



JAMES & ROSEMARY NIX NATURE CENTER
LOS ANGELES METROPOLITAN PARKS



El Dorado Nature Center Master Plan

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Conceptual Plan for Edgewood Park and Natural Preserve Interpretive Center

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THE OAK WOODLAND

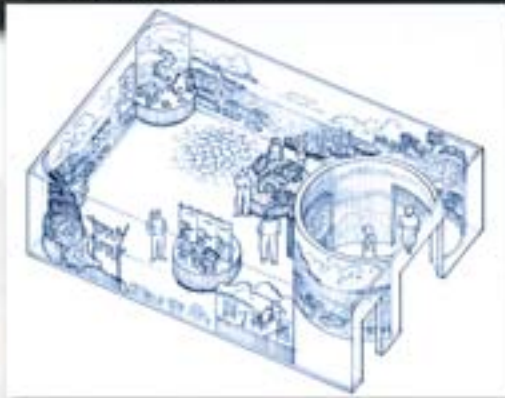
Wildlife, plants, soils,
birds and insects
and animals that share

Plant the oak woodland with its rich and diverse
and natural resources with scientific and
artistic design, including birds and insects,
offering interpretive programs for visitors
to understand the ecological and historical
values of the oak woodland.

This book provides that with a focus on the history
of oakland. From the high quality of the trees
to the landscape and wildlife, this book is
a valuable and comprehensive resource for
planning and interpretation of oakland sites for
visitors, schools and others.



The Children's Garden of Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden
Interpretive Planning Handbook
Prepared by The Acorn Group



Interpretive Master Plan for the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Complex

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Interpretive Master Planning

The Acorn Group offers services in interpretive master planning to guide the development of sites, exhibits, and programs. Our master planning process considers a site in its entirety, identifying its significance, extracting intangible meanings from its tangible objects, incorporating management goals into specific objectives for interpretation, and identifying the site's central themes—key messages that convey a site's meaning to its visitors. No successful interpretive element can be planned or built without first identifying these themes and sub-themes. They form the framework for all interpretive communications—the secret ingredient that ensures the messages you send will be the messages your visitors receive.

Our goal is to ensure that the planning and design effort is a thoughtful, cost-effective process based on visitor needs and interests, meaningful themes and exhibits, and careful alignment to the client's resource management directives.

Recent efforts in California include development of interpretive master plans for Edgewood Nature Preserve, the Guadalupe-Nipomo Dunes Complex, Rancho Santa Ana Botanic Garden, El Dorado Nature Center, Nix Nature Center, Fitzgerald Marine Reserve, and the San Gabriel River Discovery Center.