

NATURE + ECOLOGY

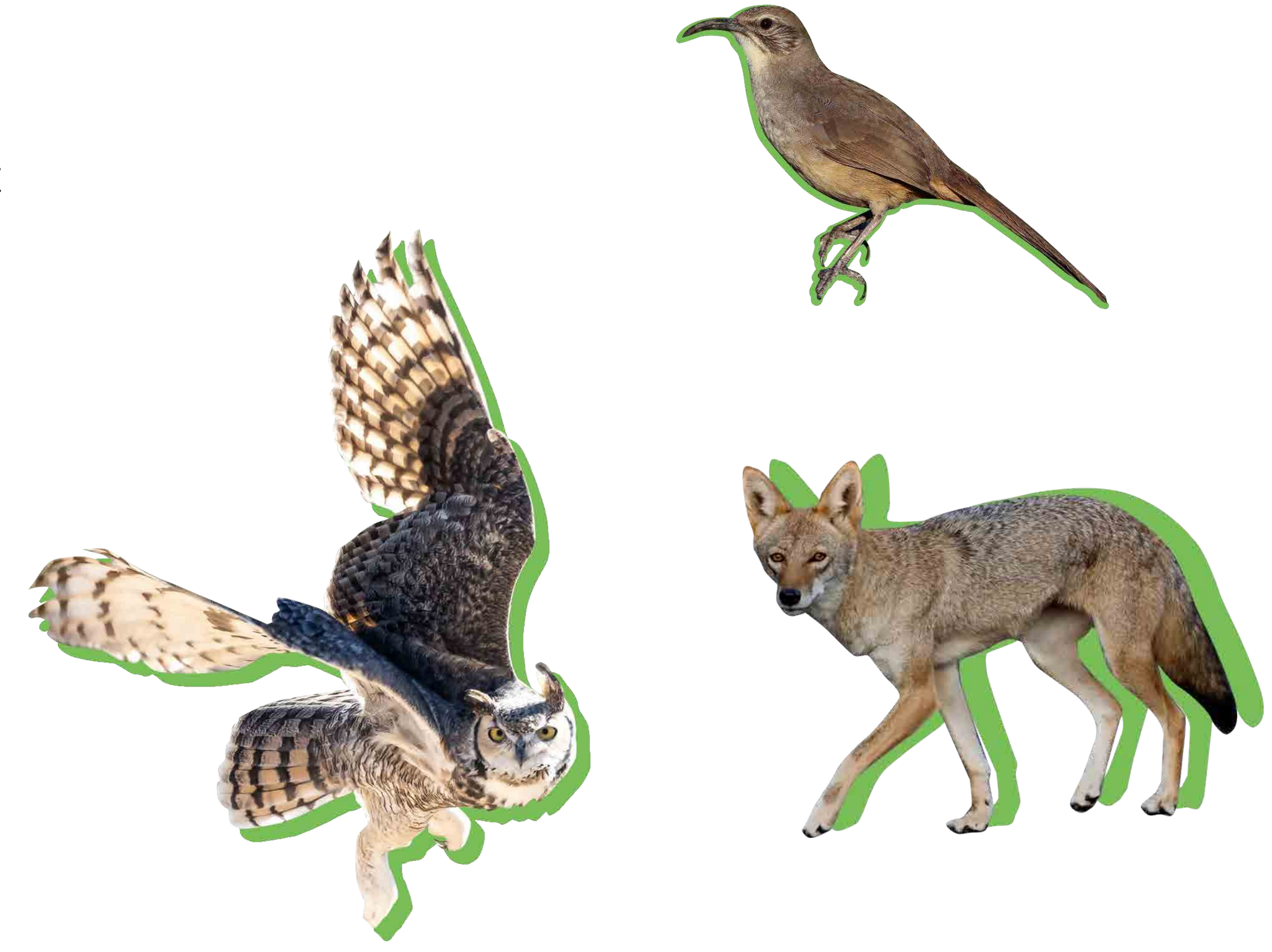
What We Heard

Fauna

- A general interest and curiosity about existing wildlife, and what future species could habitat be created for.
- Concern for animal displacement during construction and impact from programming and events, particularly on the California gnatcatcher,
- Voiced concern over impact to bee habitats.

The last Biological Assessment Reported 27 bird species found on site and a new report is coming in 2023!

- Western Scrub-Jay
- Great Horned Owl
- Red-Tailed Hawk
- Anna's Hummingbird
- California Quail
- Lesser Goldfinch
- American Goldfinch
- House Finch
- Turkey Vulture
- Wrentit
- American Crow
- American Kestrel
- Greater Roadrunner
- Northern Mockingbird
- California Towhee
- Spotted Towhee
- California gnatcatcher
- Bushtit
- Allen's Hummingbird
- Black Phoebe
- European Starling
- Bewick's Wren
- House Ren
- Cassin's Kingbird
- California Thrasher
- Morning Dove



Flora

- Interest in using native plants for habitat and educational value.

Yes! Native plants will be used throughout but the palette will not be 100% due to a variety of site constraints.

The flat 117 acres of top decks are covered with a mono-soil clay cap that is specifically designed to keep rain and irrigation water from seeping into the landfill and percolating down to create leachate. Despite being native to the site, the soil can be difficult to establish plant cover.

The decks are currently hydroseeded with a native seed mix that was developed in partnership between the Habitat Authority and the Sanitation Districts. Future planting will continue these efforts with native and appropriate non-groundcovers and shrubs.

Experience

- Overall the community expressed the desire to maintain unbuilt space with a natural feel. A few comments requested water features for wildlife and public enjoyment.

Due to the nature of the site: lakes, ponds, or water features are not feasible.

- Create water reclamation opportunities

The site currently captures all storm water runoff through a series of channels and detention basins. The site's irrigation is 100% reclaimed water.

- Create shade and cooling through tree canopy and shade structures.

Yes!



Aerial View south from San Jose Creek

Great idea!

Establish dedicated plant gathering areas for Indigenous communities to harvest and celebrate.

Community Collaboration

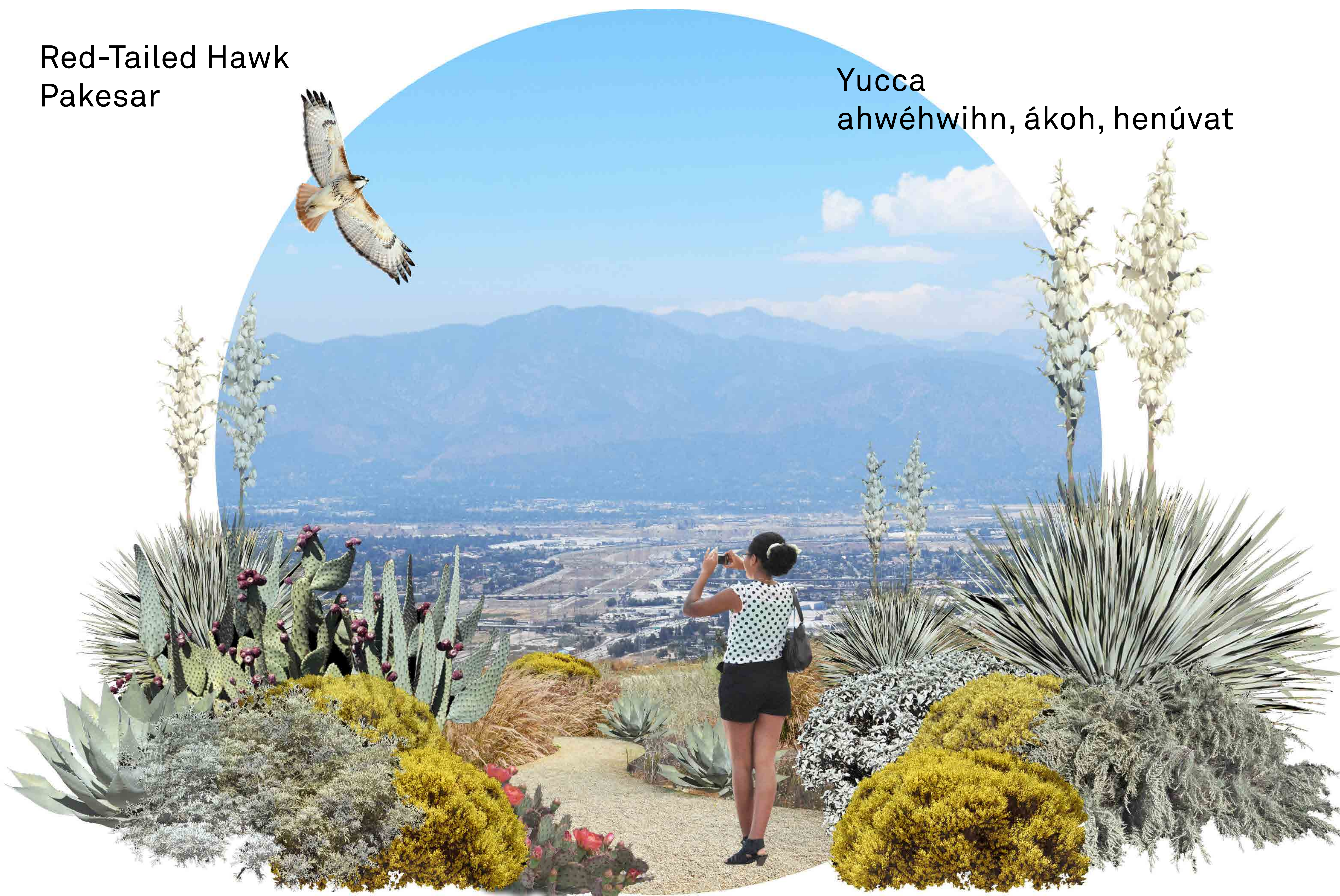
Rio Hondo College owns a taxidermy collection of native animals that could be viewed by the public at the Visitor Education Center.

Great idea!

Include scientific and Indigenous names (along with historical significance and traditional uses) for interpretive signage.

Red-Tailed Hawk
Pakesar

Yucca
ahwéhwiñn, ákoh, henúvat



Experiential collage showing native planting at the edge of the Western Deck

Top selections for nature programming:

- Preserving existing nature **61%**
- Enhancing animal habitats **48%**
- Shade trees, plantings, and gardens **71%**
- Birdwatching **16%**
- Self-guided nature experience **35%**
- Organized nature activities **33%**
- Environmental education **34%**

COMMUNITY + CULTURE

What We Heard

History and Heritage

- Education in the park and park visitor center
- Plaques and interpretive signage to inform and celebrate
- Celebrate the connection between Native cultures and natural history
- Signage and information about Nike Hill site

Celebrating Diversity

- A park that celebrates unique cultures and backgrounds while being OPEN TO ALL
- Exposure to one another's cultures and breaking down barriers
- Culturally familiar markers and features
- Multilingual spaces, signage, and workshops

Places for Community Expression

- Programming that comes from and celebrates the community
- A flexible amphitheater for many uses
- A stage that is fun to play on without an event
- A pavilion that can accommodate cultural celebrations in addition to performances

A Park For Families

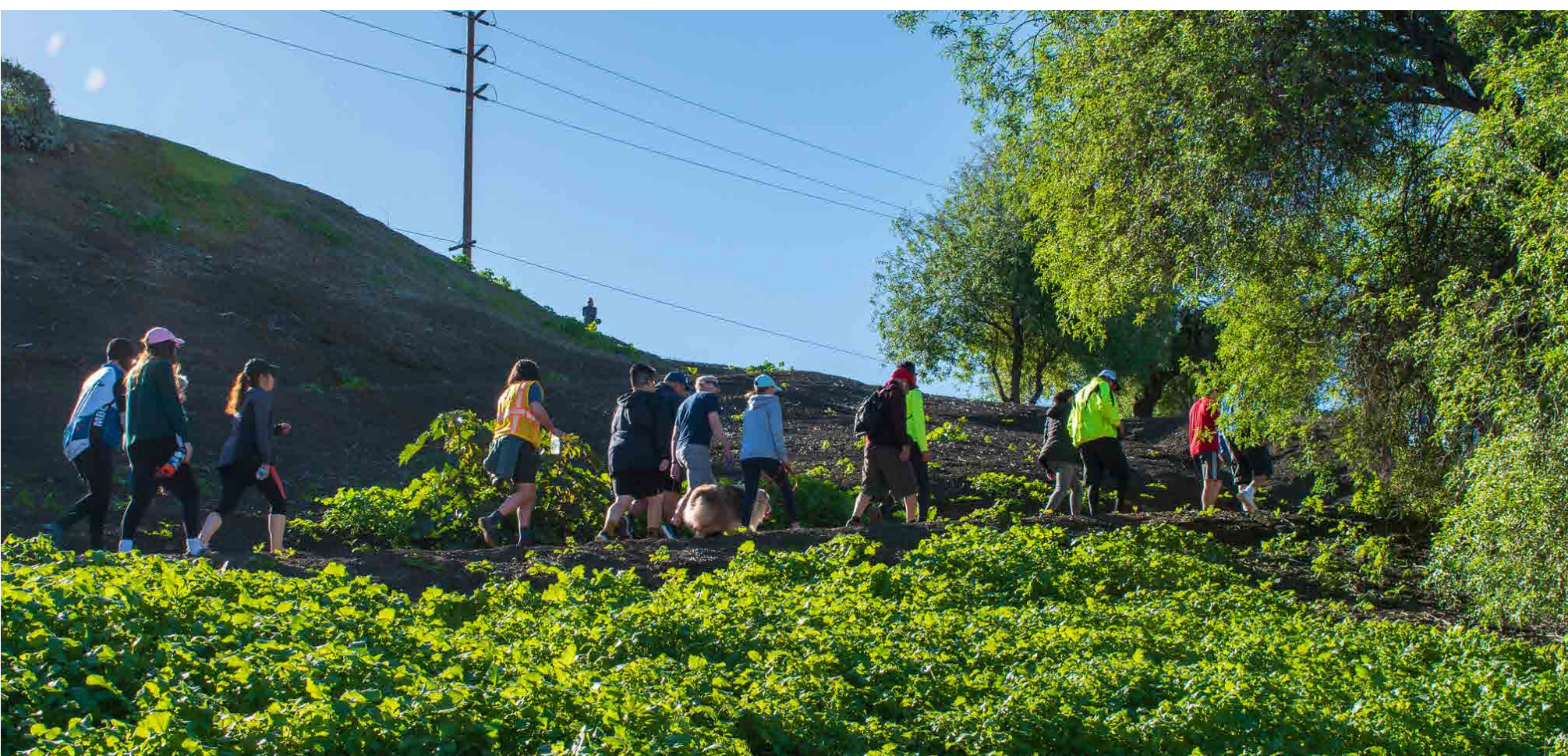
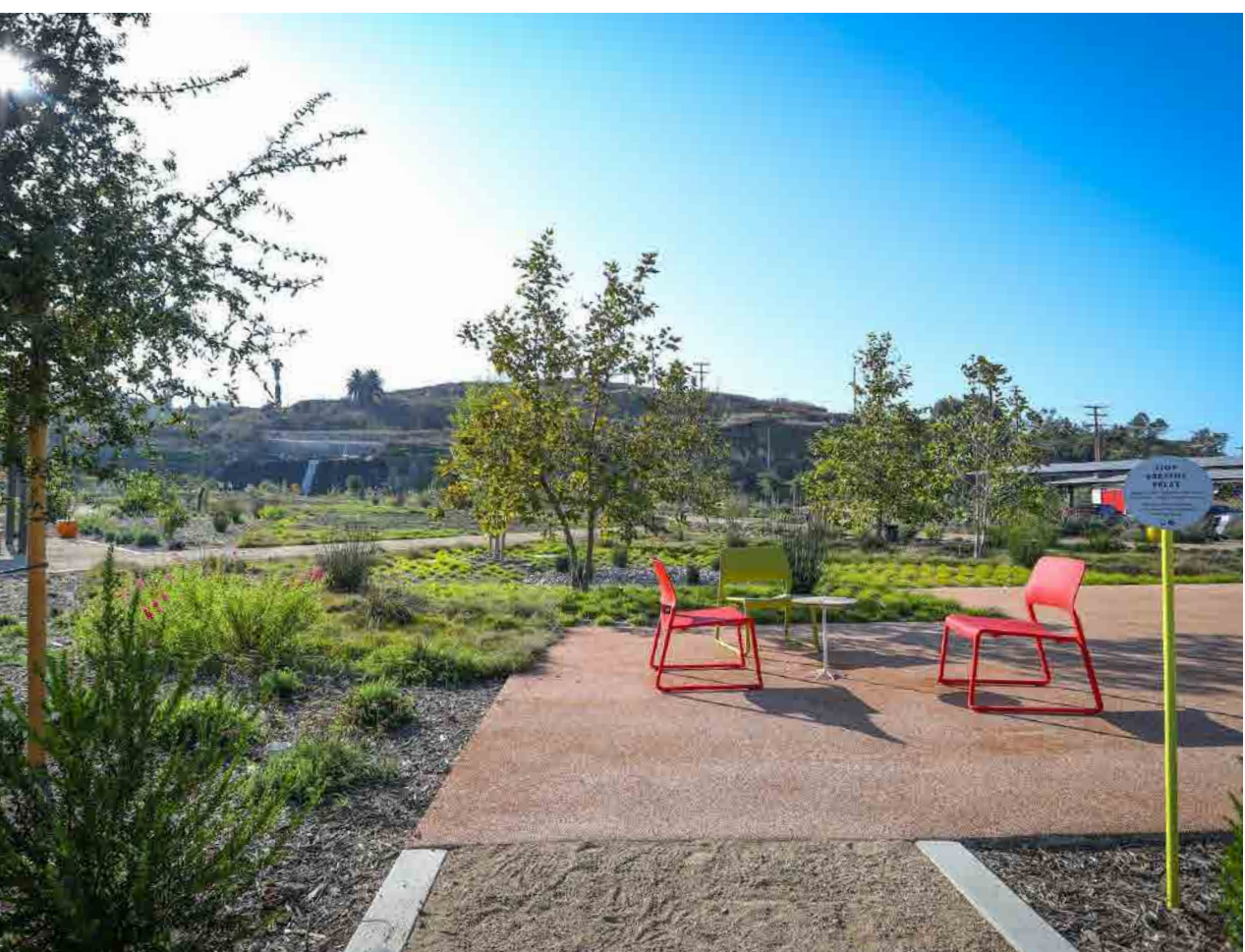
- Educational and natural elements for all ages and abilities
- Bring kids and elders together with activities like gardening
- Safe and well maintained grounds
- Multilingual after-school programs
- A cafe run by people from the community



“ooo I see a family photo opp...”

Arts and Programming Priorities:

- Education and awareness about the park
50% ██████████
- Volunteering and job skills within the park
43% ██████████
- Economic development for the region
19% ██████
- Family activities
71% ██
- Social gatherings
47% ████████████████████████
- Celebrating diversity
30% ████████████████
- Neighborhood activism
29% ████████████████



“In 10 years, we'd like to renew our vows here...”



Experiential collage showing opportunities at the Western Deck daytime-performance area

PAST + FUTURE

What We Heard

History and Heritage

- Countering the legacy of polluting industries in the area
- How does the site's history tie to the history of the neighborhood?
- The site's ties to memories of moving to the area, getting married, or buying a home

Social Justice

- Improving the environment is tied to social justice
- Exposure to one another's cultures and breaking down barriers
- Culturally familiar markers and features
- Multilingual spaces, signage, and workshops

The Park's Future

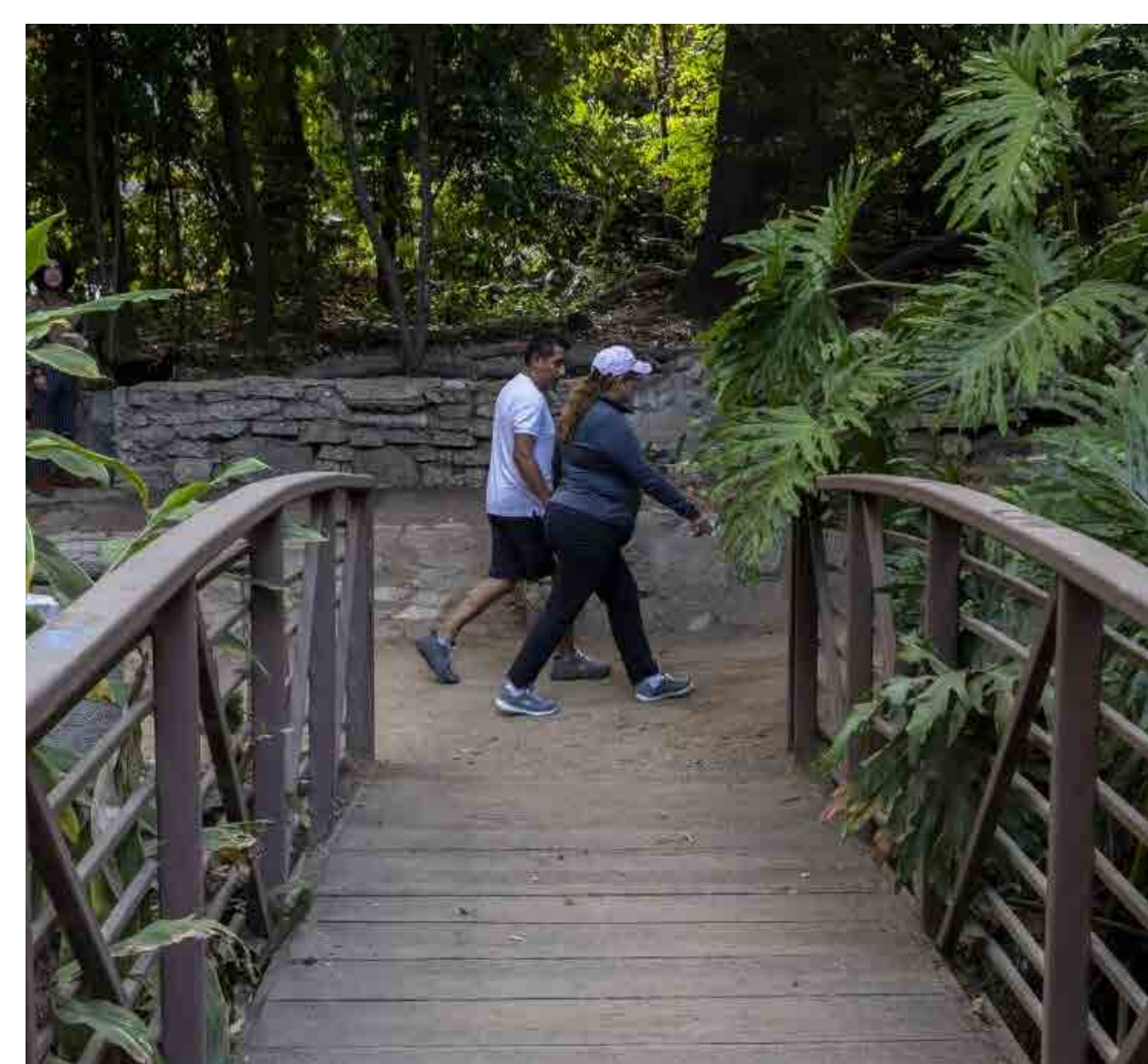
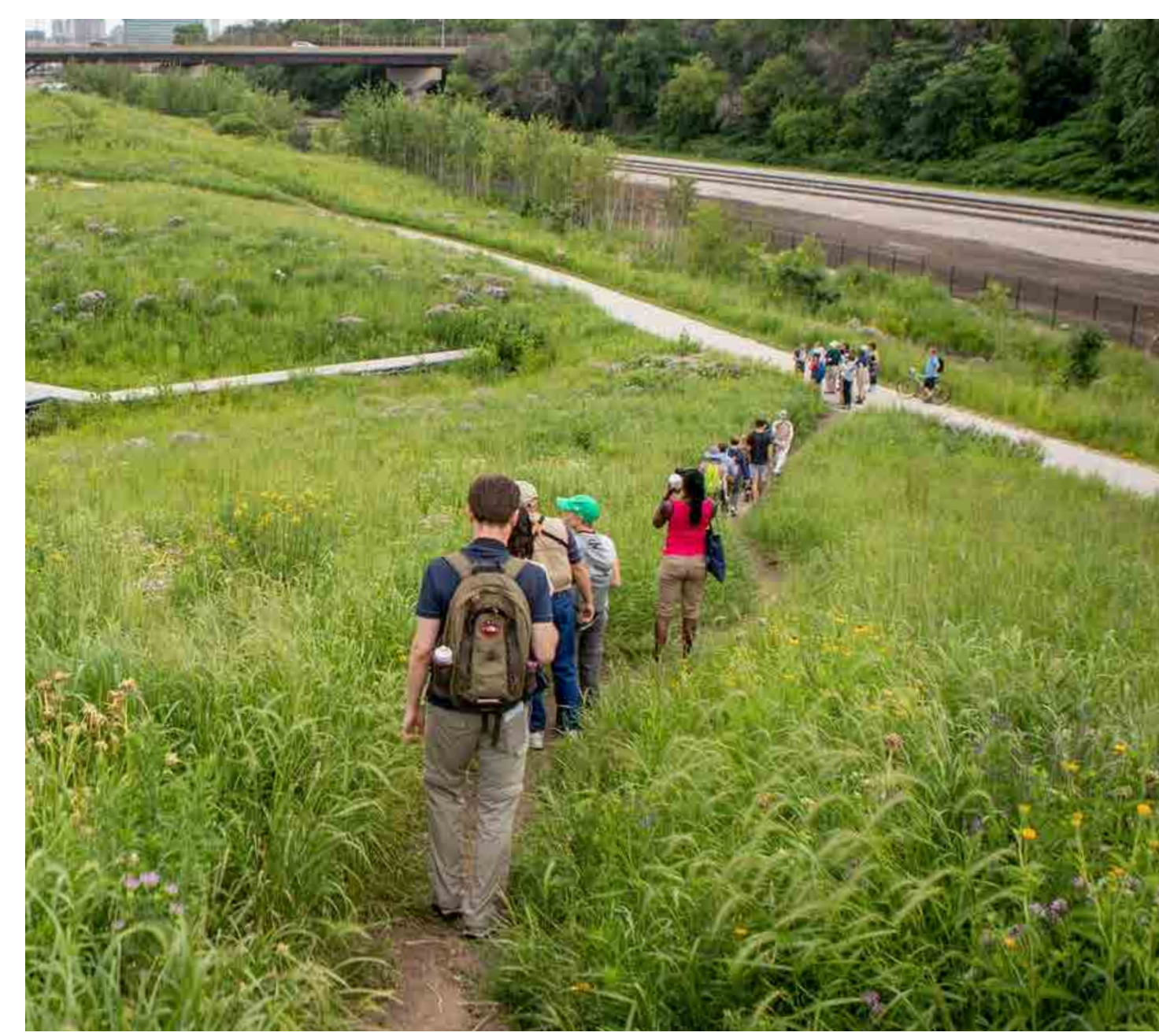
- Youth excitement for bringing future children and grandchildren
- A place to celebrate future milestones like weddings and graduations

Impacts on the Neighborhood

- The neighborhood has provided economic opportunities for some; how can the park benefit the local and regional economy?
- Interact with established local programs and community groups, such as Eagle Scouts and after school programs
- The new park can have an impact on quality of life
- How will the new park change the neighborhood?
- How will the new park affect home prices?

A Park For All Priorities:

- A park experience that will evolve over time
62%
- Resilience to a changing climate
36%
- Celebrating and preserving local culture
41%
- Learning about the history of the site
35%
- Shared experiences between generations
29%
- Promoting environmental justice
34%
- Maintaining sustainable communities
49%



Experiential collage showing multi-modal park trails along the Western Deck