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Dear Stephanie, Esther, and Marcela* and Lee-Anne**:

LASAN and Watershed Protection Program have issued a holiday landscape challenge, and as lead of the new Livability, Viability, and Equity (LiVE) landscape group and I am eager to oblige.

Your work and academic programs have inspired the admiration and recognition of the City, LASAN, and its executive management to the degree they have requested a landscape and engineering charrette for MacArthur Park. The significant site, formerly called *Westlake*, was meant to become the “Central Park” of Los Angeles. Today, as parks exist alongside water quality projects, this merits our most *Olympian* efforts and vision.

You and your select teams of landscape architects and recruits (engineers, architects, scientists, or others) are being asked to produce a summary narrative that supports your conceptual site layout, as justified by goals of biodiversity, landscape potential and more thoughtful *and coherent* water uses.

If we could also find a special forces “Water Team” to produce a poster as a forward for all teams, this will contribute to the professional end products. It should find an abundance of information online to summarize state to local water and energy contexts. It will use the charrette process to present consensus based, site-scaled objectives of all teams. Along with biodiversity goals, this water information should be a baseline for all presentations. If this does not happen through a special team, we will cover it elsewhere as I have planned all three meetings to be fun, productive and successful however few or many show up over this busy season.

Your teams will demonstrate their unique *skills alongside disciplines with common stormwater (GI) and landscape goals to build upon lessons of nature, experience, and each other. This path is a scientifically proven philosophy that reduces entropy, organizes, and breeds design evolution.* Through collaboration, coaching and dedicated students, a future of increasingly technological and nature based projects rooted in landscape architecture can lead to regulatory projects, as they enhance ecological, economic and social benefits.

Am hoping you are still available for this first event. If not, we are also planning architectural, and engineering focused charrettes, and a PALAPA III of architects, engineers, and planners this summer. LiVE will continue to welcome you and your top students in the delivery of stormwater implementation for parks, transportation, water supply, water quality, and flood control.

LASAN also extends the invitation to any other academic institutions, or leaders you recommend and wish to submit a team. In this overbooked season, we welcome team rosters by December 07, 2018.

- Deborah

*Los Angeles Trade Tech College (LATTCC) hosts a visionary engagement and leadership as segue for Architects seeking second careers, and as a gateway to the landscape architecture profession.

**As LASANs Principal Investigator for the GRASS project, I hope you will accept this request or pass it on to other Cal Poly (SLO or local) academic leaders.

Day One: December 14, 2018

8:30am -12:00pm

Location: MacArthur Park (Map and materials will be sent to participants)

Teams will meet for coffee and introductions, and hear short presentations on engineering and biodiversity before touring Mac Arthur Park.

Bring: Comfortable shoes, sunscreen, drawing tools/sketchbooks, cameras

Day Two: December 21, 2018

8:30am -12:00pm

Location: Hyperion Environmental Learning Center Classroom

Teams will meet, display work progress. This is to be a working session, where each group will present to one another and have an opportunity to seek consensus (for the final presentations) provide critiques for other teams and strengthen their deliverables. It will stimulate deeper investigations, breed a larger scale of consensus, and lead to refinements of final proposals.

Bring: photos and draft concepts that that will become team charrette foci. This is a candid and constructive info session that will build stronger students, programs and professionals.

Day Three: January 11, 2019

8:30am -12:00pm + Luncheon

Location: Hyperion Environmental Learning Center Auditorium

Teams will present a 15-minute slideshow to LASAN and invited guests based on opportunities, constraints, and proposal for delivery of a program for the historic site, and its regional context. This will be followed by 5 minutes of Q&A.

Bring: (no QTY) 24 x 36 posters, and a minimum of (10) 11x17 handouts. Posters displayed at the event will feature names/titles of all team members, partner logos and affiliations and be partitioned to summarize the proposal data and recommendations. Optional: Include a target plant community/faunal species legend for the proposed scope. Add estimates of total water use columns for plant community classifications <https://ucanr.edu/sites/WUCOLS/> and AB1881 to quantify. Organization of data supporting proposals may include other columns such as quantities of a water type needed (potable, recycled or stormwater) objectives (habitat or human contact), Energy (demand for proposed use) Acres of proposed plant community, or indicators meeting biodiversity* objectives.

Team posters will feature summary narratives for the program areas. These will be also be displayed at PALAPA III, Summer 2019. Outstanding efforts leading up to the implementation of the proposed scope for WPP EWMP programs for regulatory compliance, will be invited to present their work at PALAPA III.

<https://www.lacitysan.org/cs/groups/public/documents/document/y250/mdi0/~edisp/cnt024743.pdf>

[Schematic from Charrette Engineering Report]

Process Schematic

