Youth Employment Plan
Compton Creek Natural Park at Washington Elementary,
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Background:

The Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District Proposition A Safe Neighborhood Parks, Gang Prevention, Tree-Planting, Senior and Youth Recreation, Beaches and Wildlife Protection Proposition of 1992, provided $400,000 in At-Risk Youth Competitive Grant Program Funds to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority (MRCA) for the acquisition and construction of a small facility to train youth in numerous environmentally oriented job skills. The scope of work includes the following:

The project is the second phase of a natural park at Washington Elementary School, in the City of Compton, directly adjacent to the Compton Creek. The project is a partnership between MRCA, the Compton Unified School District and the Los Angeles Conservation Corps (Corps). Phase Two consists of site demolition, rough grading, fine grading, installation of a 2,000 square foot prefabricated maintenance operations building, utilities, fence and gate installation, paving (decomposed granite, asphalt, concrete, and misc.), planting and irrigation, and trash enclosure.

Tasks that may be performed by at-risk youth:

1) Site preparation (finish grading and soil prep);
2) Groundcover, shrub and tree planting;
3) Mulch installation.

Estimated cost of at-risk youth employment:

Total estimated hours of at-risk youth employment: 210
Estimated cost per hour: $13.19
Total estimated cost of youth employment: $2,769.90

Method of at-risk youth employment:

The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority will employ at-risk youth (Ages 14-24) either via contract with a local nonprofit organization or in-house for the work in conformance with the Los Angeles County Regional Park and Open Space District’s definition of “at-risk youth.”

Youth Employment Goal

Under the provisions of the District’s policy on employment of at-risk youth, the Youth Employment Goal of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and its designee, the
Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority, is $1,251,201.10, equal to 50% of Maintenance and Servicing funds. As of November 2014, MRCA/SMMC have completed 100% of this goal. $132,800 was spend for youth labor on Phase 1 of this project. The 3rd phase, to be implemented by the Corps directly, will also include youth labor as a major component.