

Neighborhood Council Workshop

Meeting Notes

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Project: Tujunga Watershed Plan

Distribution:

The workshop was held at Bolton Hall Museum with the Land Use and Beautification committees of the Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council. The meeting was designed to define, on a High Resolution Digital Map, opportunities in Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council that exist within the Tujunga Watershed. Potential projects, problems, constraints and opportunities were proposed and include:

- 1) Sunland Blvd Median: Four Lane Primary Road with limited safe pedestrian access. Desire for Native Plantings with drip irrigation commitment for 2 years.
Proposed Project: Native Planting with Curb Cuts and grading to new median for stormwater capture and infiltration/remediation.
- 2) Sunland Park Retrofit: Large ball fields with adjacent storm drains
Proposed Project: Proposed swale network, retention basin, passive recreation component, community garden and increase permeable paving.
- 3) Ellenbogen St Swale and Sidewalk: Floods during Storm Events and collects trash.
Proposed Project: Swale network with permeable paving and Native Planting for stormwater capture and infiltration/remediation. Opportunity to create swales and pervious concrete gutters.
- 4) Mount Gleason Middle School Retrofit- Playing fields at bottom of slope near Ellenbogen St which suffers from flooding.
Proposed Project: Proposed retrofit of playfields to capture water (cistern) to be used for irrigation, creation of a swale network, amphitheater to double as retention basin, and an outdoor classroom with native planting to connect to existing classroom.
- 5) Flood Detention Basin (Deadman's Corner): Located at the NE Ellenbogen St to Big Tujunga Canyon Road and Ora Vista Ave. Located within the FEMA Flood Plain and currently floods during Storm Events and collects trash at Tujunga Wash. Existing Arundo in channel. Located in a Scenic Corridor.
Proposed Project: Install trash screen and Create detention basin for stormwater and trash collection, remove invasive plants and revegetate with native California plants.
34° 16' 20.00"N 118° 18' 55.06"W, Tract Map No. 60461, No. APCNV-2004-2884-ZC

- 6) Wyngate Street Pocket Park: Underutilized land at cul-de-sac of Wyngate bt Floralita Ave and Quill Ave. Willing seller?
Proposed Project: Opportunity for neighborhood pocket park. Site to be regraded to capture storm water for infiltration and planted with California Natives.
- 7) Sunland/Foothill Shopping Mall Greening: The corner of Sunland Blvd and Foothill Blvd exists a large parking lot with sparse planting.
Proposed Project: Medians for shade and stormwater capture, the use of permeable paving to allow for infiltration.
- 8) Sunland Elementary School Retrofit: Hillrose/Oro Vista Ave- Large Asphalt play areas adjacent to Haines Canyon Channel
Proposed Project: Proposed swale network, amphitheater to double as retention basin, outdoor classroom and increase permeable paving.
- 9) Sunland Neighborhood Church Retrofit: Large Asphalt parking lot adjacent to Haines Canyon Channel
Proposed Project: Medians for shade and stormwater capture, the use of permeable paving to allow for infiltration.
- 10) Haines Canyon Channel Greenway: Haines Canyon Channel connects Angeles National Forest to the Tujunga Wash. Currently there is no access along Flood Channel
Proposed Project: Proposed Bike/Equestrian/Pedestrian access trail and native plantings along Channel. Trail to connect with Bolton Hall and adjacent park areas.
- 11) Haines Canyon Reservoir Habitat Restoration: Corp cleaned out all native plants and destroyed habitat.
Proposed Project: Proposed rehabilitation of native plantings and trails along canyon as an outdoor education area.
- 12) McGroarty Park Retrofit: Current flooding problems.
Proposed Project: Park should be analyzed for swale and detention basin opportunities. Outdoor classroom/amphitheater could provide storage during rain events. Planting of California native plantings.
- 13) Sunland-Tujunga Street Flooding Analysis : Apperson St. (no sidewalks), Commerce Ave., Samoa Ave., Haines Canyon Ave., Hillrose St., Ellenbogen St flood during storm events as well as dry months (potential natural springs) and collects trash.
Proposed Project: Swale network with permeable paving and Native Planting for stormwater capture and remediation. Potential opportunity to create swales and pervious concrete gutters. Install trash screens on catch basin inlets.
- 14) Woodward Ave/Foothill Pocket Park: Existing flooding problems and currently open space. Public Land or Willing Seller?
Proposed Project: Proposed Pocket park, detention area with native plantings.
- 15) Verdugo Hills High School Retrofit- Large grass play areas adjacent to Hillrose Street that consistently floods during storm events

- Proposed Project:* Proposed retrofit of playfields to capture water (cistern) to be used for irrigation, creation of a swale network, amphitheater to double as retention basin, and an outdoor classroom with native planting.
- 16) Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Retrofit Study: Analyze flooding issues in the Sunland-Tujunga area for retrofit options. Currently limited sidewalks and opportunity for swales and permeable paving.
Proposed Project: Proposed SEA Street site- creation of a swale/trail network with native planting.
 - 17) Verdugo Hills Erosion Control Study- Study of erosion stability options for native revegetation of fire scared hillsides in the Verdugo Mountains.
 - 18) Tujunga Wash Habitat Restoration: Big Tujunga Canyon Road @ Oro Vista Ave- endangered Davidson bush mallow habitat. 34° 16' 24.52"N 118° 18' 56.46"W
 - 19) Tujunga Wash Passive Recreation Park-34° 16' 17.19"N 118° 19' 00.44"W
Opportunity to preserve habitat, create outdoor classroom, plant natives and connect to MRCA/County Park Project.
 - 20) Tujunga Wash Equestrian Trails- Build upon existing trails to provide access along the wash at Located at the intersection of Big Tujunga Canyon Road and Ora Vista Ave. *Proposed Project:* Proposed Equestrian Trail Extension from staging area 4 miles up Tujunga Wash.
 - 21) Rowley Canyon Basin Retrofit and Channel Improvement- Enlarge existing catch basins to provide for additional storm capture. Plant native plants and vegetate banks. Create passive recreation space and trails
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 - 23) Zachau Canyon Basin Retrofit and Channel Improvement- Enlarge existing catch basins to provide for additional storm capture. Plant native plants and vegetate banks. Create passive recreation space and trails
 - 24) Water Tower Canyon Creek-34° 16' 20.04"N 118° 17' 53.93" Natural Creek should be preserved and protected and analyzed for detention basin opportunities.
 - 25) Tujunga Canyon Road Pocket Park- Tujunga Canyon Road@Hillrose St open parcel with flood issues.
Proposed Project: Proposed Pocket park, detention area with native plantings.
 - 26) Catch Basin BMP Study- Ex. Foothill Blvd east of Wentworth collects trash and overgrown with plants.
Proposed Project: Analyze catch basin and retrofit with BMP's to decrease trash that drains to the wash, and clear invasive plants to maintain function.

Conclusions:

The Sunland-Tujunga Neighborhood Council introduced key issues of flooding, opportunities to create and preserve open space and increase trails and access in the district. They also elucidated key opportunities for new pocket parks and park retrofits, Swale/Sidewalk system for large communities within the council that do not currently have curbs and sidewalks and that experience flooding, Street Medians with Curb Cuts (Foothill Blvd) to create median planting, improve stormwater infiltration and decrease flooding, and a trail network along Haines Canyon Channel. They wanted to preserve existing habitat along Tujunga Wash as well as increase access for area residence. The abundance of canyons draining into the NC should be studied for better collection to reduce flooding and access from the NC to the hills.