



El Dorado County

# 2025 PARKS AND TRAILS MASTER PLAN

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# WHY UPDATE THE MASTER 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

**2022**

- **Project Initiation**
- **Stakeholder Engagement**
- **Survey**

**2023**

- **Community Workshops**
- **Existing Conditions**

**2024**

- **Summarize and analyze feedback**
- **Author Draft Master Plan**

**2025**

- **Full Draft Plan Review and Approval**

# MASTER PLANNING PROCESS GOALS



Conduct a robust public engagement process.

Consider other recreation providers' inventory and future plans.

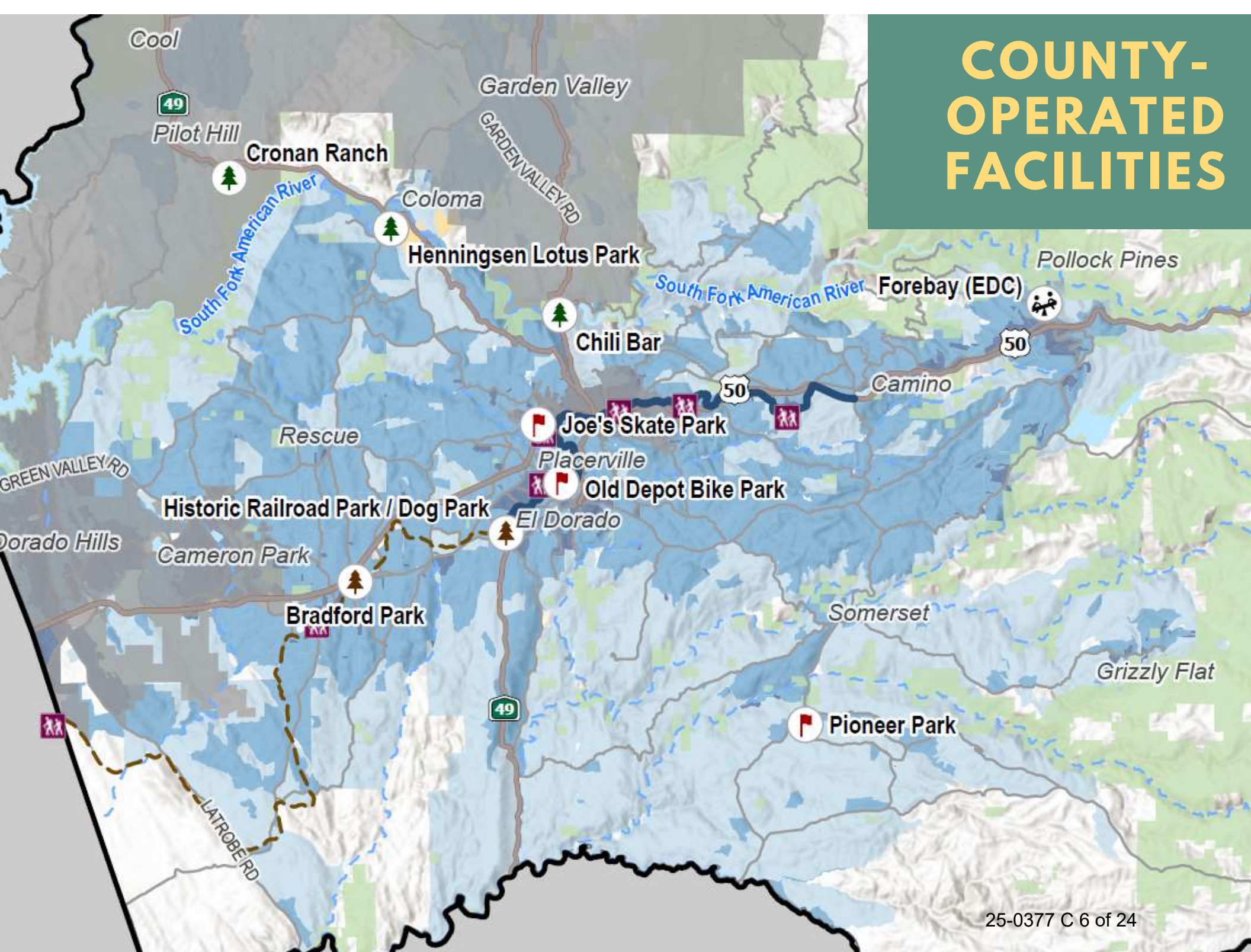
Assess needs based on current population, public comments, and emerging trends.

Analyze the County's current organizational structure.

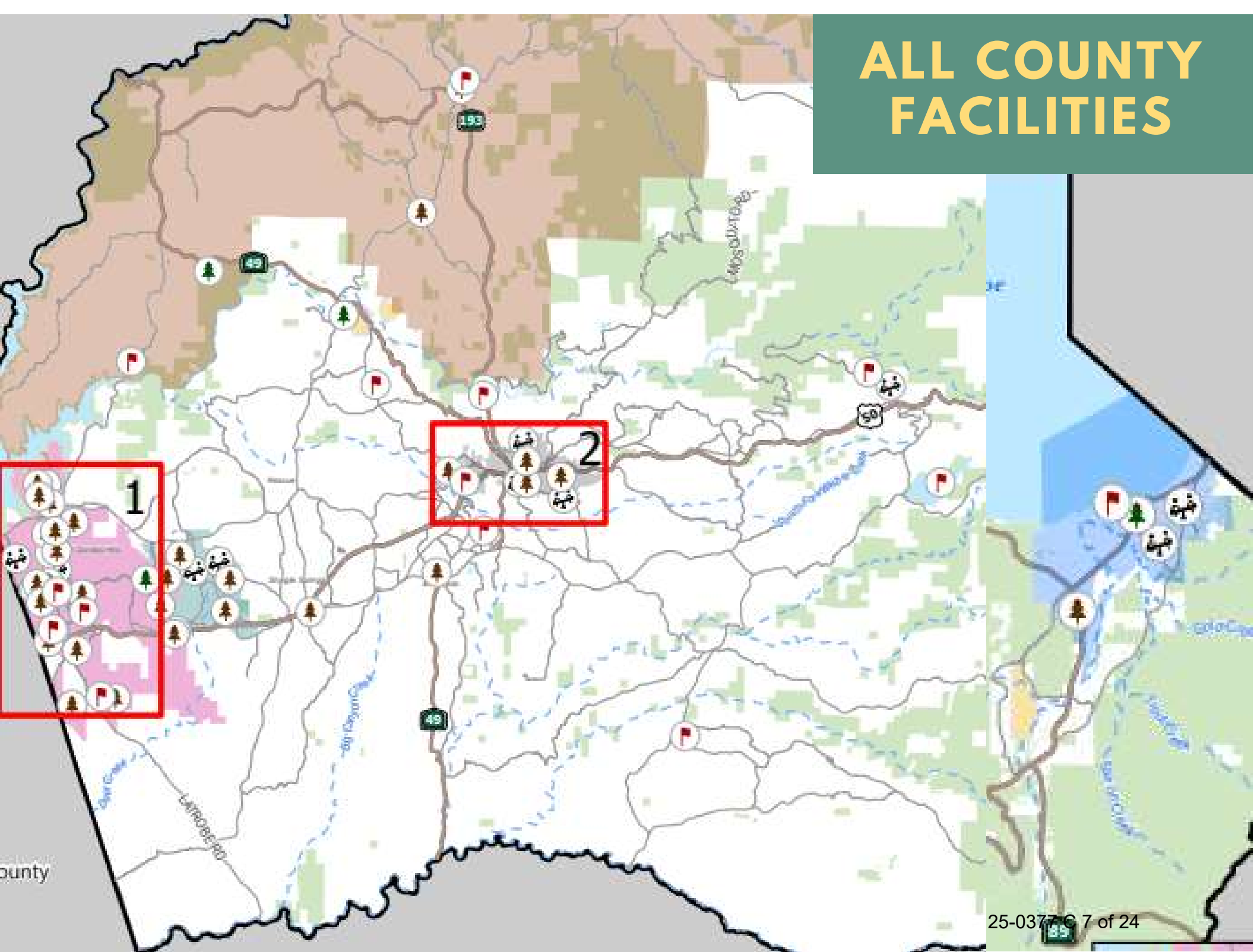
Consider all current and possible internal and external funding sources.

Provide a strategy for future operations, amenities, and new facilities.

# COUNTY-OPERATED FACILITIES

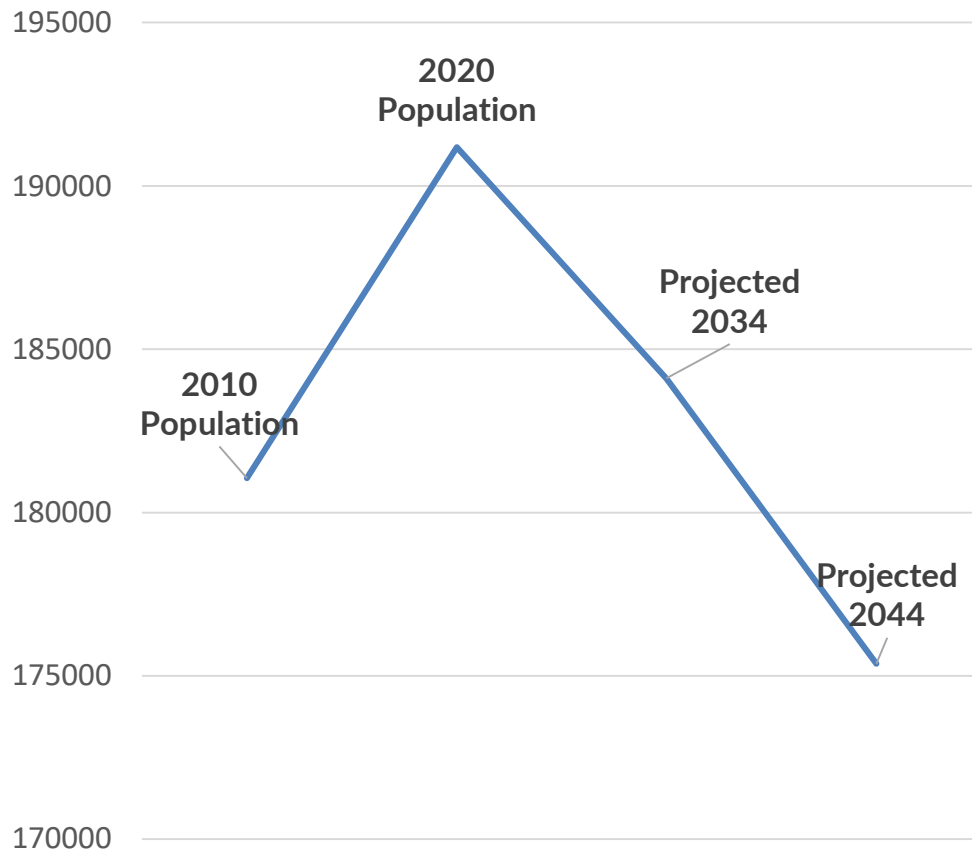


# ALL COUNTY FACILITIES

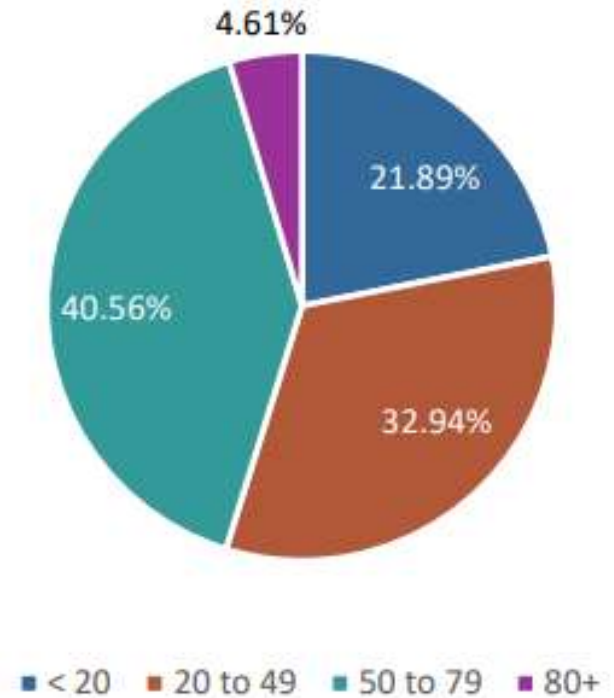


# DEMOGRAPHICS

## COUNTY POPULATION



## % BY AGE GROUP



**45%** of seniors 75+ years old and **19%** of seniors 65 to 74 years old have a disability (comparable to the overall rate for California)



# Parks Funding



Additional amenities and new parks add to ongoing maintenance.



Unlike CSDs, County Parks does not receive a parks-specific portion of general tax revenue and does not receive development impact fees.



Most restricted funding sources and grants provide funds for development, but cannot be used for ongoing maintenance and operations



General fund dollars are competitive and variable

# PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

## OUTREACH OBJECTIVES

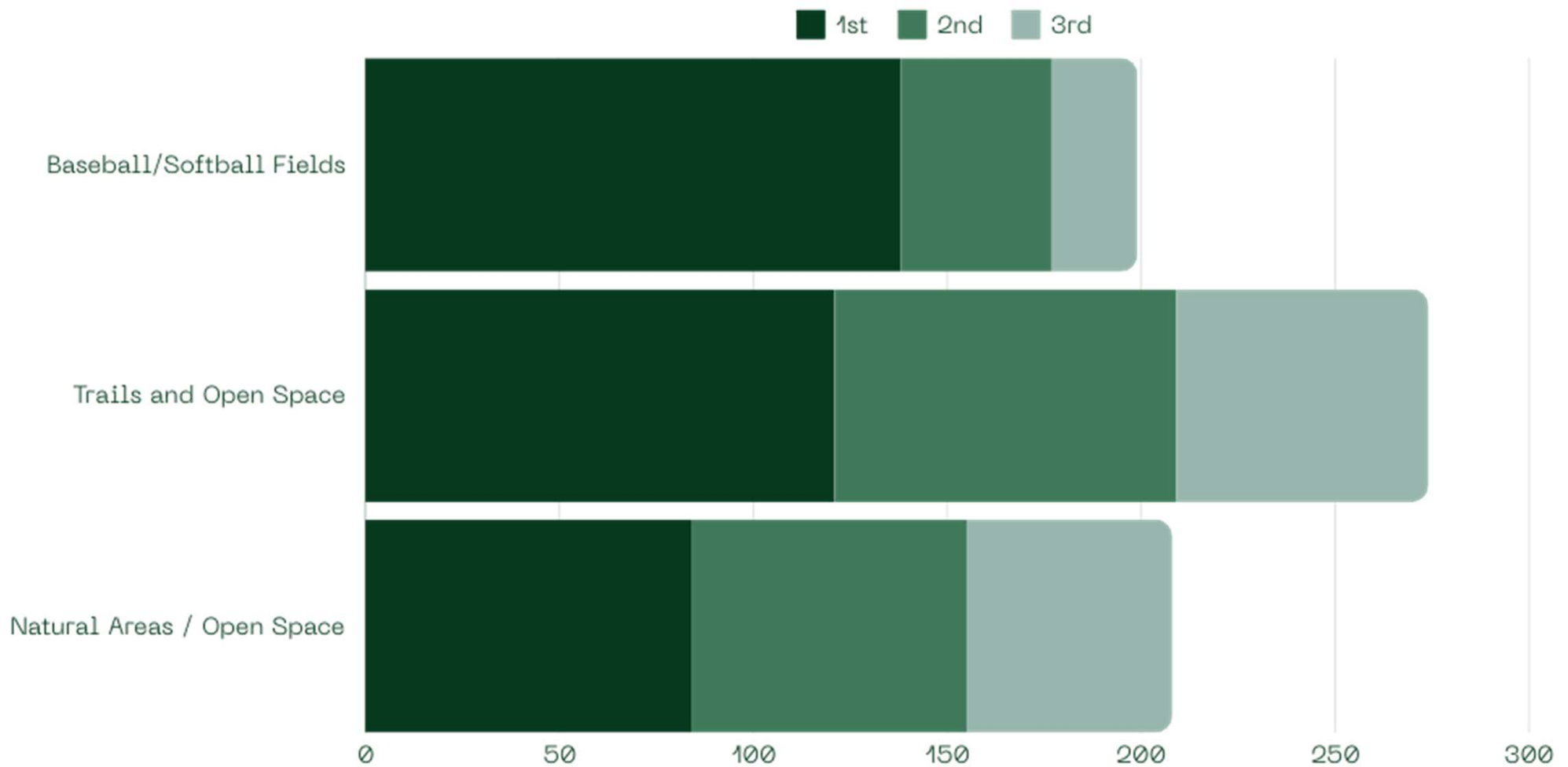
- Build community awareness
- Develop a shared understanding of the project's goals and constraints
- Obtain community input to help inform the plan

## OUTREACH EFFORTS

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

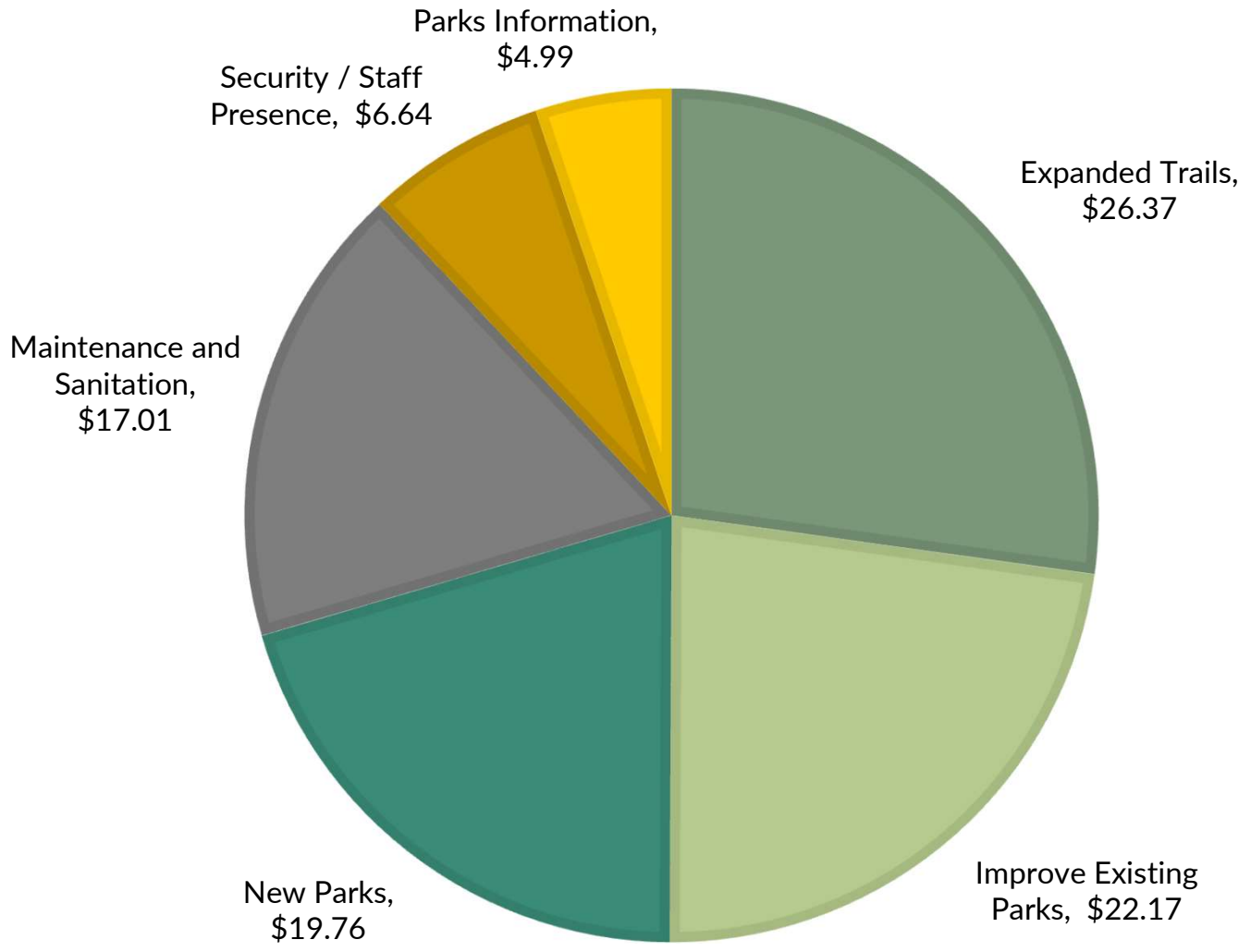
# TOP PRIORITIES

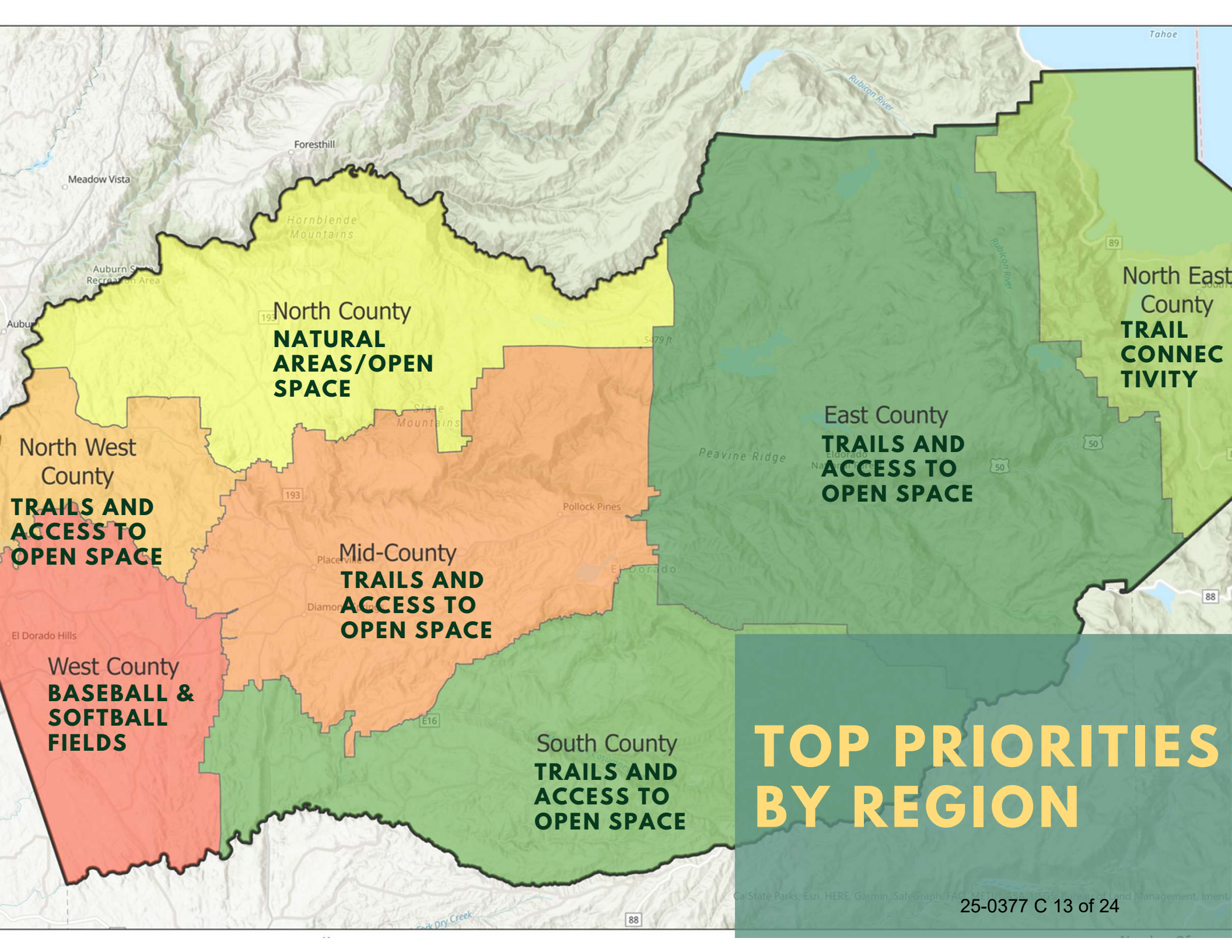
Survey Question #11 asked about 36 potential priorities, and to rank their top three.



# 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.





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

# OUTREACH KEY FINDINGS







# COUNTY ONLY

Neighborhood Parks: **164** Acre Deficit

Community Parks: **96** Acre Deficit

Regional Parks: **79** Acre Deficit

We also have 62 Acres Open Space



# ALL PROVIDERS

Neighborhood Parks: **233** Acre Deficit

Community Parks: **89** Acre Deficit

Regional Parks: **180** Acre Deficit

373 Acres Open Space



# OPEN SPACE

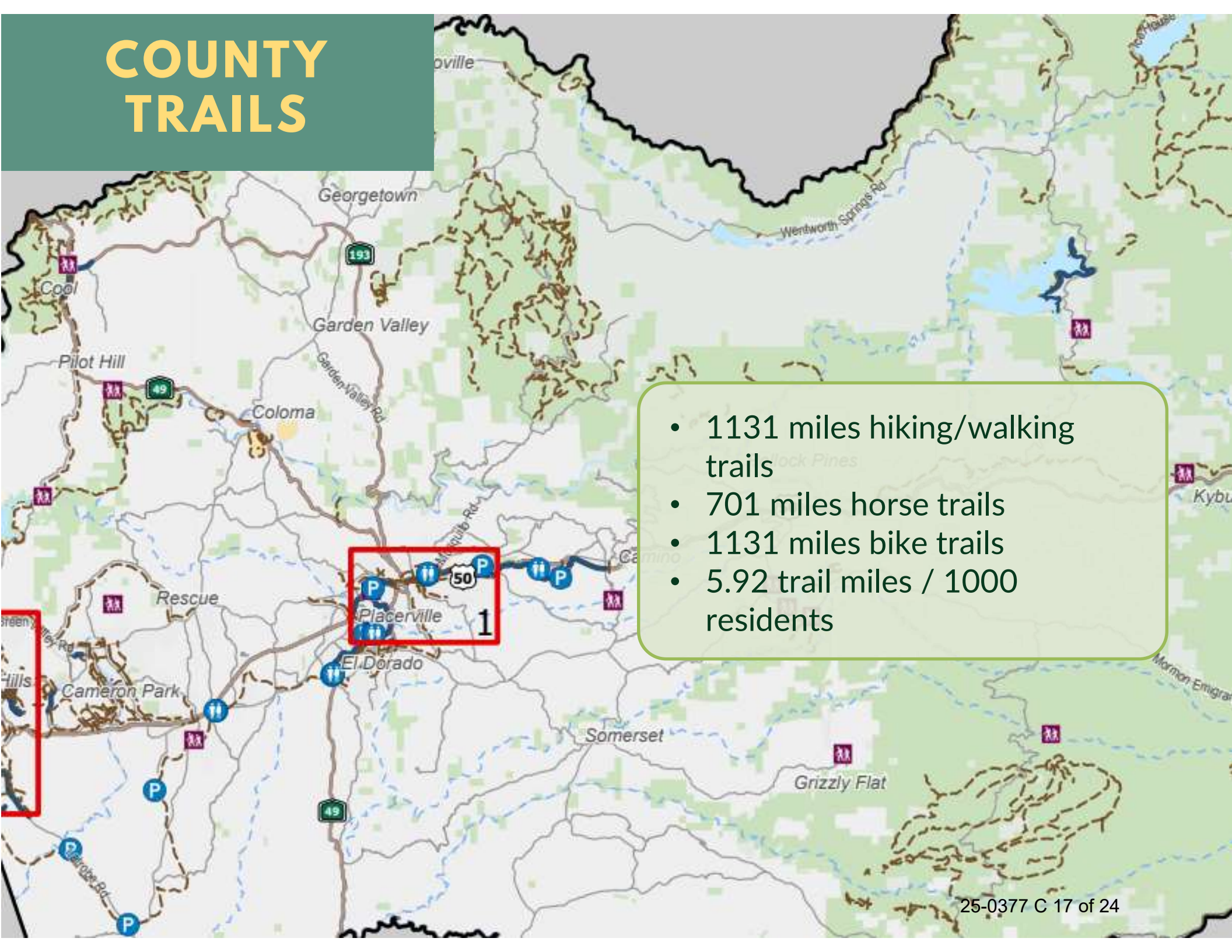
Park land including Open Space: **1,772** Acre Surplus

633,634 Acres total open space, including Federal Lands

3.3 Acres of open space per county Resident

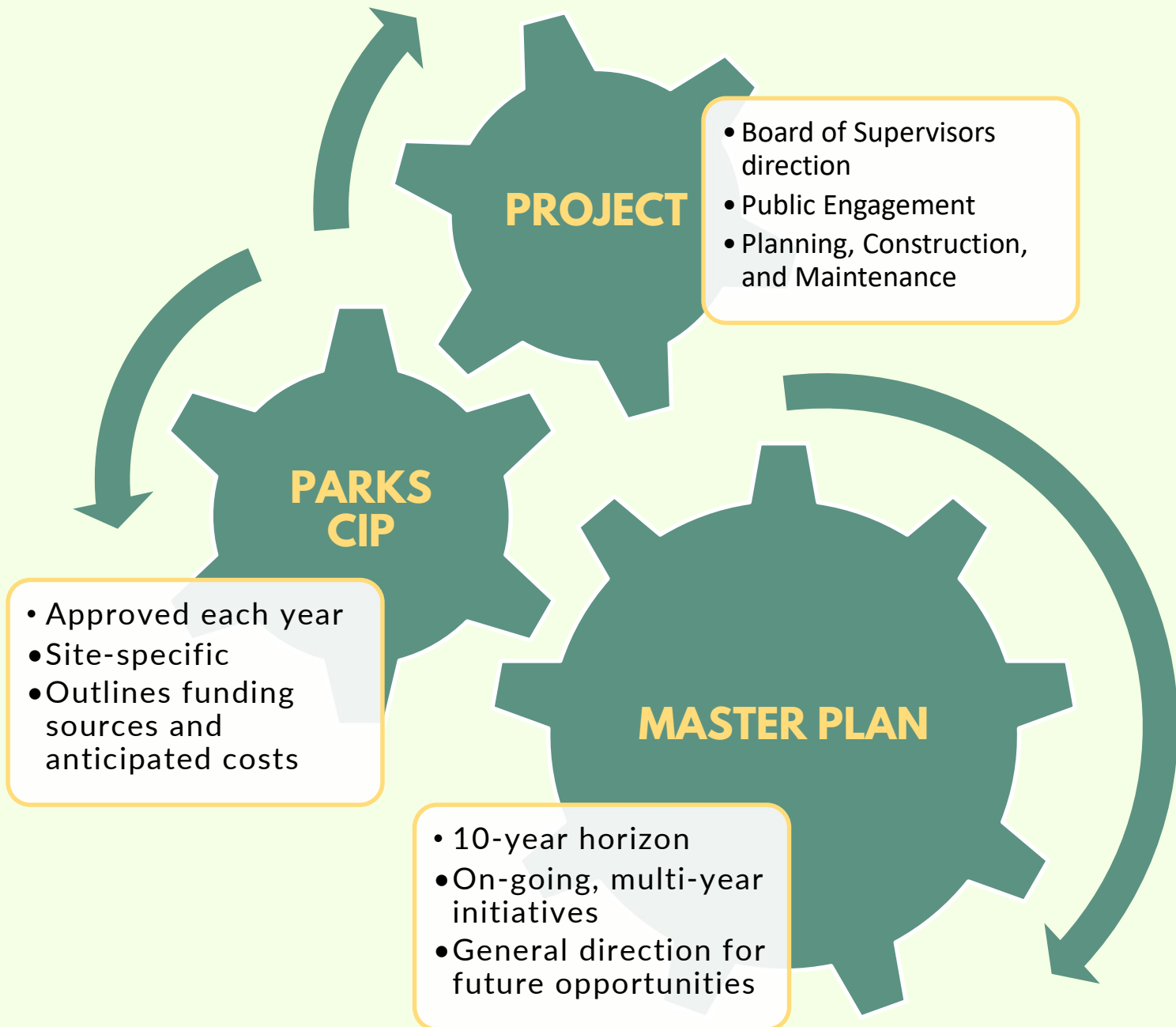


# COUNTY TRAILS



- 1131 miles hiking/walking trails
- 701 miles horse trails
- 1131 miles bike trails
- 5.92 trail miles / 1000 residents

# DEVELOPMENT PROCESS



# GOALS, OBJECTIVES, AND INITIATIVES



**Goal 1: Preserve and enhance access to natural areas**

**Goal 2: Manage recreation opportunities within a regional context**

**Goal 3: Prioritize maintenance of public assets and improvements to existing parks and trails**

**Goal 4: Engage the community to refine ongoing recreational needs**

**Goal 5: Invest in and support the promotion of recreational features**

## 5 GOALS

Provide the overall direction for County parks, trails, open space, and recreation.

## 19 OBJECTIVES

Offer more specific direction to help accomplish the Goals.

## 115 INITIATIVES

Actionable steps for the County to pursue over the life of the Master Plan to reach the Objectives.



# WORK PLAN

## WHAT WILL WE COMPLETE FIRST?

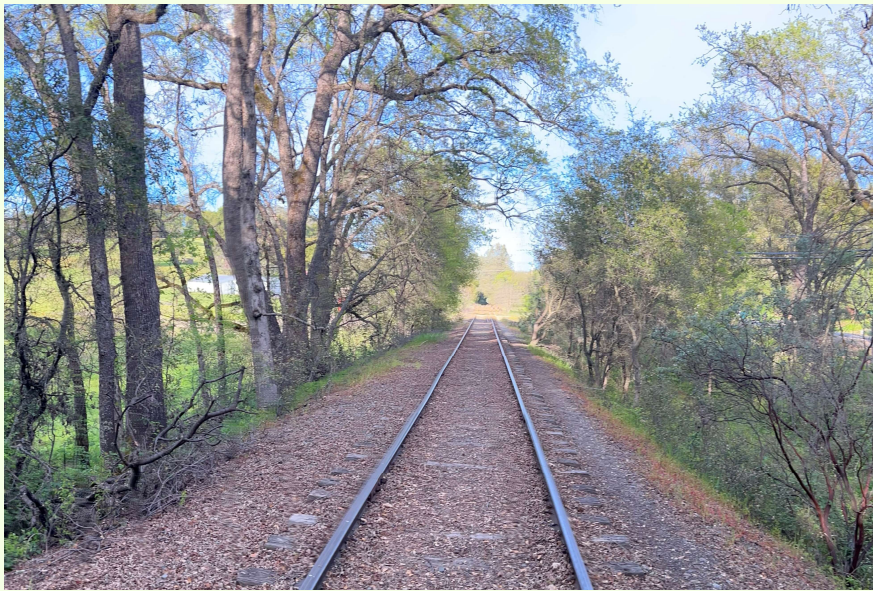
## Short Term Initiative Q1 2025:

- 1) Establish regular meetings with El Dorado County Park and Recreation Agencies



## Short Term Initiative Q2 2025:

- 1) Identify improvements to the River Management Program
- 2) Study the appropriateness of e-bikes on trails.
- 3) Create a countywide volunteer program for natural trail construction and maintenance.
- 4) Review and update facility rental fees.



## Short Term Initiative Q4 2025:

1) Develop a funding policy in budget policy, dedicating a portion of transient occupancy tax (TOT) to parks, trails, and open spaces.

## Short Term Initiatives Q3 2025:

- 1) Coordinate gate emergency access.
- 2) Establish 5-year Parks CIP.
- 3) Incorporate trails projects currently in Transportation's CIP into Parks CIP.





# Questions / Discussion