



# Parks & Trails Master Plan Update

## Introduction Parks and Recreation Commission Draft 10.14.22

### Vision, Mission, and Objectives

**Vision** — A word picture of a desired future state. In other words, what we want our park and open space system to look and feel like ten years from now.

Wild landscapes and educational features preserve and promote a sense of local identity, inspiring a sense of pride and belonging in locals and visitors alike. Indoor and outdoor gathering spaces are well-appointed and booked year-round with families, friends, and affinity groups, strengthening the fabric of the community. Networked trails, ridgetop views, and deep forests promote personal discovery and connection to the land. Residents of all ages, abilities, and with varied interests find opportunities for healthy recreation and personal connection.



**Mission** — A brief statement of what the Master Plan process does, and/or why the document exists.

The Mission for the El Dorado County Parks and Trails Master Plan Update is to develop a set of Goals, Policies, and Implementation Measures shaped by community participants, recreation trends and best practices, and past planning efforts including the 2012 Master Plan.



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This process sets forth a ten-year vision for the County's parks and trails system. The public, County staff, consultants, and policymakers form a team that seeks to examine the County's existing park and trails system—its strengths and challenges—as the starting point. Throughout the process the team will discover how park and recreation needs have changed based on population trends and input from stakeholders and the overall community. Based on the current recreation facility inventory, anticipated needs and popular trends, the team will identify key physical and organizational improvements to address and new facilities to build. The process will identify the one-time and ongoing investments to make and the partnerships to forge in order to implement the plan.

The resulting document:

- Addresses parks and trails currently owned and/or operated by the County; the provision of parks and trails to serve areas not otherwise served by local park and trail providers; and opportunities to collaborate with and assist other regional providers to enhance the availability and recreational value of parks, open spaces, and trails for residents and visitors.
- Reflects the community's priorities for recreation opportunities.
- Provides direction for acquisition, planning, operating and maintaining parks, open space and trails so that current and future management of these resources is consistent with and advances this vision.
- Identifies and recommends which parks, open space and trails need additional site-specific planning work and describes the relative priority of completing these tasks.



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- Outlines implementation through organizational and cost analysis, phasing, funding, administrative operations and maintenance, and specific performance measures.

The final Plan provides a roadmap for how the overall system of parks and trails will be developed and managed to reflect the fiscal constraints, relative priorities, and needs of the current and future County population.

**Objectives** — concrete steps to enable achievement of the Mission.

- Robust public engagement
- Consideration of other public and private recreation providers' current inventory and future plans
- Needs assessment based on current population, public comments, and emerging trends
- Analysis of the County's current organizational structure for planning, building, improving, operating, and maintaining park and recreation facilities, and any recommended changes
- Consideration of all current and possible internal and external funding sources for one-time and ongoing expenses.
- Phasing, funding, and implementation strategy for future amenities and new facilities