

The Project

The River Project and our partners are pleased to announce the launch of Water LA, a residence-based water harvesting and conservation project in Panorama City, funded by the California Coastal Conservancy.

This multi-beneficial project will meet some lofty goals:

- * To further enhance the water supply, water quality, and flood protection aspects of the Woodman Avenue Median Project;
- * To show Panorama City homeowners how to apply a variety of residential water harvesting and conservation approaches that can be achieved in a cost-effective manner;
- * To develop a simple set of city-approved “Green Residence” Standard Plans that all Los Angeles residents can make use of in the future;
- * To educate residents about water issues;
- * To develop the skills of a green infrastructure work force;
- * To generate data and materials that can be used to help support subsequent efforts.

Residents will design their own projects, with the Water LA team providing design assistance, supportive labor, and materials.

The project designs will be affordable for average homeowners. Standard Plans will be user-friendly, designed for easy approval by the Planning Department, and made widely available to City residents.

Project modeling and monitoring will provide agencies and the public with information on the expected and realized benefits to water resources (supply and demands), downstream pollutant loads, and flood avoidance.

The project advisory committee consists of representatives from the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, and the City of Los Angeles’ Bureau of Sanitation, Department of Building and Safety, and Department of Planning.

Next Steps

The success of Water LA will depend on the engagement of homeowners within the project area. We hope you will join us.

If you join us, you will learn about water saving changes that might be right for your home. Our team will teach you how to assess your needs and opportunities, and draw up a simple design. Then we'll plan a work day, and your neighbors will join our team members in helping you to install your project. We will provide materials, as well.

If you live in the target area and want to enroll in the full program, here is what you will do:

- * Fill out an application form and submit it to The River Project.
- * When your eligibility is verified, you'll be asked to sign a liability waiver and photo release.
- * You'll be asked to give The River Project permission to access your DWP water usage data.
- * You'll agree to attend 5 core workshops and two electives.
- * You'll agree to help at least one neighbor on their own Water LA project.
- * Once your project is complete, you'll sign a Stewardship Agreement, promising to take care of your project and keep it maintained for at least 3 years.

That's it! With your participation, Water LA will be a big step forward toward a greener neighborhood, with less flooding. And you'll be leading the way for the rest of Los Angeles!