. Design solutions for stormwater management are incorporated into the Plan’s design toolkit.

15. How can I comment on the Draft Plan? How can I follow the implementation of the Final Plan?

The draft will be circulated for public comment period for 30 Days up until Saturday, April 26, 2025. LA County Public Works aims to release the final plan later this year.

Please visit our website to read the plan and leave your comments:

<https://www.sgvgreenway.org/>