

# CHOLLAS CREEK RESTORATION PROJECT

## ENHANCING OUR NATURAL ENVIRONMENT



## PROJECT BENEFITS

### Diamond Neighborhoods

- Restores the natural beauty of a portion of the creek by re-planting native plants, removing invasive plant species, and preventing erosion
- Creates places where residents can gather and enjoy the outdoors
- Enlivens the area with public art works
- Provides a safer pathway for children attending Horton Elementary School
- Integrates art elements depicting chollas into the fencing along the creek
- Transforms Chollas Creek from a hidden and neglected waterway into a linear urban park, becoming a historic, geographic, symbolic, and civic focal point
- Re-establishes the Creek as the community's heart and soul, restoring the inner energy and inherent need for nature in each of its residents

### Biological

- Improves the channel to create a unique setting for commercial, retail, and residential development that embraces a riparian corridor and creek
- Redirects creek flows into the low flow channel to reduce flooding and scouring
- Designs channel improvements to provide a more naturalized appearance while greatly increasing the stability of the structure
- Creates the channel to be consistent with the improvements to the downstream portion of the creek behind Market Creek Plaza

### Art & Design

- Includes recommendations from the *Activating Chollas Creek Through Art & Design* plan completed in 2014 by Vicki Estrada of Estrada Land Planning, Leslie Reynolds and Patrice Baker with Groundwork San Diego, artist Smadar Samson with Creatif and Julie Fontaine with Trestles Environmental

## PROJECT FUNDING

- Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program funds provided by U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and administered by the City of San Diego. This portion of funding is approximately \$1.6M.
- The Safe Drinking Water, Water Quality and Supply, Flood Control, River and Coastal Protection Bond Act of 2006 (Prop 84). This funding is administered by Integrated Regional Water Management and Urban Greening and is approximately \$3.4M combined.
- The Proposition 84 Urban Greening and Sustainable Communities Grant Program, the California Natural Resources Agency, and the National Endowment for the Arts provided funds to create the *Activating Chollas Creek Through Art & Sustainable Design* plan.