



Seeds for Change:

Creative Urban Gardens and Edible Parks

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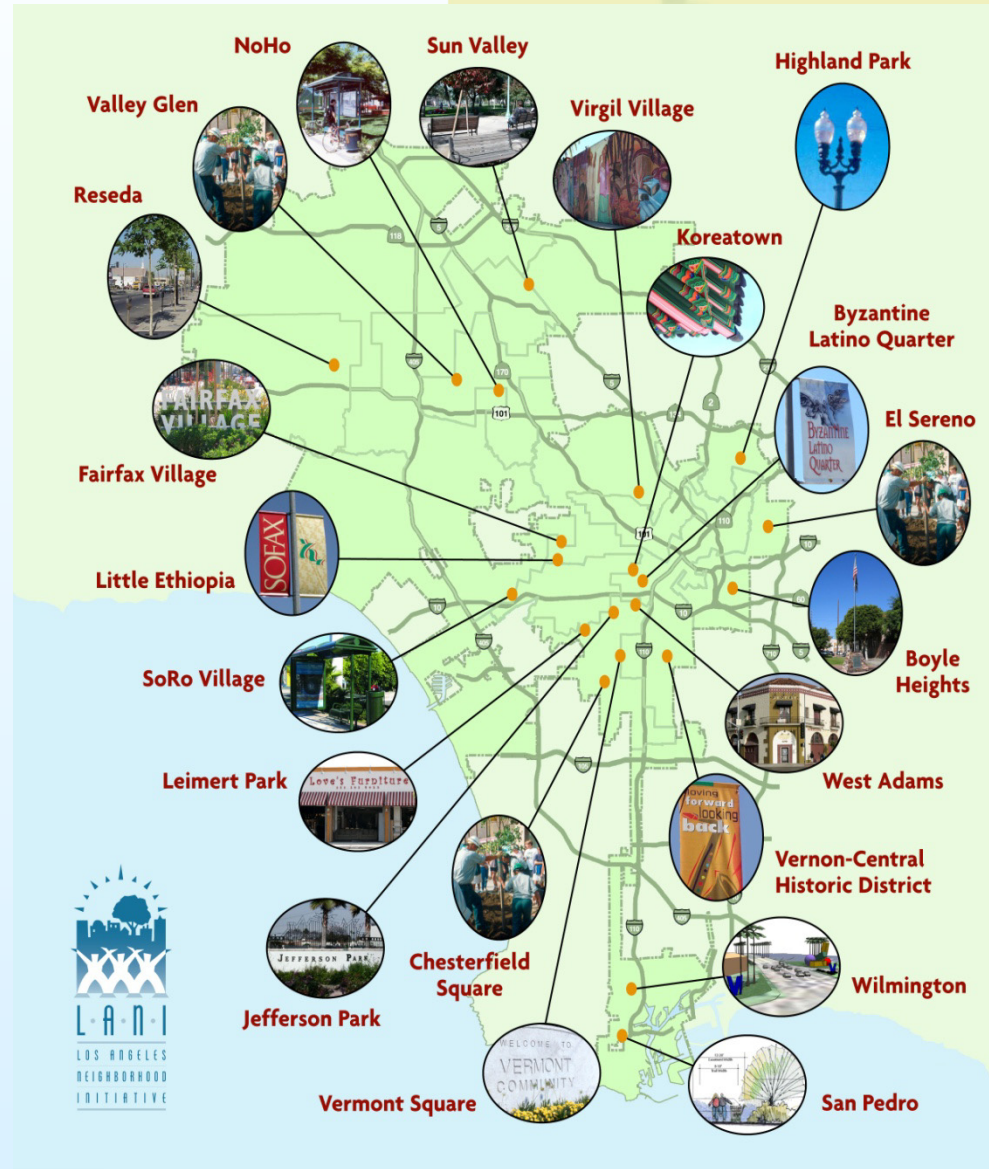
Los Angeles Neighborhood Initiative

LANI Background

- Established in 1994 to stimulate community-driven neighborhood revitalization
- Designed to utilize a public participation planning process
- Constructed over \$25 million in neighborhood improvements
- Leveraged over \$30 million in additional public, private and in-kind improvements



LANI Neighborhoods





LANI's Core Services

- Community Consensus Building
- Transportation and Pedestrian Corridor Improvements
- Business District Revitalization
- Urban Greening
- Development and Support of Community Organizations



Community Consensus Building



Bandini Canyon Walkthrough West Adams Steering Committee



Transportation and Pedestrian Corridor Improvements

North Hollywood Transit Arts Park



Before



After



Business District Revitalization

Historic West Adams District



Before



After



Urban Greening

Koreatown Gateway



Before



After



Development and Support of Community Organizations

Annual Community Forum





Planting the Seeds for Change

Case Study: Bandini Canyon

Project Location

- Bandini Canyon is a 4.8 acre natural canyon in San Pedro.
- San Pedro is a community located in the Harbor district of Los Angeles.





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Project Basics

- Project Time span: Seven years (2003-2010).
- Size: 4.8 acres.
- Funding: Public funds (Community Development Block Grant, Proposition 40, Quimby funds)
- Goal: to revitalize a neighborhood through the transformation of a misused & blighted open space into a natural oasis.



The LANI Process

- Meaningful community engagement-
Project Steering Committee (PSC)
- Strong public/private partnerships-
Technical Advisory Committee





Project Process and Flow

- Comprehensive outreach to key project area stakeholders
- Establishment of PSC
- Selection of Design Team by PSC
- Series of PSC, Public Meetings and community events
- Plan/Design Development
- Ongoing community updates and coordination during construction phase



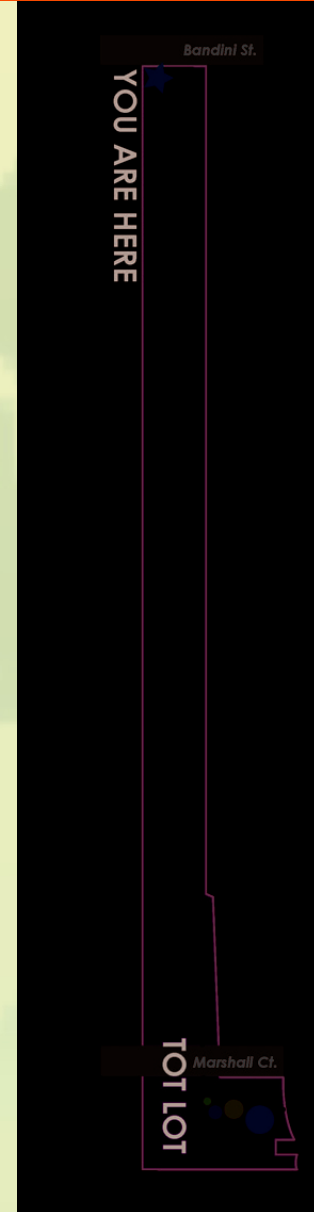
Project Elements

- Walking path
- Tot-lot/playground
- Native Landscaping
- Educational signage



Bandini Canyon Walkthrough

Bandini Canyon
Elementary School





Project Challenges

Dumping





Project Challenges

Encroachments





Project Challenges

Graffiti





Growing Success

- Community involvement throughout the entire process
- Public/Private Partnerships
- Long-term plan for maintenance
- Catalytic Effect





The Transformation Begins

Before



During Construction





A Vision Harvested





A Vision Harvested



Before



After



A Vision Harvested



Before



After



A Vision Harvested



Before



After



A Vision Harvested



Before



After



Success!!





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