

**Councilman Al Austin
City Council Meeting
October 4, 2022
R-40: LA River Park Space
Frequently Asked Questions**

1. How were the two parcels in the staff report selected?

On April 5, 2021, the City Manager released an Open Space Acquisition Study at the request of the City Council. The 11-acre parcel (APN ending -4940) was identified in this report as the top recommended site for new parkland. The 20-acre parcel (APN ending -4939) has portions on both the east and west sides of the LA River, with the portion on the east connected to the aforementioned a significant portion of the 11-acre parcel.

2. What is the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy?

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) was created by the California legislature in 1999 as one of ten conservancies within the California Resources Agency. Their mission is to preserve open space and habitat in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within our jurisdiction.

3. Have funds been identified to obtain park space along the LA River?

Yes, in the 2021-2022 California State Budget, Assemblymember Patrick O'Donnell secured \$3.3 million to support development of open space along the LA River in Long Beach. These funds can only be administered by the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC).