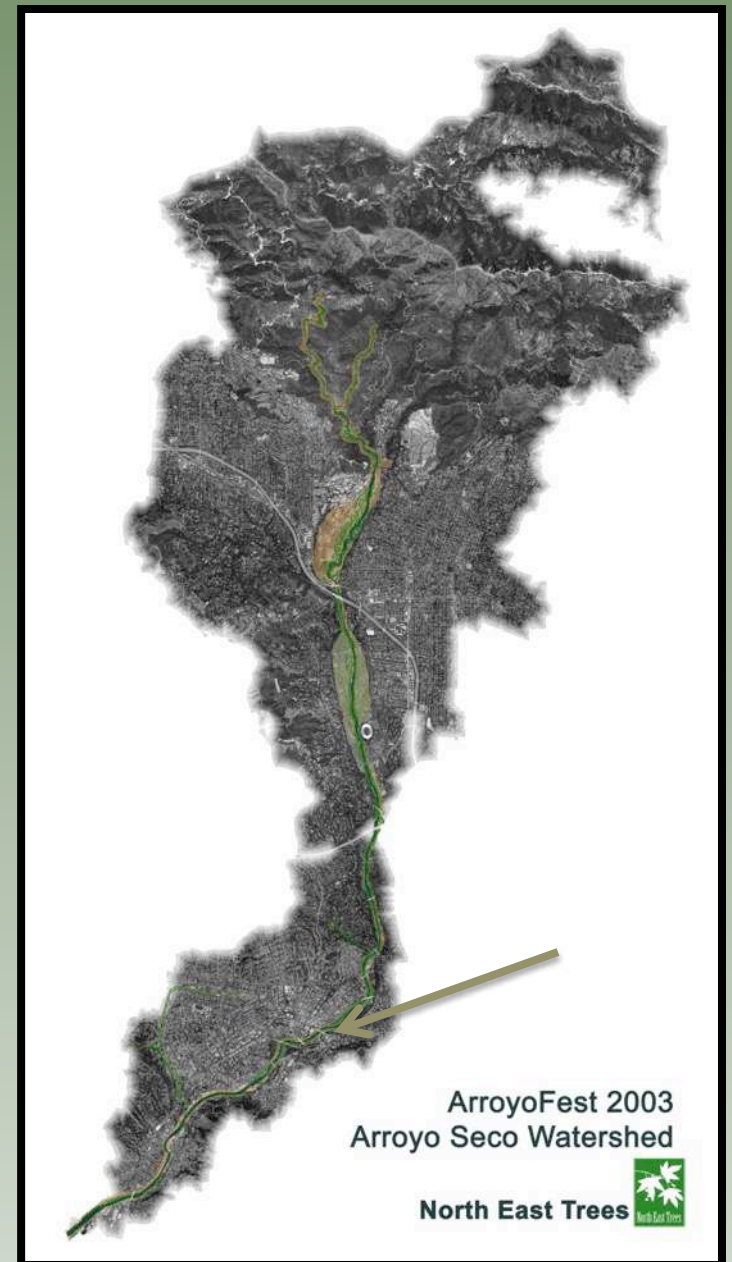


A dirt path leads from the foreground into a wooded area. In the foreground, there are yellow wildflowers and some rocks. The path is surrounded by trees and dry grass. The text "THE STORY OF SOUTH PASADENA NATURE PARK" is overlaid on the left side of the image.

THE STORY OF
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PARK

LOCATION

West of golf course in South Pas, east
of York Blvd Bridge, near 110 Parkway,
4 acres

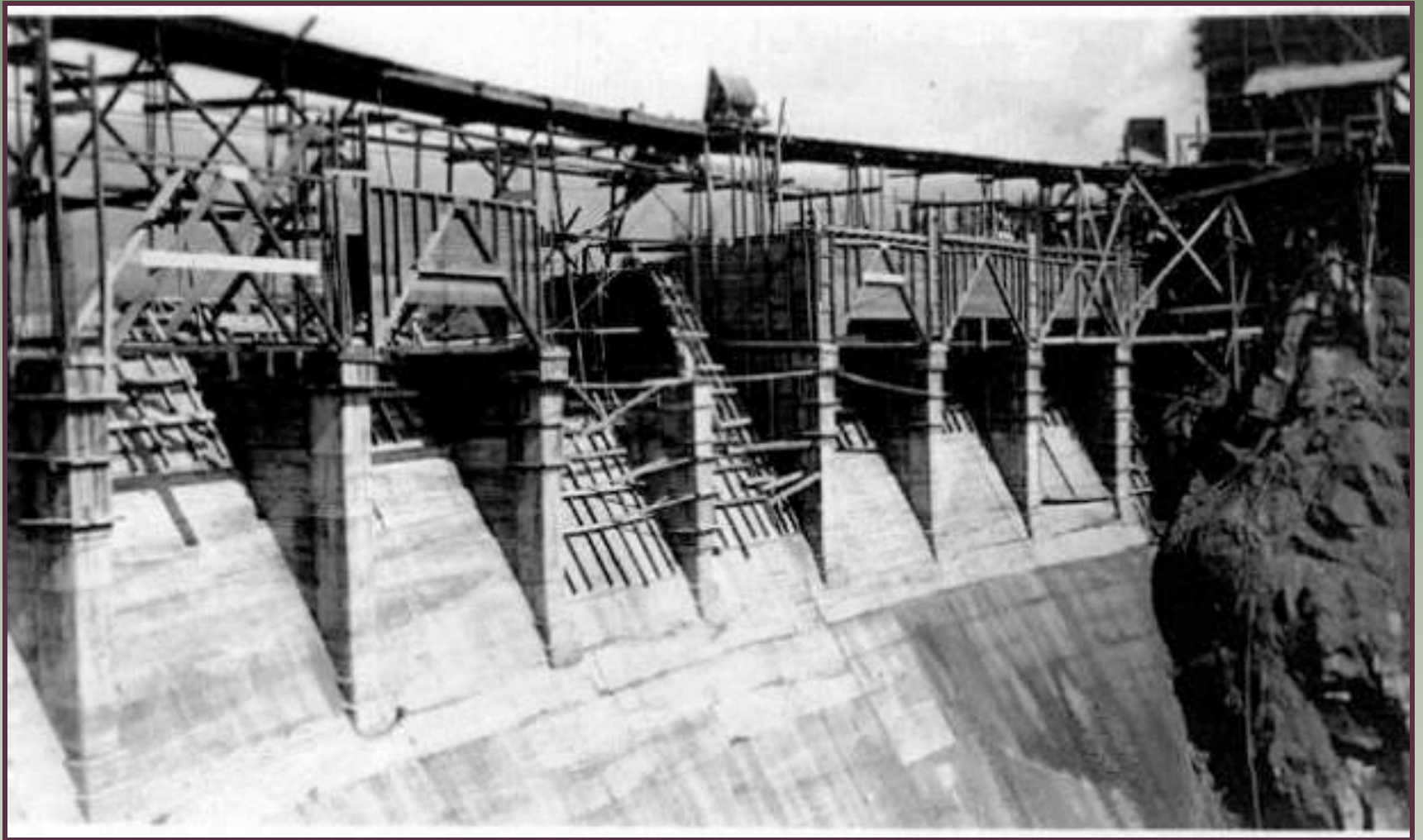


South Pasadena-Arroyo Seco Woodland and Wildlife Park



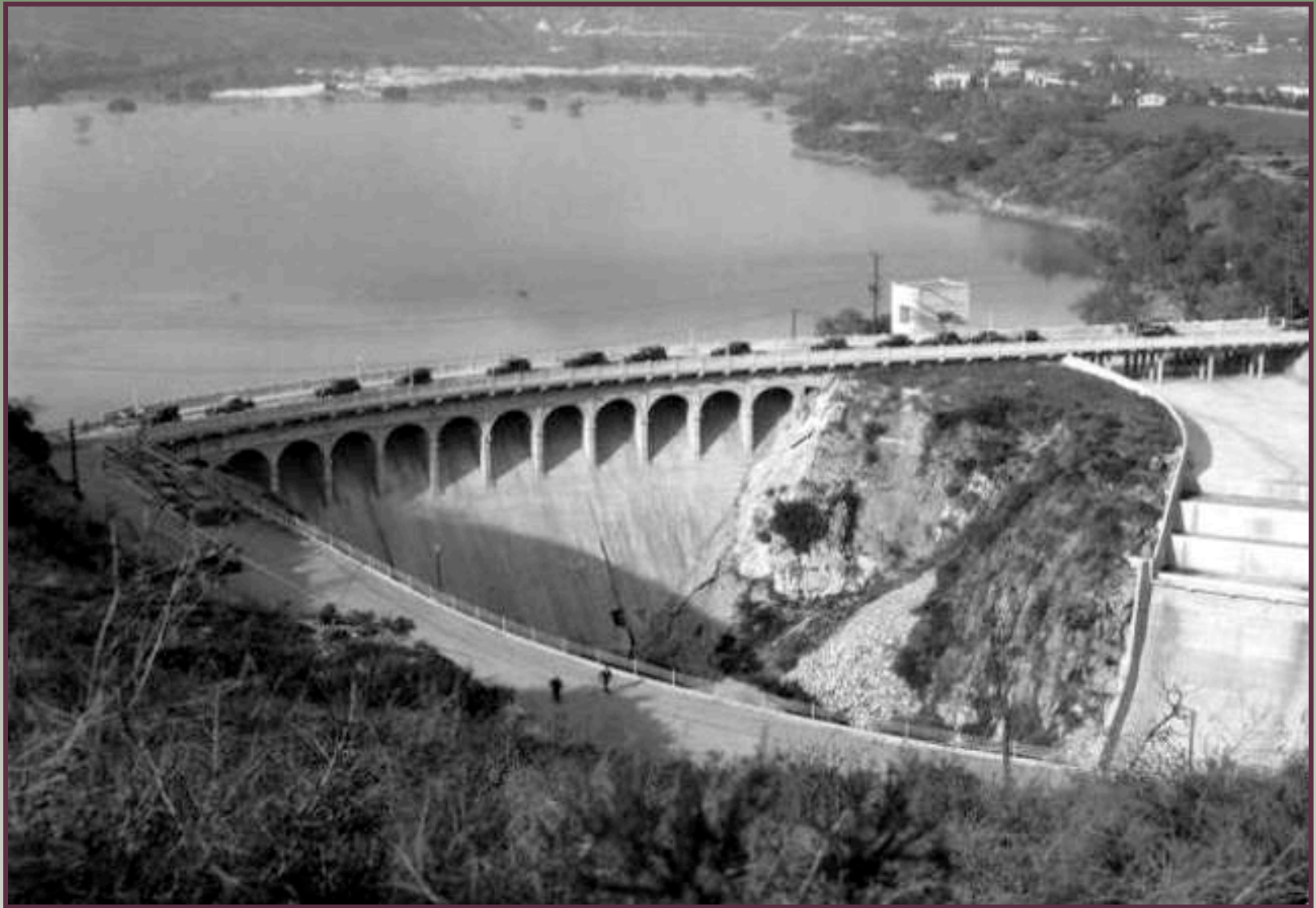
EARLY HISTORY

1888	South Pasadena incorporated
1912	Pasadena Avenue Bridge completed
1913	Colorado Street Bridge completed
1914/1916	Major flooding
1920	Devil's Gate Dam completed
1922	\$100,000 bond in S. Pas. to purchase 100 acres in the Arroyo Seco for parkland
1927	300 trees planted in new park by volunteers
1929	Construction begins on Angeles Crest Hwy



Devil's Gate Dam, Arroyo Seco. Under construction in 1920, this was the first dam constructed by Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

Photo credit: <http://www.arroyoseco.org/History/DevilsGateDam.pdf>



Devil's Gate Dam provided flood control, water conservation and was the major road connecting Pasadena and La Cañada.

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MIDDLE YEARS

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- 1935-40** Extensive work on flood control channel
 - 1940** Dedication of the Arroyo Seco Parkway
 - 1938/43** Major flooding
 - 1948** Completed channel from Devil's Gate to LA River, except small section under the 134
 - 1955** Golf course opens in So. Pas Arroyo
 - 1958** Angeles Crest Hwy completed (begun 1929)



**Arroyo Seco in the 1930s, from the G.W. Penfield Collection,
Photo courtesy of the South Pasadena Public Library.**



A flood in the Arroyo caused severe damage to this rail line in front of a mining facility in the 1930s.

http://www.nelanet.org/reportsmaps/hphistory/figure_10.jpg



Arroyo Seco during a flooding period, Southwest Museum in the background. Postcard from the collection of Virginia Neely.

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Box channel in Arroyo Seco.



Angeles Crest Highway on a foggy, winter day.



RECENT PAST

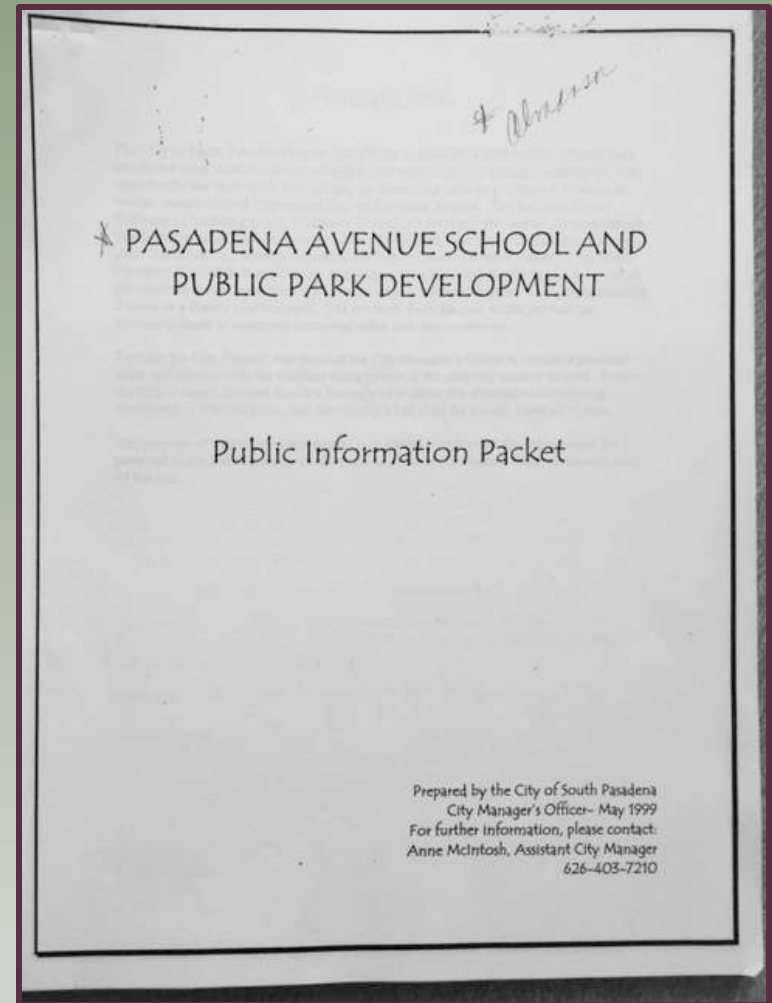
1986	South Pasadena Arroyo Seco Park renovation
1997	Devil's Gate Dam rehabilitated
1998	Pasadena Lower Arroyo restoration (BFI)
1999	So Pas activists save the Nature Park
2003	Gold Line opens
2004	Dedication of South Pasadena Arroyo Seco Woodland and Wildlife Park
2006	Friends of South Pas Nature Park formed

1998/99: SAVING THE PARK

May 1999:

City receives proposal to sell 1.37 acres for ~\$1m to Almansor Center to build a school and “family oriented park.”

Funds received “*would be directed toward the new park at this site and could help fund numerous other capital improvement projects throughout the City.*”



1999: SAVING THE PARK

THE ARROYO IS THREATENED!

STOP THE SALE!!!

**SAVE OUR PUBLIC OPEN
SPACE IN THE ARROYO SECO!**

The City of South Pasadena is considering the sale of property in the Arroyo Seco to be used for a major 40,000 sq. ft. building project with additional parking.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Oppose the sale and attend the following meetings at

South Pasadena
City Council Chambers
1414 Mission Street

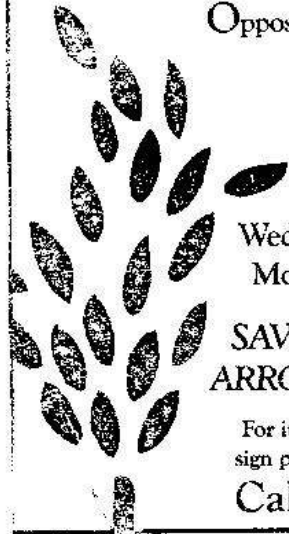
Wednesday - June 16 - 7:30 pm

Monday - June 21 - 6:30 pm

**SAVE SOUTH PASADENA'S
ARROYO SECO PARKLANDS**

For information or to help circulate or sign petitions in opposition to the sale,

Call 626-301-1711



1999
669

2003: SAVING THE PARK



SOUTH PASADENA NEIGHBORS

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Given the scarcity of funding sources, it is unlikely that any improvements would be made to this site in the absence of a joint partnership with a private partner. Therefore, the no project alternative is included to address how the current condition of the site would compare to the other proposals. (So Pas proposal, 1998)

Nature Park Construction Begins This Fall



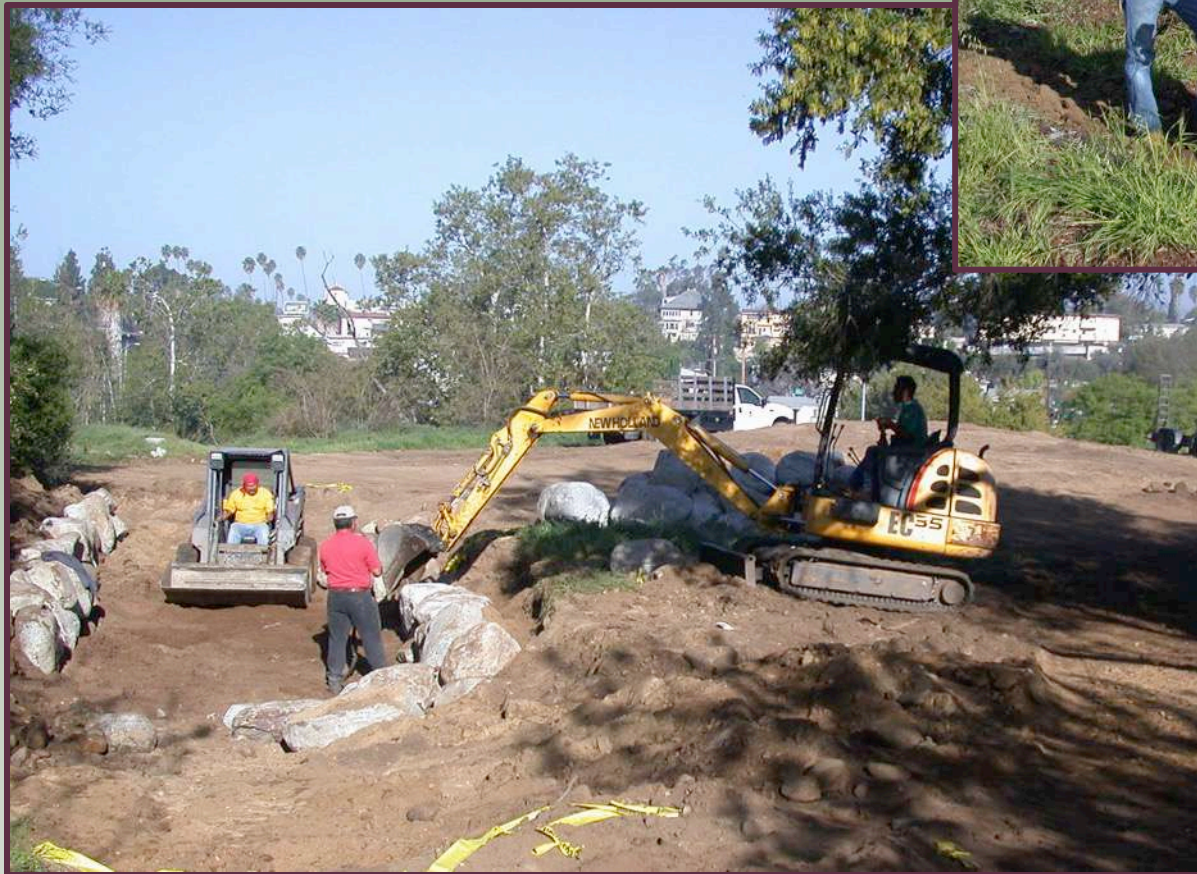
*Current entrance to
be improved during
Nature Park
construction.*

The South Arroyo Nature Park plans have been approved and construction is slated to begin this fall. The estimated completion date is spring 2004. The next Task Force meeting is scheduled for September 22 at 6:30 p.m. at the South Pasadena Senior Center, located at 1102 Oxley Street. The Task Force will

consider the park name, kiosk and information display contents, and volunteer activity into the future.

The Arroyo Nature Park project is made possible by a \$250,000 grant secured by Congressman Adam Schiff via the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority. For more information, contact Community Services Director Veronica Dolleschel at (626) 403-7362 or vdolleschel@ci.south-pasadena.ca.us.

2004: CONSTRUCTION



2005: WEEDS AND PROBLEMS



2006: FRIENDS OF NATURE PARK



2010 & '12: MLK SERVICE DAY



2011: POLITICS



2014: TEN YEARS OLD

GREEN FAIR

*In celebration of
South Pas Nature Park's 10th Anniversary*

Plant Sale & Park Tour
Green Exhibitors

Water Saving Tips
Plant Identification

Saturday, October 18
9 am - 1 pm

Arroyo Seco South Pasadena
Woodland and Wildlife Park
100 block of Pasadena Ave.

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COMMUNITY ACTIVISM SAVES THE PARK

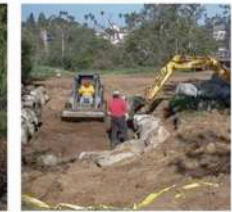
1999

Community group mobilizes to prevent sale of land in the Arroyo



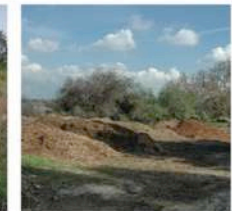
2004

Park is designed with community input, construction begins, park opens Fall 2004



2006

Friends of South Pas Nature Park forms to combat weed and trash problems



2010

First MLK Service Day planting with community volunteers and Oxy students



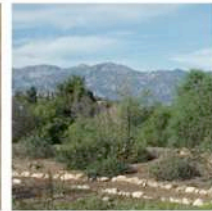
2011

Community activists fight to secure park extension adjacent to golf course



NOW

Volunteers weed, plant, water, remove trash and graffiti, build paths, fix irrigation, and much more



FUTURE

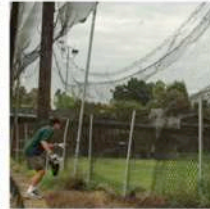
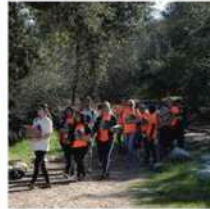
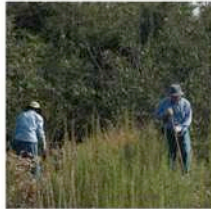
New plantings, seating, woodland extension, bike/ped path, educational signage



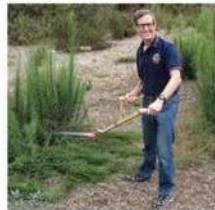
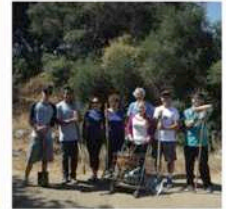
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VOLUNTEERS NURTURE THE PARK

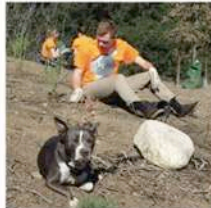
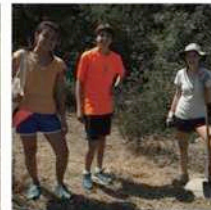
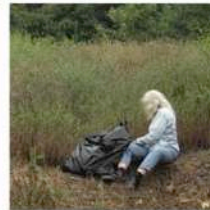
Weeding
Planting Acorns
Moving Rocks



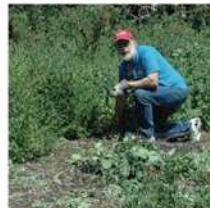
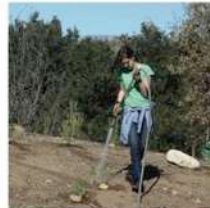
Planting
Bashing Weeds
Making Paths



Watering
Protecting
Fixing Pipes



Enjoying
Learning
Sharing



Relaxing
Jogging
Birding



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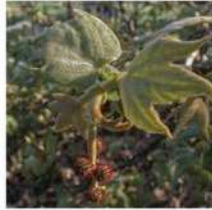
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Southern Ca. Walnut



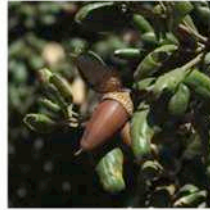
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Western Sycamore



Poison Oak



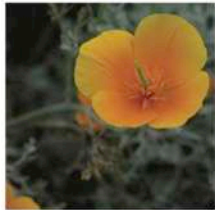
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Lady Bug on Encelia



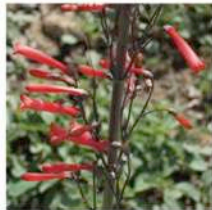
Red Tailed Hawk



Calif. Poppy



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Scarlet Bugler



Dragonfly



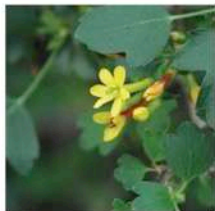
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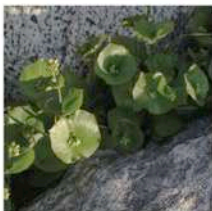
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Virgin's Bower



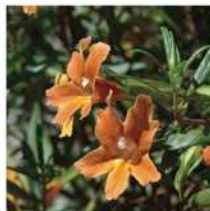
Golden Currant



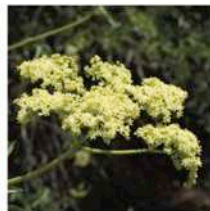
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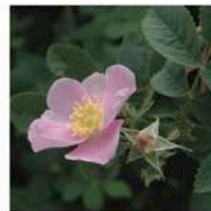
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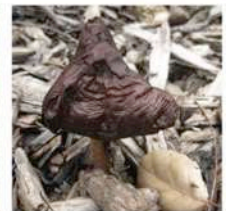
Monkeyflower



Blue Elderberry



Wild Rose



Mushroom

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2016: DIGGERS ADD TOYON



2016: MONARCH WAYSTATION



MONARCH BUTTERFLY WAYSTATION OPENING

April 23rd, 10-12 o'clock
Pasadena Avenue, South Pasadena, 91030

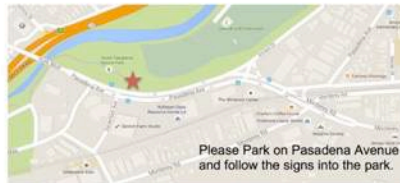


Support your local Park!

The South Pasadena Nature Park is hosting a ceremony to celebrate the opening of their Monarch Waystation. The Waystation will help provide a resting stop for Monarchs on their 3,000 mile migration.

Join in on the fun!

Food, crafts, games, and outdoor family fun!



2006: CHALLENGE



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2012: SUCCESS



2016: SUCCESS



2016: SUCCESS



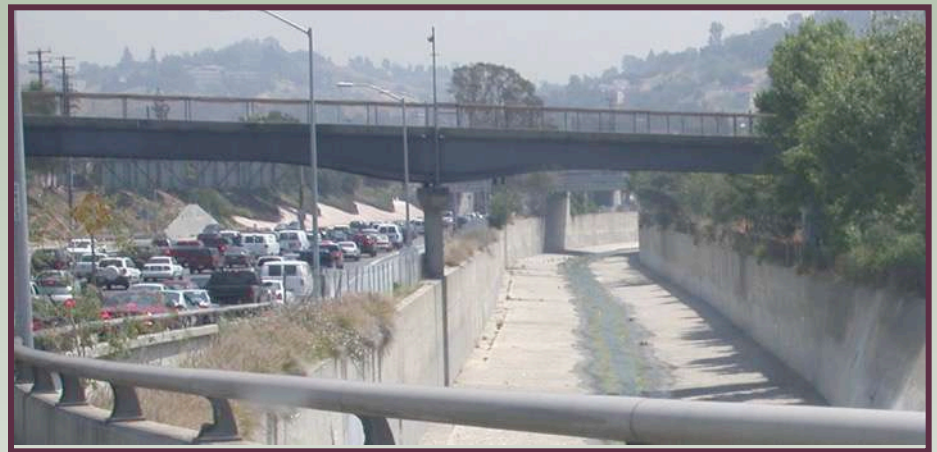
Plant List
*South Pasadena Arroyo Seco
Woodland and Wildlife Park*

Botanical Name	Common Name	Form	Notes
<i>Achillea millefolium</i>	common yarrow	PERENNIAL	2016, MonarchGarden
<i>Acmispon americanus</i> [LOTUS PURSHIANUS]	Spanish clover	PERENNIAL	pre '04
<i>Acmispon glaber</i> [LOTUS SCOPARIUS]	California broom	PERENNIAL	2010 (has reseeded), 2016
<i>Amsinckia menziesii</i>	common fiddleneck	ANNUAL	pre '04
<i>Artemisia californica</i>	California sagebrush	SHRUB	2004; 2010; 2012; 2014
<i>Artemisia douglasiana</i>	mugwort	PERENNIAL	pre '04
<i>Asclepias eriocarpa</i>	Indian milkweed	PERENNIAL	2016, MonarchGarden
<i>Asclepias fascicularis</i>	narrow-leaf milkweed	PERENNIAL	2016, MonarchGarden, MK: Seed, plants, etc.
<i>Asclepias speciosa</i>	showy milkweed	PERENNIAL	2016, MonarchGarden, MK:
<i>Asclepias subulata</i>	rush milkweed	PERENNIAL	2016, MonarchGarden, MK
<i>Baccharis pilularis</i>	coyote brush	SHRUB	2004
<i>Baccharis salicifolia</i>	mule fat	SHRUB	pre '04
<i>Berberis nevini</i> [MAHONIA]	Nevin's barberry	SHRUB	2004, 2012
<i>Berberis repens</i> [MAHONIA]	creeping barberry	SHRUB	2004 (not on list, one in park); 2012 - most died
<i>Ceanothus</i> 'Ray Hartman'	Ray Hartman California lilac	SHRUB	2004 (not on MRCA list, east signage)
<i>Claytonia perfoliata</i>	miner's lettuce	PERENNIAL	pre '04
<i>Clematis ligusticifolia</i>	virgin's bower	VINE	pre '04
<i>Cucurbita foetidissima</i>	calabazilla	PERENNIAL	2/1/2014, mounds, from piece donated by Tom?
<i>Datura wrightii</i>	sacred datura	PERENNIAL	pre '04
<i>Drymocallis glandulosa</i> [POTENTILLA]	sticky cinquefoil	PERENNIAL	2016, MonarchGarden
<i>Elymus condensatus</i>	giant wild rye	PERENNIAL	2004 (not on list, near main sign)
<i>Encelia californica</i>	California encelia	SHRUB	2010; 2012; 2014
<i>Epilobium canum</i> [ZAUSCHNERIA]	California fuchsia	PERENNIAL	probably planted 2004, not on list; 2010; 2012; 2014
<i>Epilobium ciliatum</i> ssp. <i>ciliatum</i>	fringed willowherb	PERENNIAL	pre '04

Botanical Name	Common Name	Form	Notes
<i>Ericameria linearifolia</i>	interior goldenbush	SHRUB	2/1/14, donation (RSABG), mounds
<i>Erigeron canadensis</i> [CONYZA]	Canada fleabane	PERENNIAL	pre '04
<i>Eriogonum fasciculatum</i>	California buckwheat	SHRUB	2010; 2012; 2014
<i>Eriophyllum confertiflorum</i>	golden yarrow	PERENNIAL	2016, MonarchGarden
<i>Euthamia occidentalis</i> [SOLIDAGO]	western goldentop	PERENNIAL	2/1/14, donation (RSABG), mounds
<i>Hazardia squarrosa</i>	saw-toothed goldenbush	SHRUB	2016, MonarchGarden
<i>Hesperoyucca whipplei</i> [YUCCA]	chaparral yucca	succulent	2016, MonarchGarden
<i>Heteromeles arbutifolia</i>	toyon	SHRUB	pre '04; 2004 (not on list); 2012
<i>Heterotheca grandiflora</i>	telegraph weed	PERENNIAL	pre '04, 2016: HCN
<i>Isocoma menziesii</i>	goldenbush	SHRUB	2014, ELN and donation (RSABG), mounds
<i>Juglans californica</i>	California black walnut	TREE	pre '04
<i>Lupinus bicolor</i>	miniature lupine	ANNUAL	pre '04
<i>Malosma laurina</i>	laural sumac	SHRUB	2010; 2012; 2014
<i>Marah macrocarpa</i>	wild cucumber	VINE	pre '04
<i>Mimulus aurantiacus</i> [M. LONGIFLORUS]	Southern bush monkeyflower	PERENNIAL	2004 (on list, planted more); 2010; 2012; 2014
<i>Muhlenbergia rigens</i>	deergrass	PERENNIAL	2004; 2010; 2012
<i>Oenothera elata</i> ssp. <i>hookeri</i>	Hooker's evening primrose	PERENNIAL	2016, MonarchGarden
<i>Penstemon centranthifolius</i>	scarlet bugler	PERENNIAL	2012
<i>Penstemon spectabilis</i>	showy penstemon	PERENNIAL	2012; 2014; 2016
<i>Peritoma arborea</i> [ISOMERIS]	bladderpod	SHRUB	2014, donation (RSABG), oak
<i>Plantago subnuda</i>	naked plantain	PERENNIAL	2016, MonarchGarden
<i>Platanus racemosa</i>	western sycamore	TREE	pre '04; 2004; 2010 AQMD
<i>Prunus ilicifolia</i>	holly-leaved cherry	SHRUB	pre '04
<i>Pseudognaphalium californicum</i> [GNAPHALIUM]	California cudweed	PERENNIAL	2016, appeared in park near upper path
<i>Quercus agrifolia</i>	coast live oak	TREE	pre '04; 2004
<i>Quercus berberidifolia</i>	scrub oak	SHRUB	2008
<i>Quercus engelmannii</i>	Engelmann oak	TREE	2010 AQMD
<i>Rhus ovata</i>	sugar bush	SHRUB	2004 (not on list, near east sign)
<i>Ribes aureum</i> var. <i>gracillimum</i>	golden currant	SHRUB	pre '04

Botanical Name	Common Name	Form	Notes
<i>Rosa californica</i>	California rose	SHRUB	2004
<i>Salix lucida</i> ssp. <i>lasianдра</i>	yellow willow	SHRUB	Check species. May be <i>S. laevigata</i> . Was not planted.
<i>Salvia apiana</i>	white sage	SHRUB	2010; 2012; 2014
<i>Salvia leucophylla</i>	purple sage	SHRUB	2016, MonarchGarden
<i>Salvia mellifera</i>	black sage	SHRUB	2004 (not on list, Pas Ave); 2010; 2012; 2014
<i>Sambucus nigra</i> ssp. <i>canadensis</i> [S. MEXICANA]	blue elderberry	SHRUB	pre '04; 2004 (not on list but near steps)
<i>Sisyrinchium bellum</i>	blue-eyed grass	PERENNIAL	2004 (on list, none 2013); 2010; 2012, 2014
<i>Solanum douglasii</i>	white nightshade	SHRUB	2016, MonarchGarden
<i>Solidago californica</i>	California goldenrod	PERENNIAL	2/1/14, donation (RSABG), mounds
<i>Solidago velutina</i> ssp. <i>californica</i> [S. CALIFORNICA]	California goldenrod	PERENNIAL	2/1/14, donation (RSABG), mounds
<i>Sporobolus airoides</i>	alkali sacaton	PERENNIAL	2004 (on list, at upper retention basin)
<i>Stipa pulchra</i> [NASSELLA]	purple needlegrass	PERENNIAL	2016 (HCN)
<i>Stipa</i> spp. [NASSELLA]	needlegrass	PERENNIAL	Seeded 2010. Not sure of species
<i>Toxicodendron diversilobum</i>	poison oak	SHRUB	pre '04

THE PRESENT



THE FLOOD CONTROL CHANNEL WAS NOT BUILT IN A DAY

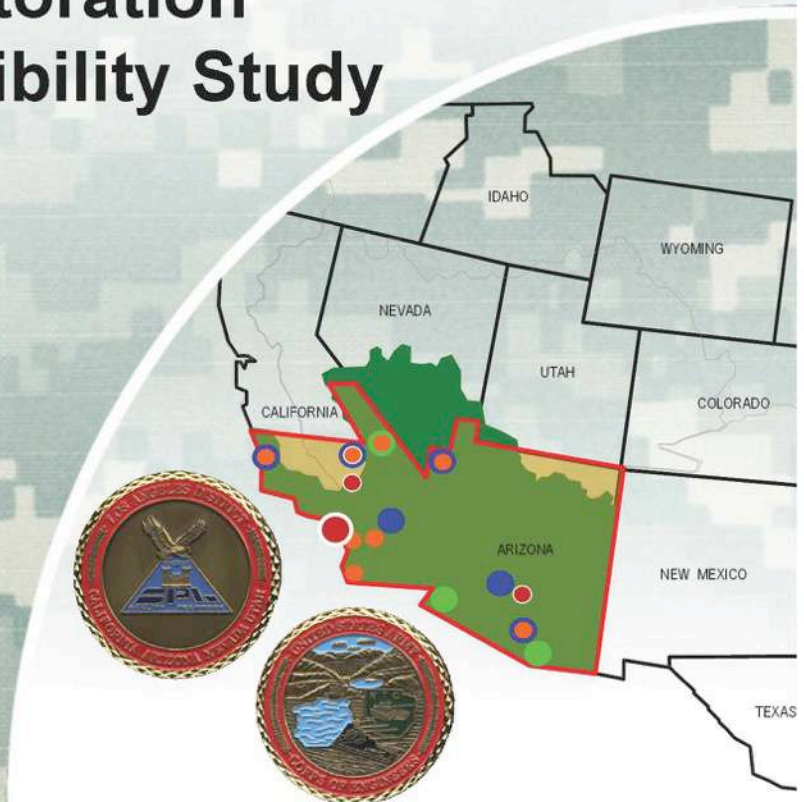


The Future

Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Study



US Army Corps of Engineers
BUILDING STRONG
And Taking Care Of People!



THE FUTURE

Reach 6: Arroyo Seco Ecosystem Restoration Integrated Feasibility Study



South Pasadena-Arroyo Seco Woodland and Wildlife Park

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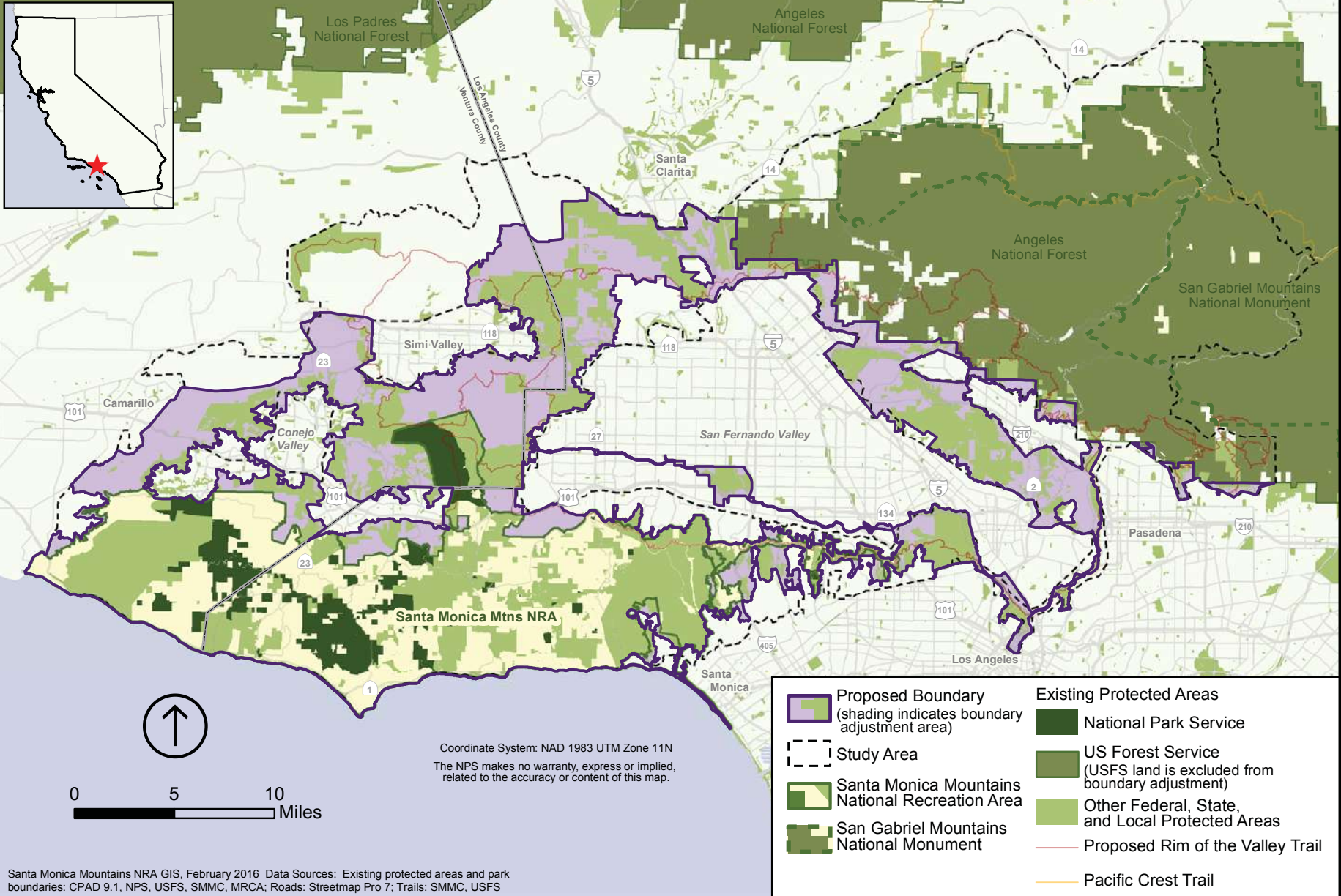
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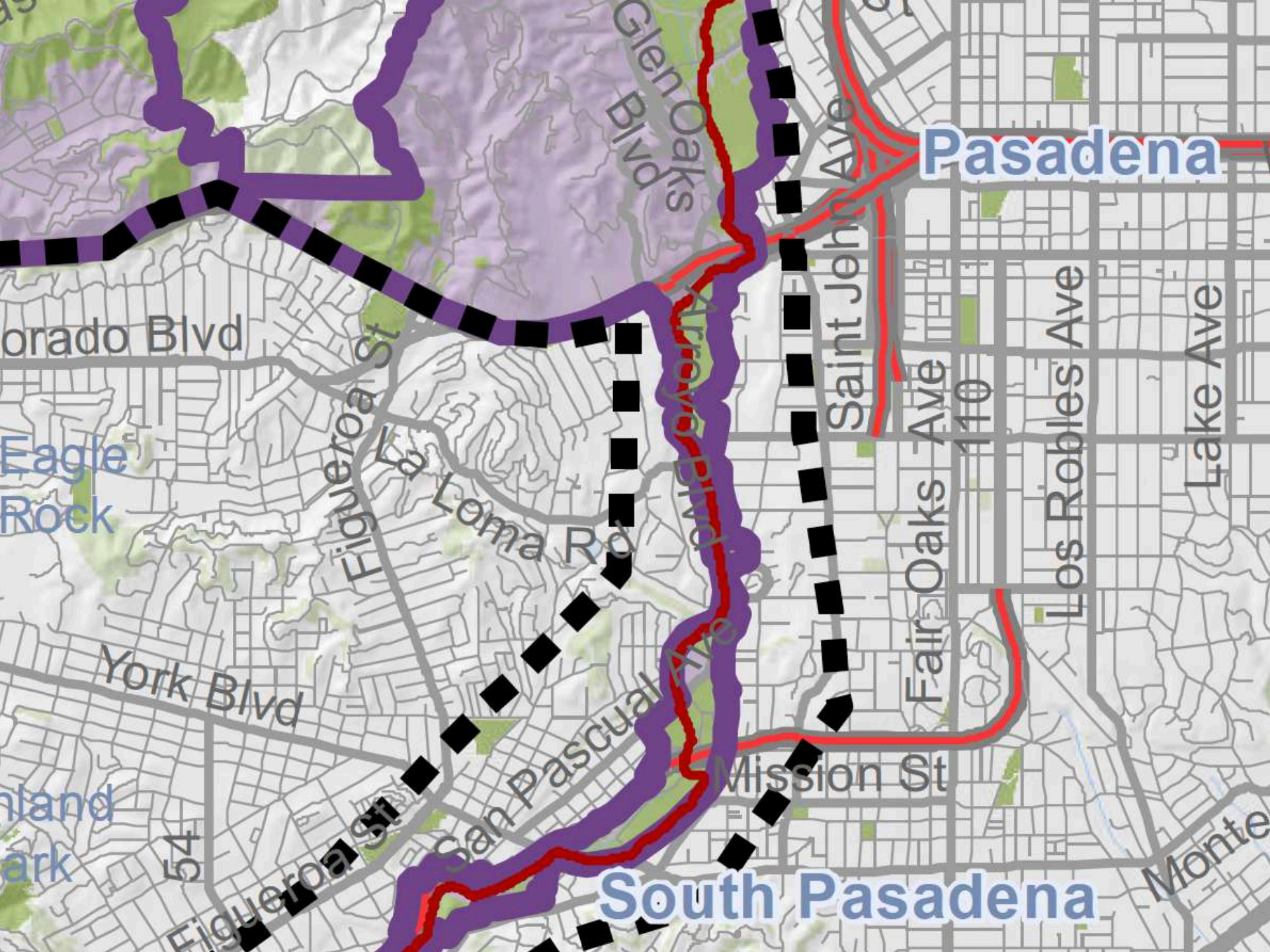
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Selected Alternative

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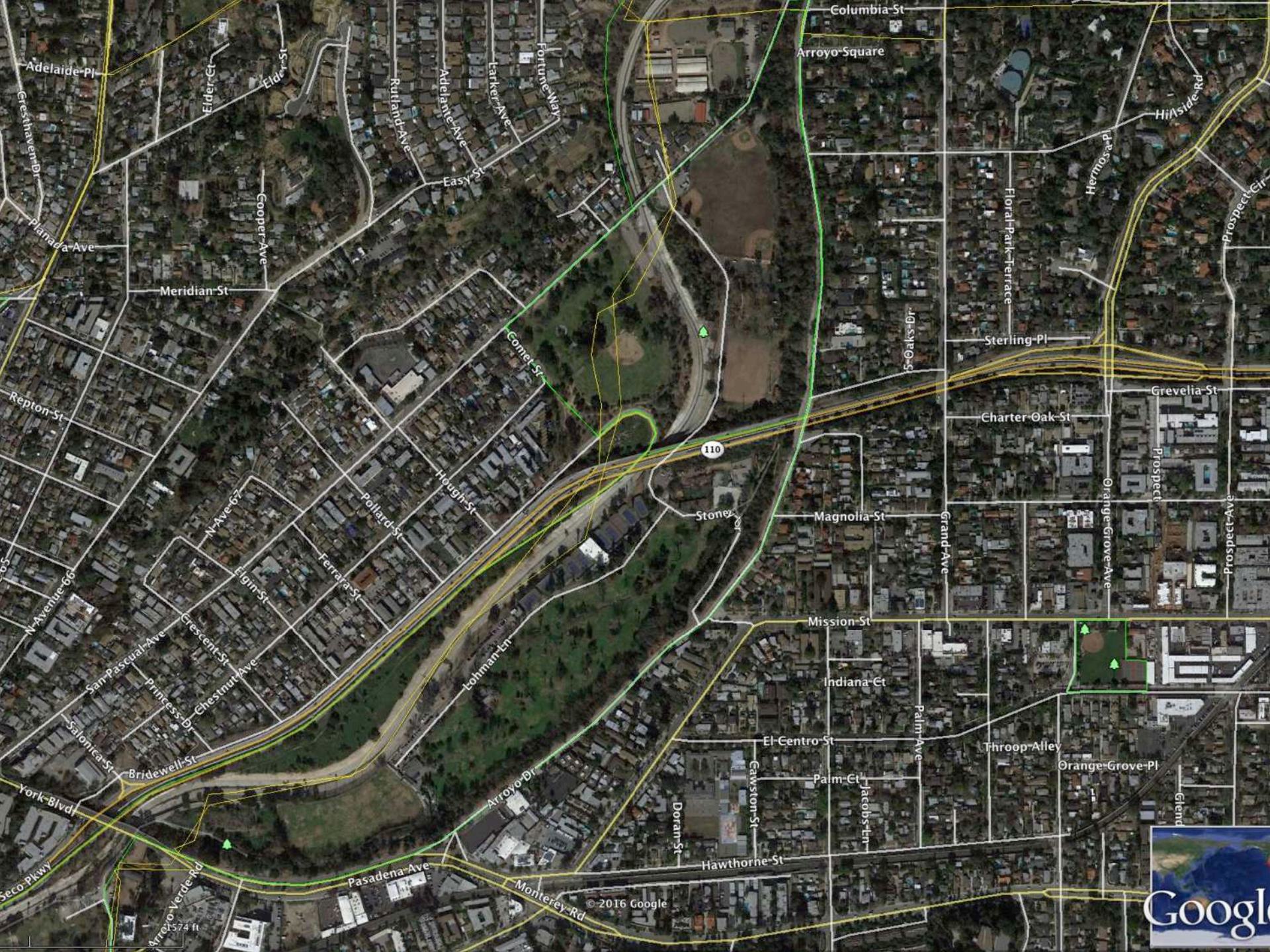
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Arroyo Seco Pedestrian and Bicycle Trail



DESIGN TEAM

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LSA Associates

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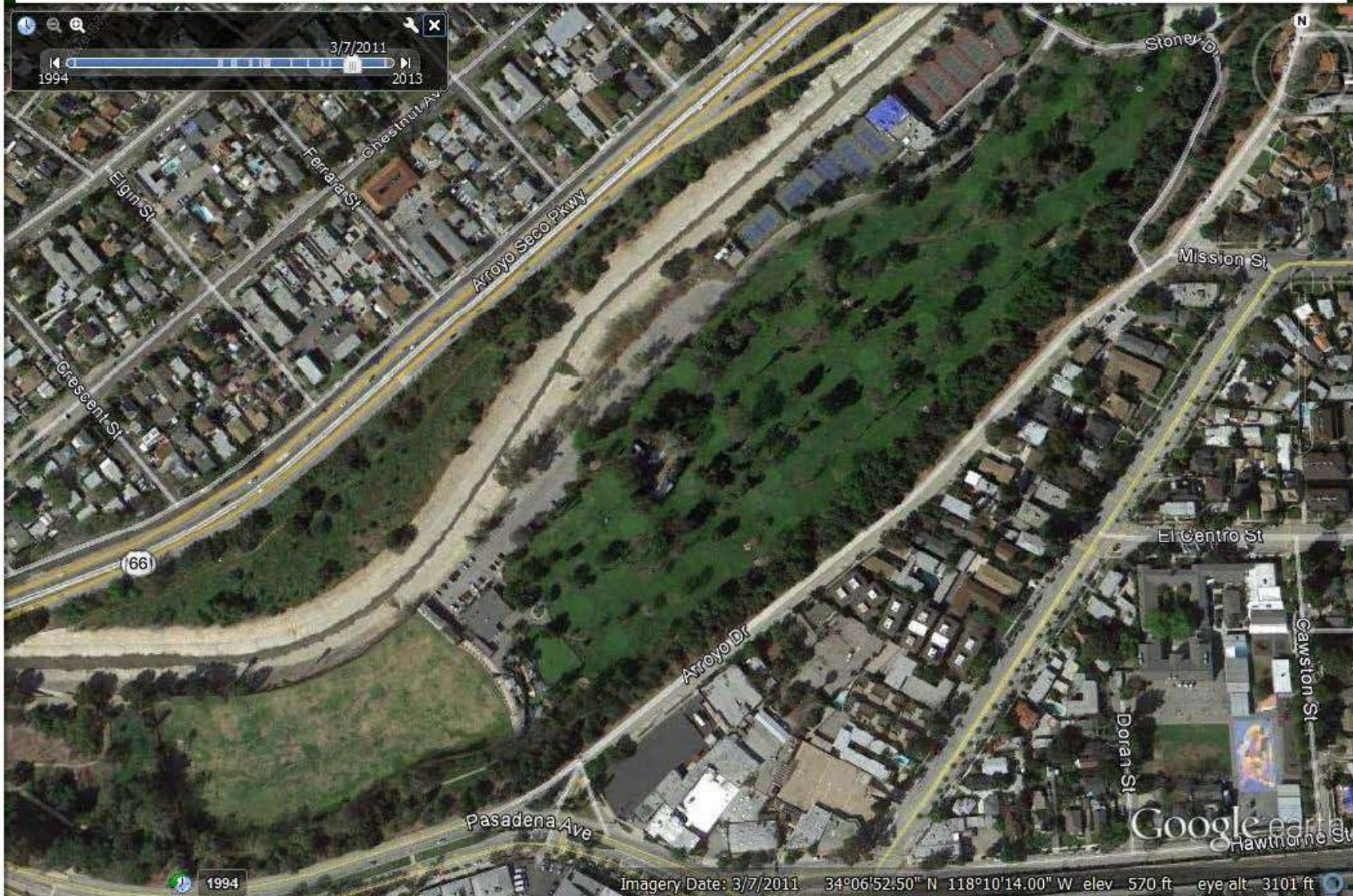
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RESOURCES

Nature Park Blog

<http://nativebydesign.blogspot.com/>

Weeding Wild Suburbia (nature park)

<http://www.weedingwildsuburbia.com/nature-park/>

SP-AS Woodland & Wildlife Park (Facebook Page)

<https://www.facebook.com/South-Pasadena-Arroyo-Seco-Woodland-and-Wildlife-Park-153086364717751/>

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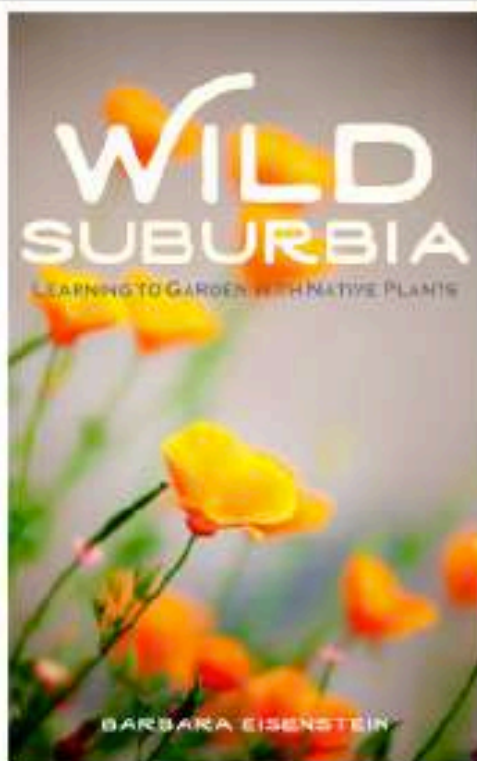


York Street Bridge in 2003

BRINGING BACK NATURE



York Street Bridge in the 1930s , Photo courtesy of the South Pasadena Public Library



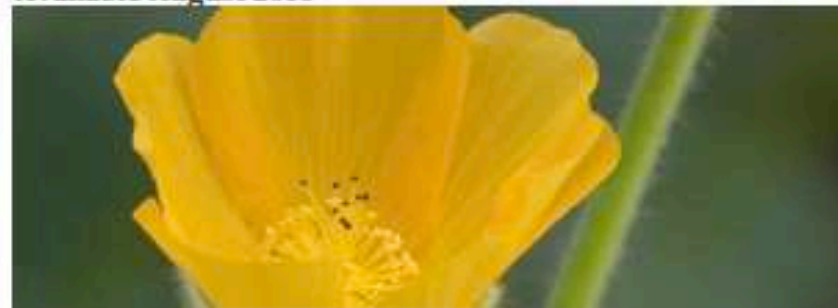
Wild Suburbia: Learning to Garden with Native Plants

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Wild Suburbia guides us through the process of transforming a traditional, high water-use yard into a peaceful habitat garden abounding with native plants. Author Barbara Eisenstein emphasizes that gardening is a rewarding activity rather than a finished product, from removing lawns and getting in touch with a yard's climate to choosing plants and helping them thrive. Supplementing her advice with personal stories from her decades of experience working with native plants, Eisenstein illuminates the joys of tending a native garden—and assures us that any challenges, from managing pests to disapproving neighbors, should never sap the enjoyment out of a pleasurable and fulfilling hobby. For plant lovers curious about their own ecosystems, *Wild Suburbia* offers a style of gardening that nurtures biodiversity, deepens connection to place, and encourages new and seasoned gardeners alike to experiment and have fun.