GUIDING THE FUTURE

VISIONING & GOALS

The following Key Themes were established through the extensive community outreach process and guided the development of the Master Plan.

1. Enjoying Nature
   - The park should be a place to sit by the water, walk through a woodland or wetland, and observe wildlife.

2. Wellness
   - The park should be a place to walk and run, but also offer spaces to sit, relax, and find peace.

3. Community
   - The park should be a place where the neighborhood comes together for shared experiences.

4. Water Access
   - The park should offer opportunities to be at and on the water.

5. Family-Friendly
   - The park should create spaces for children to play and learn about their environment.

6. Education
   - The park should have an education center offering a range of classes and outdoor-based programs.

7. Blended Spaces
   - The Master Plan balances the space allocated to human uses with that of existing wooded habitat and new wetland habitat to create a cohesive whole.

THE PROCESS

This Master Plan evolved through a uniquely collaborative process integrating extensive community outreach and stakeholder input and frequent progress reviews with City departments and the Council Districts. The process included five large community workshops and eight focused meetings with the project’s Stakeholder Working Group to garner public feedback at all critical stages in the Master Plan development: Analysis; Visioning and Programming; Master Plan Alternatives; Preferred Master Plan; and Final Master Plan. The Master Plan reflects the vision and interests of the community who live near the Complex and visit it frequently.

The format of the Community Workshops varied from presentations and break out discussions on Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons to an open reservoir walk at the SLRC. Due to Covid-19, the final Community Workshop was held virtually in the form of online videos and an online questionnaire which was supplemented with paper copies for those without computer access. These diverse approaches maximized opportunities to capture community input as well as give the neighborhood a chance to experience the power of the water bodies inside the fence. Community Workshops were attended by 1,570 community members and generated 8,478 questionnaire responses.

THANK YOU!

Thank you to the hundreds of community members who attended our community workshops. Your time, dedication and input were invaluable in crafting the master plan design.

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THE PROPOSED MASTER PLAN

The new Park is conceived as a hybrid infrastructure that amplifies the use of the reservoir water bodies to attract and sustain wildlife, connect with nature and neighbors, and educate. The Master Plan design was inspired in great part by its rich history and narrative from a freshwater marsh and intermittent pond within Ivanhoe Canyon to a significant and iconic piece of Los Angeles water infrastructure.

The proposed Master Plan design consists of a series of seven overall park zones stitched together by a 2.5-mile, tree-lined Promenade. The zones include: The Meadow, The Knoll, Ivanhoe Overlook, Eucalyptus Grove, East and West Narrows, and the South Valley.

HABITAT ENHANCEMENT & EXPANSION

Until recently, the Complex has been managed as a single reservoir to support the drinking water needs of Los Angeles. Its habitat value is moderate, and most significantly, it lacks food resources for birds and small terrestrial species. To remedy this, the Master Plan design focuses on increasing habitat diversity and introducing a food web, particularly for local and migratory waterfowl. The range of habitats proposed in the Master Plan will support an increasingly diverse array of birds, fish, amphibians, invertebrates, and other aquatic species. To provide this biodiversity, the Master Plan design maximizes the habitat value of existing wooded areas and creates new transition and wetland habitats.

total of 23 ACRES reserved for habitat

12 ac UPLAND HABITAT + 04 ac TRANSITION HABITAT + 07 ac WETLAND HABITAT

EDUCATION CENTER

The Education Center design includes small indoor and outdoor teaching and assembly spaces, where the urban opportunity of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex - the re-establishment and management of a healthy ecosystem within the context of urban park - can be introduced, discussed, and studied by visitors of all ages.

The Center contains two interior classrooms. The classrooms are approximately 1,000sf and can accommodate 24 to 30 people. The Center also contains a 800sf office for staff, storage areas of 300sf of 500sf adjacent to each classroom, and public restrooms, which are already accessible from the Promenade.

THE MEADOW

The Meadow is currently the community heart of the Silver Lake Reservoir Complex. The Master Plan proposes to reconfigure and expand the existing Meadow’s open lawn and shade trees to create unique views of the reservoirs and provide opportunities for people to interact with the water’s edge.

The Meadow includes:
- Great Lawn
- Silver Lake Lawn
- Pollinator Meadow and Rain Gardens
- Tree-lined Promenade
- Picnic Grove
- Informal Play Walk
- Seating Terraces
- Wetland Habitat

PHASING & IMPLEMENTATION

As long-term documents, Master Plans typically guide planning and implementation of community goals for 10 to 20 years. Master Plans are implemented once adopted by City Council and concurrence of the Mayor, environmental compliance, detailed design, permitting, and a park operator is identified. Implementation typically occurs in phases and in accordance with funding.

Eight potential stand-alone projects within the Master Plan design have been identified for construction phasing and fundraising. They are graphically shown with no implied order of priority.

Based on prior experience, each phase is estimated to take approximately 18 to 24-months to construct. Depending on funding, these phases can be constructed individually or collectively.