

Middle Rio Grande Urban Waters Partnership



What is the Urban Waters Partnership?

<https://www.epa.gov/urbanwaterspartners>

About the Urban Waters Federal Partnership

This partnership will reconnect urban communities, particularly those that are overburdened or economically distressed, with their waterways by improving coordination among federal agencies and collaborating with community-led revitalization efforts to improve our Nation's water systems and promote their economic, environmental and social benefits. [Read more about the partnership.](#)

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Major Program Highlights

- [Urban Waters National Training Workshop](#)
- [National Strategic Workplan 2016 - 2018](#)
- [Non-Governmental Organizations Supporting the Urban Waters Federal Partnership](#)
- [Aligning Our Efforts - New NGO and Association Partners](#)
- [19 Designated Urban Waters Locations](#)
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- [Fact Sheet: Urban Waters Federal Partnership](#)
- [The Urban Waters Program at EPA](#)
- [The Urban Waters Learning Network](#)

The partnership offers an opportunity to realize urban waterway and watershed revitalization goals that are larger than, and beyond the resources of any individual community, agency, or mission.

--Jo-Ellen Darcy, Assistant Secretary of the Army for Civil Works, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

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Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge

Albuquerque, New Mexico

- First Urban Refuge in the Southwest Region
- 570-acre Valley Gold Farm (Price's Dairy)
- Purchase price - \$18.5 M
- Seven miles south of downtown Albuquerque
- 45-70% of NM population lives within 30-90 minutes



Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge Partnerships

- Formation of the Friends of Valle de Oro NWR
- Establishment of Urban Refuge Partnership Site
- Pilot site for National Phenology Network's Nature's Notebook program
- Albuquerque Climate Change Scenario Planning Project
- Urban Migratory Bird Treaty Designation for Albuquerque

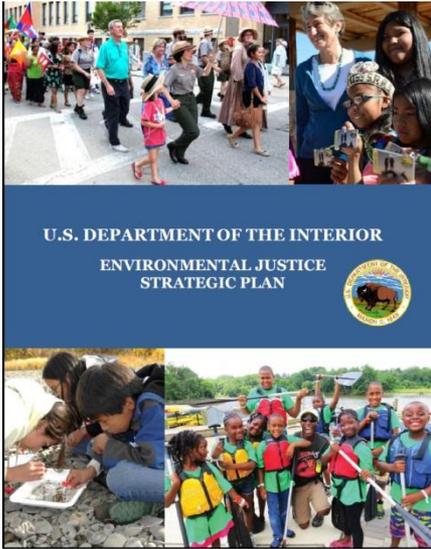




Refuge Planning



Environmental Justice Strategic Plan and Community Engagement



EPA ESG Final Report, October 31, 2016

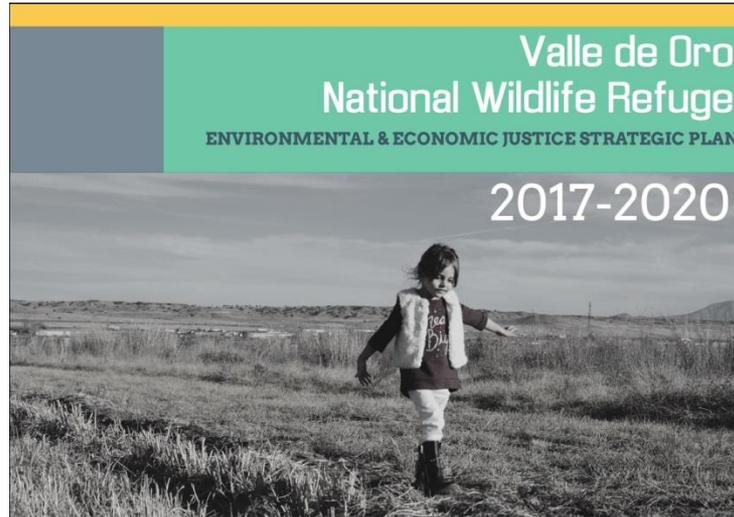
Final Report

EPA EJ Small Grant: 01F11401

Developing an Environmental and Economic Justice Strategic Plan for the Southwest's First Urban National Wildlife Refuge

Submitted by
Los Jardines Institute
and
Friends of Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge

September 30, 2016



ABRAZOS
Para Honrar Y Organizar Para Nuestras Comunidades Y Nuestrs Derechos Por Un Ambiente Sano En El Cual Podamos Vivir, Trabajar, Jugar, Orar Y Ir A La Escuela



Celebrando nuestros logros en la comunidad



Arte por Ariana Bermudes

Environmental justice is the fair treatment and meaningful involvement of all people regardless of race, color, national origin, or income with respect to the development, implementation, and enforcement of **environmental** laws, regulations, and policies.

2nd street Planning/FLAP Project



Health Assessment on the Impact of the Bernalillo County Pedestrian and Bicyclist Safety Action Plan:
Accessibility and Safety on Mountain View's Second Street

Introduction | What is a HIA? | Why 2nd Street? | What did we look at? | What did we find? | What will help? | How to get involved

What did we find?

Motor Vehicle Use - Traffic volumes, especially heavy trucks, are too high. Example: 220 heavy trucks north of Prosperity, 330 heavy trucks south of Prosperity during daylight hours.

Social Cohesion - Many residents cite a lack of community and isolation as significant problems, which are directly related to the lack of walking paths and shared open space.

Second Street Safety - Second Street is simply not safe for pedestrians or bicyclists. Example: Between 2000 and 2008 the intersection of Rio Bravo and 2nd Street experienced up to twice the county's average crash rates, fatal and injury crash rates, and heavy truck related crash rates.

Health Status - Mountain View residents have the highest chronic disease rates in the county. Example: 2nd highest cardiovascular death rate; highest diabetes death rate; and a higher obesity rate of Mtn. View Elementary students compared to other elementary schools.



NO ACCESS
2nd Street access is very limited, especially for vulnerable populations.

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KIDS AT RISK
When students come and go from school, they have no safe place to walk.

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HIA REPORT:
Analysis Section

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[Mountain View 2nd street Video-YouTube](#)



2nd Street SW Corridor Improvements from the Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge Entrance to the South Diversion Channel Open House

Welcome!

February 23, 2016
5:30pm to 7:30pm
Mountain View Community Center
201 Prosperity Avenue SE, Albuquerque, New Mexico 87105

This project is a collaborative effort between the Federal Highway Administration, Bernalillo County, and U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service



Roadway Improvements

2nd Street SW

Corridor Improvements



Valle de Oro
NWR Entrance to
Desert Road



Desert Road to South
Diversion Channel
(Mountain View
Elementary School)

1.5 miles of roadway improvements from the Valle de Oro NWR Entrance to South Diversion Channel (near Mountain View Elementary School)

- Construction of paved shoulder on railroad side and curb and gutter/sidewalk on neighborhood side.
- Drainage improvements, including construction of curb and gutter drainage, and culvert replacements and lengthening as required.
- Reconstruction of the Desert Road/2nd Street SW intersection, which would include creating a "T" intersection, signalization, and safety enhancements at the railroad crossing.
- Resurfacing of the entire roadway.
- Installation of signing and striping.



Valle de Oro NWR Entrance to Desert Road



Option A - Desert Road to South Diversion Channel (Mountain View Elementary School)



Option B - Desert Road to South Diversion Channel (Mountain View Elementary School)

Exhibición Pública

para
**2nd Street SW Corridor
Improvements**



Aprender sobre la peatonales, de ciclo vías, y de la calle de 2nd Street SW entre South Diversion Channel (al lado de Mountain View Elementary School) y Salida Sandia Road.



Dirección: Mountain View Community Center
201 Prosperity Avenue SE
Albuquerque, NM 87105

Fecha: 16 de marzo 2017 entre 17:30 y 19:30.
Una presentación comenzara a las 18:00.

¡Se necesita su opinión!

Visítanos en línea: www.BernCo.gov/SecondStreetSW

¿Preguntas? Contacte Brent Nagen, Gerente de Proyecto:
(720)963-3411 o brent.nagen@dot.gov



Middle Rio Grande Urban Conservation Corps



"And they've taught me extremely valuable leadership skills and communication skills that I was lacking before."
 — 2016 Summer Crew Member, Drew Riggs"

Connecting Youth through Conservation



MRGUCC Program Highlights

2015/2016 Crew Demographics

Total Participants: 23/22

- Male: 69%/65%
- Female: 29%/35%
- Average age: 20/21
- Hispanic: 41%/48%
- Native American: 32%/17%
- European-American: 23%/35%
- African-American: 4%/0%

Participant Outcomes

- 40 Corps members certified in First Aid/CPR.
- 5 Corps members completed 30-day Disaster Response Deployment.
- Participants completed 18,600 hours of service.
- Participants earned AmeriCorps educational awards valued at \$61,254.

Partner and Project Locations

- Bosque del Apache National Wildlife Refuge
- Cibola National Forest
- Petroglyph National Monument
- Pueblo of Isleta
- Pueblo of Sandia
- Valle de Oro National Wildlife Refuge
- YMCA of Central NM
- Sevilleta National Wildlife Refuge
- Mountain View Community Center
- Tijeras Creek Watershed
- City of Albuquerque

Project Accomplishments / Outcomes

- 311 square feet of rock retaining walls built
- 45 rock steps built
- 2700 lbs grip hoist rock moved
- 25 square feet rifting rock
- 5400 square feet of boardwalk constructed
- 7 erosion control structures built
- 600 feet of trenches dug
- 20 log checks installed
- 5,000 feet of fence repaired
- 87 stumps pulled
- 2000 lbs of concrete mixed
- 0.65 new trail construction (miles)
- 0.22 new corridor constructed (miles)
- 0.15 tread maintained (miles)
- 1.7 corridor maintained (miles)
- 320 trees removed
- 4.77 trail revegetated/closed (miles)
- 5 check dams installed
- 5 earthen dips built
- 1 rock cairns built
- 8.1 total miles of trail improved
- 5000/5,910.79 feet acequia ditches cleared
- 7718-feet of erosion control structures
- 142 signs installed
- 361 non-native and noxious species removed (acres)
- 4 volunteer/Service events
- 2,755 people reached/participated
- 12x20 feet of greenhouse built
- 308 native plants planted
- 2 Gardens built
- 1900 square feet of mulch moved
- 1 bird banding day
- 326 latillas replaced on 3 shade structures
- 1500 endangered Silvery Minnows tagged
- 252 mentor/mentee emails exchanged

"I was really able to get the most out of the work that we're doing. RMYC saved my life, and saved my view on life."

— Summer Crew Member, Drew Riggs

South Valley Health Commons

A Wellness Ecosystem

FCCH Expansion Flyover



South Valley Health Commons Partnerships

- National Park Service RTCA funding for Wellness Trails
- \$1 million EDA grant for infrastructure to construct workforce training facilities
- FWS Youth Conservation crews worked to clear the site, create pollinator gardens
- Forest Service providing technical assistance to develop the orchard plans

Bridge Boulevard Partnerships

- HUD and FHWA funded the planning process
- Bernalillo County received a Main Street designation in 2014
- SBA is providing assistance to small business owners
- FWS partnered with the County on a “pop-up” Visitors Center and art projects
- Future plans including new affordable housing