



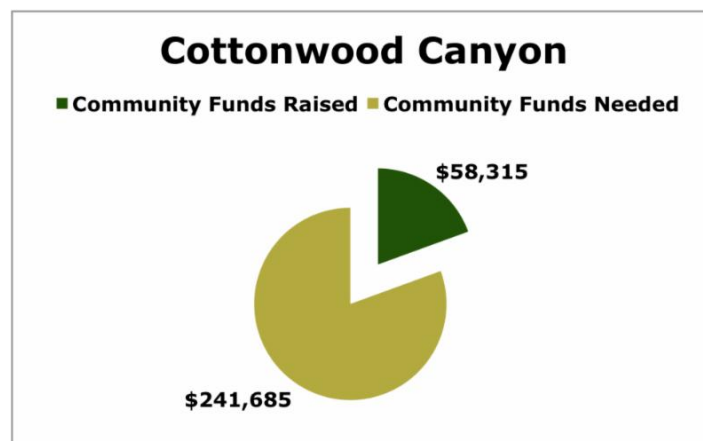
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stewarding our precious  
open spaces*

**SPRING 2014**

## **Cottonwood Campaign is heating up!**

We are excited to announce that the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy has offered a 2-1 match to help fund a portion of our Cottonwood project. For every \$1 you donate, SMMC will match it with \$2 until our combined total reaches \$25,000, enabling us to complete a critical biological survey needed to obtain government funding.

This is a fantastic opportunity to **help save Cottonwood Canyon**. Click [here](#) to take advantage of this opportunity and learn more about Cottonwood Canyon.



## **Westridge Visits AFC Properties!**

In February, the AP Environmental Science class from Westridge School visited AFC properties on a day-long field trip. They tested the water quality at 2 sites and conducted an aquatic invertebrate study as well. They also performed some invasive species removal.

Thanks to Mollie and all her students for helping restore habitat with AFC!



# Poly Community Service Day



Two years ago, AFC hosted Poly's Community Service Day at Rubio Canyon. This year, the Poly community worked hard to restore habitat while getting a sneak peak at the newest property we are trying to raise funds to save: [Cottonwood Canyon!](#)

Thanks to Katherine Goar for arranging and Linda Babcock for coordinating a great event. A big thanks to the Poly community for helping improve this crucial [wildlife corridor](#).

## AFC Shout Out!

AFC makes this Shout Out to Jack Levy. Jack made a generous donation to help us save Millard Canyon, but we inadvertently failed to recognize him. In fact, Jack was one of [26 Millarders!](#)

Thanks for your support, Jack!

## Rosemont Outdoor Classroom

Eagle Scout candidate, Brandon Loder, recruited a great crew of volunteers to complete the new outdoor classroom at the Rosemont Preserve. Los Angeles County Flood District donated their services to grade this section of the property in preparation for the new classroom. Seating is provided by a non-native eucalyptus tree removed last year. Its stump provides the podium for our docents to address the many students visiting the Preserve as part of the Friends of the Rosemont Preserve education program.

[Read the article at Crescenta Valley Weekly](#)



*Friends of the Rosemont Preserve member Richard Toyon talks about the possible uses of tree stumps as part of Boy Scout Brandon Loder's Eagle project. Loder's project is to create an outdoor education space at the preserve.*

## Did you know...

the special occasions in your life can be commemorated with gifts to AFC? Gifts made "In Honor of..." or "In Memory of..." are a thoughtful and unique way to mark the day.

We are grateful and happy to acknowledge Marilynne Kennedy and Roger Wilander who were married in January and requested donations to AFC as wedding gifts. Many of their friends accepted their request and we are the recipient of their generosity. Thank you, Marilynne & Roger, and to all who donated in your honor! We wish you a long and happy life together.

# Get Involved with AFC!

## [Rosemont Preserve](#)

### Habitat Restoration Days

2nd Saturday of every month, 9:00-11:00am  
Join us in removing invasive plants and replacing them with natives.

### Open Gate Days

3rd Sunday of every month, 3:00-5:00pm  
Come visit the Preserve at your leisure, take a stroll...  
Count the deer and enjoy this beautiful open space in your backyard.

### Upcoming Events

Spring Equinox Family Celebration, Saturday, March 22nd  
3:00-5:00pm  
Join us as we celebrate educating children through nature.



If you would like to volunteer with AFC [click here.](#)

## Millard Canyon Fire Hazard Reduction Project

Have you seen the crews dressed in brown working in Millard Canyon? They are part of a habitat restoration project designed to reduce fire hazards adjacent to the communities of The Meadows, La Vina and Chaney Millard. The work is being conducted by the County of Los Angeles Fire Department Forestry Division and the California Conservation Corps (CCC). This project will help protect the area's natural and cultural resources from a potential wildfire.



AFC thanks J. Lopez, Assistant Chief Forestry Division, County of Los Angeles Fire Department, and Bill Ramseyer for making this project happen.

### Arroyos & Foothills Conservancy

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