



**Seeds from Stover Seed Company are the choice for beautifying the Downtown renaissance**

**Los Angeles State Historic Park turns to Stover Seed for beautification, erosion control and drought resistance project**

The renaissance of downtown Los Angeles is bringing new life to a beautiful and until recently, blighted area of Los Angeles. Once abandoned buildings and warehouses have been reimaged as apartments and lofts, and new construction is in full swing. Because of this revitalization, downtown needs more green space to cater to a new demographic seeking an urban oasis.



To assist with the development of green space, Los Angeles-based Stover Seed company ([www.stoverseed.com](http://www.stoverseed.com)), has been invited to help. Green spaces not only beautify abandoned areas of downtown, but also help to provide much needed erosion control to help reduce dust and improve air quality.

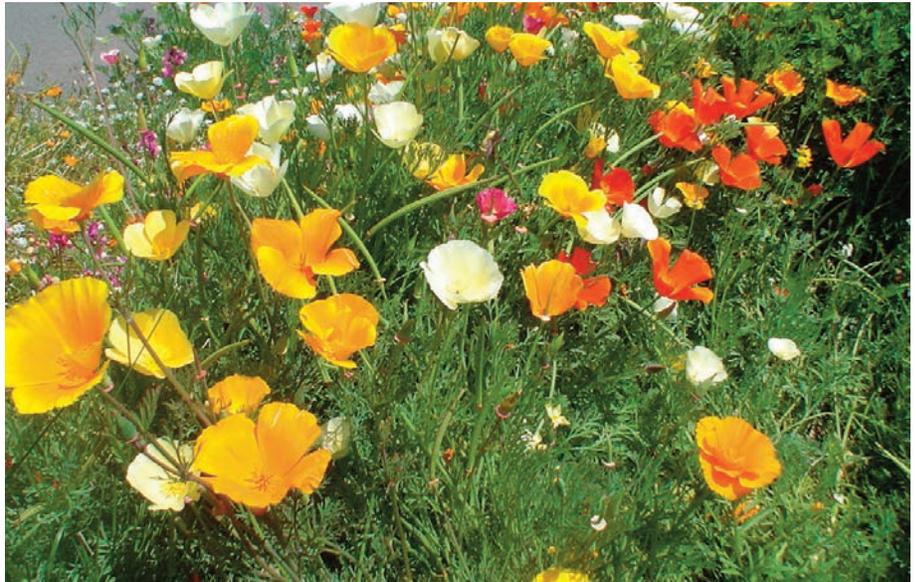
Known as the cornfield, the Los Angeles State Historic Park, an abandoned rail yard, is one of the City’s projects. Stover Seed partnered to provide aesthetic and environmental solutions at the abandoned rail yard twice in the past decade.



Located between Chinatown and the L.A. river, the cornfield is named after the stalks of corn that once grew in the area. At this former site of the Southern Pacific Transportation Company’s River Station, ears of corn would fall from passing

trains and eventually produced corn stalks that grew throughout the field.

In 2006, to temporarily beautify the brown space that this area had become and plant the “seed” in the public’s mind of the planned beautiful park to come, Landscape Architects turned to Stover Seed Company. Stover is one of the oldest companies in California with an expertise in seeds for non-irrigated applications that provide color as well as control the damage caused by wind and water erosion.



Stover suggested a blend of commercial and native species that could thrive with very little rainfall. Secondly, they provided an exciting mix of wildflowers, including Lupines and Poppies that would give bursting waves of color over a long period of time.

This temporary beautification project was so well liked that in 2010, the city again accessed Stover Seeds plant knowledge to convert this area into something more contributory to the community, while awaiting permanent plans for the park.

To inspire public enthusiasm for the park, the city added a pocket park and used Stover’s Princess

Bermuda Grass, the only TWCA (Turfgrass Water Conservation Alliance) qualified Bermuda grass variety.

Because Stover’s Princess Bermuda Grass thrives under low irrigation needs and holds up extremely well to traffic, Princess is being used as a permanent Turf grass in the historic park set to reopen in early 2017. And hopefully, the affectionate name “cornfield” may become a thing of the past for the new generation of urban dwellers in this area.

To read more about the flowers and grass used at the Los Angeles State Historic Park in the past decade: [www.stoverseed.com/products\\_erosion.html](http://www.stoverseed.com/products_erosion.html)



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