PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The City of Jurupa Valley in conjunction with the National Park Service Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program have been working to explore ideas for the current recreation area off of Downey Street and 64th Street. This area is a proposed 26-acre nature and river access park along the banks of the free-flowing Santa Ana River. The goal of the recreation area is to create a sustainable regional nature and education park that maintains and enhances outdoor recreation opportunities for both equestrian and river users. By working with nature to emphasize and preserve the natural characteristics of the site, the recreation area will provide much needed open and recreation space along the river; while working to reduce environmental impacts. It is envisioned that this area would serve the greater community, and connect into the larger regional recreational network that surrounds the banks of the Santa Ana River.

DESIGN RECOMMENDATIONS

PEDESTRIAN ENTRANCE
A dedicated entrance and exit point for vehicles and pedestrians that act as a gateway into the site. Gateways should be designed to provide for a welcoming feeling. Rules and Regulation Signage should be bilingual. Entrances and trails should be clearly marked.

- SCULPTURAL GATEWAY
  - Designed by a local artist

- GREEN PARKING LOT
  - Provide Parking for ~100 cars; and Handicap parking
  - Permeable Paving
  - Increased Vegetation to create a micro climate
  - Drop Off Zone
  - Bus Parking
  - Interpretive Panels on Green Parking Lots: They provide habitat, clean pollution from cars, stormwater management, create micro climates, reduce urban heat island effect, etc.

- GENERAL PARK SIGNAGE
  - Hours, Basic Information, Etc.

DAY USE AREA

- RESTROOMS
- INTERPRETIVE PANELS: Larger Park Site, Native Plants, Santa Ana River: Hydrology, Water Shed, Flora and Fauna, Importance of Protecting the River, etc.
- DAY USE SHELTERS
• **INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE** along trails to educate visitors on flora and fauna, natural history of the site, the Santa Ana River and watershed, etc. Potential for species plaques as well.

• **FUTURE CONNECTIONS**
  - There is the possibility in the future for this trail system to continue to both the East and the West- acting as a greenbelt, linking different places and opportunities. The west side of the site will be developed into housing, and the multi-modal trail and equestrian trail should connect, and continue along the existing levee trail. East of the site there is the opportunity for the trails to connect into downtown, more of the residential areas, and across the river. Opportunities to reach across the river should be explored- whether that is through bridges, water crossings, or road crossings.

**NATURE BASED PLAY AREA**
Provide nature based play elements. Nature based play elements can include but are not limited to rocks, felled logs, and natural topography for kids to climb on. A water feature for kids to cool off and splash around in. Sensory gardens and vegetative buffers for kids to gather and collect nature items (sticks, leaves, etc) for imaginative play. Challenging and irregular elements to help kids continue to develop and negotiate risks. Willow Forts and Large Bird Nest Forts for shelter. Provide a running path around the nature based play, so kids can run and run and blow off energy and steam. The nature based play also backs up to the riparian forest where kids can go and explore and collect nature items.

**EQUESTRIAN ENTRANCE and AMENITIES**
• **SCULPTURAL GATEWAY**
  - Dedicated entrance for equestrian users and those with equestrian trailers. A local artist should design an entry gateway into the site.

• **EQUESTRIAN TRAILER PARKING**

• **EQUESTRIAN ARENA**

• **EQUESTRIAN AMENITIES**
  - Mounting Blocks, Tie Ups, Hitching Posts, Troughs, Shaded Areas

• **EQUESTRIAN LOOP**

• **SIGNAGE**
  - Rules and Regulations, Hours, Trail Maps, etc

• **MOVE RIVER CROSSING**
  - Propose to move the current River Crossing upstream a bit to help buffer equestrian users from river users
    - The new path should be designed to be safe for both users and equestrians.
    - Trails will be clearly marked
    - Old trail will be restored
  - Signage and enforcement will be provided to help contain river users downstream, and separate user groups

**SANTA ANA RIVER**
• **INFORMATION KIOSK**
  - Will be located at the top of the forested nature trail that leads down to the River
  - Can display information about the River, events that are happening within the community, environmental stewardship principles and opportunities, etc.

• **TRASH and RECYCLING BINS**
the Santa Ana River and larger watershed, Leave No Trace Principles, Local Flora and Fauna, What people might see at the site, Cultural History, Native American, etc.
  o Artists and Community Members should work towards developing interpretive signage
  o The site should have small species identification plaques, similar to those found in botanical gardens, to help educate visitors on the different species.

VIEWPOINTS / ARTISTIC OVERLOOKS
A top the bluff, where the site narrows there are opportunities to create stopping points for viewing and resting. These viewpoints are meant to showcase the beauty of the area, the larger Santa Ana River and riparian forest, the mountains beyond, and the larger perspective from up above. These artistic overlooks are meant to be simple shade structures designed by local artists. The overlooks can include interpretive signage, benches for resting, and trees or a small artistic structure for shade.

SITE RESTORATION
The site and recreation area is meant to be a natural park that includes site restoration and natural enhancements.
  - Use existing topography to advantage
  - Create opportunities for natural stormwater management (swales, permeable paving, increased vegetation, etc.)
  - RIPARIAN WOODLAND RESTORATION and DEMONSTRATION GARDEN
    o This area has the opportunity to educate users on the importance of the Riparian Forest, native flora and fauna that make the forest their home, restoration efforts, etc.
    o Provide interpretive signage and species identification plaques
  - RIVER BANK STABILIZATION RESTORATION and DEMONSTRATION GARDEN
    o The site will need to be remediated where it is eroding, and the cause of the erosion will need to be addressed through stormwater management strategies and hillside stabilization through plants.
    o This area can be used as a demonstration area on the importance of controlling erosion, what causes erosions, and how it can be remediated (stormwater management and native vegetation cover, etc)
    o Provide interpretive signage and species identification plaques
      * Stabilization, erosion, Santa Ana winds, vegetation, roots and soil etc.

ART
There are opportunities within the site for local artists to showcase their work. Throughout the site local artists have the opportunity to design the viewpoints and overlook structures, interpretive signage, sculptural gateways, information signage, etc. They also have the opportunity to paint murals on buildings and structures, as well as design amenities such as benches and information kiosk, and add sculptural elements throughout.