



Where Legacy Meets **Landscape**__

American Legion Hollywood Post 43's Waterwise Transformation



American Legion Hollywood Post 43, Los Angeles



■ IMPACT

30k sq.ft.
of **grass replaced** with
sustainable landscaping.

68k gallons
of **water saved** annually.

\$8k
turf replacement **rebate**.

■ PROJECT DESCRIPTION

American Legion Hollywood Post 43, founded in 1919 by World War I veterans, has long been a place of honor and advocacy for those who served. Its 1929 Egyptian Revival building near the Hollywood Bowl is a Los Angeles Historic-Cultural Monument. But after years of drought and lack of maintenance during the COVID-19 pandemic, the landscaping was in a sorry state that didn't reflect the beauty of the building.

With support from Metropolitan and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Hollywood Post 43 transformed thirsty grass into a vibrant California Friendly® and native landscape with colorful plants and water-efficient features – creating a source of pride and inspiration for members and the local community.

Hollywood Post 43 hosted a community planting day, where their members and the public planted water-saving plants under the guidance of landscape designer, Mari Taylor. The project was completed on a limited budget, made possible through a turf replacement rebate of nearly \$8,000, partnerships with local nurseries and city agencies, and a small army of volunteers to plant the new landscape.

Following the planting event, Hollywood Post 43 rededicated its memorial garden, a sacred space where deceased veterans chose to have their ashes scattered. The newly designed garden not only honors their memory but also provides a beautiful example of sustainable landscaping in a historic setting.

■ PROJECT BENEFITS

- Saves 68,000 gallons of water by replacing non-functional turf with low-maintenance, native plants.
- Enhances a historic site with sustainable landscaping.
- Engages the veteran community and the public in hands-on conservation efforts.
- Provides a peaceful and meaningful space for remembrance.

