

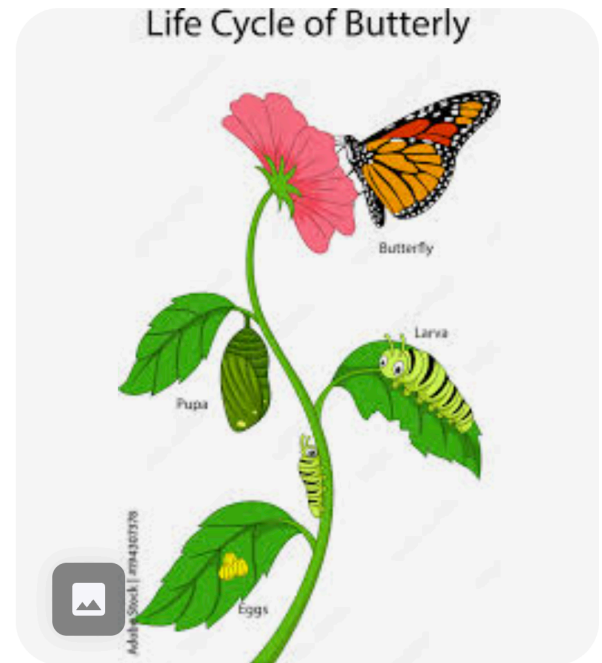
Butterfly & Pollinator Garden  
Centennial Park  
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**BACKSTORY** Not only are butterflies beautiful and fascinating, they, together with other pollinator insects, are essential to the existence of all fruit and vegetable bearing plants.

Over 180 butterflies are native to Venice. Unfortunately, 90% are no longer here due to habitat loss, including the loss of native plants, climate change and herbicides.

**MONARCH Butterflies** Monarchs migrate nearly 3000 miles from Canada - through Venice - to Mexico. The migratory monarch is now classified as endangered by the International Union for Conservation of Nature.

**DIET** Native milkweed is essential for eggs, chrysalis & caterpillars; the butterflies need pollinator flower nectar and native host plants.



**PROPOSAL FOR CENTENNIAL PARK** Our proposal is to plant Milkweed and native Pollinator host and flowering plants in the currently bare spaces in Centennial Park. This **xxx** square feet will be beautiful and create an important habitat for all butterflies, including monarchs, and pollinator insects.

Discrete **informative signage** will accompany the plantings, enabling visitors to learn the wonders of Butterflies and Pollinators.

Consistent with the thematic design of Centennial Park, this garden references the **history of Venice**: Abbot Kinney was a horticulturalist and Venice has an unique ecological history. The garden also ties into resources in the adjacent **Venice Public Library** and provides opportunities for **arts and educational programming** for schools and the whole community.

**TEAM** Janin Paine, native Venetian and creator of several Butterfly Gardens in Los Angeles, is our fearless leader. She is joined by the Preserving Places Committee, the Arbor Committee, Verdant Venice, LA Parks Foundation, and numerous volunteers.

**BUDGET** This is a NO COST volunteer project. Plants and mulch will be provided by LA Parks Foundation. Labor is volunteers through Janin's Butterfly Group, Verdant Venice, Chamber in Action and other school and community volunteers. VNC Outreach is invited. Irrigation and maintenance will be in coordinated with LA Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP).

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**SCHEDULE** Once approved, we will coordinate preparation and planting with RAP. We anticipate plantings to be done over the span of one month.

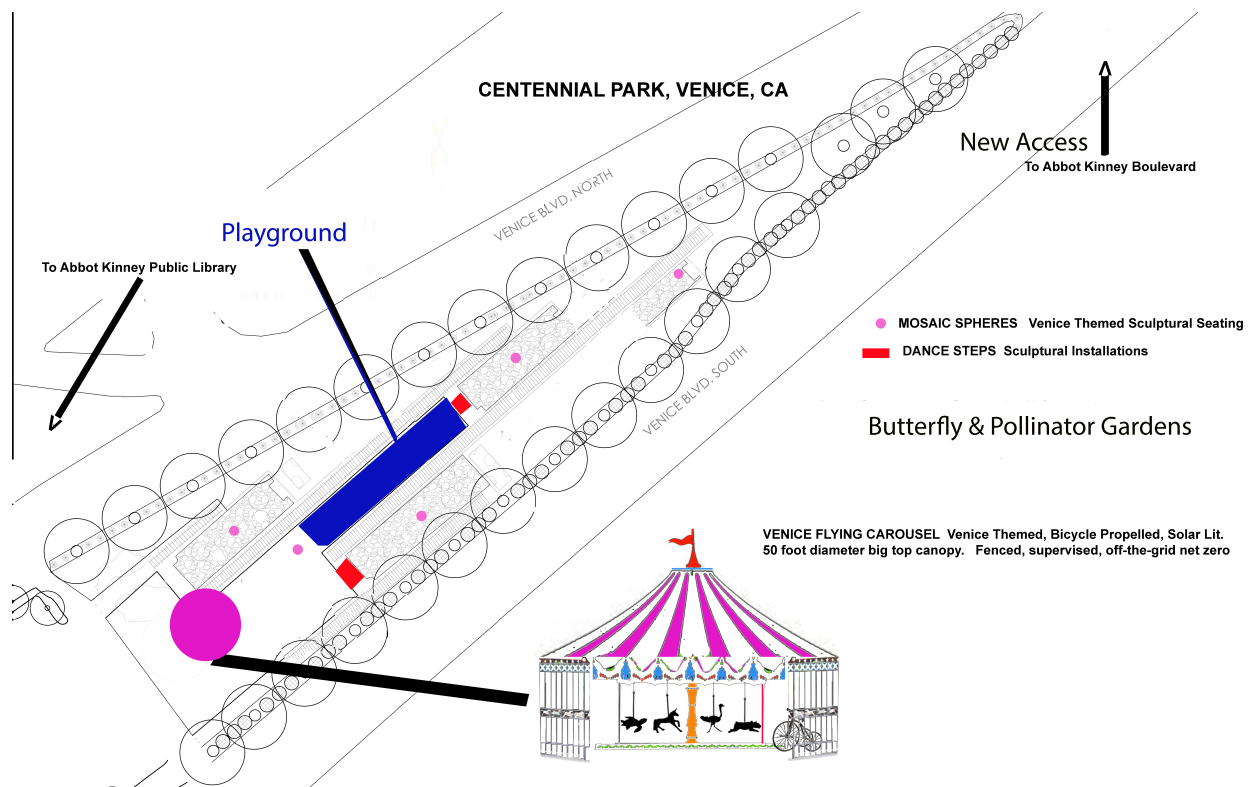
Phase 2: Creating a swale to collect rainwater and benefit all plantings.

**SITE** Centennial Park is a prominent green space on Venice Boulevard between the Venice Public Library and Abbot Kinney Boulevard. It is designed as a tribute to Venice's fascinating history.

The Butterfly and Pollinator Garden plantings will be within empty garden beds. This complies with RAP's designation of the park for low impact "passive uses."

The plantings will compliment and coordinate with other projects planned for Centennial Park such as the Venice Flying Carousel (which also has butterflies), trees (strongly recommended), benches (request to RAP) and a proposed Children's Playground. We also support enabling the proposed pedestrian connection from Abbot Kinney Boulevard through the park. This will all enable a perfect stroll through the park!

**DRAFT: SITE PLAN - BUTTERFLY & POLLINATOR GARDEN IN THE EMPTY AREAS**



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**PLANT LIST** These are native plants which we will draw from in creating the Butterfly and Pollinator Garden: TO BE ATTACHED

**REFERENCES**

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