

**CARSON CITY CONSOLIDATED MUNICIPALITY  
NOTICE OF THE MEETING OF THE  
OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

**Day:** Monday  
**Date:** December 16, 2024  
**Time:** Beginning at 5:30 pm  
**Location:** Community Center, Robert 'Bob' Crowell Board Room  
851 East William  
Carson City, NV 89701

**AGENDA**

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**1. Call to Order - Open Space Advisory Committee**

**2. Roll Call & Determination of Quorum**

**3. Public Comment:\*\***

The public is invited at this time to comment on and discuss any topic that is relevant to, or within the authority of the Open Space Advisory Committee.

**4. For Possible Action: Approval of Minutes -**

- 4a. Open Space Advisory Committee meeting of October 21, 2024.  
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**5. Meeting Item(s):**

- 5a. For Discussion Only: Presentation and discussion only regarding presentation of service awards to retiring Open Space Advisory Committee (“OSAC”) members. (Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org))

Staff Summary: Member service awards will be given to two retiring OSAC members – Donna Inversin and Susan Martinovich.

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- 5b. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding a Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Lake Tahoe Path System between Tahoe Transportation District, Carson City, Douglas County and Washoe County and a presentation regarding the State Route 28 Corridor Management Plan and the Lake Tahoe Path System (also known as the Tahoe East Shore Trail). (Gregg Berggren, [gberggren@carson.org](mailto:gberggren@carson.org) and Jennifer Budge, [jbudge@carson.org](mailto:jbudge@carson.org))

Staff Summary: This item, if approved, would recommend that the Board of Supervisors consider a Memorandum of Understanding regarding planning, design and construction of the Lake Tahoe Path System and the use of grant funds allocated in 2019 through Assembly Bill 84 and administered through the State of Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

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- 5c. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on a review of public and stakeholder survey results for the Carson River Master Plan amendment. (Marena Lovejoy, [mlovejoy@carson.org](mailto:mlovejoy@carson.org) and Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org))

Staff Summary: Staff have been working with the National Park Service - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (“NPS – RTCA”) Program since 2022 to update the Carson River Master Plan which was completed in 1996. Currently, staff are in the community engagement phase and released both a public survey and stakeholder survey to gather feedback on visitor use information, suggested improvements, and opportunities. This item includes a review and analysis of both survey results.

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- 5d. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the 2023 and 2024 Annual Report of the activities of the Open Space Advisory Committee to be presented to the Board of Supervisors. (Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org))

Staff Summary: Carson City Municipal Code 13.06.090 states that the Committee shall provide an annual report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors. The information has been organized into the following categories: History of Open Space, Land Acquisitions, Land Management, Grant Funding, Capital Improvement Projects, Activities and Events. Staff drafted a report in newsletter format which highlights the achievements and successes to be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

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- 5e. For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting schedule for calendar year 2025. (Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org)).

Staff Summary: The Open Space Advisory Committee (“Committee”) shall meet four times per year, with two joint meetings with the Parks and Recreation Commission, as directed by the Board of Supervisors. This item, if approved, will establish the Committee's meeting schedule for calendar year 2025.

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## 6. Staff Updates - For Discussion Only

6a. Director's Report: Updates regarding the Department's projects, programs, facilities, and events; grants; status of recruitment for vacant positions; Boards and Commissions Attendance Policy; and Board of Supervisor's action items. (Jennifer Budge, [jbudge@carson.org](mailto:jbudge@carson.org))

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6b. Senior Natural Resource Specialist and Open Space Manager Report: Activities related to projects managed by the Open Space Division, including updates within the Carson River corridor. (Marena Lovejoy, [mlovejoy@carson.org](mailto:mlovejoy@carson.org) and Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org))

Staff Summary: See Attachment 1 – Senior Natural Resource Specialist and Open Space Manager Report

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## 7. Member's Announcements and Requests for Information

7a. Update from the Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation Liaison

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## 8. Future Agenda Items - Discussion Only

8a. Open Space Advisory Committee Future Agenda Items 2025

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## 9. PUBLIC COMMENTS

The public is invited at this time to comment on any matter that is not specifically included on the agenda as an action item. No action may be taken on a matter raised under this item of the agenda.

## 10. For Possible Action: To Adjourn

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# STAFF REPORT

**Report To:**

**Meeting Date:** December 16, 2024

**Staff Contact:**

**Agenda Title:** Open Space Advisory Committee meeting of October 21, 2024.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion      **Time Requested:**

**Proposed Motion**

I move to approve the minutes of October 21, 2024.

**Board's Strategic Goal**

**Previous Action**

**Background/Issues & Analysis**

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** No

**If yes, account name/number:**

**Is it currently budgeted?** No

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:**

**Alternatives**

**Attachment(s):**

[4A - 10-21-2024 Draft OSAC Minutes.pdf](#)

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Aye/Nay

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(Vote Recorded By)

**DRAFT MINUTES**  
**Regular Meeting**  
**Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee (OSAC)**  
**Monday, October 21, 2024 ● 5:30 PM**  
**Community Center Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room**  
**851 East William Street, Carson City, Nevada**

**Committee Members**

**Chairperson – Mark Kimbrough**  
**Member – Mary Berge**  
**Member – Susan Martinovich**  
**Member – Jay Wiggins**

**Vice Chair – Donna Inversin**  
**Member – Aeryn Mcqueary**  
**Member – Samuel Mozingo**

**Staff**

Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager  
Marena Lovejoy, Senior Natural Resource Specialist  
Greg Berggren, Trails Coordinator  
Ben Johnson, Senior Deputy District Attorney  
Briana Munoz, Public Meetings Clerk

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**1. CALL TO ORDER**

(5:31:30) – Chairperson Kimbrough called the meeting to order at 5:31 p.m.

**2. ROLL CALL & DETERMINATION OF QUORUM**

(5:31:42) – Roll was called, and a quorum was present.

<b>Attendee Name</b>	<b>Status</b>	<b>Arrived</b>
Chair Mark Kimbrough	Present	
Vice Chair Donna Inversin	Present	
Member Mary Berge	Present	
Member Susan Martinovich	Present	
Member Aeryn Mcqueary	Present	
Member Samuel Mozingo	Present	6:00 p.m.
Member Jay Wiggins	Present	

**3. PUBLIC COMMENT**

(5:32:04) – Chairperson Kimbrough entertained public comments. Deni French introduced himself as a Carson City resident and expressed concerns regarding protection of the monkeyflower. Mr. French noted that the monkeyflower

was widespread throughout the City with some located on private and business properties, making them vulnerable. He emphasized the importance of protecting monkeyflower habitats within City-controlled areas including Prison Hill. Mr. French suggested that Prison Hill should have been designated as an animal refuge area instead of a recreational area, pointing out that Prison Hill’s mission statement involves preservation and protection. Mr. French noted that the “chill zones and heat zones erosions” in the Prison Hill area would create issues with new trail designs.

(5:36:56) – Dave Bentel introduced himself as a Carson City resident and commented on sediment issues at Prison Hill. Mr. Bentel submitted written public comment, which is incorporated into the record. Mr. Bentel noted that he had sent an email to City staff regarding sediment entering the Carson River through the Prison Hill area after storms. Mr. Bentel stated that aerial topography studies show that the sediment storage on Prison Hill is no longer effective and requires upgrading. He expressed concerns with the City’s lack of sediment detention planning for the new trail designs and highlighted the cost implications to address sediment management on Prison Hill.

**4. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: APPROVAL OF MINUTES – The joint meeting between Parks and Recreation Commission and the Open Space Advisory Committee of June 17, 2024.**

(5:43:45) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item and entertained comments, corrections, and/or a motion.

(5:44:12) – **MOTION: Member Wiggins moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2024 meeting, as presented. Member Berge seconded the motion. The motion carried 4-0-2 with Vice Chair Inversin and Member Martinovich abstaining.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (4-0-2)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Inversin
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mcqueary
<b>AYES:</b>	Kimbrough, Berge, Mcqueary, Wiggins
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	Inversin, Martinovich
<b>ABSENT:</b>	Mozingo

**5. MEETING ITEMS:**

**5.A DISCUSSION ONLY: PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION REGARDING PRESENTATION OF AWARDS FOR THE OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE (“OSAC”) ANNUAL AWARDS PROGRAM.**

(5:44:54) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item. Ms. Boyer referenced the Staff Report, which is incorporated into the record. Chairperson Kimbrough presented awards to Paul Sennett, Chelsea Kincheloe, Juan Guzman, and Lynn Zhong. OSAC Members and Staff expressed appreciation for the awardees and Muscle Powered.

**5.B POSSIBLE ACTION: DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION REGARDING REVIEW OF THE PRISON HILL OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE (“OHV”) AREA MONITORING REPORT, AND UPDATES ON THE PRISON HILL OHV AREA.**

(5:59:02) – Chair Kimbrough introduced the item. Ms. Lovejoy referenced the Staff Report and Supporting Materials, all of which are incorporated into the record.

(6:01:44) – In response to Chairperson Kimbrough’s question, Ms. Lovejoy noted improvements in vegetation restoration through the closure of trails and roads. Mr. Berggren explained that three cameras were installed within the Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) area to resolve vandalism issues.

(6:03:18) – Chair Kimbrough expressed appreciation for the monitoring report and asked about the Bronco Club and event impacts on the OHV area. Mr. Berggren noted that Staff met with the Bronco Club to discuss staying within designated trails to prevent issues from previous years’ events and activities. Mr. Berggren responded to clarifying questions.

(6:05:40) – Vice Chair Inversin asked about rental fees for special events and Ms. Boyer confirmed that fees are charged and reinvested into Open Space for maintenance and other needs.

(6:06:16) – Member Martinovich expressed appreciation for the pictures included in the report, noting that they showed the area’s history, growth, and maintenance. In response to Chair Kimbrough, Ms. Boyer stated that the report would not be presented to the Board of Supervisors (BOS).

(6:07:22) – Member Mcqueary suggested including OSAC Members in future events related to the OHV area and Mr. Berggren agreed to notify Members about clean-up events and other activities on Prison Hill.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

(6:08:09) – Chair Kimbrough entertained public comments. Mr. French commented on Bronco Club activities, noting issues with off-trail driving and a lack of clean-up efforts. He emphasized the need for oversight in the Prison Hill area during events.

(6:12:53) – Member Wiggins encouraged Staff to continue reporting on Prison Hill and praised them for the annual pictures and updates.

(6:11:22) – Chair Kimbrough and Mr. Johnson explained that the item was agendaized for possible action in case the Board wanted to take action regarding the report. Chair Kimbrough suggested sending the report to the BOS given the prevalent discussions regarding Prison Hill.

**(6:13:52) – MOTION: Member Martinovich moved to direct Staff to send the presented report to the Board of Supervisors for their information. Member Mcqueary seconded the motion. The motion carried 6-0-0.**

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED (7-0-0)</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Martinovich
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Mcqueary
<b>AYES:</b>	Kimbrough, Inversin, Berge, Martinovich, Mcqueary, Mozingo, Wiggins
<b>NAYS:</b>	None
<b>ABSTENTIONS:</b>	None
<b>ABSENT:</b>	None

(6:14:39) – Mr. Johnson reminded the Committee that Staff has no control over the BOS agenda but could ensure that the report was sent out to Supervisors.

**6. STAFF UPDATES - DISCUSSION ONLY**

**6.A TRAILS COORDINATOR REPORT - ACTIVITIES RELATED TO TRAIL PROJECTS MANAGED BY THE CARSON CITY PARKS, RECREATION & OPEN SPACE DEPARTMENT, INCLUDING TRAIL-RELATED GRANTS, PROGRAMS, AND EVENTS.**

(6:15:04) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item. Mr. Berggren referenced the Staff Report and Supporting Materials, all of which are incorporated into the record.

(6:22:25) – In response to Vice Chair Inversin, Mr. Berggren confirmed that the updated online map included Bob’s trail. Member Mcqueary asked about the historic Ambrose House and a potential collaboration opportunity with the Historic Resources Commission, adding that she would follow up with information regarding the house.

(6:23:44) – Member Mozingo suggested having recent Eagle Scouts present updates on their projects and Mr. Berggren agreed to contact them.

(6:24:39) – Member Berge commented on the City’s growth and commended Staff for their work. Vice Chair Inversin shared past experiences visiting the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area when it was in poor condition and expressed appreciation for its recent improvements. Mr. Berggren highlighted the positive impact of recent river improvements. Additionally, he noted support from Sheriff Furlong for efforts at the Ambrose Carson River Natural Area.

(6:26:49) – Chairperson Kimbrough requested that Staff notify the Committee when items are scheduled for a BOS meeting so that OSAC Members could attend as citizens to support projects. He expressed appreciation for Staff’s initiatives and trail maintenance.

**6.B DISCUSSION ONLY: SENIOR NATURAL RESOURCE SPECIALIST AND OPEN SPACE MANAGER REPORT: ACTIVITIES RELATED TO PROJECTS MANAGED BY THE OPEN SPACE DIVISION, INCLUDING UPDATES WITHIN THE CARSON RIVER CORRIDOR.**

(6:29:06) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item. Ms. Boyer referenced the Staff Report and Supporting Materials, all of which are incorporated into the record, and provided the report. Ms. Boyer turned the item over to Ms. Lovejoy to provide the rest of the report.

(6:38:55) – Member Mcqueary suggested involving the Committee in future Open Space events. Ms. Boyer explained the need to manage quorums when inviting Members and apologized for the oversight, noting that she would improve future event invites.

**7. MEMBERS’ ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REQUESTS FOR INFORMATION**

(6:43:03) – Chairperson Kimbrough entertained Member announcements and requests for information. Vice Chair Inversin announced the Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition Summit on November 15, 2024 at Western Nevada College.

**8. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS – DISCUSSION ONLY**

(6:45:54) – Chairperson Kimbrough introduced the item and entertained suggestions for future agenda items.

(6:47:06) – Member Mozingo agreed with Member Mcqueary’s suggestion regarding invitations to Open Space events.

(6:46:40) – Member Martinovich reiterated Member Mozingo’s recommendation for Eagle Scouts to provide updates on their project.

(6:47:08) – Chair Kimbrough suggested future agenda items involving clarifications on the definition of a trail and recommended improving coordination with the Planning Commission. Member Martinovich and Member Mcqueary agreed with his suggestion. Ms. Boyer noted that a future joint meeting agenda involved a trail overview presentation by Mr. Berggren. She added that Staff was working with the Planning Division to amend Title 18, ensuring Open Space and trails were recognized as permitted uses within Open Space.

(6:52:01) – Chair Kimbrough requested an additional agenda item to review fees associated with Open Space and trails, including where funds are allocated.

(6:53:02) – Mr. Johnson clarified that OSAC Members could attend the same event, whether public or private, as long as they do not discuss matters that could come before the body for a decision. He reminded Members to only discuss neutral topics. He reminded Members to contact him with any questions regarding potential quorum issues and Open Meeting Law violations.

## 9. PUBLIC COMMENT

(6:56:49) – Chairperson Kimbrough entertained public comments. Robyn Orloff introduced herself as a Carson City resident and shared a recent cycling experience along the Odyssey Trail, Desert Peach Trail, and Riverview Trail and expressed appreciation for Open Space’s efforts on the trails. Ms. Orloff supported the idea of Members participating in events and visiting Open Space areas to better understand the public’s perspective. She requested annual reviews of sensitive resources including “the waterfall, double waterfall crawler route, off-the-trailer crawler route, and lower headlight open area,” noting that these areas weren’t included in Bureau of Land Management’s report. Ms. Orloff highlighted the need for closer monitoring of ephemeral streams and sensitive hydrological and vegetation resources. She added that she witnessed destruction of intact resources during events and shared the documentation with Open Space but had not received a response. Ms. Orloff emphasized the importance of accountability to address impacts from events. She encouraged the Committee to include public perspectives and site visits in annual evaluations.

(7:01:32) – Mr. French urged the Committee to explore Open Space areas rather than relying on Staff input. He shared concerns regarding “roads” being built on hills, stating that they were no longer natural trails. Mr. French encouraged the Committee to consider potential BLM land acquisitions for habitat preservation and future Open Space projects. He emphasized the need to protect natural areas against engineering.

## 10. FOR POSSIBLE ACTION: TO ADJOURN

**(7:05:38) – MOTION: Chairperson Kimbrough adjourned the meeting at 7:05 p.m.**

The Minutes of the October 21, 2024 Carson City Open Space Advisory Committee meeting are so approved on this 16<sup>th</sup> day of December 2024.



## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors      **Meeting Date:** December 16, 2024

**Staff Contact:** Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager, lboyer@carson.org

**Agenda Title:** For Discussion Only: Presentation and discussion only regarding presentation of service awards to retiring Open Space Advisory Committee (“OSAC”) members. (Lyndsey Boyer, lboyer@carson.org)

Staff Summary: Member service awards will be given to two retiring OSAC members – Donna Inversin and Susan Martinovich.

**Agenda Action:** Other / Presentation      **Time Requested:** 15 minutes

### Proposed Motion

N/A

### Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

### Previous Action

October 16, 2023 – (Item 5C) – The OSAC moved to approve the proposed awards program and member service recognition.

September 18, 2023 – (Item 5D) – The OSAC moved to approve the proposed awards program.

April 24, 2023 – (Item 5B) – The OSAC moved to approve the creation of the proposed award program with staff to bring the item back with a draft policy.

### Background/Issues & Analysis

This item is to present member service awards to two retiring OSAC members to recognize their contributions to the Open Space program. Awardees include Donna Inversin and Susan Martinovich.

### Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation

N/A

### Financial Information

**Is there a fiscal impact?** Yes

**If yes, account name/number:** Quality of Life, Open Space – Operating Supplies. 2545047-500625

**Is it currently budgeted?** Yes

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** Member Service Awards totaled \$80.

**Alternatives**

N/A

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Aye/Nay

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## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors      **Meeting Date:** December 16, 2024

**Staff Contact:** Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator, gberggren@carson.org and Jennifer Budge, CPRP, Parks and Recreation Director, jbudge@carson.org

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding a Memorandum of Understanding Concerning the Lake Tahoe Path System between Tahoe Transportation District, Carson City, Douglas County and Washoe County and a presentation regarding the State Route 28 Corridor Management Plan and the Lake Tahoe Path System (also known as the Tahoe East Shore Trail). (Gregg Berggren, gberggren@carson.org and Jennifer Budge, jbudge@carson.org)

**Staff Summary:** This item, if approved, would recommend that the Board of Supervisors consider a Memorandum of Understanding regarding planning, design and construction of the Lake Tahoe Path System and the use of grant funds allocated in 2019 through Assembly Bill 84 and administered through the State of Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion      **Time Requested:** 20 minutes

### **Proposed Motion**

I move to recommend approval of the Memorandum of Understanding to the Board of Supervisors, subject to the District Attorney’s final review and edits that do not impact the substance or intent of the agreement.

### **Board's Strategic Goal**

Sustainable Infrastructure

### **Previous Action**

N/A

### **Background/Issues & Analysis**

In 2012, a similar Memorandum of Understanding was entered into by Carson City, Douglas County and Washoe County for the completion of Douglas County’s section of path from Laura Drive to Nevada Beach and Roundhill Pines Beach (approximately 2.5 miles) and Washoe County’s Incline to Sand Harbor section.

This is a continuation of the partnerships that were formed to support the common goal and interests in planning, design, and construction of the Lake Tahoe Path System and its associated facilities, now known as the Tahoe East Shore Trail, as identified in the 2019 Assembly Bill 84, Section 2.9 and Chapter 480 of the 2019 Statutes of Nevada. This funding provides \$5 million dollars to Douglas

County, Carson City and Washoe County for the development of the path and associated amenities. The three entities are now designating the Tahoe Transportation District (TTD) to be project lead for the design and construction of certain segments and direct recipient of the Conserve Nevada Funds with the following funding allocations for Douglas County Phase 1A – \$1,000,000; Carson City and Washoe County Thunderbird Cove to Secret Harbor – \$2,000,000; and Washoe County Sand Harbor to Thunderbird Cove – \$2,000,000.

EXHIBIT 1 – Map, MOU and revised MOU

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

N/A

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** No

**If yes, account name/number:**

**Is it currently budgeted?** No

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Alternatives**

Do not recommend approval and provide alternate direction to staff.

**Attachment(s):**

[5B - EXHIBIT 1 - All Exhibits - FINAL.pdf](#)

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Aye/Nay

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# SR 28 CORRIDOR PROJECTS



Funding shown as of September 10 2024. Funding, project segments, and construction dates are subject to change.

**East Shore Trail–Incline to Sand Harbor**  
Lead: Nevada Department of Transportation  
Total Project Cost: \$30,000,000 (Completed)

**SR 28 NORTH TRAILHEAD & WATER QUALITY**

30+ parking spaces at East Shore Trail trailhead.  
Lead: Tahoe Transportation District  
Total Project Cost: \$2,358,000 (fully funded)  
Design: \$393,000  
Construction: \$1,965,000

Design	2024
Const.	2025

**SR 28 PRESERVATION, WATER QUALITY, & SAFETY (3R)**

Pavement overlay, water quality improvements, pullouts, new parking lot connections, and fiber conduit.  
Lead: Nevada Department of Transportation  
Total Project Cost: \$20,000,000  
Design: \$200,000 (fully funded)  
Construction: \$19,800,000

Design	2024
Const.	2027

**SR 28 CENTRAL CORRIDOR – SAND HARBOR TO THUNDERBIRD COVE**

1.75 miles of East Shore Trail, intersection improvements, undercrossing at Sand Harbor main entrance, highway vista point improvements, and visitor amenities.  
Lead: Tahoe Transportation District  
Total Project Cost: \$46,120,000  
Design: \$3,655,000 (fully funded)  
Construction: \$24,091,000 (partially funded)

**Unfunded Need: \$18,374,000**

Design	2024
Const.	2027

**SR 28 CENTRAL CORRIDOR – THUNDERBIRD COVE TO SECRET HARBOR**

250 parking spaces at Chimney Beach and Secret Harbor, 0.9 miles of East Shore Trail, bridge over Marlette Creek, transit stops, restrooms, and fiber optic/communications.  
Lead: USFS and Tahoe Transportation District

Chimney Beach (130 parking spaces)- USFS Lead  
-Design and Construction: \$2,400,000 (USFS fully funded)

Secret Harbor (120 parking spaces), trail, bridge, no parking zone-TTD Lead  
-Design: \$2,400,000 (fully funded)  
-Construction: \$8,777,000 (partially funded)

**Unfunded Need: \$3,574,000**

Design	2023
Const.	2025

**SR 28 SOUTH CORRIDOR**

5 miles of East Shore Trail and 40 parking spaces at Skunk Harbor.  
Lead: Tahoe Transportation District  
Total Project Cost: \$79,717,000 (unfunded)  
Design: \$6,912,000  
Construction: \$72,805,000

**Unfunded Need: \$79,717,000**

Design	TBD
Const.	TBD

**SR 28 SPOONER MOBILITY HUB/ AIS STATION**

Transit mobility hub, 250 parking spaces, 0.5 miles of trail, and AIS inspection station.  
Lead: Nevada Department of Transportation  
Total Project Cost: \$8,889,000 (fully funded)  
Design: \$987,000  
Construction: \$7,902,000

Design	2024
Const.	2025



**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
CONCERNING THE  
LAKE TAHOE PATH SYSTEM**

This Memorandum of Understanding establishes a cooperative working relationship between the following entities:

CITY OF CARSON CITY - DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; COUNTY OF DOUGLAS- DEPARTMENT OF PARKS AND RECREATION; AND COUNTY OF WASHOE-DEPARTMENT OF REGIONAL PARKS & OPEN SPACE

This Memorandum is intended to form a framework for a cooperative effort that supports common goals and interests in planning, developing and maintaining the Lake Tahoe Path System (Bikeway) as identified in the Statewide Ballot Initiative Question #1. This interagency and non-profit partnership group will be called the Nevada Stateline to Stateline Bikeway Working Group (WG) and will serve as a method for coordinated planning, specifically, directed toward a regional, interconnected, recreational trail and associated facilities.

**I. PATH DESCRIPTION**

The Bikeway will extend from the State line in Crystal Bay in Washoe County to the State line in Stateline in Douglas County. In doing so, it will pass through Carson City, which lies between these two counties. The Bikeway for the most part parallels SR 28 and Highway 50 on the lakeside of these highways and is further defined in the Nevada Stateline to Stateline Feasibility Study Report June 2011. The Bikeway is a non-motorized path system. Permitted uses along the Bikeway will vary, but will generally allow for bicycles and pedestrians (non-motorized).

**II. DESCRIPTION OF THE NEVADA STATELINE TO STATELINE BIKEWAY WORKING GROUP(WG)**

The Bikeway WG is a gathering of local agency professionals, bicycle and trails groups, and non-profit organizations which recognize the need for interagency cooperation. The Bikeway WG will oversee the design and development of the Bikeway. They will aid in securing funding from grants and other sources for construction and maintenance. The Bikeway WG will work toward marketing the Bikeway to enhance the public's awareness of the recreational opportunities the path offers and help secure volunteers for maintenance. The Bikeway WG will answer the public's need for published materials

while individual cooperators maintain their mission as land managers by sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. All participating agencies and organizations recognize it is in their mutual interest to cooperate and coordinate to the fullest in their responsibilities to manage outdoor public recreation and provide alternative modes of transportation such as the Bikeway.

### III. COMMITMENT & RESPONSIBILITY

All parties mutually agree to:

- A. Work together to plan the acquisition, design, construction, and maintenance of the Bikeway.
- B. Plan and develop the Bikeway with full community involvement.
- C. Create a cooperative partnership to maximize the mutual benefits from adjoining path projects accomplished by all agencies.
- D. As appropriate, utilize geographic data management systems, such as Arc View and Arc Info, and share these data with the intent of creating a seamless recreation path map.
- E. Initiate joint planning studies, as appropriate, as well as conduct program and technical coordination meetings, as necessary.
- F. Identify information gaps which, if filled, will benefit the partners, as well as the public.
- G. The Nevada Stateline to Stateline Bikeway Feasibility Study Report June 2011 which outlines the proposed preferred alignments will be the guiding document for the Bikeway.

### IV. GENERAL CONSIDERATION

- A. Both the Nevada Stateline to Stateline Bikeway Feasibility Study Report and the Environmental Assessment on the South Demonstration project have been completed. Washoe County will continue to be responsible for the coordination of the planning, the Environmental Assessment, design and construction of the North Demonstration project. For the South Demonstration Project Washoe County's responsibility will be to coordinate the remainder \$1,192,047 of the State Question #1 funds for the planning, design and construction.
- B. Douglas County is responsible for future State Question #1 award of funding to the South Demonstration project design and construction.

- C. Washoe County is responsible for the coordination of the planning and design of future segments in the SR 28 corridor and will work with Carson City and Douglas County to determine the lead agency for individual segment design and construction as the Bikeway passes through the various jurisdictions.
- D. Douglas County is responsible for the coordination of the planning, design and construction of future segments in the Highway 50 corridor.
- E. Carson City, Douglas County and Washoe County will continue to work together and each is responsible to coordinate with the Bikeway WG for mutual agreement on allocation of the remaining State Question#1 funds to be brought to all three counties Board of Supervisors or County Commissioners for approval.
- F. Nothing in this Memorandum will be construed as affecting the authorities of the participants or binding beyond their respective authorizes.

V. MODIFICATION

This agreement shall remain in effect unless modified in writing by the cooperating parties.

VI. PARTICIPATION IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES

This instrument in no way restricts any of the participation entities from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.

VII. TERM/TERMINATION

This instrument is executed as of the date of approval by the Commissioners of Washoe County (who will provide the last signature) and will remain in effect for five years from the date of execution.

Any one of the parties may terminate their portion of this instrument in whole or in part at any time by providing 60-day written notice of termination to Washoe County.

VIII. NON-FUND OBLIGATION DOCUMENT

Nothing in this Memorandum of Understanding shall obligate the parties signatory to this Memorandum to obligate or transfer any funds. Specific work projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, or property among the various agencies will require execution of separate agreements and be contingent upon the availability of

appropriated funds. Such activities must be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This Memorandum does not provide such authority. Negotiation, execution, and administration of each such agreement must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.

IX. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

All parties signatory to this Memorandum of Understanding and their respective agencies and offices will handle their own activities and utilize their own resources, including the expenditure of their own funds, in pursuing these objectives. Each party will carry out its separate activities in a coordinated and mutually beneficial manner.

X. AUTHORITY

The authority for the three political subdivisions to enter into this agreement is contained in the Interlocal Cooperation Act, NRS 277.080 to 277.180 inclusive.

XI. SIGNATURES

This Agreement may be executed in counterparts and is deemed duly executed when original signature pages of all parties are executed and delivered.

**MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING  
CONCERNING THE  
LAKE TAHOE PATH SYSTEM**

The following entity agrees to enter into a cooperative working relationship as set forth in the Memorandum of Understanding concerning the Lake Tahoe Path system, also known as the Nevada Stateline to Stateline Bikeway.

Entity Carson City

Address 201 N. Carson St., Ste. 2

City, State, Zip Carson City, NV 89701

Phone 775.887.2100

E-mail ceo@carson.org

Robert L. Crowell, Carson City Mayor  
Name and Title (Please Print)

  
Signature

10-7-12  
Date

After executing this form, please return it to Parks Director, Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space, 2601 Plumas St, Reno, NV 89509.

A copy of the fully executed Memorandum of Understanding will be returned to you.

## EXHIBIT 3

### MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING CONCERNING THE LAKE TAHOE PATH SYSTEM

This Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) establishes a cooperative working relationship between the following entities:

Tahoe Transportation District (TTD)

Carson City

Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Space

County of Douglas

Community Services Department's Division of Parks and Recreation

County of Washoe

Community Services Department's Regional Parks and Open Space

The entities listed above are referred to individually as a "Party" and collectively as the "Parties."

This MOU is intended to form a framework for a cooperative effort that supports common goals and interests in planning, design, and construction of the Lake Tahoe Path System (Bikeway) and associated facilities as identified in the 2019 Assembly Bill 84, Section 2.9. (AB84) and Chapter 480 of the 2019 Statutes of Nevada. This partnership will be known as the Tahoe East Shore Working Group (WG). The WG will serve to ensure coordinated planning, specifically directed towards the regional, interconnected, recreational shared-use Bikeway and associated facilities at Lake Tahoe.

AB 84 legislation states under Section 2. 9: "An amount of \$5,000,000 must be allocated to the State's Department of Conservation and Natural Resources for grants to Douglas County, Washoe County or Carson City and municipalities located within those counties that qualify for grants pursuant to the regulations adopted by the Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources pursuant to this subsection to enhance and develop the Lake Tahoe Path System. Money awarded pursuant to this subsection must be used to acquire land for the path system or develop the path system. The Director of the State Department of Conservation and Natural Resources shall adopt such regulations as the Director determines are necessary to make the grants described in this subsection. The regulations adopted by the Director must state whether, and to what degree, applicants for grants must match any money awarded."

## I. PATH DESCRIPTION

The Bikeway will extend from the state line in Crystal Bay (Washoe County) to the state line in Stateline (Douglas County), see Exhibit A. In doing so, it will pass through Carson City, which lies between these two counties. In most areas, the Bikeway will parallel SR 28 and Highway 50 on the lakeside of these highways and is further defined in the Nevada Stateline to Stateline Feasibility Study Report 2011. The Bikeway final alignments will be further defined for each segment. The Bikeway is a non-motorized path system. Permitted uses along the Bikeway will vary but will generally allow for bicycles (including pedal-assist) and pedestrians.

## II. DESCRIPTION OF THE TAHOE EAST SHORE WORKING GROUP

The WG will consist of the Parties to this MOU, as well as local landowners and operating agencies, such as the Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT), Nevada Division of State Parks (NDSP), and the U.S. Forest Service-Lake Tahoe Basin Management Unit (USFS). The WG will oversee the design and development of the Bikeway and related infrastructure. The WG will aid in securing funding from grants and other sources for design, construction, and maintenance of the Bikeway. The WG will work toward providing public information to enhance awareness of trail etiquette, off-highway parking availability, public transit, active transportation, and recreation stewardship. When possible, common messages will be shared or linked between the members of the WG. The members of the WG will maintain their mission as land managers by sustaining the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for the use and enjoyment of present and future generations. All participating agencies and organizations recognize it is in their mutual interest to cooperate and coordinate to the fullest in their responsibilities to manage outdoor public recreation and provide alternative modes of transportation, such as the Bikeway.

## III. COMMITMENT & RESPONSIBILITY

All Parties mutually agree to:

- A. Work together to plan the acquisition, design, construction and maintenance of the Bikeway and related infrastructure.
- B. Plan and develop the Bikeway with community involvement.
- C. Create a cooperative partnership to maximize the mutual benefits from adjoining path projects accomplished by all agencies.

- D. As appropriate, utilize geographic data management systems, and share data with the intent of creating a seamless recreation path map.
- E. Initiate joint planning studies, as appropriate, as well as conduct program and technical coordination meetings, as necessary.
- F. Identify information gaps which, if filled, will benefit the partners, as well as the public.
- G. The Nevada Stateline to Stateline Bikeway Feasibility Study Report June 2011 (the “Feasibility Report”) which outlines the proposed preferred alignments, will be the guiding document for the Bikeway until the environmental assessments are approved for each segment. At that time, the environmental assessment documents, and other permitting documents, are the final guiding documents.

#### IV. GENERAL CONSIDERATION

- A. TTD as the project lead will be responsible for applying for grants, WG coordination, project management from design through construction and implementing agency coordination. TTD will be responsible for grant funding, fiscal accountability, including billings and reporting requirements required by Conserve Nevada or other grants received.
- B. Both the Feasibility Report and the Environmental Assessment on the South Demonstration project have been completed. Douglas County recognizes in order to deliver Phase 1A design from Stateline Avenue to Laura Drive will require coordination with TTD and NDOT, see Exhibit A. Douglas County designates TTD as the project lead on this segment of the Bikeway as well as the direct recipient of Conserve Nevada grant funding. Douglas County designates all authority under the 2019 Statutes of Nevada, Chapter 480 Section 2 (9) to TTD to complete the design and construction of the Bikeway. Douglas County authorizes TTD to actively pursue grants and other funding to match approximately \$1,000,000 of Conserve Nevada funds.
- C. Both the Feasibility Report and the SR 28 Shared Use Path, Parking, Safety, and Environmental Improvements Project - Final Environmental Assessment have been completed. Carson City and Washoe County recognize the segment of Bikeway between Sand Harbor and Secret Harbor will cross both jurisdiction’s boundaries and it will take coordination with TTD, NDOT, NDSP, and USFS.

Carson City and Washoe County designate TTD as the project lead for the design and construction of the section of Bikeway and related infrastructure from Thunderbird Cove to Secret Harbor (approximately one mile) as well as the direct

recipient of Conserve Nevada grant funding. Carson City and Washoe County authorize TTD to actively pursue grants and other funding to match the approximately \$2,000,000 of Conserve Nevada funding for the design and construction of the Thunderbird Cove to Secret Harbor segment. Carson City and Washoe County designate all authority under AB84 to TTD to complete the design and implement the construction of this segment.

Further, Washoe County designates TTD as the project lead for the design and construction of the section of Bikeway from Sand Harbor to Thunderbird Cove and authorizes TTD to actively pursue grants and other funding to match the \$2,000,000 of Conserve Nevada funding. Washoe County designates all authority under AB84 to TTD to complete the design and implement construction of this segment. Additionally, TTD will serve as the direct recipient of Conserve Nevada grant funding.

- D. It is understood that AB 84 provides \$5 million for the Lake Tahoe Path, and Carson City, Douglas County, and Washoe County (collectively the “Counties”) will coordinate with the WG for mutual agreement on allocations of any remaining, or future, Conserve Nevada funds. The Counties recognize leveraging funding sources has been successful with the existing Bikeway segments completed. This includes timing of projects, matching of multiple sources of funding, project savings, or by other means. The Counties will continue to work together to leverage funds and complete the Bikeway. The funding amounts listed in this agreement are estimates. A funding agreement regarding Conserve Nevada Lake Tahoe Bike Path Project will be required for each of the three segments listed above which will be signed by TTD on behalf of the Counties. TTD will notify the relevant county of the funding agreement and obtain a letter of concurrence from the County/City Manager in support of the agreement.
- E. Nothing in this MOU will be construed as to bind the Parties beyond their respective authority.

#### V. MODIFICATION

This agreement shall remain in effect unless modified in writing by the Parties.

#### VI. PARTICIPATING IN SIMILAR ACTIVITIES

This MOU does not restrict any of the Parties from participating in similar activities with other public or private agencies, organizations, and individuals.

## VII. TERM/TERMINATION

This MOU is executed as of the date of approval of all Parties and will remain in effect for ten years from the date of execution.

Any one of the Parties may terminate their portion of this MOU in whole or in part at any time by providing 60-day written notice of termination to TTD and the other parties.

## VIII. NON-FUND OBLIGATION DOCUMENT

Nothing in this MOU shall obligate the Parties to obligate or transfer any funds. Specific work projects or activities that involve the transfer of funds, services, or property among the Parties will require execution of separate agreements and be contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds. Such activities must be independently authorized by appropriate statutory authority. This MOU does not provide such authority. Negotiations, execution, and administration of each such agreement must comply with all applicable statutes and regulations.

## IX. RESPONSIBILITIES OF PARTIES

All Parties and their respective agencies and offices may handle their own activities and utilize their own resources, including the expenditure of their own funds, in pursuing these objectives. TTD will utilize grant funding specific to each project to support activities related to the projects defined in Section IV. Each Party will carry out separate activities in a coordinated and mutually beneficial manner. This MOU does not constitute an agreement for any party to assume or waive any liability or claim under any applicable law, including any and all liability limitations set forth in NRS Chapter 41.

## X. AUTHORITY

The authority for the Counties to enter into this agreement is contained in the Interlocal Cooperation Act, NRS 277.080 to 277.180 inclusive.

## XI. SIGNATURES

This MOU may be executed in counterparts and is deemed executed when the original signature pages of all Parties are executed and delivered.

**SIGNATURES**

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Parties hereto have caused this MOU to be executed and therefore become effective as of the last date written below.

**Tahoe Transportation District**

**Douglas County**

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**Washoe County**

**Carson City**

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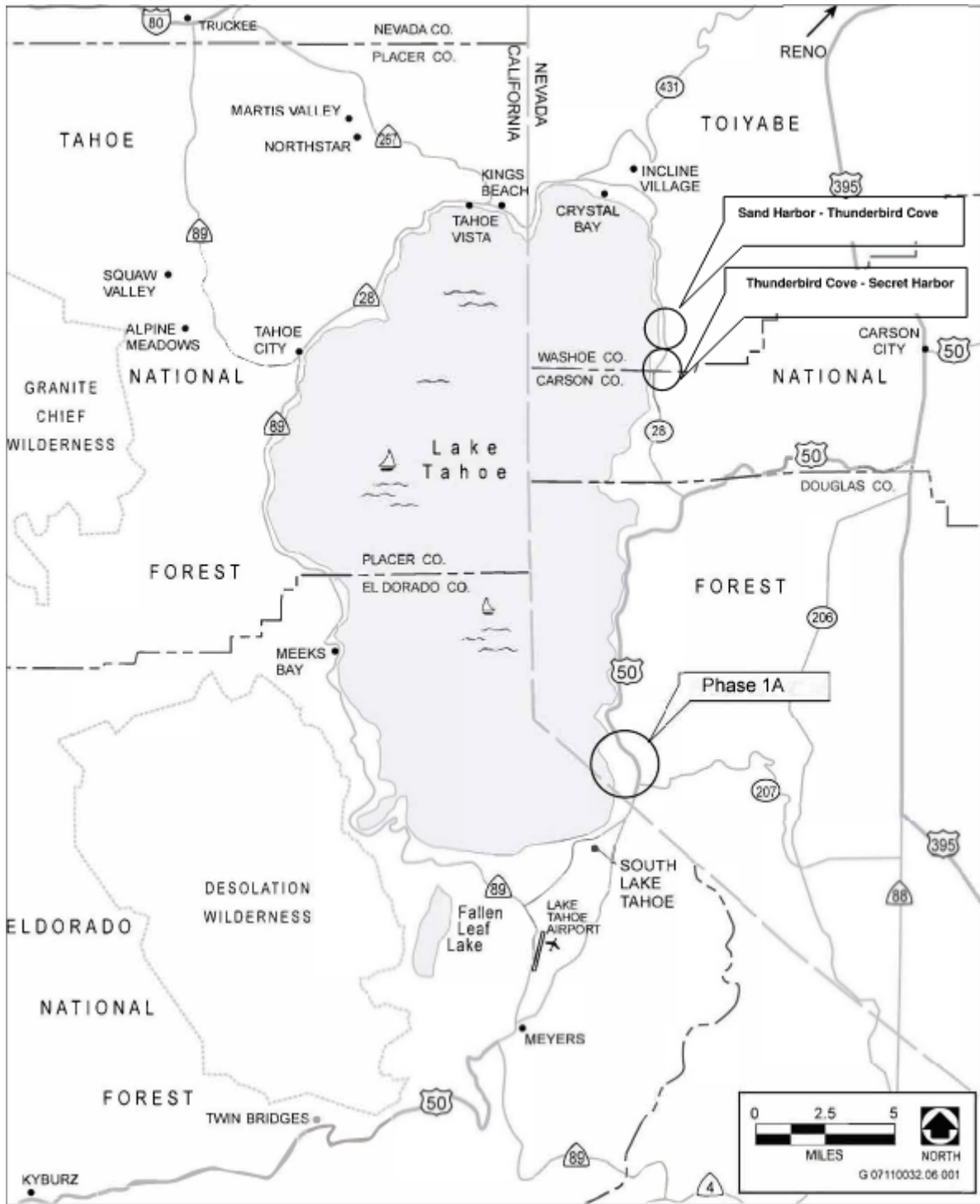
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# Exhibit A





## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors      **Meeting Date:** December 16, 2024

**Staff Contact:** Marena Lovejoy, Senior Natural Resource Specialist, [mlovejoy@carson.org](mailto:mlovejoy@carson.org) and Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org)

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on a review of public and stakeholder survey results for the Carson River Master Plan amendment. (Marena Lovejoy, [mlovejoy@carson.org](mailto:mlovejoy@carson.org) and Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org))

Staff Summary: Staff have been working with the National Park Service - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance (“NPS – RTCA”) Program since 2022 to update the Carson River Master Plan which was completed in 1996. Currently, staff are in the community engagement phase and released both a public survey and stakeholder survey to gather feedback on visitor use information, suggested improvements, and opportunities. This item includes a review and analysis of both survey results.

**Agenda Action:** Other / Presentation      **Time Requested:** 30 minutes

### Proposed Motion

N/A

### Board's Strategic Goal

Quality of Life

### Previous Action

N/A

### Background/Issues & Analysis

Staff, along with OSAC Chair Mark Kimbrough have been working with the NPS-RTCA program since December 2022 to update the Carson River Master Plan (Master Plan), which was completed in 1996 and is due for an update. Original planning for the Carson River dates back to 1993 when the late Kay Bennett, who was a Board of Supervisor member, proposed the need to start planning for the vision of the Carson River through Carson City. From there the first Carson River Workshop was held in 1994, followed by the Board of Supervisors passing a formal resolution to support the planning and vision for the Carson River. This also led to the creation of the Carson River Advisory Committee who served from 1994-2013 and worked to develop the original Carson River Master Plan (“CRMP”). Original goals from the CRMP included developing a “Carson River Corridor” with public access and critical land acquisition opportunities along the river. Major outcomes since the original 1996 plan included acquiring over 11 miles of protected floodplain along the Carson River and recreation enhancements with development of the “River Trail” and the Carson River Aquatic Trail.

The Planning Area for our project consists of the reach of the river through Carson City – from the Douglas County line to the Lyon County line. Other agencies, as well as neighboring counties, have been invited to be project stakeholders and participate in the planning process and provide input for the development of the Master Plan amendment. Currently, staff and consultants are in the stakeholder and public engagement phase of the project. The Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department released a public survey from 8/13/24 – 9/23/24 and received a total of 296 responses. The survey was advertised in local newspapers, social media and through flyers distributed at Carson River trailheads and local bulletin boards. Results from the public survey are provided for reference and further discussion. Following the public survey, staff also prepared a survey for project stakeholders to gather input and feedback on strengths, threats and opportunities in the Carson River corridor. A total of 19 stakeholders provided response to the survey as of 11/15 and the results are summarized in the attached exhibits. The results of both surveys were also reviewed at the Carson River Master Plan Stakeholder Workshop, which was held on November 21, 1:30-3:30 p.m. at the Adams Hub. As evidenced by the public and stakeholder surveys, the Carson River is a vital resource for this community and responses indicate a need to balance recreation with natural resource stewardship and management.

ATTACHMENT 1 – Public User Survey Results

ATTACHMENT 2 – Stakeholder User Survey Results

ATTACHMENT 3 – Public and Stakeholder User Survey Results Presentation

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

N/A

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** No

**If yes, account name/number:**

**Is it currently budgeted?** No

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Alternatives**

Provide staff with additional direction or feedback.

**Attachment(s):**

[5C - ATTACHMENT 1 - Public Survey Results\\_Carson River Master Plan\\_2024.pdf](#)

[5C - ATTACHMENT 2 - Stakeholder Survey Results\\_Carson River Master Plan\\_2024.pdf](#)

[5C - ATTACHMENT 3 - CRMPSurveyResults\\_2024.11.26.pdf](#)

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Aye/Nay

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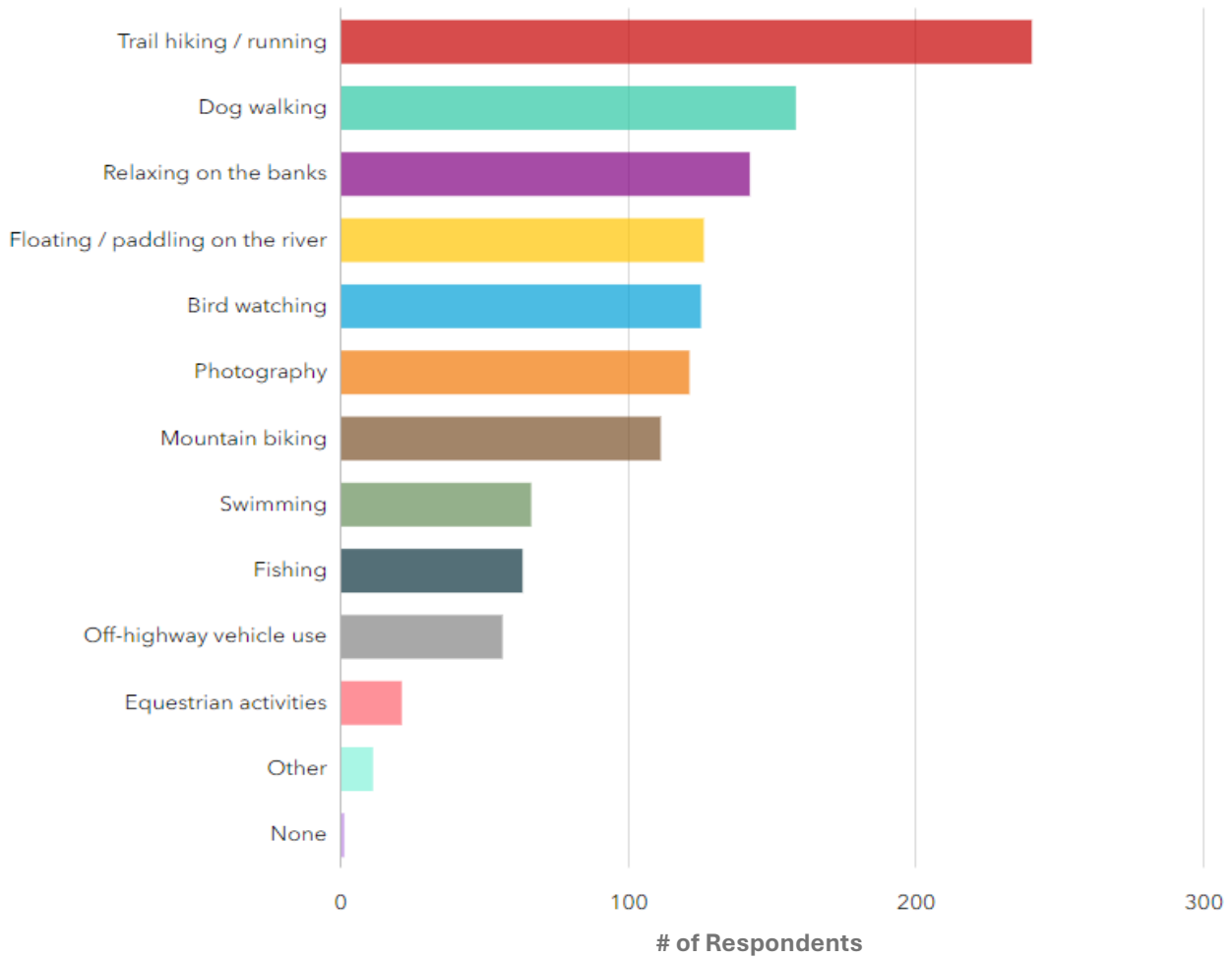
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## Carson River Master Plan – User Experience Survey

Results from Public Survey that was live from August 13, 2024 – September 23, 2024

### 1. What recreational activities do you enjoy in or by the Carson River? \*

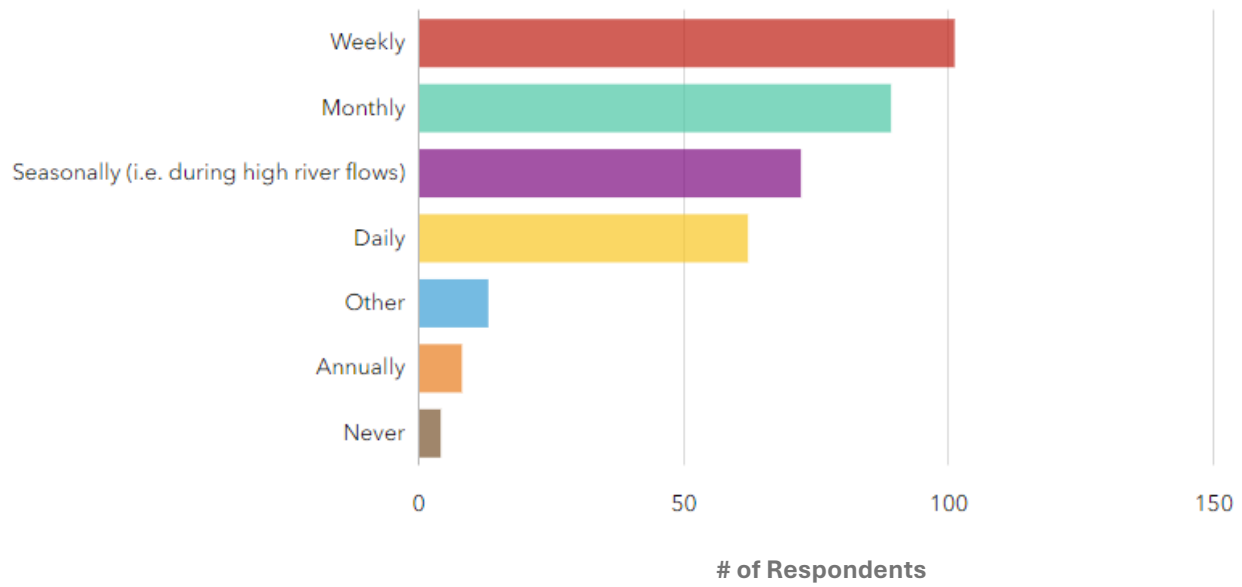


Answers	Count	Percentage
Trail hiking / running	240	81.08%
Dog walking	158	53.38%
Relaxing on the banks	142	47.97%
Floating / paddling on the river	126	42.57%
Bird watching	125	42.23%
Photography	121	40.88%
Mountain biking	111	37.5%
Swimming	66	22.3%
Fishing	63	21.28%
Off-highway vehicle use	56	18.92%
Equestrian activities	21	7.09%
Other	11	3.72%
None	1	0.34%

**“Other” Responses**

- Painting (2 people indicated this)
- Wheelchair access from beginning (parking) to as far as we want to go along the trail at Buzzy's Ranch
- Using our water rights by irrigating our field. This property is our recreation trying to maintain fences that visitors tear down and pick up trash on our property from those who are just plain pigs, including fishermen.
- Road bike riding on Carson River Road and then north and south on the east side of the river.
- Resident on Carson River Road along the Mexican Ditch with concerns of the Mexican Ditch | Carson River resident
- looking for wild horses to gaze at..
- Leading bird watching / surveying
- Horse back riding
- Cat walking

## 2. How often do you recreation in the Carson River area? \*



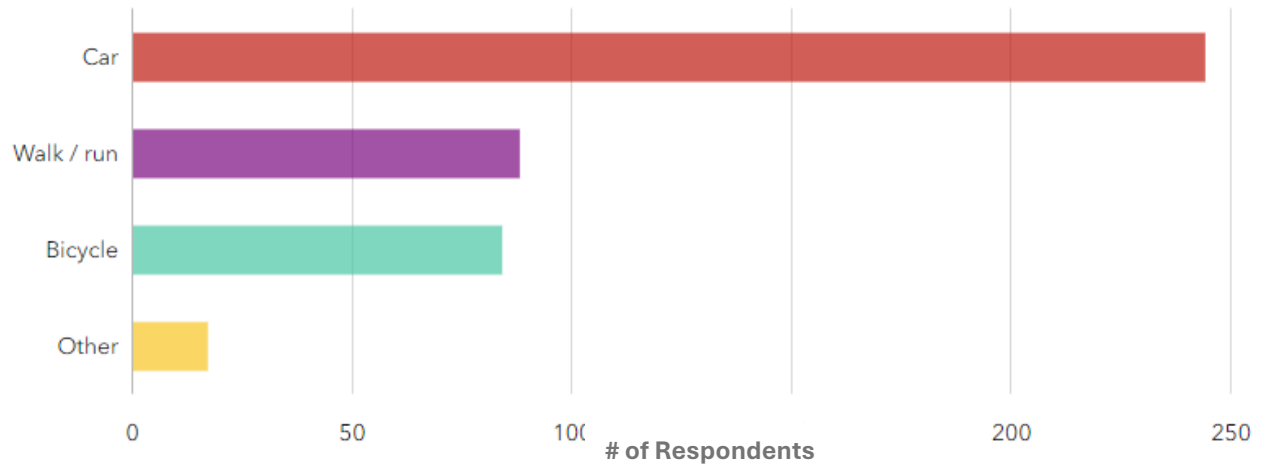
Answers	Count	Percentage
Weekly	101	34.12%
Monthly	89	30.07%
Seasonally (i.e. during high river flows)	72	24.32%
Daily	62	20.95%
Other	13	4.39%
Annually	8	2.7%
Never	4	1.35%

Answered: 296 Skipped: 0

### “Other” Responses

- We own the property at [REDACTED] and constantly have trespassers on our property. I've had my life threatened multiple times and Carson City has done nothing proactive to eliminate the threat from a public and human health standpoint.
- We go often when it's not 8000 degrees outside
- Sort of random, more often with nice weather.
- Run 3 x's weekly
- On request
- not that often, but should to relax away from people
- More than weekly less than daily
- I haven't gotten a chance to visit
- Depends on the year, sometimes weekly sometimes monthly
- 8 - 10 times/year
- 5 to 10 times a year
- 3-4 days a week

### 3. How do you typically get to the Carson River area? \*



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Other response

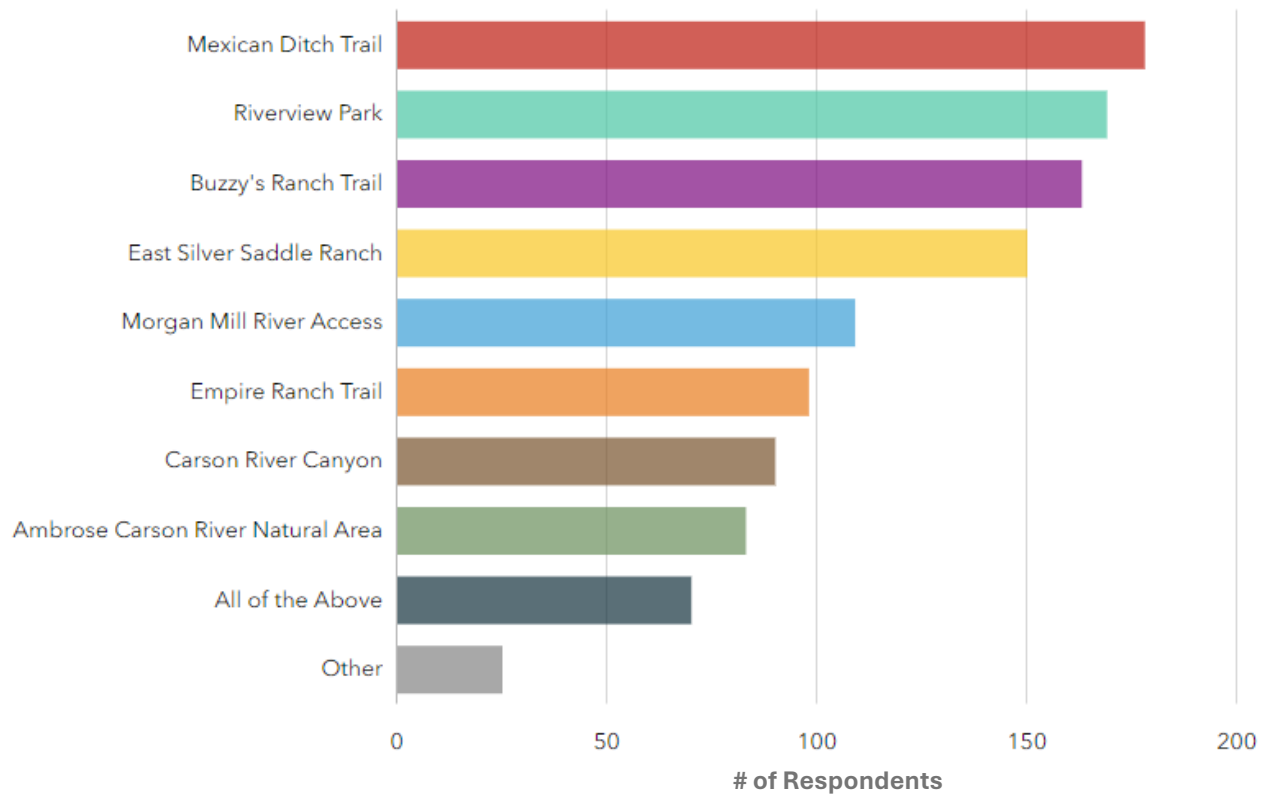
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Car	244	82.43%
Walk / run	88	29.73%
Bicycle	84	28.38%
Other	17	5.74%

#### **“Other” Responses**

- Horseback (2 people indicated this)
- Truck and horse trailer
- Ride Horse there
- OHV
- Motorcycle.
- live on it
- I live on the river. [REDACTED]
- I live on the river, it forms the west boundary of my parcel.
- Horse back, Trail Ride
- Horse
- ATV
- 4x4 jeep an side x side

#### 4. What areas do you commonly visit? \*



Answers	Count	Percentage
Mexican Ditch Trail	178	60.14%
Riverview Park	169	57.09%
Buzzy's Ranch Trail	163	55.07%
East Silver Saddle Ranch	150	50.68%
Morgan Mill River Access	109	36.82%
Empire Ranch Trail	98	33.11%
Carson River Canyon	90	30.41%
Ambrose Carson River Natural Area	83	28.04%
All of the Above	70	23.65%
Other	25	8.45%

#### “Other” Responses

Answered: 296 Skipped: 0

- Silver Saddle Ranch (2 people indicated this)
- Carson River Park (2 people indicated this)
- We will kayak when river is high enough.
- Silver Saddle
- River Trail at Carson River Park
- Raft Mexican Dam to Morgan Mill
- Prison hill

- Near north end of pinion hills drive
- my river frontage
- Mexican Dam personal property.
- Mexican dam
- Lahontan area
- I just moved here
- I do not commonly visit, but stopped and parked at one or two places before.
- Hope to visit but haven't made it
- East fork Carson River in markleville
- Deer Run Road bridge access.
- Dayton
- Brunswick Canyon



## Responses

- Mexican Dam (3 people indicated this)
- Riverview Park (2 people indicated this)
- Riverview (2 people indicated this)
- River trail (2 people indicated this)
- all of them (2 people indicated this)
- All (2 people indicated this)
- When you can't see houses and other man made buildings.
- West of deer run, because it's deep enough to stand up to my neck to get cool, or anywhere quiet to watch birds
- west bank. I've been using it since it was opened to the public
- We used to like going to the natural area because it felt safe
- We try to irrigate our property and we always have had people ignore it. Why because its near Mexican Dam. You need to do a better job of signage, instructing the public of private land rights and the mean water height requirements to access the river.
- We love this trail because we can get our wheelchair bound daughter out into nature.
- We love the river and open fields
- We love all of it, but especially love to go out to the dam and see the waterflows at different times of the year.
- We are still working on exploring all public access areas to the river. There will hopefully be more!
- Walking with dog
- Walking trails
- Walking out to the Mexican dam to see the birds including owls, hawks and eagles
- Walking my dogs at East Silver Saddle Ranch Park( especially Autumn) and Mtn. Biking Morgan Mill Park to the Dam.
- Walking in from Carson River Park because of the owls in the trees and the easy river access. Lots of wildlife!
- Under big trees by the water anywhere is good.
- Trails to mexican dam, trails throughout riverview park
- Trails along river. Birdwatching.
- Trails
- Trail to the dam. Shade & birds.
- Trail to Mexican Dam. Easy walk
- Trail from Silver Saddle ranch to Mexican Dam
- The trails
- the trail from Carson River Park to the Mexican Dam- birding, nice wide trail, flat
- The riverview park because it's so quiet and peaceful and my kids can run around without worrying about cars
- The Riverview Park area is a great starting point for most of my rides or runs. It's also close to marshy areas that have birds when there's water. It's a great access point from town, especially with bike path connections from the north and south.
- The river air is cooler and the birds and other wildlife one may see.
- The river
- The new area south of River view park.
- The natural areas :)
- The Mexican Dam trail off of SSR. I love the easy walk for those in my party with physical ailments, and the sounds and sights are stunning throughout the seasons.
- The Mexican dam trail
- The full length of the Carson River trail because it is flat and smooth, and it offers great views and access.
- The entire Morgan Mill to Mexican Dam by various routes
- The dam. I love watching the flows. I also love seeing the owl on the MDT.
- The Carson River canyon for its wildness, Riverview Park because its where my golden took her last swim, and along the Mexican Ditch for the wildlife.
- The Brunswick canyon area because we go off reading out there often
- The Boat ramp cause it is easy access for my dogs and for my children
- SSR to the Mexican Dam
- SSR because it is quiet and dog friendly.
- Spaces that are clean and have access for multiple people
- South end of CC, north end of Douglas Co
- Silver Saddle-not a lot of people
- Silver saddle. Mexican dam
- Silver Saddle to Mexican Dam, usually. It's beautiful and well maintained. However, there is no wrong answer, I don't really want to claim a favorite because it's all very nice and enjoyable.
- Silver Saddle to Mexican Dam for fishing, hiking and wading.
- Silver Saddle Ranch/Mexican Ditch Trail because of the wildlife
- Silver Saddle Ranch. Agricultural setting, river access, good trails
- Silver Saddle Ranch running trails
- Silver Saddle Ranch for activities.
- Silver Saddle Ranch because it is so tranquil!
- Silver saddle ranch because it connects to several biking opportunities and I can bring my kids.
- Silver Saddle Ranch area history and beauty
- Silver saddle ranch and river park
- Silver Saddle Ranch - trails both up and downstream, easy to drive to, beautiful, fun activities
- Silver Saddle ranch
- Silver saddle is easy river accesz.
- Silver saddle area, easy access, great for biking and dog walking, nice natural areas

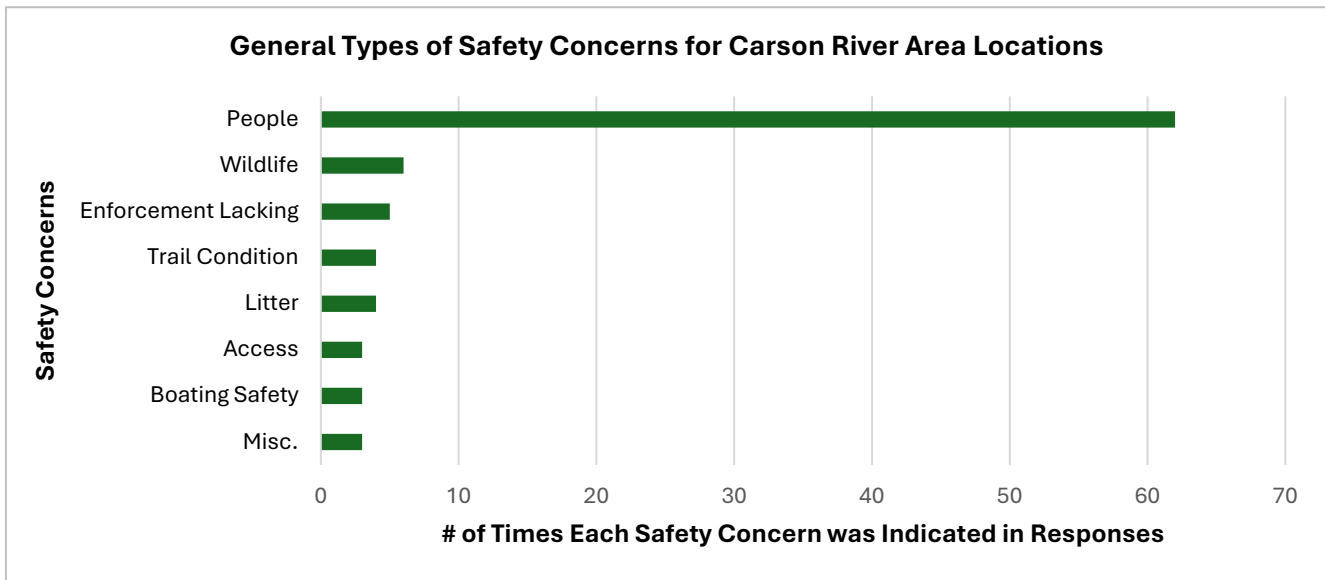
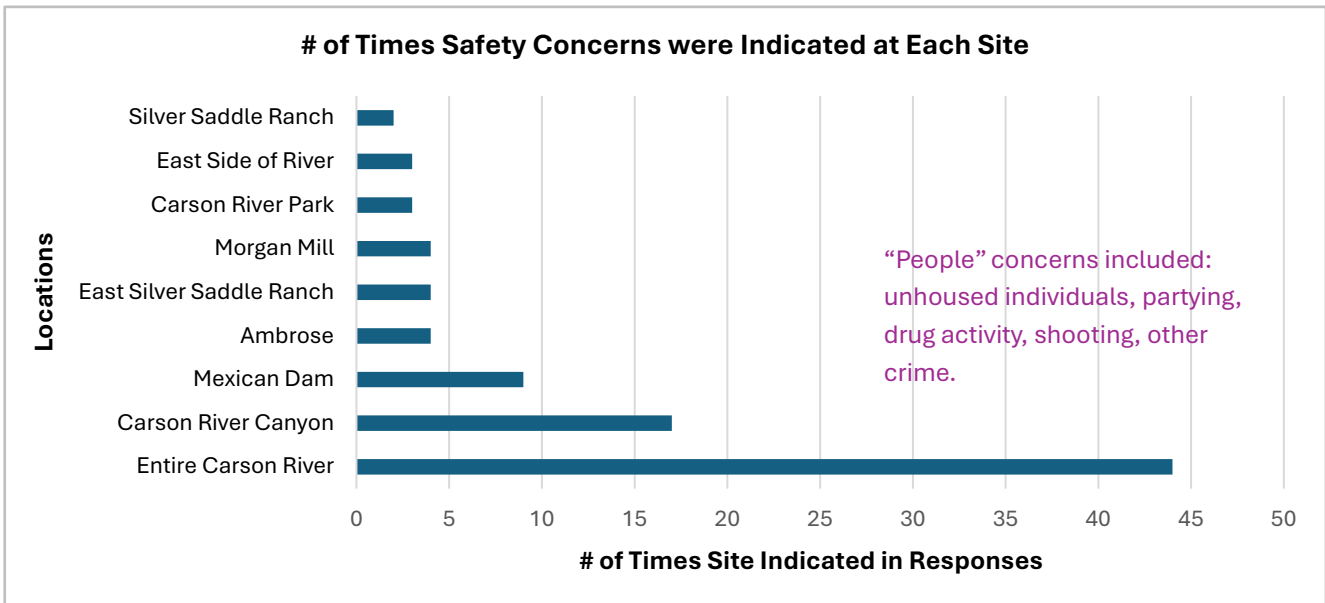
- Silver Saddle area
- Silver Saddle - no riff raft or trash
- Seeing how the river changes with the seasons
- Riverview. Easy access, birding and great place for dogs
- Riverview. Easy access and well maintained trails.
- Riverview to walk dogs
- Riverview park, it's walking distance from my house and I'm able to run with my dog, my dog swims everyday year round and it allows me to bike/run/walk year round.
- Riverview Park, I love walking my dog there and also going alone to birdwatch - very well maintained and so peaceful.
- Riverview Park, easy to access, dog friendly, and ease of trail.
- Riverview Park, dog walking
- Riverview Park, Assess a lot of the trails.
- Riverview park to walk the dog. It is tidy and we'll kept.
- Riverview park is the easiest access to where I board my horses on Hells Bells Rd. I love being able to ride from the stable and have miles of accessible trails.
- Riverview Park for beautiful fall color.
- Riverview Park because it is easily accessible and enjoyable to walk there.
- Riverview Park area because of proximity to my home.
- riverview park area
- Riverview Park and Silver Saddle Ranch...you can drive, park, and enjoy the scenery.
- Riverview Park - I like the walking loops.
- Riverview Park - great trails, birds, water, great dog walking
- Riverview because it is in within walking distance of my house. Carson River Canyon to recreate away from the crowds.
- RiverPark area because it close to town, easy to get to and I can take my dogs to the water.
- River view park! You have parking and bathrooms and lots of trail to walk. As well as some shade
- River view park to run and let my dog swim
- river view park cause its gorgeous
- River view for birds watching
- river view
- River Trail - I'm looking for traditional medicines and feel safe in this area.
- River canyon ohv
- Recreational Spots
- Rafting Mexican Dam to Morgan Mill every May - June. It's great and closer than the Truckee.
- Rafting from Hangman's Bridge to take out. Love the hot springs in the middle of the run
- Quiet
- Probably Ambrose because I find it to be a really cute green scenic area
- Pine nuts
- picnic area and some area hiking trails
- Picnic area / restrooms
- Paths adjacent to the river, they are the most peaceful
- Off Sierra Vista just over the bridge at Carson River Rd
- Not sure yet
- No favorite - haven't been to all areas.
- Near the Mexican Dam 'cause it's easy to access, has fun wildlife, and isn't usually too busy
- Near north end of pinion hills drive because it is convenient and secluded
- N/A
- my river frontage
- My knees aren't so good, so I drive out where I can park and walk a \*little\*
- My favorite part when visiting the river is just siting next to the water on a bench or branch and listening to the breeze and just walking under the beautiful trees.
- My favorite is along the river from either buzzys ranch trail or east silver saddle ranch. I think the views are the most beautiful, and there is some shade. The trails also seem easy for stroller access.
- My favorite area of the river is the Buzzys Ranch Trail because it has very pretty views, and is very calming.
- My favorite area is the Riverview park. However, the linked trails along that way are all wonderful!
- My backyard is on Mexican Ditch trail. We walk/ride bikes every day on all trails with our dogs
- My back yard
- Morgan Mill the golf course next to the river
- Morgan mill- better fishing space
- Mexican ditch. Less idiots with dogs.
- Mexican ditch. Easy trail for kids to ride bikes on.
- Mexican ditch. Best hiking trails and beautiful views.
- Mexican Ditch. It's a fair ride/walk with quiet spots.
- Mexican Ditch Trail. You can see so many different environments and also enjoy backyard plantings.
- Mexican Ditch Trail. Views, ease of walk, few visitors
- Mexican ditch trail, it Is beautiful and feels safe.
- Mexican ditch trail for running and biking. Nice variety of elevations and no cars.
- Mexican Ditch Trail for Bike Riding
- mexican ditch trail and dam - historical signs and lovely trail

- Mexican Ditch Trail @ Silver Saddle Ranch - easy access for riding my mtb to Mexican Dam Open space and return by Buzzy's Ranch Trail @ River View Park
- Mexican ditch trail - love the natural wildness of the area.
- Mexican Ditch trail - great trail for equines
- Mexican Ditch Trail
- Mexican Ditch and Dam - shaded in early am in summer; love seeing the changes all year
- Mexican Ditch & Buzzy's Ranch the wildlife
- Mexican Dam. Nice trail and lively spot on the water.
- Mexican dam. Nice and peaceful
- Mexican dam. My grandfather took me there fishing
- Mexican Dam. Fun spot.
- Mexican Dam. Fish, relax.
- Mexican dam. Easy access to the river.
- Mexican dam. Been going there for 32 years starting from over Prison Hill
- Mexican Dam. Great to be between river and ditch in all seasons with shady trees, birds and many photo ops. Wide path is great to chat while walking. And it's always watch water over the dam.
- Mexican dam.
- Mexican Dam, it's peaceful.
- Mexican Dam, history and ruggedness of the area.
- Mexican dam, for its wildlife and quietness
- Mexican dam, easy and beautiful walk
- Mexican dam, it's a destination
- Mexican dam!
- Mexican Dam trail for the water and beauty
- Mexican dam open space. Because it is accessible through golden eagle
- Mexican Dam is a good destination and links a gravel bike ride
- Mexican Dam for the solitude and possible wildlife viewing
- mexican dam for fishing
- Mexican dam for fishing
- Mexican Dam because all you can hear is the water flowing in the spring.
- Mexican dam area, scenery, wildlife
- Mexican dam area
- Mexican Dam and Silver Saddle area because of its proximity to Prison Hill and Dead Truck
- Mexican dam and downstream - because the birdwatching in the riparian forest is great there, and the place is beautiful
- Mexican Dam and Ambrose. There are close to home, partially shaded and great year round.
- Mexican dam Quiet
- Like all of it
- Kayaking/rafting Morgan Mill to Santa Maria Ranch/Dayton - scenic/unimproved w/good whitewater. Also, leading inexperienced paddlers East Silver Saddle to Morgan Mill.
- Kayaking/rafting Morgan hill to Santa Maria
- I'm new to the area and haven't explored it enough to have a favorite.
- I use all of the areas, ride or bike Carson River trail, Buzzy's ranch, float the river below Mexican dam to Morgan mill, and kayak from Morgan mill through Brunswick canyon.
- I no longer walk my dogs there after a man in a white truck was stalking me in the parking lot...either to break into my vehicle or attack me on the trail (he had not seen my dogs yet).
- I most enjoy accessing the River from Silver Saddle Ranch to Mexican Ditch in the early morning. I love the wildlife, river, birds, and that my dog can run.
- I love the trails and can reach all access points with my horses. I love being able to be near the river in the summer and access to BLM from the area as well
- I love the river trails. They provide wonderful walking, running, and biking opportunities.
- I love the River Trail @ Carson River Park that goes to Mexican Dam for its varied scenery and vegetation and wildlife. The Cottonwoods are gorgeous during the Fall season. I like the easy access to the River near the Dam.
- I love Silver Saddle for the many trail direction and length options
- I love kayaking from East Silver Saddle Ranch put in to Morgan Mill pull out as it's so fun and can only be done for a few weeks in the spring. Second favorite is walking along the Mexican Ditch trail.
- I like to walk my dog at Riverview Park
- I like the Riverview park by the river. All the trees make it very cool and very nice during the summer.
- I like the entire river corridor because of the shade, wildlife and peacefulness.
- I like the bathroom access along the trails and trash cans. I appreciate groomed trails.
- I like kayaking from the river park to the Morgan mill access in the spring.
- I like going to different places
- I like all of the Carson River! Great place to be!
- I enjoy the many stops we make when floating the river.
- I bike all the west side trails daily. I average 20 miles per day. Carson Canyon is fun too but very rocky. It also feels less safe.
- Hmm, the views at Mexican Dam are nice. The canyon is a cool spot to explore even though I don't go there frequently.
- Hidden Meadows has less dog poop & people
- green areas
- Get away into nature
- From the East Silver Saddle through the canyon.

- Floating the river from Carson River Road to Morgan Mill. It's beautiful and relaxing.
- Floating from Mexican ditch to the Morgan Mill because it is scenic and peaceful, water conditions have to be just right though
- Enjoy being able to bike trails from Empire Ranch Trail down to Mexican Dam with minimal road crossing and great scenery
- Empire ranch trail, it's walking distance from my house.
- Empire ranch trail, close to home and lots of wildlife
- Empire Ranch Trail given its proximity to my house
- Empire ranch trail because it is open and feels safe
- easy to get there and not crowded
- East Silver Saddle. I walk my dog every morning along the trails between the two parking lots. I've encountered bears, birds, coyotes, beavers, and deer and love every minute of it.
- East Silver Saddle River Access - Quiet and peaceful on shore and great access for paddling to Morgan Mill. Beautiful fall foliage!
- East Silver Saddle Ranch for the solitude and nature sightseeing
- East silver saddle ranch- float access
- East Silver Saddle Ranch
- East Silver saddle
- East Silver River Ranch. Level, shaded walking trail.
- East River
- East for carson river i go fly fishing and camping
- Eagle viewing area
- Don't have a favorite but the canyon is the most interesting to me.
- Dog walking and biking by river
- Dog friendly trails to let them swim
- Different places
- Depends on how crowded the trailhead is.
- damn and river view park. Ease of access
- Carson River Park. It has facilities and a nice path next to the river. It's also not heavily used on weekdays.
- Carson River Park, shady, scenic, quiet
- Carson River Park, because it's got a lot of shade over the trail.
- Carson River Park! It's Beautiful!
- Carson River Park by Silver saddle Ranch, i like the area because its usually not too busy so i can walk my dog around and there's a few areas where he can walk down to the river to cool off
- Carson river park because everyone I've brought there has been able to enjoy it.
- Carson River Canyon. So peaceful!
- Carson River Canyon, the V&T, and historic mill sites!
- carson river canyon, 4x4ing
- Carson river canyon is my favorite place . The reason is because of the history with Virginia city and all the mining in this area.
- Carson River Canyon for rafting
- Carson River Canyon due to its remote nature.
- Carson river canyon because there is no paved road and not too crowded
- Carson River Canyon because there is hardly anybody ever out there.
- Carson river canyon because it's quiet and beautiful
- Carson River Canyon because it is not visible by Deer Run Road and makes you feel further away from town
- Carson River Canyon because it is a wilderness experience just outside of town. It is beautiful and provide good aquatic and terrestrial habitat.
- Carson River Canyon because it has nice rapids for rafting
- Carson River Canyon and Mexican Ditch Trail. I like to boat. I like to look at birds along the trail.
- Carson river canyon / fishing
- Carson River Canyon - amazing views and often less people
- Carson River Canyon
- Carson River
- Carson rive park , to the dam, through Silver saddle Ranch, Mexican ditch Trail and then fuzzy trail back to the park. I like that there are three bathrooms on this loop. I appreciate the variety of scenery.
- Carson canyon there are less people up there
- Canyon
- By hells bells rd
- Buzzy's Trail for dog walking
- Buzzy's Ranch, because it has the most shade.
- Buzzy's Ranch Trail: beautiful, great hiking,biking
- Buzzy's Ranch trail..scenic, connects with other trails easily, close to my home
- Buzzy's Ranch Trail, green pastures.
- Buzzys Ranch Trail and Carson River Park - Bird Watching
- Buzzys Ranch the trailI well maintained and repaired, I feel safe there
- Buzzy's Ranch or SS Ranch; beauty of the wetlands and the wildlife there
- Buzzy's Ranch and Riverview Park. Well kept trail network. Convenient access. Nearby restrooms.
- Buzzy's at Carson River Park, ease of access
- Buzzy's Ranch, easiest access for a nice run, dog walk, chill mountain bike ride, and also horseback.
- Buzzy's Ranch Train: pretty in the evening in the fall... very picturesque
- Buzzy's Ranch trail, because we like the open space.
- Buzzy's ranch is great with the quality of the new trail work that was done on it a couple years ago very smooth the bike

- Buzzy Ranch and River ranch trails
- Buzzes ranch river trail - no dogs
- Brunswick Canyon because it's a bit off the beaten path.
- Brunswick Canyon - great river running and handbuilt road base on river left.
- Bee tree
- Because I live in the river, across from the Anderson Ranch, that is my favorite area,; however, when my dogs and I were younger, we often walked along the river to the Ambrose Area and back, sometimes along the river, sometimes along the road.
- Areas away from crowds.
- ANYwhere where it is pristine and natural - minimal or no maintained paths
- Anywhere my dogs can be off leash
- Anywhere I can fish
- Any part of the east end. I love how you can get back there to go fishing and it's not too common to see other people during the week. I also love how untouched it is and the history back there.
- Ambrose, it's easy to bike to, and there are places to stop and play in the river
- Ambrose, ease of access to river and parking
- Ambrose, beautiful trees...
- Ambrose Carson River Natural Area, Peace and quiet, green space, heals the soul.
- Ambrose b/c it's not as popular and my dogs can be off leash and swim.
- Ambrose - sweeping views of the river,cottonwood galleries, and the Carson Range.
- ambrose
- All trails are favorites.
- All trails along the river. I appreciate the trees, shade in the summer and colors in the fall
- All the items I selected in the previous question
- All of them, they each provide a beautiful experience.
- all of them!
- All of the above, quiet
- All of it. Public lands are great!
- All of it. My wife and I will walk our dogs up and down the path nearby. We also spend some time fishing there.
- All of it. Different areas serve different purposes
- All of it! When trail riding horseback may cove 7-10miles
- All I have checked
- All areas. The natural wilderness and the variety of wildlife, parking and access, good trails
- All areas are nice
- all along the river on west side of river
- All - it's literally in my backyard
- After Lake Lahontan floating
- After Lahontan Lake float and fish the Carson River
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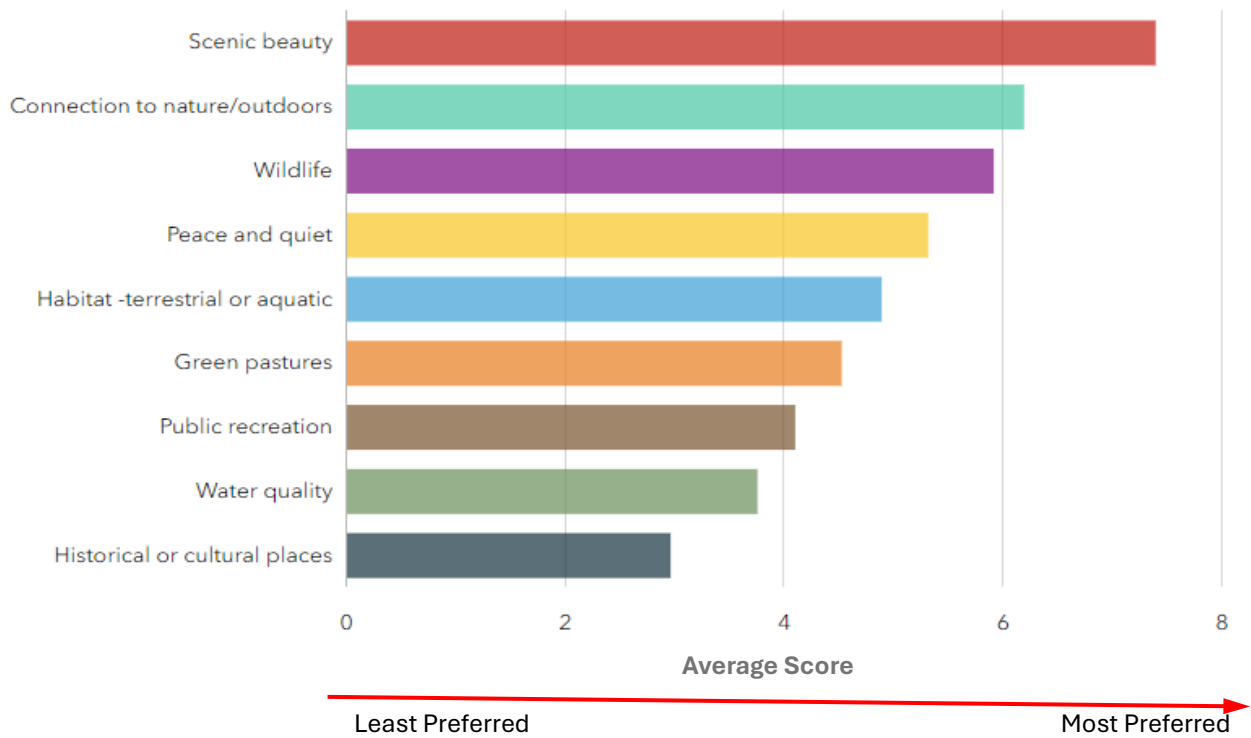


#### Responses

- when people drive motorcycles in river, when people are hunting or shooting along and in river
- Trail to Mexican Dam - have seen homeless campers out there before
- This summer, there was a bear with 3 cubs near the river, below our home on Deer Run Rd. We avoided that area all summer. First time since 2005!
- The water is not clean and there are many homeless encampments along some areas of the river
- The River is dangerous in the Carson River Canyon and not for the average person.
- The river canyon east of the gravel pit is often occupied by transient people. Also the trail east out the canyon is often covered in litter.
- The east side feels less safe due to heavier use due to car access. Homeless activity in Empire area seems less this year.
- The canyon area. Because of the squatters.
- Sometimes potential drug trading...
- Sometimes feel unsafe by myself in East Silver Saddle area due to questionable people recreating, has gotten better over last year or two
- Sometimes feel uncomfortable about coyotes
- Some of the river access points are more difficult to access and very rocky. No bathrooms or trash receptacles.
- Single track area at north end near Morgan Mill - too much brush for people to hide in.
- see above, I will never go back there
- River Trail, Buzzy's Ranch Trail, Mexican Dam, Mexican Ditch Trail, Mexican Ditch Trail at Silver Saddle Ranch due to massive overgrowth, lack of enforcement, lack of trail maintenance, litter, the unhoused/overnight camping/parking
- Recently at Carson River Park there has been evidence of party/drug type activities, as well as persons living on-site.
- Presence of homeless people; coyotes; bears
- People don't leash their dogs. The dogs are out of control.
- Parking lot at bridge near silver saddle. Area has been used for drug deals
- out of control and rude mountain bikers
- No way to exit trails in some places. Have had some interactions that have felt unsafe at Mexican ditch with some interactions

- Near BLM land, some visitor bring dogs that can be aggressive. I have defended myself from dogs that have run out of owners control.
- Most areas in the river can get scary at night just because there's not much lighting around:
- Most areas I do feel safe; however, there have been transients that will show up along or by the river that puts me in a heightened awareness mode.
- Morgan Mill to Riverview have areas that are stalker creepy.
- Morgan Mill area I've seen open drug use in the parking lot and lots of broken glass
- Mexican dam sometimes because there are sometimes sketchy people in the park and under the highway bridge
- Lots of shady characters hang out
- Lack of law enforcement juxtaposed with the worst of humanity
- It is impossible for Carson Sheriffs Dept to reach certain areas. They will not help if it is on the east side of the river and they refuse to use their droan
- It feels remote, not many people are out there, maybe get some Emergency Phones put in.
- I'm female & feel nervous going alone to areas with lots of vegetation & too secluded, where someone could grab me & no one to hear/help (ie off empire pkg area, the dirt road east side of deer run
- Illegal shooting, homeless, hypodermic needles, glass in the sand
- I would never go here alone. There's no police presence and there's often people there that are committing crimes. I don't feel comfortable taking my family there. Empire ranch is notorious for gang activity.
- I was approached twice by the naked man near Silver Saddle. I understand he has been arrested.
- I own land near Mexican Dam, people trespass all the time and we've been threatened and have had people arrested for trespassing throughout the years. Why because it isn't being managed and maintained to support public safety for all.
- I mean sometimes you run into river people down on the way to the dam, but they've never been aggressive
- I feel safe most places except just east of Morgan Mill. The space there feels confined.
- I feel my personal safety is at risk from bears, coyotes, and strange men.
- I dont go on the parts of the river that feel unsafe
- I do feel safe there, but at times when i am alone, being a girl in today society i am just always careful of my surroundings never knowing what might happen.
- I called park rangers on a van parked in an illegal area once. Also a bear went ambling by once. I have pictures....
- I avoid Carson River Canyon unless in a group of people. Since the canyon was the place folks went to break the law. I've also been chased by a pack of dogs of folks that were living at the river, but I have not gotten down to canyon since city took over.
- Homeless population and drug waste left
- Homeless encampments along the river and hidden in the brush.
- Homeless camps
- Having to use the 395 bridges to get from Douglas to Carson
- Haven't felt it was safe to go by myself in any part of the park.
- Generally I feel safe but I stay alert. Some issues from transients at Ambrose and downstream from Morgan mill road.
- Frequent shooting in the Mexican dam canyon area. Used to not bother me, but with silver saddle ranch having a possible issue with someone intentionally or unintentionally shooting cows, I do worry.
- For the most part I do feel safe, but it makes me feel un-easy when an un-leashed dog runs up to me.
- Evenings and after dark (when the park is supposed to be closed) there can be some sketchy characters lurking about. Or having loud, drunken parties with an entire group.
- East silver saddle
- Dogs off leash are often not controlled by the owner
- Depends on time of day. Some times the trails to the river feel lonely.
- Carson River Canyon. Homeless, shooting.
- Carson river canyon, people partying, shooting ect.
- Carson River Canyon with guns being shot. More sketchy people in this area.
- Carson River Canyon sometimes has weird stuff going on
- Carson River Canyon has a dangerous former bridge that my dog fell off and was injured. It should be fenced off, but is not. I complained to parks and rec, but last I checked nothing had been done.
- Carson River Canyon - the remoteness is awesome. Past use by shooters & encampments of those less fortunate have limited my desire to access this location without company. Paddling through the Canyon must also be done with skilled white water paddlers.
- Carson River Canyon - people are still target shooting, even though posted "no shooting"; often have to go around them if possible
- Carson Canyon area. Too many questionable people there
- Car break ins at Silver Saddle Ranch and many of the trail heads. Some people are scary looking
- Attempted car break in Carson River Canyon. I caught the perpetrator in action.
- At trail heads large stumps are regularly moved around making navigating a bike challenging which can be dangerous if not paying attention.
- Ambrose and River Canyon areas
- Ambrose and East Silver Saddle sometimes have overnight vehicles questionable men
- Also float above Mexican dam, but it's hard to portage.
- Along the canyon is a little sketchy sometimes.

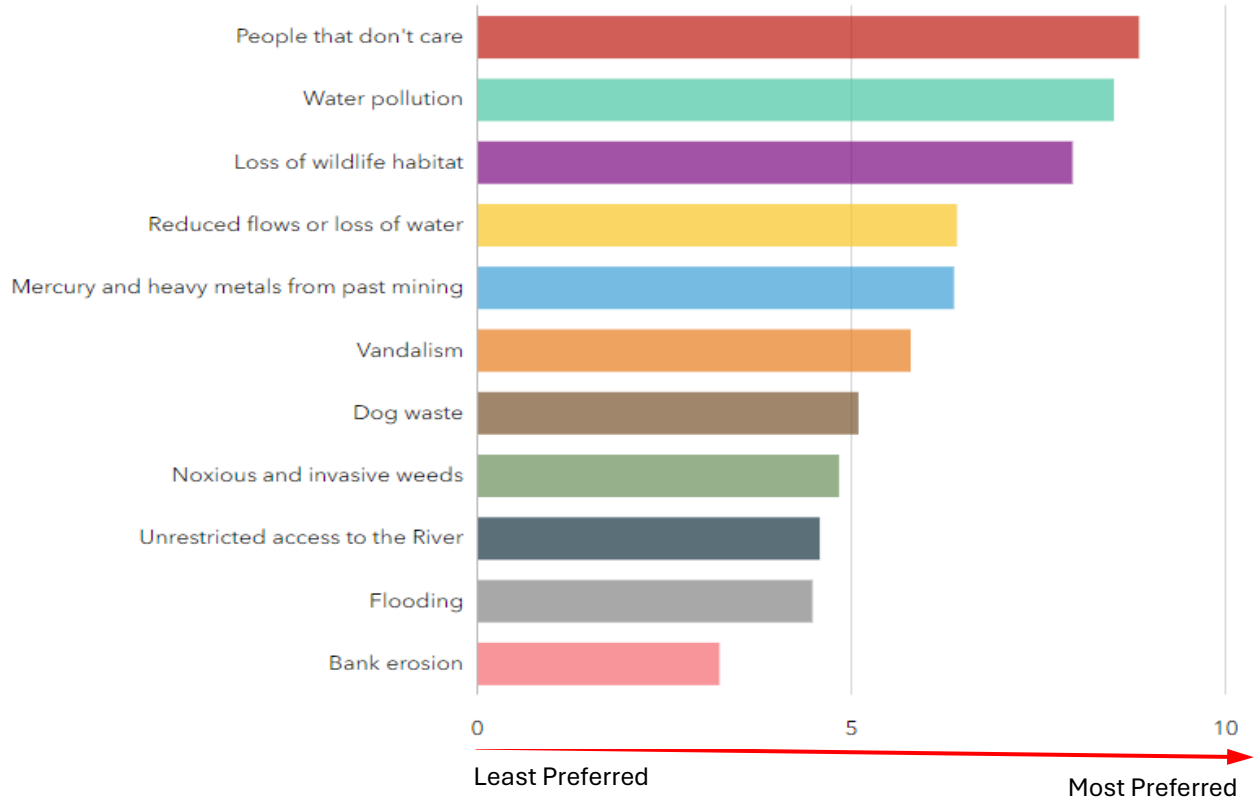
## 7. What do you value most about the Carson River area? \*



Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Average score
1	Scenic beauty	27.03%	32.77%	17.57%	7.77%	7.43%	4.39%	3.04%	0%	0%	7.39
		80	97	52	23	22	13	9	0	0	
2	Connection to nature/outdoors	27.36%	15.54%	11.82%	10.47%	7.43%	7.77%	1.69%	11.15%	6.76%	6.19
		81	46	35	31	22	23	5	33	20	
3	Wildlife	5.74%	12.5%	17.91%	29.73%	12.84%	11.82%	5.74%	3.04%	0.68%	5.91
		17	37	53	88	38	35	17	9	2	
4	Peace and quiet	13.85%	13.85%	13.51%	12.5%	11.15%	6.42%	4.73%	6.42%	17.57%	5.31
		41	41	40	37	33	19	14	19	52	
5	Habitat -terrestrial or aquatic	5.07%	5.74%	8.11%	15.2%	23.31%	16.55%	15.88%	8.45%	1.69%	4.89
		15	17	24	45	69	49	47	25	5	
6	Green pastures	0.68%	6.08%	16.89%	11.82%	15.88%	15.88%	10.47%	11.49%	10.81%	4.52
		2	18	50	35	47	47	31	34	32	
7	Public recreation	12.84%	7.09%	6.42%	5.41%	7.09%	4.73%	15.54%	17.91%	22.97%	4.09
		38	21	19	16	21	14	46	53	68	
8	Water quality	4.39%	3.72%	6.08%	3.72%	11.15%	18.58%	19.93%	18.58%	13.85%	3.75
		13	11	18	11	33	55	59	55	41	
9	Historical or cultural places	3.04%	2.7%	1.69%	3.38%	3.72%	13.85%	22.97%	22.97%	25.68%	2.96
		9	8	5	10	11	41	68	68	76	

NOTE: Each choice in a Ranking Question receives a score based on its rank. For this question there were nine choices, and therefore the choice ranked first gets a score of 9. The choice ranked second gets a score of 8, and so on. The choice with the highest average score is the most preferred. The choice with the lowest average score is the least preferred.

**8a. Below is a list of threats/issues that some say are affecting the Carson River. Please rank them in order of importance to you. \***

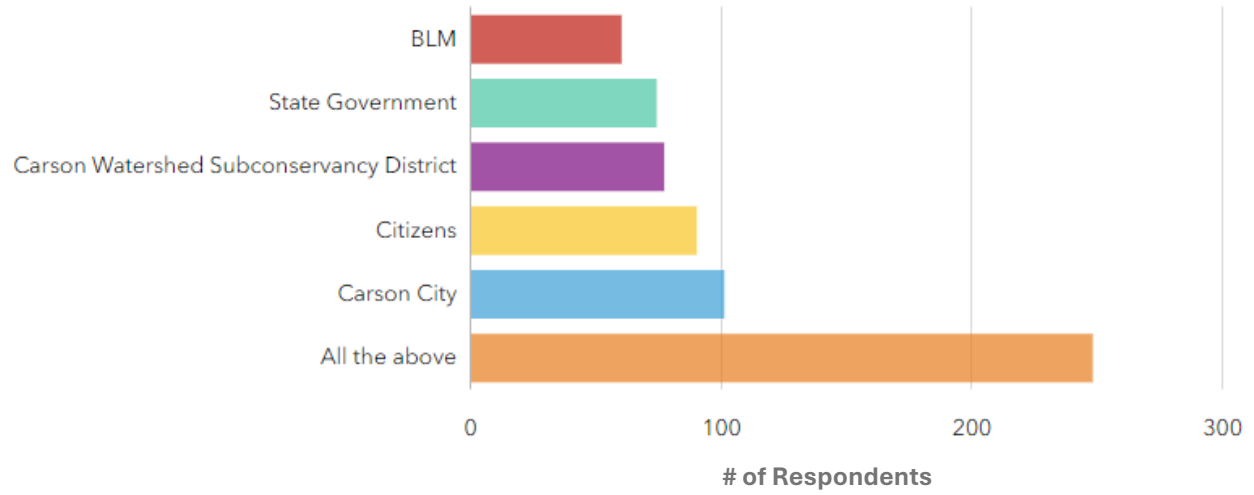


Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	Average score
1	People that don't care	31.08% 92	13.85% 41	22.64% 67	11.15% 33	7.77% 23	4.05% 12	1.35% 4	3.04% 9	3.38% 10	0.68% 2	1.01% 3	8.83
2	Water pollution	12.84% 38	31.08% 92	15.54% 46	11.15% 33	13.51% 40	6.42% 19	3.72% 11	2.36% 7	1.69% 5	1.01% 3	0.68% 2	8.50
3	Loss of wildlife habitat	11.15% 33	10.81% 32	18.24% 54	21.62% 64	15.88% 47	11.15% 33	6.76% 20	2.7% 8	1.01% 3	0.34% 1	0.34% 1	7.95
4	Reduced flows or loss of water	6.42% 19	4.73% 14	8.11% 24	8.11% 24	15.88% 47	20.61% 61	18.24% 54	8.11% 24	6.42% 19	3.38% 10	0% 0	6.40
5	Mercury and heavy metals from past mining	12.84% 38	5.07% 15	4.73% 14	14.53% 43	16.55% 49	10.14% 30	9.46% 28	7.43% 22	4.05% 12	4.39% 13	10.81% 32	6.36
6	Vandalism	5.07% 15	12.84% 38	8.78% 26	7.09% 21	7.43% 22	7.43% 22	4.39% 13	20.27% 60	9.46% 28	13.18% 39	4.05% 12	5.78
7	Dog waste	7.43% 22	10.14% 30	7.77% 23	6.76% 20	5.07% 15	6.08% 18	4.73% 14	4.05% 12	6.42% 19	28.72% 85	12.84% 38	5.08
8	Noxious and invasive weeds	3.72% 11	5.41% 16	6.08% 18	7.43% 22	5.41% 16	8.11% 24	7.09% 21	7.09% 21	29.39% 87	14.53% 43	5.74% 17	4.82
9	Unrestricted access to the River	5.74% 17	1.69% 5	2.03% 6	4.05% 12	4.39% 13	6.08% 18	18.92% 56	20.27% 60	18.92% 56	8.45% 25	9.46% 28	4.57
10	Flooding	1.35% 4	2.36% 7	2.7% 8	2.7% 8	3.72% 11	14.53% 43	19.26% 57	20.61% 61	13.18% 39	11.49% 34	8.11% 24	4.47
11	Bank erosion	2.36% 7	2.03% 6	3.38% 10	5.41% 16	4.39% 13	5.41% 16	6.08% 18	4.05% 12	6.08% 18	13.85% 41	46.96% 139	3.23



- Missing a huge opportunity to partner with and engage with Washoe Tribe to support a healthy river and landscape. Inclusion of Tribal Ecological Knowledge is critical.
- Mercury and the Minden farmers pollution of the river
- Littering
- litter-dumping
- Lack of law enforcement / aid in an emergency
- Lack of funding in the future.
- lack of education about the river
- Lack of coordinated access/recreation between counties and jurisdictions
- Lack of access due to fencing off areas.
- it's unsafe, too many creepy people
- It's not a threat but the overgrown willows make people not want to stop and enjoy. I spend time out there daily trimming paths for people to enjoy what I got to do in the earlier years of my life
- Infrastructure being developed in flood plane..loss of cottonwood trees
- Indifference by local officials.
- illegal dumping, shooting near the river
- Illegal camping, vandalism
- If you pave the back roads it will suck. Please leave the nature alone.
- I talked to Carson City employees and they said they have to remove beaver dams. I think you guys should try hard to leave them in place
- I fear that equestrian rights will be restricted or stopped. Originally the area in question was primarily for cattle and horses. I would hate to see that be changed. primarily
- I don't know anything specific as where newcomers. Usually, people who visit cause problems with their personal trash and their pet.
- humans who bring all sorts of trash to the areas near the river and leave it, including driving up Sedge Rd and dumping household items.
- Human kind
- Housing development in surrounding area.
- Homeless people. They discourage usage of the river in those areas and they pollute the areas they occupy with human waste.
- Homeless people camping. Let me be clear. HOMELESS PEOPLE CAMPING.
- Homeless people are living in their cars, parked at the designated spots throughout the area. While these areas are technically from dusk to dawn use, clearly those rules are not being followed.
- Homeless camps and trash
- Homeless camps
- Homeless camping
- Homeless
- Feral horses and the people who protect them.
- Equestrians should pick up or scatter horse waste from trails
- Electric bikes
- Drought
- Dirt bikes, beer cans, float tubes, other garbage left by
- Development of the floodplain that impedes rivers ability to meander
- Development of house and business too close. It creates runoff of polluting water . Development of parking lots. over crowding. Not big enough area for the population. Keeping it free flowing.
- DEVELOPMENT
- Cow and fertilizer waste from Carson Valley
- Climate change. Also, this sort of falls under reduced flows, but specifically over-pumping upstream
- Climate Change Temperature increases creating toxic water conditions affecting wildlife. Also Golf Course runoff of chemicals/fertilizers.
- Class 2 ebikes on multi use trails
- City getting closer and closer.
- CITIZENS who complain about wildlife including coyotes and wild horses in the area
- CC mayor
- Car racing on road
- Bikes
- Beavers
- beaver damage to many trees
- bank erosion, to a certain extent, is natural. Especially since a lot of the flood plain is protected, any "bank stabilization" projects should be taken with serious caution.
- Bad people.
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## 9. Who is responsible for the future health of the Carson River? \*



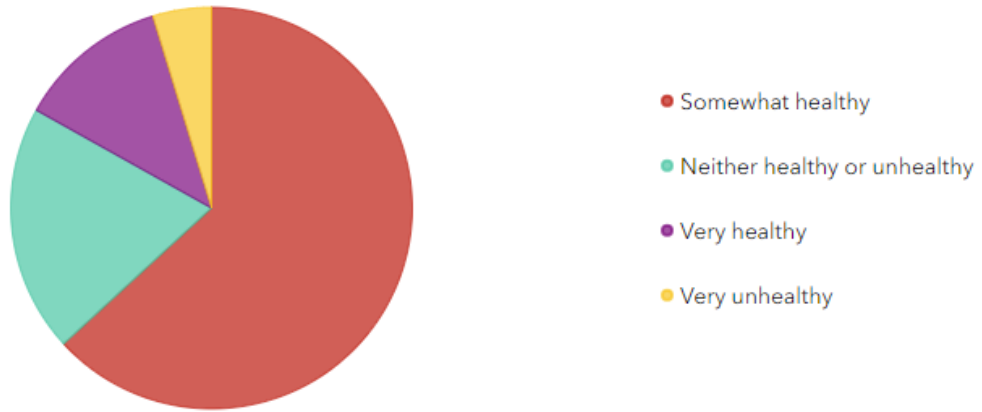
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Answers	Count	Percentage
BLM	60	20.27%
State Government	74	25%
Carson Watershed Subconservancy District	77	26.01%
Citizens	90	30.41%
Carson City	101	34.12%
All the above	248	83.78%

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10. In your opinion, the Carson River environment is currently: \*



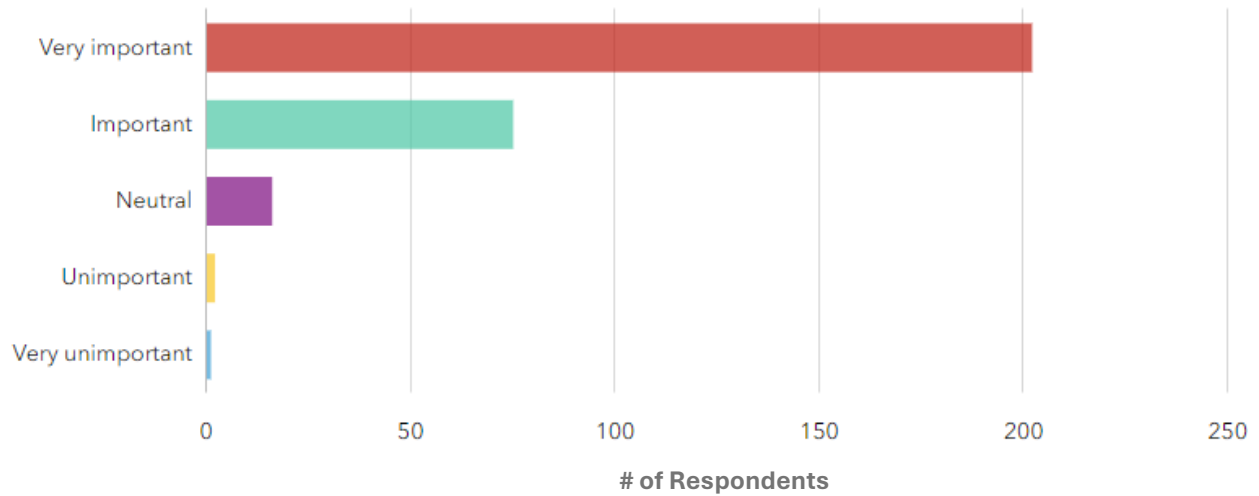
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Somewhat healthy	187	63.18%
Neither healthy or unhealthy	59	19.93%
Very healthy	36	12.16%
Very unhealthy	14	4.73%

Answered: 296 Skipped: 0

**11. How important is access to the Carson River to your enjoyment and quality of life? \***



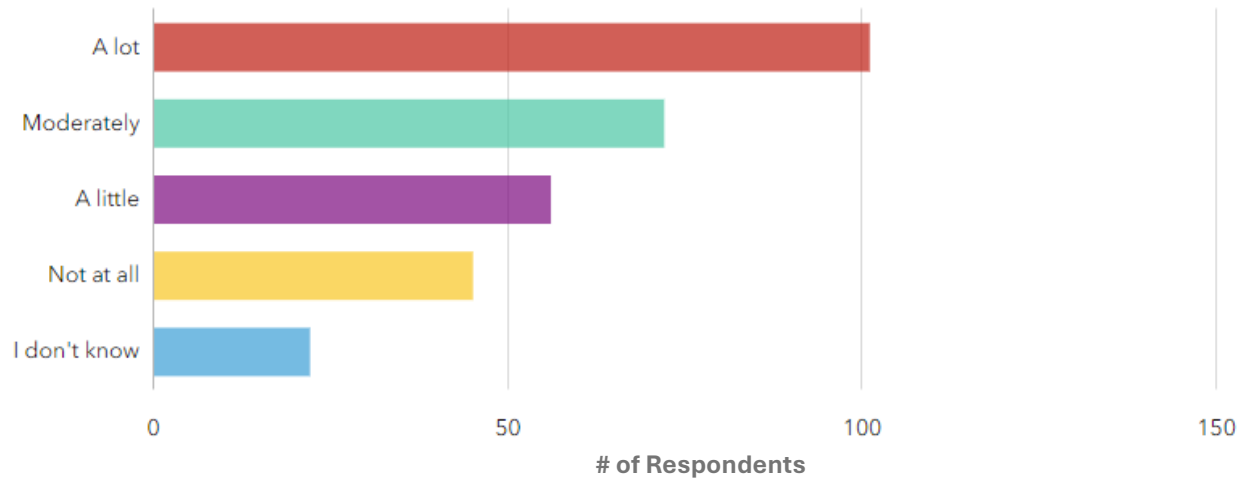
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Very important	202	68.24%
Important	75	25.34%
Neutral	16	5.41%
Unimportant	2	0.68%
Very unimportant	1	0.34%

Answered: 296 Skipped: 0

## 12. My actions impact the health of the Carson River. \*



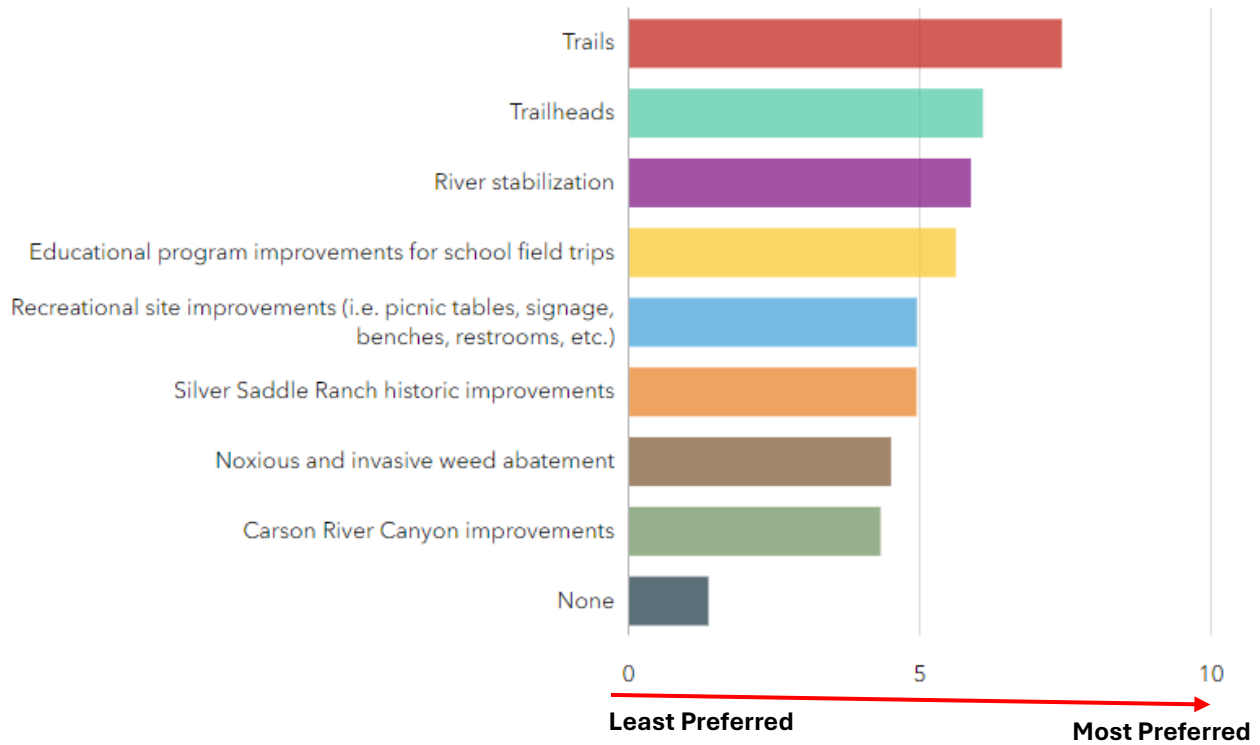
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Answers	Count	Percentage
A lot	101	34.12%
Moderately	72	24.32%
A little	56	18.92%
Not at all	45	15.2%
I don't know	22	7.43%

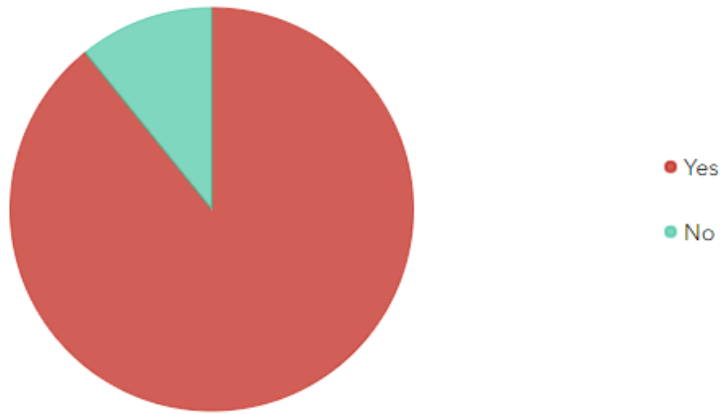
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**13. Please rank these improvements/enhancements to the Carson River area in order of importance to you: \***



Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	Average score
1	Trails	37.84% 112	16.22% 48	20.61% 61	11.15% 33	8.11% 24	3.04% 9	2.36% 7	0.68% 2	0% 0	7.43
2	Trailheads	4.73% 14	23.99% 71	13.85% 41	19.59% 58	17.23% 51	13.18% 39	4.73% 14	2.36% 7	0.34% 1	6.07
3	River stabilization	18.58% 55	8.45% 25	14.53% 43	10.14% 30	17.57% 52	14.53% 43	11.82% 35	3.38% 10	1.01% 3	5.86
4	Educational program improvements for school field trips	6.76% 20	21.62% 64	14.86% 44	12.16% 36	10.14% 30	11.15% 33	9.46% 28	12.16% 36	1.69% 5	5.60
5	Recreational site improvements (i.e. picnic tables, signage, benches, restrooms, etc.)	6.08% 18	11.15% 33	9.8% 29	9.46% 28	11.15% 33	24.32% 72	16.22% 48	10.81% 32	1.01% 3	4.94
6	Silver Saddle Ranch historic improvements	5.07% 15	3.38% 10	11.15% 33	18.24% 54	20.61% 61	16.22% 48	15.2% 45	9.46% 28	0.68% 2	4.93
7	Noxious and invasive weed abatement	10.81% 32	9.8% 29	6.42% 19	9.8% 29	7.43% 22	6.76% 20	9.12% 27	18.51% 114	1.35% 4	4.49
8	Carson River Canyon improvements	6.42% 19	5.41% 16	8.78% 26	9.46% 28	7.43% 22	10.47% 31	30.07% 89	10.95% 62	1.01% 3	4.31
9	None	3.72% 11	0% 0	0% 0	0% 0	0.34% 1	0.34% 1	1.01% 3	1.69% 5	92.91% 275	1.36

14. Would you like to see more financial resources allotted to the Carson River area? \*



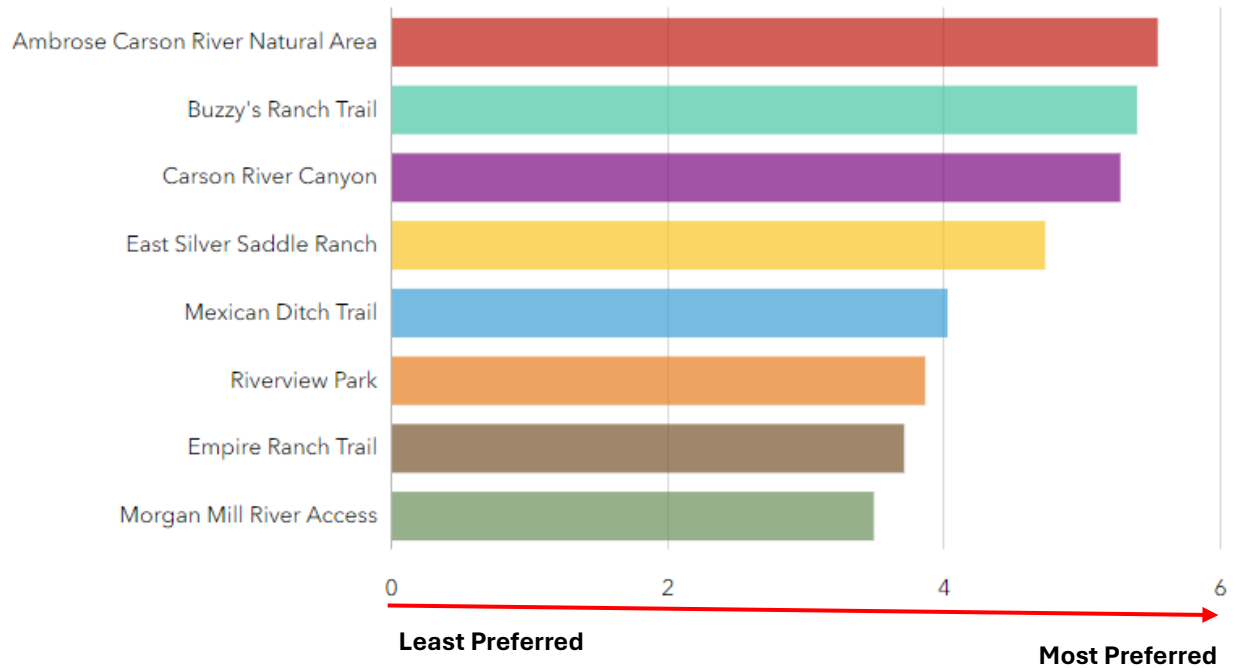
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Yes	264	89.19%
No	32	10.81%

Answered: 296 Skipped: 0

**15a. Which Carson River areas would you like to see improved or enhanced (for example, natural resource projects, additional amenities, etc.)? \***



Rank	Answers	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Average score
1	Ambrose Carson River Natural Area	12.5% 37	30.74% 91	14.19% 42	14.19% 42	10.81% 32	8.78% 26	4.39% 13	4.39% 13	5.54
2	Buzzy's Ranch Trail	7.43% 22	15.2% 45	31.42% 93	20.27% 60	12.84% 38	8.11% 24	3.04% 9	1.69% 5	5.39
3	Carson River Canyon	21.28% 63	8.78% 26	15.2% 45	21.28% 63	14.19% 42	7.77% 23	6.08% 18	5.41% 16	5.27
4	East Silver Saddle Ranch	9.46% 28	11.49% 34	10.47% 31	18.92% 56	24.32% 72	14.19% 42	8.11% 24	3.04% 9	4.73
5	Mexican Ditch Trail	15.88% 47	11.15% 33	9.12% 27	6.42% 19	3.72% 11	6.42% 19	28.72% 85	18.58% 55	4.02
6	Riverview Park	18.58% 55	12.84% 38	5.41% 16	6.08% 18	5.07% 15	3.04% 9	6.08% 18	42.91% 127	3.86
7	Empire Ranch Trail	6.08% 18	3.72% 11	5.74% 17	7.77% 23	23.65% 70	27.36% 81	20.27% 60	5.41% 16	3.71
8	Morgan Mill River Access	8.78% 26	6.08% 18	8.45% 25	5.07% 15	5.41% 16	24.32% 72	23.31% 69	18.58% 55	3.49



- Tree planting to stabilize river banks and provide wildlife habitat.
- trash/homeless clean up
- Trash removal
- Trash cans and restrooms at all river access areas. The restrooms need to be up year round.
- Trash cans
- Trails, Trailheads, Educational posters at trailheads and sites, increased law enforcement presence
- Trails smoothed; river trails are rutted. Also, we pick up dog droppings; equestrians should do the same (or have separate trails).
- trails maintained and recreational site improvements
- Trails in Carson River Canyon
- Trailhead and maybe a mid-trail seating or picnic area
- Trailhead amenities like vault toilet, picnic shelter, trails, interpretive signs.
- Trail quality and environment quality for trail users and for the habitat/river itself
- Trail maintenance, weed control, limits on development
- Trail maintenance, outhouse cleaning, Morgan Mill sidewalk & signage repair
- Trail maintenance at river view is much needed.
- Trail improvements to deal with the long areas of mud when you walk to the Mexican dam
- Trail improvement/extension
- Trail heads,. nature walks
- Trail and bridge (over canals) maintenance.
- Trail (bike and walking) and river access improvement
- This parking area feels the least safe.
- The trails get a lot of use. Maintenance is critical
- The Mexican dam road could be better with the small gravel sand used on other trails.
- Survey wouldn't let me leave the above unranked...I don't have any ideas for improvements. I like hiking trails.
- Stream assessments.
- stop promoting boating in the Canyon.
- Stop of pollution from Minden farmers. Get rid of the Russia elms. Clean up the mercury.
- Start maintains the current trails
- some shade/picnic tables on east side of river and improved access to trails
- Some of the locations need better signage, bathroom access, or trail clean-up/repair.
- Single track bike trails
- Signs
- Shade structures, benches
- Shade and picnic facilities. Permanent restroom facilities. At Ambrose are sorely needed.
- Seating, steps to river
- Safety, occasional restrooms, trash clean up events (I participate in trash mobs when I can)
- safe and easy access, picnic areas, off road trails
- Routine maintenance
- Road improvements
- River water cleanup! I would never swim or float the river. Clean restrooms, covered picnic areas, stronger police presence due to crime and vandals, more dog waste stations, clearly defined trails
- River stabilization, noxious weed removal
- River clean up.
- River access, erosion control
- River access for kayaks and canoes
- Restrooms/PortaPotties
- Restrooms, tables, clean and clear areas to spend time
- Restrooms, shade, more interpretative signage regarding habitat
- Restrooms, picnic areas, shade areas along the trail. Water bottle fill stations.
- Restrooms, attractive trailheads and trails, weed abatement
- Restrooms at Morgan Mill
- restrooms and benches
- Restore riparian vegetation, allow for the river corridor to function freely.
- repair of muddy ruts in the trail made by ranch vehicles.
- Remove the homeless please so my grandkids can be safe.
- Remove the homeless camps
- Regular litter clean up throughout
- Regular clean up
- Recreational site improvements. More amenities for families. Prioritize safety especially for solo women
- Ranger station / law enforcement access
- Public river access in Gardnerville/Minden (sorry, I'm not familiar with names and locations)
- protect wildlife and make it nicer
- Protect wildlife
- Proactive winter weather damage prevention
- Primary trailheads should be highlighted with more improvements and accessible amenities while some areas like Carson River Canyon should be left a little less accessible to all.
- Preservation of V&T right-of-way; interpretive signage for historic mill sites
- Planned improvements for riverview park are already great. Better connectivity between Mexican Ditch trail and neighborhoods to the north.

- Personally I think the areas are perfect
- perhaps more trash receptacles for dog owners to deposit their pets waster?
- People / dog friendly - benches, shade, parking, etc.
- Parking, bathroom, water
- Parking in Brunswick canyon
- Parking and restrooms
- Park for kids/play structure, mileage signs for running/biking, directional signage throughout trails, mosquito mitigation,
- Overgrown willows taken down and more area to have family activities
- Open Space interconnectedness, Perhaps group hikes/bikes to Carson Canyon to showcase it's beauty and how to be safe there. Interpretive information including Water Quality and habitat, river access information, paddle information (best time of year, etc.)
- OHV access with tangible evidence that fees collected for OHV registration are being returned to the public.
- off road trails for 4x4ing and side x sides
- Not in any order of importance. Just would like more trails
- None. I'm happy the way it is.
- No answer
- no "improvements"
- Never heard of Carson River Canyon or Morgan Mill access
- Need bathrooms. Better signage & maps on trails
- N/A
- Mtn biking trail improvements
- Move trails out of floodplain . Restore river function. Recover cottonwood gallery. Expand riparian area. Protect vegetation from beavers and chainsaws
- Move the dog poop bags and signs onto the trails
- Most importantly, get rid of the homeless and the illegal camping. Until that's addressed, nothing else matters. Selfishly, I hesitate to add any improvements to my two spots. I don't want to attract more riff raff.
- Mosquito control. Erosion control as we have had a couple of heavy springs with flooding. Trail maintenance to get rid of over grown weeds and plants on a more regular basis. Regular trail maintenance. These are not in any type of order.
- Mosquito control
- mosquito abatement, trail made level for senior walkers, signs warning about bears. dog leash enforced.
- Mosquito abatement, esp at Ambrose
- Mosquito abatement
- Morgan Mill could use some love overall. Kinda grown over and appears sort of forgotten.
- More trails
- More toilets, trash cans, dog bags for droppings
- More sit down areas, trash cans, dog walking areas and clear walking paths along the river.
- More shaded areas.
- More restrooms & trash cans
- More policing of the areas for people trashing the area, dogs on the loose and uncontrolled, and unauthorized dirt bikes/ATVs on the trails
- More picnic area
- More patrols for homeless >
- More patrol of the parking lot. Nice landscaping
- More oversight, keep it clean and safe.
- More lights, tables, areas to make it feel more comfortable like a place to visit, and hang out!
- More law enforcement presence
- More garbage cans for people to throw out garbage
- More frequent clean ups
- More equestrian trails
- More equestrian trailheads
- More easy single track trails.
- More dog waste bags and trash cans, periodic patrols and cleanup for campsites/ drug paraphernalia
- More bird houses
- more benches with views of river and mountains
- More benches for animal/people watching.
- More benches and dog poop stations/trash cans along the trails, along with more signage (like what's done at Buzzys Ranch)
- More benches
- More bat houses!
- More access to beach areas for kids to swim
- more access on the east side of river
- more access
- Monitoring, wildlife persons available, enforcement.
- Money towards picnic area
- Minimal Improvements. Keep the natural setting.
- Mercury clean up
- Maybe more community outreach and events to gain awareness?
- Maybe better trash pickup for those that are to lazy to pack out their garbage.
- make it look like it's taken care of
- Maintenance of the trail that goes from the parking lot on the corner of 5th and Carson River Road to the north loop. It seems to be on maintained since desert Peach Trail was created
- Maintenance of existing facilities; better signage

- Maintenance
- Maintain what you have! Stop building trails or provide improvements that you're unable to maintain, both fiscally and via manpower! Increase mosquito abatement!
- Maintain trails, fencing, signing, MOSQUITO ABATEMENT
- maintain more natural environment
- Maintain ecological health of the area.
- low profile lighting
- Less noise.
- Keep up the good work with cleanliness
- Keep Tribulis terrestris (goatheads/puncturevine) under control
- Keep trails passable
- Keep offroading
- Keep it clean, accessible, and pet friendly
- Keep clean and accessible
- I've always pushed for sidewalks city wide before any trail projects should be funded.
- Information regarding the history of the mills and New Empire. Invasive weed abatement. Continued information outreach about river health.
- Improvements for a healthy river and healthy for wildlife
- Improved trails
- Improved parking
- Improved amenities at Riverview Park and Ambrose; new signage, restroom
- Improve trails in the canyon, clean up trash. Improve access to the upstream side of Mexican dam.
- I'm not entirely sure since I usually just walk the trails
- I'm fine with the way things are. I'd rather they not be over developed.
- I'd like to see silver saddle a working historical ranch...a least better utilized. I'd like Carson River Canyon to be better utilized, cleaned-up, safer
- I'd like to see more places for dog poo bags & trash cans, like the poop loop. I'd like to see some signs/education about the water quality - knowing that people should not eat the fish that come from the river etc..
- I'd love to see more programs out there and signage. The trails are pretty nice but some could use improvement. Adding more trash cans, tables, and benches would be lovely.
- I wouldn't mind seeing a bit more presence by the rangers...I think that would go a long way preventing unauthorized camping, vandals and other inappropriate behaviors. Hire a few non-post certified employees to ride the trails on bikes at random times.
- I would like to see these areas cleaner with less trash everywhere from inconsiderate people
- I would like to see a good parking area and maybe a few picnic tables and a port o potty.
- I would like to not be shot at when I ride my bike in the Carson River Canyon.
- I would just like to keep the areas neat and clean.
- I only ever go to buzzys ranch trail, and I like it the way it is.
- I like them just the way they all are, and I think changing too much would be a mistake.
- I dont know
- I don't think we need a lot more man made improvements but improving habitat has already changed so much of the area for the better. We need more habitat spaces for our bats and birds!
- I don't really want to see any changes.
- I don't really know. I never been to any of them
- I am happy with what has been done and just msintained.
- human impact reduced
- Horse trailer parking
- Hiking trails, river views from trails
- Having more people be aware.
- Habitat protection / restoration
- Good trails for horses
- general improvements
- For Ambrose, clearer pathways down the hill.
- Flooding improvement
- Fix the trail from empire ranch to river view park.
- Fishing access to Mexican dam
- Fishing access
- Fishing
- Fines for pet waste; road blocks and fines for motorized vehicles on trails
- Expand the size of the park.
- Everything can always cleaner.
- Evenly graded trail, water shed /drainage managemyn
- Established trails to keep folks from Bush walking trails
- Erosion protection and purchase of unused portion of ER Golf course (with water rights) for wildlife habitat
- Erosion near Mexican ditch and grading of trail. Picnic table and hitch rail in meadow near water lower part of Mexican Ditch trail
- Environmental stabilization
- Efforts to reduce human impacts, shooting, OHV abuse, trash, dumping
- Educational signage.
- Easy hiking, biking trails
- Easy access for disabled

- Easily accessible waste receptacles - bathrooms, trashcans, poop bags at trailheads.
- Easier raft/kayak put-in and take-out.
- Developed parking/trailheads, restricted vehicle access, backpacking/camping
- Cutting back willows and other weeds that invade the trail. Cracking down on people that don't cleanup after their dogs. Not sure how to do that! Maybe a few cameras? Threaten people with fines? I usually cleanup more than my own dog's messes.
- Could the trail to the east of Morgan Mill be improved with DG, like the west shore trails?
- Continued trail maintenance.
- Continued trail development and maintenance, bike access (trails) from the other parts of carson to the river area without having to interact with heavy traffic (ie. bike crossings over roads like hwy 50)
- Continued care of the trails
- consistent clean ups or ways that the community can help clean up while there
- Connectivity of trails, frequent bathrooms for public use, education signs on wildlife, history, and river preservation
- Connect empire ranch trail to Ambrose carson river natural area via ped/bike bridge then provide a mountainbike / hiking trail from Ambrose up the hill above Brunswick canyon (singletrack, about 3-4 miles)
- Clearing brush; restroom (not outhouse); bat houses; shade along the riverside park roads; water for the wildlife habitat at riverside; some kind of safety against coyotes; sand instead of just rocky beach between empire ranch & deer run
- Clear trash. Have places to put dog poop. Some places to sit but mostly keep it a natural environment . We don't have many places that have nature without traces of people left.
- Cleanse of area
- Cleaner restroom options
- Cleaner environment and water
- cleaner
- Clean, safe, and accessible
- Clean up, parking and access
- Clean up weeds, foxtails, cheat grass
- Clean up overgrown plants
- Clean up
- Clean the area up and safety issues
- Canyon easier access ie better road.
- Brush removed in single track area by Morgan Mill
- Boat ramps maintained
- Boat launch access, portage of Mexican dam, port o potties at Morgan mill and Carson River park
- Better trail access and maintenance as well as better trailhead facilities
- Better trail
- Better signage, more defined trails, public trash cans, waste removal, invasive species control
- Better signage identifying when people are leaving the park and entering privately held properties.
- Better road into Carson River Canyon
- better road
- Better parking for horse trailers.
- Better oversight, parking, and signage on Carson Canyon; benches and signage on all trails; tours and signage of the ranch
- Better OHV Access
- Better maps and signs, more cleanup of brush and weeds, clean water
- better education, better enforcement of dog waste etc.
- Better and more trails.
- Better access to trails during winter weather
- Better access to the river
- Better roads/trails and picnic sites
- benches
- Beaver dams
- bathrooms are always good. Trash cans. benchss
- Bathrooms
- Bathroom area
- Bank stabilization
- At one point long term plans called for a foot bridge across the river to link trails in the Ambrose Area with those on the west side of the river. A connection could then be pursued to the canyon.
- Ambrose, a study to determine what should be done, Carson River Canyon build the Historic Virginia & Truckee Trail
- Ambrose seems abandoned/unmaintained. Morgan Mill needs more law enforcement patrols
- All trash cans tuned into bear cans
- Additional amenities & Educational interpretive signage
- Access, safety, cleanliness
- Access, facilities
- Access to the river banks, picnic areas, educational opportunities for children
- A playground for kids to the north of the ranches
- a long paved bike trail would be great. mosq uito abatement
- A little drainage, shade trees on open stretches, wild flowers
- A connected trail system from Markleville to East Dayton
- )Signage of mill sites from Empire to Carson River Canyon & MTB trail along Carson River Canyon to Dayton 2)MTB trail in Ambrose Natural area 3)trail improvement in East Silver Saddle to minimize mud & mud damage in winter and spring conditions
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- Wildlife and especially the wetlands
- Wildlife and bucolic setting.
- Wetlands, water, wildlife, habitat, riverbanks,
- Watershed protection, recreation
- Water quality for water sports
- Water quality and defensible space
- water is life, especially in the desert. We need to improve the water quality and protect it from being recklessly overused through expansion and other things
- Water access, flow, trails
- Vegetation and trees
- Use of the trails for horses in the area
- unique beauty, wildlife habitat
- Undeveloped river corridor open space with an excellent non motorized trail system
- Trees. Water, wildlife!
- Trees, birds, native plants
- Trees and natural environment
- Trails and prevention of over population
- Trail access, natural fauna
- Trail access along the river
- too many questions
- To the extent possible any development that follows should try to the extent possible to maintain the “natural” character of this resource. It is extremely easy to cross the line and present a too manicured experience.
- To be able to enjoy the parks cost free
- The wildlife. The views are also beautiful. Not having much housing developement has made that area so clear and pretty, although I don't necessarily think that is on Carson!
- The wildlife, trails, peacefulness
- The wildlife and unique habitat in the desert
- The wildlife and the river continuing to flow.
- The wheelchair access to enjoy the natural beauty and clean up of fire producing dead vegetation.
- The water. I want to see the river be safe for swimming. I don't want the river to dry up.
- the water quality
- The water and the surrounding environment - not too much pavement or people but a balance of use
- The WATER and the riparian habitat
- the vibrancy of water running through the desert and all the foliage and wildlife that it attracts
- The varied landscapes and the ease of access for people of all mobility, ages and perspectives
- The trees and wildlife
- The trails.
- The trails that are adjacent to the river itself.
- The trails
- The sense of a connection with our environment. Fresh air, great access for communing with nature
- The scenic beauty, peace and quiet and connection to nature & the outdoors.
- The scenery
- The rivet and trees
- The river!
- the river clarity
- The raw natural beauty, the elegant wildlife, inclusive of Mustangs and Deer, their access should be as high of a priority as ours.
- The public accessibility. Keep it free fo rfamilies to use and enjoy.
- The Peace & Quiet of the place. Also, of course the ecosystem for all the sensitive wildlife.
- The open natural space.
- the off roading trials
- The nature and open space too many additional trails may hinder that.
- The naturalness and undeveloped no people quality.
- The natural beauty. I would like to see the wildlife protected as well as the water quality.
- The natural beauty, vegetation, wildlife are key. Trail access is nice.
- the natural beauty, natural and cultural resources
- The natural beauty and wildlife habitat.
- The natural beauty and low impact of humans
- The magnitude of connections btwn trails and the protection of the river and floodplain/ historic ag lands.
- The land and wildlife
- The habitat for the animals
- The flora and fauna along with the recreating opportunities. Protecting our wild mustangs.
- The fishing
- The feeling of connection to wildlife and the region's history, and the ability to access the river
- The environment and ambiance of the area
- The entire area is a great recreational resource. I'm so happy to live so close.
- the Cottonwood trees. the wildlife.
- The cottonwood trees, trails, places to sit by the river
- The bridges, trails, public restrooms.
- The bikability of it

- The beauty of the water, the river needs to be protected
- The beauty and splendor of this river and its surrounding lands.
- The beauty and peacefulness also safety
- The beauty and nature. Animals and closeness.
- The beauty and health of the plants and animals and the river itself
- The beauty
- The beautiful scenery. The plant life. The access from greedy homeowners in the area.
- The area is very nice! Would be heartbreaking to see it developed on or taken from the community in general.
- The access to the river is very important and should be protected.
- The access to the river and the open space associated with it.
- the access
- the ability to go rafting in Carson City is special.
- That we have a living river in our desert, keep as much a wild river as possible. Would love to see more information along the river as to how the Washoe Peoples lived with the river.
- That it's a beautiful river. All land surrounding the river
- that development be minimized
- Stop building by it! Newbies ruin everything.
- Signs teaching the history of the carson river area
- Scenic beauty, community pride
- Scenic beauty, a place to run into coyotes, bears, birds, rabbits, lizards.
- scenic beauty and wildlife; recreation access and flood storage when needed
- scenic beauty and habitat with trails and non-motorized boater access points
- Scenery and access
- River edge trails.
- Riparian habitat
- Recreational trails
- Reasonable access to open space.
- Rafting, it's great.
- Quiet place for recreation and wildlife
- Quiet
- Public access to all these areas; people come with their kids, dogs, and friends and interact with others so easily in this environment; it is a wonderful venue for many people
- Protection from vandalism and illegal dumping.
- protect trees from beaver damage
- Protect the wildlife!!!!!! Stop building trails that impede wildlife habitats!!
- Protect it as it is.
- Privacy. I don't want it so developed than horses can no longer ride there safely. This is traditionally ranch land, but over development brings in everything that drives us away because it's no longer rural or safe.
- Preserve river corridor as open space that allows river to meander and flood naturally, while providing recreation access
- Personal property rights along the river, Carson River is a superfund site from several points, Leviathan Mine area down through and including Mexican Dam to Lahontan.
- Pease and quit
- Peacefulness and wildlife
- Peaceful and pretty place to walk, right in town
- Peace and quiet, wildlife, clean water, Protect from flooding
- peace and quiet, wild animals, freedom for dogs
- Open space, trails, wildlife.
- Open space, multi use trails, river access
- Open Space Recreation
- Open space and protection of the floodplains.
- Open space
- open green spaces
- Open access for all including allowing dogs off leash.
- Oasis in the desert. Access to the river should be available but protected.
- Nothing more important than water in the desert
- Nothing
- No motorized access.
- No answer
- Nice trails, diverse scenery, clean, peaceful
- Nature. I love the animals and huge trees.
- Natural waterways
- Natural state.
- Natural river environment
- Natural habitat
- Natural environment, scenic beauty
- Natural beauty and access even for people with mobility issues
- Natural beauty
- My highest use is floating the Carson River in the spring. River access and clear and not polluted waterways are my greatest concern.
- Multi-use trails for public recreation and enjoyment, public education

- More areas of low impact
- Maintenance of open space and agriculture.
- Maintenance of facilities and instructions to user to keep river corridor clean and natural and scenic
- Maintain the trails
- Love the trails. Need more though.
- Love accessibility and pet friendly space
- Limit access into Brunswick Canyon by ATVs.
- lack of motorized vehicles
- keep it natural
- It's the last open space for wildlife to live
- It's rich history and importance to the Comstock and the State.
- Its a beautiful part of our community and needs to be protected.
- It's peaceful and there is wildlife to view.
- It's natural beauty and trail system
- It's natural appearance.
- It's a beautiful area! The river is scenic and we used to enjoy walking along the trails
- It used to have a bucolic atmosphere. Would be nice to maintain that feeling.
- It is a beautiful close place to get outside and reconnect that is close and accessible to all.
- It doesn't need much. Out house at 1/2 point on trails
- Integration of humans with wildlife that respects wildlife. Maintain No hemp farming.
- I'd like to see fewer off road vehicles allowed on the area trails
- I would like to see a healthy fish population
- I used to love going with my dad fishing on old dirt roads but road is closed off now and land has been lost. I hope we can keep what we have left and not over developed it like Reno has. Don't make it into a ditch. We have a chance to do better.
- I love those areas with limited access to the riverbanks.
- I love the wilderness exposure of the river. I love that my native students love swimming in the river in Carson Valley and wish they had safe access.
- I love the wilderness experience in the Carson River Canyon.
- I love the scenic beauty. Riparian corridors are also important habitat. Balancing habitat while improving access is important.
- I love the peace that comes from seeing and hearing water flowing
- I love the peace and quiet and the wildlife, it's a treasure that if we lose it, we won't get it back.
- I love the daily interaction with the wildlife. There's a few coyotes that seem to roam the area every morning, and I enjoy just watching them in their natural habitat. I was told a park ranger shot one a few weeks back for no reason. That's BS.
- I love the beauty, peacefulness, and recreational opportunities for all ability levels. Conservation is also important. We need to be good stewards of this beautiful area in finding balance between use and protection.
- I love the beauty of the area so close to the city.
- I love the beauty of being able to walk/kayak along the river and want to see it protected - not so much for our enjoyment but for the long term protection of the watershed.
- I love that the Carson river has always been a great get away and would like to make sure its always accessible...
- I love riding along the river with my elderly handicapped mother and kids.
- I love how rugged and remote the east end off deer run road is. I would hate to see that changed.
- I like that there is easy access from town.
- I like that it's not too overdeveloped. Enough access but not too easy.
- I like it's wildness, so I just want a trail that is safe for hiking and biking but still maintains habitat for the wildlife that lives in the riparian zone
- I left the water, the trails, the scenery, the tranquility. I want to see it all protected
- I do love seeing the wildlife when I'm there and I hope their habitats continuously be protected in some fashion.
- How easy it is to access trails.
- Horse trails
- Habitat protection
- Habitat for wildlife.
- Habitat
- General environment, undeveloped open space
- Free access
- Fisheries resources
- Everything. Access to natural areas and habitat for wildlife
- Equestrian Access.
- easy access from town, variety of access points, the natural environment, options to hike/bike/float
- Easy access from carson city , multiple recreation opportunities
- Easy access and not too crowded.
- Ducks
- Doing great thus far
- Dog friendly (on leash and off leash areas), river access for floating and fishing
- Cottonwood trees , dog friendly trails, ease of use, natural habitat
- Continue to seek Open Space opportunities for protection of floodplain, wildlife habitat, recreation, and scenic beauty.
- City and BLM minimal impact access accomidations
- Citizens can access the river and use it daily
- Birds and nests. Don't pave the trails.
- Birds

- Better OHV access.
- Being able to fish and take my children to the river because it is close. If they cannot be close to nature they won't fight for it in the future.
- Beaver should continue to be allowed to build dams on the main stem of the Carson. They provide great ecosystem benefits and provide habitat during the summer and fall when the river is low.
- Beaver dams
- Beautiful landscapes
- Beautiful and close to not fishing and quiet
- Areas reserved for wildlife
- All of it, such a beautiful variety of wildlife, scenery, and nature.
- All of the parks and being able to access the river within the county.
- ALL OF IT.
- all nature. please do not put up bathrooms and picnic tables and all that bs
- Accessibility
- Access. Protecting and stabilizing banks. Removing trash.
- Access. Growing up in Carson City, the Carson River always was a welcoming place for me. It's important to get school children interested in conservation and preservation and outdoor recreation.
- access to the river
- Access to all areas of the river.
- Access for walking and shade trees. For the river to be left in as natural a state as possible.
- Access
- 1)I love fishing and I'd like to see river water quality improved to increase fishing opportunities. 2)I love the MTB trails and want more trails
- ?



- Trash cans, trail leveling, new trails
- Trails, maintenance of trails and all open space. Less vandalism. Protection of open space, river corridor and floodplain lands.
- Trails, dog waste baggies
- Trails at Silver Saddle
- Trails and public use areas. I think this reduces litter and preserves the natural environment.
- Trailhead improvements, new trails, signage
- trail system development, navigable signage
- Trail network
- Trail maintenance has improved a lot
- Trail improvements, parking
- trail improvements and historical
- Trail development
- There has already been more signage posted, I love the educational signs. There are some benches and the trails are decently maintained. I think overall there's a good job but for sure there could be more
- The work that muscle power does. Other than that I don't see a lot. All I see is the garbage all over this city
- The work on the buzzy's ranch trail
- The west side of the river has more trails, and I like that the east side has remained less developed. I think that should continue so non-human beings may continue to have room too.
- The trails, parking and bench/seating areas
- The trails are pretty clean, the banks of the river, pretty clean
- the purchase of land boarding the river
- The park development
- The opening of Buzzy's ranch trail.
- The interconnected trail system
- The fact that we were able to purchase the properties along the river to protect them.
- The expansion
- The Carson River Aquatic Trail, signage and river access area improvements have been the best!
- The best for our family is the wheelchair access.
- The access and open space preservation.
- Superb trail creation and maintenance, connecting all the parks
- stopping people from camping along the river
- Sorry, can't list anything I'm aware of
- Some trailheads have been improved.
- Smoother road access by Buzzy Ranch
- Silver saddle ranch
- Signage
- Seems as more areas are available (trails).
- Sanitation facilities
- running out of patience
- River trailheads, E Silver Saddle and Morgan Mill
- River access for kayaks and a river map.
- Removal of vehicle access to the river corridor.
- Purchase of additional areas of the river and trail development. Fantastic job!! Much appreciated!!
- public trails
- Public ownership
- Public access has increased
- Public access
- Protection of open space and agriculture in the floodplain.
- Protection
- Protecting trees from beavers
- Prevention of development in the floodplain. In spring 2023, homes would have been flooded for months.
- Preserving it
- Preservation of open space
- people respectful of nature
- People are starting to be more responsible and clean up after themselves, and sometime even clean-up pafter others
- Paved paths
- Parking improvements
- Open Space acquisitions, reductions to motor vehicle access, trail improvements and connectivity, trailhead improvements, interpretive signs.
- Nothing really, just because people disrespect nature doesn't mean there isn't people to help nature out
- Nothing really
- Nothing positive
- Not sure
- No answer
- New trails, events at river facilities
- New trails, controlling where dogs can go to reduce waste (even if I'm bummed I can't take my dogs on some trails it's worth it), more/better signs
- New trails have NOT detracted from the river's essential natural beauty
- New trails connecting the old trails

- New trails and trailheads, trail maintenance, restricted access for motor vehicles, increased sense of safety.
- New and improved trails!
- NA
- Muscle Powered and other organizations that have partnered with the City to help create and maintain the trails and waterways.
- Much! I used to run over there all the time for CHS XC and Track and Field training. Lots of well done trail maintenance and projects such as the bike paths leading to the area.
- Morgan Mill takeout; Buzzy's Ranch trail-great for cross country skiing!
- More trails, less trash, beaver and muskrat populations naturally allowed to make dams and pool water, junk taken out of the canyon river
- more trails, better maintenance
- More trails of upgraded quality thanks Muscle Power
- More trails and better signage on some of them.
- More trails and access points for hikers, bicyclists and boaters
- More people are aware of the river area and coming to it for regular recreation, especially since the acquisition of the Ranch
- More focus on maintaining its health
- more established trails
- More access to the river
- Many more trails.
- Making it even more accessible to handicapped
- Maintenance on the trails, they are more often than not smooth and easy to run/bike on even after big storms they fix it pretty quickly
- Maintenance of trails is top notch
- Love the new trails and trail heads.
- Lots of recreating and knowledge of access by the community
- Little
- Levee created with funds from Ducks unlimited restoring natural habitat at.
- Land preservation, trails and trailheads, improved water quality, vegetation
- land acquisition
- Keeps cities from flooding, water quality, Recreational use
- I've only used for 2 years but appreciate the restrooms back at Riverview Park.
- I've only been visiting over the past 2 years. During that time, the only positive change I've seen was additional signage warning of Mountain Lions.
- Incredible trails and accessibility coupled with good management. Kudos to our wonderful Parks, Rec, and Open Space teams!
- Increased trails
- Increased awareness of the resource.
- Improvements at trailheads and new trails.
- Improvement of trail system, cleanup, public education
- Improved trails
- Improved trail system
- Improved parking areas, trailheads and trails
- Improved and increased Trails and river access with good parking.
- Improved access
- I've seen more people using the area that seem to be taking good care of this resource (e.g. respecting property on the Silver Saddle Ranch, etc.)
- I wouldn't know. Only lived here a year.
- I really appreciate the work on the trails both creating new ones and maintaining what we have...very well done.
- I moved here during the pandemic so I cannot say.
- I love what's been done with Silver saddle and Riverview
- I love that the area is being protected from off road trucks.
- I love all the changes that have happened everywhere along the river corridor. The River Park trailhead was a great addition, as were the bridges and full-length connections.
- I like the expand of the north Prison Hill loop
- I haven't been around the area for that long
- I haven't lived here long enough to know.
- I haven't lived here long enough to answer.
- I glad we have saved some land by the river but to many houses close by. This in dangers the houses and the river is in danger of being controlled instead of letting it run wild.
- i don't know, i am new to the area and have lived here less than one year. prior to january of 2024, i did not go to the carson river so i don't know what the area was like 10 years ago. sorry i can't be more help.
- I don't know how it has changed.
- I do t know just moved here.
- I cannot respond since we've only lived here two months.
- Hiking and biking trails
- Haven't been here 10 years. Have seen flood damage and very impressed with how Carson City has rebuilt/restored the damage.
- Haven't noticed. I've been running there for over 30 years. I enjoy the solitude and am not crazy about the area becoming too crowded.
- Have only lived here 2 years, so can't answer.
- Have not seen any indication of water quality improvements
- Groomed trails
- Great interpretive have been installed in key locations
- Great improvements to Riverview Park, new trail from prison hill to Buzzy's Ranch, Buzzy's ranch
- Good trails tables and chairs bathrooms.

- Good trail maintenance
- Focus on safeguards
- Flood Control
- Fewer vagrants
- few
- Extension from Carson River Road south,
- Expanded walking trails
- Everything that the Open Space staff has done for these areas!
- Everything has improved.
- Established trails
- ESSR trailhead
- Erosion mitigation, trail improvements, wetland restoration, interpretive signage, multipoint access with ingress/egress.
- Enough trail improvements to last forever
- embankment care,
- Efforts to remove mercury and creatingTh areas for everyone to enjoy.
- Education, trail markers, acquisitions of land for open space.
- East SSR RANCH improvements
- don't know
- DG trails. They are awesome
- Connection from Korea War Memorial Park to West Silver Saddle Ranch Park. Repairing the flood damage and keeping the brush ,thistle and goatshead stickers off the trails.
- Connecting trails thru Buzzy's ranch, trail from 5th St roundabout along Carson River rd to silver saddle
- Cleanup
- Cleaner water, better access, better floating the river
- CCPROS of course!
- Carson City has put a lot of effort into providing a beautiful recreation area for all types of open space visitors - keep the balnce going!visistors
- Care for the trails.
- Cannot say
- Building of trails
- Better trails
- Better technology to mitigate flooding and erosion.
- Better public access & acquisition of open space
- Better parks
- Better facilities at a few access points.
- Better awareness.
- better access
- Benches for disabled
- Bear alerts!
- Bathrooms at take out of the river rafting run, and at put-in
- Awareness for the public about the dangers of the toxic water from Gold & Silver Mining.
- At riverview park, I remember when there was no wildlife there at all, and the wetlands were nothing more than a bunch of dry reeds. It is so beautiful now, and we should continue to invest in the area!
- Allowing the river to function , flooding and meandering. Stopping clearing and snagging operations and firewood cutting.
- all the trails
- all the cars have been removed from the river
- All that has been done! Non-motorized trails, recreation facilities, maintenance
- Additional trails from 5th street, more trails near mexican dam, mt bike trails on prison hill, public events at silver saddle ranch, activities such as full moon hikes
- Addition of trails. Some weed control, poop bags for dogs
- Added trails and improvements.
- Added so many more trails! Thank you
- Added access, improvements at Carson River Road and Morgan Mill.
- Acquisition of Prison Hill and shift to management of river. I am glad about accessible trails being built.
- Acquisition of open spaces. I
- Accessibility
- accessibility/trails
- Access, picnic areas, control of access to river is just right
- A start of habitat protection measures. Prior to this, nobody cared.
- A dramatic increase in the trail network and good access
- ?
- Better access



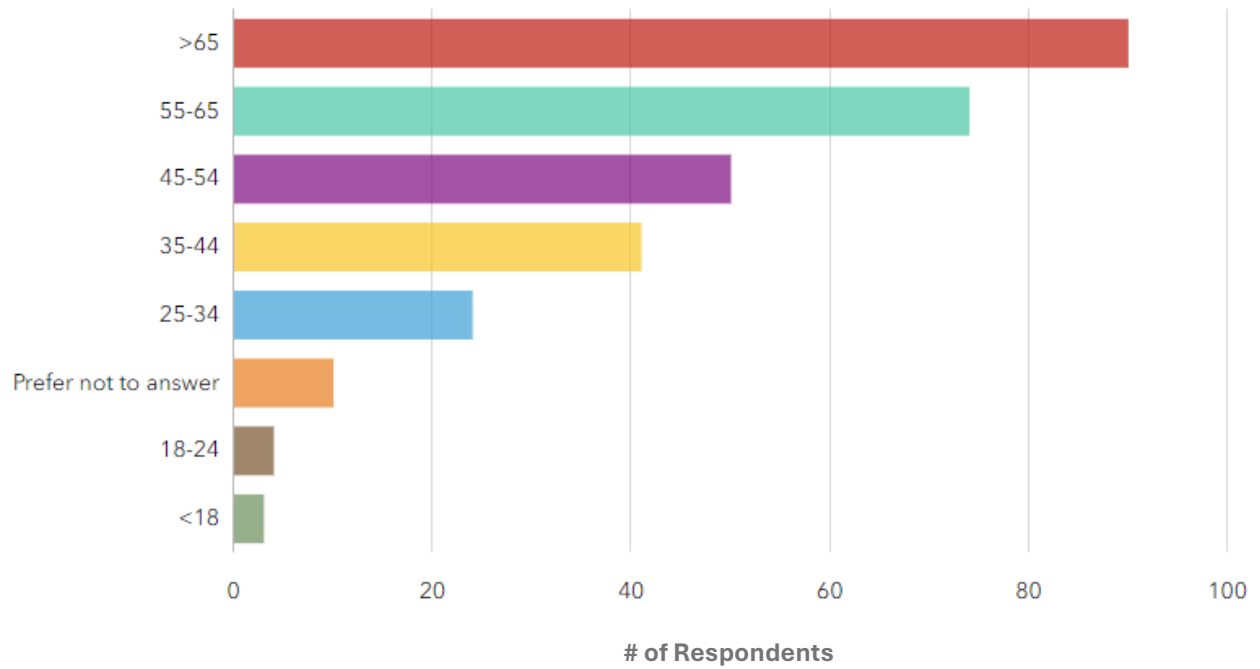
- River safety is an important consideration. It is a dangerous river at high flows.
- River is easy to access, quiet and peaceful.
- River access for boating is my highest concern.
- Restricting use by offroad vehicles/road bikes. Address e-bikes as motorized vehicles.
- Remove the homeless please so we can be safe.
- Ranking was a bit difficult as each location is important.
- Protect the beavers
- protect our environment! This is precious resource that is not a money suck...it is an investment with continuous returns!!!
- Preference is for the plan to balance access and preservation of the ecosystems
- Please let the river run free. It better for wildlife and it will be slower for recreational purposes. Wouldn't like more cement around it or to many motorized trails.
- Please get a handle on the mosquitos otherwise this is all pointless because we can't enjoy it!
- Please fix trails after flooding. It's understandable that it floods and erodes. If there's nothing we can do to stop the flooding then lets become better at fixing the trail when it does flood.
- please don't make it touristy, leave nature alone
- Please do not change much, save the ecosystem for the birds and other wildlfe by keeping it simple and quiet.
- Please continue to fight for the river
- Paved parking lots, clean up river area of garbage and debris.
- Parks/Open Space is doing a great job. Keep up the good work.
- One thing I should mention as an improvement, the Ambrose cottonwood trees are being destroyed by Beavers. Would recommend a lot more chicken wire wrapped around the base of the trunks. Don't move the beavers, wrap the trees.
- OHVs are becoming a bigger issue to river protection. They cause problems.
- No.
- No answer
- n/a
- My daughter has few opportunities to enjoy nature without sitting in a car. This area is wonderful!
- Move the freaking rifle range and get rid of the invasive horses
- MOSQUITO ABATEMENT
- More trash cans
- More trash and to dispose of pet waste. I would like to see a bench or two on the Empire Ranch Trail along the river( behind three golf course.) Mosquito spraying.
- More mosquito and biting bugs control.
- More fish
- Many cities have river areas with robust access, improving both the quality of life and economic options. It would be nice if the Carson River area weren't just an afterthought, but a primary point of activities in our town.
- Man made debris and old infrastructure should be removed.
- Love the parks and thank you.
- Love living here
- Leave things alone as much as possible.
- Keep up the good work!
- Keep out e-bikes
- Keep following the plan. No real changes are needed
- Just mention again, the horse waste.
- It's my happy place
- It's a wonderful natural, ecological and recreational resource for our community and we need to take good care of it
- It's beautiful!
- It is frustrating how poor a job the city does maintaining current trails
- It is a wonderful river and should be taken care of and be around for a long time.
- It is a little long and some of the names are unfamiliar - it would be great if the map was over to the side of all the questions instead of the lovely river background.
- In addition to the river area, we make a lot of the use of the Prison Hill trails, especially in the winter months
- Illegal roads cut in Gardnerville in Bufalo Canyon and on USFS land near Horseshoe Bend Rd. threaten the Carson River with increased soil erosion and runoff.
- I'm not opposed to spending more money in the region as long as it is done prudently. Similar consideration should also be given to other areas in Carson.
- I'd like to see more trash efforts on tails
- I would love to see enhanced water quantity and improved water quality in the Carson River.
- I would like to see even if limited in the season, waterfowl hunting opened on more of the river
- I think we should focus on adding more trees (as habitat allows) throughout all of the river corridor. Before the silver rush, the valley and the hills were covered with trees that were all cut down. We should invest consistently in adding more trees.
- I love the Carson River! Thank you for this survey.
- I implore you to pursue "bank stabilization" projects with caution. With no property at risk, bank stabilization seems like a waste of money. The river should be allowed to run its natural course (within reason).
- I hope the City continues beaver abatement. The animals are an important part of the ecosystem, but they are rodents and without predators, they will really take out a lot of our important riparian vegetation.
- I especially love this area. It's the area I live by and we walk here daily. It is my favorite walking spot to share with others. Any additions will be loved and used by my family!
- I don't like that the forestry catches bear in Tahoe and brings them down to the pinenut area. We are seeing a lot more bear in the neighborhood.

- I believe that the Carson River Master plan is extremely important. Water quality improvements and preserving the river natural functions are of the highest importance.
- I appreciate your efforts to better understand what is needed to protect the river
- I appreciate this survey, my husband, and little boy and dog use it every day without fail. We LOVE it!
- I appreciate all efforts to protect our river.
- I am proud of Carson City for preserving open space along the river
- I am happy to see the city acquire and thoughtfully maintain Carson River trails and open spaces.
- Huge value to the community
- HIGHLY concerned about ebikes as they are a MOTORIZED vehicle going 20-36mph. Also more and more ATV and motocross using trails. W9rried about lack of funds for maintenance..
- Great place and thanks for doing this survey
- Good job
- Glad you're doing this! I have historic production info for the mills 1872- 1902, if it would be helpful.
- Get rid of the porta potties and have actual restrooms
- Get more Kids out there for science & environmental projects
- Full Transparency and inclusion. The Water Master, The Nature Conservancy, Fish and Wildlife Service (Federal and State Nevada Division Wildlife NDOW). Missing partners especially those who own and are impacted daily by visitors
- Empire ranch trail and Ambrose should be connected via ped bridge. Location of bridge could be moved south as needed along trail. East side of river needs trails as well.
- Efforts should be made to promote water recreation. Similar to white water park in Reno and other towns with rivers. A lot can be added like kayaking, river surfing, tubing etc. Efforts should be made to improve river access and water quality
- Easy access
- Don't fix something that's not broke. Keep your footprint as minimal as possible. Retain open space and allow residents to enjoy as they deem appropriate. Stop fencing off recreational areas for off-road vehicles, etc.
- Don't over manage it
- Don't over develop the area and don't restrict access to areas. Fencing both side of the trails deters from the river experience.
- Don't develop the area above and upstream of the Mexican dam too much, like no giant trail road!
- Do more fisheries management.
- Carson City needs a campground and the east side of the river would be perfect for it.
- Carson city has FAILED to engineer / survey where they disturb the ground causing erosion into the river!
- Carson City has done a good job maintaining and improving the area. 1996 Master Plan and updates provided good guidance.set
- Can BLM be a good partner for future projects
- Bikes do much more damage to trails than horses.
- Beautiful
- Be careful not to interfere with healthy natural processes
- As a newcomer to the area, I am thrilled to have such a beautiful area for walking and running.
- Access to quality parks is a treasure for all ages, I highly encourage schools to utilize places like Riverview for educational opportunities.

**19. Would you like to receive updates on the project and be entered into our raffle drawing for some great prizes?  
Please provide your email address below.**

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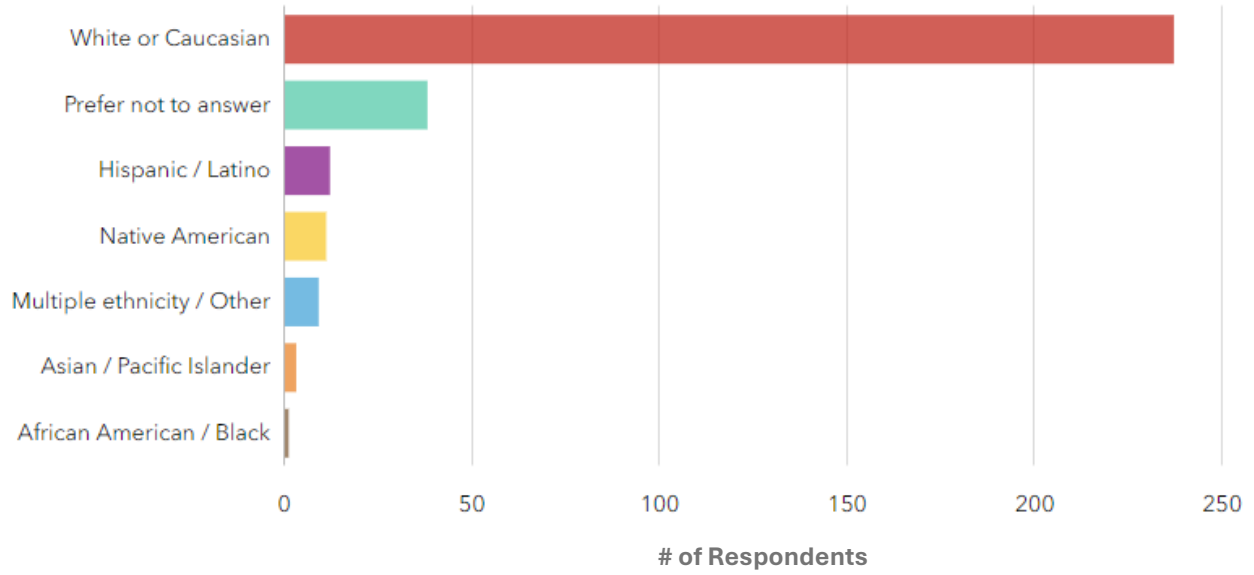
## 20. What is your age group? \*



Answers	Count	Percentage
>65	90	30.41%
55-65	74	25%
45-54	50	16.89%
35-44	41	13.85%
25-34	24	8.11%
Prefer not to answer	10	3.38%
18-24	4	1.35%
<18	3	1.01%

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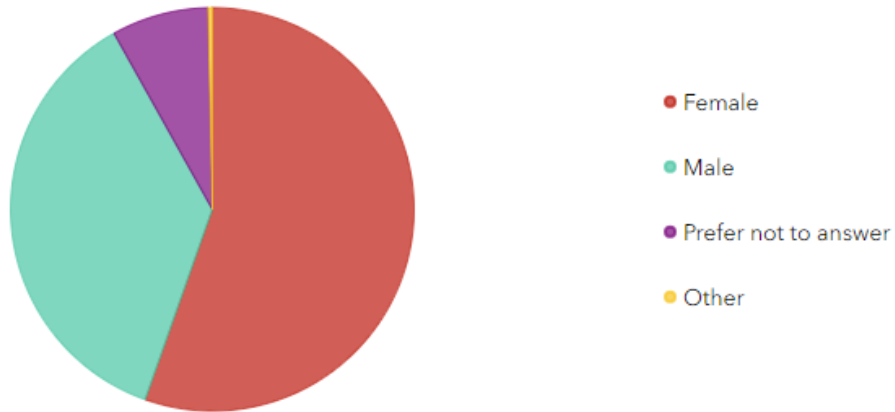
**21. How would you describe your ethnic background? \***



Answers	Count	Percentage
White or Caucasian	237	80.07%
Prefer not to answer	38	12.84%
Hispanic / Latino	12	4.05%
Native American	11	3.72%
Multiple ethnicity / Other	9	3.04%
Asian / Pacific Islander	3	1.01%
African American / Black	1	0.34%

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## 22. How would you describe your gender? \*



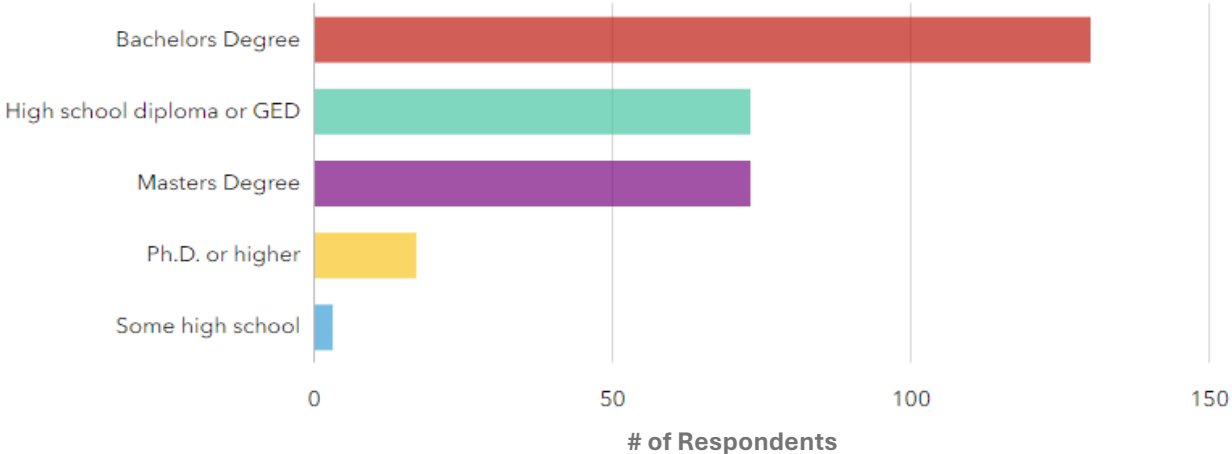
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Female	164	55.41%
Male	108	36.49%
Prefer not to answer	23	7.77%
Other	1	0.34%

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**23. What is your educational level? \***



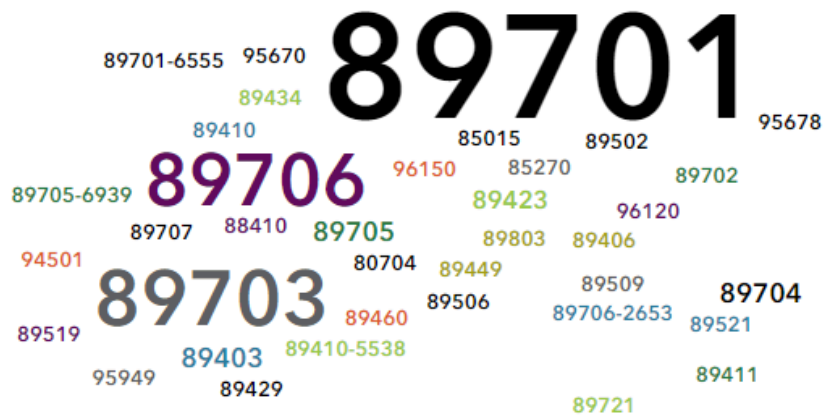
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Answers	Count	Percentage
Bachelors Degree	130	43.92%
High school diploma or GED	73	24.66%
Masters Degree	73	24.66%
Ph.D. or higher	17	5.74%
Some high school	3	1.01%

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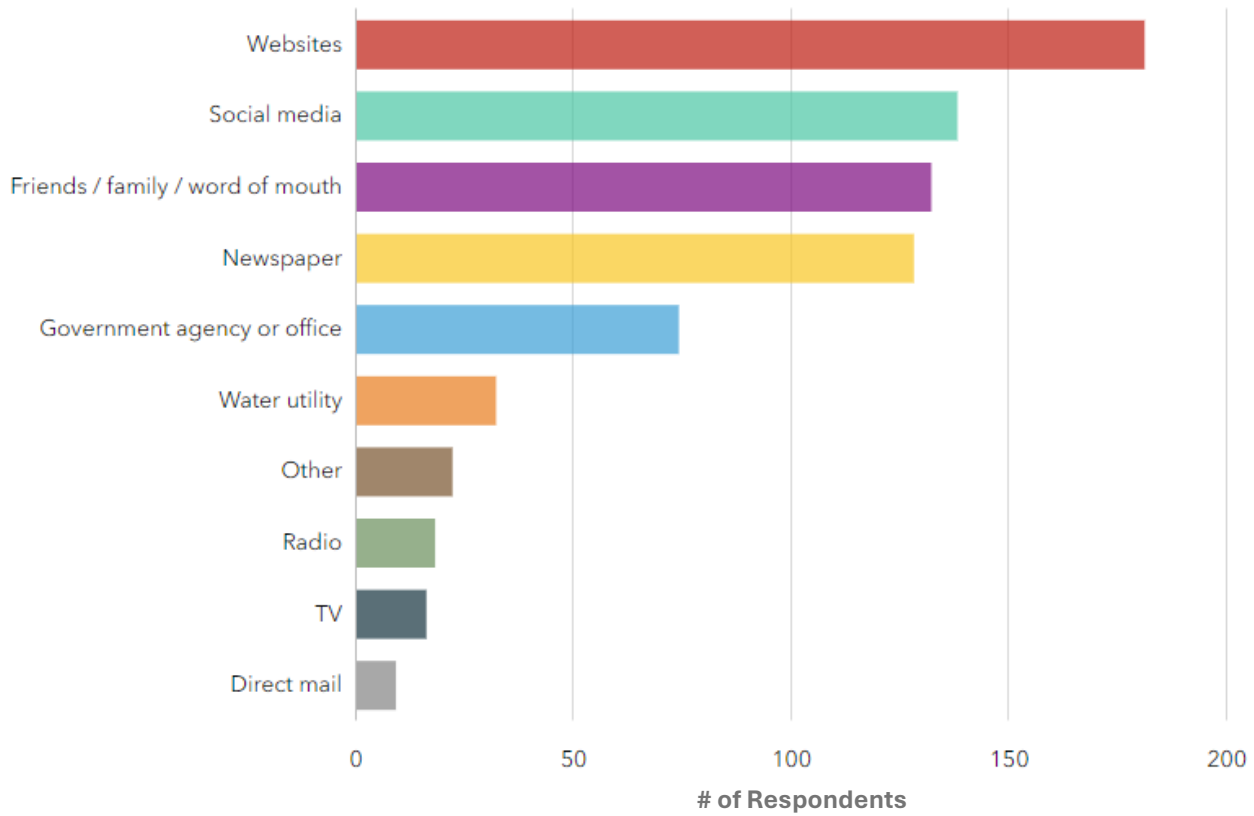
24. What is your zip code? \*



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**25. Where do you get your information about the Carson River or local watershed issues? \***



Answers	Count	Percentage
Websites	181	61.15%
Social media	138	46.62%
Friends / family / word of mouth	132	44.59%
Newspaper	128	43.24%
Government agency or office	74	25%
Water utility	32	10.81%
Other	22	7.43%
Radio	18	6.08%
TV	16	5.41%
Direct mail	9	3.04%

Answered: 296 Skipped: 0

**“Other” Responses**

- Visiting the area
- Teacher Professor Duerk at Western Nevada College
- teacher

- parks and recreation newsletter
- Niegbores and Local Budiness
- My sister and brother-in-law are in Muscle Powered in Carson. My family moved to Carson City in 1975, and now my son lives in the house I inherited. We spend about 1 week per month in Carson.
- Muscle Powered emails
- Muscle Powered
- looking out my windows
- Like I said I'm at or around the river on a daily basis and I keep my eyes out
- Just from visiting them.
- Human contact. Go breathe air. Step away from your magic rectangle. Touch grass. Humankind: be both!
- From visiting the river and talking with other people on the river or when out and about.
- e-mail list
- email
- CWSD e-blasts
- CarsonNow.org
- Carson NOW; own experience at the river
- Carson now.org
- Carson now

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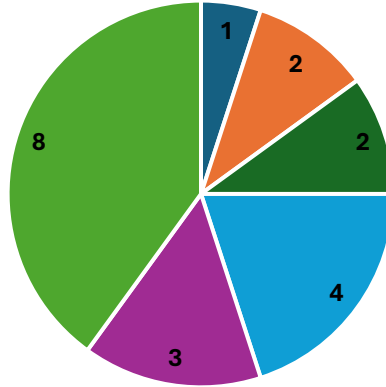
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### 1. What is your name? \*

Names of respondents not included. Survey had 19 responses as of November 12, 2024.

### 2. What is your organization/affiliation? \*

Respondent Affiliation

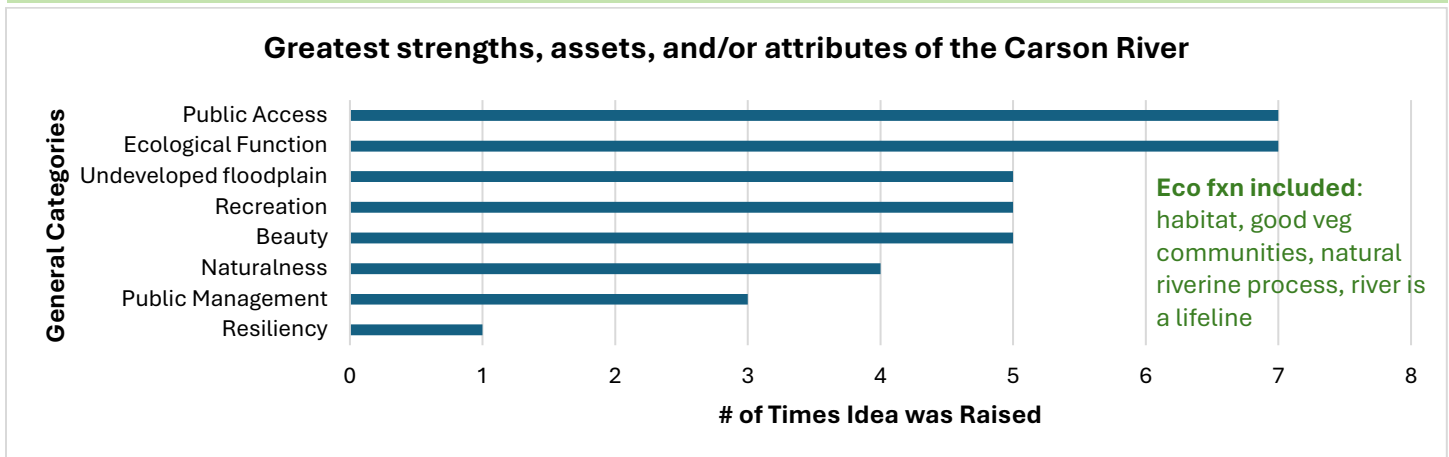


■ Citizen  
 ■ State  
 ■ Private  
 ■ Nonprofit  
 ■ OSAC  
 ■ Local Government

**Responses**

- Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch (*2 respondents indicated this*)
- CWSD (*2 respondents indicated this*)
- OSAC or Interested Party
- Open Space Advisory Committee, Muscle Powered
- Open Space Advisory Committee
- Nevada Environmental Consulting / Interested Party
- Nevada Division of Outdoor Recreation
- Nevada Department of Agriculture
- NCCT
- Granite Construction Company
- Concerned citizen
- Carson Valley Conservation District
- Carson High School & Nevada Monarch Society
- Carson City Public Works
- Carson City Parks, Recreation and Open Space
- Carson City Fire Department / Emergency Management
- Carson City Culture & Tourism Authority dba Visit Carson City

**3. When thinking about the current conditions of the Carson River, what do you feel are its greatest strengths, assets, and/or attributes? \***



**Responses**

The scenery is amazing, depending on the time of the year. I like the canyons as well. Leveraging fishing opportunities as well as rafting/kayaking, when possible, are big pluses.

The public accessibility and the beautiful cottonwoods.

The one of the last untamed rivers systems. Great opportunity to limit or reverse the threat of flood safety engineering and development has on natural riverine processes.

The Carson River's greatest strength is its beauty all along the riverbanks. This includes wildlife and habitat .

The Carson River has experienced past flooding, detrimental mine/mill operations that have impacted both wildlife and water quality.

The Carson River is still open in comparison to the Truckee River. I would continue to encourage ranching and farming in the remaining areas of the floodplain such as Silver Saddle Ranch and Buzzy's Ranch. Continue to look for properties that may benefit from Open Space acquisition or Conservation Easements. Work with adjacent private property owners on education outreach which focuses on mitigating impacts to the corridor. The Carson River is still out lifeline in the desert and wildlife are still present. I would limit the new development areas that can sustain recreation, trails and camping.

That it is, for the most part, allowed to be a free river, that it is being protected, that it is a natural river. It's beauty.

That CC has followed through on 1996 Plan and many of the recommendations have become a reality. That CC citizens voted for the tax increase to support programs like the Carson River plan. That OSAC has provided oversight of the river in the community and staff has taken on the responsibility of stewarding the river corridor with other parties involved with the river environment. CC citizens are an involved community that has been highly supportive of the improvements to the River corridor - this is evident from the recent survey.

Strengths: a lot of public access Assets: water, trees, and wildlife to the area Atributes: sportman, recreation activities

River corridor functions to provide ecological benefits for Carson City residents. Provides public access to natural areas close to urban setting. Continuous public management of the river corridor provides enhanced protection to wildlife and habitat.

Open space Natural habitat Wildlife habitat Watershed Beauty Public use

Natural and relatively undeveloped.

it's natural state and lack of hardening

It is still a river and it could live.

Having parks, walking paths, open space surrounding the river.

existence of open space and natural areas; existence of good vegetation communities; positive public image and access to the waterway

Carson City's Fee title assets that provide public access to the Carson River (much of it on both sides) and the surrounding watershed are the greatest strengths. The public has access forever. The river is a lifeline connecting our communities and Carson City has done an excellent job of connecting Lyon to Carson City and Carson City to Douglas. The river corridor is beautiful place to get away from life's stresses. The trails, the river access for paddling, the viewsheds, the protection of the floodplain and reduction of non point source pollution to the river all are positive attributes. The wildlife and native vegetation open spaces, the protection of some agricultural features (good fit in the floodplain), and tasteful park facilities are also assets/attributes.

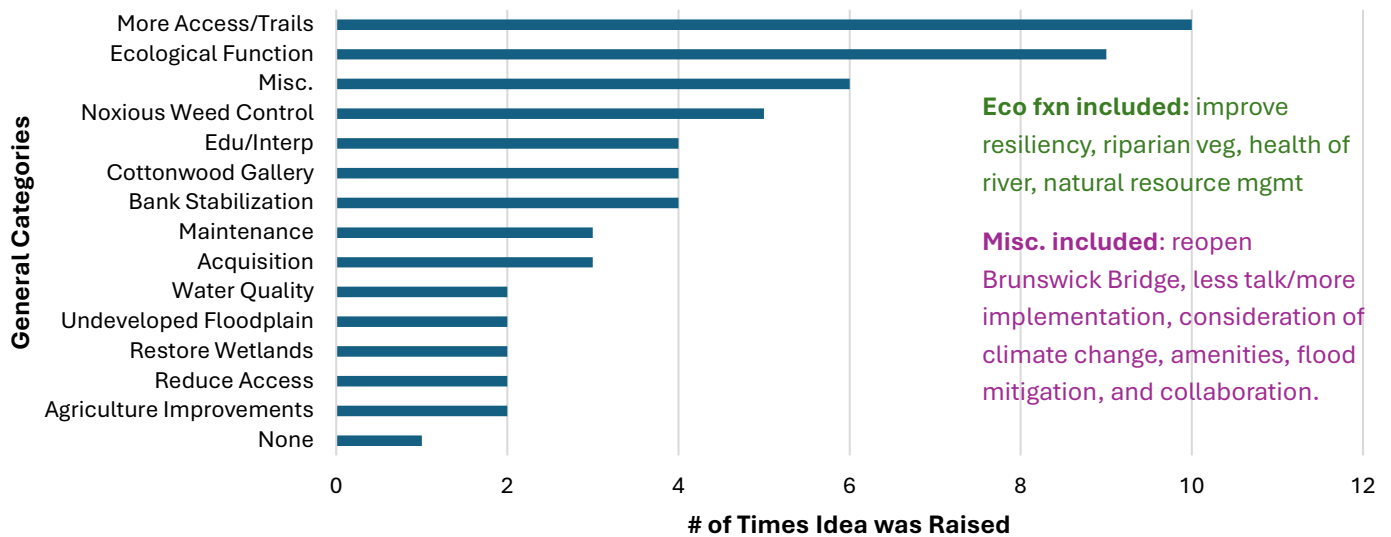
Attributes are in association with outdoor recreation, fishing, tub floating down the river, kayaking, camping along the river, and providing a water resource to the surrounding communities for irrigation water vital to our sustainability and economic growth.

Accessible, the majority of the land has protected floodplain and is publicly held.

Accessible open space, great trail system.

4. What improvements to the Carson River corridor would you prioritize? \*

Recommended Improvements to Carson River Corridor

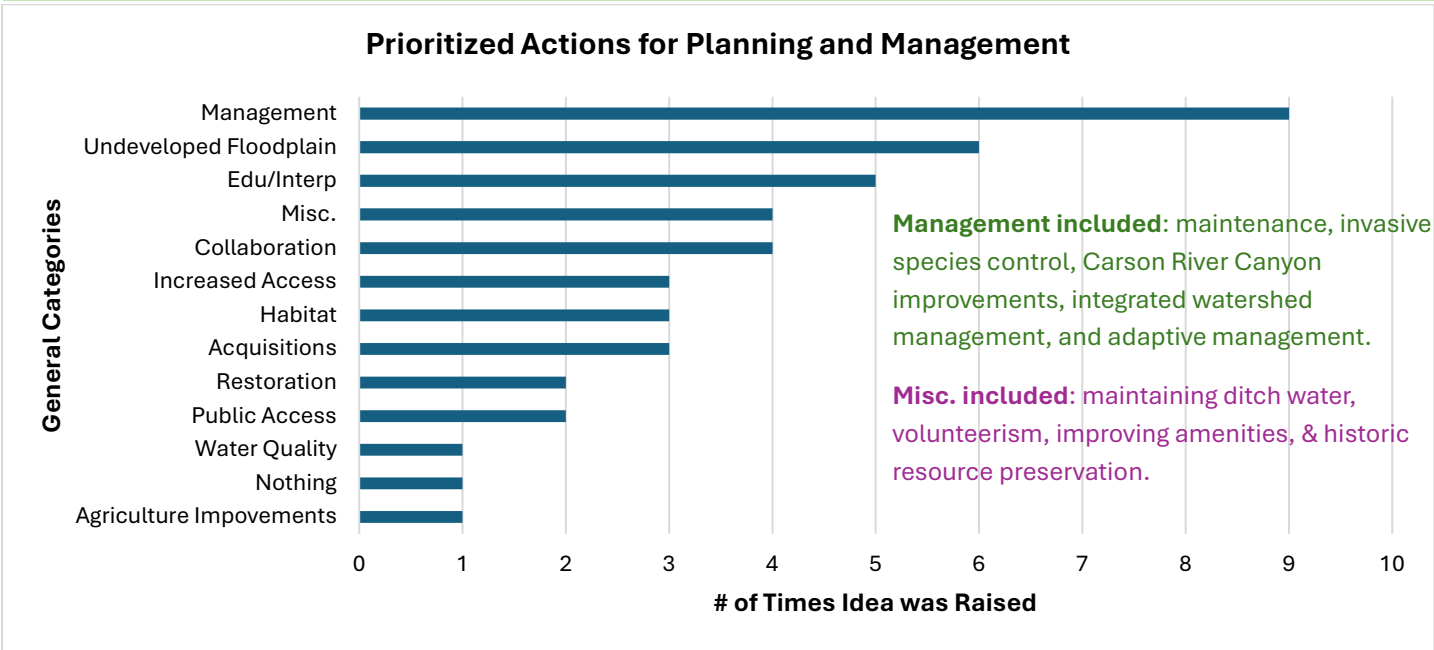


**Responses**

wayfinding signage possibly enhanced recreation opportunities  
 Streambank stabilization, improved natural resource management  
 Removal of noxious weeds, tamarisk, and other non-native vegetation that hinder accessibility to and from the river.  
 Protecting more sections of the river that are not protected and also adding trail and public access to the river.  
 Plan to increase cottonwood gallery forest health. Reduce future public access impacts through trail relocation, boardwalks, and habitat reserves.. Manage wetlands for wildlife, not cattle pasture.  
 Open space acquisition, limited footprint development  
 Need more educational trails, signage and activities Need to maintain trails and get rid of extra trails in same areas, made from misuse by public  
 Maybe additional access, trail development, where possible. Some additional benches. I would love interpretive signage along the river, that speak to the history of the area, good and bad.  
 Keeping development, i. e. houses off the floodplain permanently  
 Just maintain, no improvements needed.  
 invasive plant/noxious weed control; PFC of the river; promotion of native plants and biological diversity; resiliency of the system to disturbance  
 Improving walkability including bridges and more permanent trails for access at public land and county owned access points. More launch areas, erosion mitigation along areas prone to flooding including riparian and aquatic areas that see water level fluctuation throughout the seasons.  
 I would like to see a partnership between Carson City and Granite Construction to develop a long term plan for Granite to leave an asset to the Community when our mine is done.  
 I would like staff to work on the overall health of the Carson River. Focus on erosion control by implementing bank stabilization projects which will help improve water quality. Actively map, treat and reseed areas impacted by noxious weeds throughout the corridor and tributaries. Consider replanting the upland areas with native or desirable vegetation which would help our wildlife. I think there is a lot of discussion on how to manage the river corridor but very little implementation. Carson City should actively be working on implementing projects that benefit the river, corridor and tributaries.  
 Flood mitigation, trails.  
 Extending Mexican ditch trail. Educational and interpretative opportunities at Ambrose and Silver Saddle, Carson River Canyon.  
 Carson River Canyon planning Bank stabilization method decided upon and action taken with oversight to effectiveness. Protection of the cottonwoods and reforestation. The SSR plan finalized and action taken to bring the ranch up to a early 1900 working ranch and a full interpretive program designed to deliver the message to visiting public. Riparian vegetation planning for the future to insure a natural healthy corridor. This will also help protect the banks. The Brunswick bridge opened again - designed for peds/bikes and UTV's [if they allowed after the CRC plan done.  
 Access, Cottonwood regeneration, Whitetop management

1. Obtaining fee title or conservation easements on privately owned lands in the river corridor. 2. Obtaining WQ standards in the reaches that are impaired and on the CWA 303(d) list. Consider working with local landowners to implement LID practices and retrofit their properties to improve runoff concerns. 3. Ensure roads and trails are not contributing to WQ issues. 4. Water rights for ag lands 5. Continue trail maintenance, 6. Continue invasive species management, 7. Work on improving cottonwood and riparian vegetation for long-term ecosystem health. Cottonwood stand's appear to be of similar age, with little recruitment. Determine what is needed to ensure cottonwood's recruit, the river doesn't incise more, sediment and fish are able to be transported over the Mexican dam, an the water table is maintained so cottonwood recruitment is possible. 8. Consider regen ag grazing practices, and ag bmps on ranch lands. Restore wetland areas. 9. Consider managing with climate change impacts in mind.

**5. When thinking about the future of the Carson River, what opportunities do you feel should be prioritized from a planning and management perspective? \***



**Responses**

Water quality Wildlife and habitat protection Sustainable public use and educational trips and activities  
 Vegetation recruitment and whitetop (noxious weed) management  
 See above and include Education and Outreach including interpretive tours/hikes/bikes / etc. Work with local students and colleges/universities to practice integrated watershed management throughout the corridor.  
 safe ingress and egress points for the public working with local agencies both upstream and downstream on management - joint use agreement if there is not one already (cattle upstream, fish and game, etc.) developing a communication system for users/public regarding water quality, wildlife, habitat, etc.  
 Purchase land for Open Space, restrict development within the 500 yr flood area  
 Planning - Carson River Corridor plan for all the elements of a stand alone regional park. This should be considered a "primitive area" not a wilderness . This will allow this area to recover from years of abuse and overuse. Safety is a primary concern and the plan will bring with it designs and user access areas to be with safety in mind. This plan needs to start at Deer Run and go all the way to the Lyon Co line. And hopefully Lyon Co becomes an active participant in the plan to continue some of the plan elements farther down the river. The living river philosophy adopted and what that means to develop an active effort to insure this guiding principle is followed.  
 make the management options broad, inclusive, and future focused to avoid restrictions that are caused when certain methodologies are not included; take the opportunity now of performing this update to be as all encompassing as possible to avoid being limited or needing to redo work later on; focus on IPM methods and options; include prevention, education, outreach, cultural control methods and revegetation, monitoring, and restoration in the plan  
 Maintenance, land acquisition.  
 Keep the 100-year floodplain open from development and minimize activities that impact the environment. Highlight historical sites and work on interpretive events that showcase historic activities along the Carson River. Look at potential development of primitive campgrounds so that people can enjoy the river without creating their own spaces in areas that environmentally sensitive. Encourage local volunteers to assist with cleanups, plantings and signage.

Keep it the way it is.

Improved planning and cooperation amongst agencies such as State of Nevada, Army Corps and Carson City to discuss river restoration projects and funding; also better coordination with Carson City and the Mexican Dam Co. for trail projects along the river corridor.

I would put interpretive signage at the top, then benches or seating, as they would not be as costly, before looking at additional access and trails.

I think that conservation and stewardship should be the lead prioritization along the river corridor. We should prioritize wildlife preservation and sustainability, increase areas of access for wildlife migration as traffic along the highways increases and in turn, wildlife fatalities increase. I think thoughtful trail planning and public access at certain community points will help with these preservation efforts by minimizing vegetation impact where folks create their own trails/access points. And then it will be important to strategically and successfully create a marketing plan that shows the public where to go and how to also be good stewards to the land. Tribal acknowledgements and signage should also be incorporated.

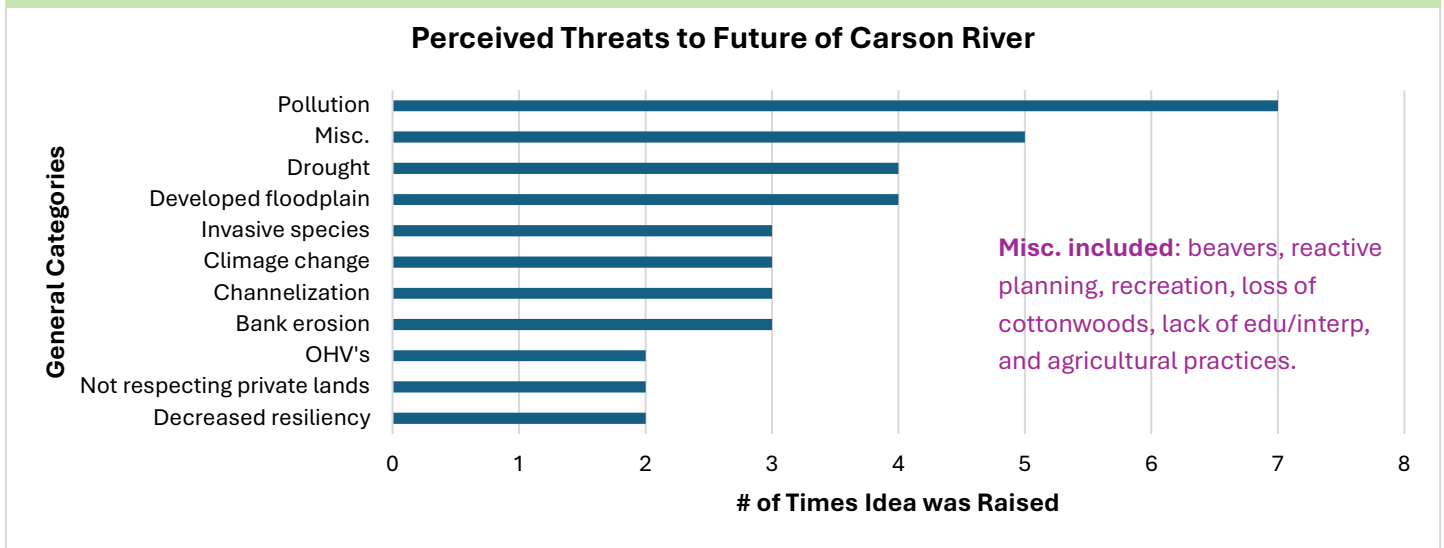
From our perspective, we would like to work with Carson City to lay back our slopes (onto Carson City Property) to leave less steep slopes in our pit. We would be willing to develop recreational opportunities at our cost if we could offset gaining hard rock tonnage. Ensuring the space near the river remains clear of development and allows the water to spread as needed during high water years. Coordinate ranch plans to provide sustainable long term productivity if possible. Consider managing Buzzy's ranch without livestock and reducing water needs. Remove infrastructure from floodplain if possible. Keep the Mexican ditch flowing. Measure and monitor riparian habitat condition.

Conservation, providing for public access.

Conservation easements that prevent flood incompatible infrastructure.

Balance the need of allowing the river to move with the surrounding limitations. i.e. bridges, cottonwood galleries and other infrastructure located along the river.

## 6. What do you see as the biggest threats/issues to the future of the Carson River? \*



### Responses

The upstream activities in Carson Valley that have an impact on water quality. Climate change may bring flooding or drought that will have detrimental effects on the river corridor environment. The mercury problem may end up more of a problem if flooding occurs. A decision on beavers control in the river and move forward to protect the cottonwoods. Indiscriminate use by OHVS in the Carson River Canyon.

The feel the biggest issue that could impact the Carson River corridor is the threat of development in the 100-year floodplain. I would work diligently on preserving this corridor from future development. Additional threats include the management of noxious weeds and eroding riverbanks. Carson City should aggressively work on stabilizing riverbanks and treating noxious weeds within the corridor and tributaries.

The biggest threat results from mild winters in the Sierra with limited snow.

ORV activity in prohibited areas, over use of Golden Eagle. Protection of Private lands adjacent to Carson River open space.

Noxious weeds

Mercury superfund site and impacts on water quality, outdoor recreation and ability to implement riverbank stabilization projects.

Loss of cottonwood galleries, nonpoint source pollution from surrounding urban development,

invasive species; overuse of water or loss of river function in a way that reduces water availability; overuse of public features such as trails that aren't built to withstand the recreational pressure; lack of planning that is proactive enough to allow for future problems to be addressed without lag time that allows problems to grow  
Infrastructure encroachment. Channelization. Upstream loss of flood capacity. No minimum flows. Over development. Loss of riparian recruitment.  
Drought, pollution, development  
drought hardening pollution development  
Development that leads to serial engineering and a concrete ditch instead of a living river.  
Climate change resulting in potential threatening flooding/drought conditions. Attempts to 'control' private sections of the river.  
Bank deterioration Lack of Educational signs and outreach

## 7. What is your area(s) of interest and/or expertise as it relates to the Carson River? \*

### Responses

Trails along the river.  
Tourism and the visitor experience.  
Silver Saddle Ranch  
Riparian habitat, wildlife. Institutional knowledge from 40+ years of living and working in the river. Served on CRAC, Clear Creek Watershed Council, CC Shade Tree Council and served on CWSDFlood Plane planning committee. Coordinated volunteer activities. Worked in conservation for both State agencies and the Washoe Tribe.  
Riparian functions promote habitat and water quality.  
Public school education Increase pollinator habitat Masters in biology Build with high school students an interpretive trail at Ambrose  
Needs to be rebuilt now  
Partnership with the City to remain a viable rock quarry for the next 30 years, but then leave a good legacy after that time.  
noxious weeds/invasive plant management  
Natural resource management, river restoration and outdoor recreation.  
I live in Douglas County. I think areas of interest are where the V&T RR trail expands and connects Carson to Douglas County for walking, hiking, biking etc. will be a huge accomplishment and create much needed non-motorized connection to our communities. There could be a OHV component as well. In South Douglas County across from Ruhestroth, there is a BLM camping and access point along the river that is highly used and visible, and needs desperate improvement. This is also a highly used wildlife corridor. Creating specific fishing access would also be a great way to improve access and more economic impact.  
I have experience managing lagoons, lakes and beaches for a several local agencies, and have been the staff liaison to Coastal Commission, Multi-County agencies, CA Fish and Wildlife, Trail Management, Sediment removal projects, Mountain Biking clubs, Friends of Lake Calavera, and have managed extensive Habitat Restoration efforts and Biological monitoring, Bat relocation projects, etc etc  
Historic Preservation/archaeology  
Hazard Mitigation – Emergency Managment  
Flood mitigation  
Floating down the river and hiking along the river.  
Environmental education and interpretation- resource planning - recreation planning  
Carson River Watershed Program Manager with CWSD.  
Biologist and Hydrologist  
Banks Stabilization, noxious weeds and floodplain rehabilitation.

## 8. What relevant data and resources do you have or know about that might inform the development of the Carson River Master Plan Update? \*

### Responses

We can share mobile-based tracking data through the following data analytics platforms: Datafy and Arrivalist.  
Very little.  
The history of the 1st planning effort that developed the 1996 plan. I have the resource of available time to spend on this planning effort.  
Runoff changes due to climate change.  
Ranch history and conservation easement.  
Quality of Life funding and Carson City Open Space contributions, including volunteer efforts such as River Wranglers etc.  
Overall water quality is good! Students collected data from 2001 to 2014. Main concern was too high of dirt sediment

Original Carson River Advisory Committee member. Access to NVCRIS cultural resources system.  
noxious weed/invasive plant management expertise and NAC/NRS usage; access to grant funding; biological control treatment information and options; mapping data on noxious weed infestations and capacity to perform additional mapping  
none at this time  
none

It seems the Open Space area could be better utilized or developed for things like Mountain Biking, Off Roading, ATV use areas to reduce illegal uses. This is what we envision partnering with the City on.

Incised rivers can self-heal if they can erode gully banks and vegetate active channel banks.

I have expertise in past studies on water and water right of the Alpine Decree, Management and fate and transport of Comstock Era Mercury in the Dayton (CERCLA) reach, riparian restoration projects and floodplain access modeling and construction, and management of reaches of the Carson River in Douglas and Alpine Counties.

I am not sure.

I am familiar with current Open Space properties within Carson City. I do have some historical information regarding these properties from growing up in the area. I have worked directly with other agencies such as CWSD, CTWCD, NDEP, NDWR, NDSL, NDOW, BLM, USFWS and Carson City.

Great Basin Bird Observatory avian monitoring baseline surveys from the 90's

FEMA Flood mapping, CC Hazard Mitiation Plan, NDEP Regional Response Plan

Climate change studies CWSD has helped pay for, floodplain management approaches, access to the CRC stakeholder working groups, education resources (flood model, Enviroscope, ground water model).

**9. Would you be interested in participating in a follow up group meeting to review and discuss the input from this stakeholder survey? \***

**Responses**

Yes (11 people indicated this)

Yes. (2 people indicated this)

Sure (2 people indicated this)

Yes, Please.

Yes and thanks for asking.

if that would be helpful, absolutely

I am definitely interested in participating however it depends on the timing of the group meeting.

**10. Is there anything else you want to add or share that might help inform our planning process? \***

**Responses**

We need to consider limiting or preventing development along the river

We must remember that the river corridor should be managed as open space first, parks second.

We at NVENV are happy to support the effort as a third-party review or participants in meetings and can provide expertise in state and federal permitting and construction strategies to save time and money. Additionally our sister company Range & Forest Growers is ready to grow native plants for restoration efforts.

Thanks for making this one of your priorities in your work plan for this year.

Thank you. This is really needed.

Thank you for your time and effort to do this important community project!

Riparian functions are a win/win/win!

Review and integrate results of the 2008 charette.

Regarding planning, be a part of the coordinated effort to obtain geomorphological and sediment transport information along these reaches to help inform whether and where river restoration/bank stabilization projects would be best suited. Come up with a prioritized project list including lands that are currently unprotected. Determine the types of funding pots that might be available to pursue these projects and plans including grants and capital budgets.

Please add us to your partners list for long term planning and participation as stakeholders. Granite Construction [REDACTED]

Our division is excited to help educate and promote conservation, stewardship, and outdoor recreation along the river in whatever capacity is helpful.

Nothing at this point.

None.

No

I am looking forward to being part of a team to preserve and protect this precious resource in a manner that promotes access to the river corridor and provides access to a variety of user groups 1  
I also live on Carson River Road and do not want any significant increase in traffic. 1  
From a visitor experience perspective, we are committed with our marketing and PR efforts to promote the east side of Carson City, including the Carson River, with stewardship messaging tied in. 1  
Carson City is a special place especially along the Carson River. I hope that we can keep it as pristine as possible. 1  
appreciate the opportunity to be part of this process, it's a great and beneficial project that can accomplish a lot of lasting good

# Results of the Carson River Master Plan Surveys

## 1. Public User Experience Survey

August 13 – September 23, 2024

## 2. Stakeholder Survey

October 23 – November 12

# Results Packets

A scenic view of a river flowing through a valley. In the foreground, a large, gnarled, leafless tree stands on the right bank. The river flows from the background towards the right. The background shows a valley with sparse vegetation and a hillside.

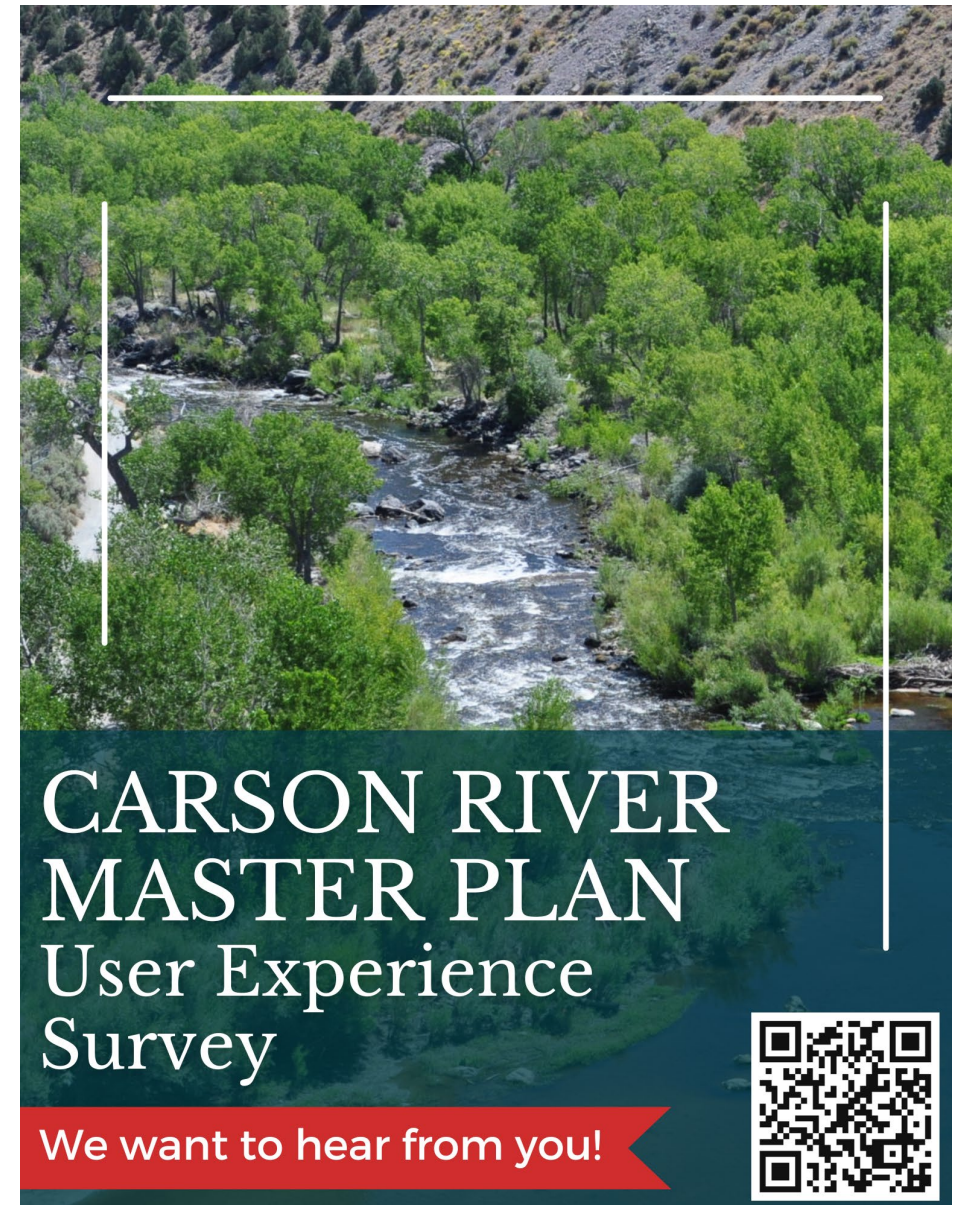
- **Attachment 1**: Public User Experience Survey
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- Full text responses
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- Analysis by CCPROS staff

# Public User Experience Survey

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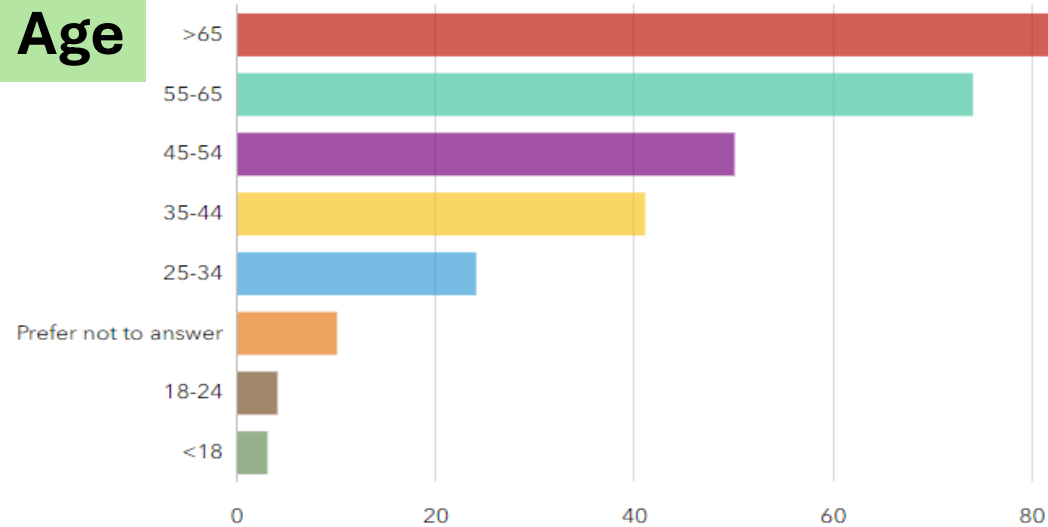
- Flyers at all trailheads along the River
- Flyers in CCPROS monthly newsletters
- Announced at BOS, OSAC, PRC, and Planning Commission meeting(s).
- Social media posts
- Direct mail to residents adjacent to the Carson River through Carson City
- Press Release

**We had 296  
responses!**

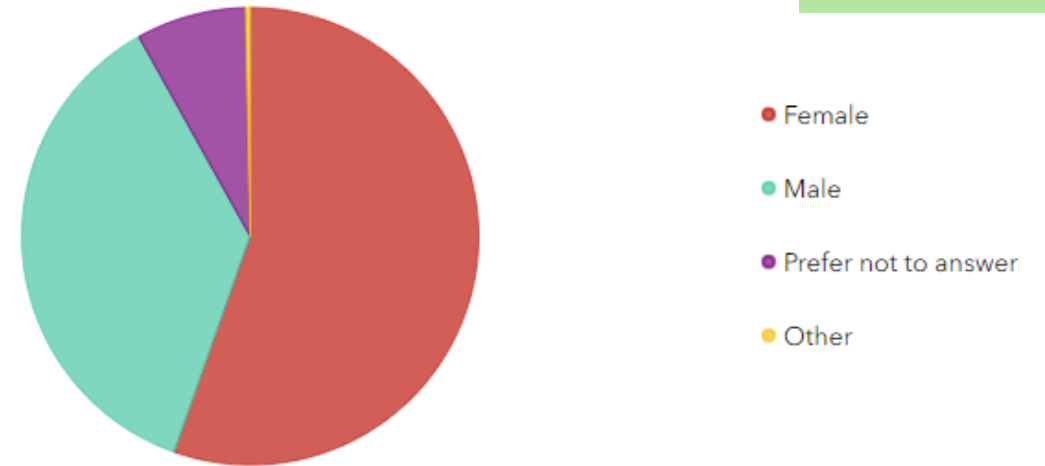


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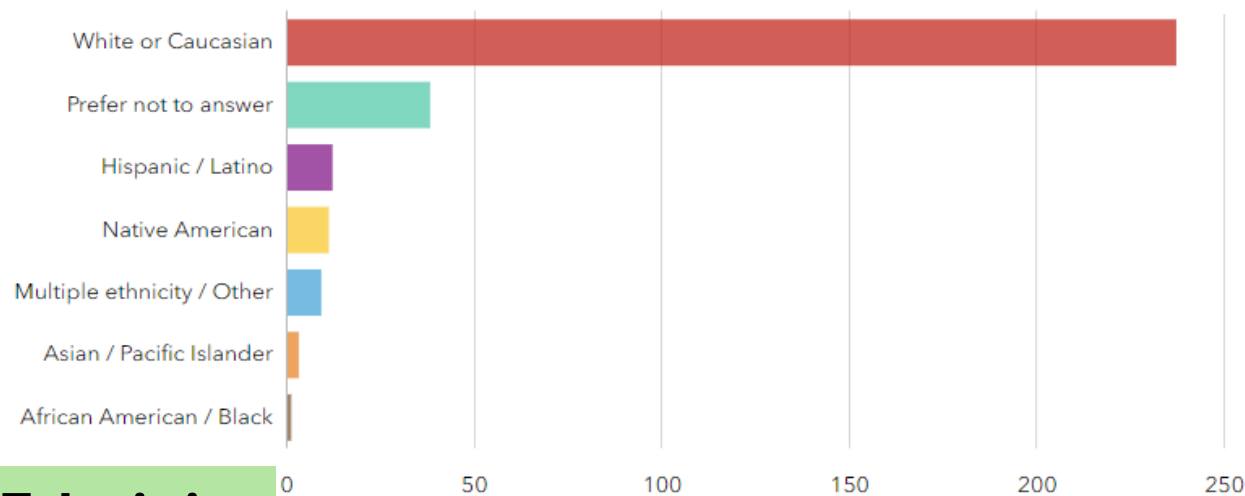
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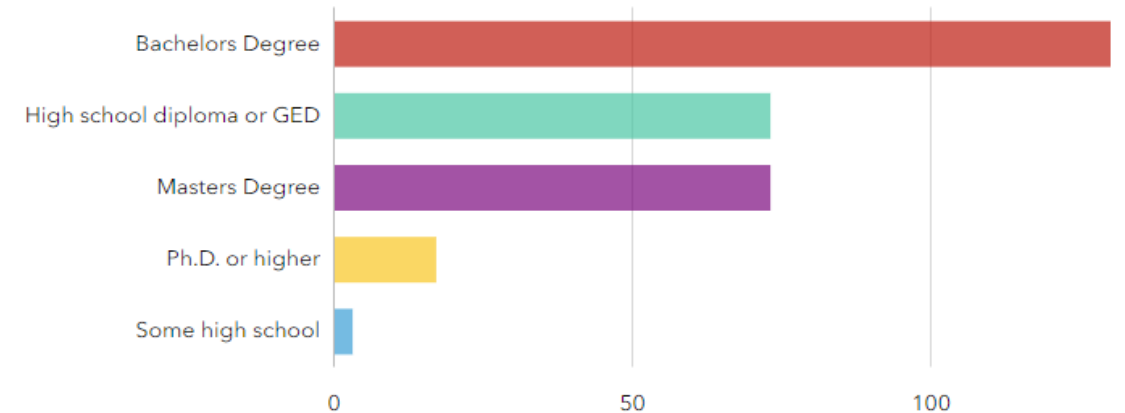
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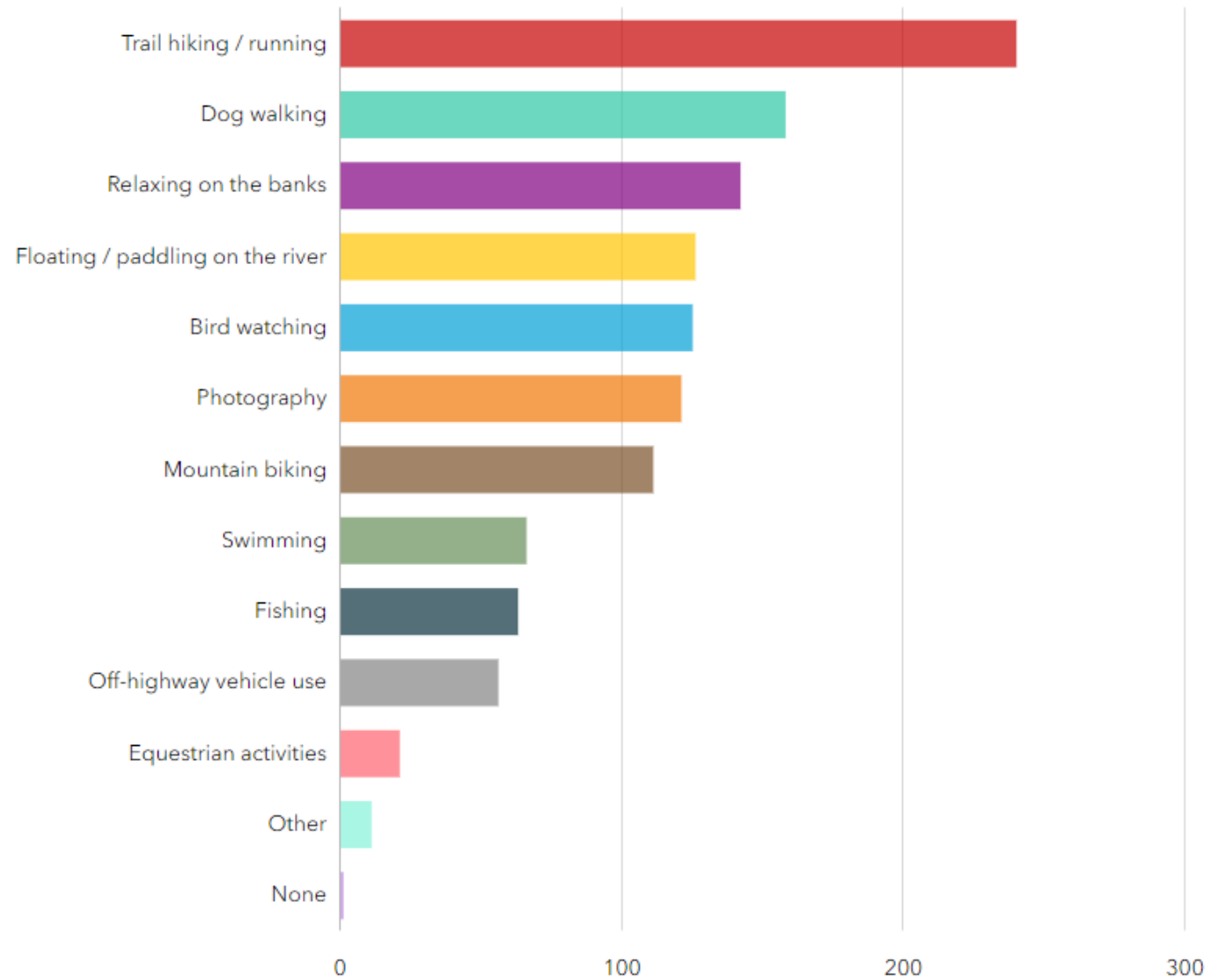
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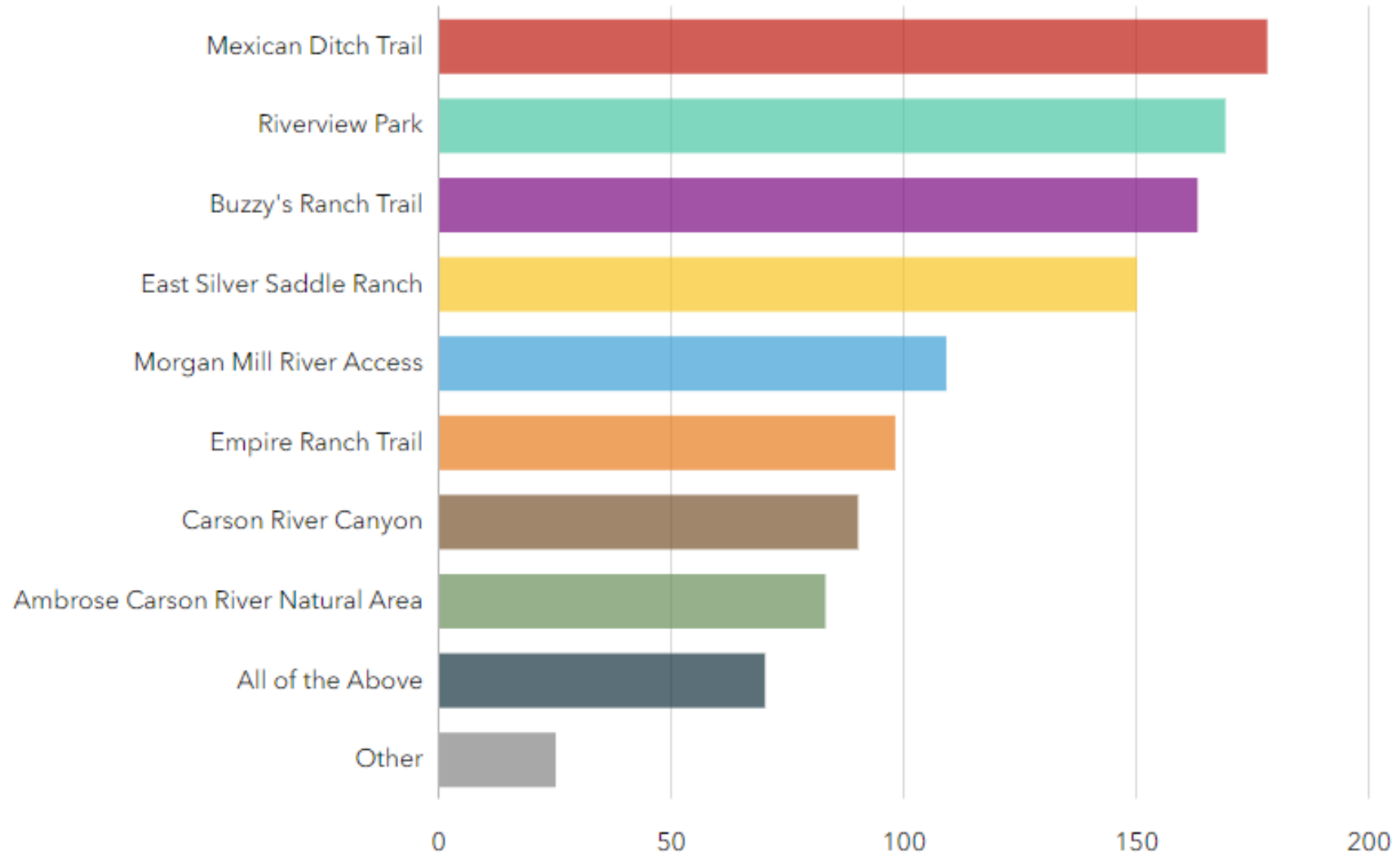
## Education



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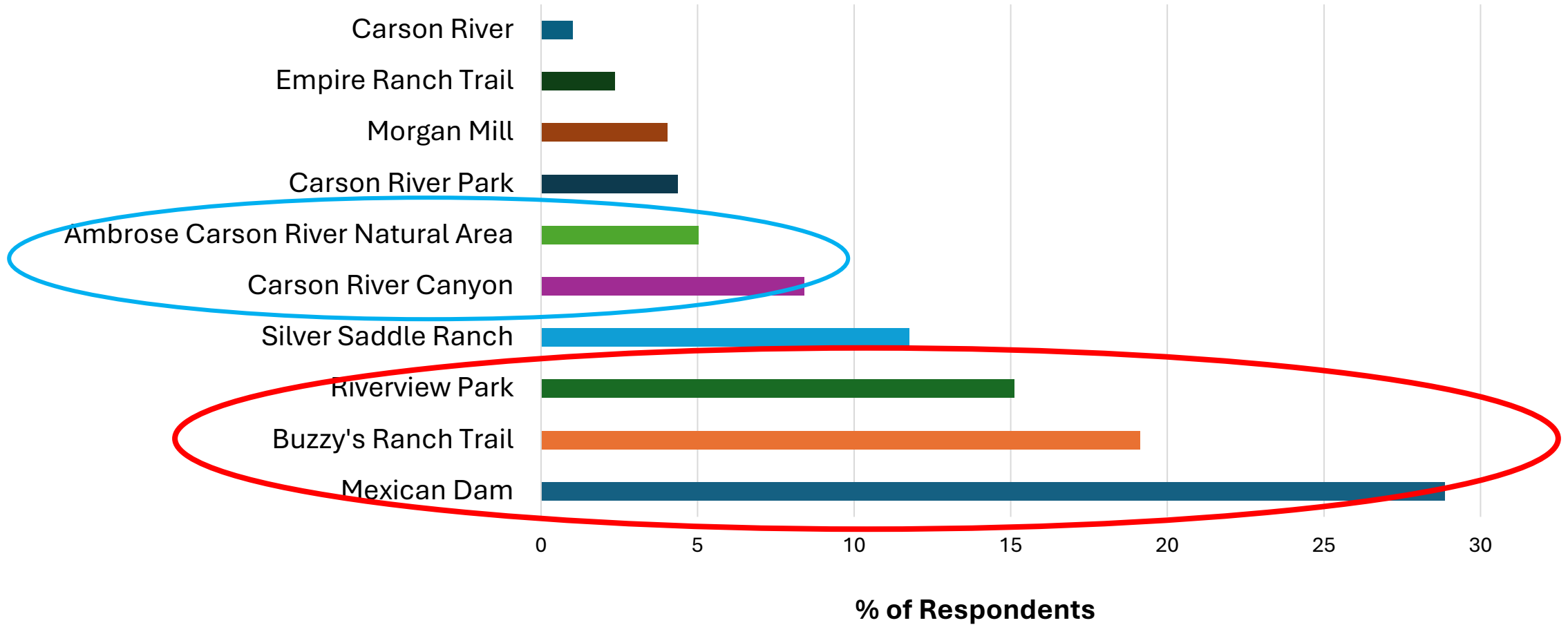


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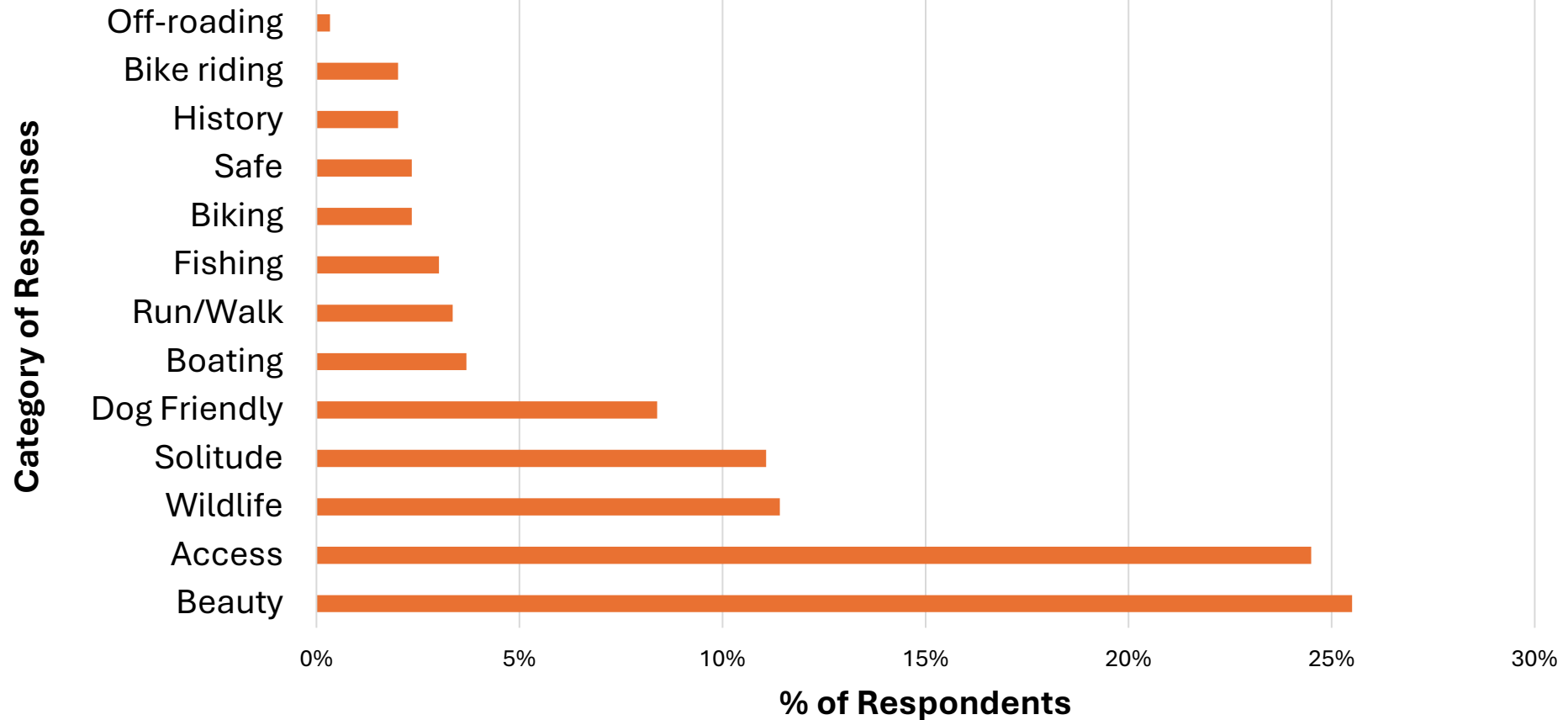




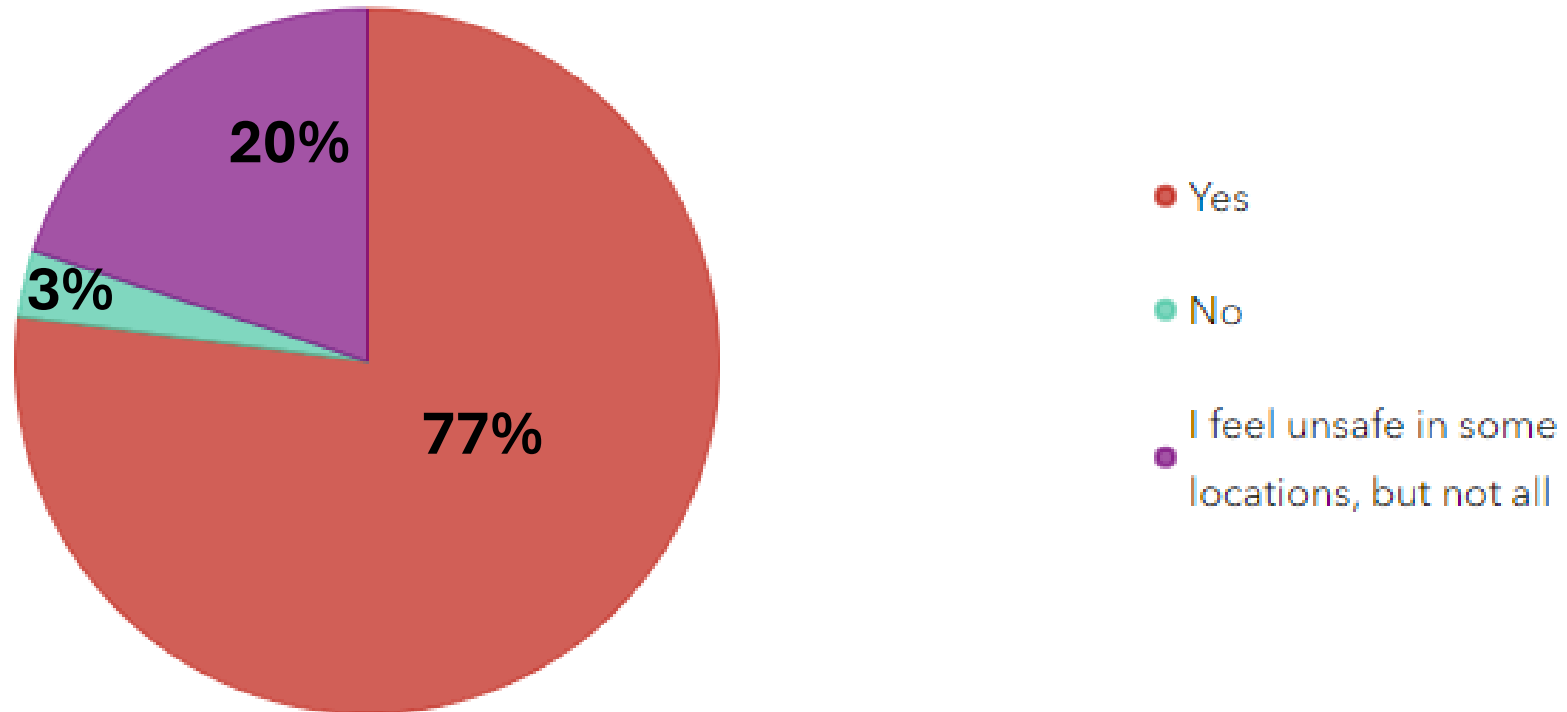
## Respondents Favorite Locations in the Carson River Area



# General Reasons for Why Locations in the Carson River Area are Respondents Favorite

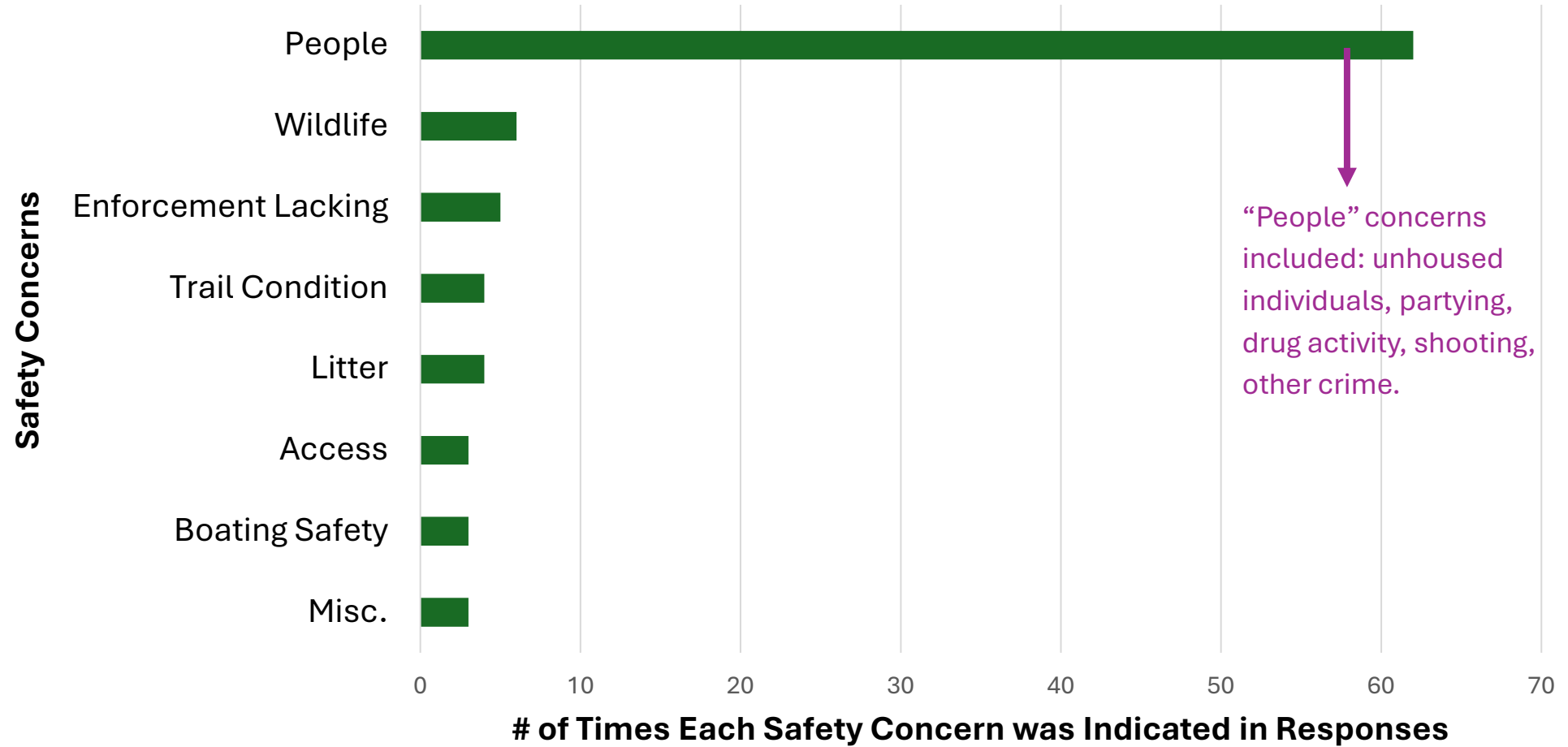


6a. I feel safe visiting or recreating in or by the Carson River area... \*



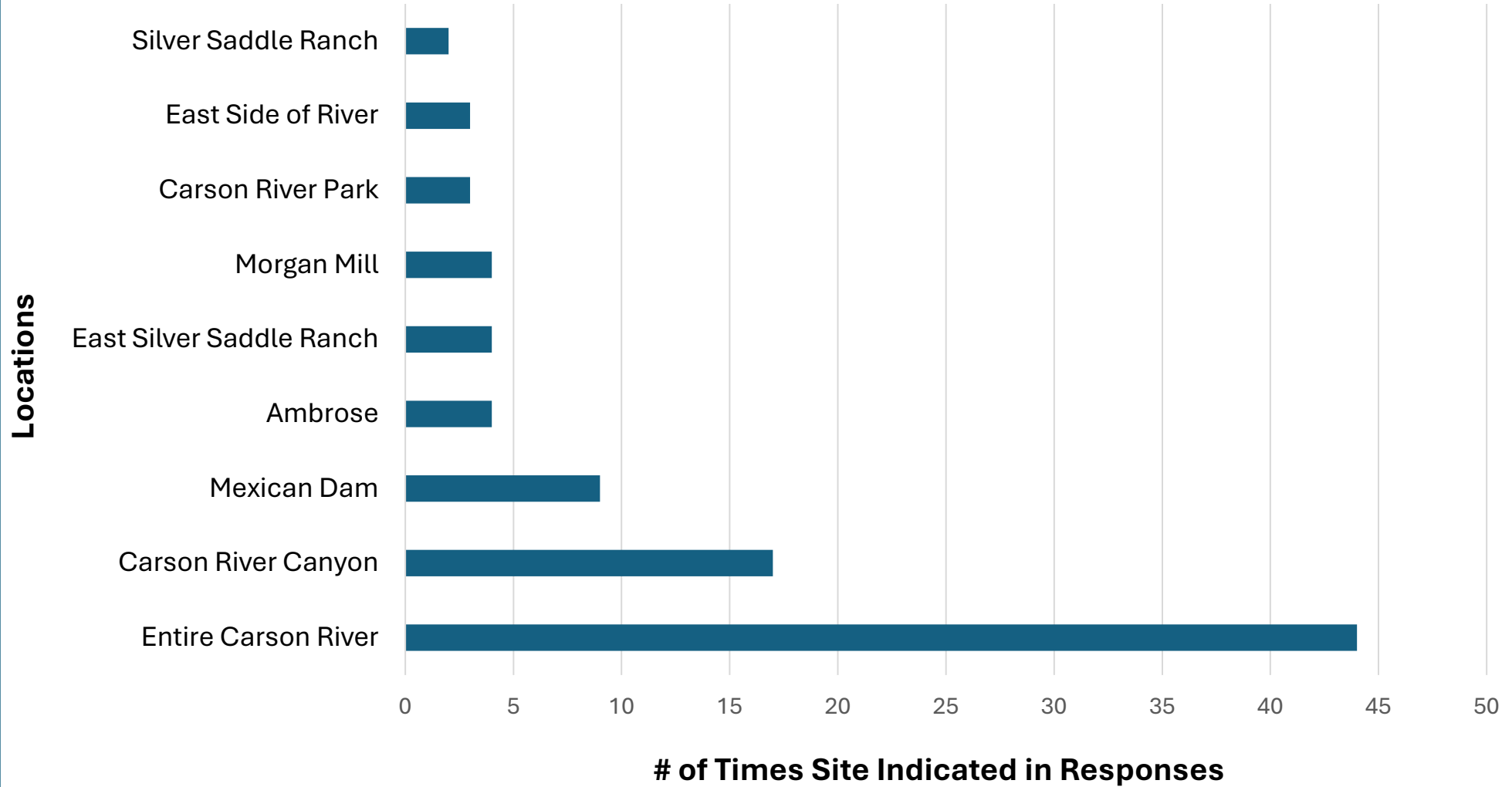
6b. If you answered no or that you feel unsafe in some locations, please tell us where and why. \*

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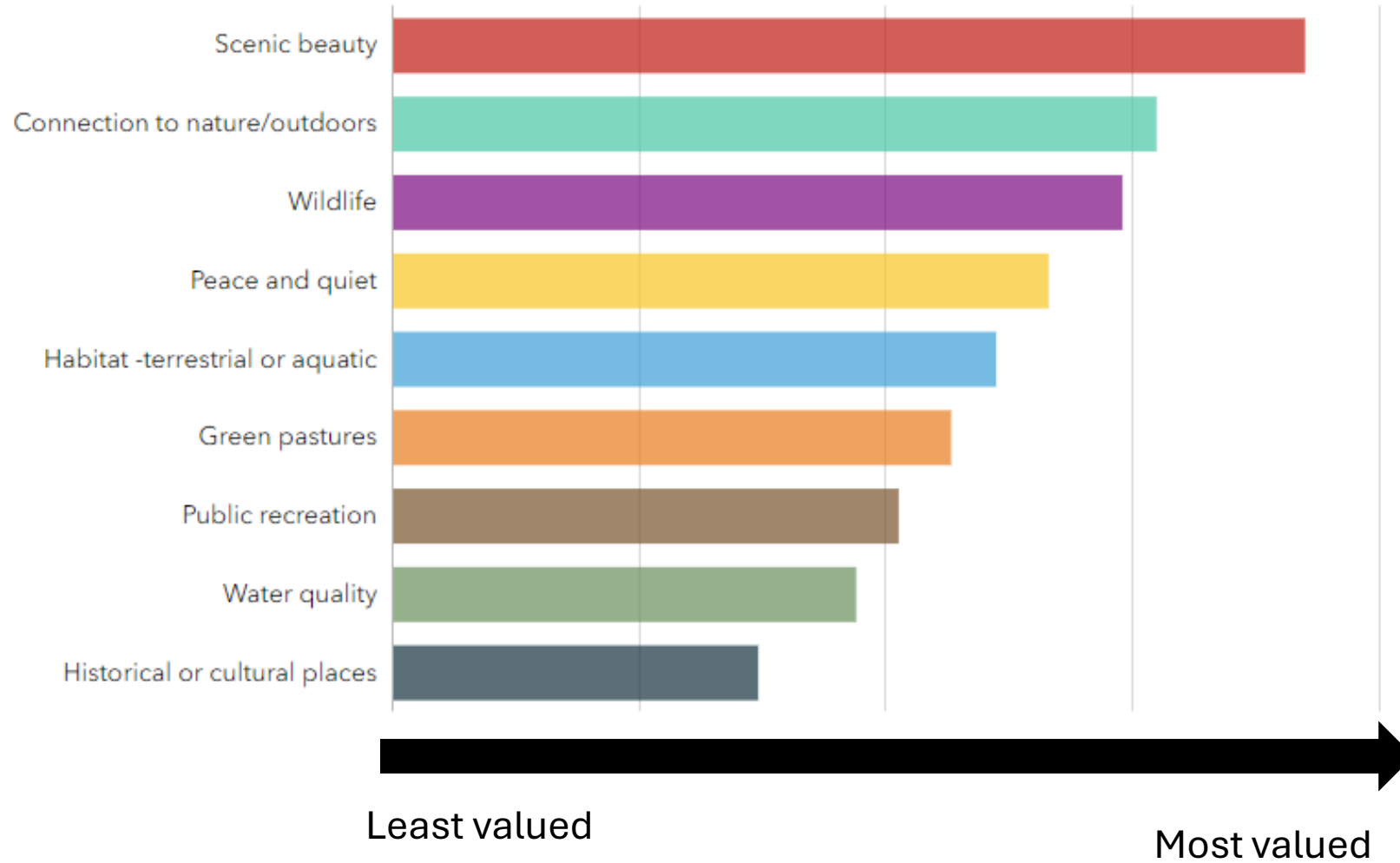


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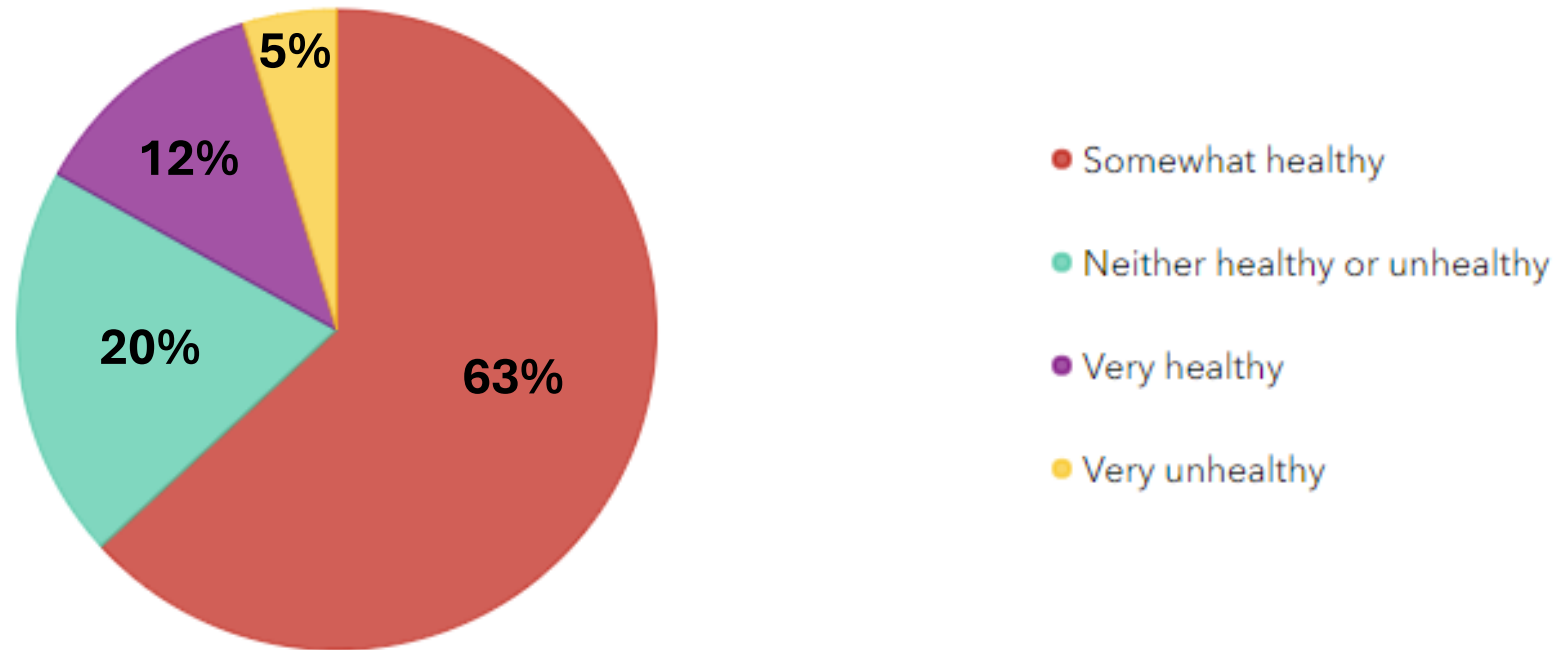
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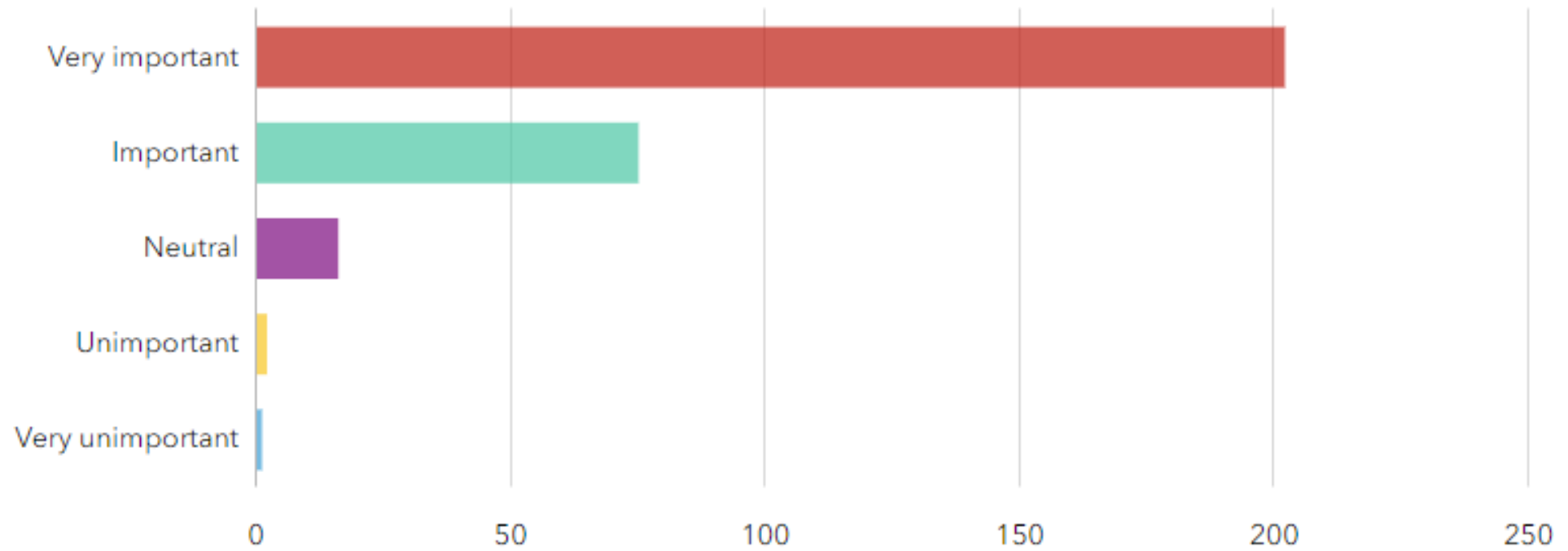
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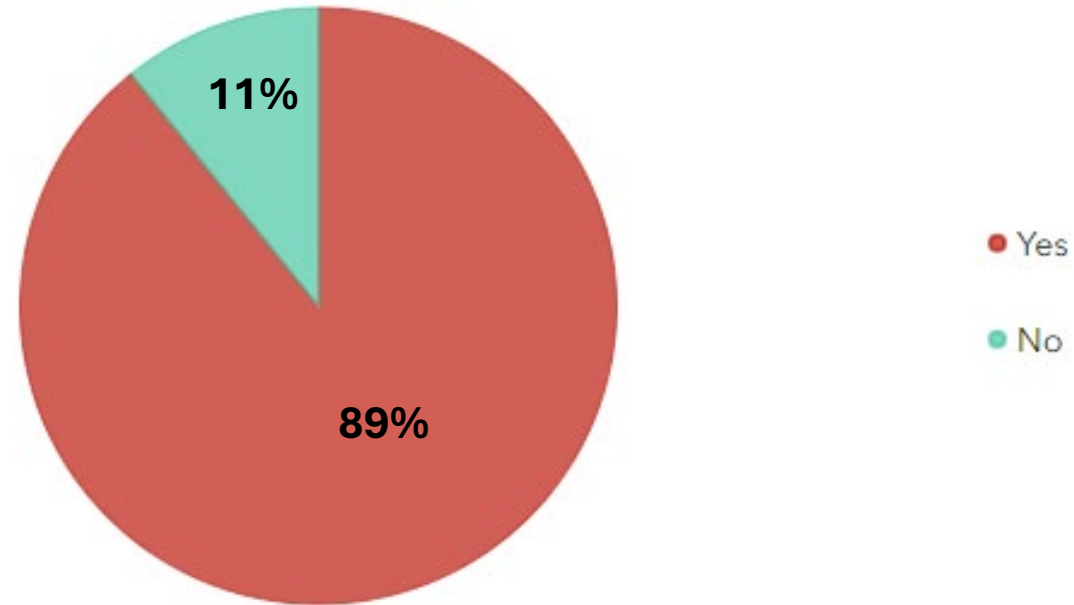
10. In your opinion, the Carson River environment is currently: \*



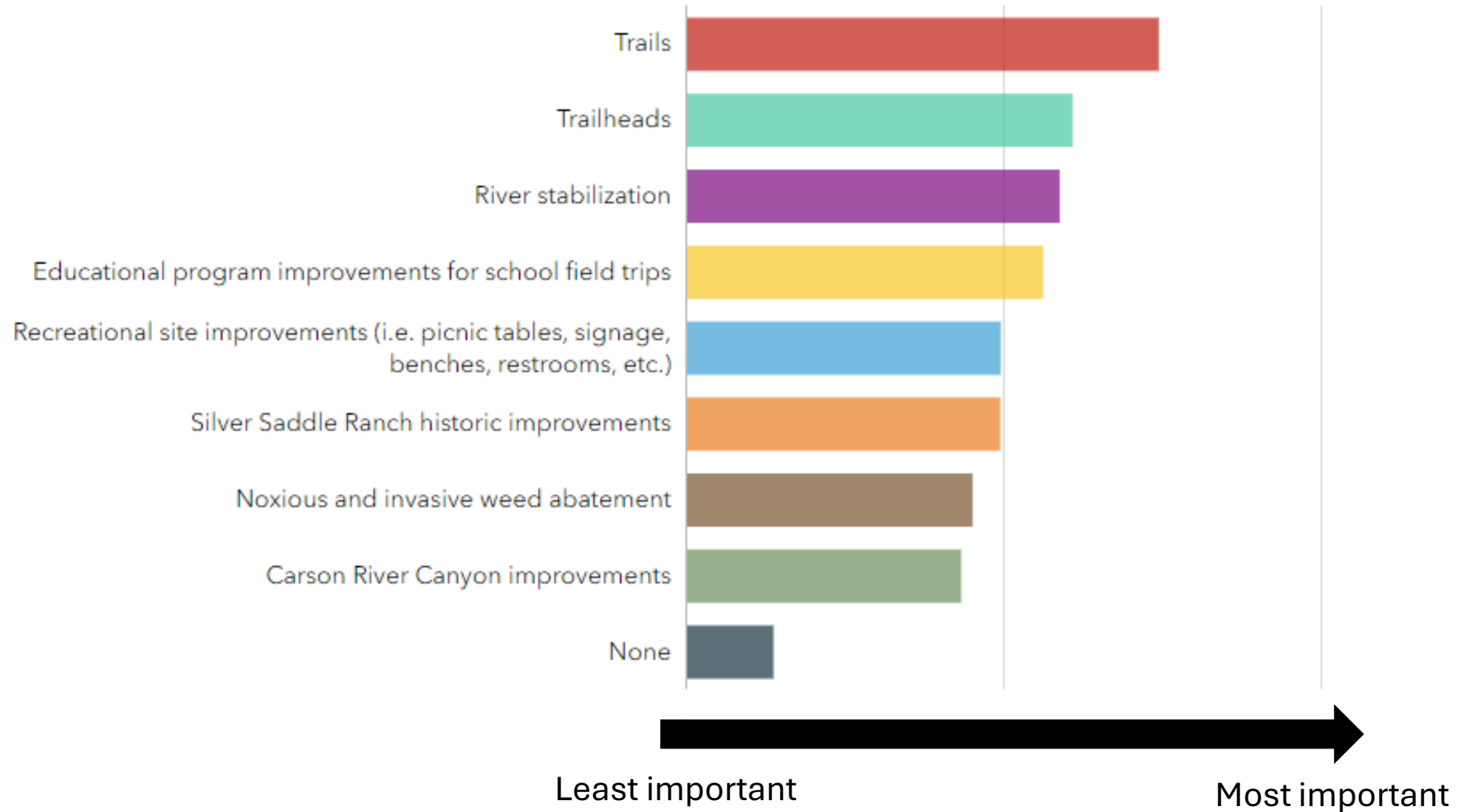
**11. How important is access to the Carson River to your enjoyment and quality of life? \***



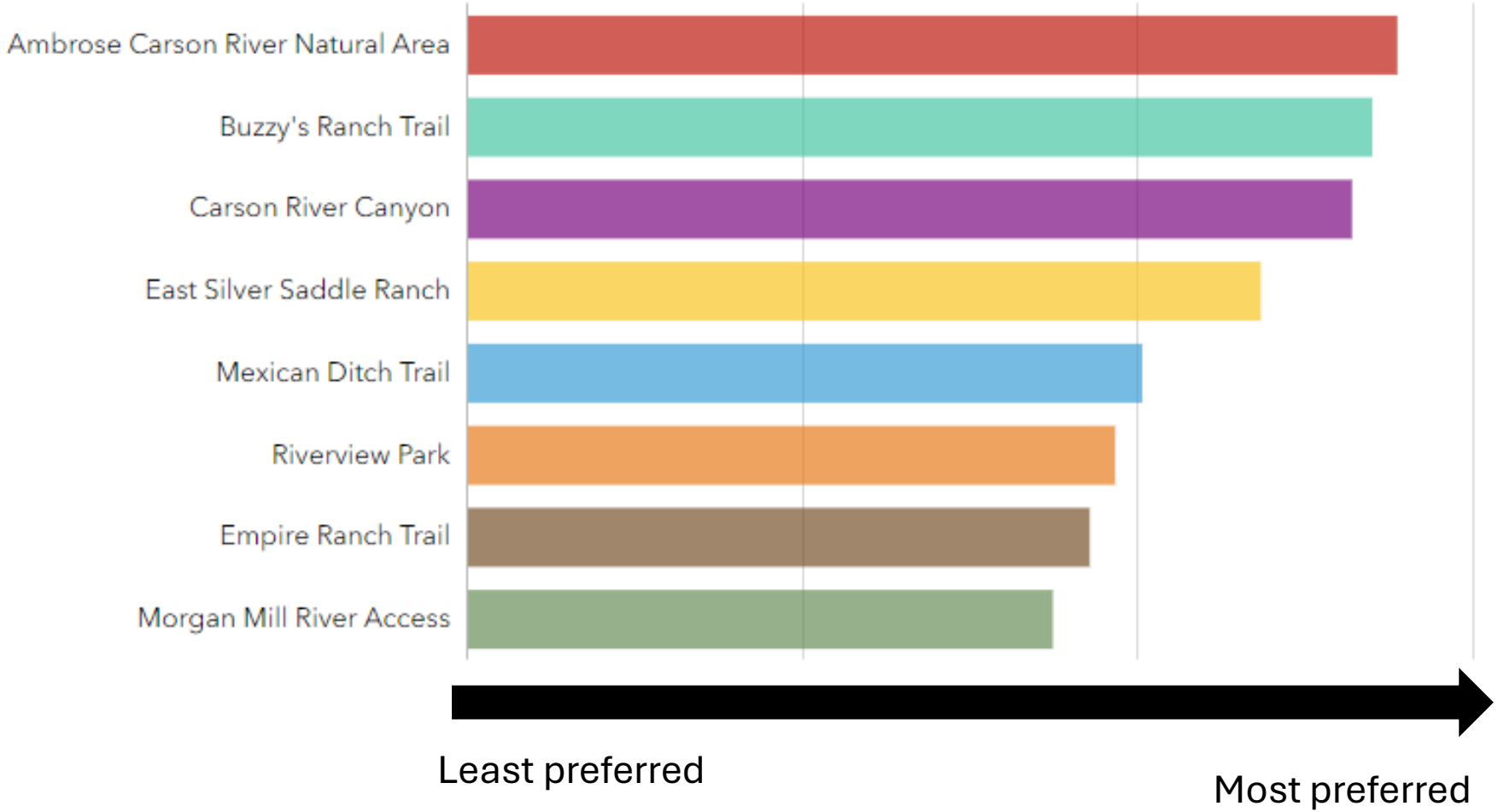
14. Would you like to see more financial resources allotted to the Carson River area? \*



13. Please rank these improvements/enhancements to the Carson River area in order of importance to you: \*

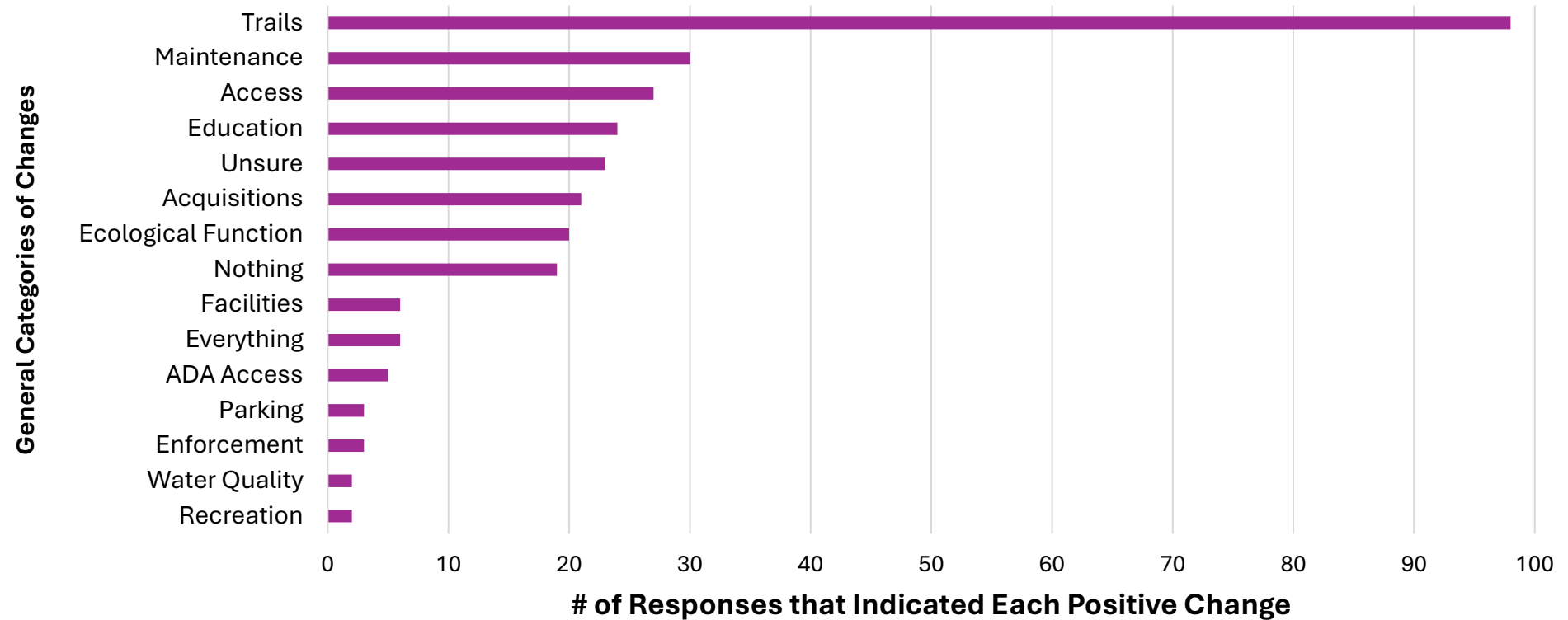


**15a. Which Carson River areas would you like to see improved or enhanced (for example, natural resource projects, additional amenities, etc.)? \***



**17. What do you see as good or positive changes that have happened on the Carson River in the last 10 years? \***

**What Positive Changes Respondents Have Generally Noticed Over Last 10 Years**



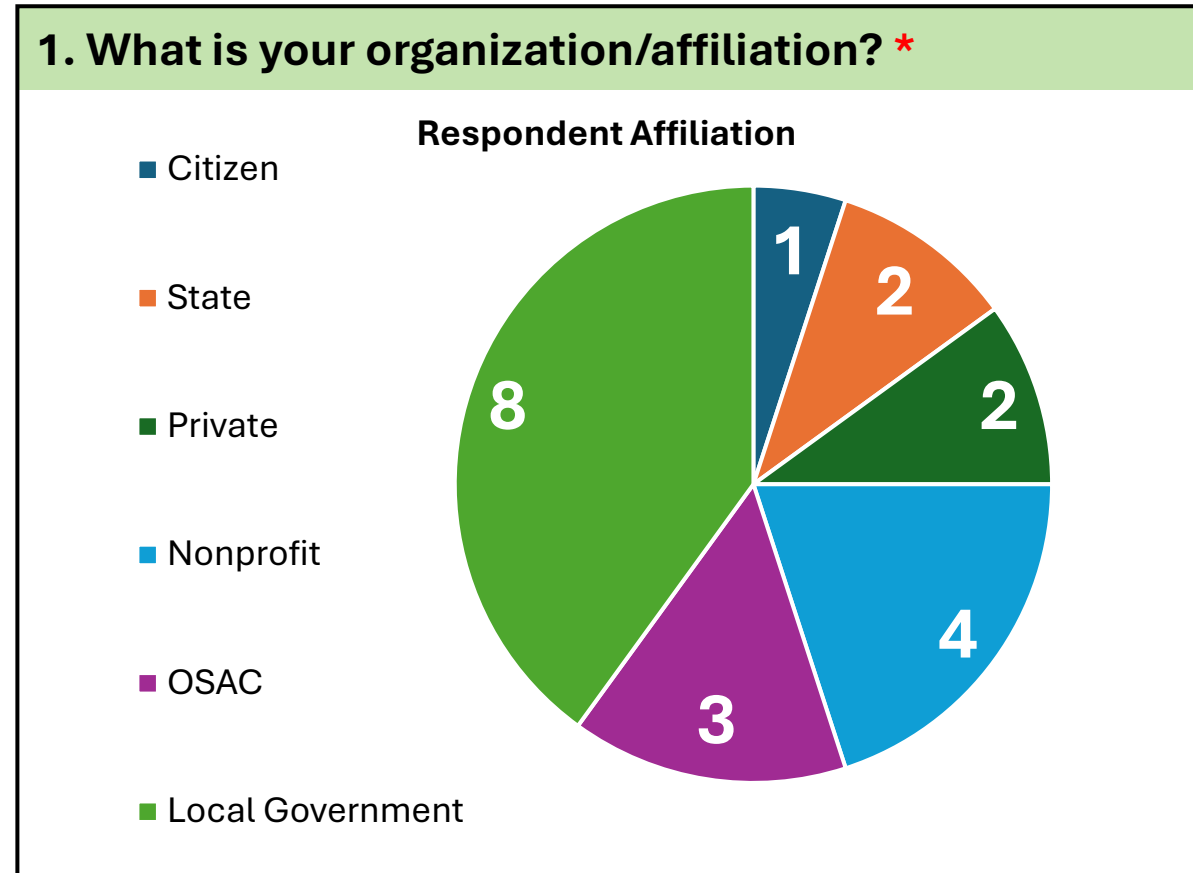
# Stakeholder Survey

## Who did we ask to fill out the *stakeholder* survey?

- Survey was sent out to 68 individuals from following groups:
  - Non-Profits/local businesses
    - Eagle Valley Farms, Eagle Valley Golf Course, FOSSR, Muscle Powered, Pinenut Mountains Trails Association, RCI, etc.
  - Local Government
    - Carson City staff, Board of Supervisors, Open Space Advisory Committee, Parks & Recreation Commission, Carson Water Subconservancy District, etc.
  - Regional Government
    - Douglas County, Washoe Tribe of Nevada & California, etc.
  - State Government
    - NDEP, NDA, UNR Coop Ext., NNCC, NDWR, NDSL, NDOR, NDOW, etc.
  - Federal Government
    - USEPA, USFWS, USACE

# Who filled out the survey?

- As of November 12, 2024:
  - 19 individuals filled out survey

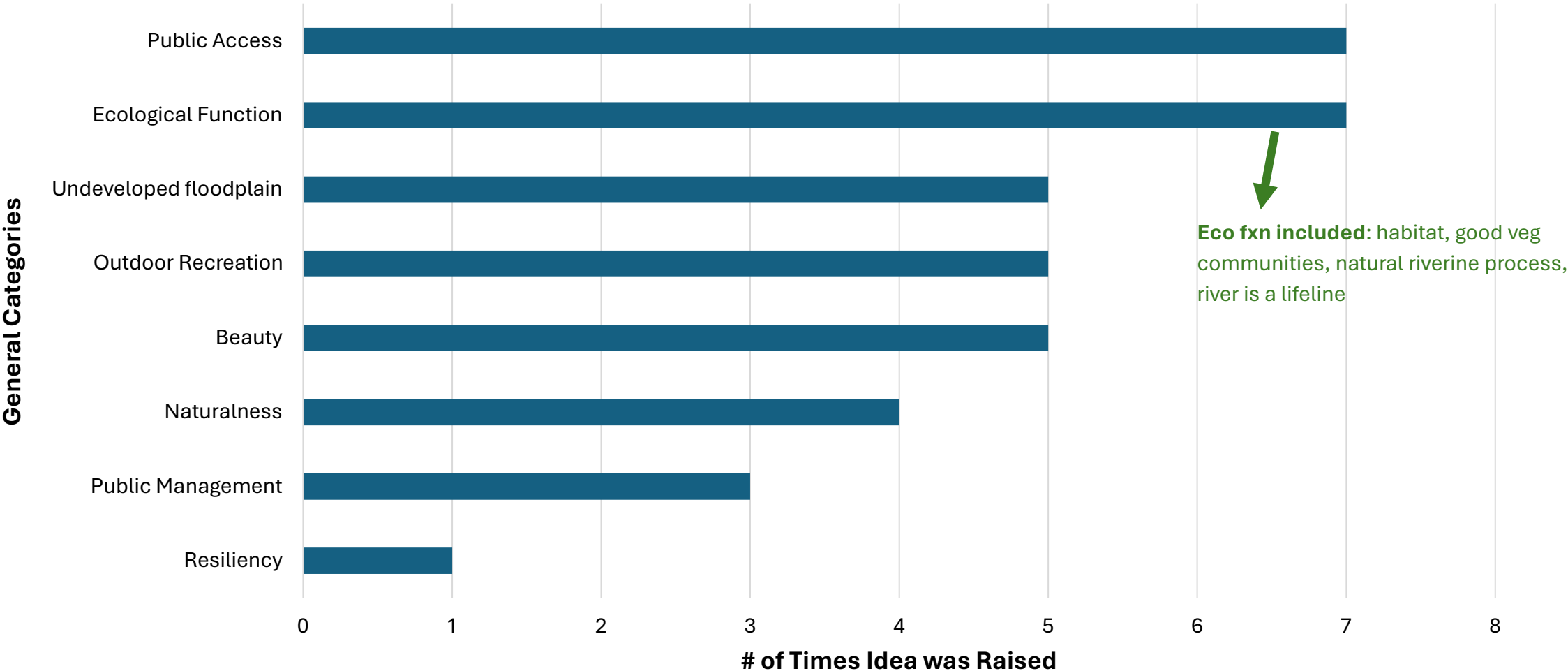


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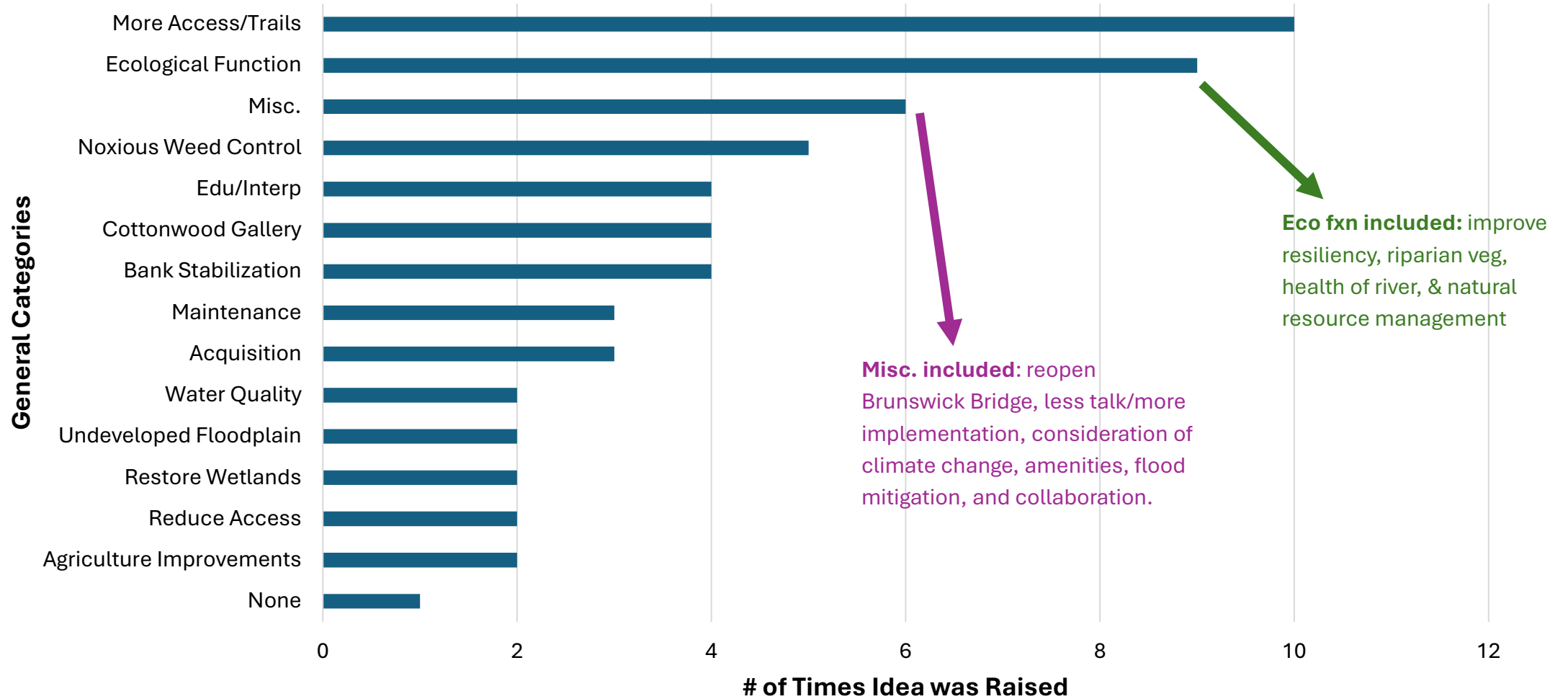
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Greatest strengths, assets, and/or attributes of the Carson River



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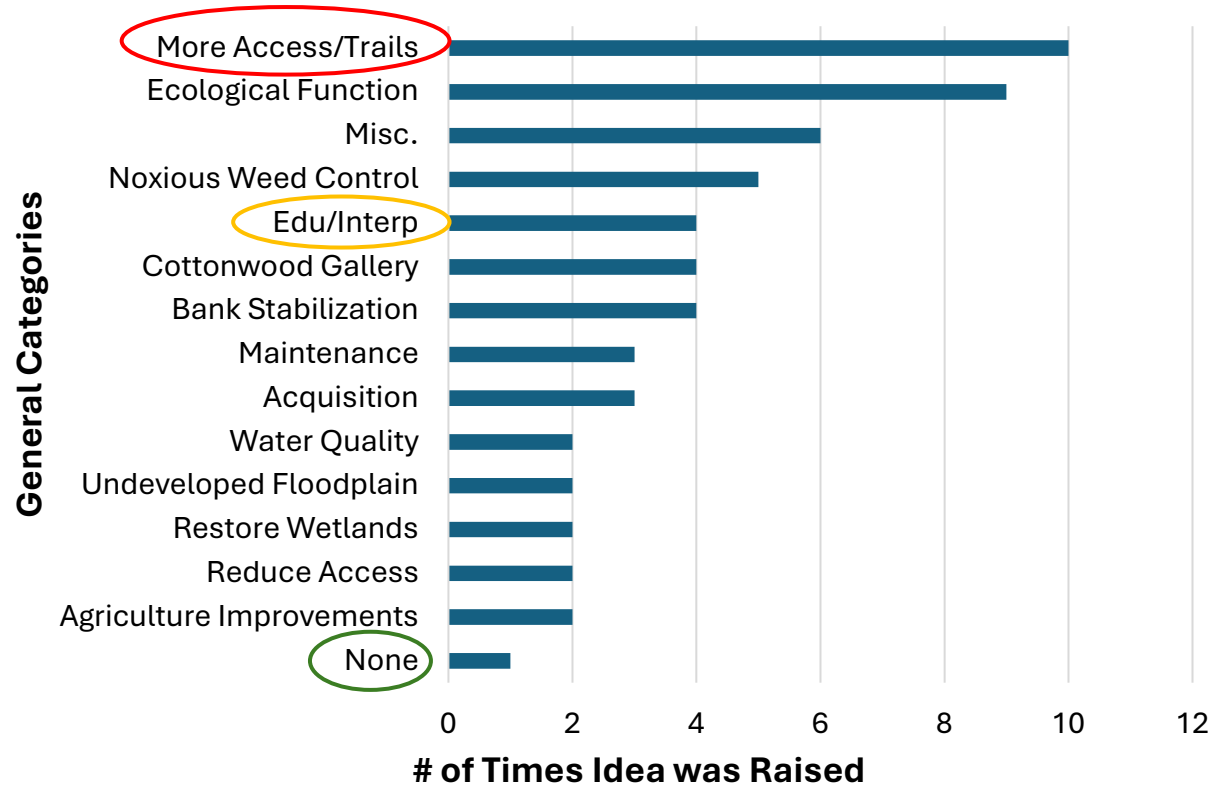
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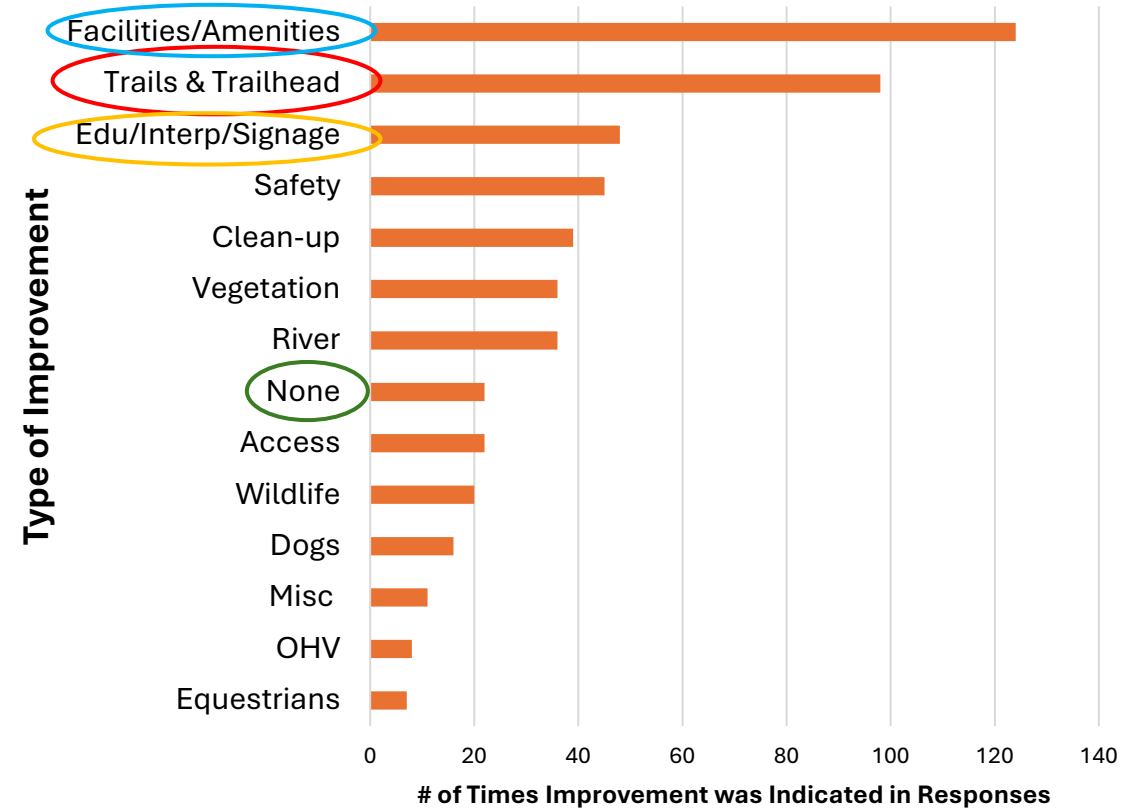
4. What improvements to the Carson River corridor would you prioritize? \*

15b. From areas prioritized above, please list what type of improvements you'd like to see. \*

Stakeholder Recommended Improvements



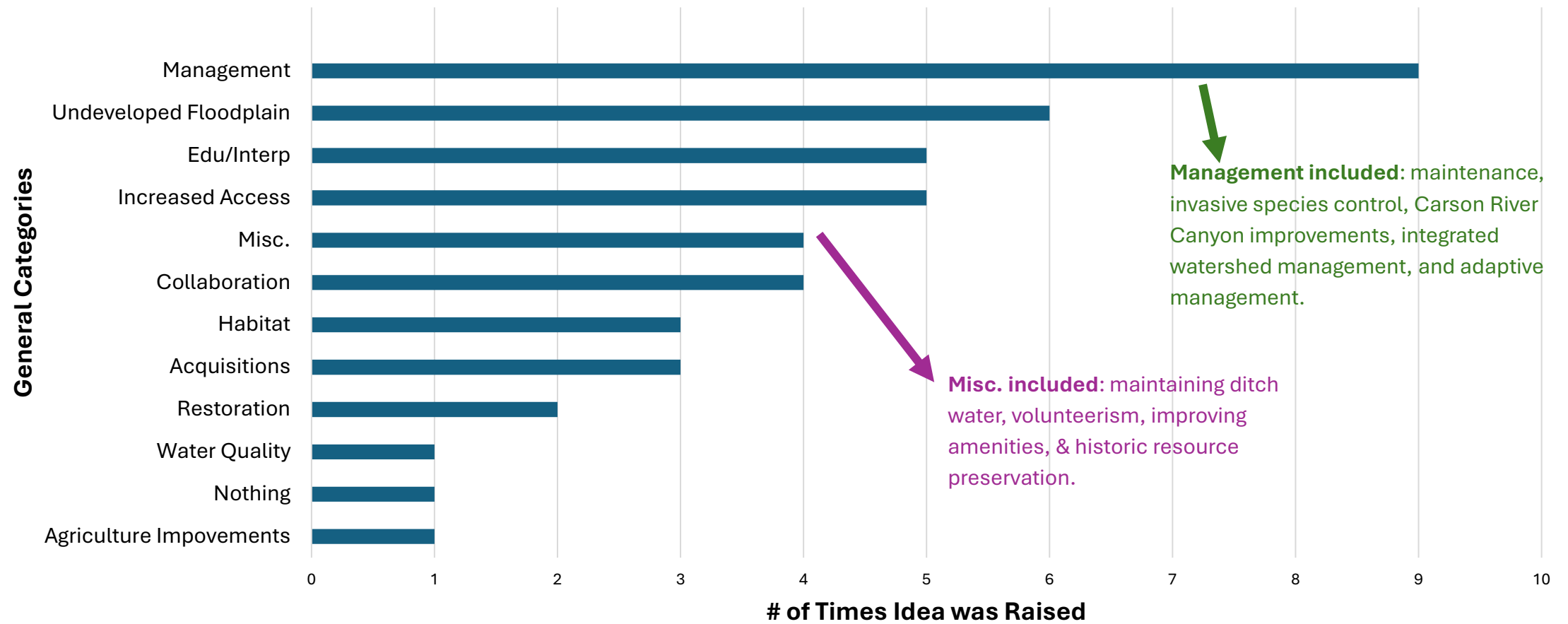
Public Recommended Improvements



Misc. included: reopen Brunswick Bridge, less talk/more implementation, consideration of climate change, amenities, flood mitigation, and collaboration.

5. When thinking about the future of the Carson River, what opportunities do you feel should be prioritized from a planning and management perspective? \*

Prioritized Actions for Planning and Management



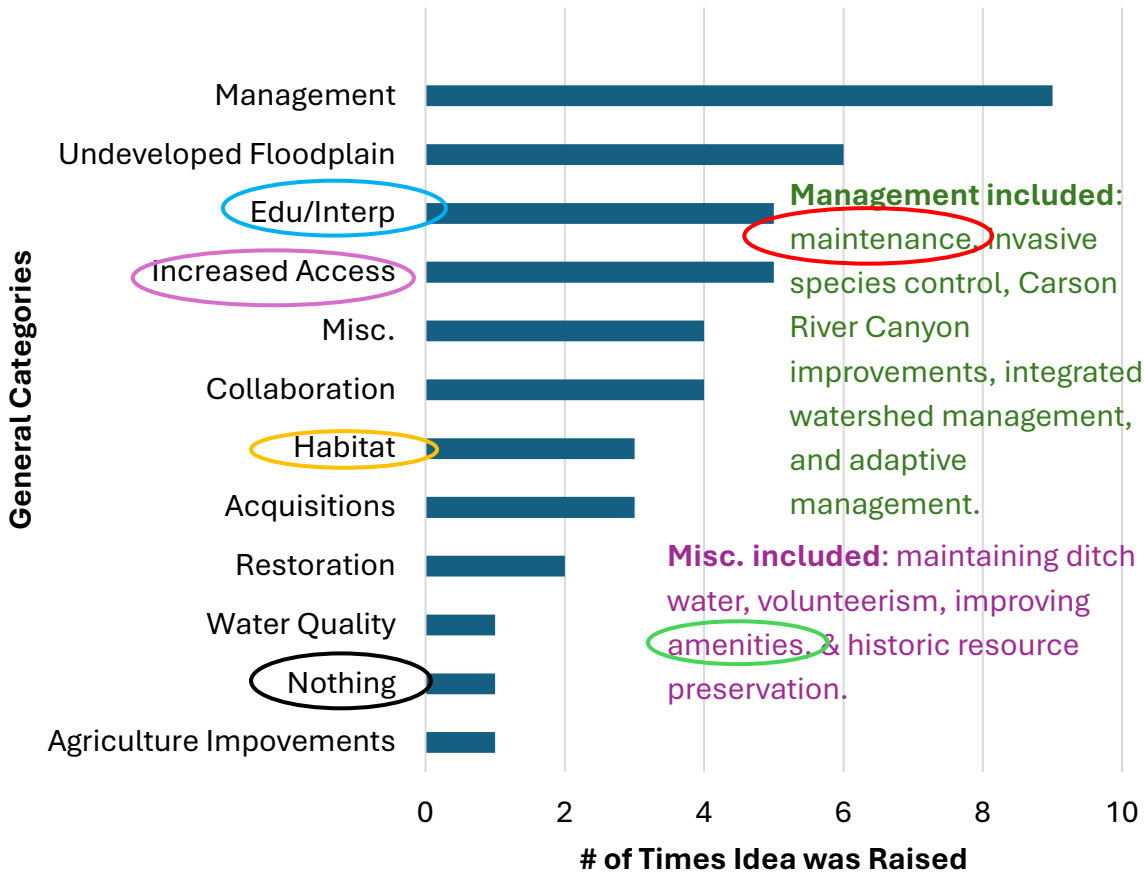
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16. What do you love about the Carson River and want to see protected or continue to be protected?\*

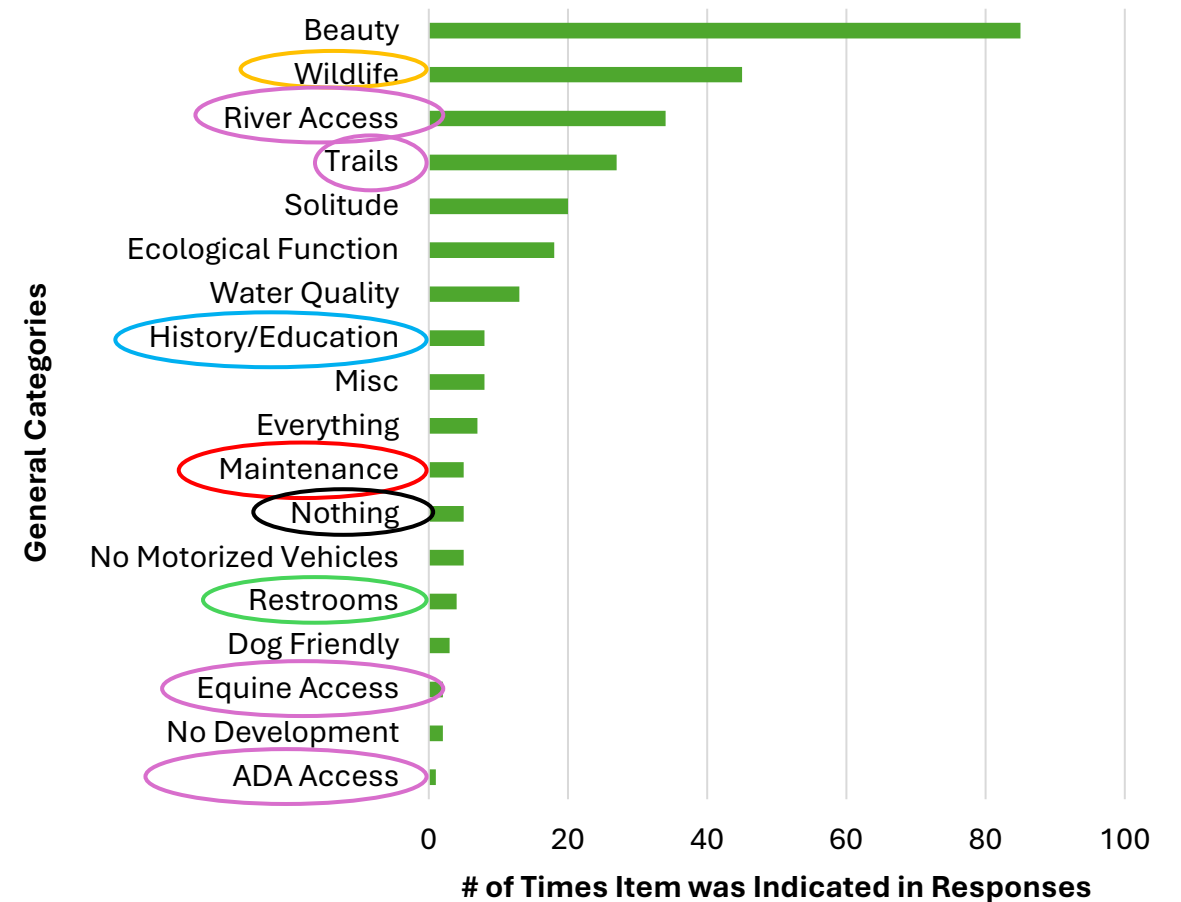
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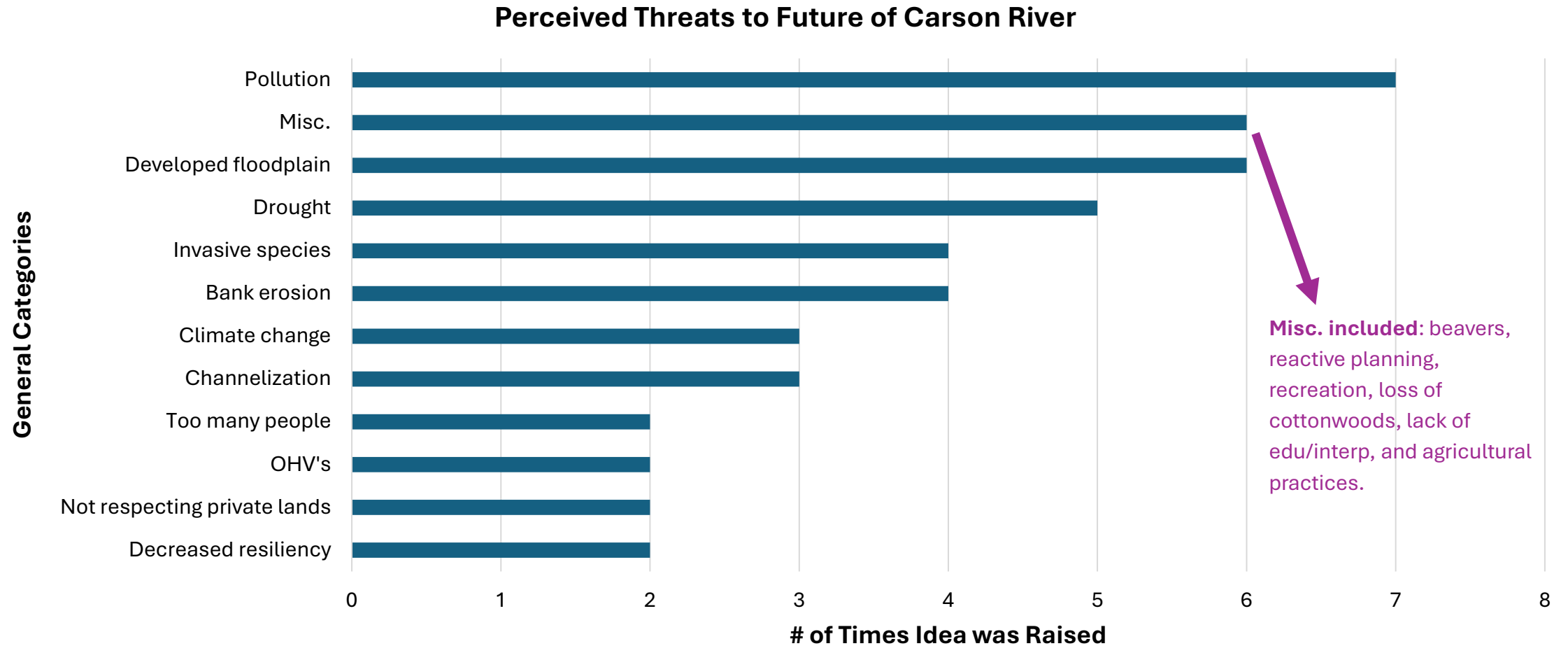
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What Respondants Generally Love & Want to See Protected about the Carson River Area



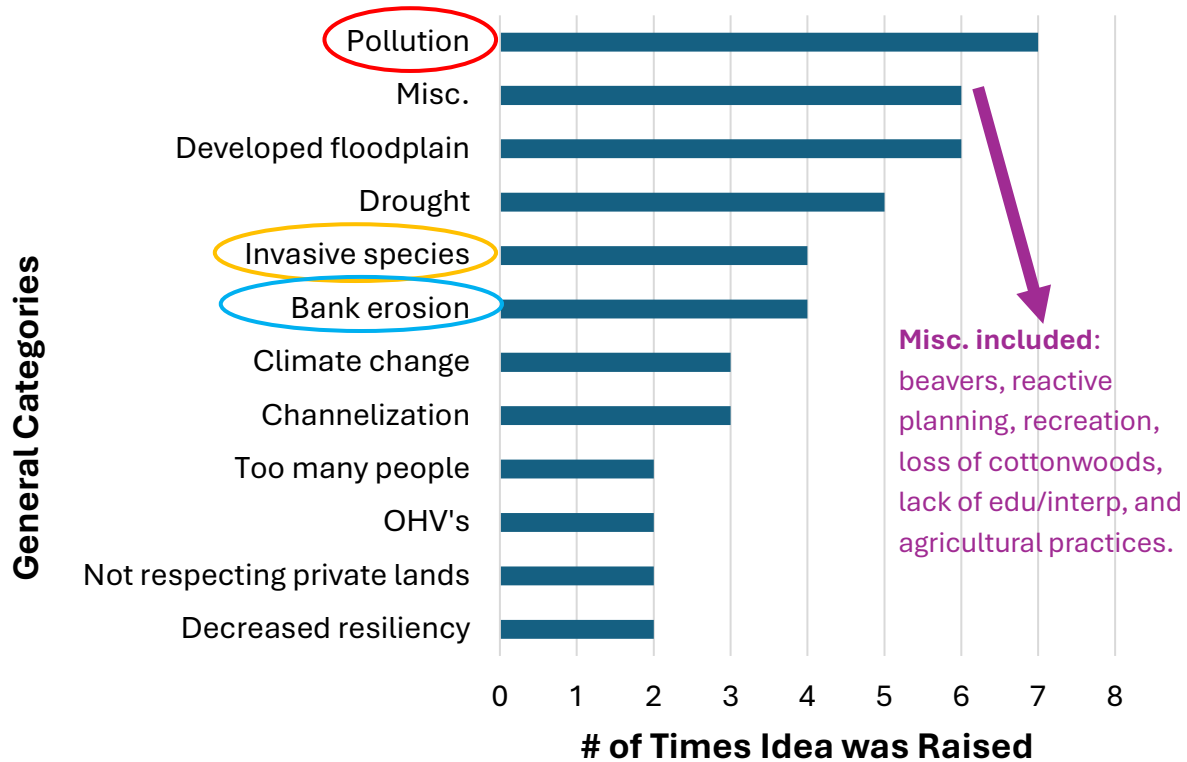
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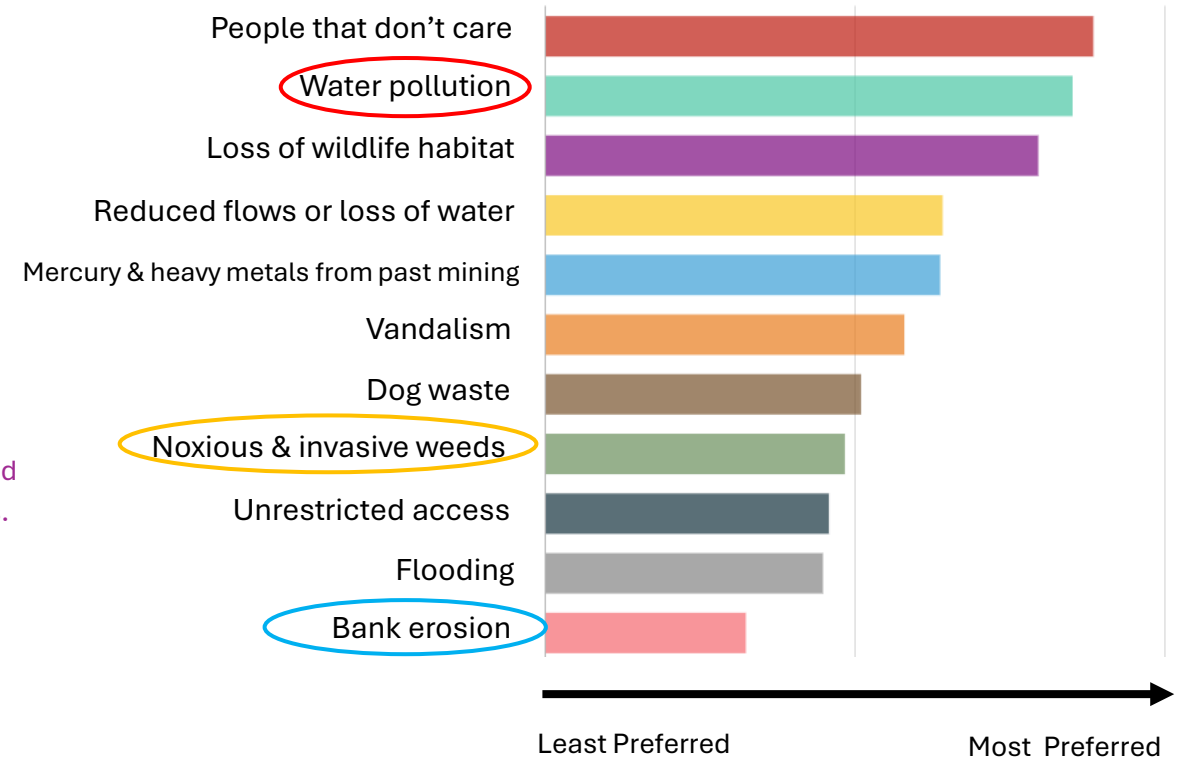
6. What do you see as the biggest threats/issues to the future of the Carson River? \*

8a. Below is a list of threats/issues that some say are affecting the Carson River. Please rank them in order of importance to you. \*

### Stakeholder Perceived Threats



### Public Ranked Threats



Note that scale differs from stakeholder survey. Public was asked to rank above options.



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## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors      **Meeting Date:** December 16, 2024

**Staff Contact:** Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager, lboyer@carson.org

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the 2023 and 2024 Annual Report of the activities of the Open Space Advisory Committee to be presented to the Board of Supervisors. (Lyndsey Boyer, lboyer@carson.org)

**Staff Summary:** Carson City Municipal Code 13.06.090 states that the Committee shall provide an annual report of its activities to the Board of Supervisors. The information has been organized into the following categories: History of Open Space, Land Acquisitions, Land Management, Grant Funding, Capital Improvement Projects, Activities and Events. Staff drafted a report in newsletter format which highlights the achievements and successes to be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion      **Time Requested:** 30 minutes

### **Proposed Motion**

I move to approve the 2023 and 2024 Annual Report of activities of the Open Space Advisory Committee to be presented to the Board of Supervisors.

### **Board's Strategic Goal**

Quality of Life

### **Previous Action**

N/A

### **Background/Issues & Analysis**

ATTACHMENT 1 – 2023 and 2024 Open Space Advisory Committee Annual Report

### **Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

Carson City Municipal Code 13.06.090

### **Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** No

**If yes, account name/number:**

**Is it currently budgeted?** No

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:**

**Alternatives**

N/A

**Attachment(s):**

[5D - ATTACHMENT 1 - 2023-2024 OSAC Annual Report - FINAL.pdf](#)

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

1) \_\_\_\_\_

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Aye/Nay

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# OPEN SPACE



## Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department

### Report to the Board of Supervisors from the Open Space Advisory Committee

January 2023 – December 2024

Dear Mayor Bagwell and Board of Supervisors,

As required by Section 13.06.090 of the Carson City Municipal Code, it is our honor to present to you the following report of the activities conducted by the Open Space Division in 2023 and 2024. The information provided is arranged into the following categories:

- History of Open Space
- Land Acquisitions
- Grant Funding
- Capital Improvement Projects
- Land Management
- Activities and Events

The Open Space Division is responsible for managing more than 7,400 acres of natural lands around Carson City. This includes riparian areas along the Carson River, historic agricultural properties like Silver Saddle Ranch and hillsides and viewsheds like C-Hill. With just 7 full time, and 1 part-time staff to manage all those acres, our team is small but mighty. The Open Space Division staff is comprised of the Open Space Manager, Lyndsey Boyer; Trails Coordinator, Gregg Berggren; Senior Natural Resource Specialist, Marena Lovejoy; Volunteer Coordinator, Erin Larsen; Open Space Maintenance Foreman, Jared Whitaker; two full time Maintenance Workers II, Joe Steele and Bob Tonseth and a part-time Trailhead Caretaker, Nancy McMillen. With such a large management area and relatively small team, each person serves an integral role towards the protection and conservation of Carson City's critical Open Space lands.

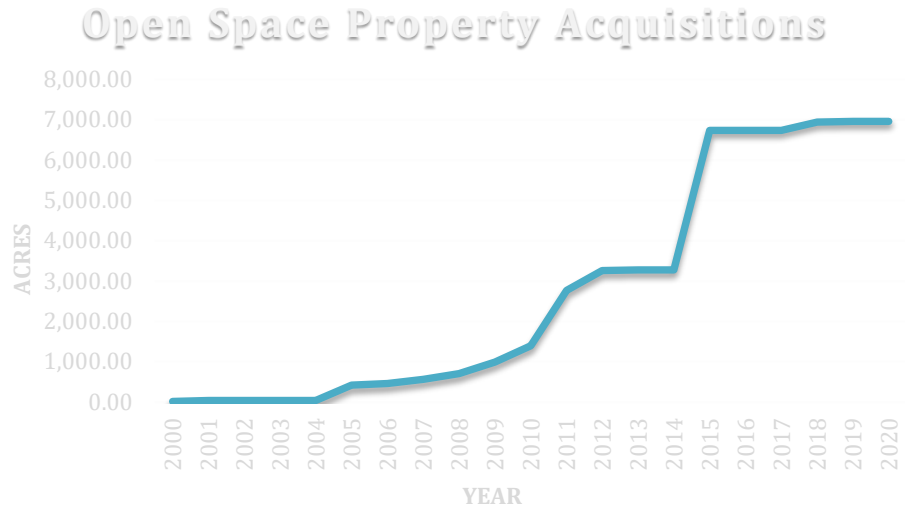
The importance of the Open Space Division in our community can not be overstated or undercelebrated. We are unique in the State of Nevada, no other community in our state has an Open Space Program like Carson City. We boast more parks and open space per capita than the national average. This has produced a high quality of life for residents of Carson City, as well as made Carson City a model and a destination for outdoor recreation. However, just as important are the intrinsic benefits we receive from Open Space preservation: wildlife habitat protection, floodplain protection, water quality, watershed, scenic viewsheds and more. Both humans and wildlife alike benefit from the protection of Open Space lands in Carson City.



*View northeast from Deadtruck Canyon, Prison Hill*

## History of Open Space

The Open Space Division was created in 1996 with the passing of the Question 18 - Quality of Life Initiative. Carson City residents at the time voted to increase sales tax  $\frac{1}{4}$  of 1 percent to fund the acquisition, development and maintenance of parks, open space, trails and recreation facilities. The first Open Space property, Moffat Open Space was acquired in 2000. The most recent acquisition was completed in 2019 to purchase 20-acres in the Highway-50 west corridor, as well as 206-acres in the Ash Canyon area called Eagle View Open Space.



The Open Space Division manages approximately 7,400-acres of floodplain, agricultural land and scenic viewsheds in Carson City. Additionally, staff are responsible for managing or assisting with the management of nearly 90 miles of shared use pathways and single-track trails throughout Carson City. The Open Space Division acquires property through a variety of means, including fee-title acquisition and donation. Additionally, nearly 50% of Open Space acreage was acquired in 2015 from the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and the U.S. Forest Service (USFS) via a federal land exchange called the Omnibus Public Lands Management Act of 2009. This includes the Prison Hill Recreation Area, Silver Saddle Ranch, Ambrose Carson River Natural Area as well as several properties on the west side of Carson City acquired from the USFS.

The Open Space Program in Carson City is incredibly unique in our region and unlike any other program in Nevada. No other county has been able to pass the same type of ballot initiative focused on land preservation through a very modest sales tax increase. By utilizing this funding and leveraging it further using grants, Carson City has been able to purchase and preserve unique and critical lands throughout Carson City, including the majority of the Carson River corridor. Keeping the Carson River corridor in an undeveloped natural state with a protected floodplain protects Carson City from catastrophic and costly damage during a flood event. Carson City has also been able to preserve the historic legacy of ranching in Eagle Valley by purchasing Silver Saddle Ranch and Buzzy's Ranch – one of the few remnants of agriculture remaining in Carson City. Both properties were slated for development, but Carson City was able to save them in order to preserve their scenic quality and wildlife benefits. Lastly, by focusing on our viewsheds and trail connectivity, Carson City has been able to preserve the scenic quality of our foothills while also creating a legacy and reputation for incredible trail systems and recreation opportunities in our Open Space areas. Carson City is truly lucky that voters 28 years ago had the foresight in mind to protect this beautiful landscape!

## Land Acquisitions

As of December 2024, approximately 7,400 acres of land have been protected or obtained through purchases, donations, or transfers using the Quality of Life/Question 18 funds at a cost of \$11,006,277. Grants or other supplemental funding have provided an additional \$8,856,757 to support acquisitions for a total cost of \$19,863,034! This is an average of \$2,684/acre of land preserved in Carson City.

## Grant Funding

In addition to the Question 18 funds that the Open Space Division receives, grant funds are also sought and leveraged wherever possible to fund projects throughout Open Space. Currently, the Open Space Division manages or is an identified partner on 11 individual grants, totaling over \$7 million in funds that help Carson City manage Open Space, or complete large improvement projects to trails and trailheads for the benefit of all Carson City residents.

Project Name / Area	Grantor	Grant Award	Period	Quality of Life Open Space Match
<b>Buzzy's Ranch Water Rights Acquisition and Wetland Enhancement Project</b>				
	Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act	\$1,883,875	6/30/2026	\$50,000
<b>Carson River Trail System, Phase 3 – Prison Hill West</b>				
	Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act	\$2,403,250	6/30/2026	\$0
<b>Carson River Trail System, Phase 4 - Riverview Trailhead Renovation</b>				
	Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act	\$2,310,000	6/30/2028	\$0
<b>Carson River Master Plan Amendment</b>				
	National Park Service - Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance	\$0 - Technical Assistance	6/30/2025	\$0
<b>Carson River Trail Enhancements Project</b>				
	Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	\$39,456	9/30/2025	\$9,864
<b>Desert Peach Trail</b>				
	Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	\$33,712	9/30/2024	\$8,428
<b>Kings Canyon Road (Dirt Road)</b>				
	Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	\$142,500	12/31/2023 [closed]	\$0
<b>OHV Area Amenities Project</b>				
	Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	\$75,302	9/30/2026	\$3,963
<b>Noxious Weed Abatement</b>				
	Carson Water Subconservancy District (annual funding)	\$15,000	6/30/2025	\$0
	Carson Truckee Water Conservancy District	\$5,500	6/30/2025	\$5,500
<b>Mexican Dam Portage</b>				
	Recreational Trails Program (RTP)	\$115,000	9/30/2025	\$0
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>\$7,023,595</b>		<b>\$77,755</b>

## Capital Improvement Projects

### Capital to Tahoe Trail

Completed in 2023, this 10-mile-long trail is the culmination of an 8-year effort by Muscle Powered, with the support of Carson City, Nevada State Parks, the U.S. Forest Service, a private landowner, and many others. In combination with the Lincon Bypass Trail and Ash to Kings Trail, the Capital to Tahoe Trail provides the first singletrack connection to Lake Tahoe and the world. From the steps of the State Capital in Carson City, a hiker can begin an incredible journey of 1,152 miles to Mexico or 1,606 miles to Canada!

The Capital to Tahoe Trail was selected by the Coalition for Recreational Trails for their Annual Achievement Award for the outstanding use of Recreational Trails Program funds in the Community Linkage category. Muscle Powered, who held the grant, accepted the award on the steps of the Capital in Washington D.C. on March 6, 2024.



### Desert Peach Trail

Completed in June 2024, this 1.4-mile trail connects the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Loop Trails with the North Loop on Prison Hill. Over 50 people attended the grand opening for this very fun singletrack trail! Construction was funded by a Recreational Trails Program Grant.



*View to Buzzy's Ranch*



*Grand Opening hike*

## Morgan Mill Interpretive Plaza and High Water Mark

The Open Space Division, with partners from Public Works, Carson Water Subconservancy District, FEMA, Silver Jackets and Waste Management, made upgrades to the Morgan Mill River Access in 2024 by developing an ADA accessible Interpretive Plaza that includes a High Water Mark which displays high water levels to educate the public about floods and floodplains. It serves as a visual aid for those who have not yet witnessed extreme events. Also included are two interpretive panels, one discussing the importance of floodplains, and the other presenting the history of the Comstock-era mills along the Carson River. An unveiling was conducted on November 14<sup>th</sup>, during Flood Education Week. Open Space Manager Lyndsey Boyer officiated, and Mayor Lori Bagwell gave opening remarks.



## New Kiosk Signs

New kiosk signs were placed in 2023 in 4 locations, including Carson River Park, the Foothill Drive Trailhead, the Lakeview Trailhead, and at Eagle View Open Space.



### Carson River Trail System Phase III – Prison Hill West

Construction on this project began in September 2024. Funded by a \$2.4 million grant from the Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act, this project will construct a multi-use pathway along the west side of Prison Hill, make improvements to the Koontz Lane Trailhead, and create a safe street crossing of Edmonds Drive at Koontz Lane. Trailhead improvements will include a vault toilet and shaded picnic table, all ADA accessible, and the trail has been designed to be inclusive and accessible for all ages and abilities. A new crosswalk across Edmonds Drive at Koontz Lane, with flashing beacons, provides safer pedestrian access to Prison Hill from neighborhoods west of Edmonds Drive and I-580.



*Pedestrian safety improvements on Edmonds Dr.*

*Vault toilet being lifted into place.*

## Land Management

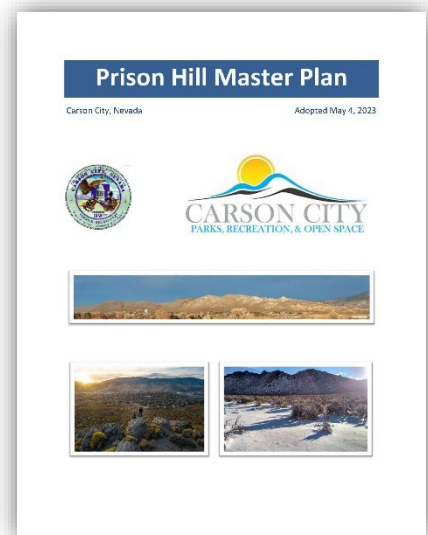
### Prison Hill Master Plan

The Prison Hill Master Plan was adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 4, 2023. The plan’s vision “...is to protect and preserve the natural resources, cultural resources, scenic beauty, and conservation values of the property, while balancing the needs of a growing and changing population by providing high quality opportunities for a variety of users.”

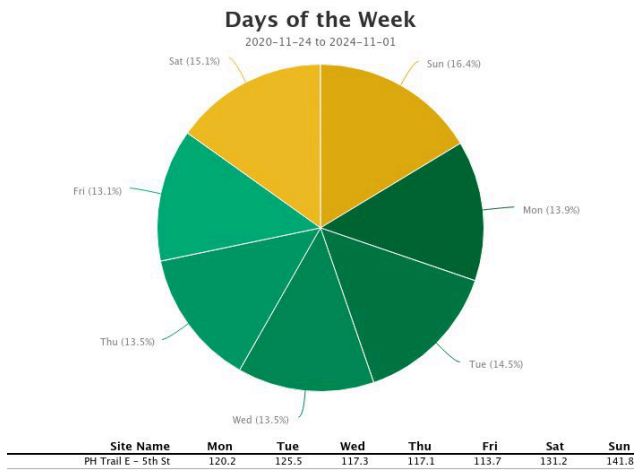
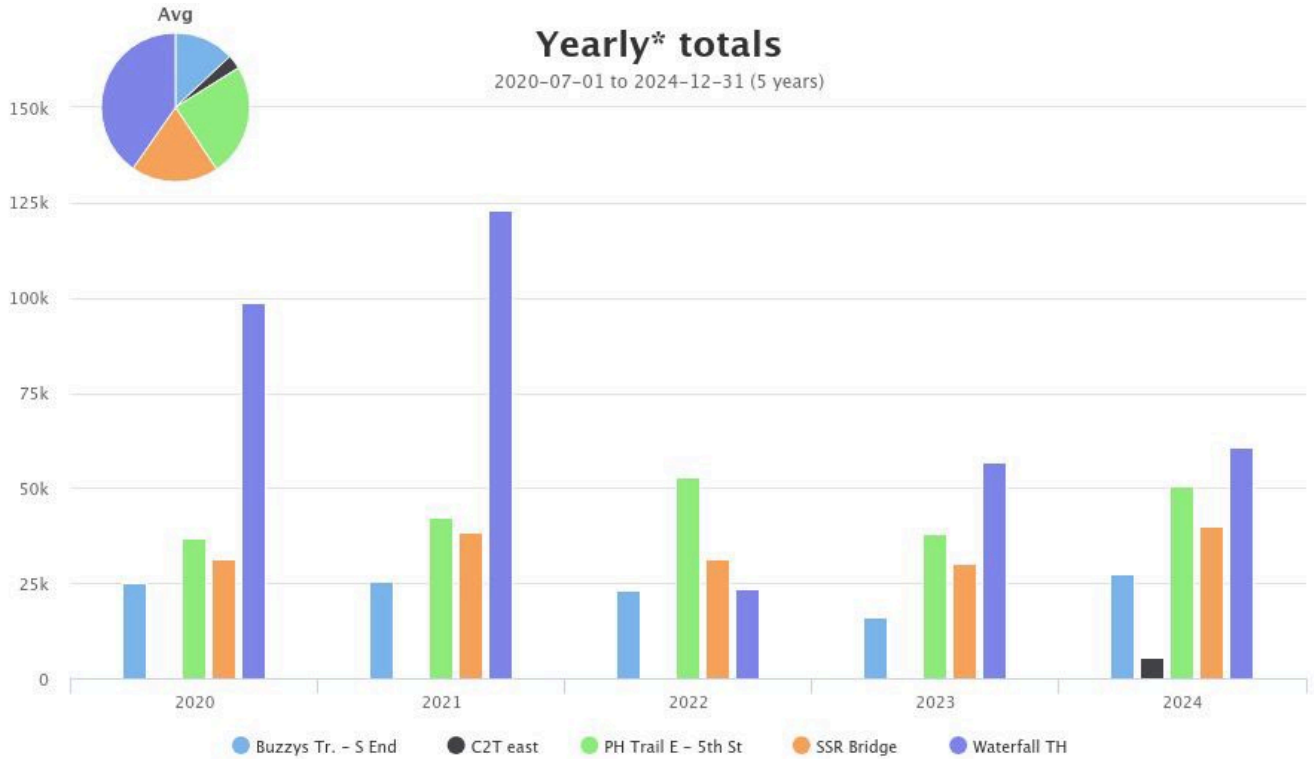
The plan specifies both short-term and long-term projects and provides staff with guidelines for management and for planning. Some of the most critical elements addressed in the plan include trailheads and access points, trails, the OHV area, environmental considerations, event guidelines and administration.

### Trails in 2023 and 2024

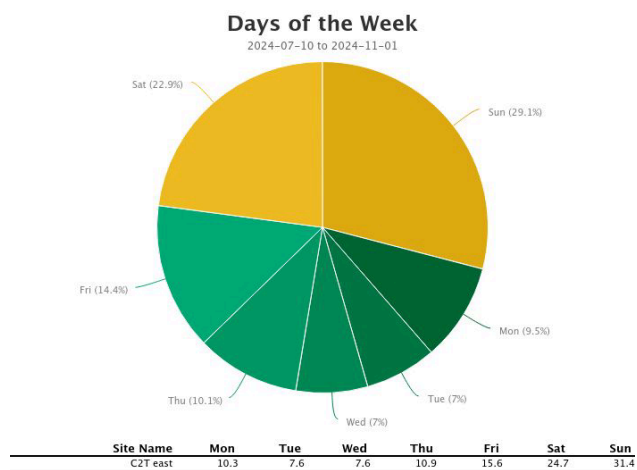
Trail use experienced a “COVID-19 Surge”, beginning in late 2020 and continuing through 2021. This surge was especially evident on the Waterfall Trail where the average daily traffic peaked at 336 counts per day in 2021. As expected, user counts declined later in 2022, but numbers are trending upward. The graph below shows annual trends for Buzzy’s Ranch Trail, Capital to Tahoe Trail (new this year), Prison Hill Trail East, Silver Saddle Ranch, and the Waterfall Trail.



A predictable, but interesting pattern demonstrates the use of easily accessible trails near homes to be fairly evenly distributed throughout a 7-day week, while use of more remote trails is much more concentrated to Saturday and Sunday. In the examples below, use of the Prison Hill Trail East, accessed from the 5<sup>th</sup> Street Trailhead, varies by only 2.2% between weekends and weekdays, while use of the more remote Capital to Tahoe Trail varies by 16.4% between the weekends and weekdays.



Prison Hill Trail East



Capital to Tahoe Trail

## Trail Projects

In addition to completion of the Capital to Tahoe Trail and the Desert Peach Trail, there were several other notable trail-related projects in 2023 and 2024:

- Flooding from the winter of 2023 resulted in damage to the Linear Ditch Trail and trails in Riverview Park. During the summer and fall of 2023, repairs were made to both trails, in large part by our Open Space Maintenance staff with some contracted grading assistance.
- Under the leadership of Paul Sinnott, Muscle Powered completed another segment of the Odyssey Trail on Prison Hill, extending the current total length to 1.8 miles. The trail begins at the Koontz Lane Trailhead, climbs to the Prison Hill Saddle, then up to the west end of Stegosaurus Ridge where it looks down into Dead Truck Canyon. Paul also began a reroute of the very steep portion of the Dead Truck Canyon Trail to create a sustainable trail with average grade below 7%.
- Repairs and improvements to the lower portion of Kings Canyon Road were completed in 2023 utilizing grant funding from the Recreational Trails Program. These repairs addressed stormwater runoff issues and traveler safety concerns.
- Muscle Powered constructed a rock retaining wall on the upper end of the Lincoln Bypass Trail by moving and placing 15 yards of rock by hand!



*Left – Muscle Powered volunteers at work on Lincoln Bypass*

*Below – Open Space Maintenance Worker Joe Steele performing trail maintenance*



*Left – Odyssey Trail on Prison Hill*



- Muscle Powered completed the final segment of Bob's Trail which now completes a sustainable 2.6-mile singletrack connection between Foothill Drive and the Ash-to-Kings Trail. It has an IMBA rating of Blue and avoids private property.
- With funding from the Recreational Trails Program, the Eagle Creek Segment of the Carson River Trail was realigned. Badly damaged by flooding in 2017 and 2023, this new reroute is a little higher than the old trail and is expected to be less flood-prone.



*An early springtime from Bob's Trail.*



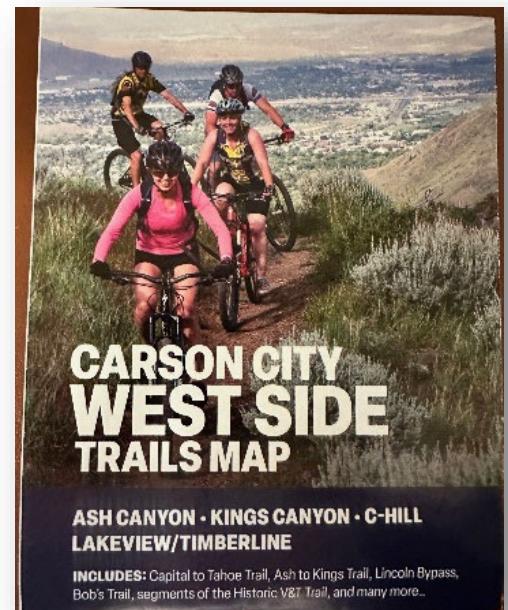
*Eagle Creek Segment of Carson River Trail, before and after reroute.*

### Carson City West Side Trails Map

This West Side Trails Map was produced to coincide with the opening of the Capital to Tahoe Trail. The QR code (below) enables download to a mobile device through the Avenza App, so users may navigate without cell service.

The map shows authorized trails on the west side of Carson City, all the way to Lake Tahoe, and includes trails on lands administered by Carson City, U.S. Forest Service, and Nevada State Parks, and trails on other properties for which Carson City holds an easement or license. Printing of the map was paid for by Visit Carson City.

In the future staff will work to create a Carson City East Side Trails Map to show trail connectivity throughout the river corridor.



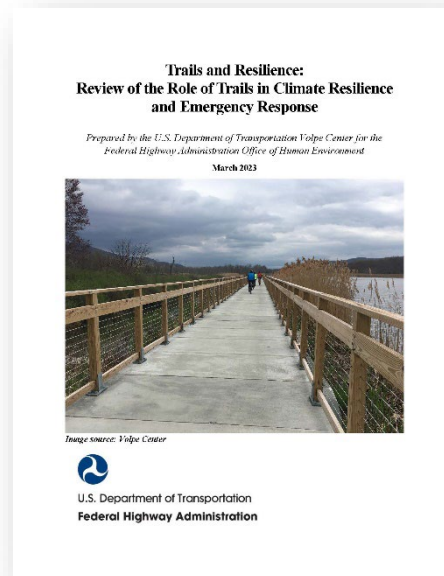
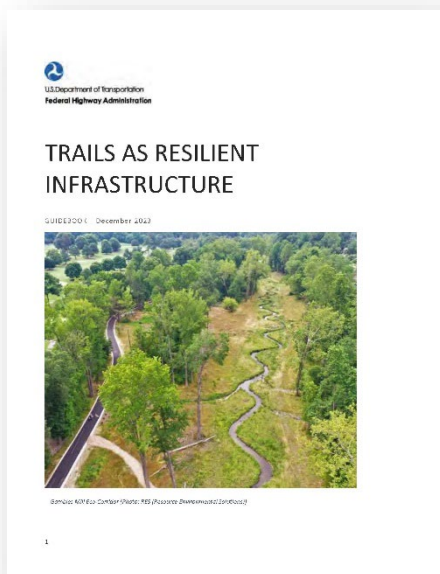
## **Carson City Trails included as Case Study in two new FHWA Publications**

In December 2023, the Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) released a new guidebook titled ***“Trails as Resilient Infrastructure.”*** The purpose of the guidebook is to demonstrate how trails are part of resilient transportation infrastructure, how trails can be planned and designed to be resilient and sustainable, and how trails have a role in emergency planning and response. Trails can also be a crucial tool for making communities more resilient in the face of climate change. Carson City was selected as a case study for efforts related to managing drainage and supporting fire protection and emergency access. To access the guidebook, visit FHWA Publications and search for *Trails as Resilient Infrastructure*, or enter the URL below:

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational\\_trails/publications/trails-resilient-infrastructure-guidebook.pdf](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/publications/trails-resilient-infrastructure-guidebook.pdf)

In March 2023, the FHWA published a white paper titled, ***“Trails and Resilience: Review of the Role of Trails in Climate Resilience and Emergency Response”*** where Carson City was highlighted for efforts to manage an OHV area in a more sustainable way. The full report may be found here:

[https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational\\_trails/publications/](https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/environment/recreational_trails/publications/)



## **Natural & Cultural Resource Monitoring**

### **Sheep Project**

2023 and 2024 saw the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> years of the sheep grazing project in the wildland urban interface of western Carson City. This is a highly collaborative effort between Carson City, United States Forest Service, State of Nevada, Bureau of Indian Affairs, and private landowners, and of course Borda Land and Sheep Company.



Between 1,500 and 3,000 sheep graze the hillsides throughout April and May each year, targeting fine fuels like cheatgrass, annual mustards, bunch grasses and shrubs. The sheep are split up between the north and south sides of western Carson City and rotate grazing sites every few days for about 6-8 weeks. The Carson City Fire Department is also a vital partner for this project, providing daily water for the sheep who need at least 1,000 gallons of drinking water per day, unless natural flowing water



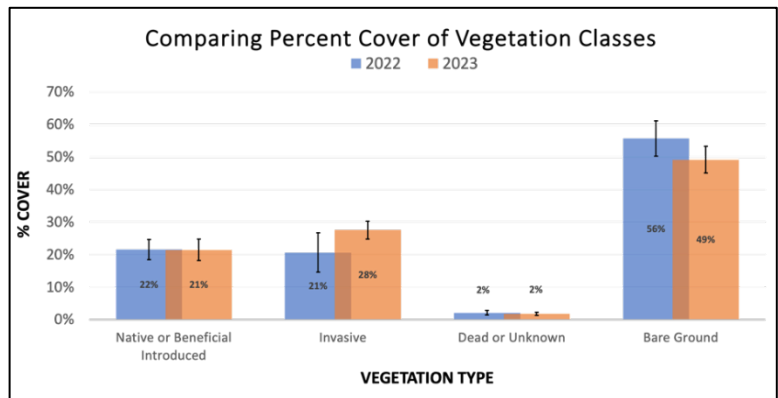
is available. Natural sources of water are not always reliable, so support from CCFD is essential to making this project happen.

The public loves the sheep and frequently inquire about the locations of the sheep so as to hike near them and get pictures. At the annual “Sheep Hike” near C-Hill in 2024, one couple expressed their joy for the sheep and said that they try to sit out and have lunch with the sheep at least once a year. To better update the public on the sheep project, we started a website at [carson.org/sheep](http://carson.org/sheep), which has project details, photos and our best estimation of the sheep locations.

### Prison Hill Fire and Restoration

In July 2021, a lightning strike started a fire at the north end of Prison Hill Recreation Area. The fire burned 171 acres on the top of the mountain, home to sagebrush steppe and pinyon pine/juniper woodland. A large-scale aerial seeding effort occurred in December 2021. Following the fire, monitoring plots were established to document change over time at the burn scar. Repeat monitoring using repeat photo monitoring and vegetation sampling has occurred for the last 4 years. 2023 data

showed that while native plants are growing back, invasive species like cheatgrass and mustards are also prevalent. Slope aspect plays a large role in site recovery, as indicated by the photos below. North facing slopes, which receive less sun exposure are able to retain water for longer and are therefore recovering much better than the south/east facing slopes, which see more sun exposure, lose water quicker and are therefore hotter and more prone to invasive species. It is not uncommon in the Great Basin to see this type of invasive plant community following disturbances such as fire. Staff will continue to take repeat monitoring photos of the site to track changes over time.



May 2022, north facing slope



June 2024, north facing slope



May 2022, south/east facing slope



June 2024, south/east facing slope

### Prison Hill OHV Area Monitoring

2023 and 2024 were the 3rd and 4th years of annual monitoring, using repeat photography to track changes over time in the motorized portion of the Prison Hill Recreation Area to inform and guide current and future management practices. Off-highway vehicles (OHV's) have been permitted in this area for many decades. While under management of the Bureau of Land Management, motorized travel was unrestricted, resulting in a proliferation of roads and trails, soil erosion and loss, and vegetation/wildlife impacts.

Following conveyance of the property to the Carson City Open Space Division, a plan was devised to actively manage motorized travel and implement improvements in this area. Such improvements include adding signage and maps, decommissioning unsafe and unsustainable trails, rehabilitating, and constructing preferred designated routes and designing more family-friendly features such as a Tot Lot. By developing a thorough monitoring protocol, the Open Space Division aims to measure the success of these improvements and apply adaptive management strategies when necessary for upholding long-term goals of sustainability, quality user experience and conservation. For more information on the history of the OHV area and recent designs and management strategy of the area, please refer to the Prison Hill Master Plan as adopted by the Board of Supervisors on May 4, 2023.



In 2023, we experienced record snowpack in the Carson River watershed and the resulting runoff had erosional and flooding impacts region wide. Despite this epic winter, the OHV improvement and stabilization project appears to have had a positive impact and reduced stormwater runoff as demonstrated by the amount of sediment captured by check dams or redirected by lead-off ditches. Check dams also helped to reduce stormwater velocity and scouring in some washes. Introduction of signage and trail cameras to the staging area have reduced incidences of vandalism and damage.

In 2024, we installed signage with maps indicating open riding area boundaries. As evidenced in the annual repeat photographs, vegetation is colonizing areas that have been fenced off or areas where signs discourage traveling over brush (i.e. "Don't Crush the Brush"). Carson City will continue to address and monitor over time the available resources in the Prison Hill OHV Area and implement additional improvements to the conditions on the property as needed.



June 17, 2021



June 13, 2024

### Bird Surveys

Bird surveys along the Buzzy’s Ranch Trail and River Park Trails have been completed since 2019 to better understand bird species prevalence and diversity in the river corridor, and to monitor potential impacts to bird diversity in use following the construction of the Buzzy’s Ranch trail in 2020. At each of the 11 monitoring points established along the trail at Buzzy’s and Riverview, the species and quantity of birds are recorded using ocular and auditory estimates. In 2023 and 2024, we utilized help from a few volunteer birders who have decades of experience identifying birds by sight and song. Data from 2024 has not been analyzed yet, however in 2023 there was a greater number of individual birds and unique species than in 2019-2022, though fewer than seen in 2022. Staff will continue to monitor bird diversity in the river corridor to track changes over time.

### Biological Control

#### Canada thistle

Since 2018, staff have been working with the Nevada Department of Agriculture to monitor the effectiveness of treating noxious weed populations with a naturally occurring rust fungus, *Puccinia punctiformis*. This host-specific rust fungus can infect healthy Canada thistle, a class C noxious weed in Nevada. While the population of

Canada thistle has been significantly reduced over the last few years, the flooding that occurred in 2023 contributed to more thistles observed in 2024. To combat the new emergence of thistle, an additional application of the rust fungus was completed in 2023 and 2024.

#### Future hoary cress biocontrol site at Riverview Park.



post-release. Biocontrol projects like these are ways to reduce our reliance and use of herbicide to control invasive species, which benefits our pollinator populations!



Canada thistle biocontrol site at Mexican Dam Open Space.

#### Hoary Cress

In 2024, staff also established a pre-release monitoring site for hoary cress, also known as short white top in Riverview Park. Hoary cress is also a class C noxious weed in Nevada, and prolific throughout the river corridor. While staff wait for the biological control agent to become available for use in the next couple of years, we’re currently collecting pre-release data to document the size of the infestation prior to inoculation that can be compared with future years

### **Buzzy’s Ranch Bank Stabilization**

Following the epic winter of 2022-23, as well as the sustained high flows experienced through the spring and summer, the riverbank along the Buzzy’s Ranch Trail has eroded significantly. While this site has suffered from unstable banks and erosive issues for many years, the big winter has caused the bank to erode at an unsustainable rate, putting the new Buzzy’s Ranch Trail and the agricultural land associated at risk. From October 2020 to August 2023, the bank has migrated approximately 22 feet, and it is estimated that 150 feet of bank have been lost at this location since 1990. In 2023, staff worked with an engineering firm to conduct hydrologic modeling and soil studies to understand the erosive potential and urgency for intervention at this location. Additionally, the consultant prepared a draft engineered design that was presented at the February 20, 2024 OSAC meeting. The discussion and associated public comment indicated that additional solutions for this site need to be considered. Comprehensive solutions will be explored as part of the Carson River Master Plan amendment that is expected to be published at the end of 2025.

### **Carson River Master Plan Amendment**

Staff, along with OSAC Chair Mark Kimbrough have been working with the National Parks – Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance program since December 2022 to update the Carson River Master Plan, which was completed in 1996 and is due for an update. Specifically, our goals are to identify all acquisitions that were completed from the original plan and revise to include maintenance and management strategies for the properties along the river corridor through Carson City. Other agencies, as well as neighboring counties will be invited during the planning process to provide input for the development of the plan amendment.

In 2023, time was spent developing a strategic planning effort to identify critical partnerships and outreach strategies, as well as completing baseline mapping. The Carson Water Subconservancy District was also brought in as a partner in the core planning team.

In 2024, the core team worked to launch the public and stakeholder engagement portions of the project, which are critical to informing the master plan amendment. Staff developed a user experience survey for both the public and stakeholders to gather feedback about the Carson River. Next, we kicked off the stakeholder engagement by hosting a stakeholder tour in September. Attendees included planning staff as well as 25 partner agencies who are invited stakeholders in the Carson River Master Plan amendment process. The first of several stakeholder workshops was held in November and 20 stakeholders attended. The workshop focused on review of both the public and stakeholder survey results, as well as brainstorming major master plan themes. Follow up work will involve developing these major themes further to inform the chapters of the amendment. Future outreach activities will include one to two more stakeholder workshops and at least one open house for the public.



*Above – Carson River Master Plan Stakeholder Tour  
Below – Carson River Master Plan Stakeholder Workshop*



## Activities and Events

### Capital to Tahoe Trail – Grand Opening Celebration!

*“It takes a community to build trails, and this new trail is a demonstration of how local, state, and federal agencies can work together with non-profit organizations, private landowners, and committed individuals to accomplish a dream that benefits our community, and our entire region”*

-Carson City Mayor Lori Bagwell, at the Grand Opening on July 8, 2023.

The Grand Opening Celebration was held on July 8<sup>th</sup> at Spooner Lake State Park. Carson City Mayor Lori



*Mayor Lori Bagwell cuts the ribbon at the Capital to Tahoe Trail Grand Opening.*

Bagwell spoke and cut the ribbon. Supervisors Lisa Schuette and Maurice White were also in attendance, along with City Manager Nancy Paulson, OSAC Members Mark Kimbrough and Donna Inversin, representatives from Muscle Powered, and agency representatives from the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department, Nevada Division of State Parks, and the U.S. Forest Service.

Many supporters brought booths, including Shoe Tree Brewery (serving “Cap to Tahoe Pale Ale”), Tahoe Area Mountain Biking Association (TAMBA), Tahoe Rim Trail Association

(TRTA), Tahoe Rim Trail Endurance Runs, Skiing is Believing, and Safe Routes to School (Carson City Public Works). Live music was provided by Darren Senn.

### American Planning Association Conference

On October 17, 2023, Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager and Gregg Berggren attended the American Planning Association Conference in South Lake Tahoe to participate in a panel presentation entitled: “Balancing Economic Development through the Lens of Outdoor Recreation.” The panel was comprised of representation from the Department of Outdoor Recreation, Travel Nevada, SMG Consulting as well as a very special guest Lt. Governor Stavros Anthony.



### International Trails Summit

During the week of April 17, our region had the honor of hosting the 2023 International Trails Summit, which is a bi-annual event from American Trails. There were over 900 attendees from 29 countries, making it the largest trails conference ever!

Carson City played a role in bringing the conference to our area, in planning and organizing the event, and in participation. One of the field events was a tour of the Prison Hill OHV Area where participants either drove or rode in side by sides. In addition, we partnered with the Federal Highway Administration for a presentation titled “Trails as Resilient Infrastructure”, which highlighted trail building efforts in the Prison Hill/Carson River

area. Several awards were also given as part of the American Trails Advancing Trails Awards Program, which “...recognizes the contributions of volunteers, professionals, and other leaders who are working to create an effective system of trails across the globe.” The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department and Muscle Powered were recognized for “Trails Promotion and Education”.

### All-Terrain Wheelchair

Our Department acquired a Grit Freedom Chair in a continuing effort to promote *access-for-all* to as much of our trail system and Open Space areas feasible. This all-terrain wheelchair has been incorporated into many of our Ranger Programs where it is offered for free to anyone who needs help with trail access.



## Volunteer Program

### Volunteer Program Metrics – 2023/2024

The Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department proudly recognizes volunteer efforts provided by individuals and organizations and also acknowledges and appreciates all those who help to clean and maintain our precious lands. Our Department received an estimated value of \$88,380.11 from volunteers in 2023 and \$84,493.595 in 2024. At a minimum, volunteers in 2023 spent 2,639 hours on our lands and 2,522.95 hours in 2024, at a value of \$33.49/hour (the latest dollar value available, according to <https://independentsector.org/resource/value-of-volunteer-time/>). See Table 1 and 2 for details.

We want to emphasize that there are numerous individuals who volunteer in our Parks & Open Spaces who “fly under the radar”, if this sounds like you or someone you know please have them contact us so they can be properly recognized and appreciated!

### Volunteer Programs - 2023

The events described below offer a snapshot of all the great events and volunteers who assisted staff in enhancing our parks, open spaces and recreation facilities. Details on each event and additional events can be found on Table 1.

### **Koontz Trailhead Clean-up**

25 volunteers from Common Ground Church spent 2 hours on April 22, 2023 picking up trash from the Koontz Trailhead on the West side of Prison Hill



Recreation Area. As you can tell from this picture, there was an incredible amount of trash that these wonderful volunteers were able to clean-up!



### **Thistle Dig at Horsecreek Ranch**

In September 2023, three volunteers from Muscle Powered assisted Open Space staff with removing invasive bull thistles from the meadow of the Horsecreek Ranch property for which Carson City holds a conservation easement. This was the first trip out to the Ranch in 4 years and all involved were thrilled to be in the company of the beautiful trees and views there.



### **National Public Lands Day**

30 volunteers from the community as well as members from the local Geocaching group, Muscle Powered Trash Mob, and the Desert Pigs (a community group local to Lyon and Churchill Counties) cleaned up an incredible amount of trash in Sand Canyon off of Sierra Vista Lane. Though most of this parcel is managed by the Bureau of Land Management, the parking area and entry road is owned by Carson City. This multi-group and agency clean-up is a great example of partnering to care for our collective public lands!



### **Cottonwood Tree Planting**

In honor of Arbor Day, eleven volunteers came out on a lovely fall morning to help Open Space staff plant 30 cottonwood seedlings along the river side of the Mexican Ditch trail. This event was a great way to teach volunteers about proper tree planting techniques and we were thrilled to see many new faces to our volunteer program! After planting, staff wrapped wire around the trees to protect them



from deer and rabbits, as well as watered the trees for several weeks.

### **Wood Duck Nesting Box Installation**

Open Space staff, in addition to volunteers from the nonprofit Ducks Unlimited, the University of Nevada Student Chapter, and community members, helped install 15 wood duck boxes along the Carson River. These boxes provide a safe

space for the wood ducks to lay their eggs in mid-late May. Staff installed a trail camera near one of the boxes and have observed a male and female pair of wood ducks there.

### Volunteer Programs – 2024

The events described below offer a snapshot of all the great events and volunteers who assisted staff in enhancing our Parks, Open Spaces and recreation facilities. Details on each event and additional events can be found on Table 2.



#### **Trash Clean-Up at Voltaire Canyon**

23 volunteers came out to Voltaire Canyon for two hours in June to help clean up trash and other debris at this common dumping site. Many of the volunteers were from the geocache community, as well as a few individual volunteers. In total, there were 11 large trash bags and several smaller bags filled with trash removed from the site.



#### **Annual Trash Clean-Up at Sand Canyon**

The Sand Canyon Clean-Up hosted by Carson City Open Space staff is an annual volunteer event that brings together the community to address the dumping problem that occurs on this parcel of land. This year, 13 individuals joined Open Space staff to collect a truckload of large trash bags and several tires.



#### **Empire Elementary School Workday at Ambrose Carson River Natural Area**

Organized by River Wranglers, Empire Elementary students came out to Ambrose Carson River Natural Area in October to learn about river health and to paint cottonwood trees. The cottonwood trees were painted with a combination of sand and paint, to make the trees too

gritty for beavers to chew on them. This is a project staff hopes will be more effective than wire wrapping, which the trees eventually outgrow.

#### **Pollinator Planting at Empire Ranch Trailhead**

11 volunteers joined CCPROS staff at the Empire Ranch Trailhead in November to plant 200 native pollinator plants. CCPROS staff



hope that this activity is one of many at this site, and that in the future this site will become a large educational pollinator garden for the public to enjoy.

### 2024 – Park Ambassadors

The Park Ambassador program encourages individuals who want to spend time out on the trail, or who already do spend a lot of time out on the trail, to help pick up trash, dog waste, pull weed, and to be the eyes and ears out on the trail. In 2024 the CCPROS Department recruited 6 new Park Ambassadors. Three of these Park Ambassadors have collectively volunteered over 180 hours over the course of 2024. 159 of those hours were put in by a pair of Park Ambassadors at Riverview Park.



### Eagle Scout Projects in 2023 - 2024

We were fortunate to have four Eagle Candidates seek trail projects from our Department in 2023. They performed a variety of important and valuable activities:

**Eagle Candidate Chris Borges** - completed a realignment on a steep portion of an old social trail that we call ‘Express’, because it is a quick way to access the Prison Hill Saddle from the Clearview Drive Trailhead.

**Eagle Candidate Chris Collins** – completed a signage project in Carson River Canyon. He installed wayfinding signs throughout the canyon and added a new map panel to the kiosk sign.

**Eagle Candidate Samuel Gaskell** – completed a realignment of a very steep portion of the West Loop on Prison Hill, including decommissioning of the old segment.

**Eagle Candidate Dylan Cooley** - completed a realignment of a steep and erosive social trail on Lone Mountain. His project included some drainage improvements and decommissioning of the old trail which was contributing to stormwater runoff above adjacent homes.

**Eagle Candidate Clayton Jones** – completed one of the remaining segments of Bob’s Trail.

*Below – photos from 2023 Eagle Scout Projects*





*National Trails Day, June 3, 2023, volunteers perform maintenance on the North Kings Loop.*

*Volunteers from Patagonia perform maintenance activities on the Foothill Trail and V&T Extension.*



**Table 1. Volunteer Event Metrics for 2023**

<b>Event/Organization</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b># of People</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Monetary Value (\$33.49/hr)</b>
Tails and Trails	2/13/23	Riverview Park	2	6	\$200.94
Aquatic Invasive Species Removal	4/12/23	Fuji Park/Baily Pond	7	14	\$468.86
Adopt-A-Trail	4/21/23	Buzzy's Ranch	2	2	\$66.98
Common Grounds Church	4/22/23	Lone Mountain Cemetery	21	42	\$1,406.58
Eagle Scout Project	4/22/23	Express Trail	12	48	\$1,607.52
Nevada State Preservation Society	4/30/23	USGS Office and Silver Saddle Ranch	8	80	\$2,679.20
Memorial Day Flags	5/26/23	Lone Mountain Cemetery	90	135	\$4,521.15
Memorial Day Flags	5/29/23	Lone Mountain Cemetery	36	36	\$1,205.64
Lakeview Working Group	5/6/23	Hobart Park	14	42	\$1,406.58
Common Grounds Church	5/7/23	Koontz Lane Trailhead	25	37.5	\$1,255.88
Patagonia	5/14/23	Historic V&T Trail	8	16	\$535.84
Patagonia	5/15/23	Foothill Trail	8	16	\$535.84
Mountain Vista Baptist Church	5/21/23	Mills Park	12	48	\$1,607.52
National Trails Day	6/3/23	Waterfall Trail	5	10	\$334.90
Bird Surveys	6/21/23	Buzzy's Ranch Trail & Riverview Park	2	5	\$167.45
Mark Twain Gardening Club	6/29/23	Historic Foreman Robert's House	7	14	\$468.86
Moffat Open Space Beautification	7/12/23	Moffat Open Space	7	10.5	\$351.65
Eagle Scout Project	7/14/23	Carson River Canyon	9	36	\$1,205.64
Adopt-A-Trail	7/22/23	Empire Ranch Trail	2	4	\$133.96
Lone Mountain Cemetery Weeding	8/9/23	Lone Mountain Cemetery	2	3	\$100.47
Baseball Field Maintenance	8/9/23	John D. Mankins	18	18	\$602.82
Cottonwood Painting	8/19/23	Ambrose Carson River	8	16	\$535.84
Prison Hill OHV Clean-up	9/9/23	Prison Hill OHV	40	80	\$2,679.20
Rifle Range Clean-Up	9/11/23	Rifle Range	3	18	\$602.82
Horsecreek Thistle Dig	9/21/23	Horsecreek Ranch	3	12	\$401.88
Eagle Scout Project	9/23/23	Odyssey Trail	15	60	\$2,009.40
National Public Lands Day	9/23/23	Sand Canyon	30	60	\$2,009.40
Move with The Mayor	10/7/23	Lone Mountain Cemetery	55	110	\$3,683.90
Arbor Day Cottonwood Planting	10/18/23	Carson River Park	11	22	\$736.78
Geocache Trail Brushing	10/21/23	5 <sup>th</sup> Street Prison Hill	8	16	\$535.84
Duck Box Installation	11/4/23	Riverview Park, Buzzy's Ranch, Empire Ranch Trail	8	16	\$535.84
Eagle Scout Project	11/4/23	Lone Mountain Connector Trail	27	216	\$7,233.84
Muscle Powered Total Hours	2023	Open Space Trails	72	1,390	\$46,551.10
<b>TOTALS</b>	-	-	<b>577</b>	<b>2,639</b>	<b>\$88,380.11</b>

**Table 2. Volunteer Event Metrics for 2024 (as of November 2024)**

<b>Event/Organization</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b># of People</b>	<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>Monetary Value (\$33.49/hr)</b>
Disc Golf Clean-up	2/24/24	Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park	14	56	\$1,875.44
Common Ground Church Youth Group	4/13/24	Lone Mountain Cemetery	38	57	\$1,908.93
Geocache Clean-Up	4/20/24	Ambrose	18	27	\$904.23
Moose Lodge Clean-up	4/27/24	East Silver Saddle Ranch	7	14	\$468.86
Disc Golf Clean-up	5/4/24	Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park	14	28	\$937.72
Lakeview Property Owners Association Workday	5/4/24	Hobart Road Trailhead	12	48	\$1,607.52
Eagle Scout Project	5/4/24	Bob's Trail	25	87.5	\$2,930.375
Common Ground Church	5/5/24	Linear Ditch Trail	4	8	\$267.92
Common Ground Church	5/19/24	Linear Ditch Trail	5	10	\$334.90
Memorial Day Flags	5/24/24	Lone Mountain Cemetery	58	87	\$2,913.63
Memorial Day Flags	5/27/24	Lone Mountain Cemetery	23	23	\$770.27
Ronald D Wilson Clean-up	5/25/24	Ronald D Wilson	10	20	\$669.80
Common Ground Church	5/26/24	Linear Ditch Trail	12	24	\$803.76
Annual Bird Survey	5/30/24	Buzzy's Ranch	2	6	\$200.94
National Trails Day	6/1/24	Foothill Trail	5	10	\$334.90
Kiwanis Club Clean-Up	6/8/24	Carson River Park	14	14	\$468.86
Click Bond Clean-Up	6/15/24	Empire Ranch Trail	7	14	\$468.86
Voltaire Canyon Clean-Up	6/22/24	Voltaire Canyon	23	46	\$1,540.54
Rifle Range Clean-Up	6/24/24	Carson City Rifle Range	8	32	\$1,071.68
Annual Bird Survey	6/25/24	Buzzy's Ranch	2	6	\$200.94
Cottonwood Wrapping	6/26/24	Riverview Park	2	2	\$66.98
Nevada Site Stewardship	7/17/24	Silver Saddle Ranch	4	72	\$2,411.28
Blackwell's Pond Clean-Up	7/20/24	Blackwell's Pond Park	3	4.5	\$150.705
Horsecreek Ranch Weed Pull	8/3/24	Horsecreek Ranch	2	4	\$133.96
Sand Canyon Clean-Up	9/21/24	Sand Canyon	13	19.5	\$653.055
Move with the Mayor	9/28/24	Lone Mountain Cemetery	90	180	\$6,028.20
Disc Golf Workday	10/4/24	Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park	2	4	\$133.96
Moose Lodge Clean-Up	10/5/24	East Silver Saddle Ranch	5	10	\$334.90
Voltaire Canyon Clean-Up	10/5/24	Voltaire Canyon	11	22	\$736.78
Disc Golf Workday	10/6/24	Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park	3	6	\$200.94
Sierra Lutheran High School Workday	10/10/24	Ambrose Carson River Natural Area	21	42	\$1,406.58
Empire Elementary with River Wranglers	10/11/24	Ambrose Carson River Natural	90	270	\$9,042.30
Snapshot Day	10/18/24	Carson River Park	12	36	\$1,205.64
St. Teresa's with RW	10/23/24	Empire Ranch Trailhead	27	81	\$2,712.69
BOOnanza	10/26/24	Mills Park	25	150	\$5,023.50
Empire Ranch Planting	11/2/24	Empire Ranch Trailhead	11	22	\$736.78
Muscle Powered Total Hours	2024	Open Space Trails	40	961	\$32,183.89
Park Ambassador Total Hours	2024	Parks and Open Spaces	7	180.65	\$6,049.9685
<b>TOTALS</b>	-	-	<b>669</b>	<b>2,684.15</b>	<b>\$89,892.18</b>

*On behalf of the Open Space Committee and staff, thank you very much for the opportunity to present this report.*





## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors      **Meeting Date:** December 16, 2024

**Staff Contact:** Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager, lboyer@carson.org

**Agenda Title:** For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting schedule for calendar year 2025. (Lyndsey Boyer, lboyer@carson.org).

Staff Summary: The Open Space Advisory Committee (“Committee”) shall meet four times per year, with two joint meetings with the Parks and Recreation Commission, as directed by the Board of Supervisors. This item, if approved, will establish the Committee's meeting schedule for calendar year 2025.

**Agenda Action:** Formal Action / Motion      **Time Requested:** 5 minutes

### **Proposed Motion**

I move to approve the Open Space Advisory Committee meeting schedule for calendar year 2025 as presented.

### **Board's Strategic Goal**

Quality of Life

### **Previous Action**

April 19, 2018: The Board of Supervisors directed the Open Space Advisory Committee meet four times per year and recommended two joint meetings with the Parks and Recreation Commission.

### **Background/Issues & Analysis**

Please see the attached meeting schedule for calendar year 2025 for the Committee’s consideration.

ATTACHMENT 1 – OSAC 2025 Meeting Schedule

### **Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

N/A

### **Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** No

**If yes, account name/number:**

**Is it currently budgeted?** No

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:**

**Alternatives**

Do not approve as presented and provide alternate direction.

**Attachment(s):**

[5E - ATTACHMENT 1 - OSAC 2025 Meeting Schedule - FINAL.pdf](#)

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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Aye/Nay

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**Open Space Advisory Committee  
Meeting Schedule  
2025**

**Robert “Bob” Crowell Board Room –  
Community Center  
851 E. William Street  
Carson City, Nevada 89701**

**5:30 p.m.**

*3rd Monday of every other Month  
\*Exceptions noted below*

**\*February 18 (due to holiday)**

**April 21**

**\*June 16 (Joint w/PRC)**

**August 18**

**October 20**

**\*December 2 (Joint w/PRC)**



# STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Meeting Date:** December 16, 2024

**Staff Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agenda Title:** Director’s Report: Updates regarding the Department’s projects, programs, facilities, and events; grants; status of recruitment for vacant positions; Boards and Commissions Attendance Policy; and Board of Supervisor’s action items. (Jennifer Budge, [jbudge@carson.org](mailto:jbudge@carson.org))

**Agenda Action:** Other / Presentation **Time Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Motion**

**Board's Strategic Goal**

**Previous Action**

**Background/Issues & Analysis**

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

**Financial Information**

Is there a fiscal impact? No

If yes, account name/number:

Is it currently budgeted? No

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:**

**Alternatives**

**Attachment(s):**

[6A - Directors Report.pdf](#)

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

- 1) \_\_\_\_\_
- 2) \_\_\_\_\_

Aye/Nay

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## Carson City Board of Supervisors Items – 2024/2025

### APRIL 18, 2024

#### Parks, Recreation and Open Space

- 11.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding proposed amendments to the Open Space Advisory Committee ("OSAC") Bylaws. (Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org))  
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#### Finance

- 19.c For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on direction to staff concerning the proposed Carson City Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025 Tentative Budget and supplemental requests, which includes the General Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Enterprise Funds and all other budgeted funds. (Sheri Russell-Benabou, [srussell@carson.org](mailto:srussell@carson.org))  
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- 19.d For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action on the proposed Carson City Capital Improvement Program ("CIP") for Fiscal Years 2025-2029. (Sheri Russell, [srussell@carson.org](mailto:srussell@carson.org))  
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### APRIL 24, 2024 – PLANNING COMMISSION

#### Planning Commission

- 6.e LU-2024-0095 For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a request for a special use permit ("SUP") for trailhead improvements and a new trail on property zoned Public Regional ("PR"), located approximately 1/3 mile east of the end of Koontz Lane, Assessor's Parcel Numbers ("APNs") 010-171-01, 010-233-04, 010-243-02, 010-253-02, 010-263-02, 010-273-02 and 010-281-04. (Heather Ferris [hferris@carson.org](mailto:hferris@carson.org))  
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### MAY 16, 2024

#### Finance

- 15.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding (1) approval of competitive grants from the community support services grants ("CSSG") program to various non-profit organizations in the amount of \$52,500, and (2) a proposed resolution authorizing expenditures of \$335,620 from the community support services grants ("CSSG") program and \$120,000 for the Quality of Life Initiative in Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025 in competitive and non-competitive grants to various non-profit organizations. (Rebecca Phipps, [rphipps@carson.org](mailto:rphipps@carson.org))  
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#### Parks, Recreation & Open Space

- 16.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding ratification of the acceptance of a grant award from the Recreational Trails Program ("RTP") for funding in the amount of \$75,302.32, with a 5% match of \$3,963.28, to fund the Prison Hill OHV Area Amenities Project, and authorization for the Mayor or her designee to sign all documents related to acceptance of the grant award. (Gregg Berggren, [gberggren@carson.org](mailto:gberggren@carson.org))  
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- 16.b For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding approval of Amendment One to the Programmatic Agreement between the Sierra Front Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, the

Consolidated Municipality of Carson City and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the conveyance to Carson City, Nevada, of 5,452 acres of Public Lands as mandated by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 and 489 acres of private property, revising procedures for compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (“NHPA”) for more efficient management of the conveyed lands, effective through 2055. (Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org))

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## **JUNE 6, 2024**

### Special Presentations

- 7.a Presentation of a proclamation recognizing June 2024 as National Pollinator Month.

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### Purchasing & Contracts

- 10.b For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a determination that A & K Earth Movers, Inc. (“A&K”) is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) Chapter 338 and whether to award Contract No. 24300359 to A&K for the Aquatic Facility Asphalt Parking Lot Replacement Project (“Project”) for a total amount not to exceed \$136,400. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Randall Rice, [rrice@carson.org](mailto:rrice@carson.org))

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- 10.c For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed \$36,000 increase in Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2024 purchase authority, beyond the previously approved \$614,000, for the purchase of Sodium Hypochlorite (“Bleach”) utilizing joinder contract 212528 between the City of Tucson (“Tucson”) and Thatcher Company of Arizona, Inc. (“Thatcher”), resulting in a new not to exceed amount of \$650,000. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Andy Hummel, [ahummel@carson.org](mailto:ahummel@carson.org))

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### Public Works

- 13.a For Discussion Only: Presentation by the US Environmental Protection Agency (“US EPA”) and the Nevada Division of Environmental Protection (“NDEP”) to provide an update on the Carson River Superfund site.

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### Purchasing & Contracts

- 15.b For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding Contract No. 24300327 (“Contract”) for George T. Hall Co., Inc., (“George T. Hall”) to provide integration services for the Quill Water Treatment Plant Rehabilitation Project (“Services”), for a total not to exceed amount of \$611,600. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Randy Rice, [rrice@carson.org](mailto:rrice@carson.org)).

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### Community Development

- 21.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors (“Board”) concerning the expenditure of \$2,322,888 from the Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2025 Redevelopment Revolving Fund to support various events, incentives and capital improvement projects as included in the FY 2025 Redevelopment Budget and Capital Improvement Program. (Hope Sullivan, [hsullivan@carson.org](mailto:hsullivan@carson.org))

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## Community Development – Planning

- 25.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$2,322,888 from the Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2025 Redevelopment Revolving Fund to support various events, incentives and capital improvement projects as included in the FY 2025 Redevelopment Budget and Capital Improvement Program. (Hope Sullivan, [hsullivan@carson.org](mailto:hsullivan@carson.org))

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## **HISTORIC RESOURCES COMMISSION**

**JUNE 11, 2024**

- 5.b For possible action: Discussion and possible action regarding a review of the Programmatic Agreement amendment between the Sierra Front Field Office of the Bureau of Land Management, the Consolidated Municipality of Carson City, and the Nevada State Historic Preservation Officer regarding the conveyance to Carson City, Nevada, of 5,452 acres of Public Lands as mandated by the Omnibus Public Land Management Act of 2009 and 489 acres of private property, revising procedures for compliance with the National Historic Preservation Act (“NHPA”) for more efficient management of the conveyed lands, effective through 2055. (Heather Ferris, [hferris@carson.org](mailto:hferris@carson.org))

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## **BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

**JULY 18, 2024**

### Special Presentations

- 7.a Presentation of Length of Service certificates to City Employees. Gregg Berggren – 5 Years. (Alana Mills, [amills@carson.org](mailto:amills@carson.org))

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### Purchasing & Contracts

- 12.c For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding Contract No. 25300007 with AtkinsRealis USA Inc. (“Atkins”) for on-call Geographic Information System (“GIS”) services through Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2026, for an amount not to exceed \$95,000 in both FY 2025 and FY 2026, resulting in a total amount not to exceed \$190,000. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Robert Nellis, [rnellis@carson.org](mailto:rnellis@carson.org))

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### Parks, Recreation & Open Space

- 23.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a recommendation to the Board of Supervisors regarding the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2025 Redevelopment Revolving Fund to support various arts and culture events and projects as an expense incidental to the carrying out of the Redevelopment Plan. (Anna Freeman, [afreeman@carson.org](mailto:afreeman@carson.org))

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- 27.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a proposed resolution authorizing the expenditure of \$25,000 from the Fiscal Year (“FY”) 2025 Redevelopment Revolving Fund to support various arts and culture events and projects as an expense incidental to the carrying out of the Redevelopment Plan. (Anna Freeman, [afreeman@carson.org](mailto:afreeman@carson.org))

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- 27.b For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the acceptance of a Southern Nevada Public Lands Management Act (“SNPLMA”) Round 19 grant, and approval of a Cooperative Agreement with the U.S.

Department of Interior – Bureau of Land Management, in the amount of \$2,367,157, including a \$57,157 City match/cost share, for the Carson River Trail System Phase IV – Riverview Trailhead project effective through June 11, 2029. (Gregg Berggren, [gberggren@carson.org](mailto:gberggren@carson.org) and Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org))

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## AUGUST 1, 2024

### Purchasing & Contracts

- 8.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding authorization to purchase medications for persons detained in the Carson City Jail, utilizing a joinder contract between the State of Minnesota on behalf of Minnesota Multistate Contract Alliance for Pharmacy (“MMCAP”) Infuse with Diamond Drugs, Inc. for a not to exceed amount of \$220,000 through June 30, 2025. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Nicki Aaker, [naaker@carson.org](mailto:naaker@carson.org))  
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- 8.j For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding Contract No. 25300166, with Nichols Consulting Engineers, CHTD (“NCE”) for Civil Engineering Services for the Centennial Park Drainage Project for a not to exceed amount of \$202,985. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Jennifer Budge, [jbudge@carson.org](mailto:jbudge@carson.org))  
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### Parks, Recreation & Open Space

- 10.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a resolution (“Resolution”): (1) authorizing a Lot Line Adjustment (“LLA”) and conveying approximately three acres at Park Terrace Park, a portion of Assessor’s Parcel Number (“APN”) 008-342-32 (“Property”) to the Carson City School District (“CCSD”) for public use and (2) authorizing City staff and the Mayor to take all necessary actions to convey the Property to the CCSD, including executing the necessary documents, both subject to the conditions in the Resolution. (Jennifer Budge, [jbudge@carson.org](mailto:jbudge@carson.org))  
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## SEPTEMBER 05, 2024

### Purchasing & Contracts

- 12.e For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a determination that Spanish Springs Construction, Inc. (“SSC”), is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) Chapter 338 and whether to award Contract No. 25300197 for the Centennial Park Sports Complex Tennis Court Renovation Project (“Project”) to SSC for a total amount not to exceed \$1,647,025.60. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Nick Wentworth, [nwentworth@carson.org](mailto:nwentworth@carson.org))  
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- 15.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding Contract No. 25300058, with Lloyd Consulting Group, LLC for the JohnD Winters Softball Fields Synthetic Turf Design Project for a not to exceed amount of \$238,405 through February 28, 2025. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Jennifer Budge, [jbudge@carson.org](mailto:jbudge@carson.org))  
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## OCTOBER 03, 2024

### Parks, Recreation & Open Space

- \*9.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding (1) ratification of the submission of a 2024 Federal Lands Access Program (“FLAP”) grant application to the Federal Highway Administration (“FHWA”) for **\$7,363,653**, including \$410,000 in local match, to complete the Ash Canyon Road and Trailhead Project (“Project”) and (2) authorization for the Mayor to accept the grant, if awarded. (Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org) and Gregg Berggren, [gberggren@carson.org](mailto:gberggren@carson.org))

\*This agenda notice has been revised at Item 9.A and replaces the previous agenda notice. Revised language is reflected in red. This agenda notice has been reposted in accordance with the Open Meeting Law.

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## OCTOBER 17, 2024

### Parks, Recreation & Open Space

- 15.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding authorization (1) to submit a grant application to the Recreational Trails Program ("RTP"), administered through the Nevada Department of Conservation and Natural Resources, Division of State Parks, in the amount of \$99,928, including a 20% local match in the amount of \$24,982, for a total project cost of \$124,910, for the Ambrose Carson River Outdoor Classroom and Trailhead Project, and (2) for the Director of Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department ("Director") to accept the grant and sign all related documents, if awarded. (Gregg Berggren, [gberggren@carson.org](mailto:gberggren@carson.org) and Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org))

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## NOVEMBER 7, 2024

### Finance

- 12.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a final appropriation for the Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") funding for Fiscal Year ("FY") 2025 to Carson City Department of Parks, Recreation and Open Space ("PROS") for the Mills Park pickleball courts project, in the amount of \$170,790. (Rebecca Phipps, [rphipps@carson.org](mailto:rphipps@carson.org))
- 12.b For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a substantial amendment to Carson City's Community Development Block Grant ("CDBG") 2024- 2025 Annual Action Plan ("Annual Action Plan"). (Sheri Russell-Benabou, [srussell@carson.org](mailto:srussell@carson.org))

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### Purchasing & Contracts

- 13.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a determination that Spanish Springs Construction, Inc. ("SSC"), is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") Chapter 338 and whether to award Contract No. 25300227 for the Mills Park Pickleball Complex Project ("Project") to SSC for a total amount not to exceed \$1,069,398, and authorization for the designated budget transfers to fund the Project. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Nick Wentworth, [nwentworth@carson.org](mailto:nwentworth@carson.org))

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### Parks & Recreation

- 14.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding (1) a petition ("Petition") for the creation of the Lompa Ranch North Landscape Maintenance District ("LMD") for the maintenance of landscaping within drainage facilities in the planned Lompa Ranch North development; (2) the levy of an assessment, in the amounts specified in the Petition, effective July 1, 2025, to fund the Lompa Ranch LMD; (3) direction to the Carson City Treasurer to implement and collect the assessment beginning on July 1, 2025; and (4) authorization for City staff to provide notice of the creation of the Lompa Ranch LMD and to take all other necessary or appropriate action to effectuate the Lompa Ranch LMD. (Jennifer Budge, [jbudge@carson.org](mailto:jbudge@carson.org) and Darren Anderson, [danderson@carson.org](mailto:danderson@carson.org))

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- 14.b For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to introduce, on first reading, an ordinance approving a development agreement between Carson City and RD Lompa, LLC, Capitol Homebuilders, LLC, AMH NV17 Development, LLC, and Cross Creek Apartments, LLC concerning the creation of the Lompa Ranch North

Landscape Maintenance District (“LMD”) and the development and maintenance of landscaping in drainage facilities in the Lompa Ranch North Development, located at those Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (“APNs”) identified on the list of assessed properties. (Jennifer Budge, [jbudge@carson.org](mailto:jbudge@carson.org) and Darren Anderson, [danderson@carson.org](mailto:danderson@carson.org))  
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## **NOVEMBER 21, 2024**

### Parks, Recreation & Open Space

- 13.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding the dedication of Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (“APN’s”) 001-262-01, 001- 261-01, 001- 268 -08, 001-254- 16, 001-253-14 and 001-265- 01 which were offered to Carson City for public use as Common Areas A, B, C, D, E and F (“Common Areas”) in the Final Map for the Andersen Ranch Subdivision, recorded as Map Number 3052 on August 30, 2022 (“Final Map”). (Jennifer Budge, [jbudge@carson.org](mailto:jbudge@carson.org) and Robert Nellis, [rnellis@carson.org](mailto:rnellis@carson.org))  
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### Public Works

- 14.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a dedication from Capitol Homebuilders, LLC of approximately 59,114 square feet of land for drainage channels (“Drainage Channels”) on four parcels, designated as Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (“APN”) 004-401-06, 004-408-36, 004-408-01 and 004-407-02, Parcels “A”, “B”, “C” and “D”, respectively, on the Final Map for Blackstone Ranch Phase 1-A (“Final Map”). (Robert Nellis, [rnellis@carson.org](mailto:rnellis@carson.org) and Audrey Link, [alink@carson.org](mailto:alink@carson.org))  
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- 14.b For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a dedication from Lennar Reno, LLC of approximately 48,267 square feet of land for a drainage channel (“Drainage Channel”), designated as Assessor’s Parcel Number (“APN”) 004 -422-23 and Parcel “L” on the Final Map for Blackstone Ranch Phase 1-C (“Final Map”). (Robert Nellis, [rnellis@carson.org](mailto:rnellis@carson.org) and Audrey Link, [alink@carson.org](mailto:alink@carson.org)).  
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### Purchasing and Contracts

- 15.c For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding Contract No. 25300291 with Resource Concepts, Inc. (“RCI”) for provide professional services (“Services”) for a water study as part of the Buzzy’s Ranch Water Rights Acquisition and Wetland Enhancement Project (“Project”) for an amount not to exceed \$70,000. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org))  
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### Parks and Recreation

- 19.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action to adopt, on second reading, Bill No. 108, an ordinance approving a development agreement between Carson City and RD Lompa, LLC, Capitol Homebuilders, LLC, AMH NV17 Development, LLC, and Cross Creek Apartments, LLC concerning the creation of the Lompa Ranch North Landscape Maintenance District (“LMD”) and the development and maintenance of landscaping in drainage facilities in the Lompa Ranch North Development, located at those Assessor’s Parcel Numbers (“APNs”) identified on the list of assessed properties. (Jennifer Budge, [jbudge@carson.org](mailto:jbudge@carson.org) and Darren Anderson, [danderson@carson.org](mailto:danderson@carson.org))  
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**DECEMBER 5, 2024**

Parks and Recreation

- 10.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding authorization to submit an application to the Nevada Shared Stewardship and Wildfire Crisis Strategy grant program in an amount not to exceed \$92,550, including a possible match of an amount not to exceed \$4,406.85, for the Carson City Hazardous Fuels Reduction Using Sheep Grazing project ("Sheep Project"); authorization for the Director of the Carson City Parks, Recreation & Open Space Department ("Director") to sign the application and all documents necessary for the application and to apply the match, if necessary; and authorization for the Mayor to accept the grant, if awarded. (Lyndsey Boyer, [lboyer@carson.org](mailto:lboyer@carson.org) and Marena Lovejoy, [mlovejoy@carson.org](mailto:mlovejoy@carson.org))  
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Purchasing and Contracts

- 12.a For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a determination that Public Restroom Company ("PRC") is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") Chapter 338 and whether to authorize the purchase, for an amount not to exceed \$1,228,717, of prefabricated restrooms for JohnD Winters Centennial Park ("Centennial Park") and Mills Park. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Nick Wentworth, [nwentworth@carson.org](mailto:nwentworth@carson.org))  
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- 12.b For Possible Action: Discussion and possible action regarding a determination that Coons Construction LLC ("Coons") is the lowest responsive and responsible bidder pursuant to Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") Chapter 338 and whether to award Contract No. 25300281 for the Prefabricated Restrooms Site Work Project ("Project") to Coons for a total amount not to exceed \$427,466.60. (Carol Akers, [cakers@carson.org](mailto:cakers@carson.org) and Nick Wentworth, [nwentworth@carson.org](mailto:nwentworth@carson.org))  
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## STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** Board of Supervisors      **Meeting Date:** December 16, 2024

**Staff Contact:** Lyndsey Boyer, Open Space Manager, lboyer@carson.org and Marena Lovejoy, Senior Natural Resource Specialist, mlovejoy@carson.org

**Agenda Title:** Senior Natural Resource Specialist and Open Space Manager Report: Activities related to projects managed by the Open Space Division, including updates within the Carson River corridor. (Marena Lovejoy, mlovejoy@carson.org and Lyndsey Boyer, lboyer@carson.org)

Staff Summary: See Attachment 1 – Senior Natural Resource Specialist and Open Space Manager Report

**Agenda Action:** Other / Presentation      **Time Requested:** 10 minutes

**Proposed Motion**

N/A

**Board's Strategic Goal**

Quality of Life

**Previous Action**

N/A

**Background/Issues & Analysis**

See Attachment 1 – Senior Natural Resource Specialist and Open Space Manager Report

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

N/A

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** No

**If yes, account name/number:**

**Is it currently budgeted?** No

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** N/A

**Alternatives**

N/A

**Attachment(s):**

Motion: \_\_\_\_\_

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**ATTACHMENT 1**

**Senior Natural Resource Specialist and Open Space Manager Report  
Marena Lovejoy and Lyndsey Boyer, December 16, 2024**

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**Carson River Updates**

*Carson River Master Plan*

Staff hosted the “Carson River Master Plan Partner Stakeholder Workshop” on November 21. Attendees included planning staff from Carson City, CWSD, and NPS-Rivers, Trails and Conservation Assistance Program, as well as 30 staff from partner agencies who were invited to participate as stakeholders in the Carson River Master Plan amendment process. The purpose of this event was to provide additional background on the project, review survey results and start brainstorming themes and key topics for inclusion in the plan. Future outreach activities will include additional workshops for stakeholders and an open house for the public.



**Outreach and Education**

*Empire Ranch Planting*

Two events took place this fall to plant nearly 200 native pollinator plants at Empire Ranch Trailhead. The two-acre parcel that includes the parking lot and trailhead for the Empire Ranch Trail is the perfect location for a pollinator garden complete with educational and interpretive signage. We anticipate this project to take several years to finish and phase one was completed this fall. On October 23, as part of a River Wranglers event, “Conserve the Carson River Workday”, 21 6<sup>th</sup> grade students from St. Teresa of Avila Catholic School joined Volunteer Coordinator, Erin Larsen, and Senior Natural Resource Specialist, Marena Lovejoy, in planting approximately 40 pollinator shrubs. On October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 11 volunteers joined staff to plant approximately 150 pollinator grasses and wildflowers. Future phases will include development of signage, an interpretive trail, and additional planting and seeding activities.

*Morgan Mill High Water Mark Unveiling*

On November 14, staff from Carson City and CWSD officially unveiled the newly installed High Water Mark and interpretive plaza at the Morgan Mill River Access Area. Mayor Bagwell, Supervisor Schuette and representatives from NV Floods and FEMA were also in attendance. This High Water Mark serves as a very visual reminder that flooding is a reality in our area, and shows just how high floodwaters can get with markers showing historic flood levels.

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*Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition*

Staff attended the Eastern Sierra Trails Coalition at Western Nevada College on November 15, 2024. The Coalition is an informal collaboration of agencies, non-profits, community organizations, and trail advocates working together to improve cross-sector coordination, the exchange of information, expansion of training opportunities, and the leveraging of resources. Gregg Berggren, Trails Coordinator led the annual TrailX update talks and also spoke about the Prison Hill Master Plan.



*Nevada Site Stewardship Training*

Staff and three board members from the Friends of Silver Saddle Ranch (“FOSSR”) attended Nevada Site Stewardship Training November 16-17. The training is aimed at teaching volunteers about cultural resource preservation and monitoring for change. FOSSR will be responsible for monitoring cultural resources up to 4 times a year at Silver Saddle Ranch.

**Buzzy’s Ranch**

*Water Rights*

Project work for the water rights acquisition for Buzzy’s Ranch continues. Currently, staff are coordinating the next steps towards acquisition of a portion of the total rights needed to support the ranch. The Board of Supervisors authorized staff to move forward with the due diligence required on acquisition in July 2023. Currently, staff are planning to go to the Board of Supervisors in early 2025 with a fee title acquisition with Vidler Water Company for 915.795 AFA of water rights. An appraisal for these rights was completed in summer 2024. Funding for this acquisition will be used from the Quality of Life – Undesignated Account which currently has a balance of approximately \$3.9 million. Acquiring this portion of water rights will secure 203.51 acres of irrigation water for Buzzy’s Ranch and represents just under 50% of the total water rights needed for the property.

Additionally, related to the SNPLMA funded Buzzy’s Ranch Water Rights and Wetland Enhancement project, staff continue to work on the required due diligence for this grant. SNPLMA awarded Carson City \$1.8 million to acquire approximately 694.35 AFA of water rights to support the wetlands and wet meadows

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at Buzzy’s Ranch. Specifically, Carson City recently established contracts with consultants to complete a Water Study and Water Report, which are both required to complete before an appraisal can be initiated for these rights. The Water Report is currently underway and is anticipated to be completed early 2025. It is anticipated that the Water Study will be completed during the 2025 irrigation season and includes botanical and hydrological assessment of the Ducks Unlimited and NDOT Mitigation wetland sites. Staff plan to bring an option agreement before the Board of Supervisors in early 2025 as well to secure Carson City’s interest in these rights while completing due diligence efforts.

Lastly, Carson City is looking at securing the remaining amount of water rights needed, approximately 285 AFA from a private sale with the current operators. An appraisal for these rights is currently underway.

**Past and Upcoming Events and Activities**

Please see below for events put on by our Department throughout Open Space and Parks. For more information on joining an event, please visit our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/CCPRDept/>

<b>Events (Carson River area and elsewhere) Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>Primary Staff and/or Other Notes</b>
December 6, 2024	Galaxy Talk	Silver Saddle Ranch	Park Rangers
December 14, 2024	Ascent Winter Trail Run	Ash Canyon; WNC Foothills	Gregg Berggren
December 14, 2024	Holiday Hike	Riverview Park	Park Rangers
December 14-15, 2024	Silver Saddle Ranch Holiday Open House, Mule Wagon Rides	Silver Saddle Ranch	FOSSR
January 27, 2025	Winter Wonderland Patrol	Silver Saddle Ranch	Park Rangers
February 10, 2025	Ascent Winter Trail Run	Prison Hill	Gregg Berggren
February 24, 2025	Volunteer Trash Pick-up	Carson Ridge Disc Golf Course	Erin Larsen
March 2, 2025	Community Disc Golf Bag Tag Competition	Carson Ridge Disc Golf Course	Erin Larsen
March 16, 2025	Bear Walk	Long Ranch	Park Rangers
March 16, 2025	Community Disc Golf Bag Tag Competition	Carson Ridge Disc Golf Course	Erin Larsen
March 23, 2025	Bird Walk	Carson River Park	Park Rangers
March 30, 2025	Volunteer Trash Pick-up	Carson Ridge Disc Golf Course	Erin Larsen



# STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Meeting Date:** December 16, 2024

**Staff Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agenda Title:** Update from the Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation Liaison

**Agenda Action:** Other / Presentation **Time Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Motion**

**Board's Strategic Goal**

**Previous Action**

**Background/Issues & Analysis**

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** No

**If yes, account name/number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is it currently budgeted?** No

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternatives**

**Attachment(s):**

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# Foundation for Carson City Parks & Recreation

## *Mission Statement:*

*The Foundation for Carson City Parks and Recreation is dedicated to improving citizens' experience with Carson City's parks, open spaces, and recreation facilities.*

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## **Report to the Open Space Advisory Committee**

The Foundation for Carson City Parks & Recreation continues to meet monthly and maintains its focus on improvement projects. This brief report is designed to provide an overview of the foundation's finances, recent undertakings and accomplishments, and membership development.

### **Finances:**

The foundation receives income primarily from donations, membership dues, Wungnema House rentals, and direct project income. Project income, such as the income generated through pickleball and disc golf, and donations for youth scholarships, is restricted for those purposes. The total fund balance is approximately \$110,000.

### **Examples of Recent Undertakings and Accomplishments:**

- **Pete Livermore Sports Complex**  
In 2019, the Comstock Sports Organization gifted the FCCPR \$39,000 to use for improvements at the Complex. In coordination with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, new directional signage is being installed. The signage includes three marquee signs showing full maps of the fields and directional signs in the parking lots. Other projects under consideration include additional complex management signage and a water bottle fill station.
- **Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park**  
The Carson Ridge Disc Golf Park continues to be a popular sporting destination and is the top-rated disc golf course in Nevada. The park recently sponsored the Let it Glow Tournament, a nighttime event held on November 2. The tournament sold out with 65 players participating. Tournament proceeds will be used for continued maintenance and improvement needs.
- **Youth Scholarship Program**  
The FCCPR is a partner in the city's effort to provide scholarships for recreational programs to underprivileged youth. The foundation has \$9,700 for scholarships and is anticipating a significant donation in December from Eastern Star from funds earned through the Carson City Revival Car Show in July. Also, the Sierra Cornhole tournament at Centennial Park in September has donated half its fund-raising proceeds to the scholarship fund.
- **Mills Park Pickleball Courts**  
Funds donated from pickleball court users constitutes the largest project fund balance. Nearly \$49,000 is in this project account, much of which will be used for new amenities once the courts are revitalized.

**Wungnema House:**

Through a lease agreement with the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Open Space, the FCCPR occupies the historic Wungnema House at Mills Park, where the foundation holds monthly board meetings and stores its wares. The house is rented to qualified user groups and other entities upon request. Also, the foundation coordinates open houses throughout the year to inform the public about the history of the house and the Wungnema family heritage. For example, on December 14 the Wungnema House will be part of the Sugarplum Victorian Home Tour sponsored by the Carson City Historical Society.

**Membership Development:**

An ongoing challenge for the FCCPR is to increase membership. To increase membership, the FCCPR recently launched a membership campaign. To promote awareness, the FCCPR has staged a promotional table at various events, such as the Revival Car Show, the Bob Boldrick Theater Block Party, and the volunteer recognition event at the Silver Saddle Ranch. Also, direct outreach to the following vested groups will soon commence: Parks and Recreation Commission, Open Space Advisory Committee, and the Cultural Commission.

To learn more and become a member of the FCCPR, please visit [www.carsoncityparks.org](http://www.carsoncityparks.org).



# STAFF REPORT

**Report To:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Meeting Date:** December 16, 2024

**Staff Contact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Agenda Title:** Open Space Advisory Committee Future Agenda Items 2025

**Agenda Action:** Other / Presentation **Time Requested:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Proposed Motion**

**Board's Strategic Goal**

**Previous Action**

**Background/Issues & Analysis**

**Applicable Statute, Code, Policy, Rule or Regulation**

**Financial Information**

**Is there a fiscal impact?** No

**If yes, account name/number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Is it currently budgeted?** No

**Explanation of Fiscal Impact:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Alternatives**

**Attachment(s):**

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**Agenda Item: 8**

**Open Space Advisory Committee  
FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS: *tentative***

ITEM	MEETING DATE
<p><b>Please Note: Items are <i>tentative</i> and may be modified, added, or deleted based on direction from the Committee</b></p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Elect Chair and Vice Chair</li> <li>• Open Space Work Plan 2025-2026</li> <li>• Proposed FY25 Budget</li> </ul>	February 18, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Annual monitoring report for the Horsecreek Ranch conservation easement</li> <li>• FY25 Budget Update</li> </ul>	April 21, 2025
<p><b>Joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Volunteer Program update on programs and activities</li> <li>• Park Ranger update on programs and activities</li> <li>• Memorials website</li> <li>• Carson River Master Plan update</li> <li>• Trail &amp; Maintenance Overview</li> </ul>	June 16, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Presentation from NV Department of Outdoor Recreation</li> <li>• Open Space/Parks and Recreation naming discussion</li> </ul>	August 18, 2025
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• OSAC Annual Awards Program</li> <li>• Annual monitoring report for the Prison Hill OHV Area</li> </ul>	October 20, 2025
<p><b>Joint meeting with the Parks and Recreation Commission</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Open Space Advisory Committee meeting schedule for the next calendar year</li> <li>• Parks and Recreation Commission meeting schedule for the next calendar year</li> <li>• Complete Streets Presentation</li> </ul>	December 2, 2025

**PLEASE NOTE:** On April 19, 2018, the Board of Supervisors directed that the Open Space Advisory Committee hold four (4) meetings per year, in addition to two (2) joint meetings with the Parks and Recreation Commission. Joint meeting topics may include natural resource management, development review, trails, community outreach/education, Park Ranger roles and responsibilities, planning, grants, operations/maintenance, and other items that are prevalent throughout the entire Carson City park system. Special meetings may be added as needed to accommodate park design workshops, grant deadlines and other special circumstances.