

Los Amigos Park: A Friend to the Environment

53,000 GALLONS

of stormwater are stored under the ground in front of you.

By repurposing stormwater, we save **over 550,000 gallons of drinking water** per year.

Los Amigos Park Stormwater Harvesting and Direct Use Demonstration Project is a collaborative effort between the City of Santa Monica, the Santa Monica Malibu Unified School District and the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California (MWD) that is all about capturing urban runoff and stormwater for beneficial use. The project involves diverting up to 550,000 gallons of water from the storm drain pipe adjacent to the park. The water will be stored and treated to ensure safe use for irrigating the playing fields and for indoor toilet flushing in the park restrooms.

1 The project has two benefits:

Promotes local sustainability by capturing and using urban runoff and stormwater for toilet flushing and irrigating the playing fields.

2

Protects the Santa Monica Bay by reducing the amount of runoff going into the ocean.

This project behaves as a model of green urbanization for other cities to follow and further solidifies Santa Monica's leadership role in being one of the most sustainable cities in the country.

How the System Works

