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*Before: Front of Carthay Elementary School to be transformed into a climate appropriate landscape*

### **Volunteers to Plant 600 Native Plants at Carthay School of Environmental Studies Magnet**

*Community and TreePeople partner to transform the front of the school in a day of campus greening*

LOS ANGELES (February 22, 2018) -- On Saturday, February 24 from 9:00am-1:00pm, TreePeople volunteers will plant 600 native plants and five trees to transform the front of Carthay School of Environmental Studies Magnet.

The landscape transformation is designed to capture stormwater, attract pollinators, improve air quality and to cool the campus. TreePeople will serve as the planting leads for the project and will supervise all volunteers.

"This project wouldn't be a reality without the commitment of Carthay's principal, teachers, a few highly active and dedicated parents, and community members. As we remain ready and responsive to our changing climate, it is critical we nurture our deeply rooted partnership with LAUSD to create more outdoor space to teach and learn in across LA County to support the needs of our children," TreePeople Senior Manager of Sustainable Schoolyards, Michelle Bagnato said.

Project features include planting plant and tree species which are resistant to pests, drought-resilient and provide habitat for local wildlife. There will also be stormwater capture components to recharge groundwater supplies and reduce polluted runoff from being swept to the ocean.

This project culminated over a number of months in partnership with LAUSD to offer a healthier campus environment and increase curb appeal at this Title I school. Students attending Carthay already benefit from the school's focus on environmental studies, and this garden will be an extension of their classroom curriculum to demonstrate environmental literacy and other school garden programs in action.

LAUSD gardeners will also be in attendance to participate and learn more about how to incorporate climate-appropriate landscaping in their projects and how to care for and establish plants once they're in the ground.

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