

# Appendix E

## Sources

### Natural Processes and Adaptations

The San Gabriel USGS Cataloging Unit: #18070106 provides EnviroMapper for Watersheds, which is an interactive mapping tool. Other information provided includes: Water discharges, stream flows, watershed science, toxic releases, hazardous waste sites, and superfund sites.

<http://www.epa.gov/surf3/hucs/18070106/>

The mission of the Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (RTCA, or Rivers & Trails) program of the National Park Service is to help citizens and community leaders plan and advance locally led conservation projects.

<http://www.ncrc.nps.gov/rtca/rtca-pr.htm>

United States Army Corps of Engineers maintains a large archive of the actual design documents of flood control infrastructure.

<http://www.usace.army.mil/>

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works maintains a large archive of hydrologic data, as well as information pertaining to the design and maintenance of flood control infrastructure. This includes maps of groundwater basins, flow rates and volumes for all of the region's flood control channels, storm drain locations and outfalls.

<http://DPW.co.la.ca.us/>

Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council facilitates a comprehensive, multi-purpose, stakeholder-driven consensus process to preserve, restore, and enhance the many beneficial uses, economic, social, environmental and biological, of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers watersheds and ecosystems through education, research, planning, and mediation. This organization provides news, events, and information.

<http://www.LASGRiversWatershed.org/>

The San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy's mission is to promote the preservation of land and/or buildings for historic, educational, ecological, recreational, scenic, or open space opportunities. This umbrella organization is the repository for

the information collected and assembled in the foregoing document. The organization also provides regional information, national conference calendars, as well as news and links, including contacts with the increasing number of local conservancies and land trusts of The Greater San Gabriel Valley.

<http://www.sgmrc.org/index.html>

In the College of Environmental Design at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona, the third-year graduate studio (606 Studio) in the Landscape Architecture Department prepares projects for community groups, agencies, stakeholder groups. The foregoing project is an example of the work produced by this studio.

<http://www.csupomona.edu/~la/grad/606.html>

Department of Biological Sciences at California State Polytechnic University in Pomona is a resource for current local research as well as a source of possible monitoring efforts for preservation and restoration projects.

<http://www.csupomona.edu/~biology/>

Datasets from the California Gap Analysis Project (GAP), "Gap Analysis", refers to the evaluation of the management status of plant communities, vertebrate and invertebrate species richness by GIS overlays of biological distribution data on maps of existing biological reserves. GAP provides excellent interactive mapping and information.

[http://www.biogeog.ucsb.edu/projects/gap/gap\\_data\\_reg.html](http://www.biogeog.ucsb.edu/projects/gap/gap_data_reg.html)

CERES (California Environmental Resources Evaluation System) provides a wide array of information from this web page. The information, arranged by county, offers information about biological and plant communities, and provides links to sources of demographic information, such as the United States Census Bureau.

[http://www.ceres.ca.gov/geo\\_area/counties/Los\\_Angeles/](http://www.ceres.ca.gov/geo_area/counties/Los_Angeles/)

ICE Maps are an interactive, Geographic Information System (GIS)-based, query system from Information Center for the Environment (ICE) at UC Davis

<http://icemaps.des.ucdavis.edu/icemaps2/ICEMapInit.html>

California Natural Diversity Database (CNDD) through California Department of Fish and Game (CDFG) disseminates current, detailed information about protected species and plant communities, including high quality, detailed maps showing locations of all known occurrences of these species and plant communities.

<http://www.dfg.ca.gov/whdab/cnddb.htm>

The United States Fish and Wildlife Service (USFWS) maintains an office in Carlsbad, California and provides a variety of information relating to natural resources.

<http://www.fws.gov/>

Natural Heritage Programs and Conservation Data Centres represent the largest ongoing effort in the Western Hemisphere to gather standardized data on endangered plants, animals, and ecosystems.

[http://www.heritage.tnc.org/nhp/overview\\_nhp.html](http://www.heritage.tnc.org/nhp/overview_nhp.html)

United States Forest Service (USFS) has a headquarters in Arcadia, and also provides a variety of information relating to natural resources, including a newly released Assessment of Southern California Foothills and Mountains. This assessment thoroughly describes the current state of the biota in this region.

<http://www.psw.fs.fed.us/>

## Human Dimensions

The SmartGrowth Network encourages development that is environmentally, fiscally, and economically smart and helps create national, regional, and local coalitions to support “smart growth”, and provides a link to subscribe to the excellent weekly electronic SmartGrowth Newsletter.

<http://www.smartgrowth.org/>

This Housing and Urban Development (HUD) site provides examples of how to apply New Urbanism design principles to HOPE VI and other urban revitalization projects. Communities striving to create neighborhoods should consider these principles as one part of their strategy to maintain livability in the future.

<http://www.huduser.org/publications/pubasst/principle.html>

Victoria Transport Policy Institute (VTPI) has identified innovative strategies for more efficient and equitable modes of transportation that are technically feasible and cost effective. This is an excellent source for recent printable documents on sustainable transportation alternatives.

<http://www.vtpi.org/>

Land Trust Alliance (LTA) is a national organization with a membership of nearly 1300 land trusts and conservancies. This organization provides a variety of information helpful to environmental planning efforts.

<http://www.lta.org/>

The Trust for Public Land specializes in conservation Real estate, applying its expertise to negotiations, public finance, and law to protect land for public use and enjoyment. News, projects, how you can help and an excellent toolbox.

<http://www.tpl.org/tpl/>

The Congress for the New Urbanism views divestment in central cities, the spread of placeless sprawl, increasing separation by race and income, environmental deterioration, loss of agricultural lands and wilderness, and the erosion of society’s built heritage as one interrelated community-building challenge.

<http://www.cnu.org/>

The Clinton-Gore Livable Communities Website provides information, tools, and resources on programs to help communities grow in ways that ensure a high quality of living and strong, sustainable economic growth.

<http://www.livablecommunities.gov/>

The Local Government Commission (LGC) is a nonprofit organization working to build stronger communities and is an excellent resource for information, direction, and facilitation of redevelopment programs.

<http://www.lgc.org/>

The Center for Livable Communities helps local governments and community leaders proactively plan land use and transportation, and adopt programs and policies that lead to more livable and resource-efficient land use patterns. The Ahwahnee Principles and Economic Development Principles are blueprints for the future that may be printed from a link on this site.

<http://www.lgc.org/clc/welcome.html>

American Forests has developed CITYgreen software which is a Geographic Information Systems (GIS) program using aerial photographs and on-the-ground measurements of trees to calculate the dollar value of environmental services.

**<[http://www.americanforests.org/garden/trees\\_cities\\_sprawl/citygreen/citygreen\\_subhome.html](http://www.americanforests.org/garden/trees_cities_sprawl/citygreen/citygreen_subhome.html)>**

The Urban Forest Ecosystems Institute (UFEI) was developed by the Natural Resources Management Department faculty in the College of Agriculture at California Polytechnic State University, San Luis Obispo to address the increasing need for improved management of the urban forests in California.

**<<http://www.ufe.calpoly.edu/>>**

The California Urban Forest Council's (CUFC) mission statement is to promote an ecosystems approach to the practice of urban forestry, disseminating research, experience and knowledge of a wide range of disciplines, through education and training, to those responsible for the management of the urban forest.

**<<http://urbanfor.cagr.calpoly.edu/data/CUFC/CUFC.html>>**

TreePeople's T.R.E.E.S. Project was created by an unprecedented coalition of government agencies and environmentalists offering the first truly integrated approach that can help resolve the problems of drought, flooding, air and water pollution, landfill closures, high energy costs, youth unemployment, and urban blight simultaneously.

**<<http://www.treepeople.org/trees/>>**

Urban Development & Environmental Professional Network (udepnet) is a listserv for urban development professionals in architecture, landscape architecture, urban, regional and environmental planning. To subscribe send the following command to: requests@n2town.com: subscribe digest udepnet.

**<[udepnet@n2town.com](mailto:udepnet@n2town.com)>**

Southern California Area Association of Governments (SCAG) has regional maps and data for a wide variety of topics, including employment, and education as well as demographic and economic information. This website also provides links to most of the region's city and county home pages.

**<<http://www.scag.ca.gov/index.htm>>**

San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGV-COG) provides a variety of information useful in planning activity.

**<<http://www.scag.org/bin/subregion/8>>**

Long Beach Organic (LBO) members' quarterly newsletter, *Organic Times*, features organic gardening advice for city dwellers, updates on large-scale projects, volunteer opportunities in LBO gardens, special events and contact information for grass-roots urban gardening activism.

**<<http://longbeachorganic.org/>>**

Los Angeles County Department of Public Works (DPW) provides excellent countywide parcel maps. DPW is also about to begin dissemination of highly accurate and detailed aerial photographs overlaid with extensive GIS data for the San Gabriel River from Angeles National Forest to the ocean. (See sample, next page) These maps will be a valuable resource, providing all planning efforts along the river with a complete and standardized set of maps from which to work. The Los Angeles Planning Department is part of DPW and provides, among other things, Significant Ecological Area listings.

**<<http://dpw.co.la.ca.us/pln/sgrmp/sgrmp.cfm>>**

**NOTE:** Some of these internet addresses will change in time, in particular the longer ones. If a page becomes outdated, try the complete internet address up to the point it ends in .com, .us, .gov, .edu, .org, etcetera, and you will get the originating homepage where the link, or associated links, may be available.