

UPPER LOS ANGELES RIVER AND TRIBUTARIES REVITALIZATION PLAN

SCORING CRITERIA- DETAILED

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A. PREREQUISITES

All projects must meet the following criteria:

- Community engagement and outreach occurs during all phases.
Criteria: at this phase all sites are deemed to be able to meet this criterion
- Project does not create flood risk.
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- Project is within ½ mile of the waterway.
Criteria: sites within ½ mile of waterway move on to be scored, those outside of the ½ mile corridors will still be included in the plan.
- Suitable for open space or water-related funding source
Criteria: site has inherent criteria suitable for open space or water components (existing open space, ability to capture, treat, or store water on site, etc.)

B. CORE QUALITIES SCORE

The intrinsic, core qualities of the project:

Points

- 10 Serves more than one of the following purposes as a primary goal:
- Nature-based and watershed management: has capacity to incorporate site appropriate natural features in alignment with traditional, local, and scientific knowledge of the area; Native plants or species are introduced
 - Open space: 0.1 acres or more of open space available on site
 - Flood risk reduction: site is within the 100-yr flood plain or contains flood reduction elements
 - Safe and equitable access: site adds new access points in areas of needs; creates safe access
 - Culture and arts: space or programming related to culture or arts have been identified
 - Climate resiliency: site can have components that contribute to GHG reduction, carbon sequestration, additional habitat, irrigation reduction
 - Ecosystem enhancement: 0.1 or more of vegetation space available on site
 - Recreation: space for recreation elements available on site
 - Economic and workforce development: site has been identified as suitable to host local businesses aligned with the goals and objectives of the plan
 - Connectivity: site connects public spaces, open space, tributaries or a combination of the three
- 10 Provides new human or wildlife access to the river, tributary, or open space.
Criteria: site meets one of the following criteria
- Tributary adjacent
 - Connects open spaces and public spaces
 - Connects two open spaces
 - Connects a public or open space to a tributary

50% points (5 total) allowed for an improved access.

Criteria: site already has connectivity meeting one of the criteria above and has been identified as needing access improvements

5 Meets more than one community need.

Criteria: all sites meeting more than one of the criteria from the first core qualities item

5 Addresses unmet drainage needs or local flood complaints.

Criteria: site within 500' of area identified using UDN layer from the county

5 Treats stormwater that otherwise has no existing opportunity to be treated.

Criteria: site can capture sheet flow (local drainage) not already captured for treatment

50% points allowed for a project that treats stormwater that enters a drainage system with opportunities for structural BMPs.

Criteria: site has capacity to treat water diverted from tributary or existing storm drain

5 Incorporates art, culture or education.

Criteria: all sites are assumed to meet this criterion

5 Creates new passive recreational element.

Criteria: site has been identified to create a new opportunity for low impact recreation such as walking, biking, hiking

50% points (2.5 total) allowed for an improved recreational element.

Criteria: site has been identified as needing improvement to existing recreation through:

- Increased capacity (expansion or revitalization of space used for passive recreation)
- Improved or modernized existing infrastructure (where there is already an amenity upgrading it to a higher standard)
- New amenities (adding things like benches, restrooms, shade to an existing recreational site)

5 Improves ecosystem health by adding at least 0.1 acre of habitat or by improving wildlife passage.

Criteria: at least 0.1 acres of existing vegetation exist on site

C. LOCATION SCORE

Points

10 Project is within 500' of waterway.

50% points allowed for being within ¼ mile.

10 Project is within of ¼ mile of a public transit access point.

Data source: Metro: bus route, bus stops, subway, rail. MetroLink routes

10 Project is within ¼ mile of a cultural, arts or education facility.

Data source: LACounty_Dynamic/LMS_Data_Public

Project is near a Disadvantaged Community

Criteria: the highest score within ½ mile of the site is used (*20 maximum points allowable for CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score):

20 CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score is 95 or greater; or

15 CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score is between 85 and 94; or

10 CalEnviroScreen 3.0 score is between 75 and 84.