

plaza

- Gardens
- Water Gardens
- Café
- Events
- Farmers Market
- Performances
- Playground



screen

- Murals
- Movies
- Sports Events
- Video Arts



picnics & activities

- Cook Outs
- Informal Sports
- Play
- Daily Use



festival

- Music
- Arts
- Cultural
- Politics



PARK

solano canyon bridge



Biodiversity Strategy #3

Create a Greater Range of Vegetation Communities

1. Restore non-turf slopes to scrub / shrub / chaparral or grassland. Remove invasives.
2. Restore Walnut Forest
3. Create Hydrological conditions that connect patches
4. Remove turf at high elevations. Replace playing fields at Cornfield and Dodger Stadium



Strategy #4

Streamline Use

1. Stadium Way: park program
2. Deger's Stadium outer lots: multiple use
3. Ridgeline Trail: service points



Elysian Park Composite

Balancing Use and Preservation

1. Bridging for Fauna
2. Create Range of Hydrological Conditions
3. Restore Park Vegetation
4. Consolidate Park Program



fountain bridge

- Walkway & Views
- Play Water Feature



a day in the park... oct. 14, 2010

HOME: ELYSIAN PARK
WHO: beer

IN THE FIELD

- Power walk from Cypress Park to Elysian Park, over Fauna Bridge, through Wetland Boardwalks.
- Drink from LA River.
- Encounter morning tai chi session.
- Return to Elysian Park.

HOME: ELYSIAN VALLEY
WHO: Betty Lee-School teacher, mother of 4

IN THE FIELD

- Rest at wetland overlook. See a great blue heron.
- Walk the "Timeline" - Smelter tower in the air.
- Attend the coars-karawed-cooking demonstration in the Media Center kitchen.
- Meet up with kids and husband at the fountain. Its like a day at the beach.

HOME: CYPRUS PARK
WHO: Jacob and Lara- just moved to Los Angeles from Denver

IN THE FIELD

- Walk along Timeline to the Heritage Center. Look at photo history of the railroad. Look at old cars and trolleys.
- Walk through gardens. Lara asks about harvesting corn how she can get involved in the community garden. A woman gives Lara a tophat.
- Jacob takes a nap in the field. Lara watches a man fly a kite with his grandson and thinks about starting a family in L.A.

HOME: LINCOLN HEIGHTS
WHO: Elia Alvera-works in a small textile factory close to the park

IN THE FIELD

- 7:00 AM: Walks across the Spring Street Bridge. Ducks fly overhead and land in the wetland. Go to work for a half day.
- Walks to community garden to set up for the corn harvest. Stop to watch a Chinese couple doing Tai Chi. They move beautifully. Elia tries the sparrow's tail position.
- Harvests corn by hand with other garden members. Lots of visitors watch and take pictures.
- Takes a basket of corn to the demonstration kitchen at the Media Center.

HOME: SOLANO CANYON
WHO: Chavez Family-4 generations of Los Angeles

IN THE FIELD

- Pack picnic, radio, blankets, and soccer ball. Walk from home to Solano Canyon Bridge.
- Grandparents take elevator, kids run down ramp.
- Stop at restrooms in heritage center.
- Kids look at waterwheel exhibit.
- Walk through Latino Community Garden. Mom picks lemons.
- Setup at picnic table. Uncle Felix and kids race to the field to play soccer.
- Kids invite Taya to play soccer with them.
- Eat, nap, laugh, eat, listen to soccer game.
- Grandpa flies a kite with the kids.

HOME: CHINATOWN
WHO: Shan Pe- Grandfather
WHO: Shau Yun- Grandmother
WHO: Li Min- 4-yr old Grand-daughter

IN THE FIELD

- 7:00 AM: Walk through Media Bridge to the park.
- Tai Chi in the gardens. Gentle breeze, quiet, song birds.
- Walk back to the Media Center for tea.
- Recognize man that used to deliver to their top business. Talk about retirement and the Dodgers in the playoffs.
- Take elevator down to plaza.
- Li Min runs to playground.
- Play with new friend Eden on the swings.
- Ask woman passing by to take their picture in front of the fountains.
- Li Min plays in fountain with the other kids.

HOME: SANTA MONICA
WHO: Tana and Kristen- mothers of 4-yr old Edan

IN THE FIELD

- 3:00 PM Arrive by gold line
- Buy spices for chicken mole from a stand at the farmers' market. Edan offers them her mother's secret recipe.
- Edan climbs, runs, slides, and plays on seesaw. Makes a new friend.
- Use restrooms at cafe, buy water, get map, watch video installation by the artist in residence.
- Walk the Timeline to the Environmental Center.
- Walk up to Elysian Park. Hike to the top.
- See a fox.

HOME: NORTH HOLLYWOOD
WHO: Sarah-freelance screen writer

IN THE FIELD

- 6:00 PM: Arrives by Gold Line
- Uses mobile phone to watch "Field Guide", a short clip about today's activities.
- Walks up the ramp on spring street to the cornfield bridge. View to the sunset behind Elysian Park.
- Attends lecture on the trans-continental railroad in the media center.
- Talks to class from Cathedral High School.
- Gets a great idea for a documentary about city kids that trace how their families came to California.
- Picks up pamphlet on how to apply for the artist-in-residence program.
- Sits in cafe and make notes. Look out to view of the skyline. Sound of music from a concert on the Plaza in the background.

HOME: OLVERA STREET
WHO: Carmine Aulia- retired delivery driver and member of St. Peter's Italian Church
WHO: Elia- home care provider

IN THE FIELD

- 2:00 PM: Arrive by city bus. Take elevator to fountain bridge. Carmine asks Elia to walk slower. Loves the sounds of falling water and children laughing below.
- Stop at arrival desk. Get directions to recording studio.
- Recognize Liao family from the Palace Toy Company; a stop on his delivery route for 20 years.
- Carmine is interviewed by the oral history project about his grandfather's vineyard.
- Elia shops at farmers market during the interview. Visits a friend's stand. Recites her mother's recipe to some women who are cooking Chicken Mole for the first time.
- Stroll down the Timeline in the shade. Smell of flowers.
- Take elevator at the Heritage Center. Catch bus on Broadway.

HOME: WILLIAM MEAD
WHO: Cheryl- Heritage Center Manager
WHO: Kevin- Student intern at environmental center
WHO: Taya- Just started kindergarten

IN THE FIELD

- 10:00 AM: Walk to park on Ann Street. Taya collects leaves falling from sycamore trees that line the street.
- Sit under a tree next to the Fountain Bridge. Cheryl helps Kevin study for his French test on Monday. Taya looks for a 4 leaf clover.
- Kevin takes a photo of a group of flowers. Learns how to say "candian" in Portuguese.
- Cheryl walks to work along Timeline to heritage center.
- Kevin takes a photo of a group of flowers. Learns how to say "candian" in Portuguese.
- Cheryl walks to work along Timeline to heritage center.
- Taya likes birds. Sees a great blue heron in the wetlands.

HOME: KANSAI, JAPAN
WHO: Tour group from Japan

IN THE FIELD

- Dropped off at 10:00 AM by tour bus.
- Pick up audio tour device at the visitor center.
- Ask Kevin to take a group photo, in front of the famous Fountain Bridge.
- Take photos of Kevin and his younger sister playing in the mist.
- Eat box lunches under a tree in the field.
- Audio tour leads group to Latino Garden. Group watches the fall corn harvest in the community garden. No translation needed.