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SUSTAINABILITY PLAN 2019



HEALTHY SOILS STRATEGY FOR THE CITY OF LOS ANGELES

2021



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Image: City Plants



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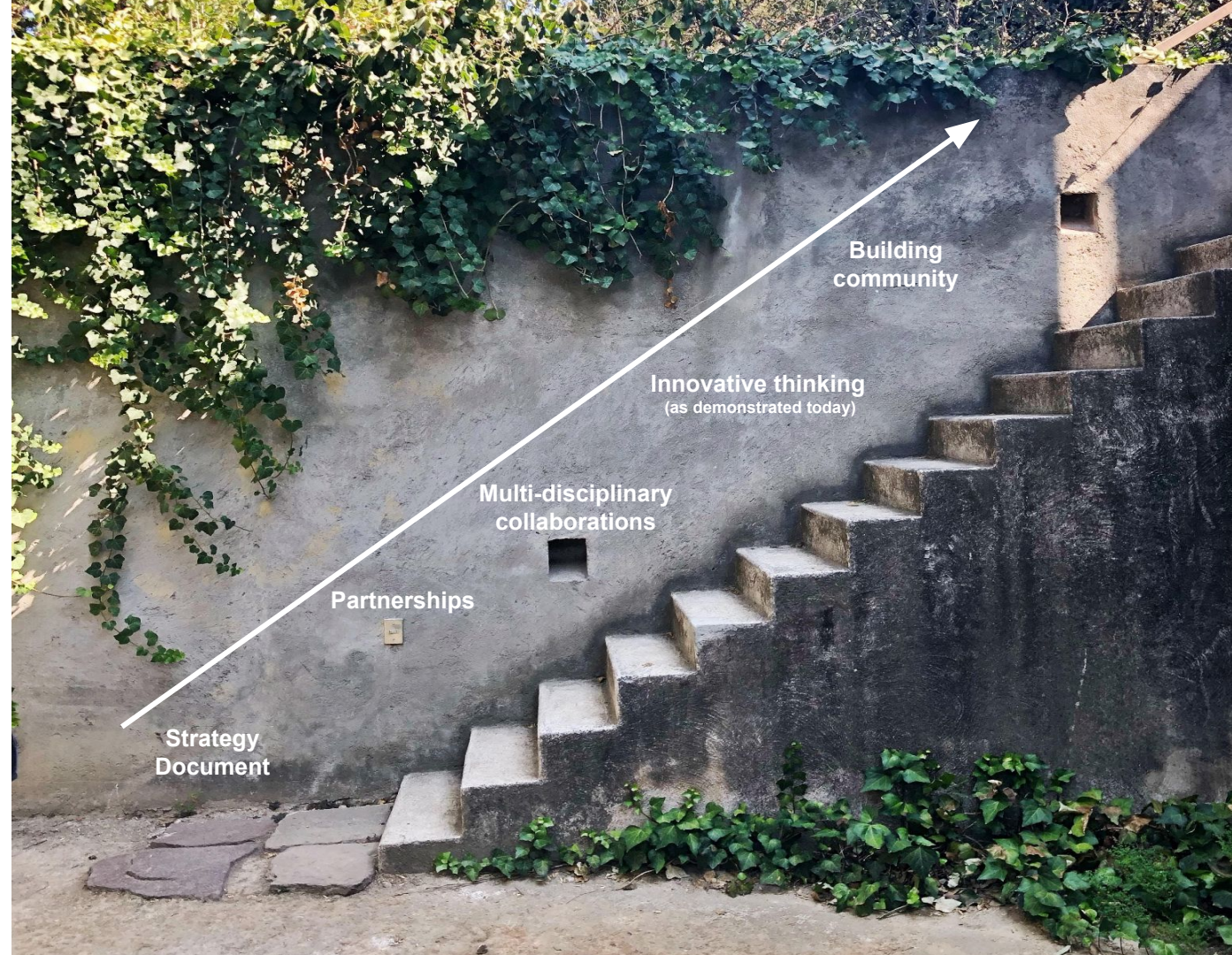
COMPOSTING



Strategies	Supporting Actions
Expand use of compost and mulch within the City.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Expand application of compost at parks, on medians, and at other City facilities by City departments in compliance with the Guidelines for Applying Organic Soils Amendments in the City of Los Angeles.• Apply City-produced compost and/or mulch at City or community sites used for food production (i.e., agricultural sites, urban farms, community gardens, and orchards), recreation (i.e., gardens and landscaped urban parks), and land remediation (i.e., brownfields and contaminated sites).• Facilitate utilization of municipally-produced compost and mulch by expanding delivery services and forging connections with potential end-users.

NEXT STEPS:

How do we achieve all of
the action items in the
Healthy Soils Strategy
Document?



Strategy
Document

Partnerships

Multi-disciplinary
collaborations

Innovative thinking
(as demonstrated today)

Building
community

Summary of the Day



1. Soils are Part of the Solution!

- Healthy soils can address the twin crises of biodiversity and climate change (and experimental data from test plots can provide the justification)
- “Open mindedness and flexibility are key”
- Test Plot



Photo: Test Plot

2. Establishing Consensus is Key to a Joint Vision

- Emerging needs
- Emerging techniques, technologies, and research
- BMPs for Los Angeles



Mantras

Bring back beauty + biodiversity
Low-tech, low-budget
Hands in the soil; land care is self-care
Honor and work with the seasons
Experimentation is good; permission to fail
Monitor + evaluate; pro-science
Expansion and scalability in mind
Seek a coalition of community groups
Between Native Gardening and Ecological Restoration



Image: Test Plot

3. Building Community + Partnerships is Key

- Collaborations are essential
- “Soil Connects Us All”



Photo: LA Compost

Closing Thoughts



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