

Fairview Park encompasses 208 acres of open space consisting of bluffs, vernal pools, trails, native plant communities and wildlife. The wetland and riparian habitat improvements to Fairview Park are part of the 1998 approved Fairview Park Master Plan. City staff and the Fairview Park Citizens Advisory Committee developed the master plan for the restoration of the park. The committee emphasized the preservation of the native plant community/habitat in the planning process.

In September 2009, Phase I of the Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project was completed. Seventeen acres of riparian habitat was planted, wetland ponds and streams graded, and an irrigation system installed. Funding for Phase I was provided by the US Army Corps of Engineers, California Department of Parks and Recreation and the City's Park Development Fund. City staff is currently maintaining and monitoring the restored habitat.

Current Phase II improvements include the completion of the constructed wetland ponds and water delivery system, a multipurpose trail, fencing, signage, and twenty three acres of native habitat plantings and an irrigation system.

Funding for Phase II of the Fairview Park Wetlands and Riparian Habitat Project has been secured through grants from the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) M2 Environmental Mitigation Fund, the Transportation Enhancement Fund

(TE Grant), State of California's Recreational Trail Grant Program, the MiOcean Foundation and the City.

The creation of wetlands and riparian habitat in Fairview Park provides many benefits:

- The construction of a water delivery system from the Greenville-Banning Channel will take untreated dry weather urban runoff and flows from storm events, divert them to the wetlands and treat the water on site naturally thus preventing pollutants from reaching the ocean or having to be treated by the sanitation district;
- Restores historical riparian habitat;
- Creates a wildlife recreational area in an urban setting for the citizens of Orange County;
- Educates the public on the benefits of wetlands and their contribution to the ecology of the coastal area.

FAIRVIEW PARK WETLANDS AND RIPARIAN HABITAT PROJECT PHASE II FUNDING

Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) - \$2,000,000
M2 Environmental Mitigation Fund

Funds were allocated through OCTA's Mitigation Program, which provides comprehensive mitigation of the environmental impacts of the 13 freeway improvement projects under Orange County's half-cent sales tax. Round One competitive grant application was awarded in September 2010. No funding match required.

Caltrans/OCTA Transportation Enhancement Fund (TE) - \$ 500,000

Funding derives from the Transportation Enhancement (TE) Program, a federal grant program administered by OCTA with the objective of improving the integration of transportation facilities countywide through the addition of bicycle and pedestrian facilities and landscaping.

Miocean Foundation- \$ 350,000

501 c3 foundation that co-funds projects with local agency partners and direct charitable contributions to help reduce urban run-off pollution through measurable "end-of-pipe" projects,

natural treatment solutions, research programs, upstream prevention and watershed education programs. No funding match required.

State of California Dept. of Parks and Recreation

Trail Grant Program (RTP)-

\$ 256,000

The Recreational Trails Program (RTP) provides funds annually for recreational trails and trails-related projects. RTP administered at the state level by the California Department of Parks and Recreation (DPR).

City of Costa Mesa Park Development Funds-

\$ 323,000

Utilized Park Development Funds to match awarded TE and RTP grants for Phase II.