

Remedios de la Tierra

River Restoration Proposal

The La Cienega Valley Citizens for Environmental Safeguards is proposing the Santa Fe River remediation project which will introduce native plants back into the riparian habitat. Riparian habitat replanting efforts will focus primarily upon the reintroduction of traditional yerbas to this area. This project will be supported by funding sources geared toward traditional land uses, historic community practices and educational outreach.

The goal for this project is to have a healthy riparian habitat which will produce herbs for community use. Once the traditional habitat/herbal gardens have been established an ethnobotanical exhibit will be produced. This will be displayed either in the local community center or area kiosk.

The educational focus will be for student grades 3 - 12, college and university outreach. Local community efforts will oversee the organization, construction, planting and cleanup of the identified areas.



With the proper support from various entities there should be funding for the creation of a few local jobs in the community through economic development grants for agricultural communities. All this is predicated on water to the Santa Fe River and water uses supporting this project.

Plan of action

1. We will identify the proper land use areas and habitats that each species needs to thrive.

2. We will identify the species to introduce or reintroduce to the area.
3. Project meeting which will discuss various aspects of the projects and best approaches for successful outcome:
 - Letter of agreements for land use
 - Fundraising and grant writing efforts
 - BLM archeologist, riparian biologists, horticulturalist
 - Community Greenhouse use/identify seed/seedlings
 - Community outreach/Traditional and historical educational efforts
 - Curating and producing Ethnobotanical exhibit
 - Wildcrafting and remedios de yerbas
4. Environmental and agricultural outreach
5. Sustainable economic development (Pilot Project)

Identified Yerbas to Plant/

Herbs use by Hispano Peoples of Northern New Mexico:

Osha Yerba Manso
Indian Tea /Cota Wild Oregano
Chimaha Estopape
Monstraso Yerba del Mano
Arnica Rue
Lobelia Slippery elm
Wild mints/Apple Mint Lavendar
Malva Angelica
Horehound Portage
Chamomile
There will be others added to this list.