

Marsh Park

Elysian Valley, Los Angeles

Purpose of Project

The site of a former glass factory, the Design Team rehabilitated a blighted site in Central Los Angeles into a vibrant urban landscape connecting visitors to the LA River and bike trail. Importantly, an arroyo and river marsh system clean and infiltrate urban run off before pollutants enter the river ecology. Though discrete, the landscape brings nature and habitat into a very compact and hardscaped part of Los Angeles, and provides a robust demonstration of site regeneration through native planting, turning a derelict site into a prized neighborhood park space.

Role of the Landscape Architect

Concept Design through Construction, including leading extensive stakeholder engagement through a public design process

KPFF Civil Engineering

CP O'Hallaron Mobility and transportation planning

MDC Electrical Engineering and Lighting

Significance

Residents of Elysian Valley now can take respite in their own neighborhood urban park, providing trail and waterfront access to the Los Angeles River. Through expansive native planting, the design remediates the grounds of a former industrial factory with the introduction of living systems to restore habitat, social and vegetative ecologies. Progressive storm water strategies were incorporated to cleanse and treat urban run-off. Marsh Park is a significant connective and transformational node along the LA River corridor.