



*Bringing nature back to
urban environments*

"More trees are better"

- Scott Wilson, founder North East Trees

North East Trees

Mark Kenyon, Executive Director



person by person



North East Trees



tree by tree



los angeles river greenway projects

guardians of the river

sunnynook minimipark

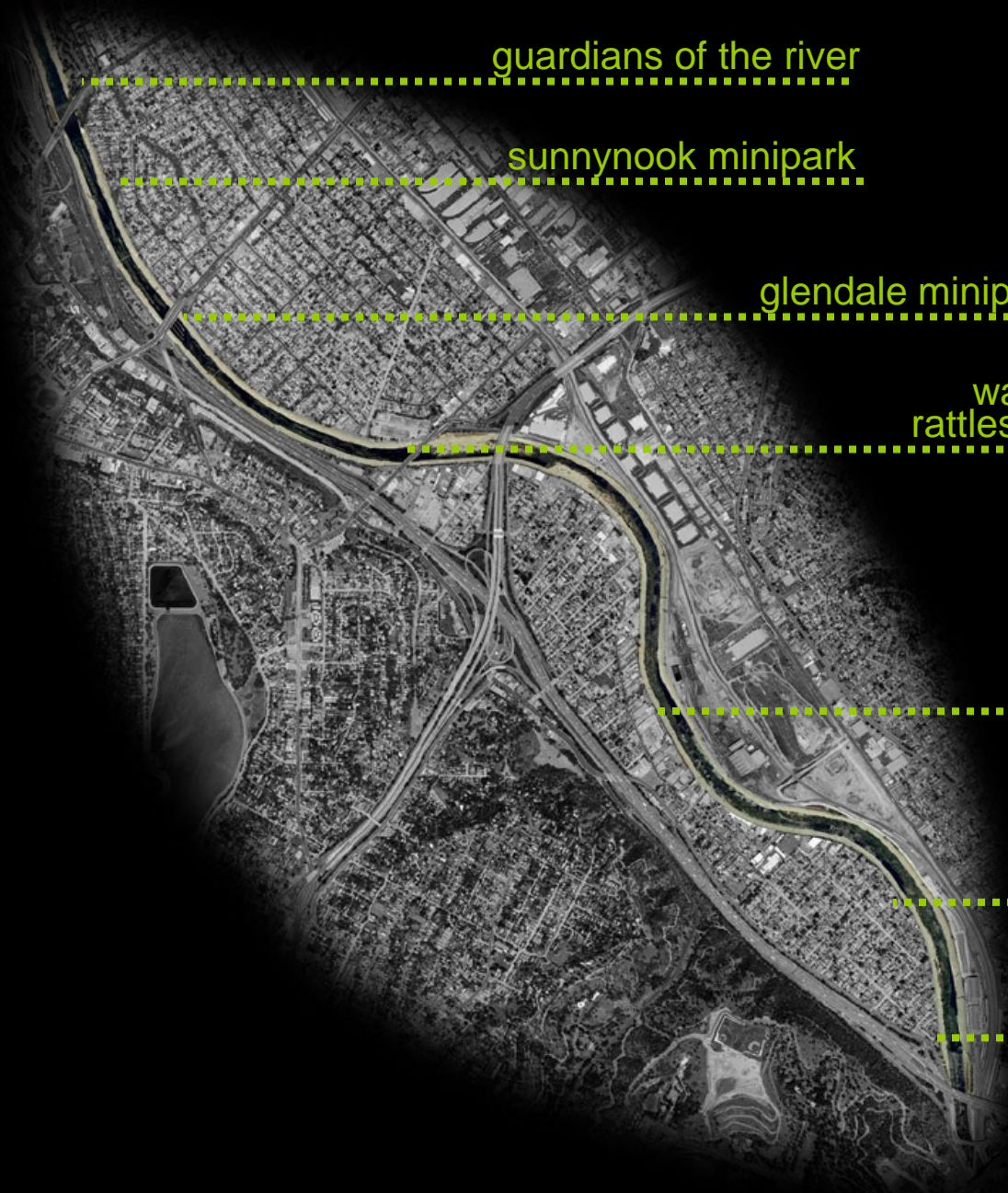
glendale minimipark

water with rocks
rattlesnake minimipark

good stuff minimipark

meadowvale access
riverdale access

steelhead minimipark
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egret minimipark



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**la river greenway
glendale narrows riverwalk park**



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lessons learned

- **Develop comprehensive, integrated planning**
 - create a vision for the entire river
 - builds awareness, consensus, and support
 - is important to funders
 - helps integrate separate projects into a cohesive vision
 - los angeles river cooperative committee

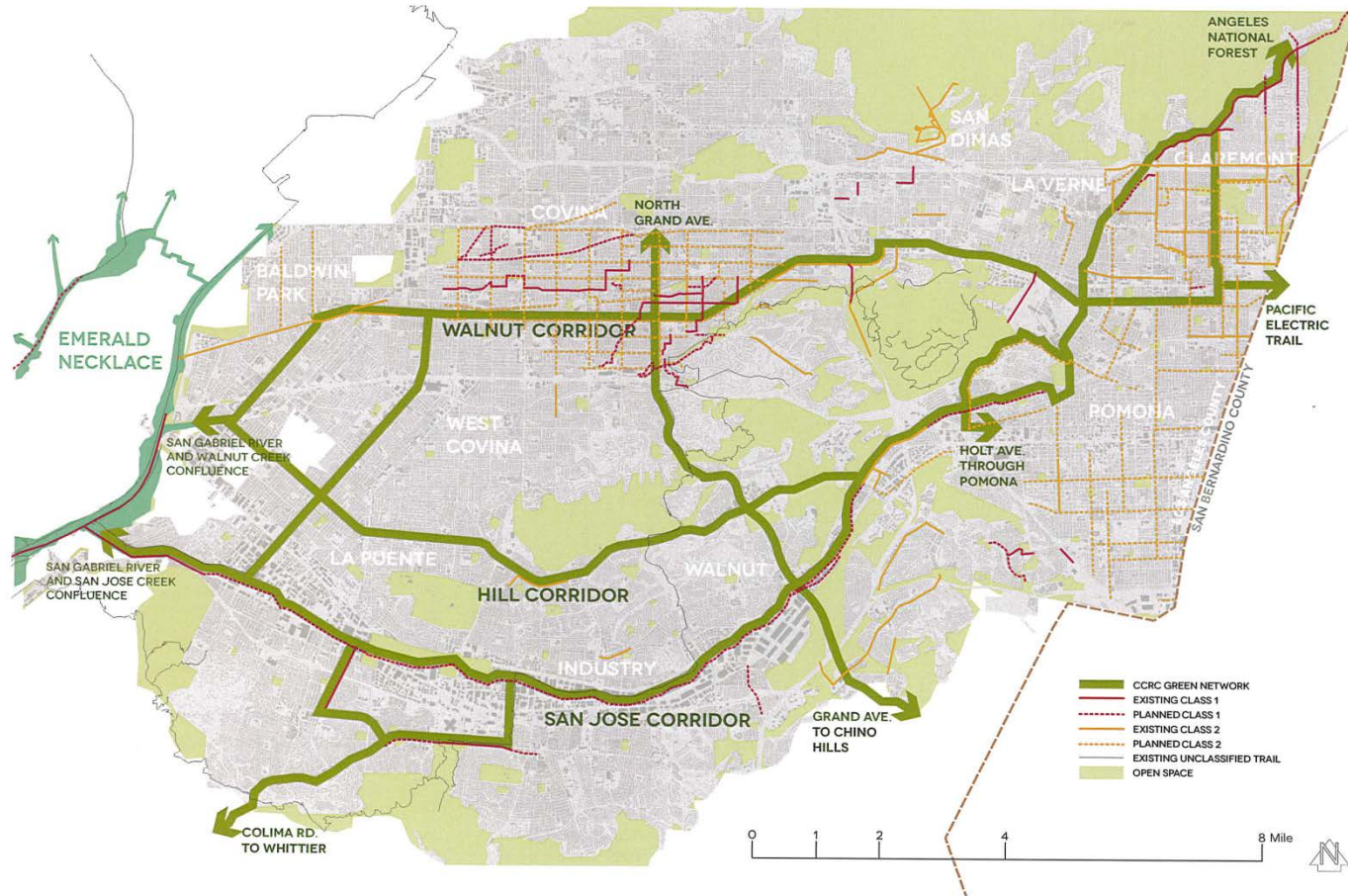
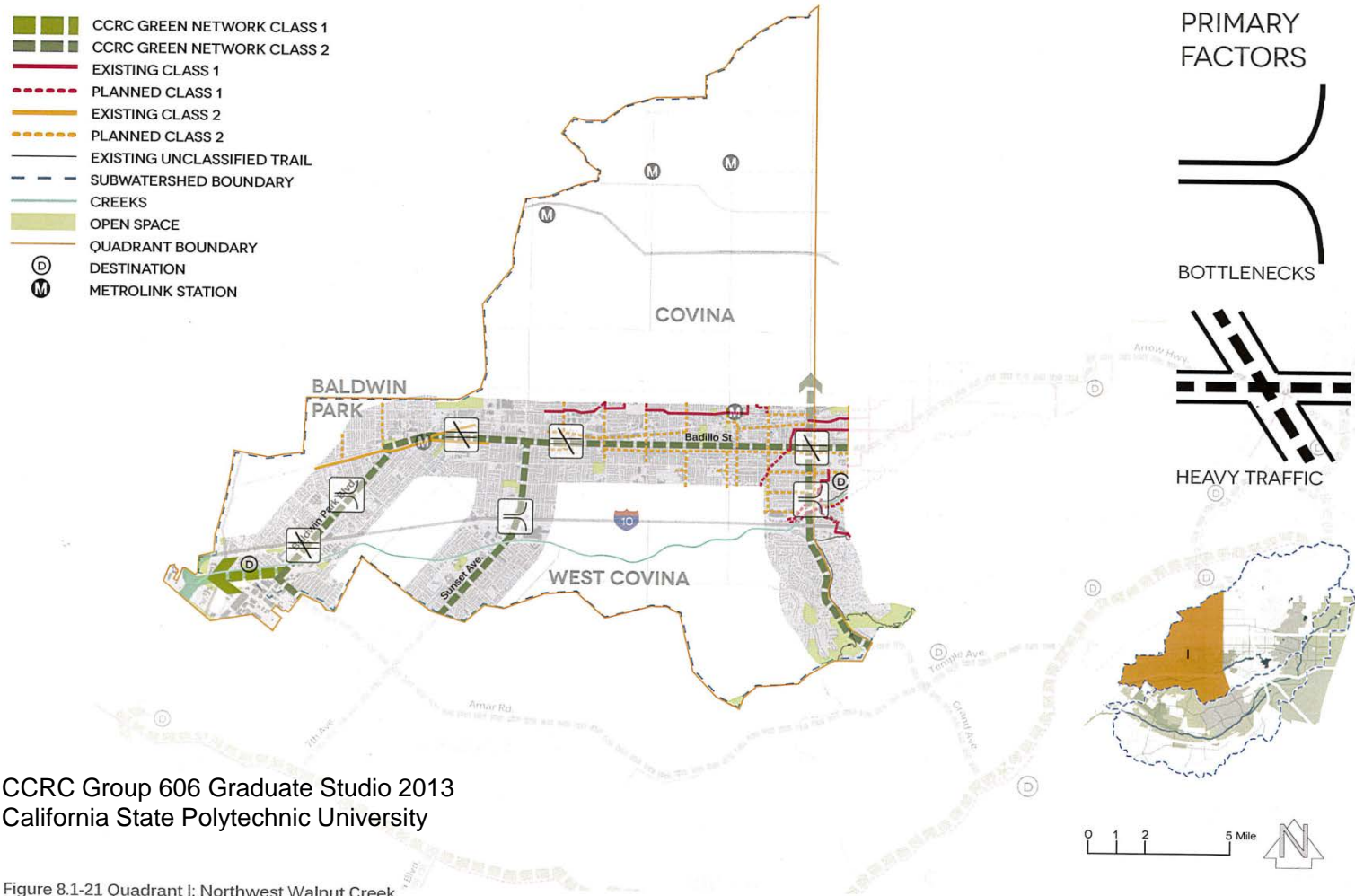


Figure 8.1-9 CCRC final green network with currently existing and planned trails and bikeways

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regional plans



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Figure 8.1-21 Quadrant I: Northwest Walnut Creek

lessons learned

- **Best projects are multi-benefit and are funded by multiple sources**
 - water quality
 - greening
 - active transportation
 - state, county, and local
- **But this adds to the complexity**

lessons learned

- **Permitting is a key process often underestimated**
 - **plan for 12 months minimum**
 - **conduct as one process, don't split it so as to "simplify" it**
 - **scope and issues are linked from local level to army corps through the county**

lessons learned

- **Build a team that can achieve your vision**
 - **consider a design-build approach**
 - **competitive-bid process at the funding stage**
 - **helps protect from over-design and over-engineering at the permitting phase**
 - **helps you to achieve your vision**

lessons learned

- **Non-profit partners can be your best friend**
 - help to make your proposals more competitive
 - bring deep local community participation
 - bring knowledge and experience to complement your team

lessons learned

- **Maintenance is key to long term success**
 - multi-benefit nature of a project can complicate the maintenance approach
 - design maintenance and sustainability up front
 - prepare a maintenance manual as part of the project

lessons learned

- **Maintenance is key to long term success**
 - use of native and drought tolerant plants can be a mystery to some (many?)
 - find and use the right people
 - provide adequate training
 - move from traditional practices to more sustainable practices

lessons learned

- **Projects at all scales are needed**
 - larger stormwater BMP projects
 - la river linear parks
 - neighborhood and community parks
 - bioswales
 - parkways
 - trees

lessons learned

- **Don't forget**
 - hiring and training at-risk youth
 - plant as many native trees and plants as possible

