Canyon Enhancement Planning Process

Step 1- Build Canyon “Friends” Groups

Eugene Canyon
Normal Heights
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Examples of Improvements

Switzer Canyon – BEFORE 2002

Switzer Canyon – AFTER 2012
Swan Canyon, City Heights
Before (on left) After (below)

November 17, 2007

May 15, 2013
San Diego River Watershed Blanket Permits For Removal of Non-Native Veg. and Planting Native Veg.

ACoE RGP-41

CA Dept. F&W Streambed 1602
December, 2014
helicopter-palms
out of
Shepherd Canyon
Getting a tough job done!

by Roberta Froome

The first Sunday in September found over 20 volunteers from Tierrasanta Lutheran Church stretching their muscles and endurance on a steep hillside overlooking East Shepherd Canyon. September 7th is the Lutheran national day of service. Working in the dust and heat, these hardy souls partnered with San Diego Canyonlands to remove acacia and Russian thistle. They finished up a patch of acacia left by previ-
Auburn Creek, City Heights
Before (on left) Jan. 2014
After (below) June, 2015
Blue nursery cones are
Protecting native plants.
Step 2 - Map Existing Conditions
GIS Mapping Internship Program
Step 3, Assemble Stakeholders, Create Action Plan

Manzanita Canyon Socio-Infrastructure Map & Action Plan
Example – Trail transformation from bottom of Manzanita Canyon to up to Azalea Park

Before

Construction

After
Manzanita Canyon Western End Floodplain (Dec. 2014)

Drain Outlet under I-805 Ramp to I-15
20 months later . . .

Invasive Arundo donax gone
47th St. Canyon, floodplain – Native Evening Primrose in bloom where *Arundo donax* once dominated (facing north), (July 24, 2015).
CA Coastal Conservancy Awards $300,000 Grant for Canyon Enhancement Planning in 12) Urban Canyons

Prop 1 Funds will be sought to implement the restoration plans
Working Toward Programmatic CEQA & Master Permit for Canyon Enhancements

SD Canyonlands - $27,000 toward the Environmental Documentation
City - Mayor Faulconer - $52,000 toward CEQA Processing

Maple Canyon

Renegade Trail

Causing Erosion
Maple Canyon Hydro-Modification
Causing Severe Erosion of the Creek Channel
Key CEP Goals

Ecological Goals
• Restore watershed natural functions
• Protect threatened biodiversity
• Provide/protect habitat/wildlife corridors

Social Goals
• Promote relationship between quality of life, human health & natural open space
• Integrate Nature into the Urban Fabric

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