

Recreation Overview

Yuba Forest Network

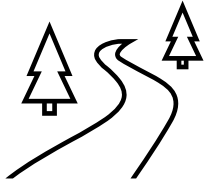


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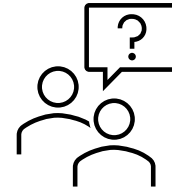
Overview



History



Recreation and
Resiliency Master Plan



Q & A

2022-2023 Recreation Board Objective

Promote sustainable recreation in partnership with community providers and other jurisdictions to **enhance recreational access**, **support public health and safety**, **realize economic opportunities**, and **preserve natural resource assets**.



Initiatives

1. Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan
2. Strategies to promote health and safety
3. Collaborate w/ organizations and jurisdictions to leverage resources + efforts
4. Capacity + sustainability for Western County organized recreation
5. Interim + long-term funding and advocacy to sustain recreation
6. Staff + manage Collaborative and Plan



Recreation Highlights

Recreation

- ❑ **Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan** in development; \$200K SNC grant award
- ❑ **South Yuba River Public Safety Cohort** celebrated 5 years of health + safety solutions
- ❑ **Convene, Champion and Catalyze** unites east County sustainability leaders
- ❑ **9 Outdoor Visitor Safety Fund** grant projects received \$415,570 with more in progress – vault toilets, parking, trail improvements, and trail/river ambassadors
 - Bear Yuba Land Trust
 - South Yuba River Citizens League
 - Bicyclists of Nevada County
 - Nevada Irrigation District
 - Truckee Trails Foundation
 - And 3 countywide ambassador programs





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Recreation



- ❑ **7 Community Resiliency Grants** awarded \$262,762 to rec providers – turf field replacement, adapting venues/facilities, improving water quality, trails and forest health, safe family activities
- ❑ **Nevada County Library Recreation Collection** increases access to recreation
- ❑ **\$1.1M+ for Western Gateway RV Park + Fields, plus Oak Tree RPD Prop 68 gap loan**
- ❑ **Convened 200+ stakeholders; sharing best practices, funding & collaboration opportunities**
 - Internal teams CCC and the Cohort CA Wildfire + Forest Resilience Task Force
 - Recreation Coalition Western County RPDs Nevada County Sustainability Summit
- ❑ **Heart of Gold Gravel Race raises \$100K for nonprofits** and serves as local economic multiplier



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Recreation &
Resiliency
Master Plan

Project Update | Design Workshop

January 2023

The Design Workshop Team and Process

DESIGNWORKSHOP



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RECREATION & TRAILS PLANNING AND DESIGN
TOURISM PLANNING & SUSTAINABLE VISITATION
STAKEHOLDER & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
RESILIENCY PLANNING
GRAPHICS & PROJECT BRANDING
PLAN DEVELOPMENT

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RECREATION OPPORTUNITIES

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CLIMATE CHANGE MITIGATION STRATEGIES
WITH AN EMPHASIS ON WILDFIRE
RESILIENCY STRATEGIES

STEVE RANDALL



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PARKS AND REC OPERATION
AND FUNDING MODELS
BUILDING A COALITION FOR
PROJECT SUPPORT AND
PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

Budget

County of Nevada

American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) Funds \$250,000

Sierra Nevada Conservancy

Vibrant Recreation and Tourism Grant Funds \$200,000

\$450,000

Sierra Nevada Conservancy

The **Vibrant Recreation & Tourism** regional goal aims to enhance, promote, and develop sustainable recreation and tourism opportunities in the Sierra Nevada Region.

- Increase access to public lands
- Support sustainable recreation
- Improve local economies



What is a Recreation and Resiliency Master Plan?

Recreation Planning Objectives:

- Long-term vision for managing open space and recreation resources with 1 to 5-year immediate actions plan
- Capture the spirit of Nevada County
- Define recreation needs & opportunities
- Identify viable projects
- Devise implementation strategy

Multi-Benefit Projects to Support Safe & Equitable Access



Resiliency Objectives:

- Establish County as a resiliency leader to address climate change through the lens of recreation and make county a great place to live
- Planning for shocks and stressors that have acute impacts (ex: wildfire, floods, pandemic)
- Planning for events that occur over time (ex: temp increase, precipitation patterns, economic stressors, health changes, ecosystem degradation)

Resiliency: an initial definition

Resiliency is the capacity of any entity (community, organization, individual, or social or natural system) to maintain its essential function and identity while recovering from shocks and stresses or adapting and learning from a disruptive experience.

Design Workshop | Parks & Recreation Facilities & Plans



PLACER COUNTY PARKS & TRAILS PLAN



SALT LAKE CITY PUBLIC LANDS & TRAILS PLAN



LOUDOUN COUNTY TRAILS PLAN



VANCOUVER PARKS AND RECREATION PLAN (VanPlay)



BIJOU BIKE PARK



CORNERSTONE PARK



MARIPOSA COUNTY RECREATION & RESILIENCY PLAN

Examples of Stressors Facing Nevada County

Events with acute impacts:

- Wildfire
- Flood
- Pandemic
- Recession

Events that build over time:

- Temperature increase
- Changing precipitation patterns
- Health changes
- Economic stressors
- Drought
- Forest health and ecosystem degradation



Stakeholder Outreach to Date

Four Focus Groups

- Organized Sports, Youth & Recreation
- Recreation Access, Tourism, Agriculture and Economic Development
- Conservation, Trails and Open Space
- Health, Wellness, Arts & Culture

Facilitated Conversations in Existing Organization's Meetings

- Recreation Coalition
- Western Nevada County RPD's
- South Yuba River Public Safety Cohort
- Convene, Champion, Catalyze (CCC)

One-On-One & Small Group Stakeholder Interviews

Over 90 Organizations Invited To Participate



Ideas Shared So Far | What Makes Nevada County Special



Ideas Shared So Far | Challenges



Ideas Shared So Far | Risks and Stressors



Ideas Shared So Far | Opportunities for the Future



Looking Forward

- Distilling input and findings to share with Core Team and Stakeholder Working Group
- Input will shape countywide survey and help the team prepare for engaging a broader audience in 2023
- Community engaged through year to provide feedback on analysis and recommendations
- Stakeholders engaged to help spread the word and provide input



Next Steps

We're Here

Nov

Dec

Jan

Feb

Mar

Apr

May

Jun

Jul

Aug

Sept

Oct

Inventory & Map

- Gather existing data to map and summarize current conditions
- Review previous plans and projects and summarize
- Summarize environmental vulnerabilities (shocks & stressors) and existing funding sources
- Meet with partner agencies and stakeholders
- Conduct countywide survey

Analysis & Opportunities

- Benchmark comparisons
- Demographics, levels of service and recreation trends and needs
- Document climate change adaptation strategies
- Prepare potential project matrix version 1.0
- Community forums, working group, and partner agency meetings

Refine Strategies & Implementation

- Prepare potential project matrix version 2.0
- Strategies for financing, implementation, operations, and management
- Community workshops, working group, and partner agency meetings

Document

- Draft and final plan
- Community meeting, working group, and partner agency meetings



Ways to Support

- Explore Collaboration Opportunities –**
OVSF, Grants, Climate Resiliency Objective
- Participate in the Master Plan Process**
- Sign Up for Enews Alerts!**
www.NevadaCountyCA.gov/Recreation
- Stay in Touch**