Site plan of the Los Angeles Aqueduct Centennial Garden at the intersection of Riverside Drive and Los Feliz Boulevard in Los Angeles. This prominent site, located adjacent to Griffith Park and the Los Angeles River, contributes to recreational opportunities in the city.

View across demonstration garden to the existing magnificent Mulholland Fountain. The sinuous form of the Aqueduct, a mile marker and decomposed granite path are also visible.

The landscape design traces the 340 mile path of the Aqueduct from Lee Vining Creek in the Eastern Sierra Nevada Mountains to the San Fernando Valley in Los Angeles.

The Los Angeles Aqueduct is represented as an inverted section of the Aqueduct’s trapezoidal channel, hand seeded with blue glass.

Top and bottom left: Towns along the Aqueduct are highlighted and conceptualized as steel utility access covers. Right: a father chases his scampering toddler down the decomposed granite path, marked with corten steel channels demonstrating the distance traveled from the Aqueduct’s source towards Los Angeles.
Left: a section of the riveted steel 8 ft diameter Los Angeles Aqueduct pipe is mounted in the park as a testimony to its scale. It also serves as a popular interactive element in the park, shown here in an Instagram post by a park patron. Top and bottom right: views of the original Aqueduct under construction in 1913.

A stainless steel compass medallion accurately oriented and set in concrete refers to the innovative engineering approach taken by the water company’s chief engineer to bring water to Los Angeles. William Mulholland’s Opening Day address is memorialized here.

View of the cascades at the terminus of the Los Angeles Aqueduct in 1913 as water flows into the San Fernando Valley. The cascades are represented with stainless steel plates and located at the entry to the park.

View of the Hybrid Bermuda lawn and planting areas. Native and water conserving plant materials provide a variety of blooms, seeds and nesting materials, inviting wildlife back to the city.

Evening view of the existing Mulholland Memorial and Fountain with a section of the Aqueduct pipe and surrounding Centennial gardens.