

El Dorado County  
Parks and Trails

# MASTER PLAN UPDATE

PRESENTATION TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
APRIL 30, 2024

# WHY UPDATE THE PLAN?



1

General Plan: Parks & Rec Element Policy 9.1.1.8, the County must prepare and implement a Parks and Trails Master Plan.

2

Created in 2012, with a Brief update in 2017, but most of the plan has been implemented, and new needs and opportunities are available.

3

2024 Strategic Plan: Complete the Master Plan

# TIMELINE

## OUTREACH

- Stakeholder Engagement
- Community Workshops
- Master Plan Advisory Committee

Needs Analysis & Recommendations

Funding & Implementation

PRC & Board Meetings for Final Plan Approval

Summer 2024

Fall 2024

Winter 2024





The foundation of the plan is:

# COMMUNITY FEEDBACK



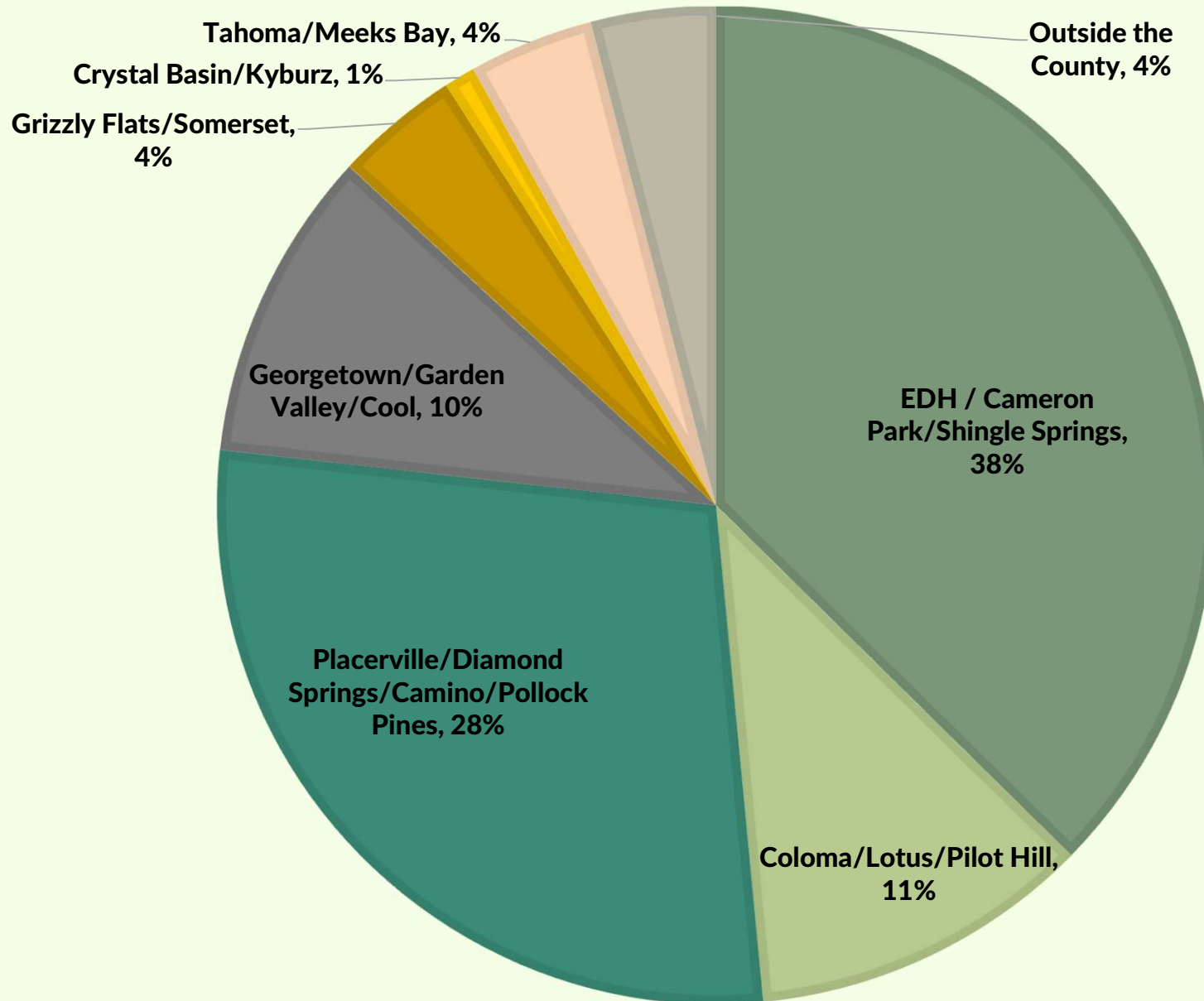
## OUTREACH OBJECTIVES

- Build community awareness
- Develop a shared understanding of the project's goals and constraints
- Obtain community input to help inform the plan

## OUTREACH EFFORTS

- Stakeholders Outreach: PRC, MPAC, and Stakeholder Focus Group Meetings
- 5 Community Workshops
- Online Survey with 1,000 responses

# SURVEY - PRIMARY RESIDENCE



## WHAT CAN WE DO BETTER?

- Lack of Restrooms (~275 Responses)
- Trails don't connect to where I want to go (~250 Responses)

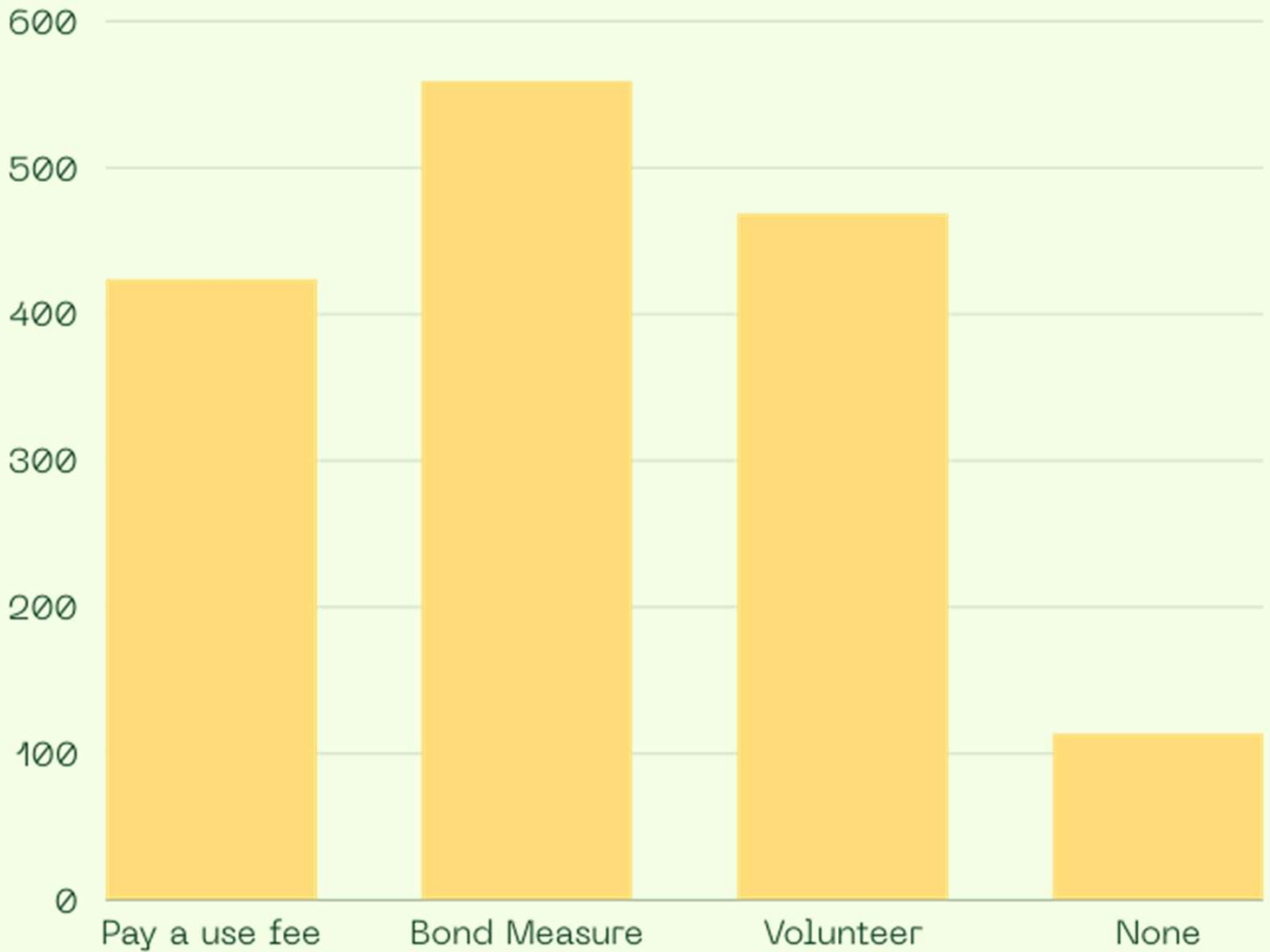
## FEATURE/FACILITY RATINGS

(GOOD, EXCELLENT, FAIR, OR POOR?)

- Parks: Mostly GOOD
- Trails: Mostly GOOD
- Open Recreation Areas: Mostly GOOD

# COMMUNITY EFFORTS

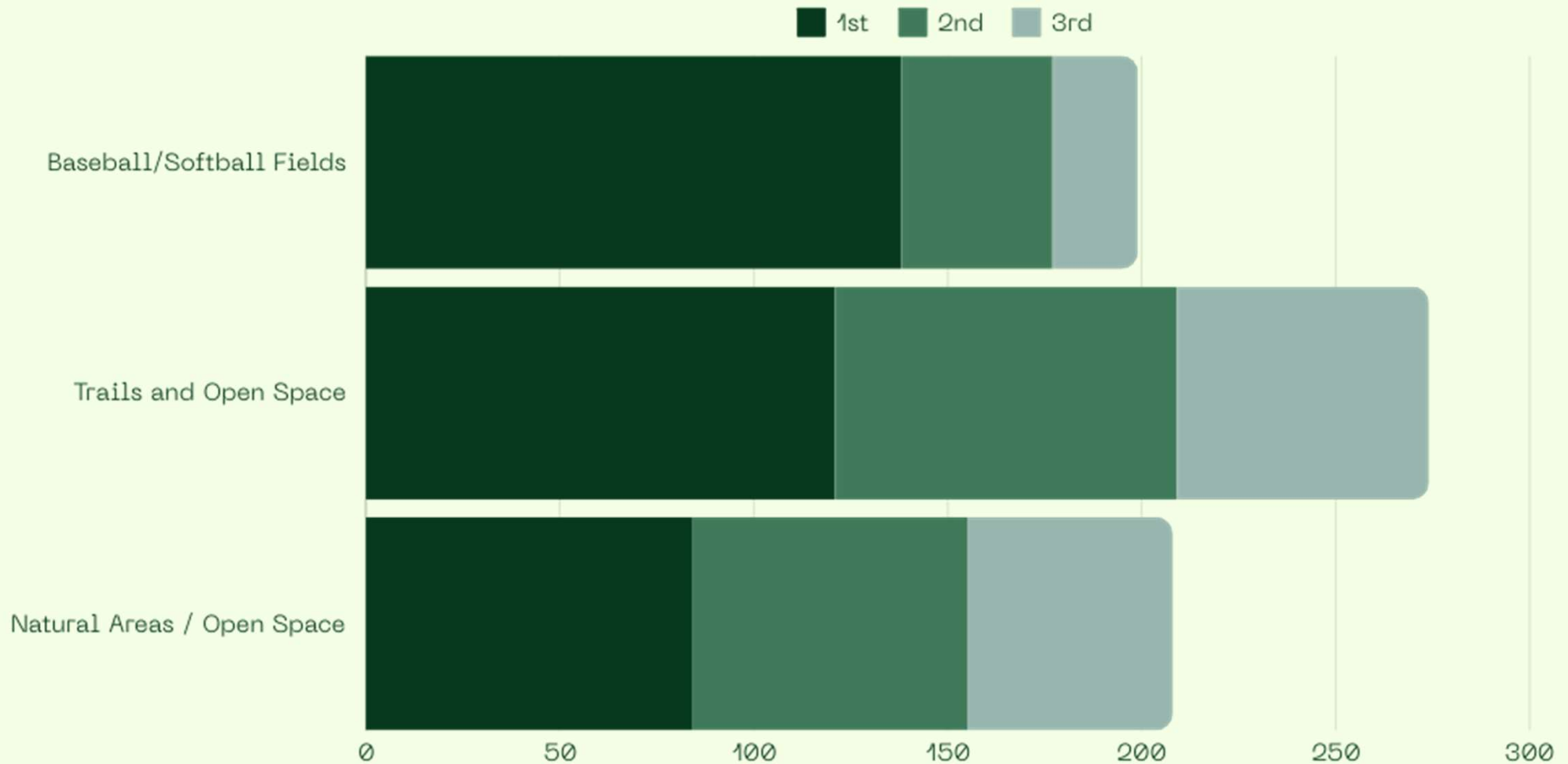
Survey Question #6 asked about paying a fee, support a bond measure, or join a work event in order to achieve added or improved parks.

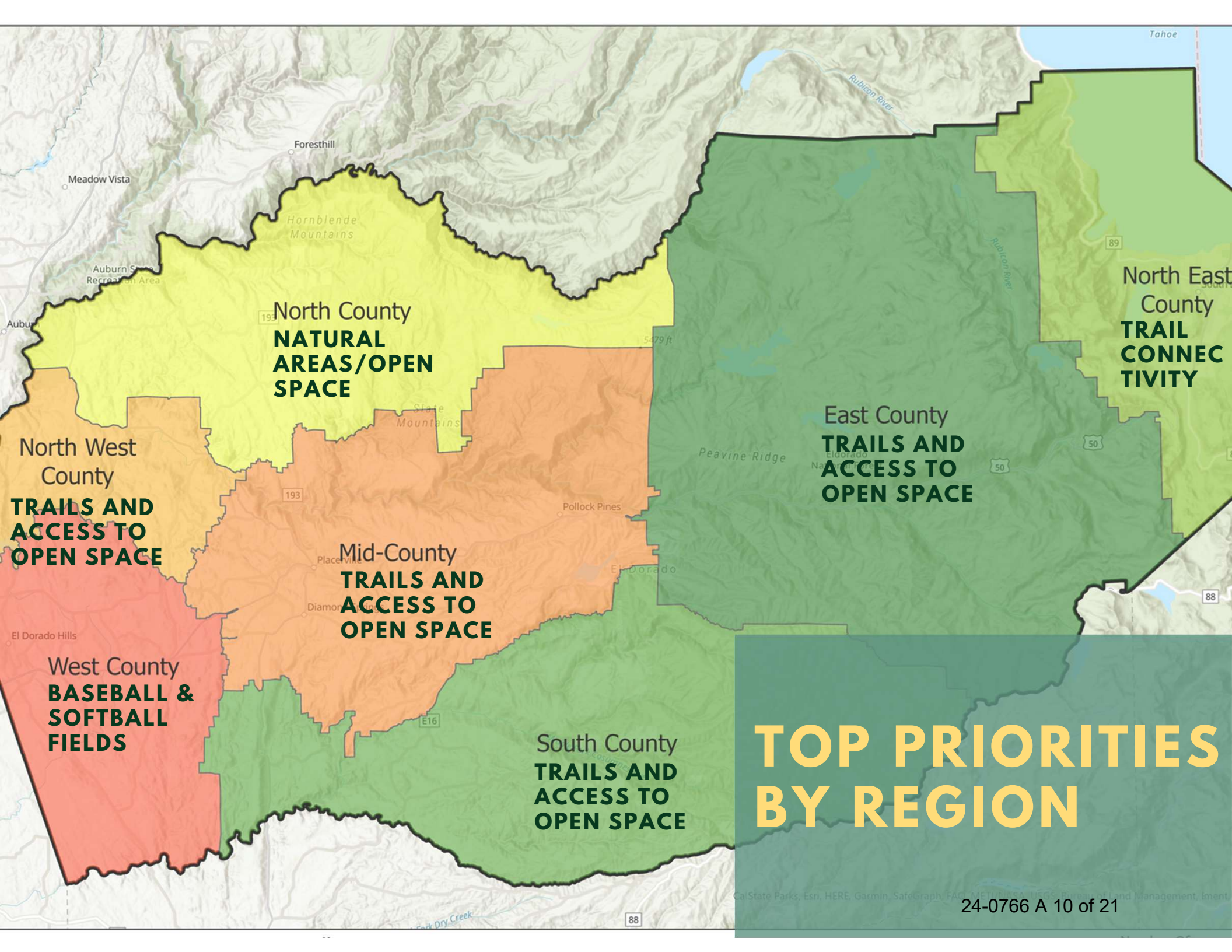




# TOP PRIORITIES

Survey Question #11 asked about 36 potential priorities, and to rank their top three.





North County  
**NATURAL  
AREAS/OPEN  
SPACE**

North East  
County  
**TRAIL  
CONNEC  
TIVITY**

East County  
**TRAILS AND  
ACCESS TO  
OPEN SPACE**

North West  
County  
**TRAILS AND  
ACCESS TO  
OPEN SPACE**

Mid-County  
**TRAILS AND  
ACCESS TO  
OPEN SPACE**

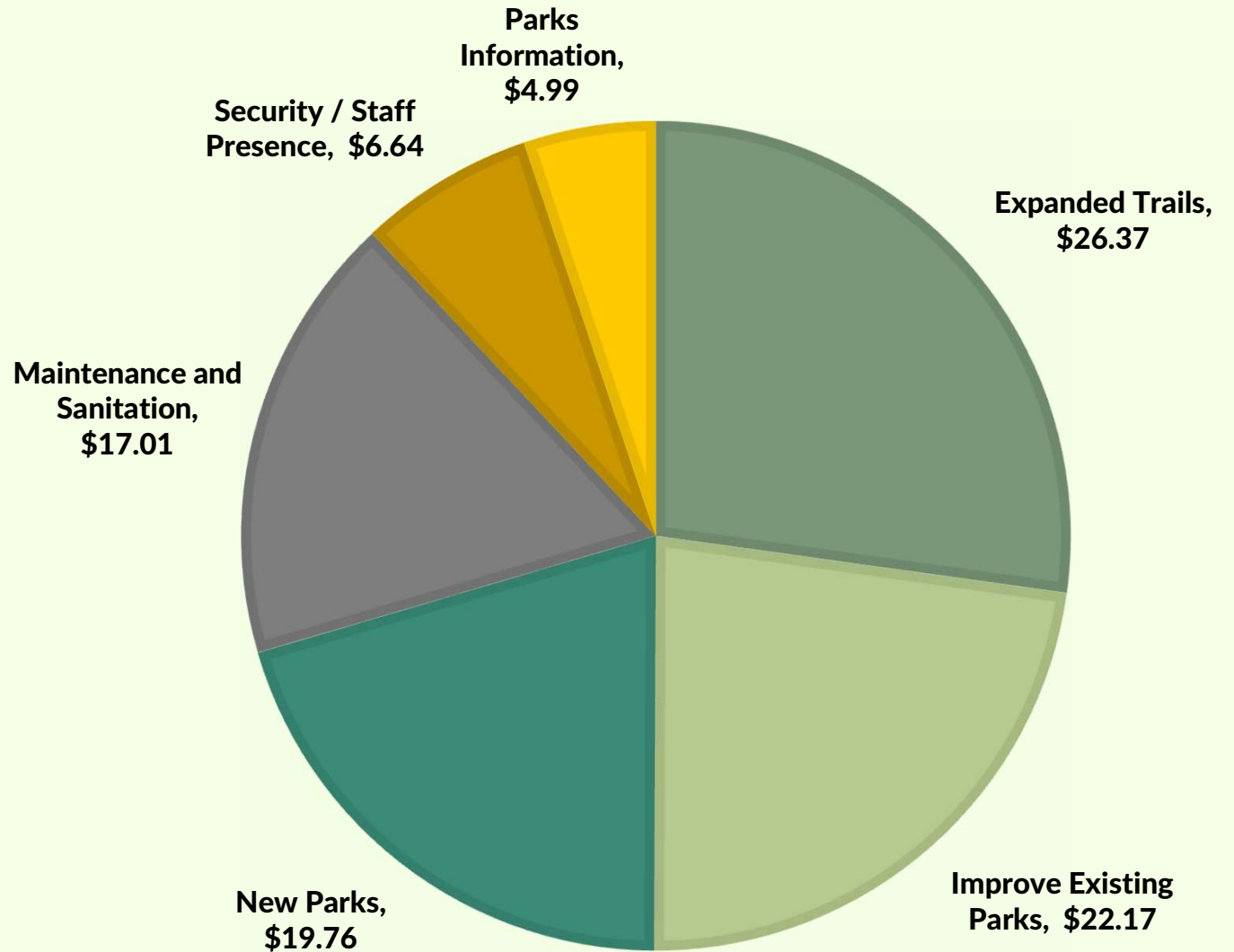
South County  
**TRAILS AND  
ACCESS TO  
OPEN SPACE**

West County  
**BASEBALL &  
SOFTBALL  
FIELDS**

# TOP PRIORITIES BY REGION

# VALUES

Question #7 in the survey was to gauge the value placed on park and trails improvements. The survey asked that respondents allocate \$100 to six different categories.







# KEY FINDINGS

Through the public engagement process, several needs related to neighborhood, community and regional parks were consistently identified throughout the process of gathering public input.

As seen from the community input, the parks needs expressed by County residents vary significantly depending on where they live and the types of recreational activities they prefer. However, overall several themes emerged from these efforts.



## KEY TAKEAWAY #1

# OPEN SPACE TRAILS

The communitywide survey, especially, showed the importance placed upon open space accessible for walking and enjoying nature, hiking, and unimproved, natural trails.



## KEY TAKEAWAY #2

# VOLUNTEERISM

Consistently throughout all forms of outreach, the community conveyed a willingness to volunteer to improve parks, maintain parks, and organize volunteer support.





### KEY TAKEAWAY #3

# SPORTS FIELDS

Several concerns focused on the high costs for sports teams, field availability, travel time and lack of lighting at available fields, with a focus on the positive impact to youth as a result of sports team involvement.



## KEY TAKEAWAY #4

# ACCESSIBILITY

Common themes were ADA accessible spaces, including sports fields, water access points, and trails.

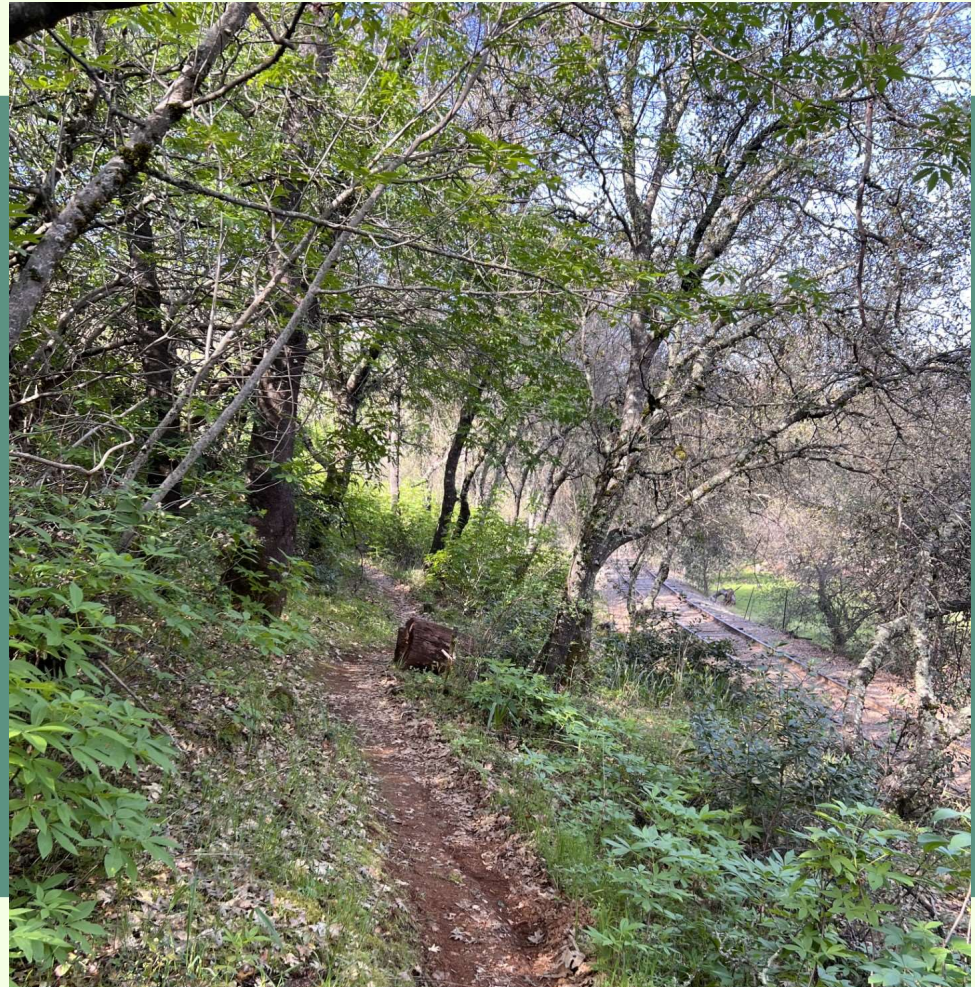




## KEY TAKEAWAY #5

# CONNECTIVITY

Connectivity between existing trails, especially connections or expansion of the El Dorado Trail, including trails in other Counties or under other park providers, with an emphasis on open, maintained multi-use trails.



## KEY TAKEAWAY #6

# WATER RECREATION

Another theme was providing access to water, especially natural water resources including the Cosumnes and American River, for swimming, fishing, and other watersports.





## KEY TAKEAWAY #8

# FACILITY AMENITIES

Many survey results and outcomes from conversations concerned a lack of lighting, parking, drinking water, and access to restrooms.







# NEXT STEPS

1. NEEDS ANALYSIS

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

3. FUNDING AND IMPLEMENTATION

4. FINALIZE PLAN



# DIRECTION TO STAFF



**1. UTILIZE THE 8 KEY THEMES TO DEVELOP THE REMAINDER OF THE PLAN**

**2. ALLOW STAFF TO COMPLETE THE PLAN IN-HOUSE, WITHOUT A CONSULTANT**

**3. DIRECT STAFF TO RETURN TO THE BOARD FOR FINAL ADOPTION, AFTER PRC REVIEW**