



Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Updates on Park Projects



Since 2019:

- Adoption of Park Master Plan
- Master Plans for Regional Archery Facility, Hidden Valley Regional Park, Carcione/Canepa Recreation Access Plan
- Bowers Mansion Restoration
- Bowers Pool Deck Expansion
- Bowers Pool replaster/remodel
- Opening of East Shore Trail
- Capital Projects
- Trails/Open Space - creating and expanding programs
- Additional staffing approvals
- Special Events

Park Planning






Park Master Plan adoption in October 2019



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GOALS GOING FORWARD


CLOSING THE FUNDING GAP

Based on National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA) metrics for dollars spent per person and using the budget prior to the 2008 budget cuts, there has been a \$48 million-dollar gap in spending. This has led to a backlog of maintenance and capital improvement projects. If this trend continues for another 20 years this gap could grow by another \$94 million-dollars, creating a \$142 million-dollar gap over a 30-year period.

PARKS BUDGET BASED ON POPULATION	
CURRENT	NRPA STANDARDS
\$ 5.7 MILLION	\$ 10.1 MILLION
* Based on \$21.70 per resident per year	
PARKS FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTEs) ON STAFF FOR EVERY 10,000 RESIDENTS	
CURRENT	NRPA STANDARDS
0.9 FTEs	3.9 FTEs

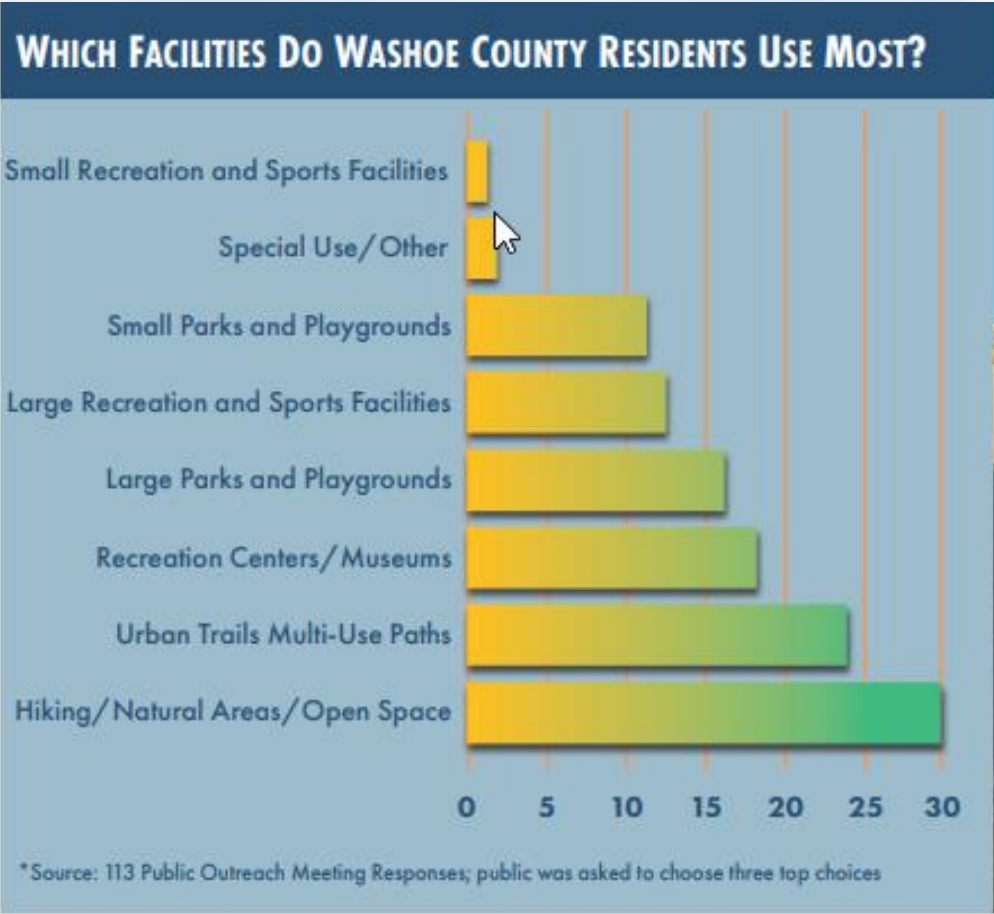
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Based on the existing and projected population, Full-Time Equivalent (FTE) staffing levels are well below the national standards. Based on projected population Parks staff needs to nearly triple over the next 20 years.





Park Master Plan adoption in October 2019



Regional Parks and Open Space Park Projects



SOLUTIONS AND DRIVING CHANGE

SHORT-TERM

DEVELOP A PROJECT LIST INCLUDING COSTS

Further assessments need to be completed to determine what projects have priority based on the opportunities identified within each planning area. These lists can be used to determine staff levels required to maintain the project and to associate dollar amounts that can be used to secure funding. These assessments include:

- ✓ Strategize Acquisition & Priority Projects for State Conservation Bond
- ✓ Complete a Service Plan Study
- ✓ Further Develop the Capital and Infrastructure Preservation Program



MID-TERM

SEEK ALTERNATIVE FUNDING

Current funding levels are not sufficient to sustain Parks and provide the opportunities identified within the master plan. In order to provide the public with the level of service established in the past, alternative and sustainable funding sources should be pursued including:

- ✓ Develop Facilities and Programs That Generate Revenue
- ✓ Educate Policy Makers About the Benefits of Funding Recreation
- ✓ Conduct Feasibility Study for a Regional Park District
- ✓ Reconfigure the Residential Construction Tax (RCT) Districts



LONG-TERM

RESTRUCTURE TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF CURRENT AND FUTURE LEGISLATION

A bill was recently signed into law that creates a new state Division of Outdoor Recreation. This bill and other legislation acknowledge the environmental, economic, and educational benefits of parks, trails and open space. Parks should capitalize on this momentum by:

- ✓ Fostering Partnerships that Promote Economic Vitality Through Recreation
- ✓ Targeting Legislative Updates Supporting Diverse and Lasting Funding for Parks, Trails and Open Space
- ✓ Rebalancing and Distributing Capital Expenditures





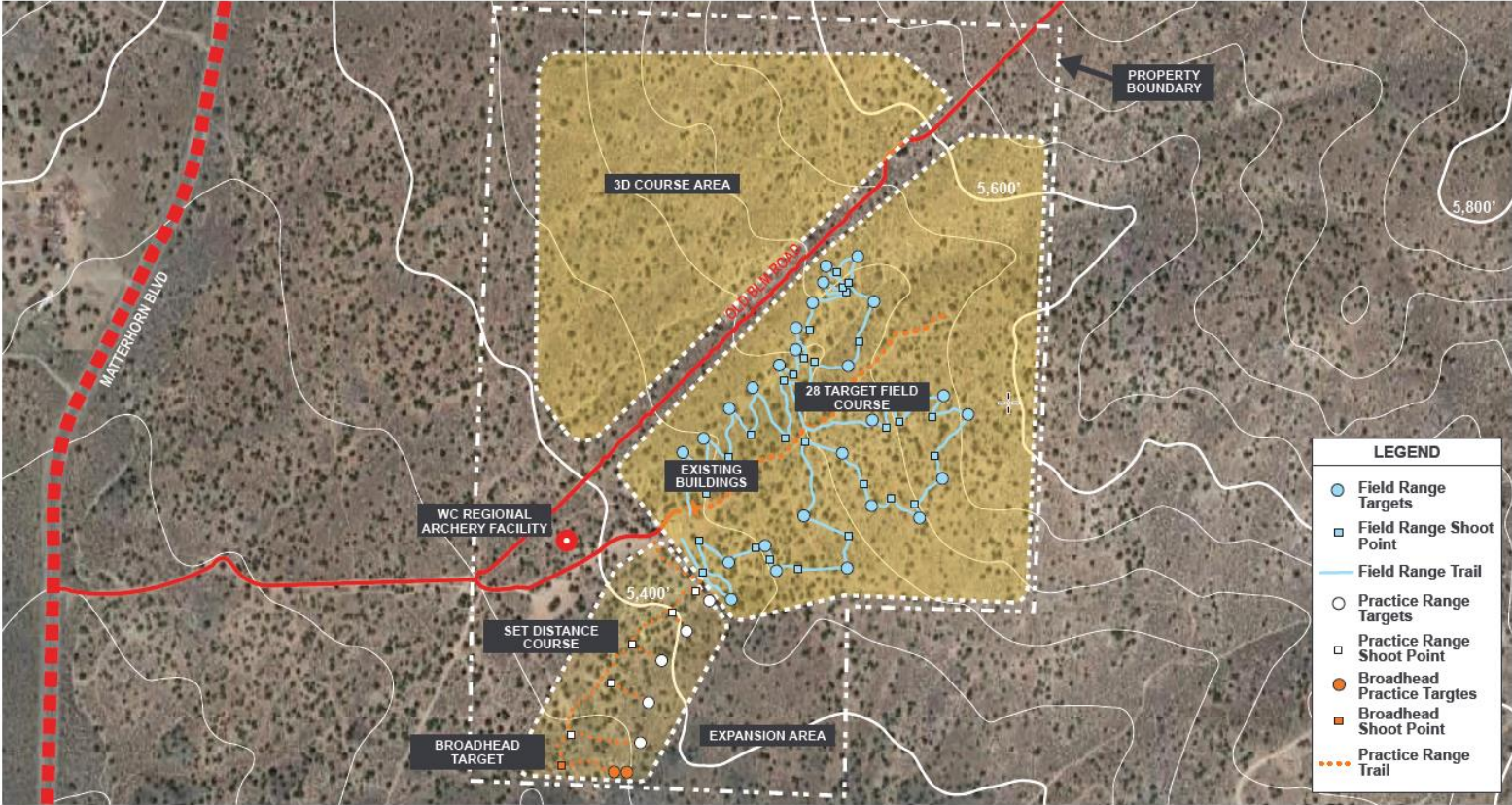
Regional Archery Facility Master Plan

- Washoe County was awarded a grant from NDOW for the Regional Archery Facility Master Plan.
- TSK Architects was hired in October 2020 to develop a master plan for the Regional Archery Facility, informed by stakeholder and community input, that identifies the collective vision for: enhancing the user experience; maximizing public safety and site use; employing best management practices to conserve natural resources and open space qualities; and improving ADA accessibility.
- The plan was completed and adopted in July 2021.



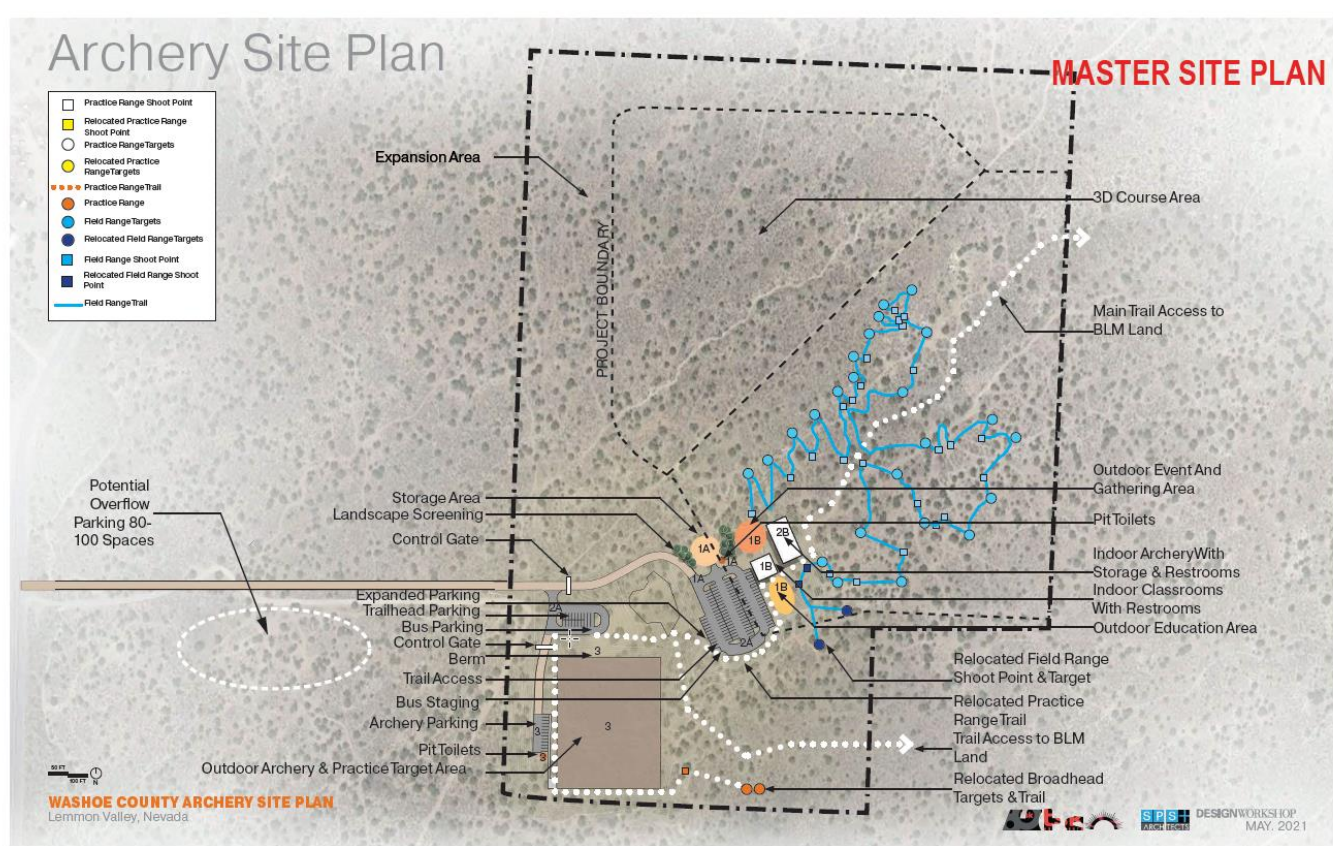
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EXISTING FACILITY PLAN





Regional Archery Facility Master Plan





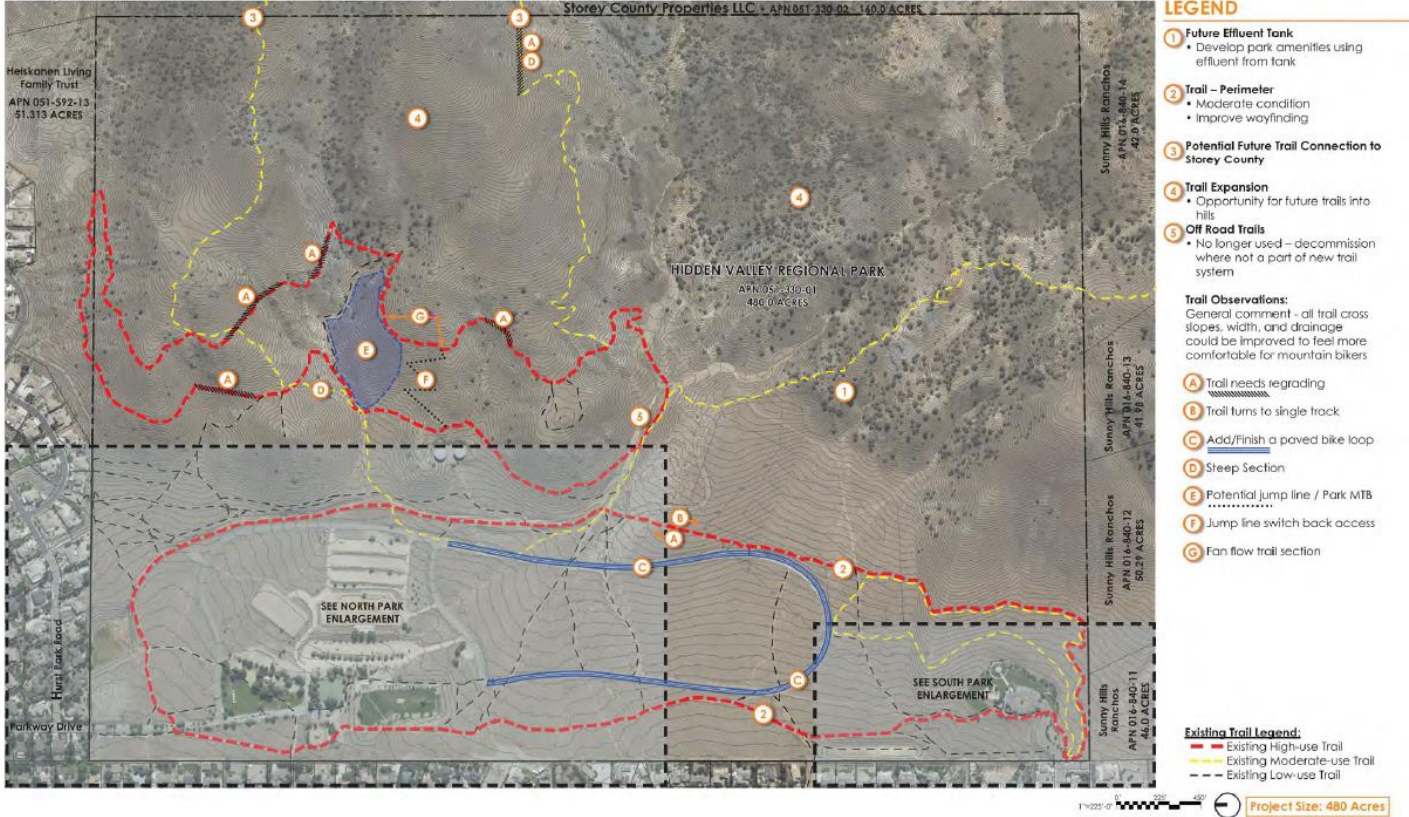
Hidden Valley Regional Park Master Plan update

- Stantec was hired in 2021
- Update the Hidden Valley Master Plan (last update mid-2000's)
- Assessment of existing site conditions including the natural resources present.
- Recommendations for natural resource protection, noxious weed abatement, and feral horse impact mitigation.
- Recommendations, strategies, feasibility, and renderings for park improvements, including constructed wetlands and ponds, with construction phasing timelines, cost estimates and traffic analyses.
- Summary of the public input process (e.g., stakeholders, focus groups, surveys, etc.). Given the unknown nature of the current pandemic, this should include a description of any strategies for completing a virtual public input process.



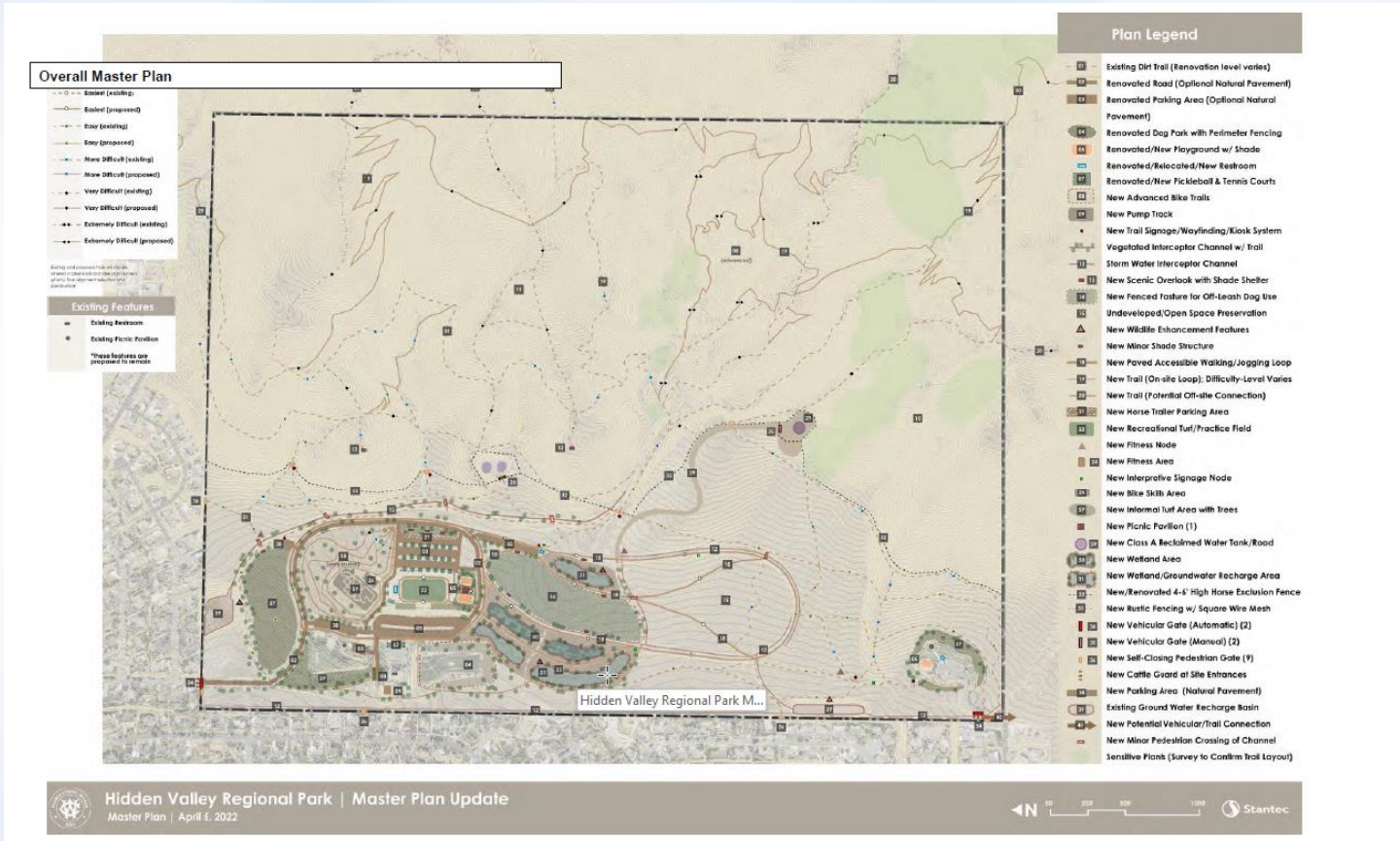
Hidden Valley Regional Park Master Plan update

Site Inventory and Analysis-Overall





Hidden Valley Regional Park Master Plan update





Carcione/Canepa Recreation Access Plan

- Design Workshop was hired to create the Recreation Access Plan for the Carcione/Canepa area in west Reno.
- The planning was from April of 2021 through June 2022.
- Develop a trailhead master plan for Washoe County's Carcione Open Space and Canepa Ranch Open Space properties, informed by stakeholder/community input and in close collaboration with the State of Nevada and Forest Service (Carson Ranger District), that identifies the collective vision for: improving access to the Sierra Front and the Truckee River; connecting with existing and proposed Forest Service lands and trails; highlighting the properties' historical and natural resource values; maximizing public safety and site use; employing best management practices to conserve natural resources and open space qualities; and improving ADA accessibility.



Carcione/Canepa Recreation Access Plan

Site Analysis – Canepa Property

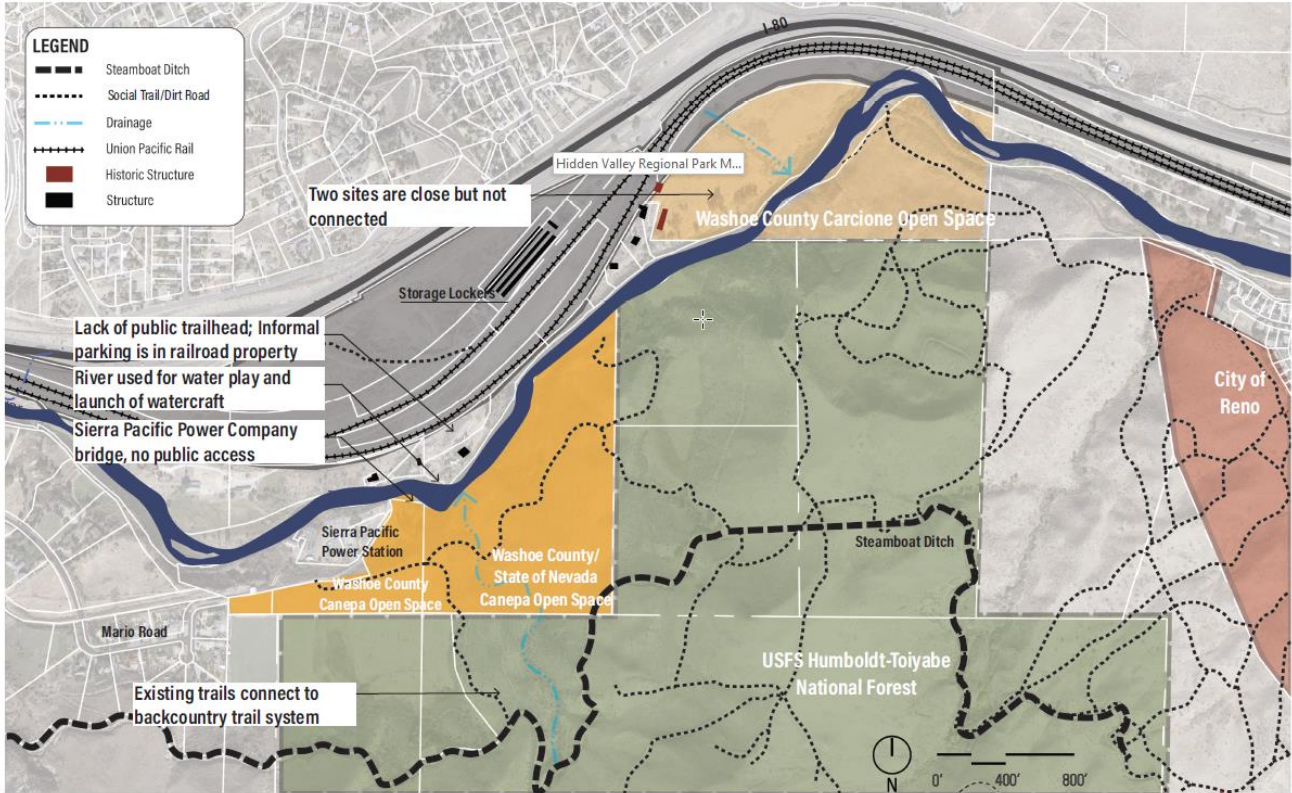


Figure 4: Site Analysis Map – Canepa Property



Carcione/Canepa Recreation Access Plan

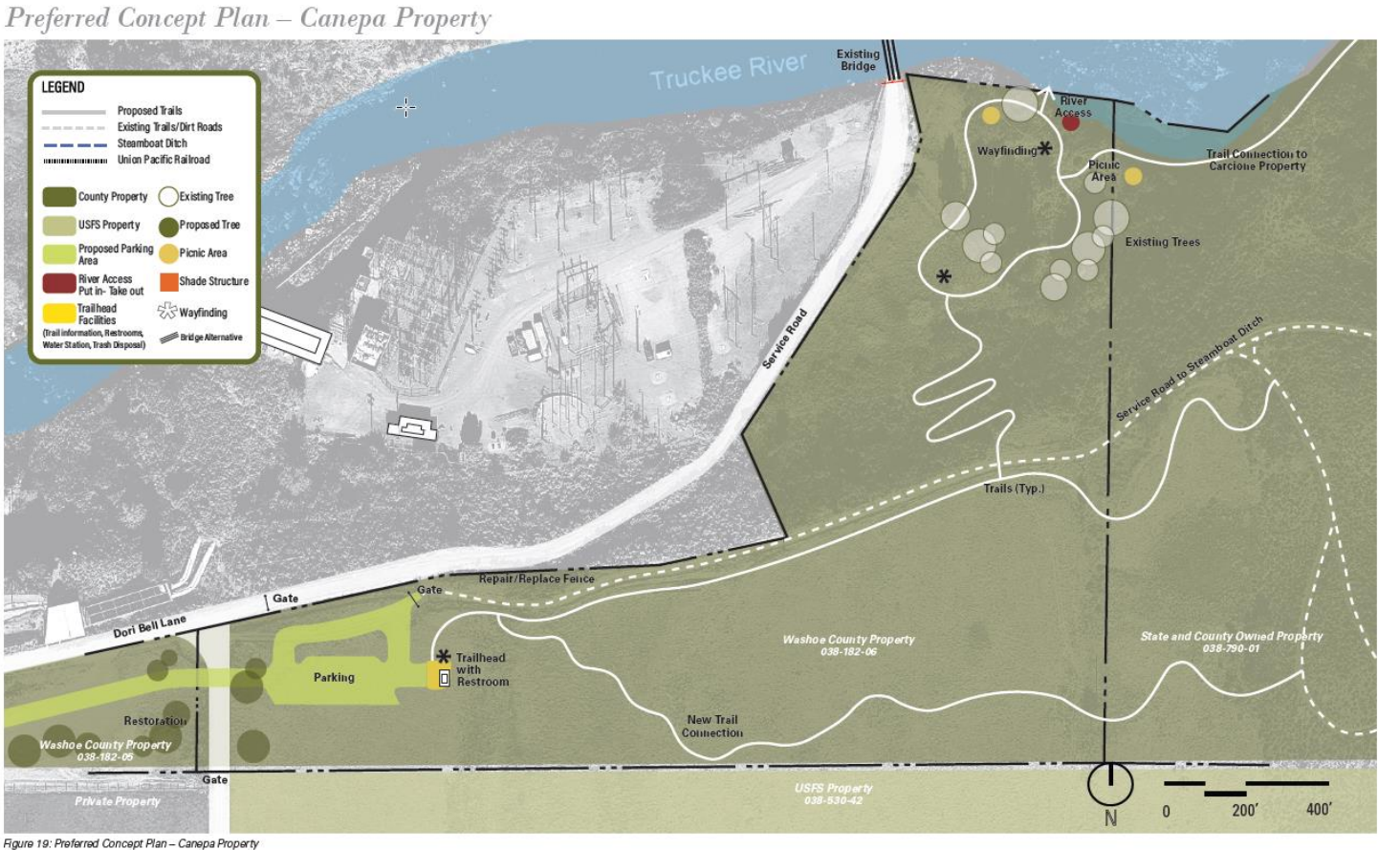


Figure 19: Preferred Concept Plan – Canepa Property



Carcione/Canepa Recreation Access Plan

Preferred Concept Plan – Carcione Property

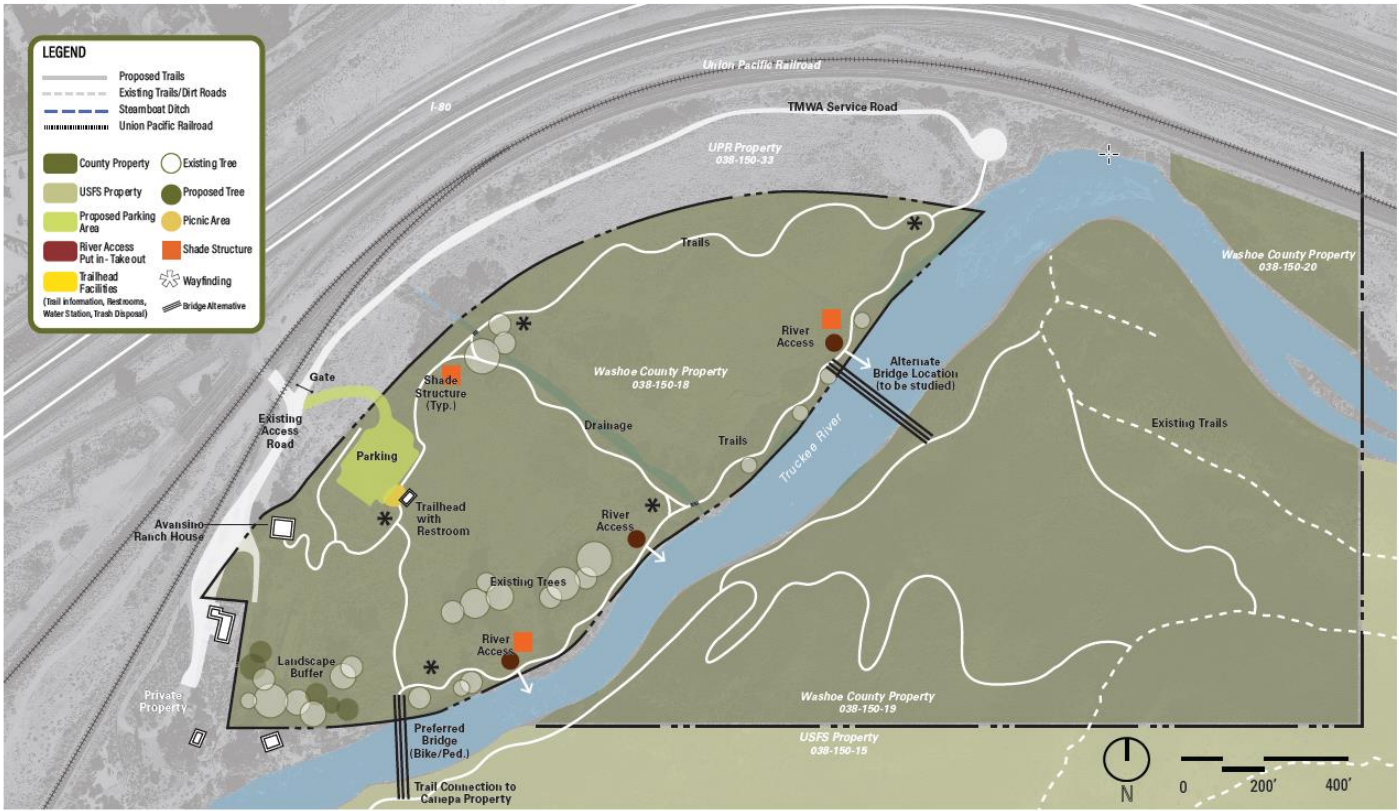


Figure 18: Preferred Concept Plan – Carcione Property

Park Projects





Bowers Mansion Restoration

- Funding was secured from remaining WC-1 and the Silberstein Trust.
- Work on roofs, decks & railings, interior plaster, repointing chimneys, cupola, and exterior painting.

Bowers Mansion Restoration





Bowers Pool – Deck Expansion

- A \$447,715 grant from the William N Pennington Foundation in 2018 supported this work.
- Washoe County covered the \$25,550 costs of design and permits.
- The work began in 2020 and was completed in 2021.
- The goal of the expansion was to create an opportunity for cost recovery with pavilion rental fees and concession sales. We earned roughly \$60,000 annually over the past 2 years.



Bowers Pool – Deck Expansion (before)



Bowers Pool – Deck Expansion (after)





Bowers Pool – replaster/remodel

- A \$539,647 grant from the William N Pennington Foundation in 2021 supported this work.
- The total project cost was \$1,097,589. We used \$216,000 that was remaining from the William N. Pennington grant from the deck expansion project.
- Washoe County supported the project with \$345,500 from Capital Improvement Funds and Infrastructure preservation funds for a portion of construction and the soft costs of design, inspection, and permit fees.



Bowers Pool – replaster/remodel

- The main improvements were a complete replaster.
- The installation of an ADA ramp.
- Shallowing the deep end and the shallow end to allow for swim lessons for our youngest swimmers.
- Removal of the wading pool (baby pool) and installation of a splash pad in that same area.



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Bowers Pool – replaster/remodel



Opening of the East Shore Trail along Hwy 28

- Decades in the making
- Corridor Management Team, 15 different agencies involved





Opening of the East Shore Trail along Hwy 28





CIP funding approved for several projects

Lemmon Valley Park Restroom/Ballfield Improvements	06/30/23	715,000
Melio Gaspari Water Park Safety Improvements	06/30/23	495,000
Ranch House Settling Mitigation	06/30/23	144,100
Virginia Foothills Playground Replacement	06/30/23	440,000
Golden Valley Park Playground Replacement	06/30/23	550,000

Current funded projects include:

- Ellen's Park Playground Replacement
- Rancho San Rafael Regional Park Playground Replacement (All-Inclusive)
- Callahan Park – Galena Historic Schoolhouse restoration and portions of Phase II construction

Park Staffing & Program Changes





New Full-time Trails Program Coordinator

- The 2019 Parks Master Plan survey illustrated frequent use of trails, trailheads, regionals parks, and open space/natural areas.
- In July 2021, Washoe County created a new position.
- The Trails Program Coordinator position was created to help manage the existing trails and create new trails, connecting communities to regional parks and the surrounding public lands.



Expanded Open Space Management program

- The 2019 Master Plan also highlighted the frequent use of open space/natural areas.
- An Integrated Vegetation Management Plan was developed and approved in 2020.
- Additional funding was approved to hire staff and contracted labor for enhancing native plant communities and noxious weed abatement.



Expanded maintenance staff by 2.75 FTE's

- Staffing levels are still well below national standards for the size of parks and open spaces Washoe County manages.
- More Park Maintenance staff were requested and approved in FY23
- This increase in Park Maintenance staff is the first we've experienced since the economic recession of 2008 (15 years)

Park Special Events



Barks & Badges



Dragon Lights Reno





Great Reno Balloon Races



Battle Axe & Tracks



Thank you

