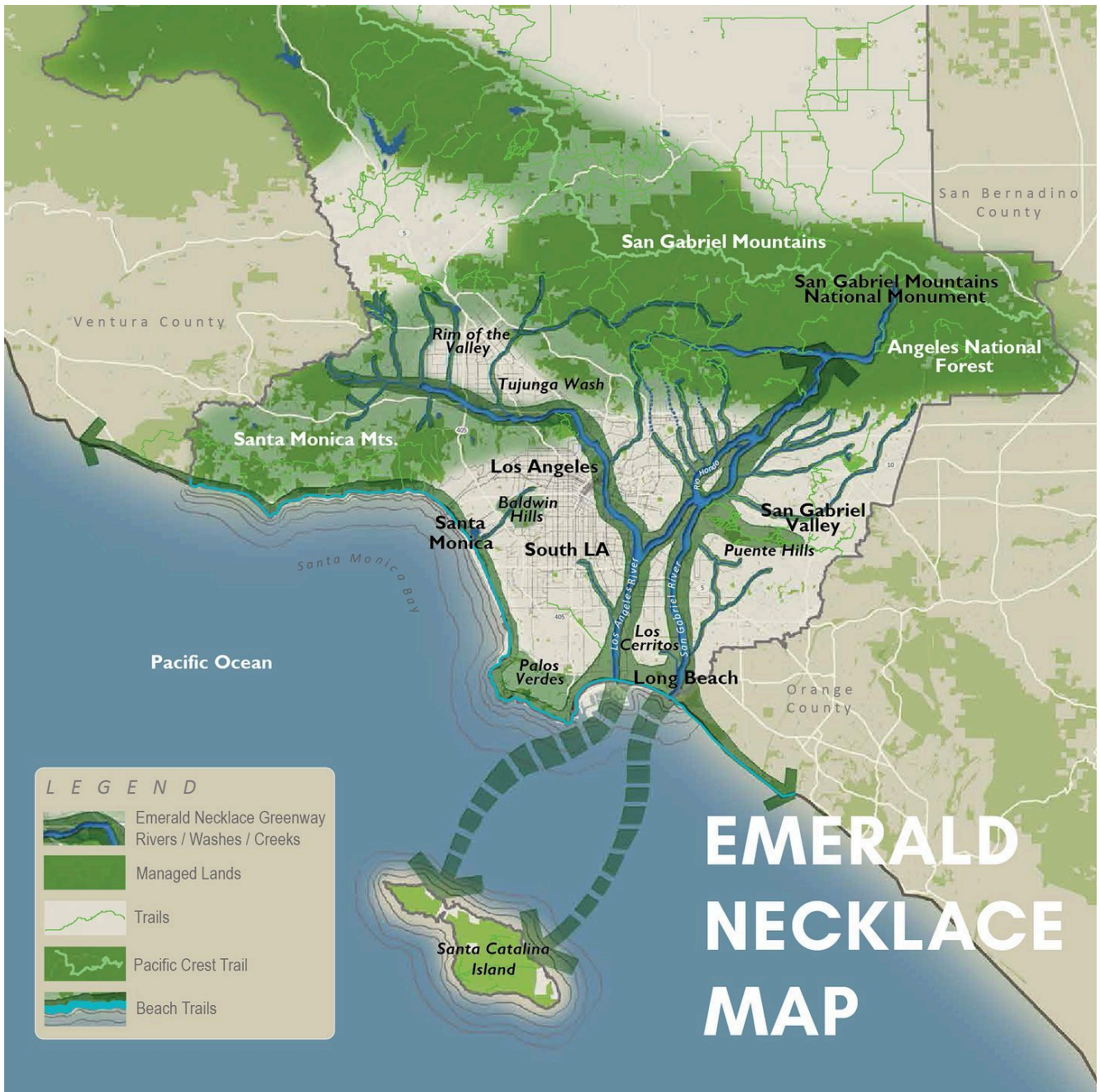


EMERALD NECKLACE Forest to Ocean VISION PLAN

What is the Emerald Necklace?

The Emerald Necklace is an interconnected loop of parks and greenways along our urban waterways. Nestled in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley and extending from the San Gabriel Mountains to the Angeles National Forest down to the Pacific Ocean, providing desperately needed recreational areas.



Emerald Necklace Vision Plan

An important part of our mission is working with other organizations to make the Los Angeles region into a recognized leader in park and green space creation while working to offset the effects of climate change.

In 2005, Amigos de los Rios introduced the initial Emerald Necklace Vision Plan that outlined a detailed strategy for the development of a 17-mile loop of beautiful multi-benefit parks and green-ways connecting 10 cities and nearly 500,000

residents along the Rio Hondo and San Gabriel rivers watershed areas of East Los Angeles County.

Over the past 18 years, we have been working as a liaison between the community and public agencies to facilitate the collaborative effort known as the Emerald Necklace Expanded Vision Plan.

[Emerald Necklace Vision Plan](#)[Emerald Necklace Coalition](#) [The Story of AMIGOS DE LOS RIOS](#)

In 2008 the vision was expanded

The expanded plan outlines eight regional goals including promoting active transportation such as walking and biking; designing and building communities that are resilient to the current and projected impacts of climate change, and fostering a strong green economy.

This Regional Park Network has the potential to become a world-class park network on the scale of Central Park in New York and will be a significant piece of the vision for an urban Los Angeles connected by river green-ways.

The Emerald Necklace Expanded Vision plan was completed in 2014 with the assistance of [The Conservation Fund](#).

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Why the “Emerald Necklace”?

Our vision plan was inspired by a portable “Emerald Necklace” park design by Frederick Law Olmsted Sr. and the 1929 Olmsted Bartholomew Plan designed for the Los Angeles area by the Olmsted Brothers – John Charles and Frederick Law Jr., sons of Frederick Law Olmsted.

Frederick Law Olmsted Sr. was a pioneer in the field of landscape

architecture and is
best known for designing New York's Central Park.

Olmsted held that everyone had the right to common green space and he embodied this belief in his park designs. His favorite theme created a network of parks connected by boulevards or parkways to form a ring or "Emerald Necklace."

Like their father's Emerald Necklace design, the plan set out a system of parks and parkways, children's playgrounds, and public beaches, which incorporated the Los Angeles, Rio Hondo and San Gabriel River watershed areas. The plan was a model of ambitious, intelligent, sensitive planning commissioned at a time when land was available but sadly, due to changing government priorities during the 1930's depression the plan were never realized.

Olmsted's park design can be seen in cities around the United States: Boston, Buffalo, Chicago, Washington D.C. and many others.