

Landscape Takes the Lead in Developing Learning Environments:

Storytelling in the Schoolyard



Introductions



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Learning Objectives

1. Participants will learn different ways of developing outdoor learning environments and green school yards that engage and inspire students.
2. Participants will learn how the selection of plants and trees and schoolyard design can provide opportunities for learning nature-based lessons for the teachers and students.
3. Participants will learn the value of outdoor learning and connecting with nature.
4. Participants will gain knowledge about ways to use story to engage learners of all ages and connect and reflect the school community and culture.



Activity 1

**Draw or write a
memory of your
first schoolyard.**



Greening the Schoolyards of Los Angeles



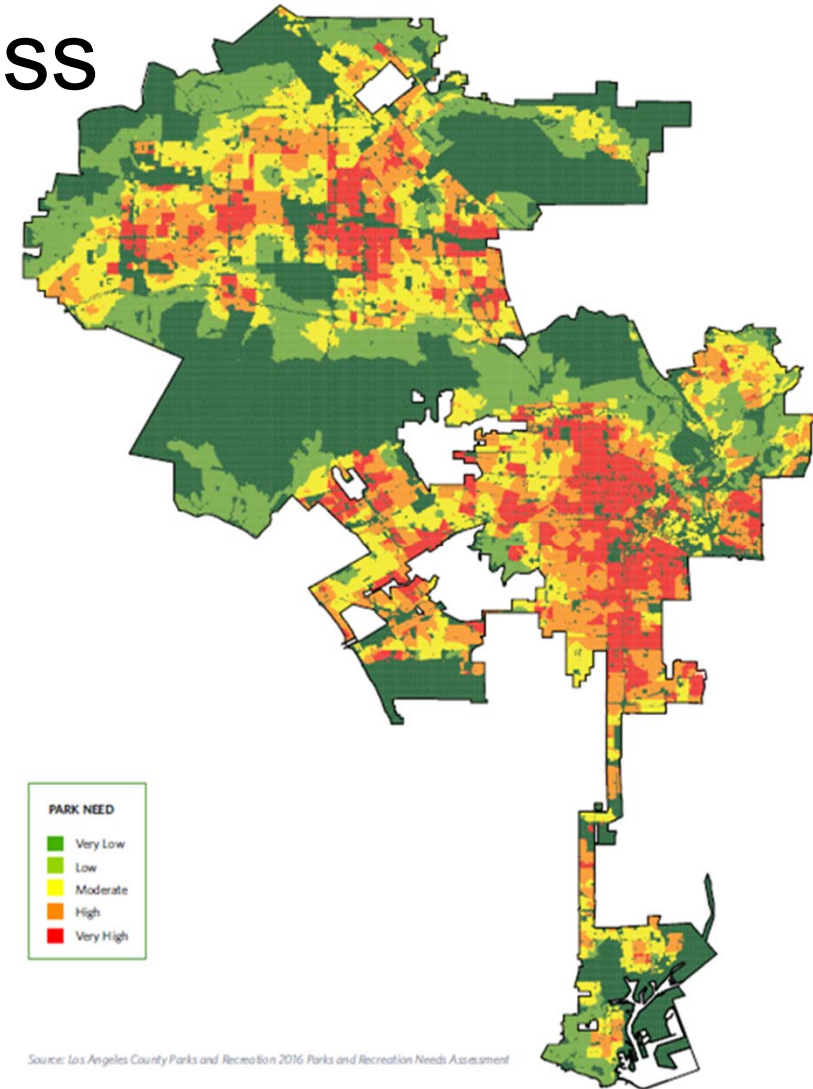
We are LA Unified

- Second-largest school district in the US
- Serve over 400,000 TK-12 students
- 710 square miles
- Includes the City of LA and part of 25 other cities and areas in LA County
- Over 1500 schools and centers
- Over 83,000 students are learning to speak English proficiently
- Students speak English and 154 languages
- Over 78,000 employees



Park Needs and Park Access

- Roughly 4 out of 10 Angelenos do not live within walking distance of a park or open space.
- Residents in low-income communities generally have less access to open space in Los Angeles and suffer from poorer health outcomes.
- In the United States today, more than 1 in 3 children are overweight or obese.
- In LA County, 71.3% of children 6-17 years old do not obtain the recommended amount of exercise each week.



Green Schoolyards For All

Green Schools for All Resolution (September 2022) adopts the standard of 30% green/natural space for all District schools.

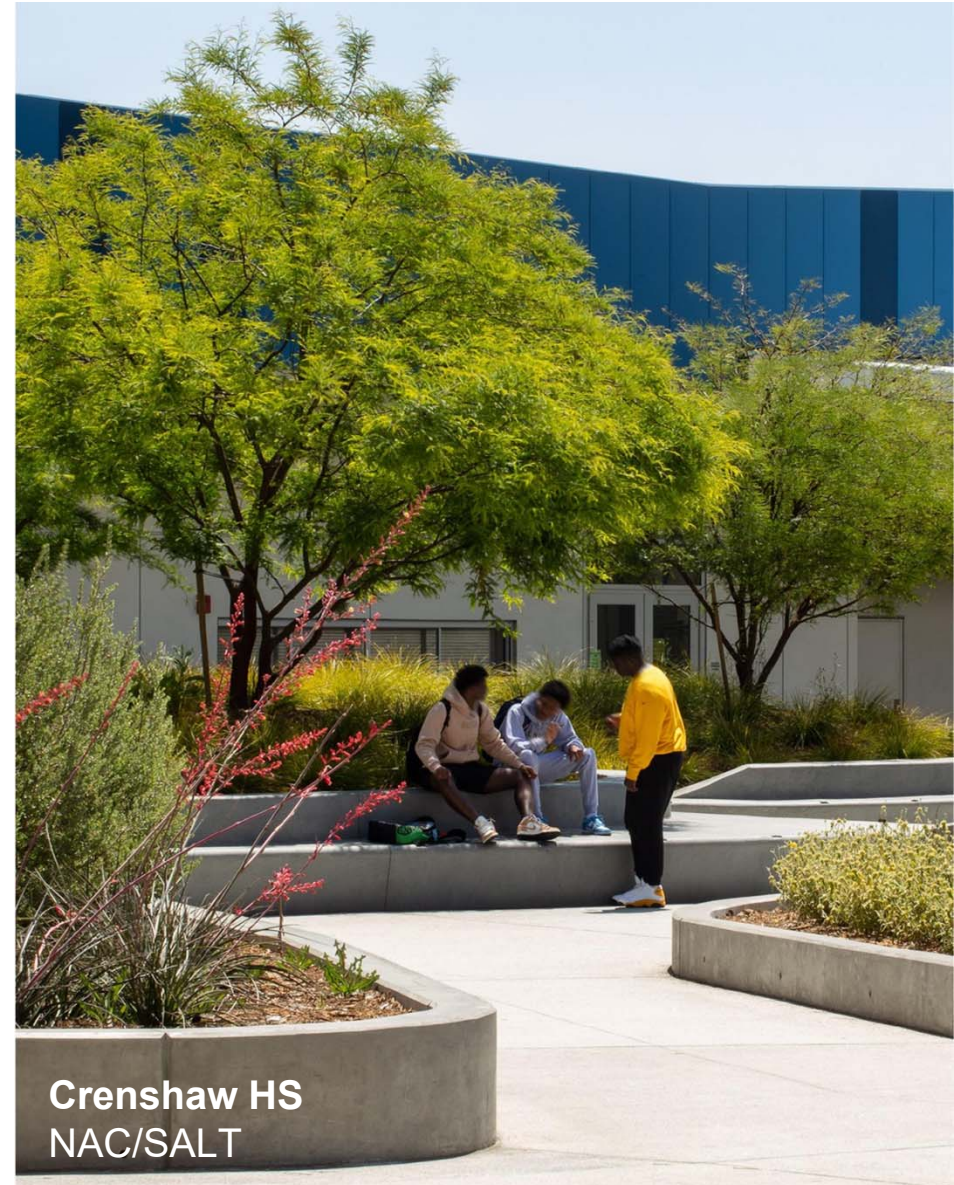
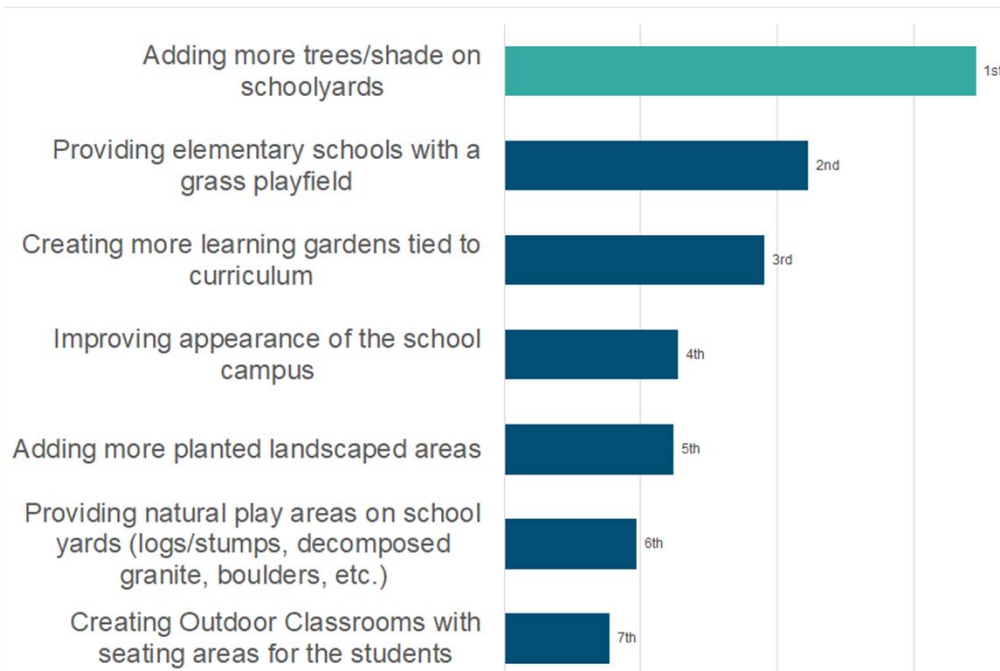
- Over 600 District schools do not meet the Resolution's goal ~ 80% of all schools.
- Approx. 15 Million sq. ft. (350 acres) of paved schoolyard areas need to be upgraded to green/natural space.

Green Schoolyards for All Plan

- Focus on elementary schools with less than 10% green/natural schoolyards.
- 216 elementary schools ~ 27% of all District Schools.
- Include goal of 20% shading of schoolyard from trees

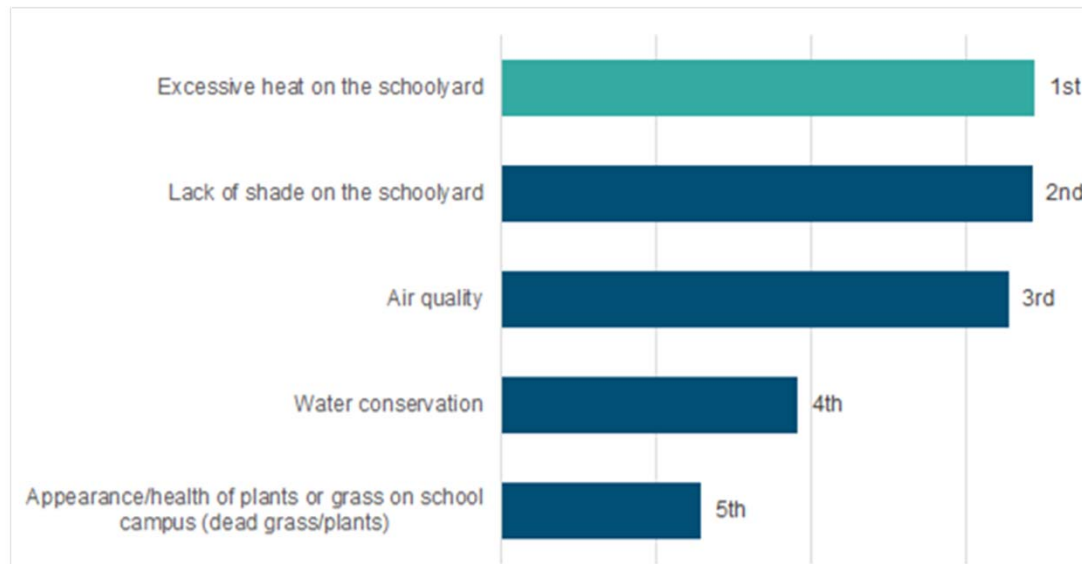
Community Input

Which do you feel the District should focus on when greening schoolyards?



Community Input

When it comes to climate-related concerns for students on a school campus, which of the following are most important to you?



The Lesson of the Mulberry Tree

A physical facility manifestation of integrated project-based interdisciplinary outdoor learning and environmental education.

Historically in California, elementary schools have a mulberry tree on their sites in support of a silkworm project.

Still a current LAUSD Design Standard.

Standard science focused unit:

- silkworms' dependence on mulberry trees
- how they create silk
- their life cycle
- may also integrate math, history, etc.



Green Schoolyard Projects

- Over 60 active projects in design and construction
 - 15 GSY Upgrades
 - 29 PACEUPs
 - 16 Major Projects with new GSY
- Our progress (data collected for 104 projects)
 - Increasing permeable Schoolyard from 560,000 sf to over 2 M sf
 - Increase number of trees from 3,500 to over 6,000

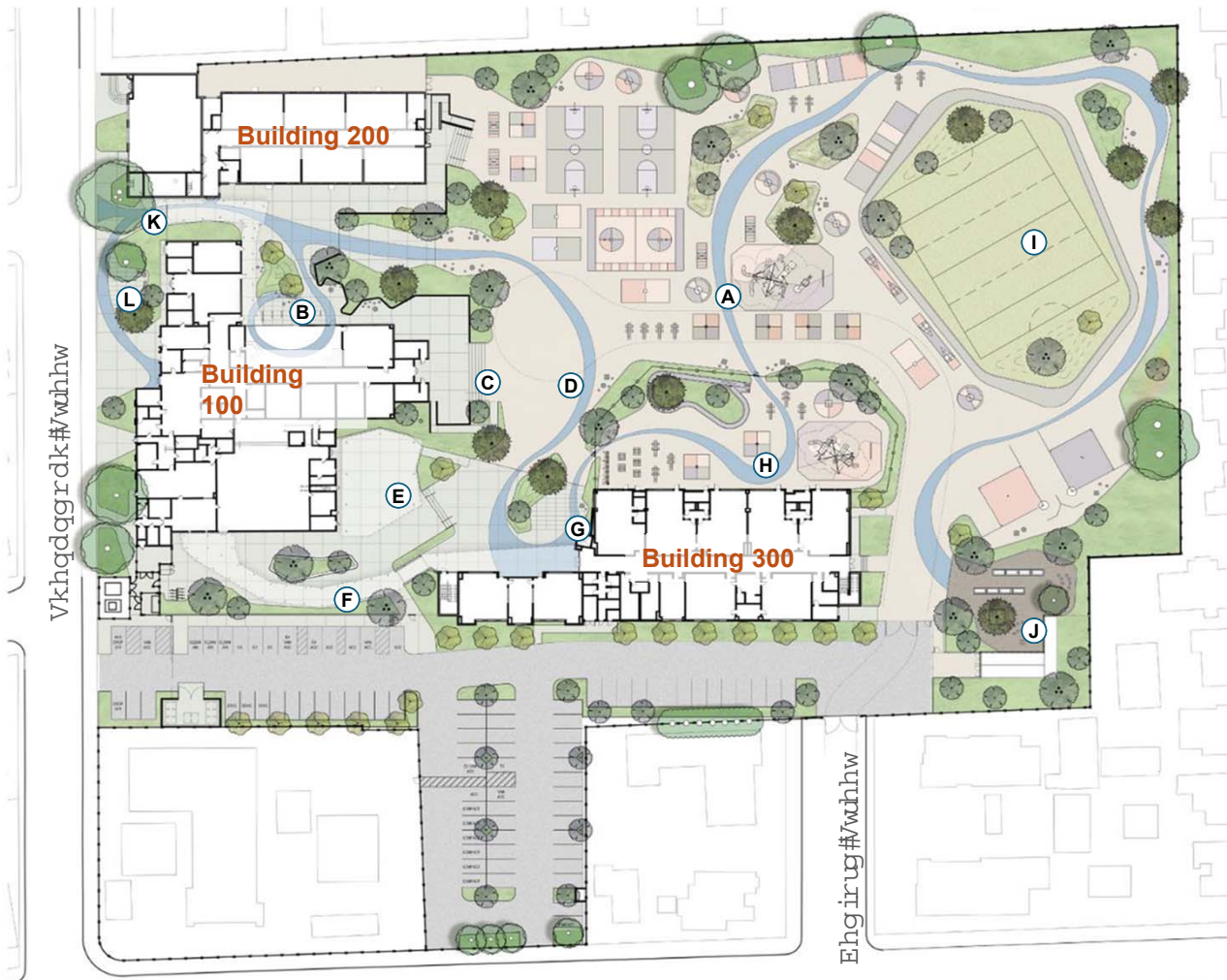


Planning for Success

- **Join** – We must be ALL-IN. We need our entire community: architects, landscape architects, maintenance, teachers, students, families, partners
- **Maintain** – We need a plan for Maintenance of Green Schoolyards
- **Teach** – We need to align with Instruction and make nature-based learning accessible and engaging
- **Joy** – We need our Landscape Architects to share their love for nature



Shenandoah Elementary School



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|---------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Main Play Yard (A) | Makerspace Yard (G) |
| Outdoor Reading/ Classroom (B) | Kindergarten Play Yard (H) |
| Outdoor Platform (C) | Field (I) |
| Assembly Area (D) | Instructional Garden (J) |
| Lunch Shelter (E) | Main Campus Entry (K) |
| Lunch Queuing Area (F) | Outdoor Waiting (L) |



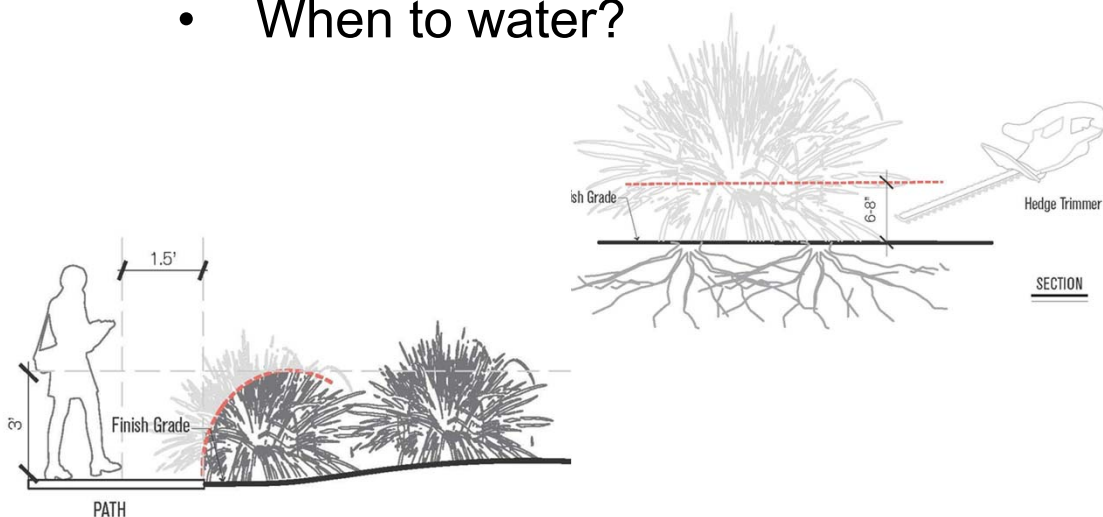
All-in

- Over 90 architects and landscape architects joined us at a site visit to Shenandoah ES
- Toured with LA, project team
- Lessons Learned
- Creating a Community



Landscape Manual

- The problem of Maintenance
 - Not enough funding
- Training
 - Learning about native plants
 - What is a weed?
 - How to prune?
 - When to water?



Status	Weed	Weed Yes	Season	Winter or Summer	Location	Park
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Landscape Habit

Foliage

Flower

wild radish / *Raphanus sativus*

PREVENTION

- Cal-IPC Rating: Limited.
- Remove weeds from site before flower and seed dispersal.
- Regular applications of mulch with a depth of 1-3" will discourage weeds.

TREATMENT SEQUENCE

1. Seedlings: Hand Pull or Trowel Tillage.
2. Mature Plant: Weed wack/ remove prior to flowers setting seeds.
3. Post-Emergent shall be applied by a licensed pest applicator only in areas with high density weed conditions, and only as directed by a park supervisor.

Plant Category	Annual or Biennial	Leaf	Compound, Lobed or unlobed but not separated into leaflets.	Mature Size	2' Tall
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Aligning with Instruction

Input from all Disciplines, including:

Science, STEAM, Outdoor Education, Physical Education, Social & Emotional Learning, Library Services, Arts, Special Education, Food Services, CTE/Linked Learning

Green schoolyards provide:

- Nature-based learning experiences and investigation
- Places for movement and physical education
- Places for relaxation and mindfulness meditation
- Break-out spaces for making and creating
- Support for cooperative and collaborative projects
- Classroom spaces for instruction
- Gathering spaces for presentation and performances
- Opportunities to learn career skills including gardening and farming
- Opportunities to build environmental stewardship



Signage



WELCOME TO THE HABITAT LEARNING LAB!

This habitat is a home for pollinators like bees, bumblebees, and butterflies. These native plants, like purple foxglove, help them survive. Because they are adapted to California's climate, they need less water to survive. The shrubs, roots, and even fallen leaves create safe spaces for insects and small animals to live. By planting these habitats in our city, we help nature grow and restore biodiversity.

Stop, listen, and look!

What do you hear?

How many different colors can you find?

How many hidden ladybugs can you find?

Can you spot plants in bloom?

Can you spot any new insects?

Deer, butterflies, hummingbirds, and even bats move pollen from flower to flower. When they do this, they help plants make seeds and grow new life. The food we eat depends on pollinators. Without them, we wouldn't have apples, tomatoes, pumpkins, or even chocolate!

WELCOME TO THE RAISED PLANTER LEARNING LAB!

In this space, you get to have a garden with raised planter beds. Here you can learn how plants grow, how food gets from the soil to your plate, and how healthy food helps our bodies.

Count the leaves on one plant. How many are there?

Look for pollinators! Who is helping the plants grow?

When you eat a rainbow of fruits and veggies, you're giving your body superpowers. Can you name a fruit or veggie for each color?

Color	Benefit
Red	Red fruits & veggies help keep your heart strong like a fortress!
Orange	Orange fruits & veggies help your eyesight and immune system like giving you night vision goggles!
Yellow	Yellow fruits & veggies bring energy like sunshine for your body!
Green	Green fruits & veggies build bones, teeth, and tendons like building a strong!
Purple	Purple fruits & veggies sharpen your memory like giving your brain a powerup!
White	White veggies like garlic & onions help prevent you!

Touch the soil! Does it feel wet, dry, warm, or cool?

WELCOME TO THE MICROFOREST LEARNING LAB!

This is a tiny but powerful forest! Microforests use native plants and trees planted close together to create a healthy ecosystem. They grow quickly, clean the air, soak up rainwater, and give us a safe home. Even though this forest is small, it plays a big role in restoring nature in our city.

Tree leaves and roots soak up rainwater, which helps keep the ground from flooding.

Trees breathe in carbon dioxide and dirty air, and give us back fresh oxygen to breathe.

Listen, look, and feel! Step outside the microforest, then step back in. How does it feel different? Cooler? Quieter? Shadier?

Close your eyes. What do you hear? Birds, buzzing, or leaves rustling in the wind? Count how many different sounds you can notice.

Look beneath fallen leaves. Can you find a worm, beetle, or mushroom helping recycle nutrients into the soil?

Find 3 different leaf shapes on the ground. Can you match them to the trees or shrubs they came from?

Seed Germination Process

WELCOME TO THE ACTIVE PLAY LEARNING LAB!

This area is for fun, movement, and exploration. The grassy mound and shady trees give you space to roll, run, and play. Moving your body helps keep you healthy and strong, while playing outside makes creating and friendships. Nature isn't just for learning, it's also for play!

Can you roll down the hill?

Sit in the shade and read a story.

What textures can you feel? What smells can you detect?

Movement Challenge!

Can you be a bug up the hill?

Do 10 frog jumps.

Balance on 1 foot for 20 seconds.

Wiggle like a worm on the hill.

Invite a friend to race from tree to tree.

Did you know that deep breathing tells your body to slow down and helps you feel more calm?

Try it!

1. Stand like a tree.
2. Take a slow breath in through your nose, like you're smelling a flower.
3. Gently blow the air out through your mouth, like you're spinning a pinwheel!

Try this 3 times. How do you feel?

Landscape Takes the Lead in Developing Learning Environments



LA are in it
because they love
nature



They want
everyone else to
love nature, too



Let's listen to them



Why does nature
bring you joy?



What stories does
nature tell you?

“GO OUTSIDE AND PLAY”



SETTING

CHARACTERS

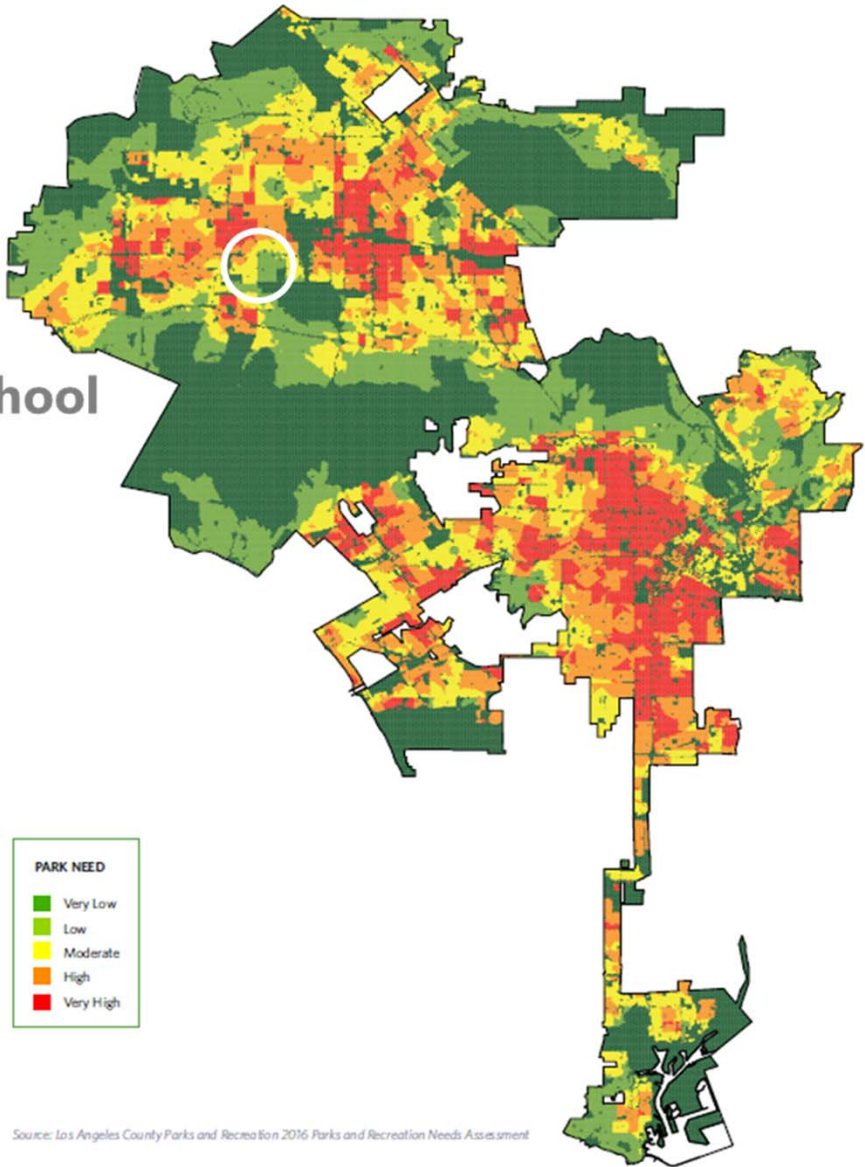
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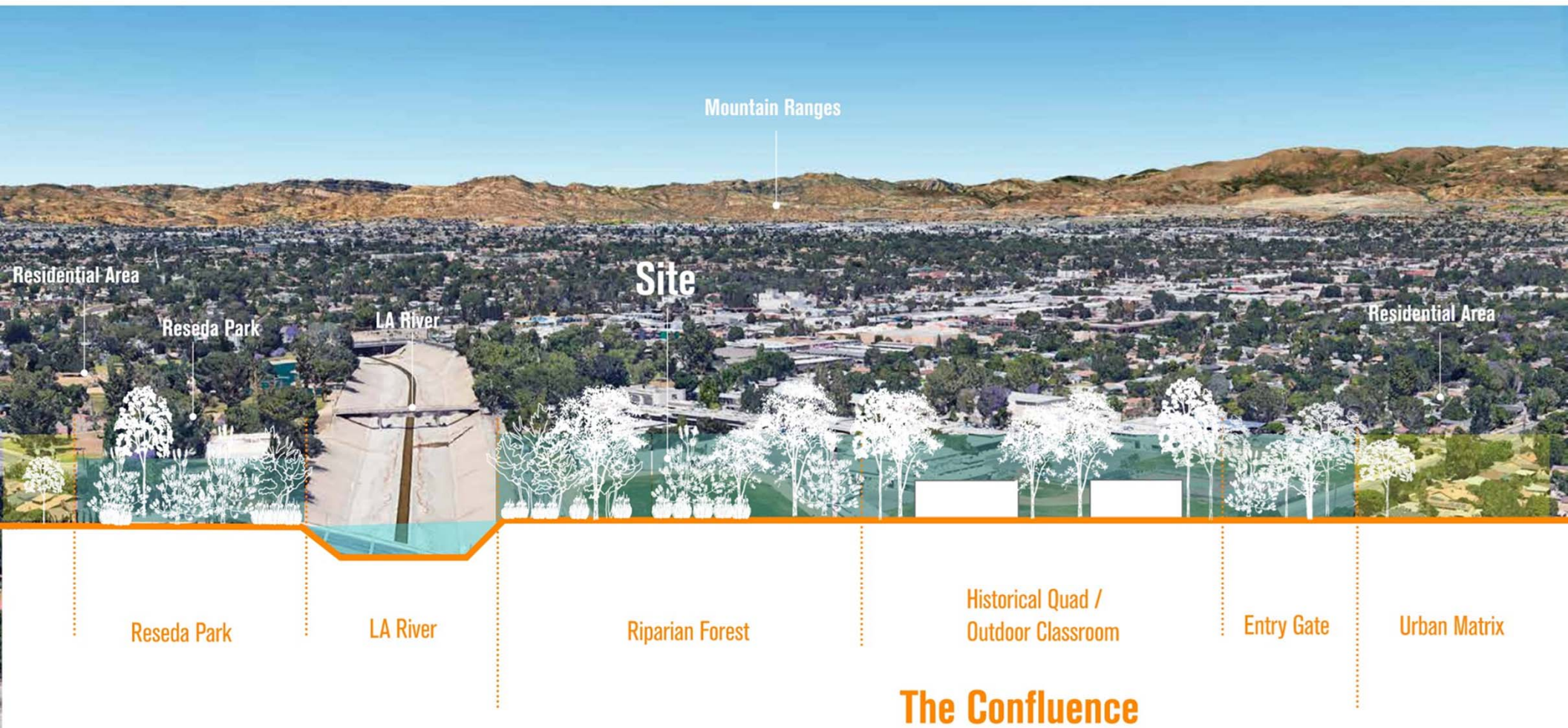
RESOLUTION

SETTING

Reseda Charter High School



Source: Los Angeles County Parks and Recreation 2016 Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment



Mountain Ranges

Residential Area

Reseda Park

LA River

Site

Residential Area

Reseda Park

LA River

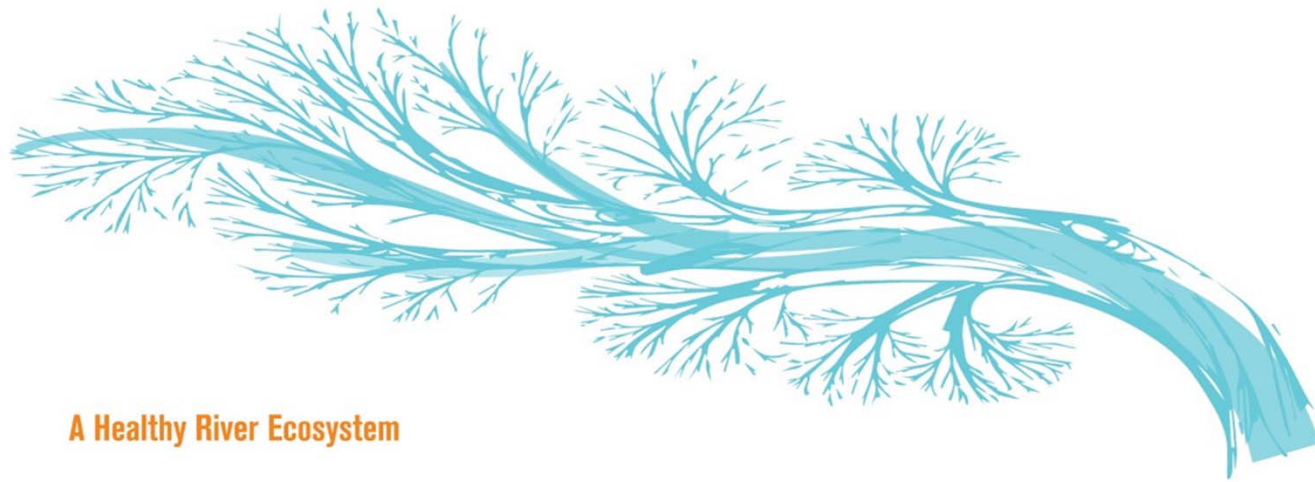
Riparian Forest

Historical Quad /
Outdoor Classroom

Entry Gate

Urban Matrix

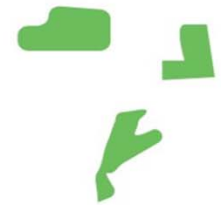
The Confluence



A Healthy River Ecosystem



A Fragmented River Ecosystem



Patches



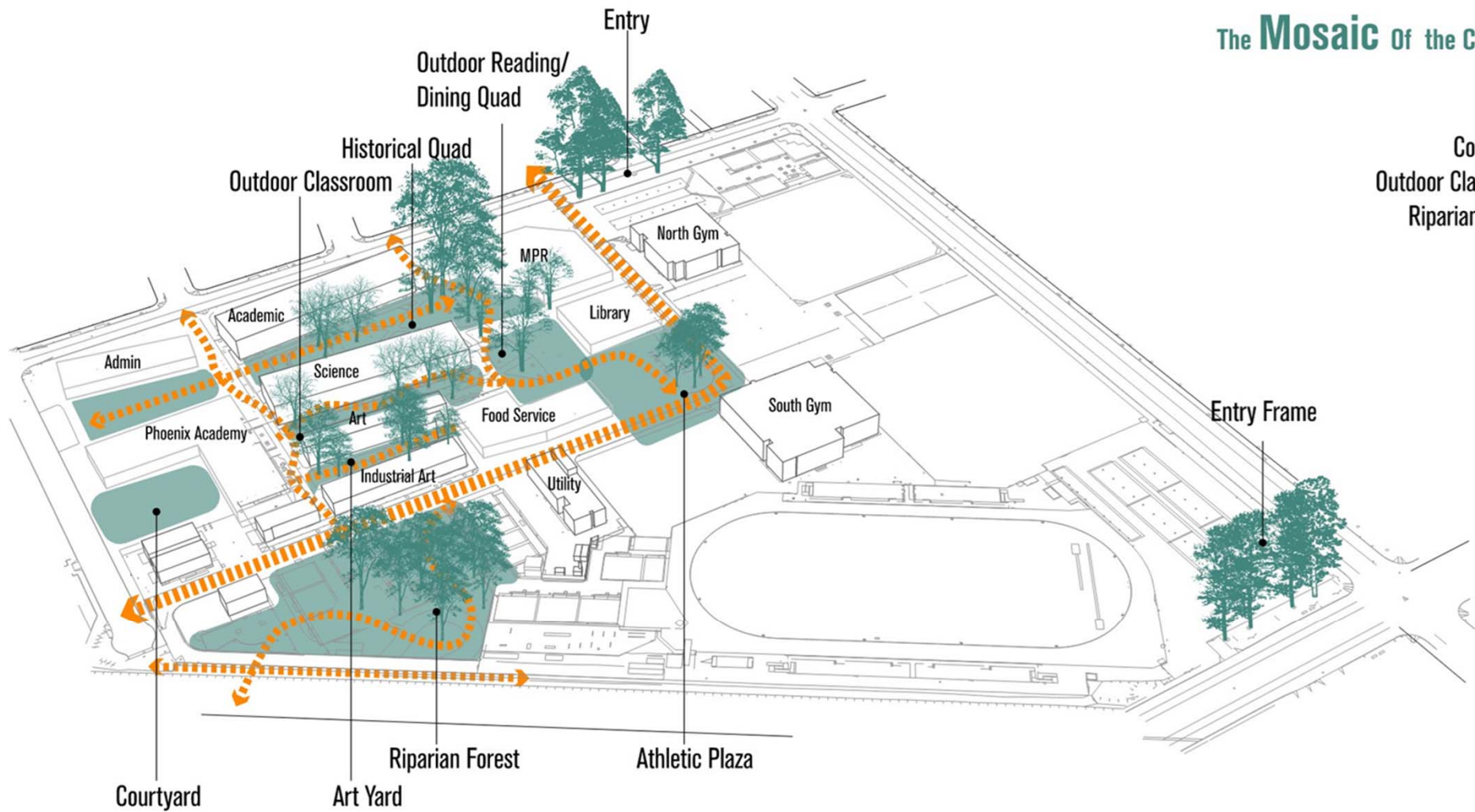
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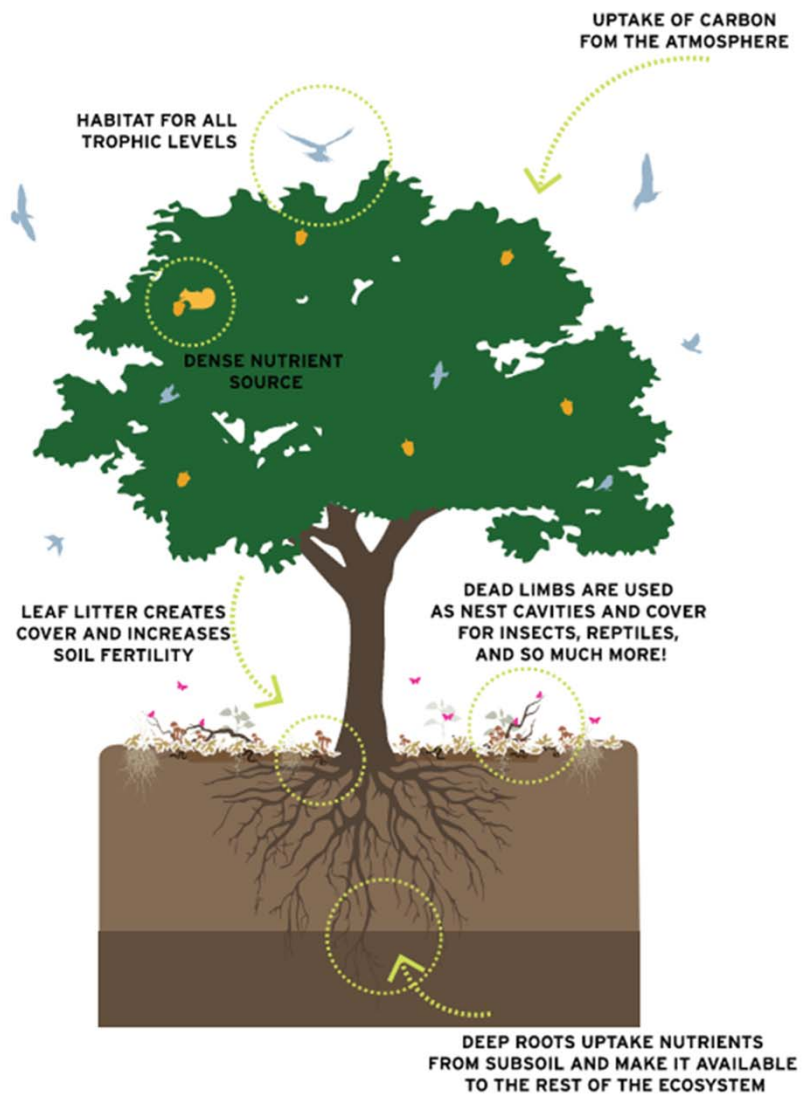
Mosaic

The Mosaic of the Campus

Quad
Plaza
Courtyard
Outdoor Classroom
Riparian Forest



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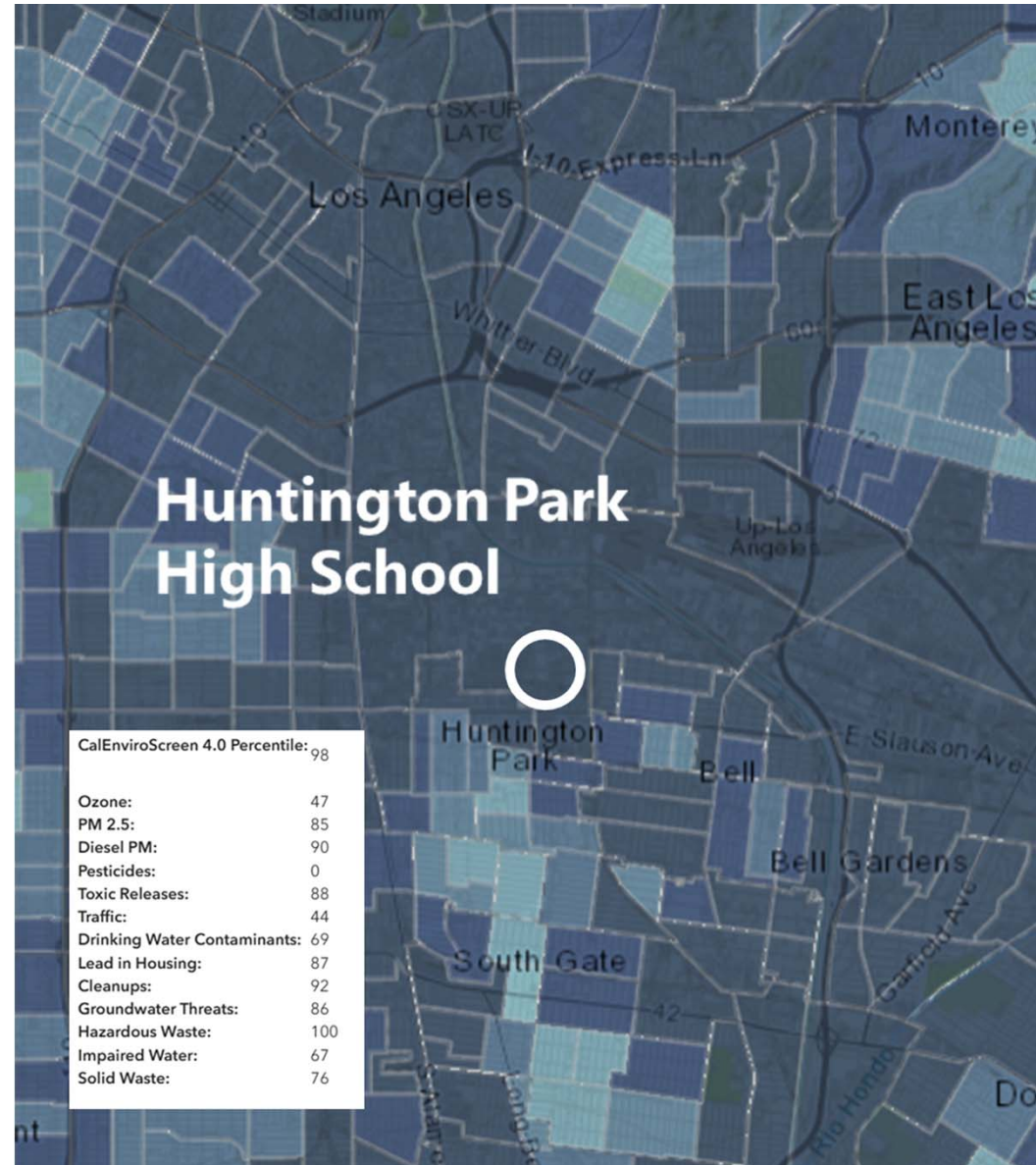
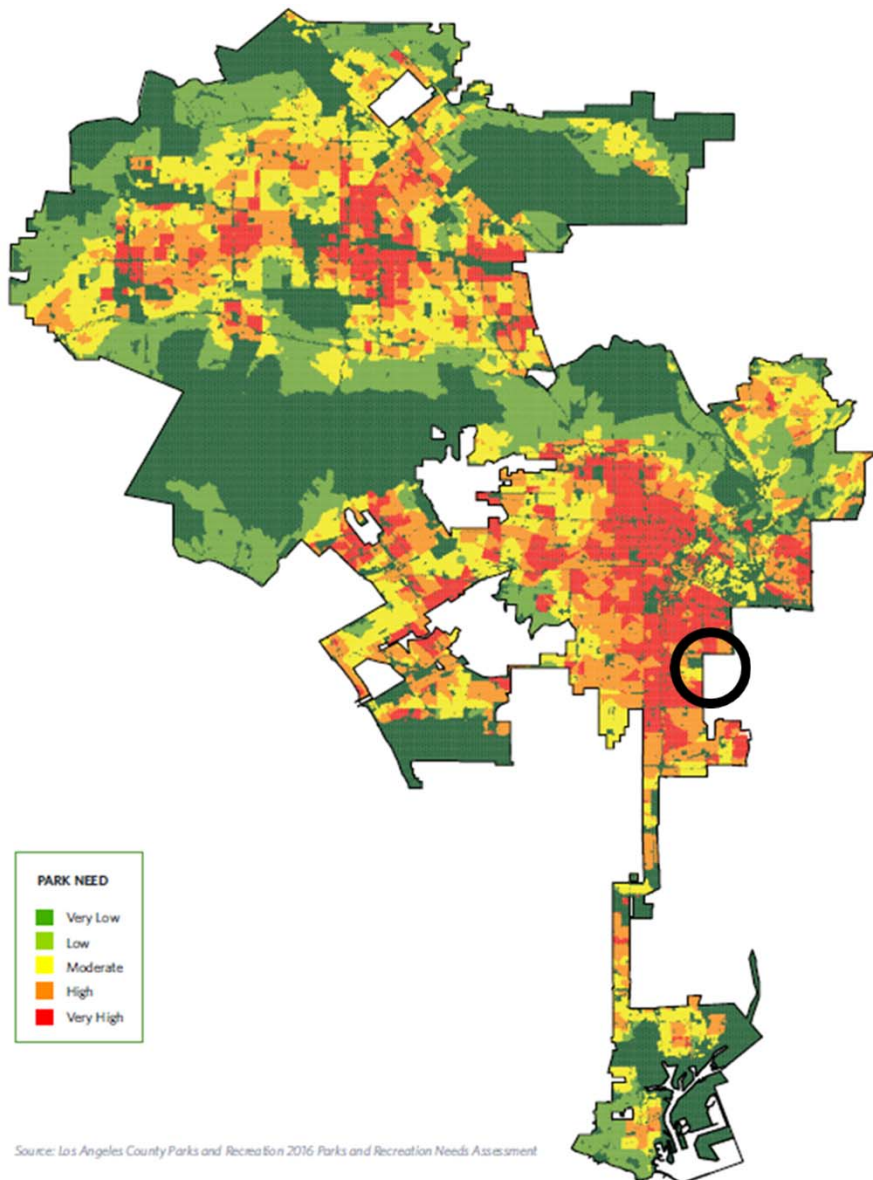


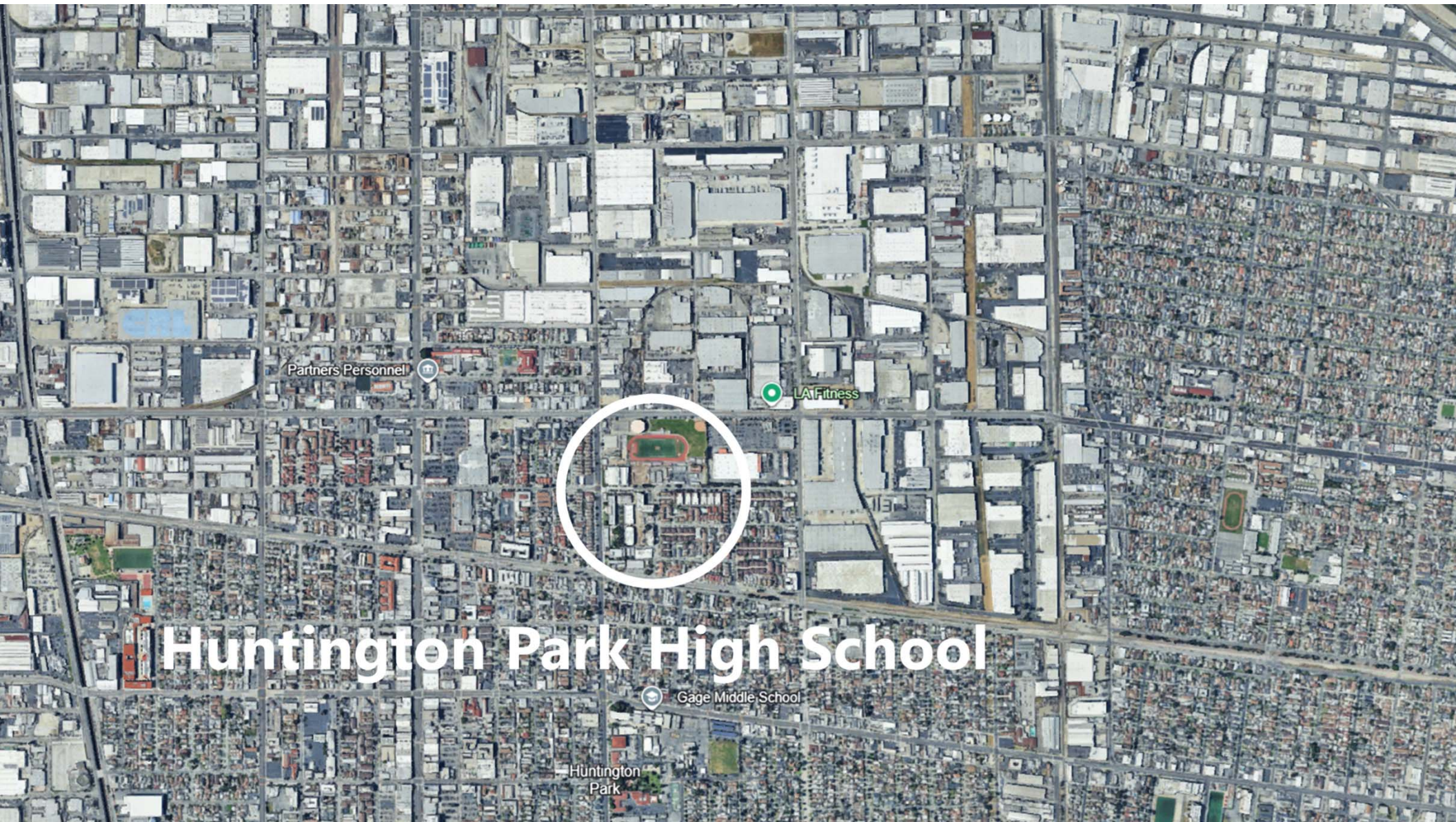




PLOT

PROBLEM





Partners Personnel

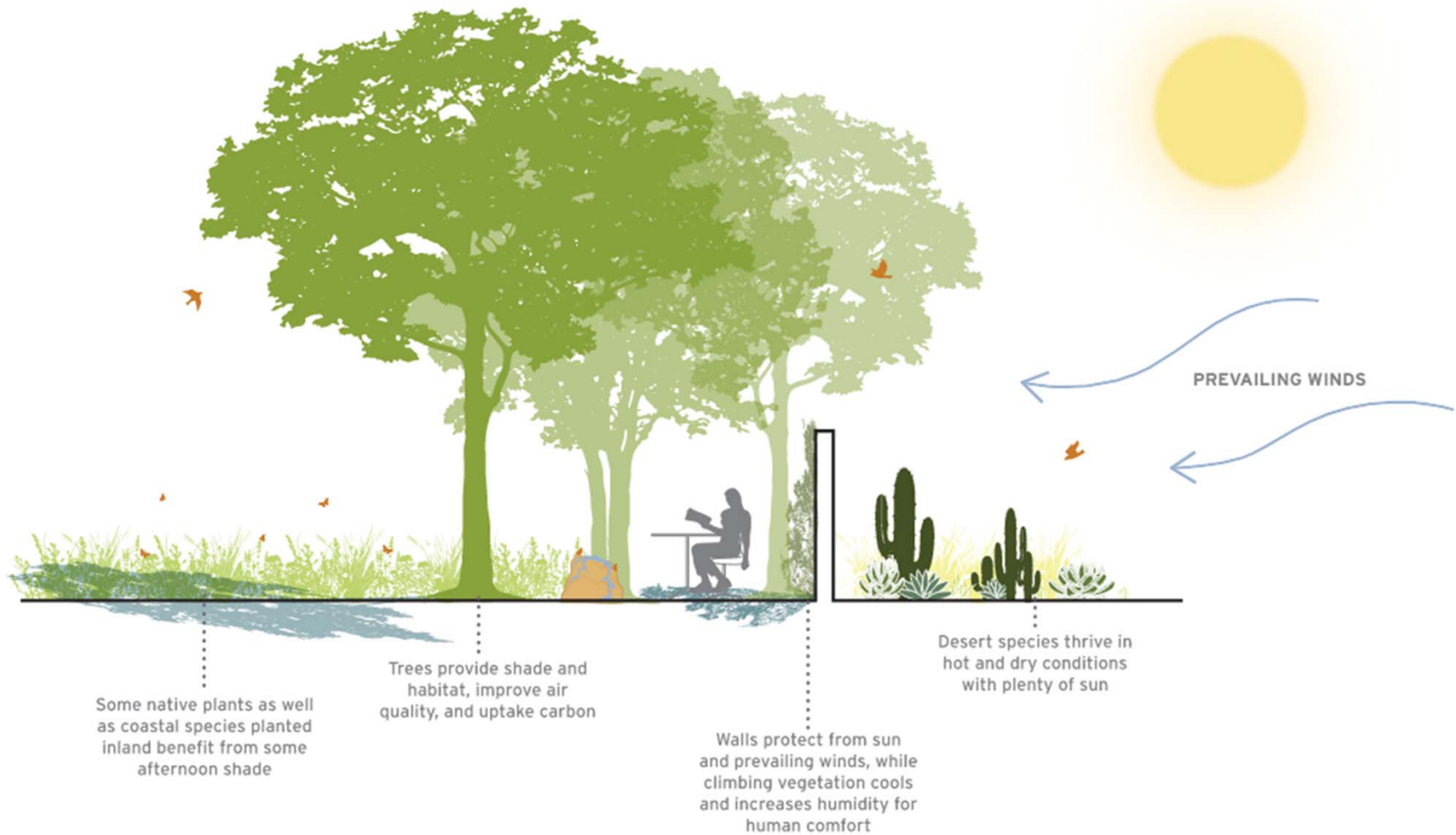
LA Fitness

Huntington Park High School

Gage Middle School

Huntington
Park

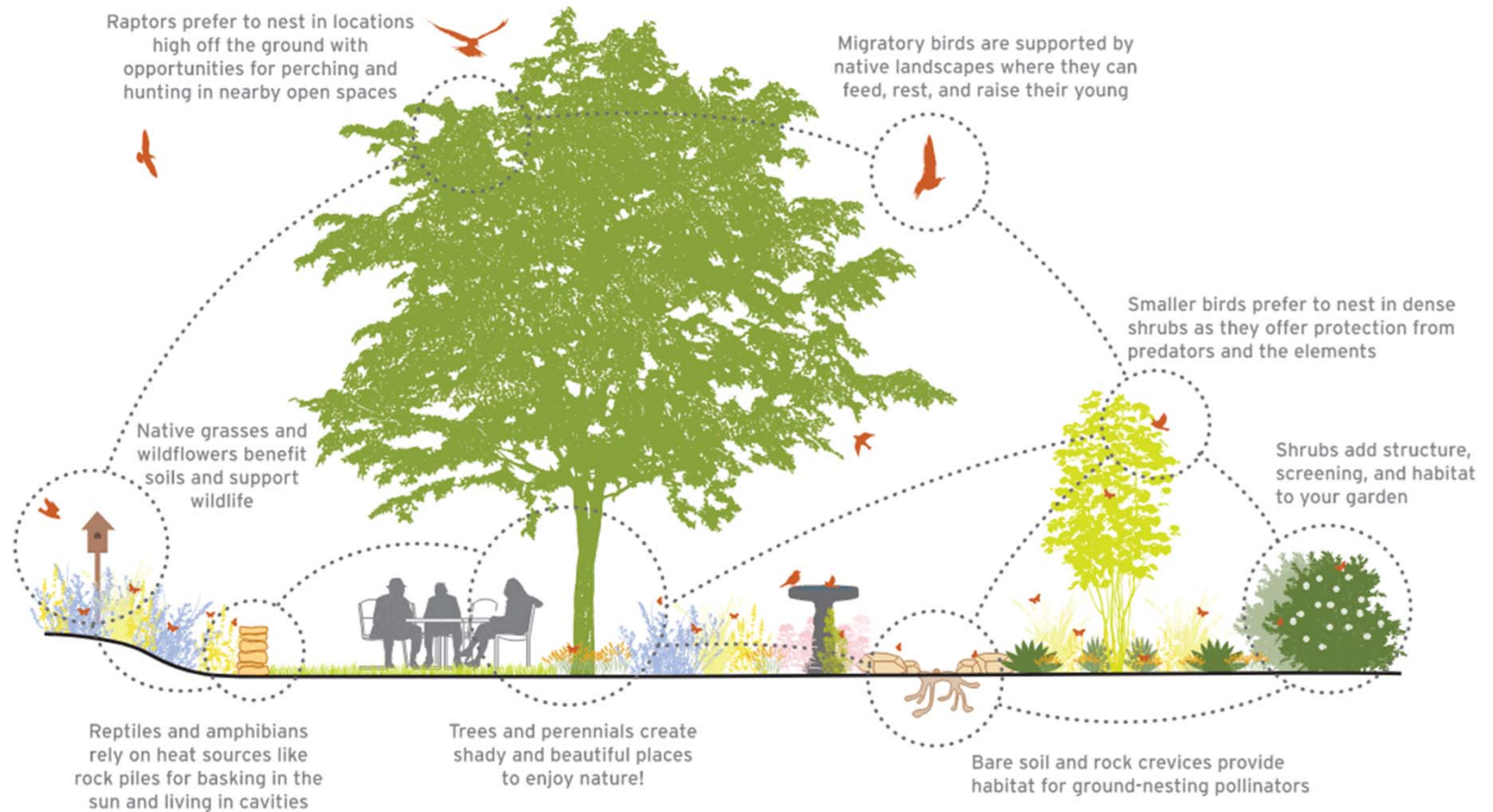
MICROCLIMATES







HABITAT STRUCTURE







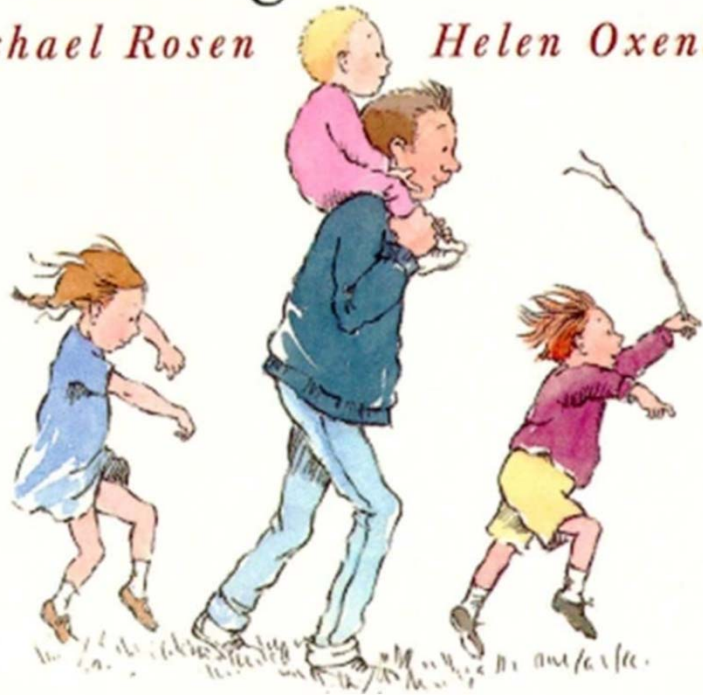
RESOLUTION



We're Going on a Bear Hunt

Michael Rosen

Helen Oxenbury

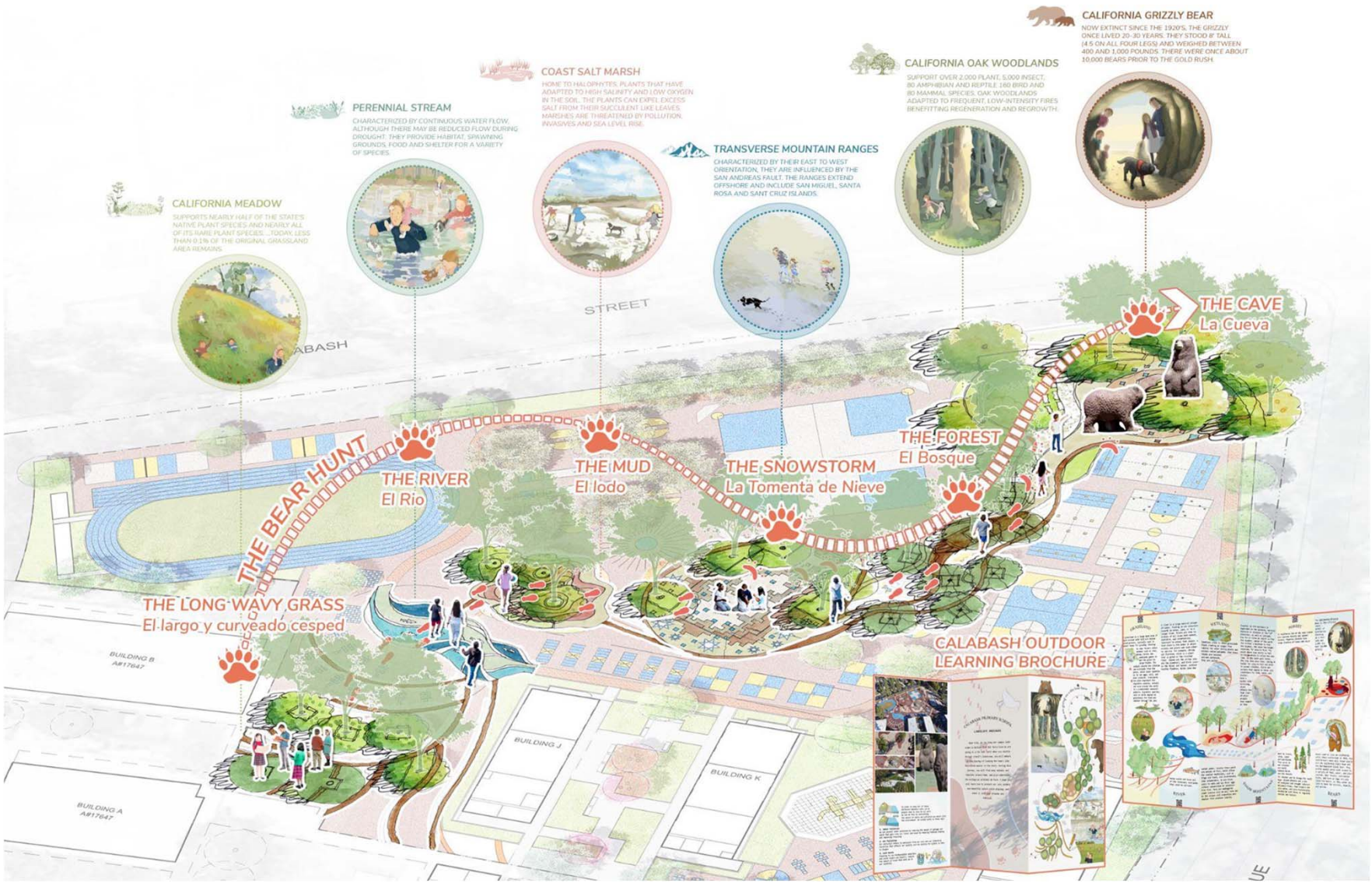




LEGEND

- 1 THE BEAR HUNT JOURNEY
 - a THE LONG WAVY GRASS
 - b THE RIVER
 - c THE MUD
 - d THE SNOWSTORM
 - e THE FOREST
 - f THE CAVE
- 2 OUTDOOR CLASSROOM
- 3 KINDER YARD
- 4 KINDER ENTRY/DROP OFF AREA
- 5 BUFFER LANDSCAPE
- 6 PLAY FIELD
- 7 OUTDOOR AMPHITHEATER





CALIFORNIA MEADOW

SUPPORTS NEARLY HALF OF THE STATE'S NATIVE PLANT SPECIES AND NEARLY ALL OF ITS RARE PLANT SPECIES... TODAY, LESS THAN 0.1% OF THE ORIGINAL GRASSLAND AREA REMAINS.

PERENNIAL STREAM

CHARACTERIZED BY CONTINUOUS WATER FLOW, ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE REDUCED FLOW DURING DROUGHT, THEY PROVIDE HABITAT, SPAWNING GROUNDS, FOOD AND SHELTER FOR A VARIETY OF SPECIES.

COAST SALT MARSH

HOME TO HALOPHYTES, PLANTS THAT HAVE ADAPTED TO HIGH SALINITY AND LOW OXYGEN IN THE SOIL, THE PLANTS CAN EXPEL EXCESS SALT FROM THEIR SUCCULENT LIKE LEAVES. MARSHES ARE THREATENED BY POLLUTION, INVASIVES AND SEA LEVEL RISE.

TRANSVERSE MOUNTAIN RANGES

CHARACTERIZED BY THEIR EAST TO WEST ORIENTATION, THEY ARE INFLUENCED BY THE SAN ANDREAS FAULT. THE RANGES EXTEND OFFSHORE AND INCLUDE SAN MIGUEL, SANTA ROSA AND SANT CRUZ ISLANDS.

CALIFORNIA OAK WOODLANDS

SUPPORT OVER 2,000 PLANT, 5,000 INSECT, 80 AMPHIBIAN AND REPTILE, 180 BIRD AND 80 MAMMAL SPECIES. OAK WOODLANDS ADAPTED TO FREQUENT, LOW-INTENSITY FIRES BENEFITTING REGENERATION AND REGROWTH.

CALIFORNIA GRIZZLY BEAR

NOW EXTINCT SINCE THE 1920'S, THE GRIZZLY ONCE LIVED 20-30 YEARS, THEY STOOD 8' TALL (4.5 ON ALL FOUR LEGS) AND WEIGHED BETWEEN 400 AND 1,000 POUNDS. THERE WERE ONCE ABOUT 10,000 BEARS PRIOR TO THE GOLD RUSH.

THE CAVE
La Cueva

THE FOREST
El Bosque

THE SNOWSTORM
La T tormenta de Nieve

THE MUD
El lodo

THE RIVER
El Rio

THE LONG WAVY GRASS
El largo y curvado cesp

CALABASH OUTDOOR LEARNING BROCHURE









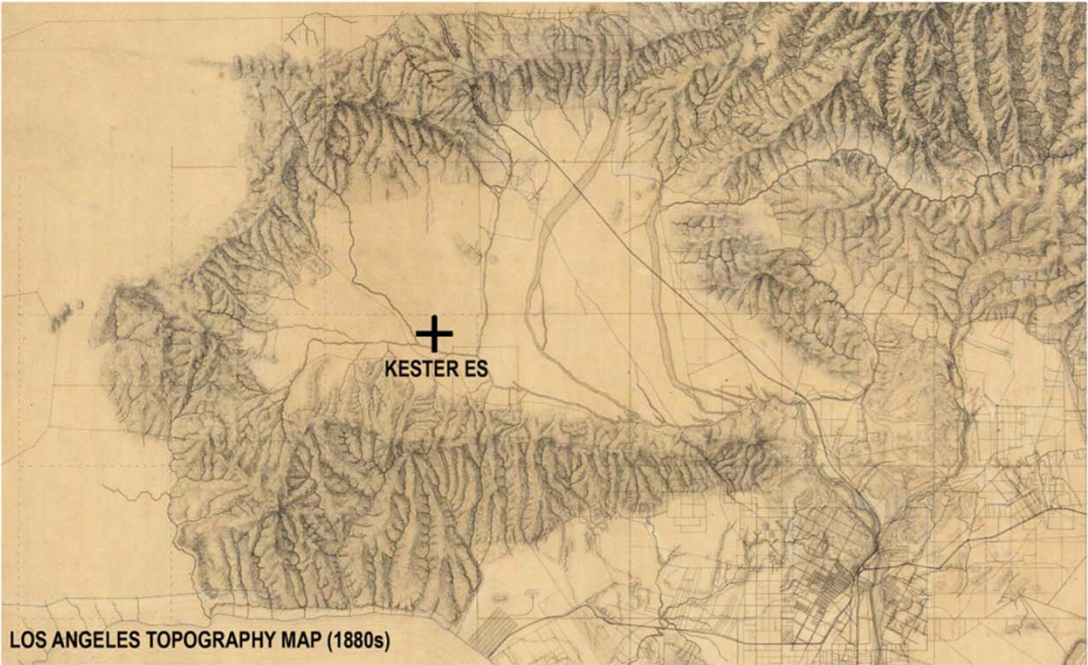
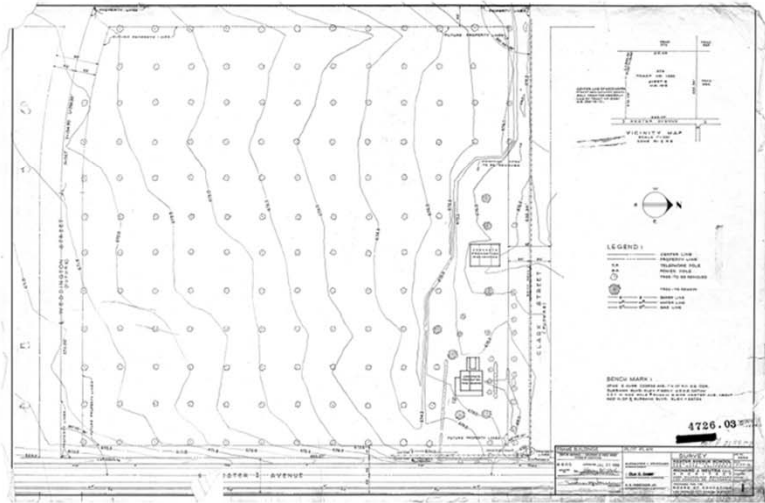
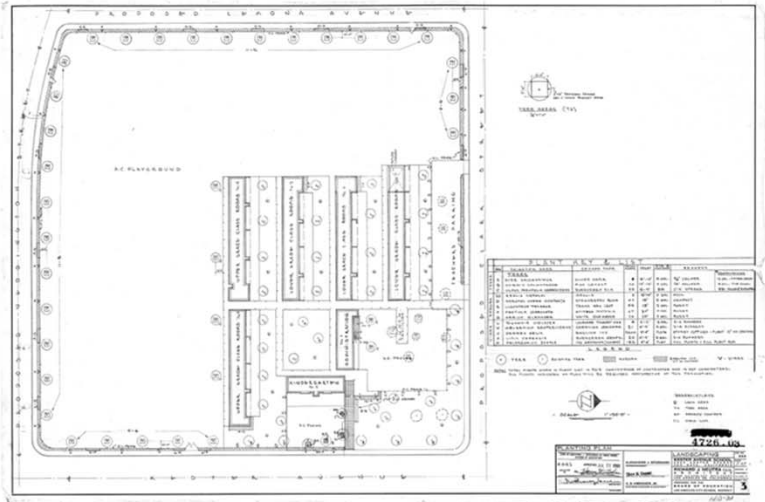


DESIGN NARRATIVE

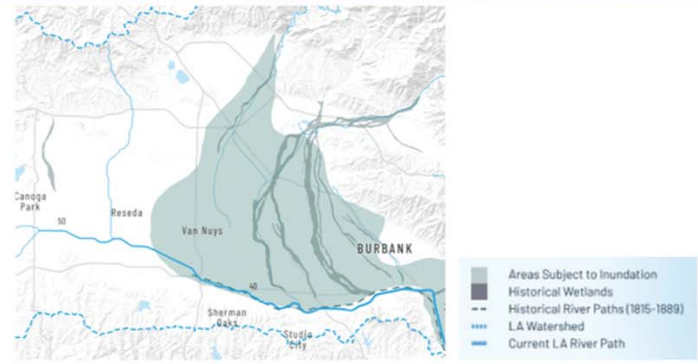
The outdoor environment at Kester Elementary School serves as a living canvas that intertwines the site's ecological history with its architectural heritage.

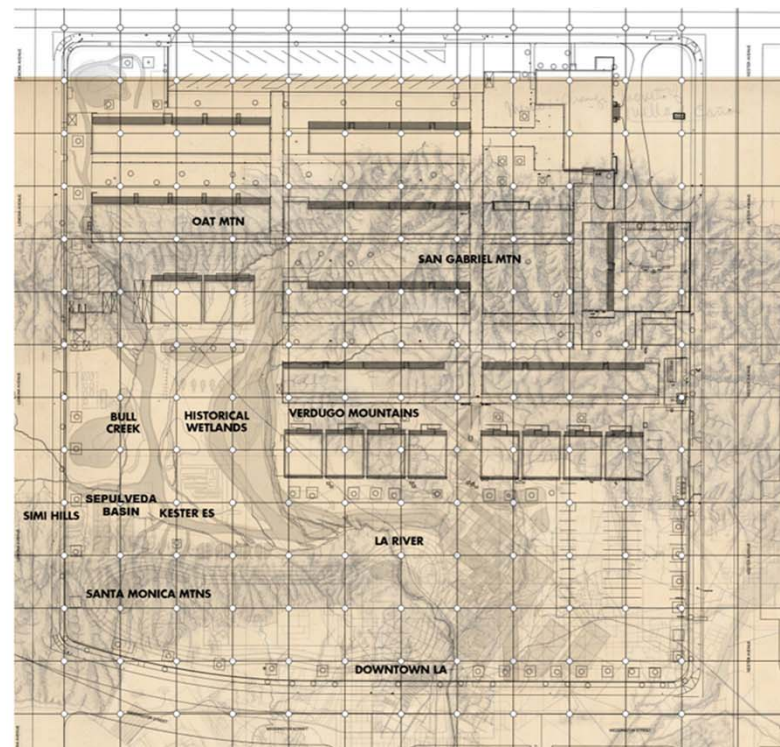
This design juxtaposes the organic, meandering forms of the pre-channelized Los Angeles River and its wetlands with the rectilinear, grid-based design language of Richard Neutra, who emphasized harmony between built environments and nature.

By overlaying organic patterns reminiscent of historical waterways onto the school's existing grid layout, the design aims to educate and inspire students about the importance of environmental stewardship and the interconnectedness of natural and built environments.



This aerial view of the 1938 flood from above Victory Blvd, shows breaches in paved levees in and below a sharp curve in channel alignment.
Source: USACE, 1938.









P-22 STORY

P-22 was a famous mountain lion who gained celebrity status for living in Los Angeles's Griffith Park after crossing two major freeways, the 101 and 405. His story became a symbol of wildlife conservation and led to public support for building the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing, which is intended to connect isolated habitats. After living in the city for about a decade, he was euthanized in December 2022 due to age, disease, and injuries from a car collision.

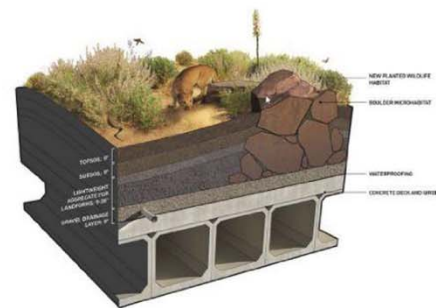
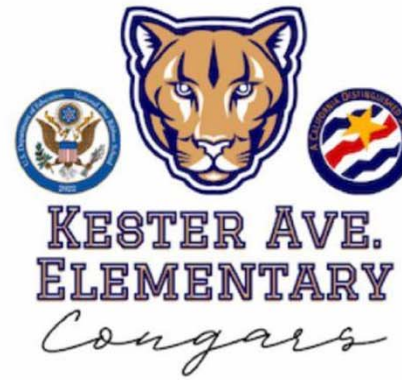
Journey to Griffith Park: P-22, initially from the Santa Monica Mountains, crossed the 405 and 101 freeways to find a new home in Griffith Park, a relatively small territory for a mountain lion.

Urban celebrity: He became a local icon, known as the "Brad Pitt of the mountain lion world," with his life documented through doorbell cameras and radio collars. His presence, living in proximity to humans, captivated the public.

Inspiration for conservation: His unique story raised awareness about the challenges urban wildlife face, particularly habitat fragmentation caused by freeways. This inspired the movement to build the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing, the world's largest wildlife overpass, to help other animals travel safely between mountain lion populations.

Later life and death: P-22's health declined, and he was captured in December 2022 after an encounter with a car. An examination at the San Diego Zoo revealed he had multiple illnesses and injuries, leading authorities to humanely euthanize him.

Legacy: P-22's legacy continues through efforts like the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing and public awareness campaigns. His story is remembered through events, museum exhibits, and murals, with people continuing to support his cause and celebrate his life.



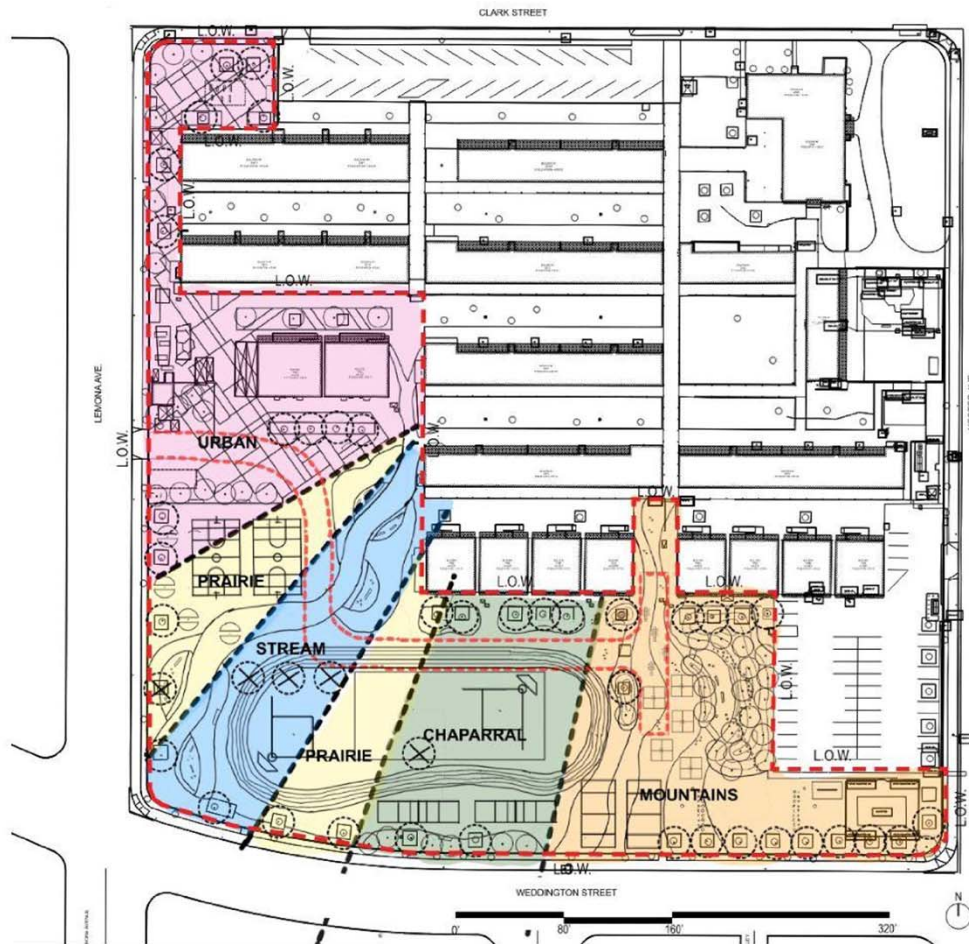
"COUGAR PATH"

Our elementary school landscape design is inspired by the mountain lion, a symbol of resilience and ecological balance in Southern California. At the heart of the story is P-22, the iconic cougar who crossed two major freeways to reach Griffith Park. His journey highlights the challenges wildlife face in navigating fragmented habitats and inspires our design's central theme: reconnection.

The site features a stream-inspired learning corridor, designed as a dry arroyo that mimics natural water flow and riparian ecosystems. This space serves as both stormwater infrastructure and an outdoor classroom, guiding students through the story of water and its role in sustaining life. Native plants like mulefat, sycamores, and rushes support biodiversity and create daily sensory experiences.

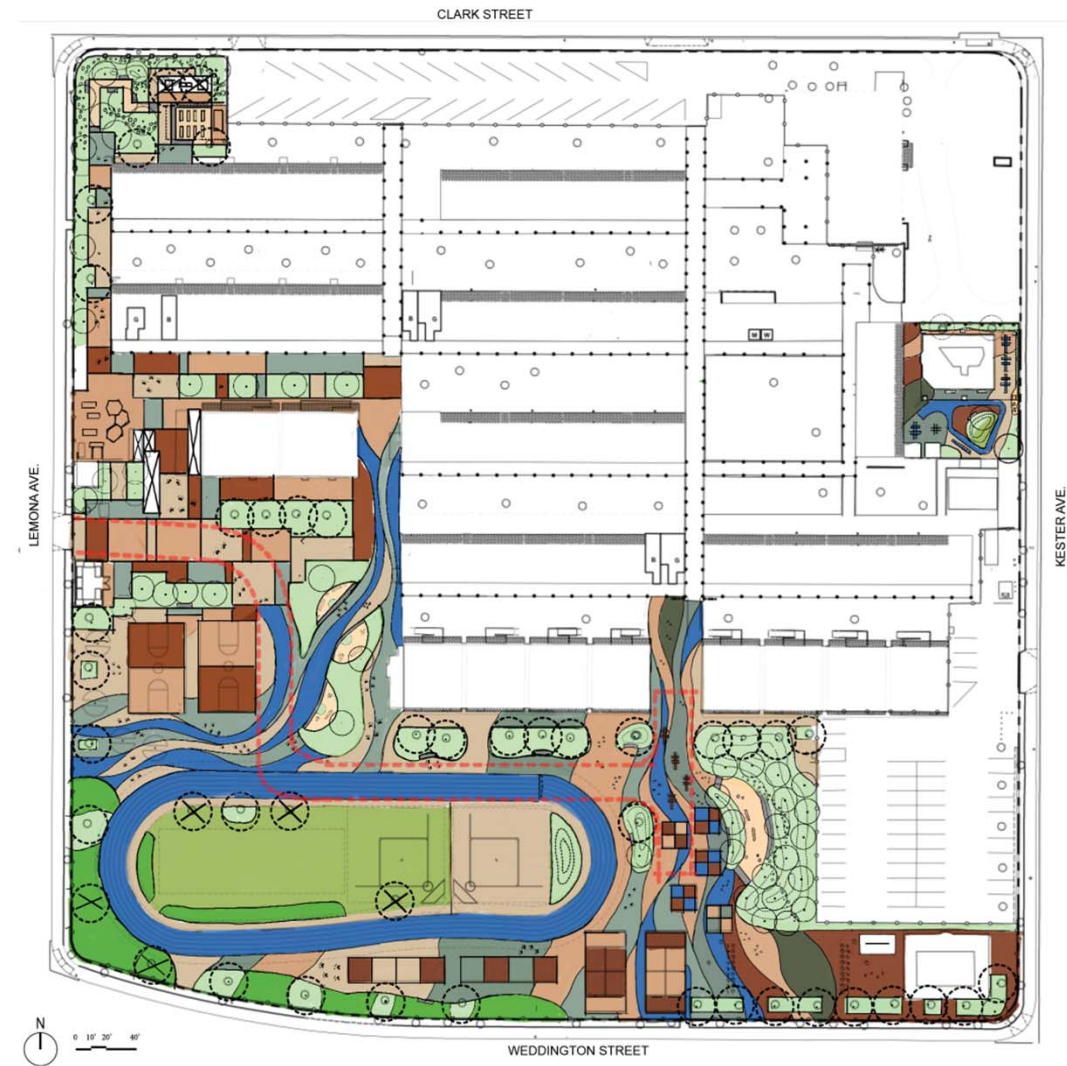
Surrounding the stream, the planting zones reflect local foothill ecologies—coastal sage scrub, chaparral, and oak woodland—bringing ecological restoration into the learning environment. Shaded paths curve through the site like wildlife corridors, encouraging movement, exploration, and reflection.

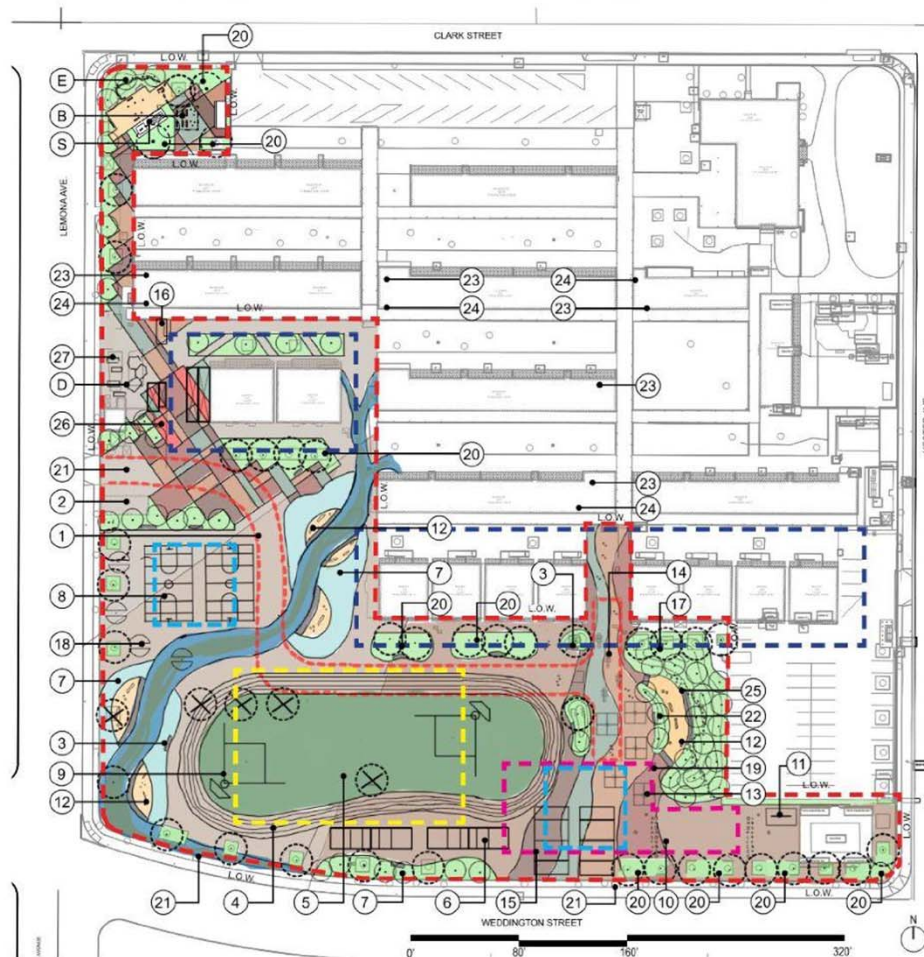
This landscape tells a living story—of mountain lions, like P-22, navigating an urban world, and of students growing in a space where nature is both teacher and companion. It's a tribute to ecological resilience, wildlife connectivity, and the importance of designing with nature in mind.



The landscape design is organized into a series of ecozones that mirror the natural habitats a mountain lion moves through in Southern California. Starting in the mountains, students journey through chaparral, prairie grasslands, and a riparian stream zone, each representing a key ecological system the cougar relies on for survival. The path culminates in an urban zone, symbolizing the interface where wildlife and city life meet—just as P-22 did. This sequence helps students understand ecological transitions and the importance of habitat connectivity.

- MOUNTAINS
- CHAPARRAL
- PRAIRIE
- STREAM
- URBAN





LAUSD REQUIREMENTS CHECKLIST:

• GREENING REQUIREMENT

REQUIRED WITHIN L.O.W.: 38,754 SF
PROVIDED WITHIN L.O.W.: 50,504 SF

- GENERAL PLANTING AREA
- TURF/ GRASS
- D.G.
- LID, PROVIDED: 7,460 SF
REQUIRED: 7,400 - 10,520 SF

• TREES WITHIN L.O.W.

REQUIRED: 37 TREES

- EXISTING TREES, PROTECT-IN-PLACE: 43
- EXISTING TREES, TO BE REMOVED: 5
- PROPOSED TREES: 47

• PE STATION REQUIREMENT

FITNESS TESTING STATION

- PACER FITNESS TRACK (1) = 1 PE
- 1/8 MILE RUNNING TRACK (1) = 1 PE
- HORIZONTAL BARS (1)

INSTRUCTIONAL PE STATIONS

- BASKETBALL COURT (2) = 1 PE
- VOLLEYBALL COURT (2) = 1 PE
- PRIMARY DIAMOND/ KICKBALL (2) = 1 PE
- FOOTBALL/ SOCCER FIELD (1) = 1 PE
- HANDBALL COURT (2) = 1 PE

RECREATIONAL PE STATION

- SQUARE HOPSCOTCH (4) = 1 PE
- FOUR SQUARE (5) = 1 PE
- TETHERBALL (4) = 1 PE

TOTAL PE STATION PROVIDED: 10 PE STATIONS

• OUTDOOR LEARNING ENVIRONMENT (OLE) (8,475 SF)

- ⑧ TYPE B: OUTDOOR CLASSROOM - PERFORMANCE AREA
- ⑩ TYPE D: LEARNING LAB - RAISED PLANTER AREA (EXISTING)
- ⑪ TYPE E: LEARNING LAB - MICROFOREST
- ⑫ SERVICE CONNECTOR

KEYNOTES

- LIMIT OF WORK (L.O.W.)
- FIRE LANE
- 60' X 60' PAVED OPEN SPACE/OLE DISPERSAL AREA
- PRE-KINDER DISPERSAL AREA
- 1-5 DISPERSAL AREA
- NON-CERTIFIED BUILDING 20' OFFSET ZONE
- ① FIRELANE
- ② TRASH ENCLOSURE
- ③ DECORATIVE WALL
- ④ 1/8 MILE TRACK + 50M DASH
- ⑤ FOOTBALL/SOCCER FIELD
- ⑥ HANDBALL COURT
- ⑦ LID PLANTER
- ⑧ BASKETBALL
- ⑨ KICKBALL
- ⑩ PACER TEST
- ⑪ HORIZONTAL BAR
- ⑫ ACTIVITY STATION
- ⑬ FOUR SQUARE
- ⑭ AIRPLANE HOPSCOTCH
- ⑮ VOLLEYBALL COURT

MATERIALS

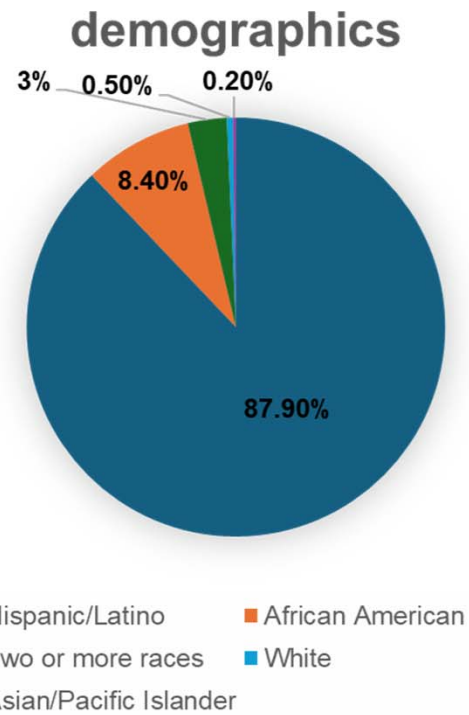
- ① AC PAVING WITH COLOR COATING, SR SUNBAKED CLAY
- ② AC PAVING WITH COLOR COATING, SR SANDSTONE
- ③ AC PAVING WITH COLOR COATING, SR TERRA COTTA
- ④ AC PAVING WITH COLOR COATING, SR SAFETY BLUE
- ⑤ AC PAVING SEAFOAM
- ⑥ AC PAVING WITH COLOR COATING, SR PAPRIKA
- ⑦ AC PAVING WITH COLOR COATING, SR KHAKI
- ⑧ AC PAVING WITH COLOR COATING, SR IRISH CREAM
- ⑨ CONCRETE PAVING (BETWEEN AC PAVING AND DG)
- ⑩ D.G.
- ⑪ ADA ACCESSIBLE RAMP
- ⑫ EXISTING SINK
- ⑬ BERM
- ⑭ TETHERBALL
- ⑮ COUGAR PRINT
- ⑯ ENLARGED EXISTING TREE WELL
- ⑰ PICK UP/DROP OFF AREA
- ⑱ MULBERRY TREE
- ⑲ RESTROOM
- ⑳ DRINKING FOUNTAIN
- ㉑ AMPHITHEATER
- ㉒ EXISTING CONTAINER

BEFORE (CURRENT), GSY CALCS (PROVIDED IN GSY VIEWER)

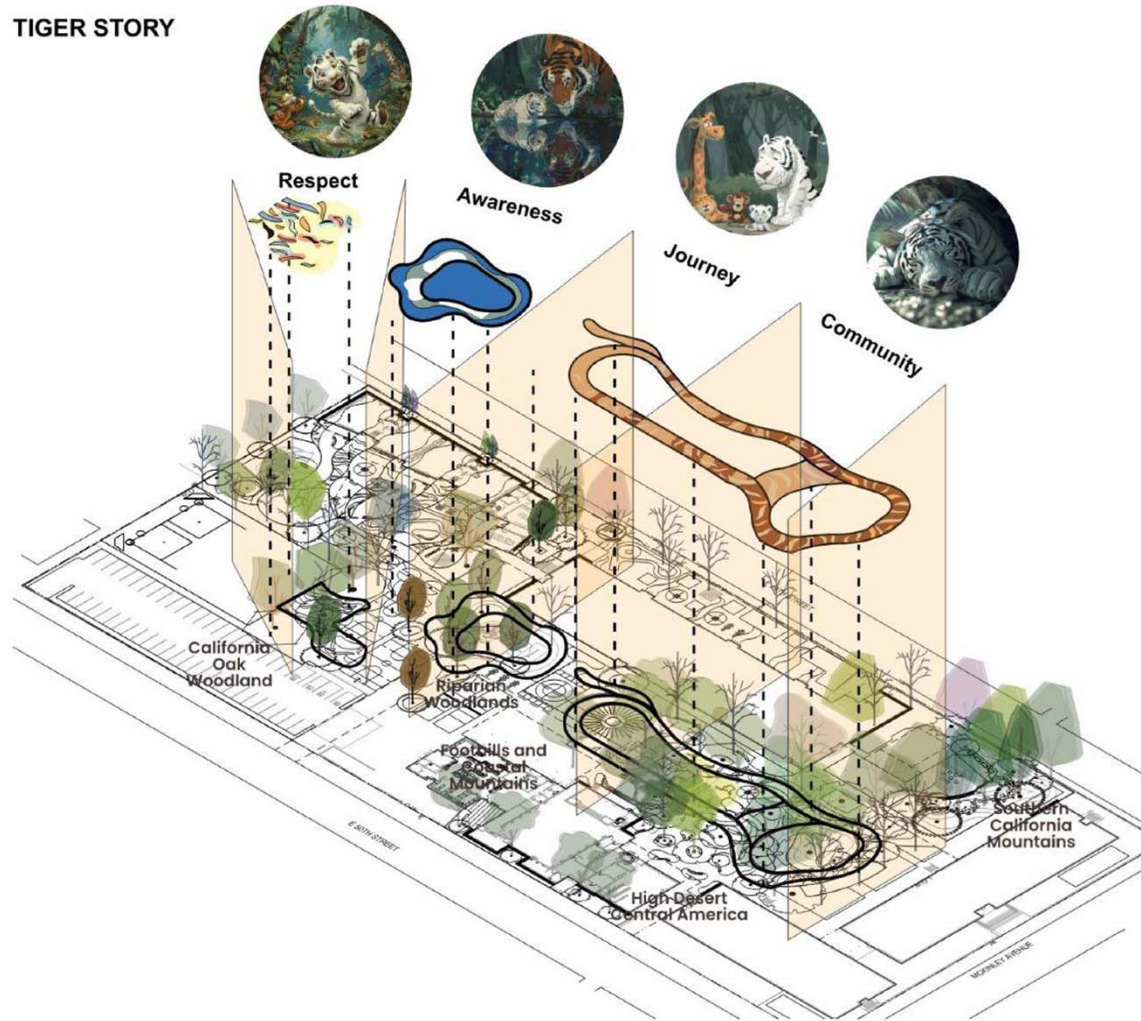
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CURRENT TREE SHADE, SF: 45,741 SF
CURRENT TREE SHADE, %: 19.6%

AFTER (DESIGNED), GSY CALCS

CURRENT SCHOOLYARD SF: 233,033 SF
CURRENT GREEN/NATURAL SF: 80,660 SF
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TIGER STORY

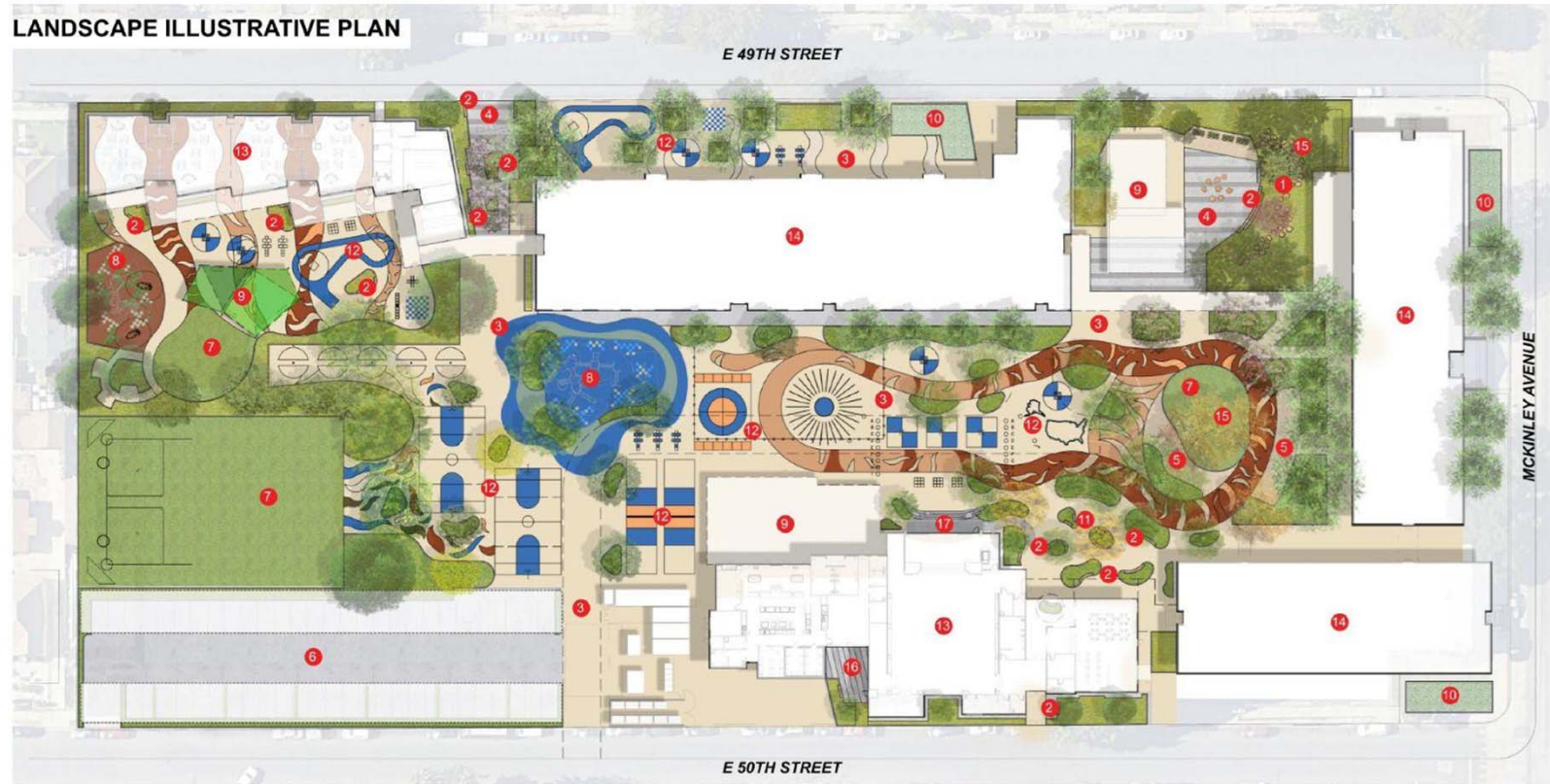


EL TIGRE QUE PERDIÓ SUS RAYAS

Cuento infantil para desarrollar
la personalidad

One day a tiger woke up without his stripes, going all around he felt lost saying he wasn't a tiger because a tiger has stripes. He tried to be a monkey, but he couldn't climb trees like they did. Then he tried to be a giraffe, but his neck wasn't that long. He thought maybe it could be a lion, but he didn't have a nice mane. A wolf couldn't be either because it didn't know how to howl, nor an elephant because it didn't have a trunk. An old tiger had been watching his spiral all day when he told him come here let's go to the river, the older tiger took the younger one to see his reflection, telling him he had looked everywhere for his stripes except looking within himself. The old tiger told him it doesn't matter if you have stripes or not that is not what makes you a tiger but what's within and how you feel that does.

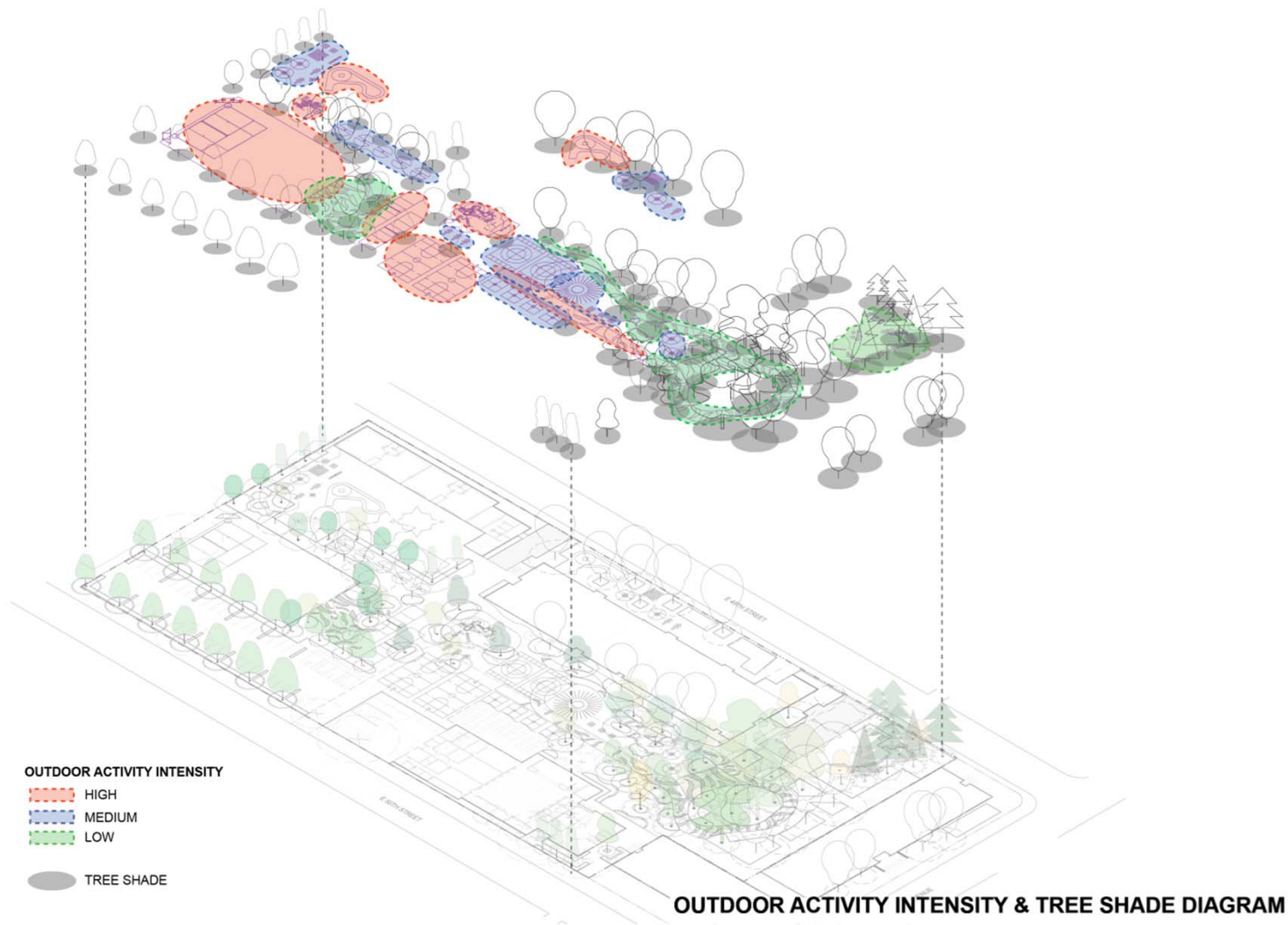
LANDSCAPE ILLUSTRATIVE PLAN



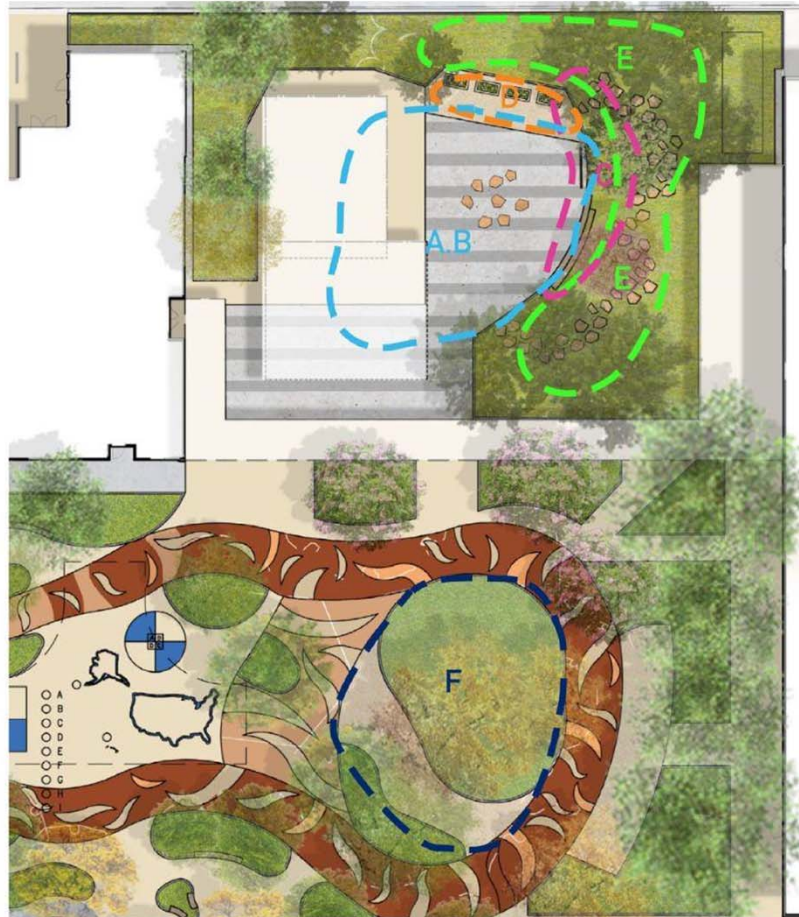
LEGEND

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|--------------------------------|---------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 OUTDOOR LEARNING AREA | 6 PARKING LOT | 11 OUTDOOR READING GARDEN | 16 FACULTY OUTDOOR DINING AREA |
| 2 C.I.P. CONCRETE SEATING | 7 GRASS FIELD | 12 OUTDOOR PE AREA | 17 STAGE |
| 3 AC PAVING WITH COLOR COATING | 8 PLAY STRUCTURE | 13 PROPOSED NEW BUILDING | 18 RELOCATED STORAGE CONTAINER |
| 4 PERMEABLE PAVER | 9 SHADE STRUCTURE | 14 EXISTING BUILDING | |
| 5 DG PAVING | 10 BIOSWALE PLANTER | 15 BERM | |

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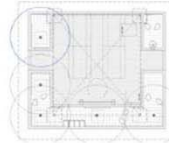


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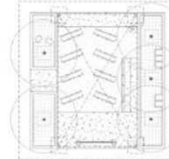


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Outdoor Classroom -
Group Learning Area



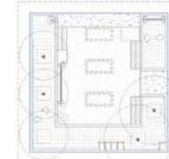
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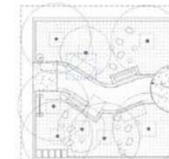
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Habitat Planting Area



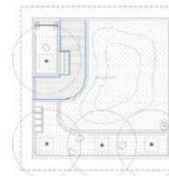
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Raised Planter Area



E Type "E"
Learning Lab -
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F Type "F"
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Active Play Area



KEY PLAN







KINDERGARTEN & EX. OAK TREES



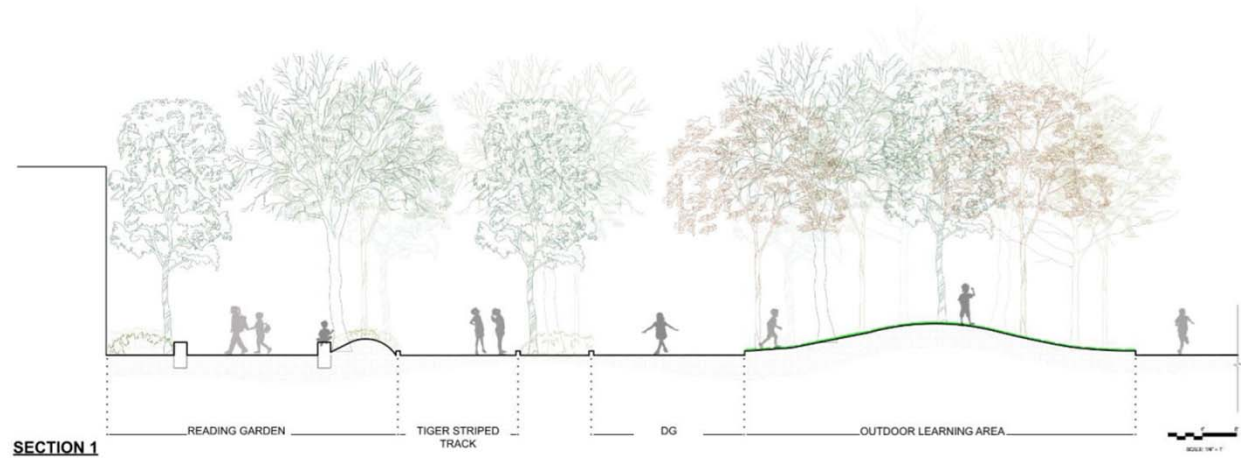
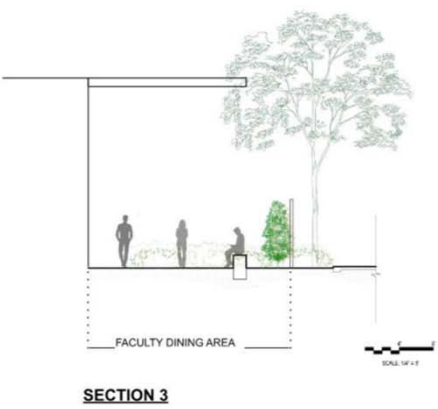
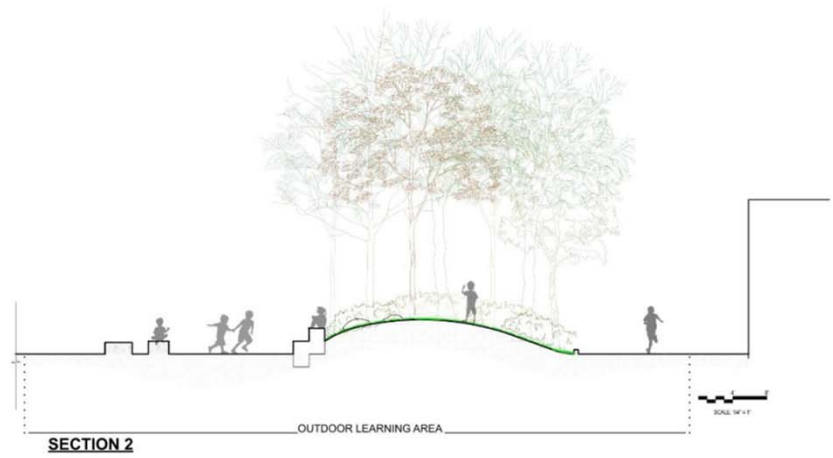
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KEY PLAN



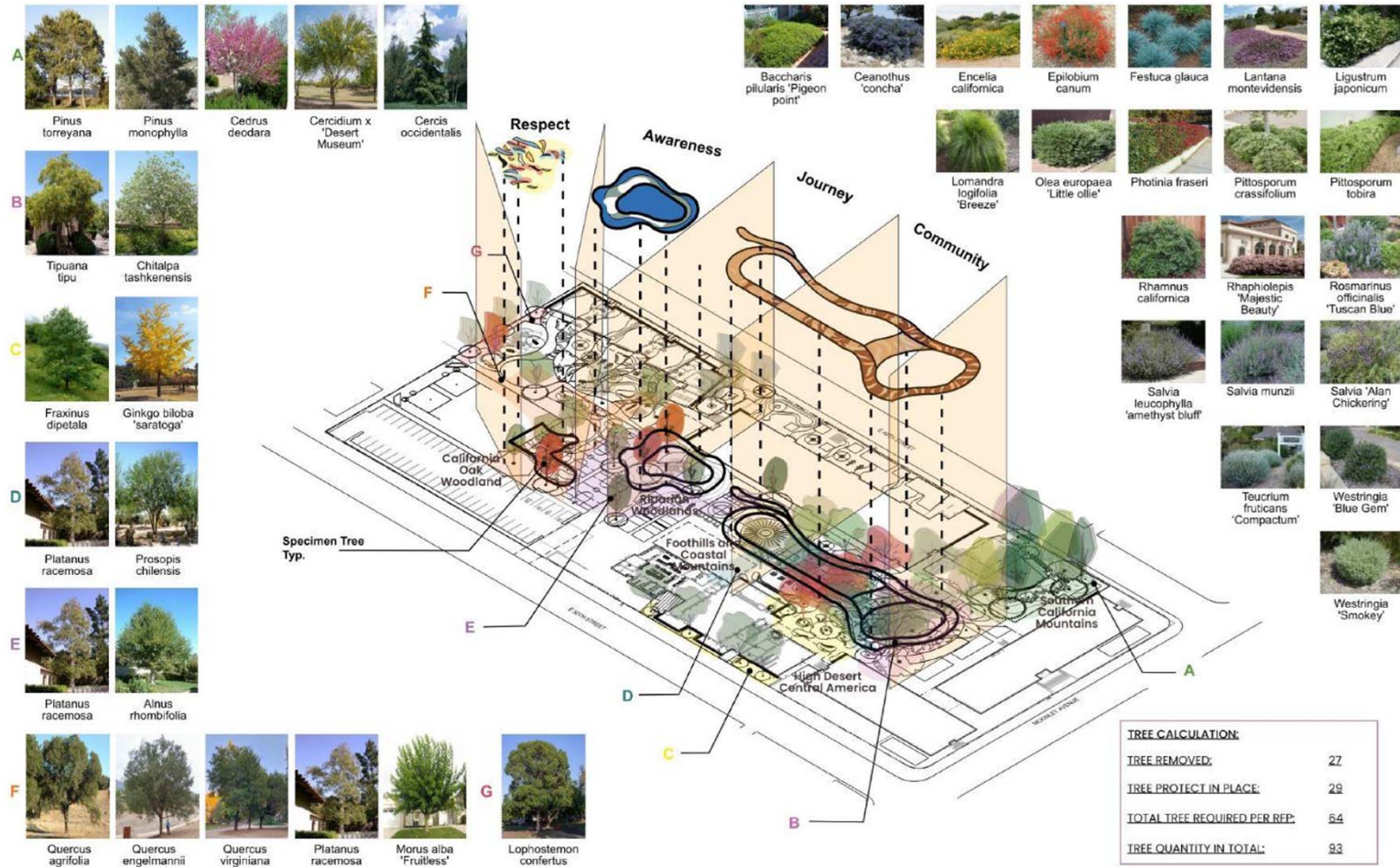


LANDSCAPE SECTIONS





PLANTING MATERIAL + TREE CALCULATION



An aerial perspective of a schoolyard design. The central feature is a large, irregularly shaped green lawn. Surrounding the lawn are blue running tracks. To the left, there's a red-brown area with some trees and a small structure. To the right, there's a paved area with trees and a red star-shaped sculpture. In the bottom left, there's a basketball court with white lines. The entire area is bordered by a grey wall and some trees.

Design a Green Schoolyard

- Chose a prompt/scenario
- Review list of schoolyard elements to include
- What story can you tell or will you tell?
- Use creative storytelling to guide the creation of outdoor learning environments

Call to Action

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1. Engage with Landscape Architects on your projects as your partner in creating engaging and inspiring learning environments
2. Observe students playing and learning outside in a natural setting; incorporate what you observe into your project design.
3. Engage with instruction regarding nature-based and outdoor learning.