

# 100 Acre Partnership at Taylor Yard FAQ and Glossary

## Frequently Asked Questions

### **What is the 100-Acre Partnership at Taylor Yard?**

The 100-Acre Partnership at Taylor Yard (100 Acres) is a commitment in the form of a Letter of Intent between the City of Los Angeles (City), the California Department of Parks and Recreation (State Parks), and the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) to work cooperatively on the design, development, and operation of the Taylor Yard G1 or Bowtie parcel, the Taylor Yard G2 parcel, and Rio de Los Angeles State Park. This cooperation aims to provide surrounding communities, and the Los Angeles region, a vibrant 100-acre, River-adjacent open space destination that will include passive and active recreational opportunities, large areas of restored natural habitat, River access, and enriching and educational experiences for all ages.

### **Where does the "100 acres" come from?**

The Bowtie Parcel encompasses approximately 18 acres and the G2 parcel approximately 42 acres. Rio de Los Angeles State Park is 40 acres. Together they could amount to 100 acres of open space.

### **What agencies are involved in the 100 Acres and what will their roles be?**

The agencies involved are the City of Los Angeles, California State Parks, and the MRCA. The roles will be defined once a formal legal agreement is established.

### **What does the Letter of Intent do?**

The Letter of Intent is the first step in demonstrating that all three agencies are committed to working together to create 100 acres of open space that are complementary in mission and design. The Letter of Intent formalizes a dialogue that has already been occurring.

### **What are the next steps after the Letter of Intent?**

The next step is a formal legal agreement, likely in the form of a Memorandum of Understanding, that outlines roles and responsibilities. In the meantime, the three organizations will be working together on the 100 acres, fulfilling the intent of the Letter of Intent.

### **Will there be a cohesive design for the entire 100 acres?**

The idea is that there will be a cohesive design for the entire 100 acres, so that the public will have easy access to all areas of the 100 acres of open space, and so that the uses and activities will be complementary. Details will be specified in a formal legal agreement, but the Letter of Intent initiates our process to work together so that the design and planning can be pursued cohesively starting now.

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### **Will one agency be leading the 100 Acres?**

That has not yet been determined, and will be addressed in the formal agreement. In the meantime, each agency has assigned key staff as their points of contact.

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### **Is there funding to do the work?**

There are funding sources already identified by each of the partners, and efforts to jointly pursue additional funding for the 100 acres. They include the following sources of funds:

1. City Capital Improvement Expenditure Program (CIEP) Funds
2. Funds from the State Budget
3. Proposition 1 Grant Funds through the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy

### **What is the Paseo del Río Project?**

The Paseo del Río Project is the informal name for an early activation project that would provide riverfront public access all along the Bowtie and G2 parcels (Rio de Los Angeles Park is inland and does not have river access), which may include trails, native habitat areas, water quality improvement features, green spaces, trail recreational opportunities, a kayak launch and landing, gathering spaces or outdoor classrooms, restorative elements, and amenities such as parking, access points, restrooms, gates, lighting, and interpretive signage. The elements of this project will be developed from extensive community input, so these features are just suggestions and are just the beginning. The project will include remediation work prior to construction and it's expected to be open to the public at the end of 2023, early 2024.

### **How can the community provide input on the Paseo del Río Project?**

Once the agreement is finalized and funding secured, the partners will be reaching out to the community in a variety of ways to elicit input in a robust manner. This will include small meetings, discussions with neighborhood groups and Neighborhood Councils, discussions with nearby schools, discussions with residents in the area, questionnaires, design workshops, and other ways to give community members a variety of ways to give feedback on what they would like to see in the project. Given that holding public meetings during the Covid-19 pandemic is currently restricted, it is important to the partners to identify alternate convening and input methods to allow the community to participate throughout the planning process for the Paseo del Río Project.

### **I've heard there is contamination at the Bowtie and G2 parcels. Is that true?**

Due to the site's previous use as a rail maintenance yard for nearly a century, there is contamination in the soil. The Bowtie parcel was historically used for administrative operations and storing cleaning equipment, and the G2 parcel housed train cleaning and refueling

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activities. Contaminants are primarily lead, petroleum in the form of diesel, and other cleaning solvents. The partners are following the prescribed process for investigating and remediating the site in close coordination with our oversight authority, the State's Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC).

### **How will public health be protected during the Paseo del Río Project construction and during operation?**

The number one goal of the partners is to provide a safe, accessible, and clean space for public use. We will be working with DTSC to assure that public health is not compromised during construction, or during the operation of the area.

### **When will the Paseo del Río Project be completed?**

The hope is for the Paseo del Río Project to be completed at the end of 2023, or early 2024. This schedule is still somewhat flexible as we work on full funding and potential delays following Covid-19.

### **Who will operate, maintain, and provide security for the Paseo del Río Project once it's opened?**

At this time, the details of operations, maintenance, and security have not been determined and will be addressed in the formal agreement. All three entities have extensive experience in operating and maintaining parks and open space along the River and elsewhere. The partners intend to find the best solution for ensuring the project operates in an integrated and seamless way.

### **What are the Los Angeles River Habitat Restoration & Stormwater Capture Project and Bowtie Green Infrastructure Engagement Project?**

They are initiatives led by The Nature Conservancy in close coordination with State Parks. The Los Angeles River Habitat Restoration & Stormwater Capture Project proposes to daylight a storm drain from the existing pipeline and divert the water onto the Bowtie Parcel, through a natural arroyo that meanders along the northern site boundary, and is anticipated to be implemented in 2 to 3 years. In conjunction with the stormwater project, The Nature Conservancy is also spearheading the Bowtie Green Infrastructure Engagement Project to develop a model for community and stakeholder engagement on green infrastructure projects. These projects are a separate effort from the Paseo del Río Project but the respective teams are in communication.

### **How do I get involved?**

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