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Overview of the Santa Ana River Trust

The Santa Ana River Trust is a citizen-led non-profit organization formed in 2011 under the fiscal sponsorship of the Riverside Land Conservancy. The purpose of the Trust is to promote stewardship of the Santa Ana River by encouraging citizens to get out on the trail, experience its many benefits, and get involved. The Trust has three goals (1) **Building**: Building trails and parks, connecting communities, (2) **Greening**: Creating oases in an urban core for humans, plants, and animals; and (3) **Playing**: Encouraging outdoor play through interpretive programs and opportunities.

Goals of Grant

The Trust received its first grant from the Community Foundation, serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties in 2011. The goal of the grant is to increase neighborhood access and community use of the river by removing physical barriers, promoting its use through programs, and removing negative perceptions about safety and security along the trail. The Trust would like to work with the community and grant partners (see below) to identify residents' concerns and develop strategies to address those concerns.

Timeline, strategy, and products

- Hold 5 community meetings between November and April
- Identify residents' concerns; develop potential strategies
- Produce a plan that summarizes findings of meetings and identifies funding strategies
- Work with Partners to implement action items in Plan
- Install wayfinding signs
- Create neighborhood access map

Partners

- City of Riverside Parks, Recreation, and Community Services
- County of Riverside Parks and Open Space District
- County of Riverside Flood Control and Conservation District
- City of Riverside Public Works
- Santa Ana River Trail and Parkway Partnership
- Riverside Police Department