

County of Los Angeles
Regional Park and Open Space District

Grant Application Form

This form and required attachments must be submitted for each project.

Project Name: The Hazard Park Riparian Restoration Project	<i>For District Use Only</i> Grant Number: _____ Program Manager: _____
Project Applicant: <i>(Name of agency and mailing address)</i> North East Trees 570 W Ave 26 Suite 200 Los Angeles, CA 90065	Proposition Section(s) _____ Grant Amount Requested: <u>\$250,000.00</u> Total Project Cost: <u>\$281,150.00</u> Source(s) of other funds: <u>North East Trees (In-kind)</u> <u>Community Volunteers</u> <u>Youth Volunteers</u> Project Address: <u>2230 Norfolk Street</u> <u>Los Angeles, CA 90033</u>

Grant Applicant's Representative Authorized in Resolution:

<u>Mark Kenyon</u>	<u>Executive Director</u>	<u>323-441-8634 x 31</u>
Name	Title	Phone

Person with day-to-day responsibility for project (if different from authorized representative):

<u>Aaron Thomas</u>	<u>Urban Forestry Manager</u>	<u>323-441-8634 x 12</u>
Name	Title	Phone

Brief Description of Project:

Habitat restoration by planting and establishment of 500 native trees and plants at Hazard Park. The park is currently underutilized, blighted, overrun by weeds and exotic plants, prone to erosion, and subjected to severe environmental pollution.

Project Performance End Date:

For Development Projects - Land Tenure:

Project is 37 acres.
 _____ Acres owned by Applicant (fee simple)
 _____ Acres available under a _____ year lease
 x _____ Acres - Other (please explain)

Project site is owned by City of Los Angeles

For Acquisition Projects:

Project is _____ acres.
 _____ Acquired in fee simple by Applicant
 _____ Acquired in other than fee simple (please explain)

I certify that the information contained in this project application form, including the required attachments, is accurate and that I have read and understand the important information and assurances on the reverse side of this form.



 Signature of Applicant's Representative as shown in resolution.

7/25/14

 Date

V. NARRATIVE:

Attach a concise description of the scope of the project, of the importance or value of this project, how the project will be maintained and any source of additional funds, in kind donations and volunteer efforts.

SCOPE

The proposed tree planting and habitat restoration project is located in an urban park known as Hazard Park. This park serves the very densely populated, otherwise park-poor, and severely disadvantaged neighborhood of north east Los Angeles. The communities surrounding Hazard Park are subjected to severe environmental pollution and unusually compromised air quality as a result of being surrounded by five freeways, numerous bus ways, and exposed to truck traffic from large industrial zones, and rail lines. Additionally, the neighborhoods surrounding the park are amongst the most park-poor in the state: park acreage in Lincoln Heights is 1.55 per 1,000 residents, and 2.12 in Boyle Heights. While historically this area was laced with streams and tributaries of the Los Angeles River, these water ways have been replaced by development and infrastructure.

Possessing an attractive hilly geography characterized by a central area through which there is a rare, natural wetland, Hazard Park is currently denuded, underutilized, blighted, and subject to anti-social/criminal human activities.

North East Trees (NET), along with support from the Mayor's Office of the City of Los Angeles, Councilmember Jose Huizar's Office, the City of Los Angeles Department of Recreation and Parks, the Los Angeles Unified School District, and the local neighborhood councils sees immense potential in this park. With proper planning for this park, these partners believe that Hazard Park could draw thousands of children from neighboring schools, as well as community members from the surrounding neighborhoods. There is an opportunity for habitat restoration and the park has the potential to serve as a place for nature education and appreciation, a center for community activities and recreational use that are compatible with the natural resource values of the park.

Keeping that in mind, we are proposing a project which will

- plant 500 native trees and plants
- employ local at-risk youth
- educate local school students
- engage community members
- conduct volunteer tree planting events
- perform maintenance for a 2 year establishment period
- clean the natural wetland within the park
- create a welcome destination for visitors on the Wellness Center walking path
- establish a comprehensive watershed strategy for the area

IMPORTANCE/VALUE

The Hazard Park tree planting project envisions the creation of an area of "urban wilderness" that will enhance the currently degraded community green space and will utilize natural plant and soil systems to decrease air and water pollution, reduce the negative effects of greenhouse gas emissions, and improve air quality. Additionally, this tree planting project will reduce erosion and control storm water runoff. Future plantings of many more native trees and shrubs at this park will add to these benefits. Tree plantings will attract community members to the park, and will encourage and increase passive recreation and other healthy activities. It will engender a sense of pride and ownership amongst community members encouraging them to become stewards of the park and to use the park often and for various interests and reasons. This project would also give North East Trees the opportunity to provide local at risk youth with temporary employment during which they would receive valuable vocational job training and life skills.

Using Hazard Park as an outdoor classroom, North East Trees proposes to train at risk youth forestry, habitat restoration, and arboriculture. By learning these important skills, the at risk youth would be prepared for entry level positions in a wide range of green industry employment. Perhaps more importantly, this project could serve as an opportunity to infuse local at risk youth with real world environmental values. While learning concepts such as the protection of native habitats, water conservation, and open space planning, the youth would be able to share this important information with their families, peers, and communities.

Additionally, this funding would allow North East Trees the ability to create a strategy for the entire Hazard Creek watershed. Connecting the communities of El Sereno, Lincoln Heights, and Boyle Heights, this watershed incorporates some of the most important open space and endangered waterways in the city. As a tributary of the nearby Los Angeles River, we feel that Hazard Creek can provide a unique opportunity to connect our communities both socially and ecologically. With this funding, we would be able to produce both the vision and the strategy to accomplish that goal.

VOLUNTEER EFFORTS

There are 63 public schools within a 3 mile radius of Hazard Park with an enrollment of approximately 50,320 students (including 22 public schools within a 2 mile radius with an enrollment of 16,506 students). This project offers a tremendous opportunity to reach out to and teach local children and community members about ecological restoration in an urban setting, and the functioning of natural systems. It offers an excellent opportunity for school students to actively participate in this planting and maintenance project while they complete their community service hours. Therefore an important component of the effort will be to involve students and community members in planting and maintenance. They will also gain the satisfaction of making a lasting contribution to the land and to the well-being of their community. North East Trees proposes to work with volunteers twice a month throughout the duration of the two year project. This would provide the opportunity for hundreds of volunteers to participate in the project.

IN KIND DONATIONS/ADDITIONAL FUNDS

North East Trees (NET) will be supporting the project with a \$31,950 in-kind donation which is comprised of planting materials and mulch required for the tree wells. Additionally, we will be utilizing a number of community volunteers including At-Risk young men and women who need to participate in community service projects. The budget for volunteer involvement in the project is \$22,000.00.

MAINTENANCE

North East Trees will take responsibility for maintenance of the plantings for the 2 year establishment period, and tree failures and replacement through this establishment period. NET possesses a wealth of experience in the area of urban forestry as exemplified by our activities over the past 24 years.

All of the proposed trees would be native species that will require very little maintenance after their initial establishment. The Department of Recreation and Parks would provide general maintenance at the park and would be responsible for the upkeep of the trees after the two year establishment period is completed.

**Los Angeles County Regional Park Open Space District
Prop A Grant Program
Grant Scope/Cost Estimate Form**

Project Name: The Hazard Park Riparian Restoration Project

Grant #: _____

Grant Scope

Habitat restoration by planting and establishment of approximately 500 native trees and plants at Hazard Park in the City of Los Angeles, County Supervisorial District 1.

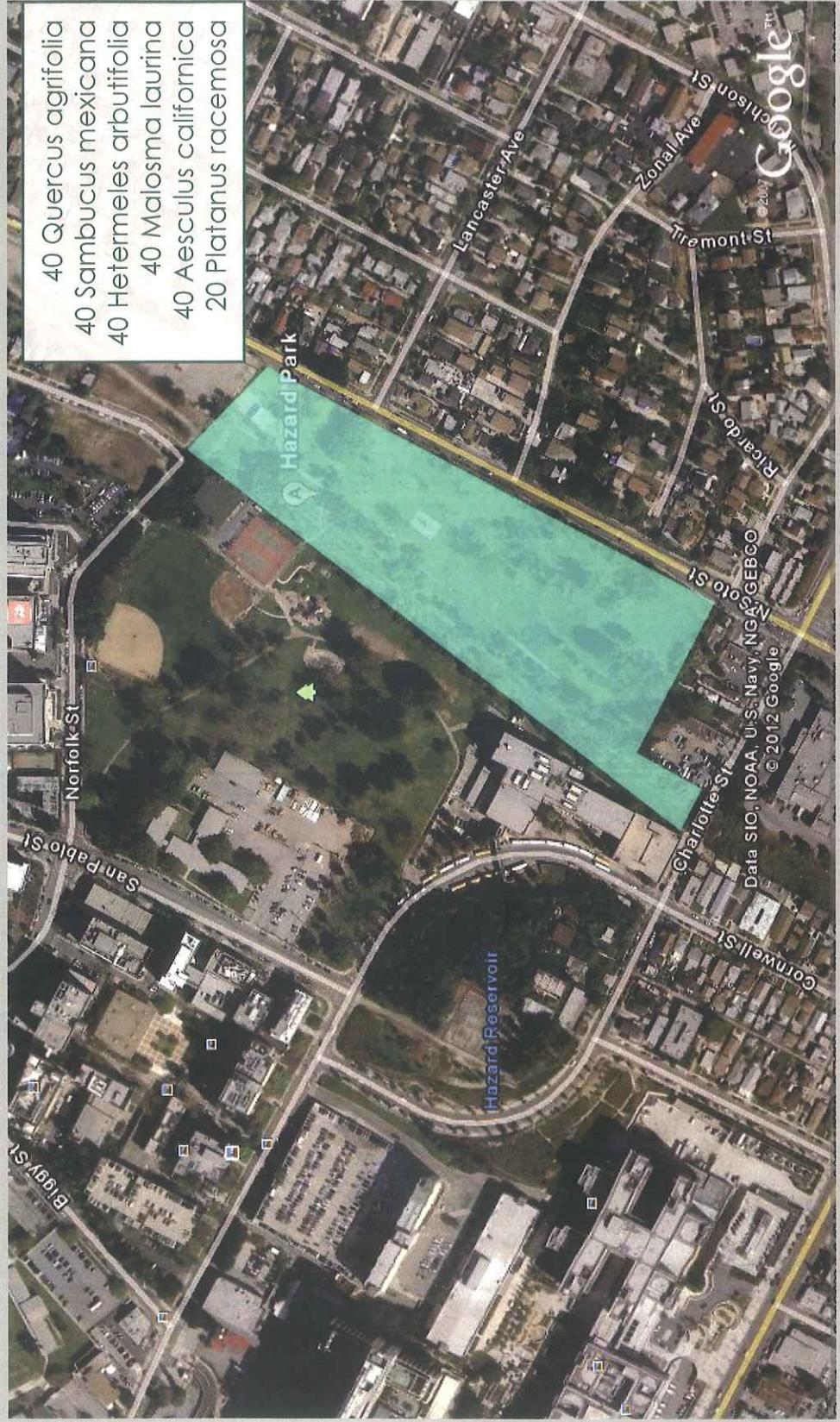
Grant Scope Items - Administration (Pre-Construction) <i>(Maximum: 25% of grant amount)</i>	Prop A Grant	Other Sources	Total
Program Director	\$ 15,500.00		\$ 15,500.00
Project Management	\$ 18,000.00		\$ 18,000.00
Design & Permitting	\$ 7,000.00		\$ 7,000.00
Project Analyst	\$ 22,000.00		\$ 22,000.00
Subtotal - Pre-Construction	\$ 62,500.00	\$ -	\$ 62,500.00
Grant Scope Items - Construction or Acquisition <i>(Minimum: 75% of grant amount)</i>	Prop A Grant	Other Sources	Total
Planting and Irrigation materials	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Trees and plants	\$ 6,350.00		\$ 6,350.00
Tree Removal	\$ 15,000.00		
Mulch		\$ 9,150.00	\$ 9,150.00
NET Truck Rental	\$ 21,100.00		\$ 21,100.00
Construction Manager	\$ 42,050.00		\$ 42,050.00
Project Foreman	\$ 38,000.00		\$ 38,000.00
Planting Crew	\$ 55,000.00		\$ 55,000.00
Youth Volunteer Crew		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
Community Volunteers		\$ 11,000.00	\$ 11,000.00
			\$ -
Subtotal - Construction/Acquisition	\$ 187,500.00	\$ 31,150.00	\$ 203,650.00
PROP A GRANT AMOUNT	\$ 250,000.00		
Total Project Cost			\$ 266,150

Other Funding Sources (list by name)	Total
North East Trees	\$ -
City of Los Angeles (Mulch)	\$ 9,150.00
Youth Volunteers from neighboring schools	\$ 11,000.00
Community Volunteers	\$ 11,000.00
Total of Other Funding Sources	\$ 31,150.00
Prop A Grant	\$ 250,000.00
Total Project Cost	\$ 281,150.00

Notes:

- This form will be used to establish the expected grant deliverables.
- All of the recreation features and major support amenities listed on this form must be completed and open to the public before final grant payment is approved.

Project Boundary Map



Hazard Park Riparian Restoration Project



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