



## Proposition 84 Nature Education Facilities Program

**Project:** Stories of the Rancho: Ecology, Culture, Stewardship

**Request:** \$2,980,000



*Top Left: Looking west across the project site; Top Right: The short-eared owl; Bottom Left: Chumash tule reed houses; Bottom Right: Main stem of the Nipomo Creek, on the project site.*

### ABOUT DANA

Located in Nipomo, San Luis Obispo County, Dana Adobe Nipomo Amigos (DANA) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the restoration and preservation of the historic Dana Adobe and to the development of the Rancho Nipomo Historical Park.

DANA's interpretive plan gives voice to Native American (Chumash) culture and explores the interaction of the human economies on the ecosystem of the rancho over time as a means of understanding California's cultural and environmental issues today.

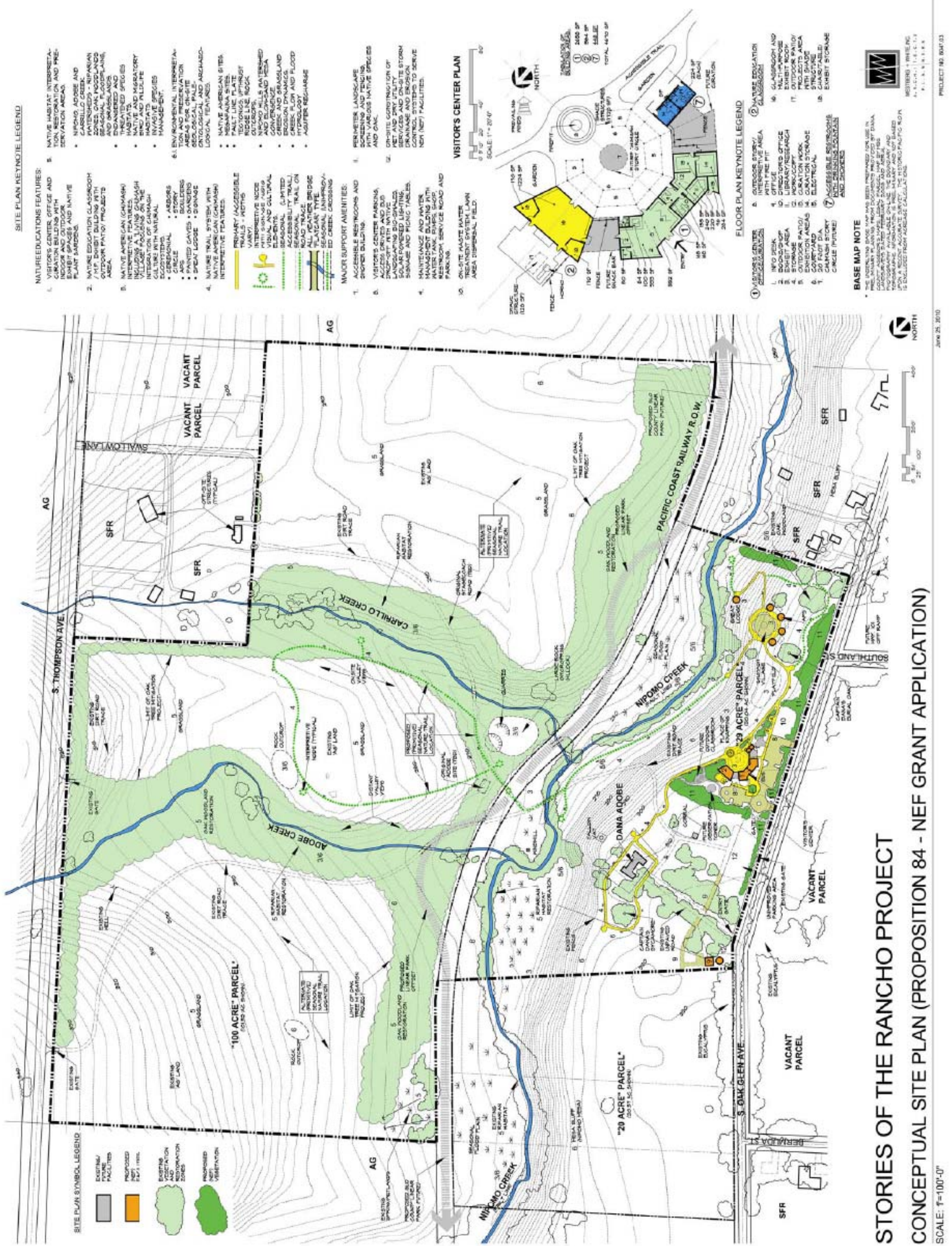
Since inception, DANA has succeeded in gaining official designations for the site, including California State Historical Landmark, a listing on the National Register of Historical Places and becoming a Save America's Treasures Site. DANA has also facilitated \$5,000,000 in capital improvement, including the acquisition of 29 acres and procurement of a 99-year lease of 100 acres of adjoining land as well as securing the funds to complete the remaining restoration of the Dana Adobe, now in process.

### ABOUT THE PROJECT

The project will showcase the cultural and natural resources of the Nipomo Creek watershed and Nipomo Mesa through interactive environmental education programs and exhibits. Located on 129 acres of protected land, the project provides public interpretation of the site's unique geological, paleontological, prehistoric, historical and botanical resources, and draws on the established cultural and nature educational programs developed by DANA.

The proposed facilities include a visitor center, office and curation building; a nature education classroom; interpretive nature trails system; Native American (Chumash) interpretive features; native habitat interpretation and restoration area; and support amenities.

The Visitors Center is the third phase of Rancho Nipomo Dana Adobe Historical Park. Phase I involved obtaining adobe ownership and official designations and initiating restoration the historic building. Phase II secured, permanently protected and began habitat restoration of the lands surrounding the adobe. The proposed project, which is the third and final phase, will enable proper curation and display of paleontological, prehistoric and historic artifacts which illustrate human interaction with the environment



**SITE PLAN SYMBOL LEGEND**

- EXISTING FACILITIES
- PROPOSED EXHIBIT SPACES
- EXISTING RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION ZONES
- PROPOSED RESTORATION AND PRESERVATION ZONES

**FLOOR PLAN KEYNOTE LEGEND**

1. VISITOR'S CENTER OFFICE
2. VISITOR'S CENTER EXHIBIT SPACE
3. INFO DESK
4. BOARD OF DIRECTORS OFFICE
5. STORAGE
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**BASE MAP NOTE**

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**NATURE EDUCATION FEATURES**

1. VISITOR'S CENTER OFFICE AND EXHIBIT SPACES WITH NATIVE PLANT HARDSCAPE
2. NATURE EDUCATION CLASSROOM / H/T DIBBIT BUILDING WITH NATIVE PLANT HARDSCAPE AND GRASSLANDS AREA
3. NATIVE AMERICAN (OHAWA) INTERPRETIVE FEATURES
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6. ENVIRONMENTAL INTERPRETATION AND PRESERVATION
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**VISITOR'S CENTER PLAN**

1. PERIMETER LANDSCAPE WITH VARIOUS NATIVE SPECIES AND GRASS
2. ORIENTED LOCATION OF SERVICES AND ON-SITE STORM DRAINAGE AND EROSION CONTROL FACILITIES
3. MAINTENANCE AND WATER MANAGEMENT BUILDING WITH RESTROOM SERVICE ROAD AND PARKING
4. ON-SITE FACILITY WATER TREATMENT AND WASTE AREA DISPOSAL FIELD



**STORIES OF THE RANCHO PROJECT  
CONCEPTUAL SITE PLAN (PROPOSITION 84 - NEF GRANT APPLICATION)**

SCALE: 1"=100'-0"

DATE: 05/25/2010

PROJECT NO. 084703