

Site Analysis included corridor-long tours, documenting site conditions that were used in the stakeholder meetings to discuss design issues specific to each location and to better understand the character of the river as it flowed from the wild and scenic San Gabriel Mountains to industrial areas, urban centers, and park lands. Public Access, Economic Development, Water Quality,

Recreation, and Habitat were primary issues of concern.

Breakout groups during the stakeholder meetings focused on specific Case Study sites. Ms. Strickland prepared the original site analysis and concept plans for each of the Case Study sites (including the Duck Farm) and facilitated group discussions.



SAN GABRIEL RIVER CORRIDOR MASTER PLAN

LOS ANGELES COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

As project manager with MIG, Ms. Strickland, Landscape Architect, worked with the County of Los Angeles Department of Public Works, in cooperation with the Departments of Parks & Recreation and Regional Planning to develop a master plan for the 58-mile long San Gabriel River. Coordination of the project involved 19 cities within the County of Los Angeles and presentations of master plan alternatives to 120 major stakeholders at bimonthly meetings. The San Gabriel River Master Plan involved land use analyses, design guidelines and plant palettes, GIS mapping, and graphic illustrations. Case study research was completed to evaluate planning assumptions and inform decision making. One of these case studies focused on

the Duck Farm, and Ms. Strickland developed a concept plan for the site. The culmination of this large-scale master planning endeavor was the publishing of the Watershed Atlas, describing the San Gabriel Watershed, its context, the Master Plan and implementation strategies.

In 2007, RDG began work on the El Dorado Nature Center Project, adjacent to the San Gabriel River. As one of the largest City Parks in the metropolitan area, the creation of a natural creek environment connecting two lakes near the El Dorado Nature Center was an excellent opportunity for environmental education for school-age children and their families. The proposed project is expected to be constructed in 2009.