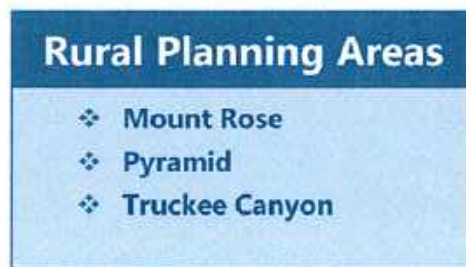
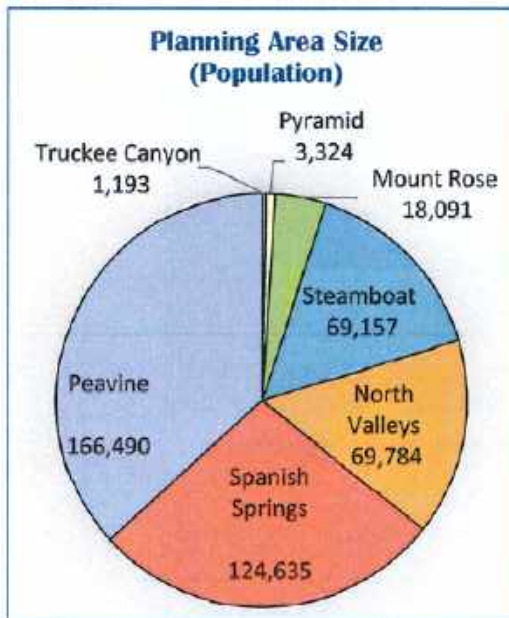


## Urban and Rural Planning Areas

A majority of the population in Washoe County is concentrated within the City of Reno, the City of Sparks, and the portions of the unincorporated county adjacent to city limits. This concentration of people is located within the Truckee Meadows Service Area (TMSA), the areas served by municipal services, including water, sewer and parks. The availability of services means that most people, along with almost all of the neighborhood, community and regional parks are located within the TMSA. Furthermore, these areas are expected to see the majority of the growth within Washoe County over the next twenty years. Most of the TMSA lies within the boundaries of four planning areas, known as the urban planning areas.



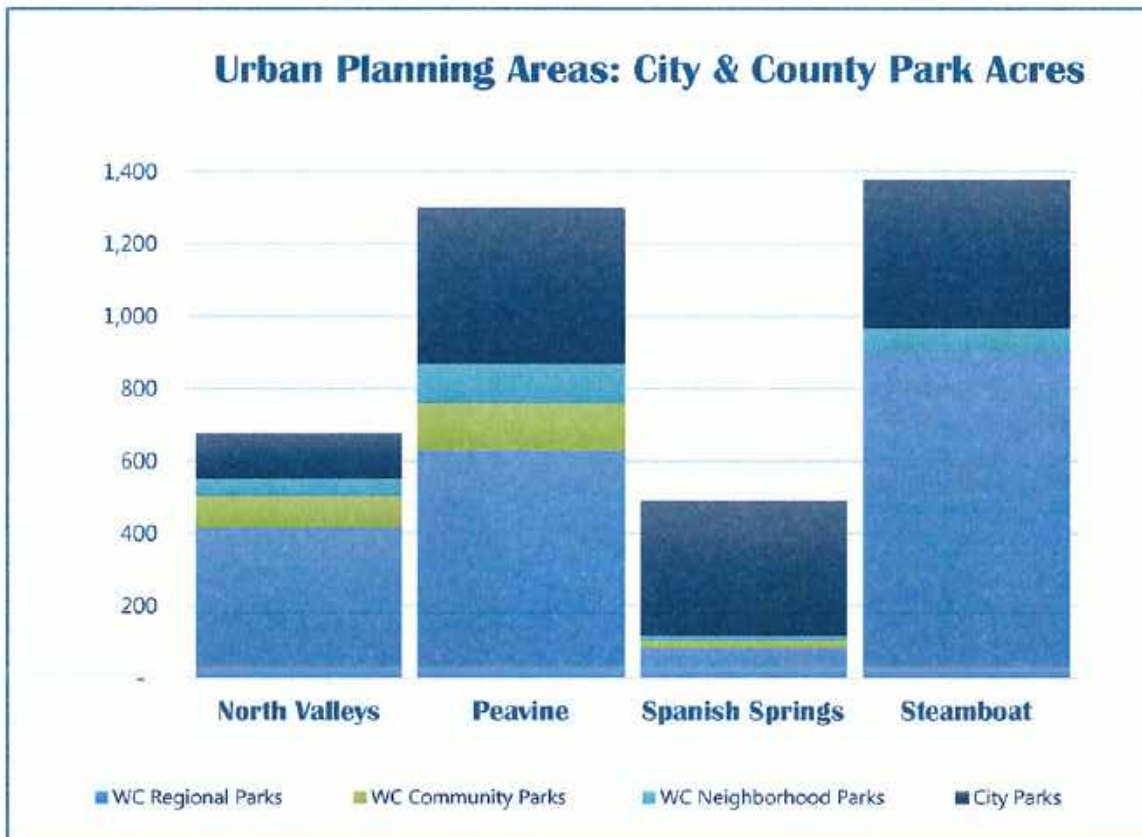
Outside of the TMSA, land use densities decrease drastically and most residents reside on large lot properties, which are typically serviced by private wells and septic tanks. While some parts of the rural planning areas may still contain pockets of urban neighborhoods with services similar to those found within the TMSA, most parts of these areas lack municipal services, including park facilities, due to lower population densities.



Graph 5 (left): Planning area size by population; the urban planning areas have the highest populations.

Graph 6 (right): Planning area with number of approved units. Planning areas not shown have less than 1,000 units approved (Source: Truckee Meadows Regional Planning Agency –June 2018).

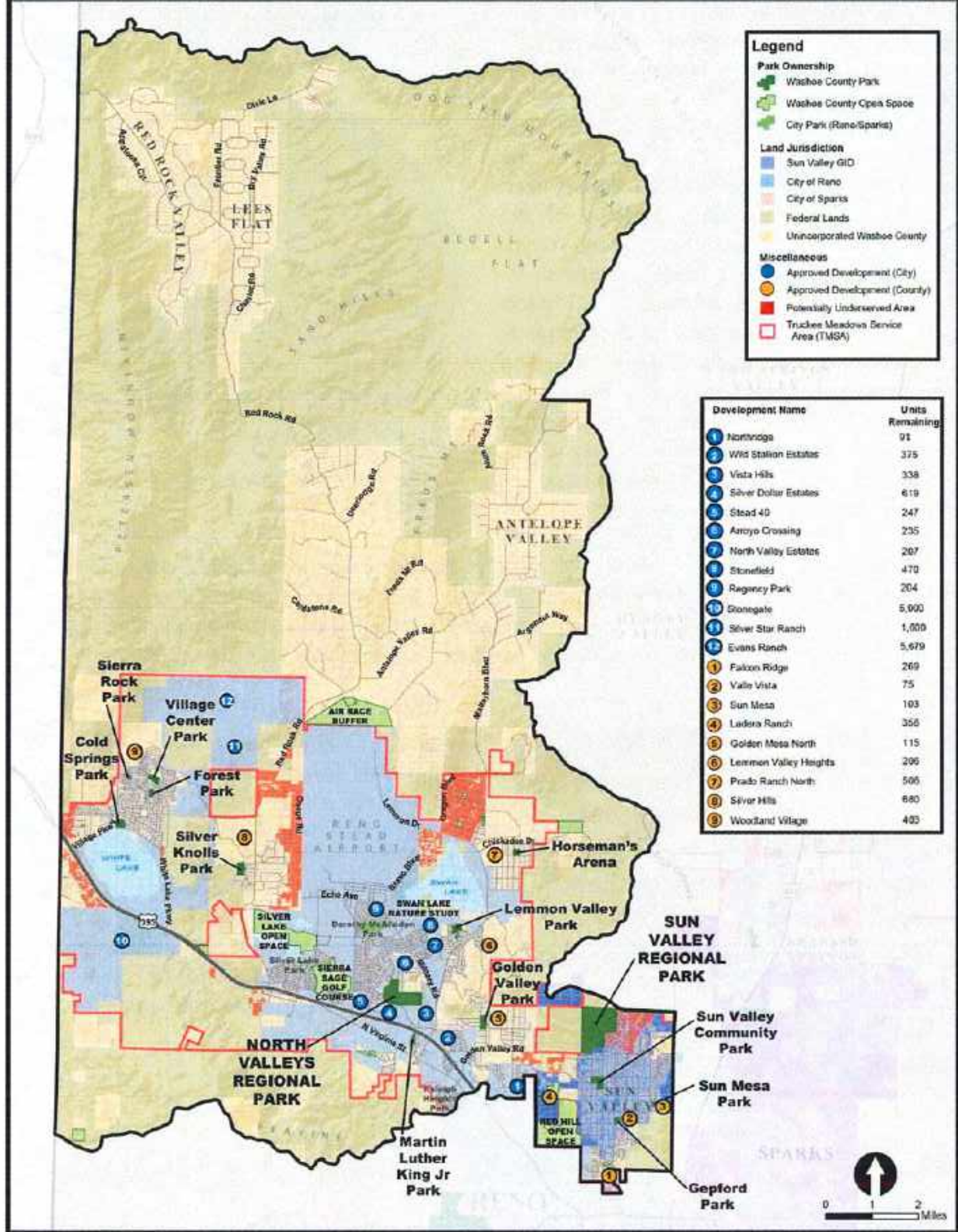
Comparing Planning Areas						
Planning Area	Current Population	Future Units	Number of County Parks	Number of City Parks	Total Park Acres	Park Acres per 1,000 Persons
North Valleys	69,784	19,288	16	5	980	14
Peavine	166,490	7,024	12	60	1,462	9
Spanish Springs	124,635	10,671	6	46	490	4
Steamboat	69,157	13,652	11	15	1,378	20
Mount Rose	18,091	794	5	13	1,227	68
Pyramid	3,324	36	1	-	29	9
Truckee Canyon	1,193	-	1	-	530	444



Graph 7: Spanish Springs Planning Area has the least number of parks of all of the urban planning areas (Data source: Washoe County Geographic Information Systems Park Data).



# NORTH VALLEYS PLANNING AREA



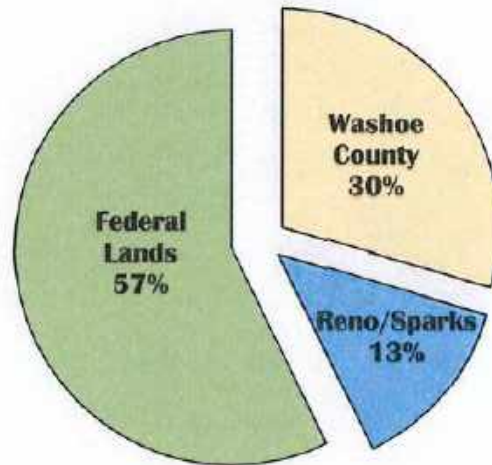
Map 6: North Valleys Planning Area including portions of northwest Reno and Sun Valley including the Sun Valley GID.



## North Valleys Planning Area Profile

The North Valleys planning area includes Sun Valley, Golden Valley, Lemmon Valley and Cold Springs to the south, with Antelope Valley and Red Rock Valley to the north. The total population is 69,784 with a median age of 31.1 years. Most of the density is concentrated in the south of the planning area and this area has the highest need for park services. Although a majority of the population is within the City of Reno limits, Washoe County provides nearly eighty-seven percent of the 980 acres of parks. These parks include various neighborhood and community parks along with two regional parks including North Valley’s Regional Park and Sun Valley Regional Park. Although these parks are owned and operated by Washoe County, Sun Valley Regional Park is adjacent to properties that are within the jurisdiction of the Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID) and used by the citizens of Sun Valley. Similarly, North Valleys Regional Park is surrounded by the City of Reno and is heavily used by citizens of both the City and unincorporated Washoe County. Other recreational facilities include Silver Sage Golf Course, open space, such as the Peavine Mountain managed by the United States Forest Service, and other natural features such as Whites Lake, Swan Lake and Silver Lake (refer to *Map 6*).

### North Valleys Land Jurisdiction



Graph 8: North Valleys Land Jurisdiction (Data source: Washoe County GIS).

#### North Valleys Facts:

- ✓ Highest projected future growth
- ✓ Median age 31.1 years (youngest)
- ✓ Most growth within the city limits around county regional parks
- ✓ Majority of the parks are owned and maintained by the County
- ✓ Sun Valley GID operates the parks within Sun Valley

Despite all of the facilities provided within the planning area, several existing Washoe County neighborhoods have been identified as potentially underserved. The North Valleys Planning Area has the most approved housing units with a total of twenty-one approved subdivisions that are anticipated to be constructed over the next twenty years. A majority of the units (78%) will be constructed within the City of Reno limits, (see *Graph 7*).



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The northern portion of the planning area (outside of the TMSA) is rural and includes Antelope Valley and Red Rock Valley. Open space and outdoor recreational opportunities are important to the community character in these areas, while park facilities are less important. Current and past equestrian and livestock activities also contribute to the rural character of these neighborhoods taking advantage of the open space parcels, which are primarily owned and managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

<b>North Valley's Parks</b>
<b>Regional Parks:</b>
North Valleys Regional Park
Sun Valley Regional Park
<b>Community Parks:</b>
Sun Valley Community Park
Golden Valley Park
Silver Knolls Park
<b>Neighborhood Parks:</b>
Sierra Rock Park
Sun Mesa Park
Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Park
Forest Park
Lemmon Valley Horseman's Arena
Gepford Park
Lemmon Valley Park
Village Center Park
Cold Springs Park
<b>Special Use Parks:</b>
Swan Lake Nature Study Area
Sierra Sage Golf Course
Regional Archery Facility

## North Valleys Priorities and Opportunities

### Address Possible Underserved Areas (Goal 1 & 2)

Parcels considered “underserved” by NRPA Metrics are highlighted throughout the planning area. Study these areas further to determine facilities that can best serve specific neighborhoods. Work with future development to determine the best path forward.

### Further Develop Sun Valley Regional Park (Goal 1, 2, 3, & 4)

Although the Sun Valley Regional Park is a county park the neighboring residents generally live within the jurisdiction of the SVGID and the City of Reno. Work with the City of Reno and SVGID entities to further implement/update/develop the Sun Valley Regional Park Specific Master Plan to meet and address the needs of the surrounding community.

### Plan for Future Parks (Goal 1 & 2)

North Valleys has the highest potential for growth with an estimated 19,288 new housing units planned over the next twenty years. Although a majority of the future units will be developed within the City of Reno limits, those residents will likely be major users of the Parks’ facilities. Work with developers and the City of Reno to ensure that current and future residents are properly served.

### Buildout North Valleys Regional Park (Goal 1)

Work toward expanding existing parks and replacing aging facilities. Currently, the North Valleys Planning Area has 304 acres of Washoe County parks that can be further developed with new facilities without acquiring new land. Leverage existing funds to further develop these parks.

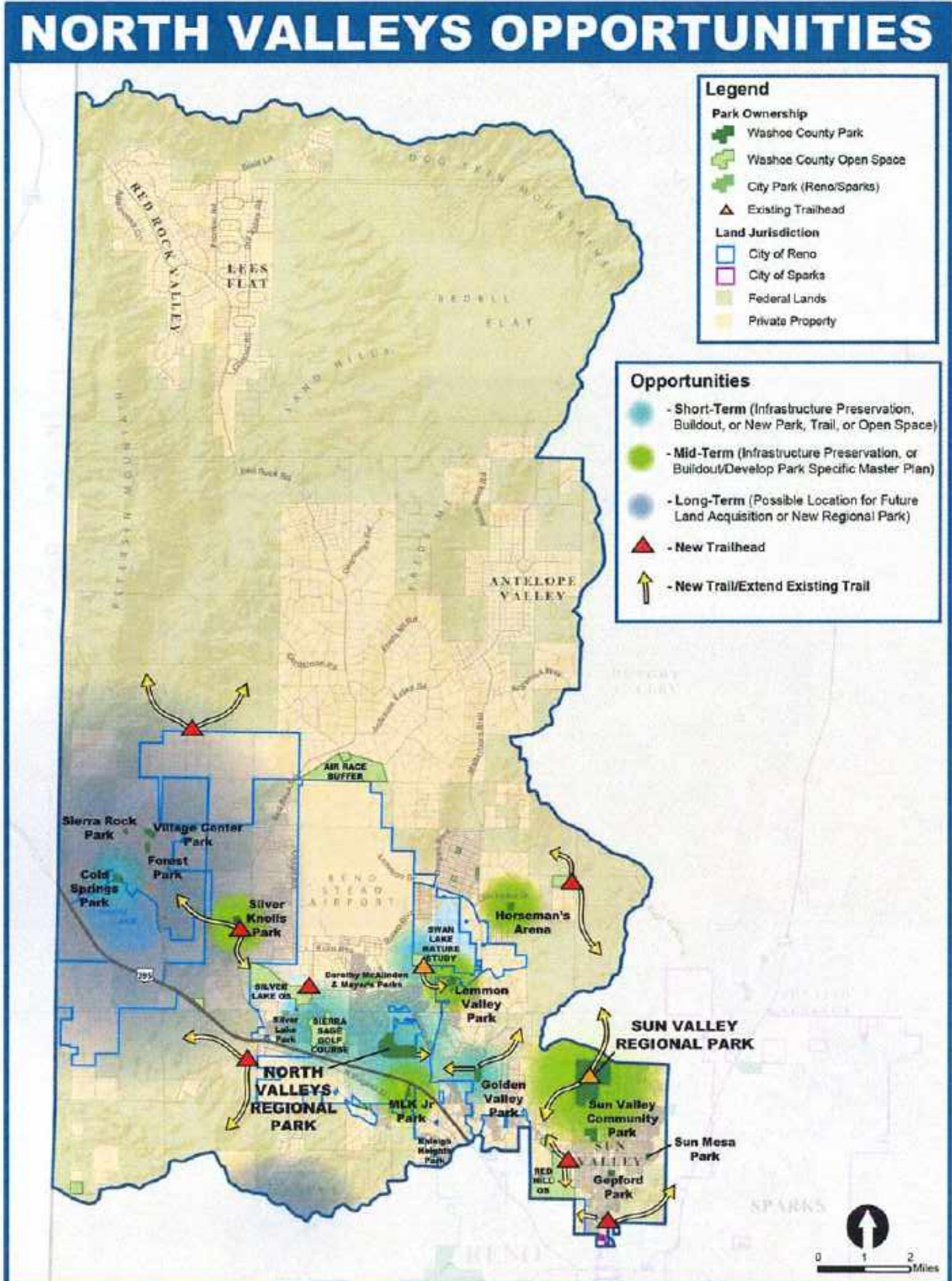
### Acquire Open Space and Connect Parks with Trails (Goal 1)

Use the Washoe County Open Space & Natural Resource Management Plan as a guide to determine locations for areas to be acquired for open space. Look for opportunities to provide access to federal lands via trailheads, extend trails networks to connect to existing trails, parks and open space.

### Utilize Reclaimed Water Where Possible (Goal 3 & 4)

The North Valleys has a high potential to increase the use of reclaimed water to irrigate fields and other recreation facilities. Work with developers, the City of Reno, Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and other partners where possible to increase the infrastructure and use of this valuable resource.



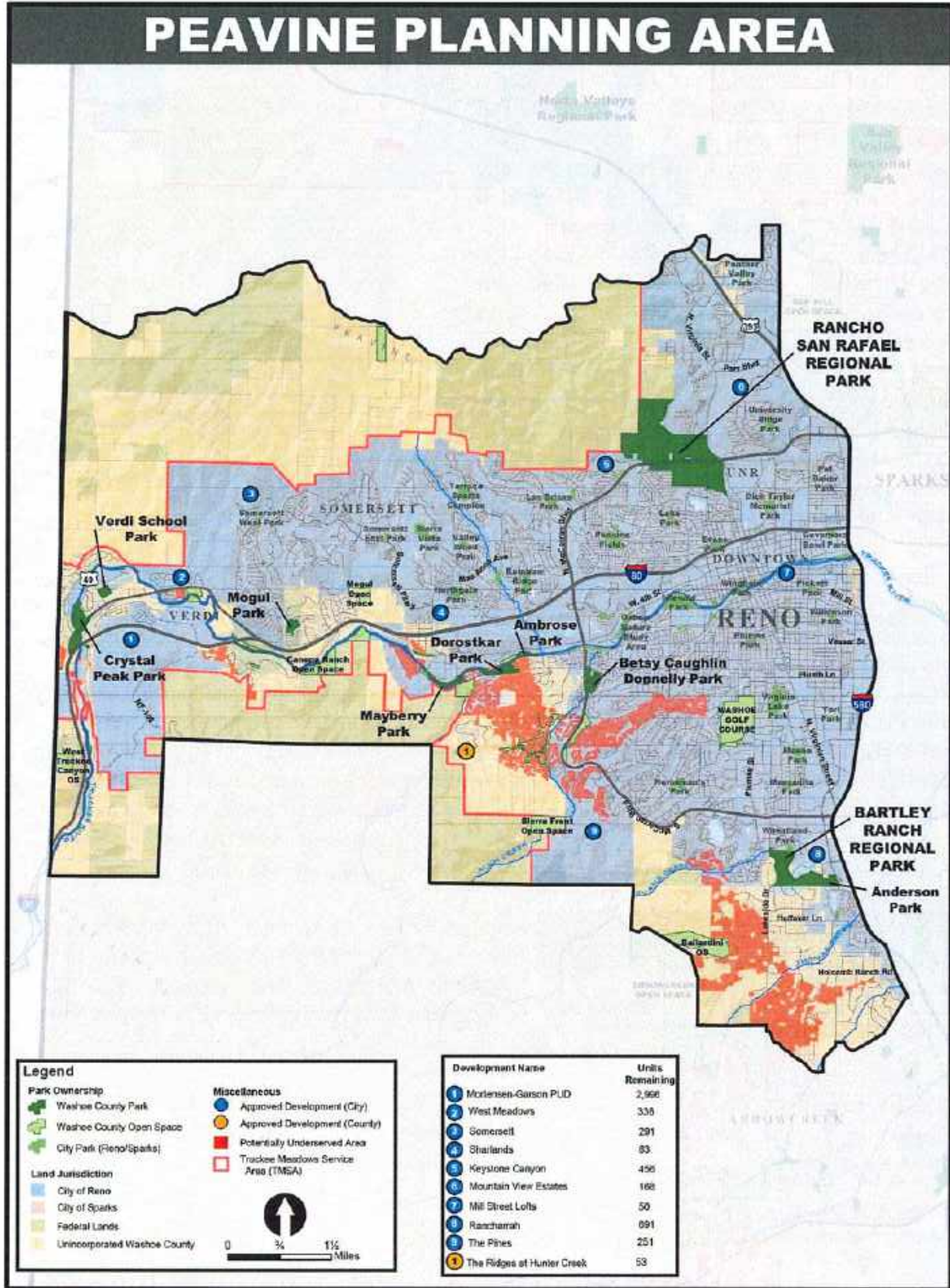


Map 7: North Valleys Planning Opportunities, refer to Priorities and Opportunities.



*North Valleys Regional Park*





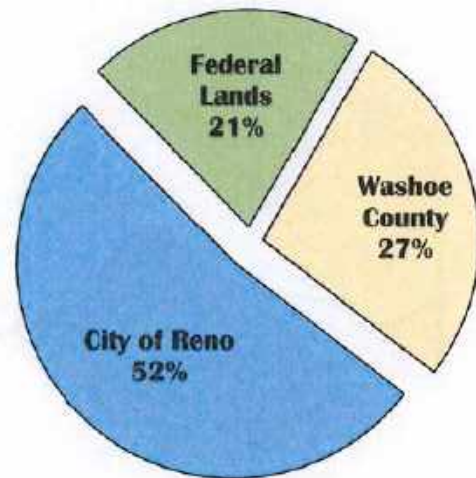
Map 8: Peavine is the most developed planning area and home to Rancho San Rafael and Bartley Ranch Regional Park



## Peavine Planning Area Profile

The Peavine Planning Area includes the southern portion of the Peavine Mountain USFS property and a majority of the City of Reno’s jurisdiction lies within this area. Approximately one quarter of the planning area is under the jurisdiction of unincorporated Washoe County. This planning area is the smallest in size but has the largest population with 166,490 residents and a median age of 38.9 years. This combination leads to more intense land uses compared to the other planning areas. Much of the eastern portion of this planning area has been developed and includes the urban core of downtown Reno and related suburban neighborhoods. Farther from downtown, the area transitions into less dense residential neighborhoods with areas of open space farthest from Interstate 80 (I-80).

### Peavine Land Jurisdiction



Graph 9: Peavine Land Jurisdiction (Data source: Washoe County GIS).

Features of the Peavine Planning Area are diverse, ranging from high rise, urban buildings in the downtown core to a mix of suburban and rural neighborhoods in Verdi and Bartley Ranch. The density found in the city creates a greater need for park facilities. A strong mix of neighborhood and community parks are provided within the City of Reno. Parks also serve this area well, including Rancho San Rafael and Bartley Ranch Regional Park. Rancho San Rafael Regional Park is the largest park in the county. Its large turf fields provide the perfect location for several annual events that attract crowds from all over the region. To the south, Bartley Ranch Regional Park preserves the historic feel of the agricultural and equestrian nature of the southern portion of the planning area and the amphitheater hosts smaller community events and concerts throughout the year. Crystal Peak Park, although a community park, plays an important role in providing the Verdi community with a wide range of facilities commonly associated with a regional park (see *Map 8*).

#### Peavine Facts:

- ✓ **Lowest projected future growth**
- ✓ **Median age 38.9 years**
- ✓ **Highest population (166,490)**
- ✓ **Least amount of unincorporated County available**
- ✓ **Home to Rancho San Rafael and Bartley Ranch Regional Parks**

Natural passive recreational opportunities within the area include the Peavine Mountain Range in the northern portion, providing access to trails within the Peavine Mountain USFS land. Additional hiking opportunities include the USFS property located to the southwest, which is home to several popular hiking trails including the Hunter Creek Trail and other trails that lead to the Mount Rose Planning Area and the Mount Rose Wilderness.



The Truckee River is another notable natural recreational feature, bisecting this planning area and extending west from Verdi through downtown Reno to the east. Numerous passive and active recreational opportunities are available along the Truckee River, including trails and several community parks owned by the City of Reno, such as Wingfield Park, Idlewild Park and the Oxbow Nature Study Area.

Of the four urban planning areas, the Peavine Planning Area has the least amount of projected growth with a majority of the development taking place within the City of Reno limits. Only 53 new units have been approved within unincorporated Washoe County. Although there are numerous existing neighborhood and community parks throughout the planning area, there are several areas that have been identified as potentially underserved (refer to *Map 8*). The Caughlin Ranch neighborhood is surrounded by neighborhood parks including Mayberry and Dorostkar Park. However, these parks have no park facilities and are mainly used for passive recreation.

<b>Peavine Parks</b>	
<b>Regional Parks:</b>	
Rancho San Rafael Regional Park	
Bartley Ranch Regional Park	
<b>Community Parks:</b>	
Anderson Park	
Crystal Peak Park	
Dorostkar Park	
<b>Neighborhood Parks:</b>	
Ambrose Park	
Audrey Harris Park	
Betsy Caughlin Donnelly Park	
Mayberry Park	
Mogul Park	
Rivermount Park	
Verdi School Park	
<b>Special Use Parks:</b>	
Washoe Golf Course	
Washoe Tennis Complex	

## **Peavine Priorities and Opportunities**

### **Buildout Bartley Ranch Regional Park (Goal 1 & 2)**

Although a portion of the park has been developed, a large area is available for other facilities. Work with the City of Reno and future developers around the area to update and fully implement the Bartley Ranch Regional Park Specific Master Plan.

### **Develop Existing Community & Neighborhood Parks (Goal 1 & 2)**

Parks owns approximately 869 acres of parks within the planning area. However, only approximately 189 acres (22%) of these parks are developed. Large neighborhoods in the area of Mayberry and McCarran are identified as potentially underserved areas despite being adjacent to a number of undeveloped parks. Evaluate these areas and determine whether additional park facilities are necessary to meet the needs of these neighborhoods.

**Explore the Feasibility of a New Regional Park (Goal 1 & 2)**

Although a majority of the population is within the downtown core, a new regional park may be needed, especially in the western portion where the population continues to grow. Work with developers and local governments to identify a location for a possible future regional park, preferably within the Verdi area.

**Update/Maintain Existing Park Facilities (Goal 4)**

This planning area contains some of the oldest parks and park facilities of all the planning areas. Proper maintenance and upgrades should be performed on the parks to guarantee the same level of service is maintained or improved.

**Further Develop Rancho San Rafael Regional Park (Goal 1, 2, 3, & 4)**

Rancho San Rafael Regional Park is one of the most heavily used parks and the most well known in the area. Because it is home to a large number of year-round attractions, it hosts people not only from the planning area but from all over northern Nevada. Work with local governments and other agencies to update the Rancho San Rafael Regional Park Specific Master Plan.

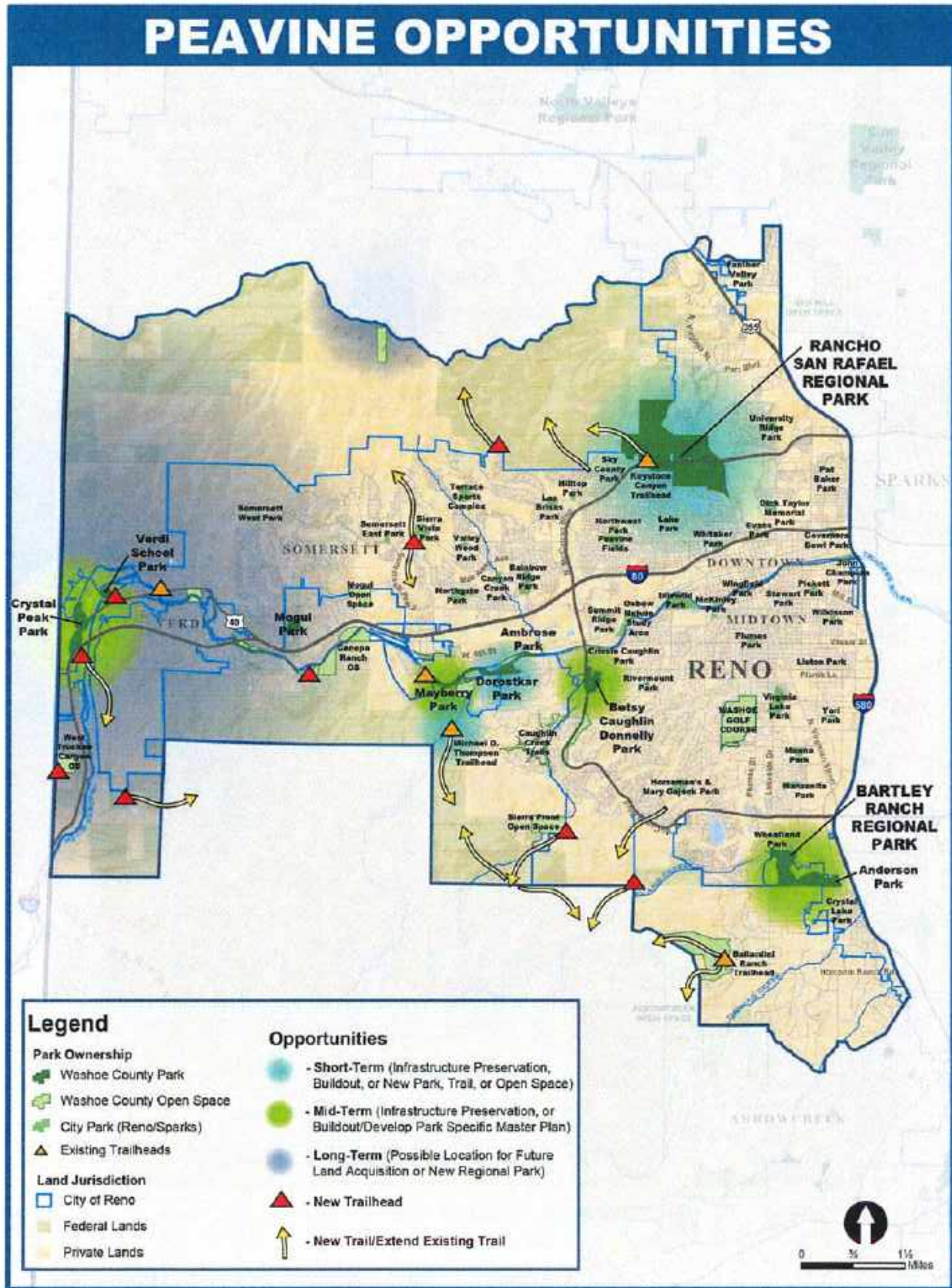
**Acquire Open Space & Connect Parks With Trails (Goal 1 & 2)**

Use the Washoe County Open Space & Natural Resource Management Plan and the Truckee Meadows Regional Trails Maps as guides to determine locations for areas to be acquired and/or dedicated for open space. Look for opportunities to provide access to federal lands via trailheads, extend trails networks to connect to existing trails, parks and open space.

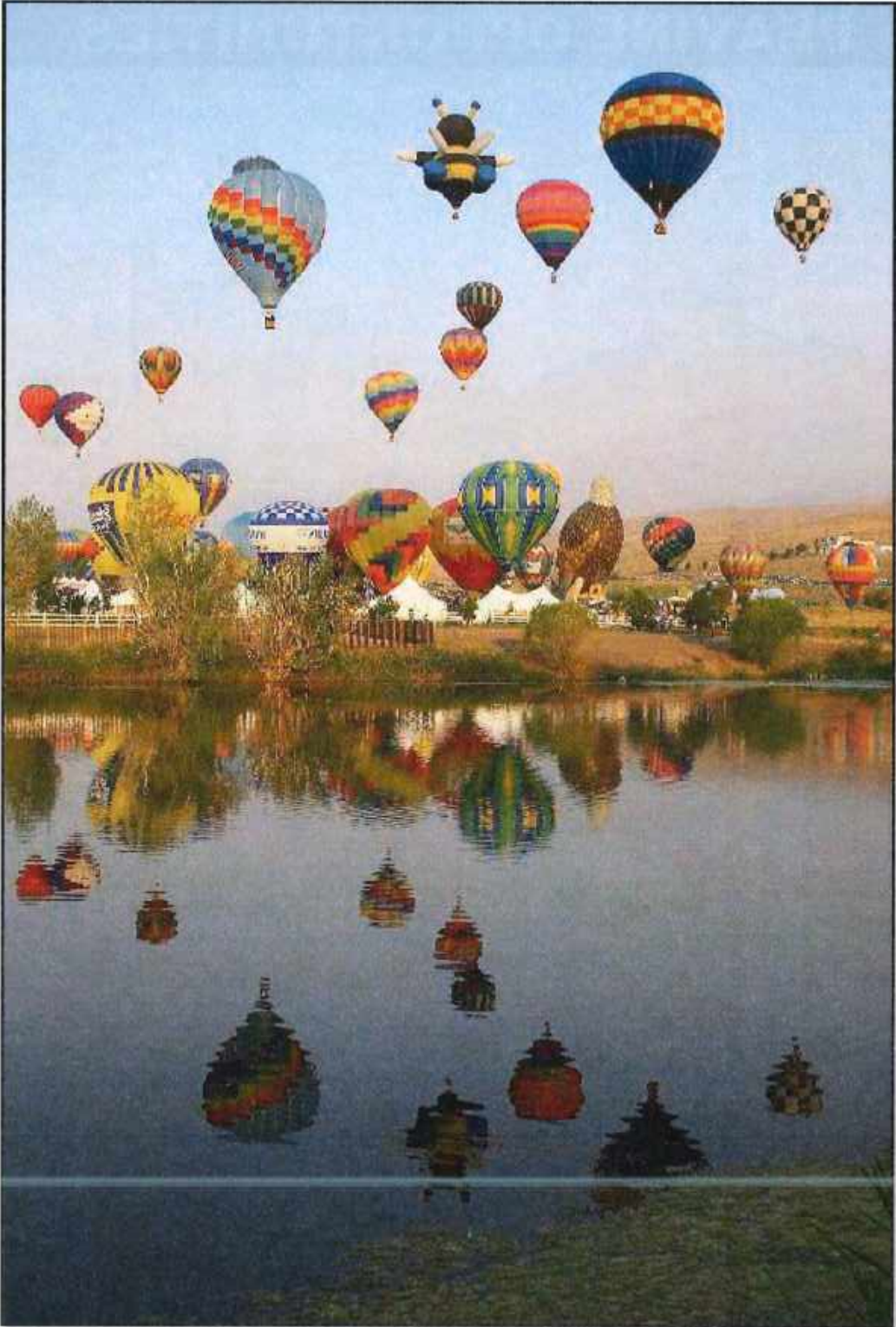
**Utilize Reclaimed Water Where Possible (Goal 3 & 4)**

Although the reclaimed water infrastructure in this area is not as well established as the other planning areas seek opportunities where feasible. Collaborate with developers, the City of Reno, Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and other partners to increase the infrastructure and use of this valuable resource.



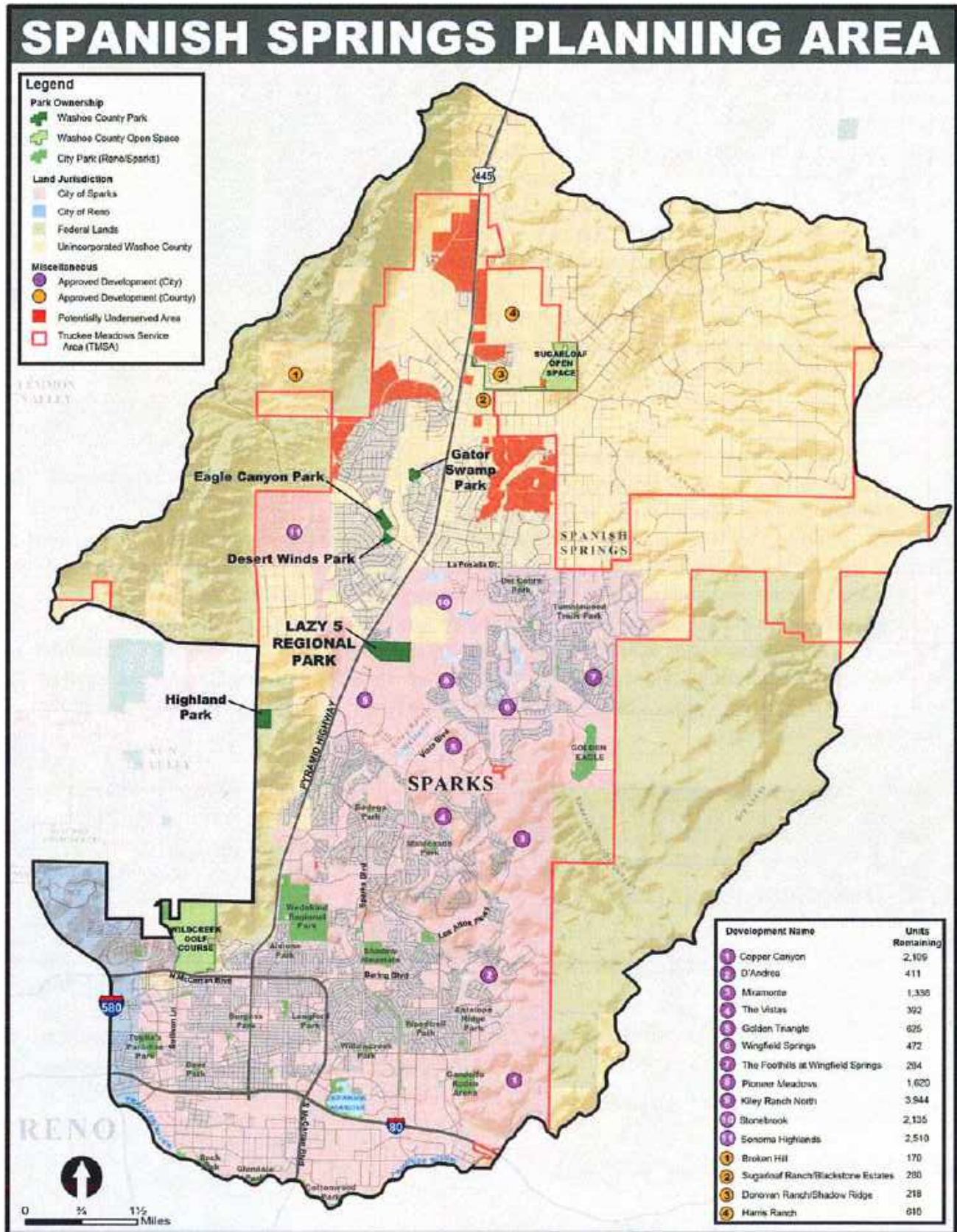


Map 9: Peavine Planning Opportunities, refer to Peavine Priorities and Opportunities.



*The Great Reno Balloon Race; Rancho San Rafael Regional Park*



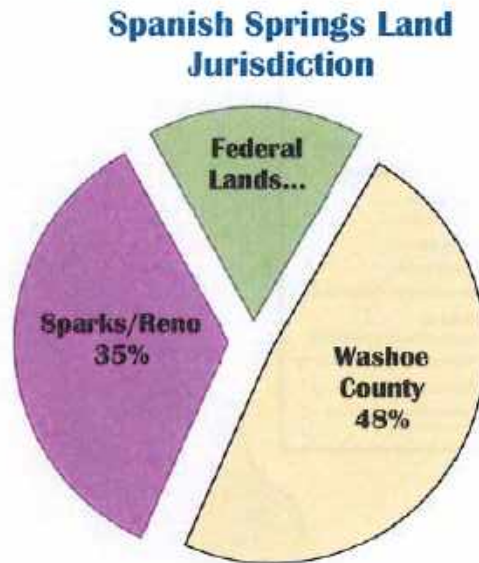




## Spanish Springs Planning Area Profile

The Spanish Springs Planning Area is the second most populated planning area with a population of 124,635 residents and a median age of 38.1 years. Land jurisdictions split between the City of Sparks, the City of Reno, and areas of federal lands leaving approximately half of the planning area within the jurisdiction of unincorporated Washoe County. The area can be characterized by distinct urban and suburban cores along Pyramid Highway and downtown Sparks, gradually transitioning to lower density, and rural land patterns to the northeast. Sparks is largely suburban, extending from an urban and industrial core historically tied to the railroad.

Important passive recreational features include access to trails within the nearby mountain ranges that surround the northeast Truckee Meadows, as well as within the wetlands found in the lower elevations around Kiley Ranch. The wetlands eventually lead to the Truckee River which borders the southern perimeter of the planning area and provides an abundance of passive and active recreational opportunities. Evidence of past and present livestock, agriculture and aggregate mining activities are still a heavy influence within the area, especially to the north in the more rural neighborhoods which are home to many equestrian enthusiasts. Active recreational facilities include community and neighborhood parks with several more notable facilities, such as Lazy 5 Regional Park, Wildcreek Golf Course, Golden Eagle Sports Complex, Sparks Marina, and the Truckee River Water Park.



Graph 10: Spanish Springs Land Jurisdiction (Data source: Washoe County GIS).

### Spanish Springs Facts:

- ✓ 490 acres of parks (lowest)
- ✓ Second highest pop. (124,635)
- ✓ Median Age 38.1 years
- ✓ Most amount of unincorporated county available
- ✓ Only one regional park (Lazy 5)
- ✓ 88% of future development within the City of Sparks limits

Despite the Spanish Springs Planning Area having the second largest population, it has the least number of parks per acre of any of the urban planning areas. In fact, there is only one regional park within the entire planning area, Lazy 5 Regional Park. Furthermore, based on existing approved units, there is the potential to add approximately 10,600 units over the next twenty years. Washoe County will see little of the tax revenue generated by these new homes because the majority of this development (88%) is located within the City of Sparks limits (refer to Map 10).



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Several existing neighborhoods located within unincorporated Washoe County in the north of the planning area have been identified as potentially underserved. Within this area, three developments (Sugar Loaf Ranch, Donovan Ranch, and Harris Ranch) have been approved and are anticipated to be developed over the next twenty years.

<b>Spanish Springs Parks</b>
<b>Regional Parks:</b>
Lazy 5 Regional Park
<b>Community Parks:</b>
Eagle Canyon Park
<b>Neighborhood Parks:</b>
Desert Winds Park
Gator Swamp Park
Highland Ranch Park
<b>Special Use Parks:</b>
Wildcreek Golf Course

## Spanish Springs Priorities and Opportunities

### Buildout Lazy 5 Regional Park (Goal 1, 2, 3 & 4)

Only twelve of the eighty-five acres of the park have been developed. This is the only regional park in a planning area that is strongly lacking parks. Work with the City of Sparks and future developers around the area to update and implement the full buildout of the Lazy 5 Regional Park Specific Master Plan.

### Address Potentially Underserved Areas & Develop New Parks (Goal 1 & 2)

The Spanish Springs Planning Area is the second most populated and Washoe County owns 119 acres of parks, by far the least amount in any urban planning area. Furthermore, a large portion of the existing population to the north is considered “underserved” by national park standards. Study these areas further to determine what facilities can best serve these neighborhoods.

### Plan a New Regional Park (Goal 1 & 2)

Nearly 125,000 people live within the planning area, all of which are served by one regional park. With an estimated 10,600 units expected to be built within the next twenty years, work with developers and local governments to identify a location for a second regional park in the northern portion of the planning area, preferably north of Calle de La Plata Road.

### Acquire Open Space & Connect Parks with Trails (Goal 1)

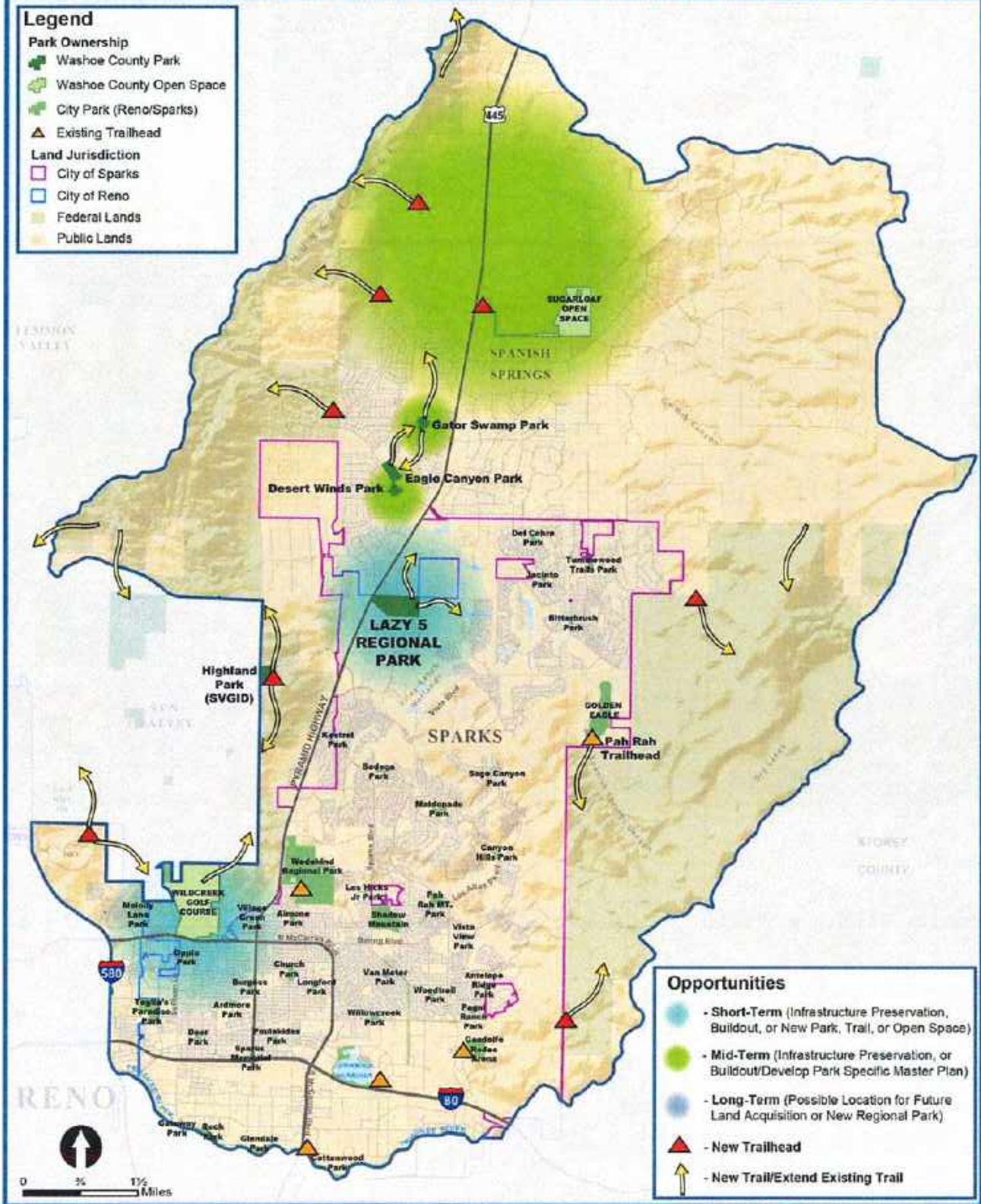
Use the Washoe County Open Space & Natural Resource Management Plan and the Truckee Meadows Regional Trails Maps as guides to determine locations for areas to be acquired and/or dedicated for open space and work toward connecting trails to parks.

### Utilize Reclaimed Water Where Possible (Goal 3 & 4)

Spanish Springs has a high potential to increase the use of reclaimed water to irrigate fields and other recreation facilities. Work with developers, the City of Sparks, Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and other partners where possible to increase the infrastructure and use of this valuable resource.



# SPANISH SPRINGS OPPORTUNITIES



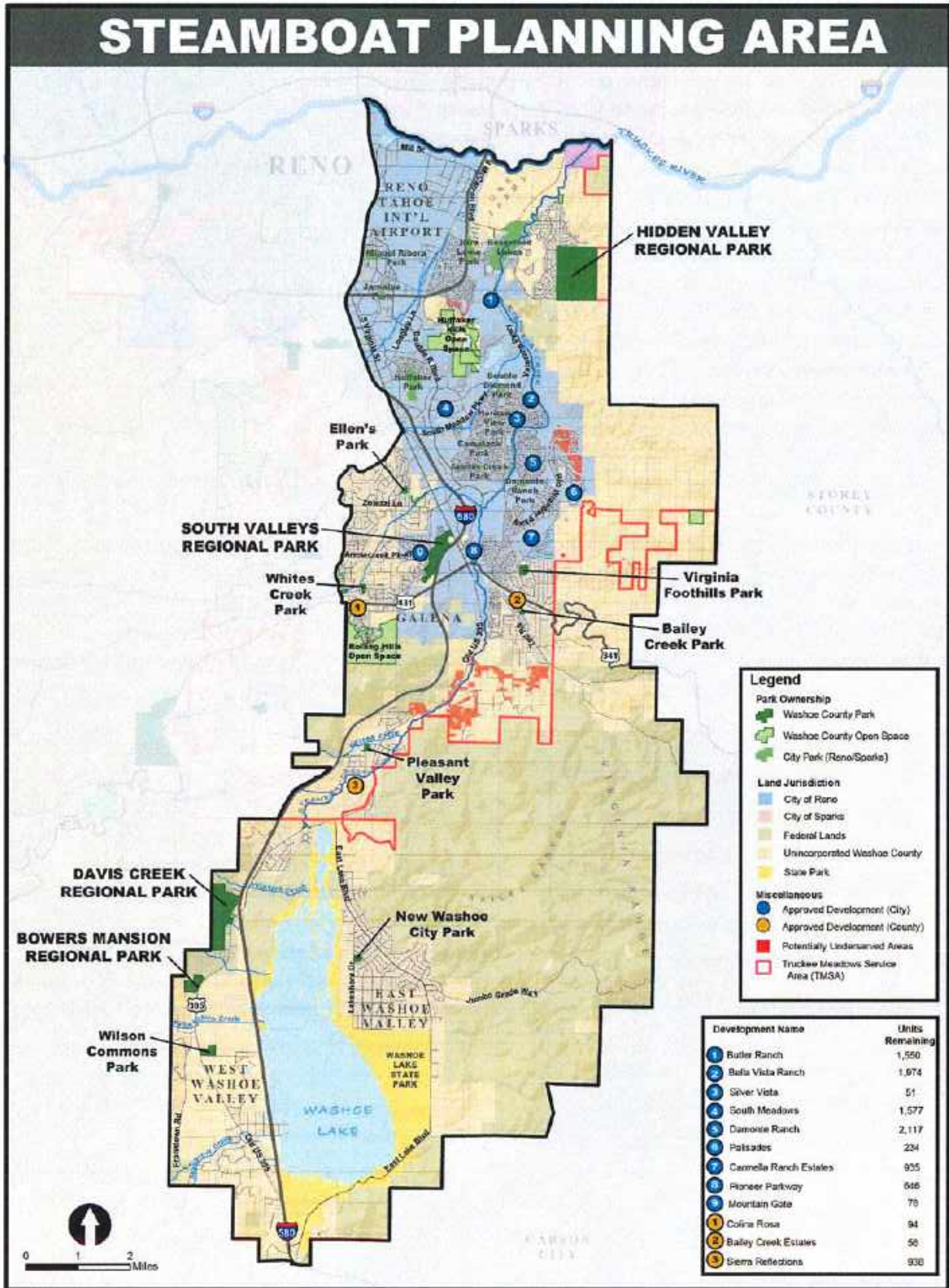
Map 11: Spanish Springs Opportunities, Refer to Spanish Springs Priorities and Opportunities





*Concert in the Park, Lazy 5 Regional Park*





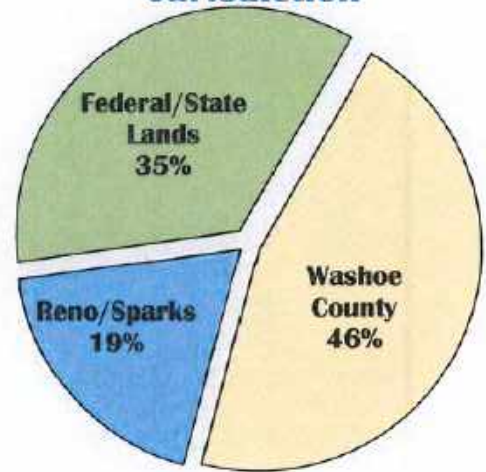
Map 12: Steamboat Planning Area



## Steamboat Planning Area Profile

Steamboat Planning Area is bisected by Steamboat Creek, which begins at the southernmost portion of the planning area in Washoe Lake and meanders north through the southwest Truckee Meadows eventually flowing into the Truckee River. The Truckee River forms the northern boundary of the planning area. The area is a mix of federal/state lands, the City of Reno, and a small portion of the City of Sparks, leaving approximately 39,500 acres of unincorporated Washoe County. The Steamboat Planning Area has the least amount of population between the four urban planning areas, with a population of 69,157 and a median age of 39.1 years. This number is expected to grow in the coming years with an additional 13,652 units that have already been approved (refer to *Map 12*). Of those future units, only 1,088 units (8%) are being constructed within unincorporated Washoe County.

**Steamboat Land Jurisdiction**



Graph 11: Steamboat Land Jurisdiction (Data source: Washoe County GIS).

The northernmost section has the highest density and includes the Reno-Tahoe International Airport, large commercial and industrial developments, and high density residential that transitions to more suburban and rural residential moving south, away from city limits. The Hidden Valley, Saddlehorn, Field Creek, Virginia Foothills, and New Washoe City neighborhoods are more suburban and are located within unincorporated Washoe County. Pleasant Valley and East/West Washoe Valley neighborhoods are the more rural neighborhoods within the planning area.

### Steamboat Facts:

- ✓ **Highest number of parks per person (20 acres/1,000 people)**
- ✓ **Median age 39.1 years (highest)**
- ✓ **Nearly half of planning area is unincorporated county**
- ✓ **Hidden Valley is the second largest regional park**
- ✓ **13,652 future dwelling units, 92% will be within city limits**

The southern portion can be characterized as rural, with agricultural uses and open space along Interstate 580 (I-580) near Washoe Lake. Washoe Lake is a notable water feature in this planning area and contains a state park along its borders. The state park is adjacent to the BLM Virginia Range, which is a popular area for off-road use and hiking opportunities. The western portion of Washoe Valley is home to Bowers Mansion and Davis Creek Regional Park at the foot of Slide Mountain and the Mount Rose Planning Area.



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Other natural features include two publicly accessible creeks, Whites Creek and Thomas Creek, which provide hiking opportunities to the west. An extensive network of paved trails located throughout the City of Reno provides pedestrian access along the wetlands within the south valleys area. Further north, Huffaker Hills and Hidden Valley provide additional access to hiking and open space. The Truckee River borders the northern boundary of the planning area and includes a paved path along the river connecting to downtown Reno.

Parks serving this area include four Washoe County regional parks: Hidden Valley, South Valleys, Davis Creek and Bowers Mansion Regional Park. Bowers Mansion is a cultural/historical destination operated by Parks, and is listed on the national and state registers of historic places. With the plentiful recreational opportunities and approximately 969 acres of existing Washoe County parks, this planning area could serve as a model for the rest of the urban planning areas.

<b>Steamboat Parks</b>
<b>Regional Parks:</b>
Bowers Mansion Regional Park
Davis Creek Regional Park
Hidden Valley Regional Park
South Valleys Regional Park
<b>Neighborhood Parks:</b>
Bailey Creek Park
Ellen's Park
New Washoe City Park
Pleasant Valley Park
Virginia Foothills Park
Whites Creek Park
Wilson Commons Park

## Steamboat Priorities and Opportunities

### **Buildout South Valleys Regional Park (Goal 3 & 4)**

Leverage existing funds and work with the City of Reno and future developers to construct the remaining undeveloped portion of the South Valleys Regional Park in accordance with the South Valleys Regional Park Specific Master Plan.

### **Further Develop Hidden Valley Regional Park (Goal 1, 2, 3 & 4)**

Although it currently serves the existing population, future development planned within the city limits could create a shortage of park facilities to satisfy the recreational needs of the growing community. Furthermore, South Valleys Regional Park is almost completely developed and a growing need for another regional park is ever increasing. Hidden Valley is the second largest regional park in the county in size, but only 65 of the 480 acres are developed. An estimated 140 acres of the park have the potential to be developed and could provide facilities, such as multi-purpose flat fields for a regional sporting complex. Although existing access may be an issue, work can be done with local agencies and future developers to update and implement the Hidden Valley Regional Park Specific Master Plan, and look for alternative ways to access the park.

### **Connect Parks with Trails (Goal 1)**

New development within the area has created a large network of multi-use paths. Work with local agencies and future developers to continue this progress as well as to connect existing and new trails to park facilities.

### **Maintain & Update Existing Park Facilities (Goal 1 & 3)**

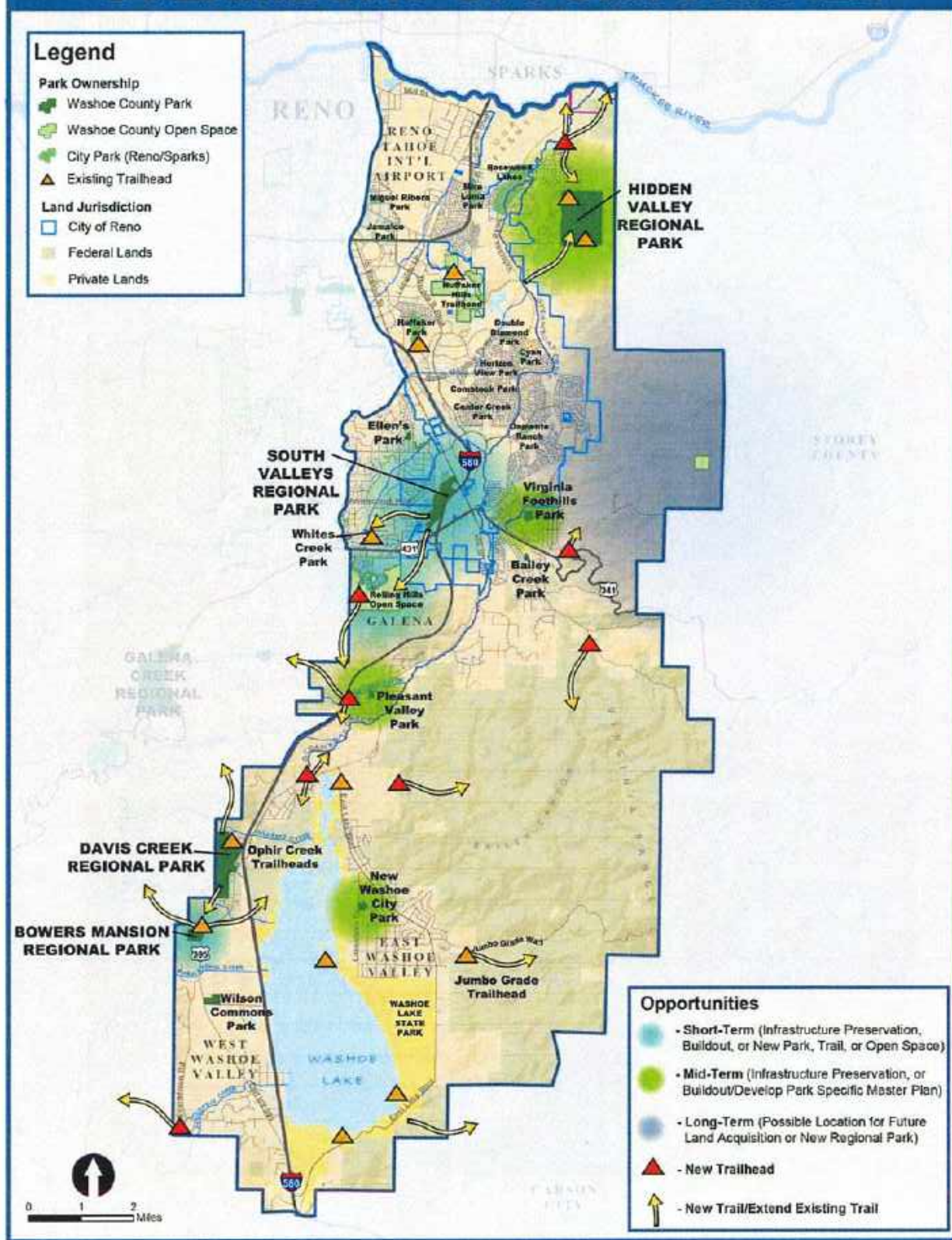
Although parks like Davis Creek Regional Park and Bowers Mansion Regional Park are located in areas that are considered rural, they are still widely used by the community. Work with the community to guarantee these facilities are maintained and updated to meet the needs of the residents.

### **Utilize Reclaimed Water Where Possible (Goal 3 & 4)**

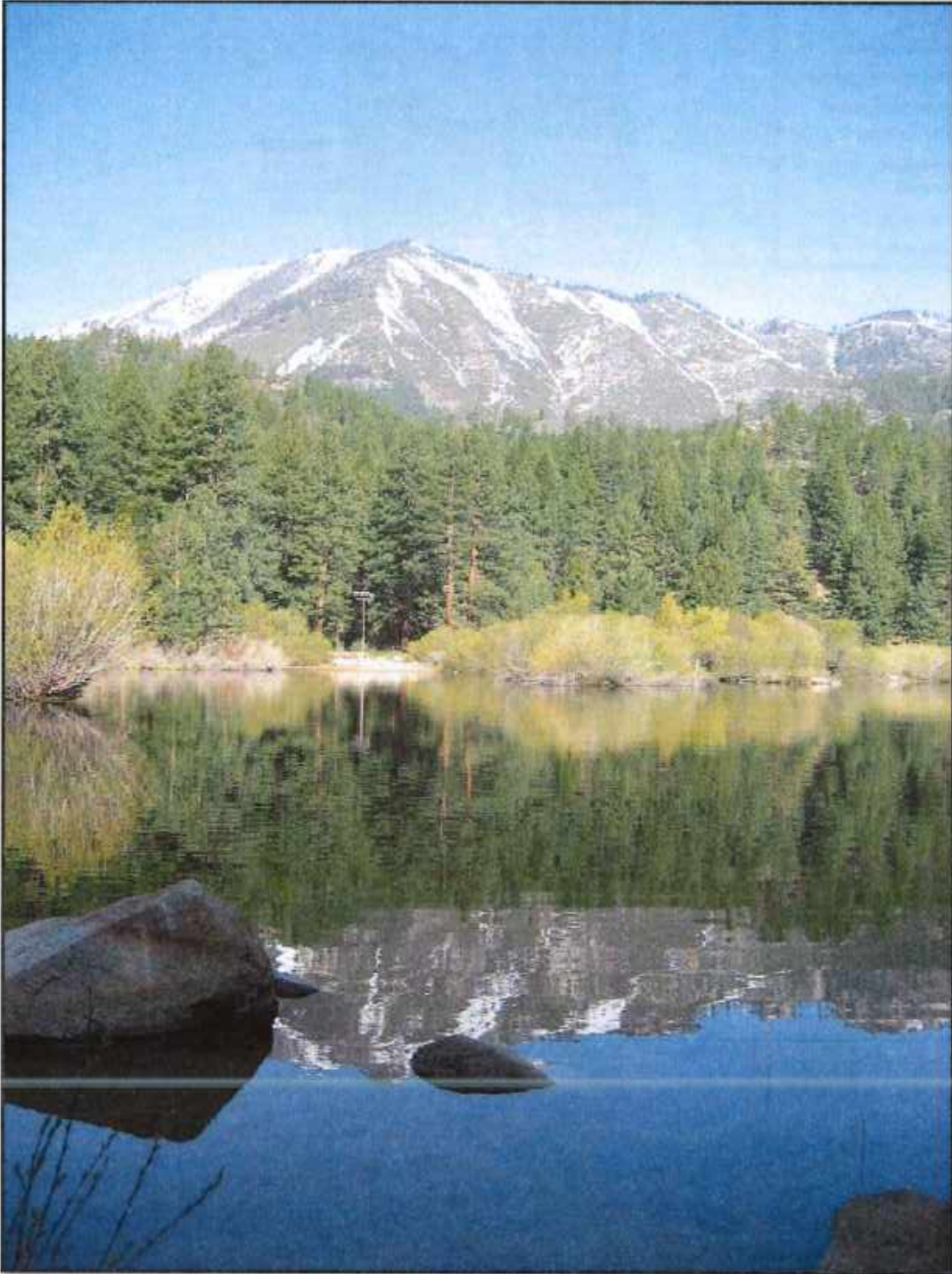
The South Valleys has a high potential to increase the use of reclaimed water for the irrigation of fields and other recreation facilities. Work with developers, the City of Reno, Truckee Meadows Water Authority (TMWA) and other partners where possible to increase the infrastructure and use of this valuable resource.



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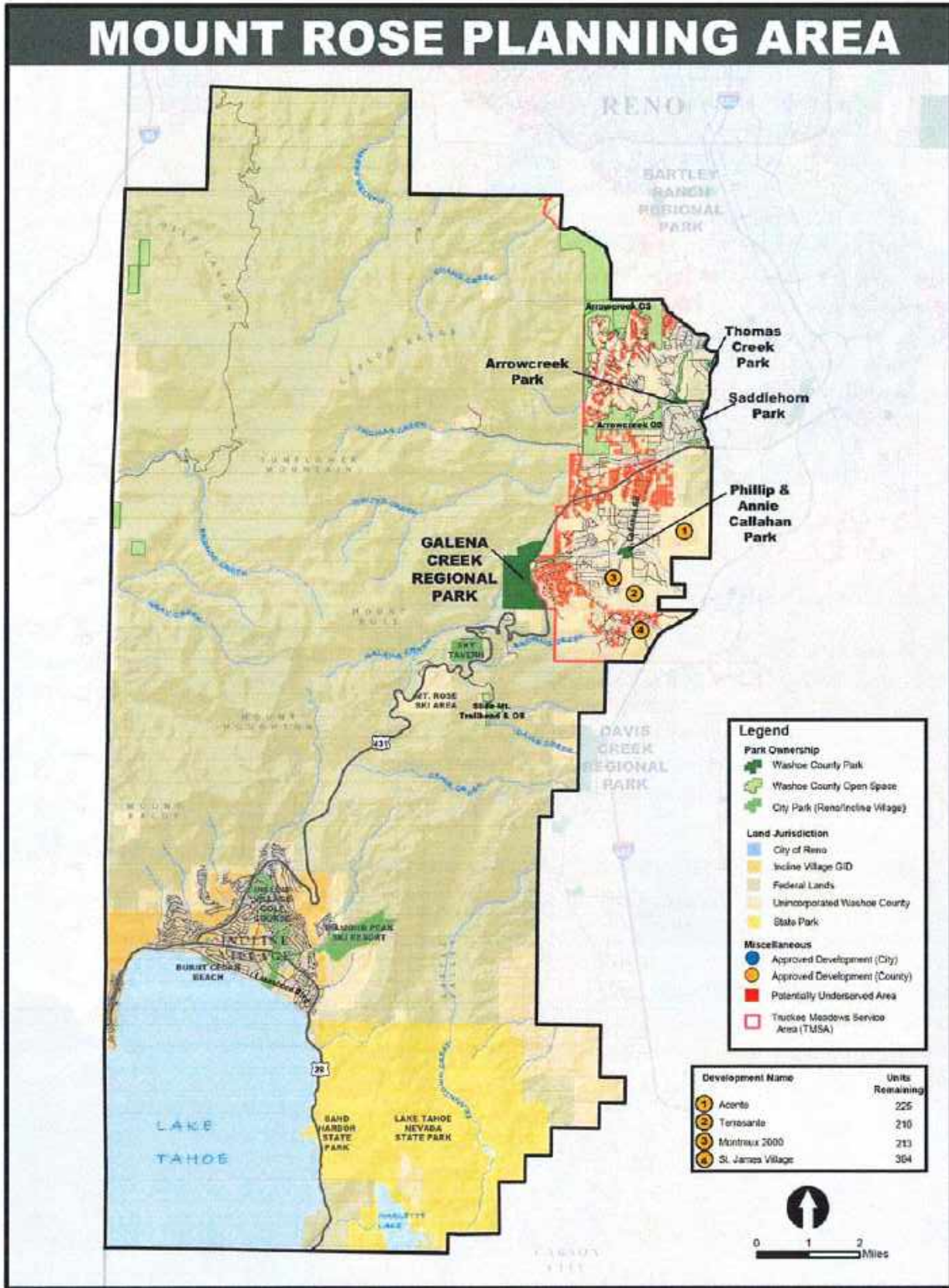


Map 13: Steamboat Opportunities, Refer to Steamboat Priorities and Opportunities



*Davis Creek Regional Park*



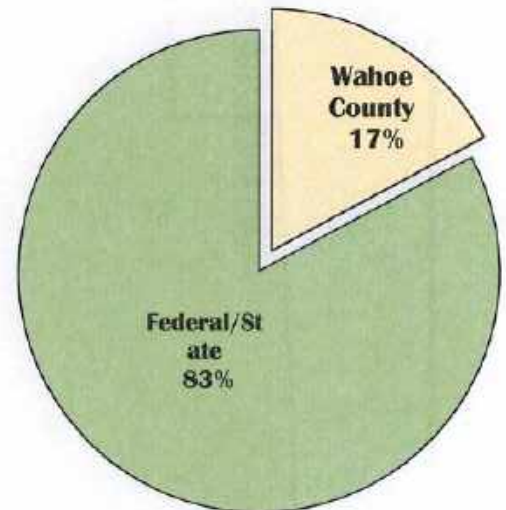


Map 14: Mount Rose Planning Area

## Mount Rose Planning Area Profile

The Mount Rose Planning Area is the most populated of the rural planning areas with a population of 18,091 and includes Arrowcreek, Montreux, and St. James Village neighborhoods in the western portion and Incline Village in the Lake Tahoe basin. A majority of the recreational attractions in this area are passive and include access to federal lands for hiking in the Mount Rose Wilderness, Lake Tahoe Nevada State Park, and the various beaches along the shores of Lake Tahoe, such as Sand Harbor and the East Shore Trail. All of the parks within the Incline Village area, including Diamond Peak Ski Resort and the Incline Village Golf Course, are operated and maintained by IVGID. Washoe County facilities include Galena Creek Regional Park and four neighborhood parks located in the foothills of Mount Rose.

### Mount Rose Land Jurisdiction



Graph 12: Mount Rose Land Jurisdiction (Data source: Washoe County GIS).

## Mount Rose Priorities and Opportunities

### Monitor Future Growth (Goal 1)

The area is expected to see slow growth with approximately 1,042 units anticipated to be constructed over the next twenty years. These areas should be monitored as development continues to increase to guarantee recreational needs are met.

### Evaluate Potentially Underserved Areas (Goals 1 & 2)

Although many residents within the area are considered underserved by national park standards, a wide range of passive recreational opportunities currently serve the residents. Evaluate these neighborhoods to determine if any facilities need to be constructed.

### Mount Rose Parks

#### Regional Parks:

Galena Creek Regional Park

#### Community Parks:

Phillip & Annie Callahan Park

#### Neighborhood Parks:

Arrowcreek Park

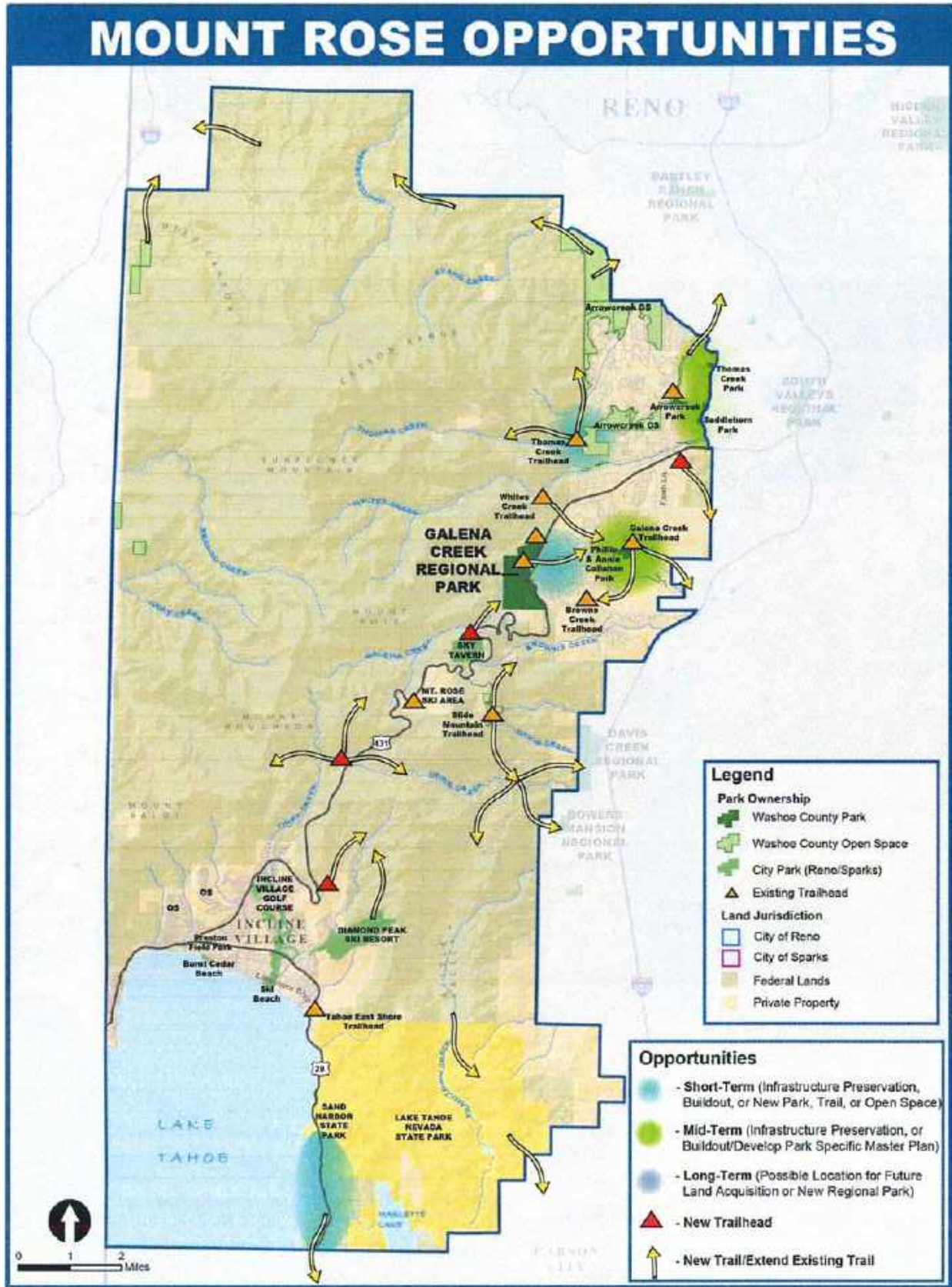
Saddlehorn Park

Thomas Creek Park



Galena Creek Regional Park





Map 15: Mount Rose Opportunities Map

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*East Shore Trail, Incline Village to Sand Harbor (Photo: Tahoe Transportation District, TTD)*





Map 16: Pyramid & Truckee Canyon Planning Areas

### Pyramid Planning Area Profile

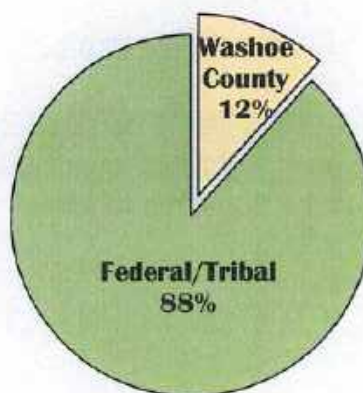
This is the largest of the planning areas by size, taking up nearly eighty-six percent of Washoe County but its home to only 3,324 residents, making it the most rural of the planning areas. It is home to the Regional Shooting Facility in Warm Springs and two parks located within the town of Gerlach, which has the Gerlach GID and is responsible for maintaining and operating the Gerlach parks. All other recreational facilities within this planning area are considered passive recreation. Future development will most likely be limited to large lot residential and the need for park facilities is minimal for the foreseeable future. However, with previous approved projects such as Spring Mountain, a large development proposed within the City of Reno located near Tule Peak Open Space, this can change quickly.

### Pyramid Priorities and Opportunities

#### Monitor Future Growth (Goal 1)

This area should be monitored for future proposed development to guarantee the recreational needs of the community are still met.

### Pyramid Land Jurisdiction



Graph 13: Pyramid Land Jurisdiction (Source: Washoe County GIS)

Pyramid Parks	
<b>Neighborhood Parks:</b>	
Gerlach Community Park	
Gerlach Water Tower Park	
<b>Special Use Park:</b>	
Regional Shooting Facility	

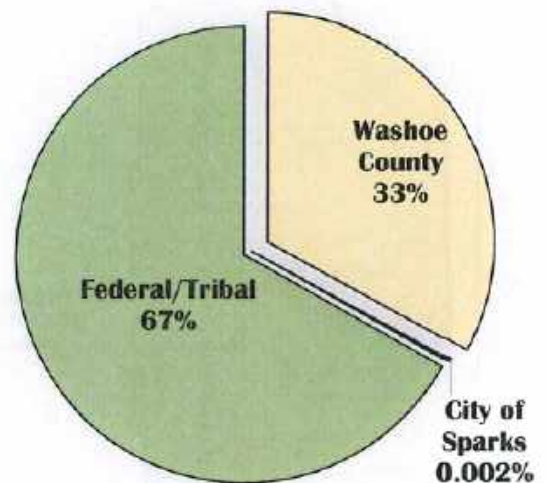
Truckee Parks	
<b>Special Use Park:</b>	
Lockwood Trailhead	

### Truckee Canyon Planning Area Profile

Truckee Canyon is located along I-80 with the southern boundary following the Truckee River. Although there is open space, the Lockwood Trailhead is the only Washoe County park facility located within the planning area. Despite this, the Truckee River provides a great opportunity for passive recreation and the surrounding hills could provide great hiking and off-road opportunities within the BLM land located in the foothills.

The town of Wadsworth currently holds a majority of the population within this planning area totaling 1,193 residents. This area was separated from the Pyramid Planning Area due to the high potential for growth over the next twenty years resulting from development along I-80 at the Tahoe-Reno Industrial Center. The increased potential for future development within this planning area would most likely be concentrated within the town of Wadsworth which presently has no park facilities.

### Truckee Canyon Land Jurisdiction



Graph 14: Truckee Canyon Land Jurisdiction (Data source: Washoe County GIS).

### Truckee Canyon Priorities and Opportunities

#### Monitor Future Growth (Goal 1)

This area should be monitored to ensure the recreational needs of the area are met as the region develops.



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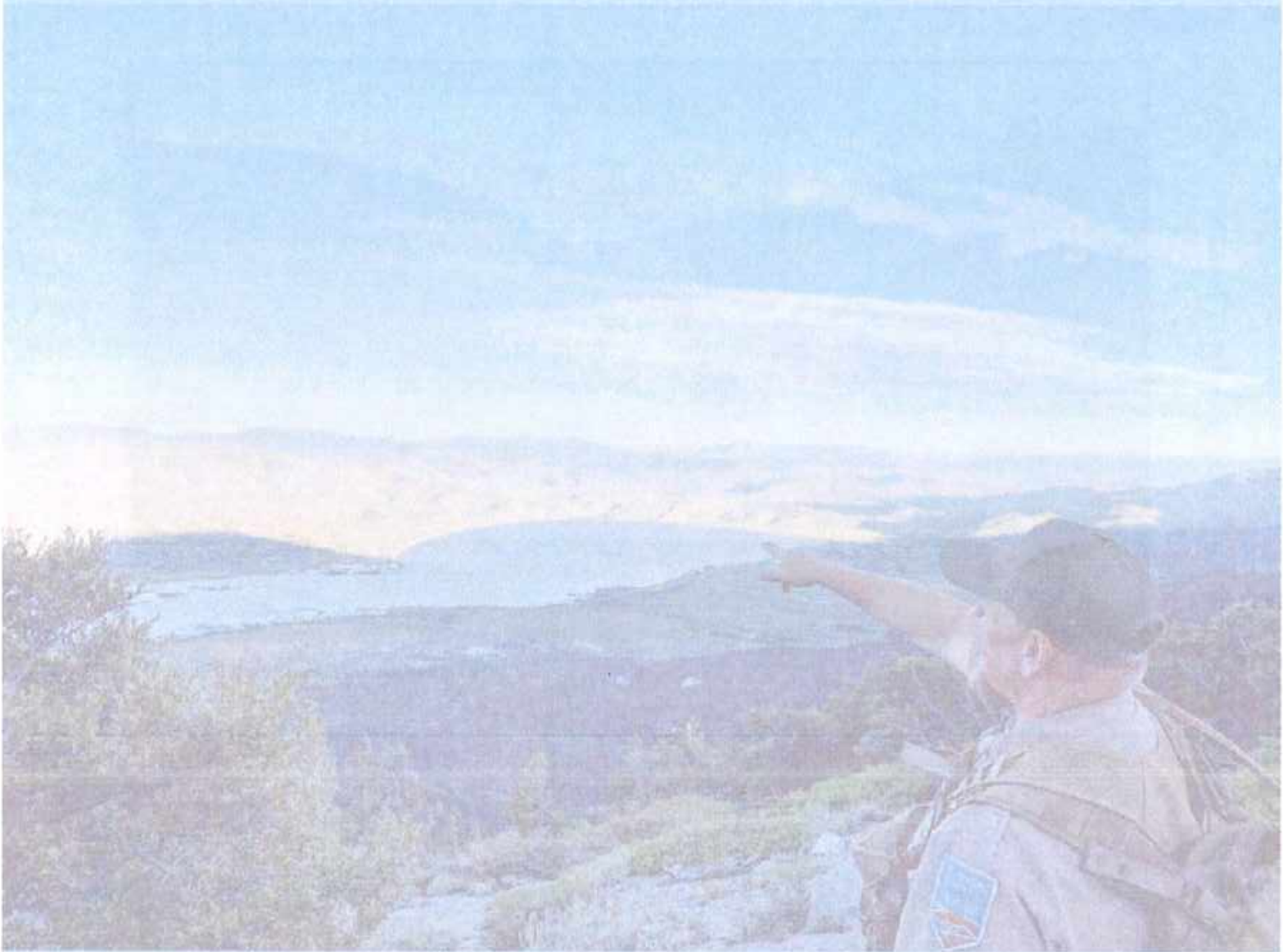


*The Truckee River at the Lockwood Trailhead*



# Chapter 5

## Plan Implementation, Strategies and Summary





# Plan Implementation, Strategies & Summary

## Plan Implementation and Strategies

In order for Parks to implement the goals, objectives, and strategies within the master plan and to return the budget back to pre-recession levels Parks must establish diverse and viable long-term funding solutions. This will provide the resources needed to implement the master plan and to grow the staffing levels required to meet existing and future demand for the operations and maintenance program as well as the capital and infrastructure program. There are several implementation strategies Parks should pursue to help ensure that a sustainable funding source exists while continuing to build upon the successes of the past by leveraging existing funds. The following strategies should be encouraged and implemented and are broken down into Short-Term (0-5 years), Mid-Term (5-10 years) and Long-Term (10+ years).

## Program Implementation

### Short-Term Strategies

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

### Mid-Term Strategies

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

### Long-Term Strategies

- ✓ Rebalance and Distribute Capital Expenditures
- ✓ Foster Partnerships That Promote Economic Vitality Through Recreation
- ✓ Target Legislative Updates Supporting Diverse & Lasting Funding for Parks, Trails & Open Space

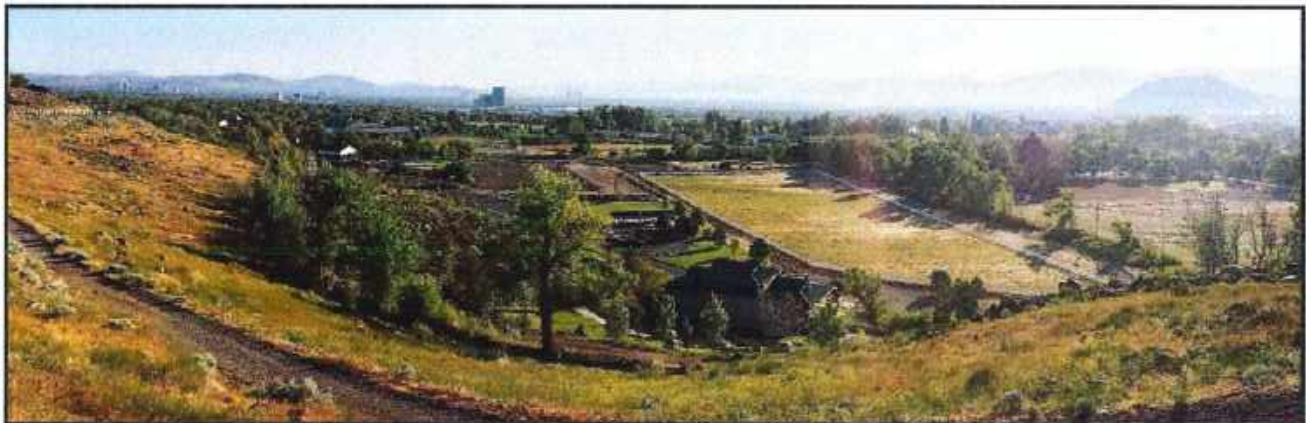
## Planning Area Implementation

Priorities & Opportunities	Short-Term	Mid-Term	Long-Term
<b>North Valleys Planning Area</b>			
Address Possible Underserved Areas	X		
Further Develop Sun Valley Regional Park		X	
Plan for Future Parks	X	X	X
Buildout North Valleys Regional Park	X		
Acquire Open Space & Connect Parks With Trails	X	X	X
Utilize Reclaimed Water Where Possible	X	X	X
<b>Peavine Planning Area</b>			
Buildout Bartley Ranch Regional Park		X	
Develop Existing Community & Neighborhood Parks	X	X	
Explore the Feasibility of a New Regional Park			X
Update/Maintain Existing Park Facilities		X	
Further Develop Rancho San Rafael Regional Park	X		
Acquire Open Space & Connect Parks With Trails			X
Utilize Reclaimed Water Where Possible	X	X	X
<b>Spanish Springs Planning Area</b>			
Buildout Lazy 5 Regional Park	X		
Address Potentially Underserved Areas & Develop New Parks	X	X	
Plan a New Regional Park		X	
Acquire Open Space & Connect Park With Trails	X	X	X
Utilize Reclaimed Water Where Possible	X	X	X
<b>Steamboat Planning Area</b>			
Buildout South Valleys Regional Park	X		
Further Develop Hidden Valley Regional Park		X	
Connect Parks with Trails		X	X
Maintain & Update Existing Park Facilities		X	X
Utilize Reclaimed Water Where Possible	X	X	X
<b>Mount Rose Planning Area</b>			
Monitor Future Growth		X	X
Evaluate Potentially Underserved Areas	X		
<b>Pyramid Planning Area</b>			
Monitor Future Growth	X	X	X
<b>Truckee Canyon Planning Area</b>			
Monitor Future Growth	X	X	X



### Key Benchmarks for Targeting Planning Area Priorities & Opportunities

- ✓ Continue Parks' efforts to acquire lands along the Truckee River and its watershed that protect or enhance the river corridor for recreation, wildlife and for water quality.
- ✓ Continue the strategy for neighborhood parks that are to be maintained by Washoe County shall only be those that are 15-25 acres in size that can serve the county's larger residential land use patterns and neighborhood service area.
- ✓ Target 1 mile of trail per 1,000 residents seeking to provide trails that connect communities to U.S. Forest Service and BLM lands, to their local open space areas, regional parks and neighborhood parks. Continue the goal of creating a larger system of interconnected rim trails around communities and to promote health and wellness through walking and hiking. Work to adopt the Truckee Meadows Trail plan and assure that it interconnects existing and planned trails in planning areas. Once adopted by Parks include trails in future updates of the planning areas and update trail standards for consistency.
- ✓ Seek to attain or exceed the NRPA median level of annual operating expenditures for developed park land \$3,515/acre.
- ✓ Update park specific master plans and review the amenities to meet today's needs. For example; rentable group picnic areas, splash parks, regional sports complexes or a reconfiguration of campsites where appropriate. Target amenities that will provide additional revenue to meet a 21% level of revenue to expenditure in a parks budget.
- ✓ Work with Regional Transportation Commission (RTC) and Community Development on any updates of bicycle and pedestrian facilities to assure connectivity of parks and local schools.
- ✓ Continue to seek alternate locations and potentially acquisition of regional park lands that can be utilized for special events that will relieve pressure on Rancho San Rafael.
- ✓ Work regionally with the 3 main sewer purveyors to encourage the application of treated/reclaimed water where possible on park land for flat sports fields or for the development of wetland areas within parks or open spaces.



*Bartley Ranch Regional Park*



## Short-Term Program Strategies:

### Strategize Acquisition & Priority Projects for State Conservation Bond

In 2019 the Nevada Legislature passed Nevada Assembly Bill 84 (AB84). This bill is known as the State Conservation Bond and provides bonds to protect natural and cultural resources throughout the State of Nevada. Analyze potential properties for acquisition within Washoe County that take advantage of this bill.

### Complete a Service Plan Study

In Chapter 1 this master plan pointed to a number of NRPA comparisons of other similar parks and recreation departments that were also hit by the Great Recession. In reality, the gap in funding for Parks is likely even larger for what is necessary to operate a sustainable program. The only way to truly assess the gap in funding for the operations, maintenance, infrastructure preservation and capital needs is to complete a Service Plan study. This study would assist Parks in determining how to recalibrate and fund parks, trails open space and natural resource management to the level the community desires and deserve.

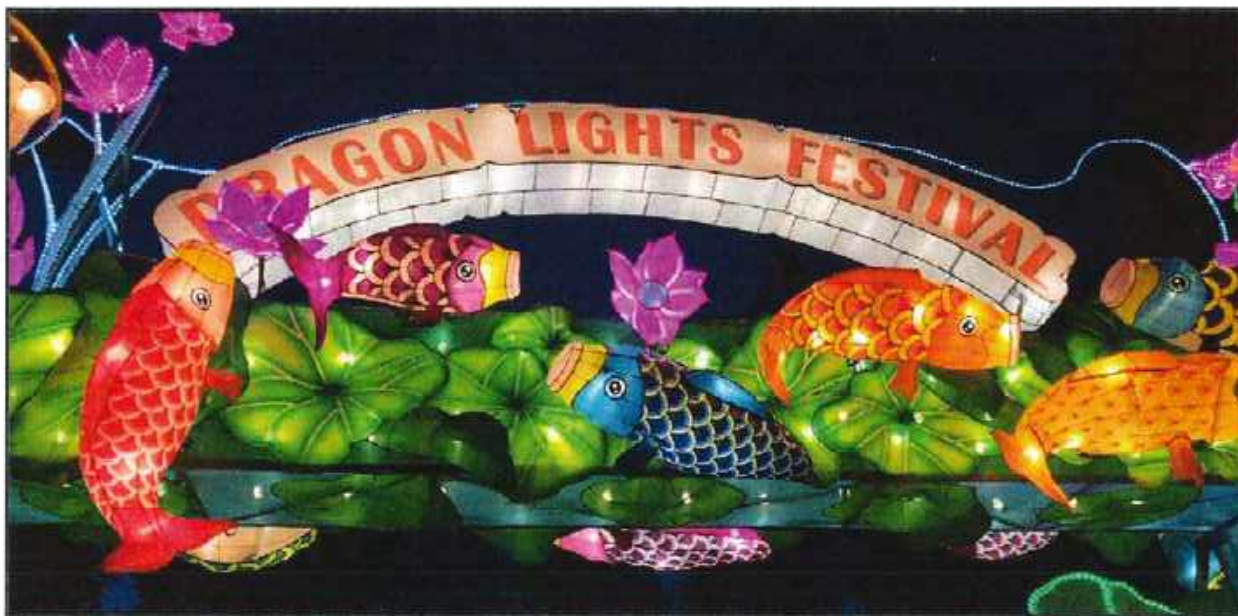
The existing and future government funding may not yield any significant new dollars to be allocated toward parks and recreation to meet the demand for parks, trails, open space. A Service Plan would provide a thorough needs assessment including:

- ✓ An analysis of the fiscal needs to determine the ability and capacity of the existing and future resources to meet capital, operations and maintenance programs
- ✓ Identify an appropriate and sustainable financial structure and financing alternatives for the county
- ✓ Perform a more detailed demographic and economic analysis to assess trends and impacts on the proposed service levels
- ✓ Identify long-term operational strategies, including potential intergovernmental agreements or contracts, to provide a sustainable operation into the future

### Further Develop the Capital & Infrastructure Preservation Program

The Parks staff, working with the Open Space and Regional Parks Commission, and the community should continue to review and update the Infrastructure Preservation (IP) list (projects under \$100,000) and Capital Improvement Project (CIP) list (projects over \$100,000). Parks staff keeps a CIP and IP list of projects that need to be completed within a 5-year period. This list should be expanded to include projects that should be completed on a 5-year, 10-year, and 15-year period. These lists should include dollar amounts with each project. Since projects listed on the IP list are usually paid through the general fund, and projects listed on the CIP list can receive money from the general fund or through alternative sources the dollar amount of each project is important. If no general funds are available, Parks could continue to seek alternative funding sources. The document is a useful tool when readily available, and can be referenced should opportunities present themselves such as private donors looking for a project or during legislative sessions where costs of projects are needed to be identified in order to get funding.





*Dragon Lights Festival; Rancho San Rafael Regional Park*

## Mid-Term Program Strategies:

### Develop Facilities & Programs That Generate Revenue

NRPA notes that the typical park and recreation agency generates \$850,000 in non-tax revenue on an annual basis. Although this amount can vary greatly based on agency size, services and facilities offered by the agency. Parks generates nearly \$1 million which is 18% of its operating budget. A target for agencies serving area such as Washoe County would be 21% of its budget (difference of nearly \$200,000). Currently, Parks is not focused on typical recreation programming which often brings in a higher revenue streams such as recreation classes or before and after school programs, but they do have other programs such as event rentals and splash pads. In order to close this gap, Parks could balance developing more facilities that would bring in additional revenue with those that do not produce revenue. This could be done over time by targeting the development of facilities/programs that generate revenue while meeting the primary mission of the regional parks, trails and open space program. It is recognized that it will be difficult with existing staffing levels and service and supplies budget to handle new facilities or programs without a corresponding approach to fixing the structural inadequacy of the operating budget. As noted in Chapter 1, finding solutions to long-term funding of the operation and maintenance of Parks is critical and directly impacts funding of future capital needs.

### Educate Policy Makers of the Benefits of Funding Recreation

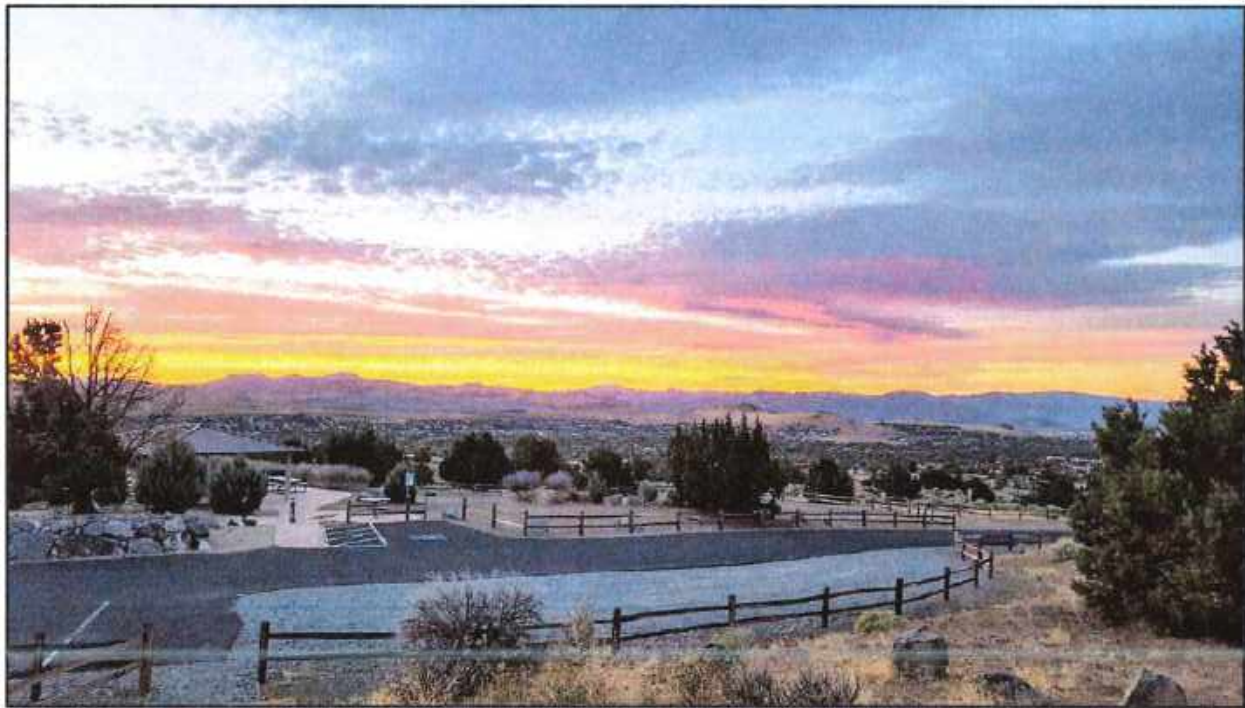
Recent NRPA studies have shown consistently solid support for public parks and recreation. Nine in ten respondents agreed that parks and recreation is an important service provided by their local government. This level is comparable to public safety, education and transportation nationally. Three-quarters of the respondents indicated they would support their local governments increasing their financial contribution to their local parks and recreation agencies. This data is reflected in the public



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survey associated with this master plan and outlined in Chapter 2. However, the support of public parks and their funding is a bit more modest among government officials according to a NRPA commissioned study. It indicated that 99% of the elected and appointed government officials responding agree that their communities' benefit from public parks, but they only see parks and recreation as a moderately important local government service. Consequently, they consider parks and recreation as the most discretionary line item in their budgets, (2018 NRPA Agency Performance Review- Park and Recreation Agency Performance Benchmarks).

Here in Nevada, NRPA indicates the impact of local park and recreation agency spending on our states economies is \$1.4 billion in economic activity generating over 11,000 jobs. There are additional economic benefits such as visitor spending, economic development, health and wellness, conservation and resiliency through protection of land and property values. Nationwide the impact of recreation on the economy is now being tracked federally and in the 2019 Nevada State Legislature AB 486 which was signed by the Governor, establishes a Division of Outdoor Recreation. Parks staff should continue to speak to the economic benefits of parks, trails, and open space and educate the elected officials to help them to understand the economic benefits of a well-funded Parks department what it can bring to the region.



*Sunrise; Sun Valley Regional Park*



### Conduct Feasibility Study for a Regional Park District

It will become increasingly difficult for any one of the three agencies to handle the growth pressures and provide a median level of service for parks, trails and open space. As Parks falls further behind and the population continues to increase, public demand will put pressure on Parks to provide more than they have in the last ten years. Therefore, Parks should seek answers now on how recreation will be funded and to what levels in the future. In 2017 State legislation was passed that makes it possible to create a park district to serve the region. If a parks district were to be established voters could approve funding source(s) that would provide a stable long-term funding for capital programs, operations and maintenance of facilities. A regional park district could potentially benefit all citizens by providing sustainable parks, trails, open space, recreation and conservation opportunities. Parks staff in collaboration with the cities and community members should explore the benefits and feasibility of creating a regional park district.

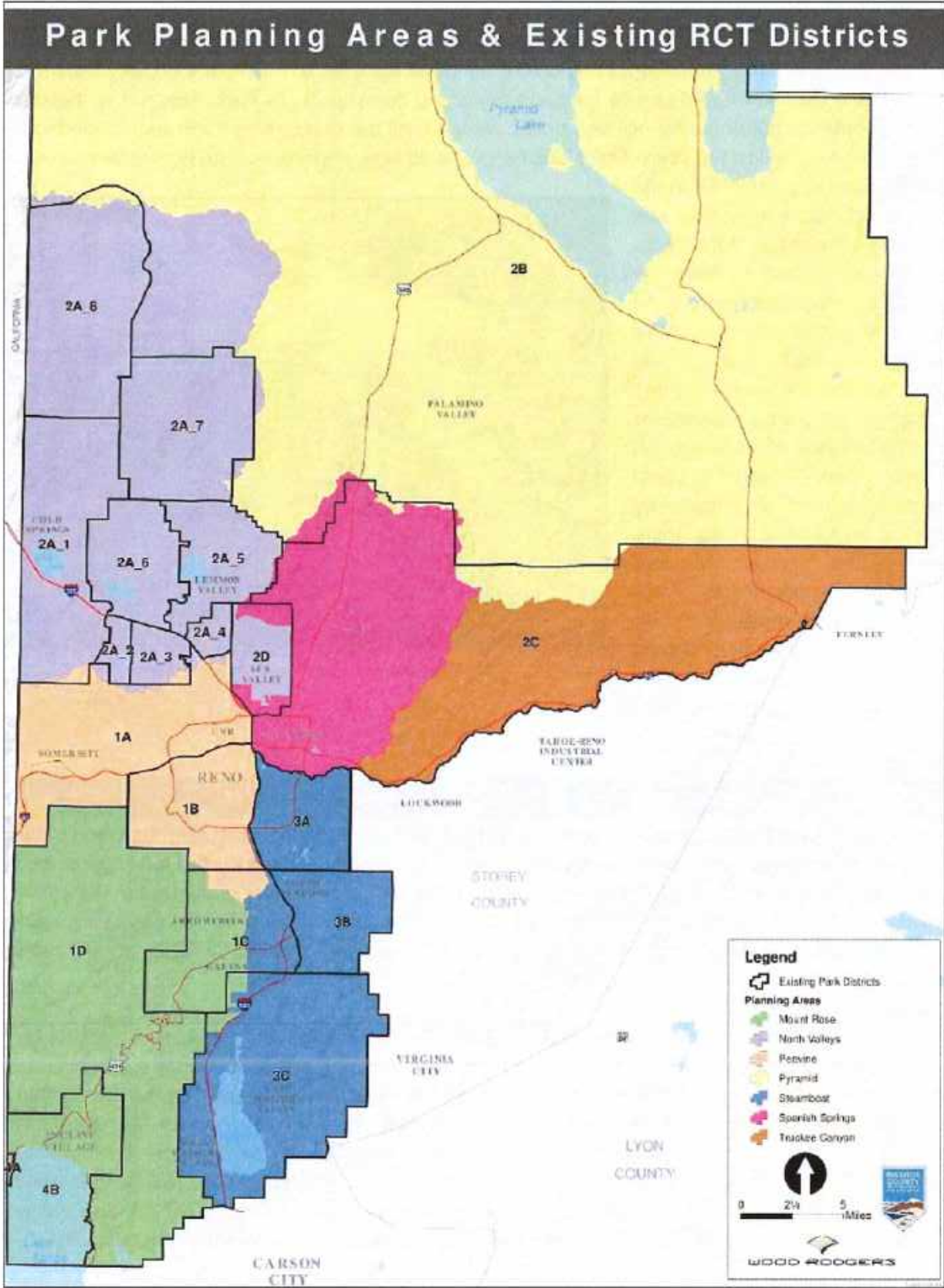


*Sun Valley Regional Park (Photo: Chainz for Brainz)*

### Reconfigure the RCT Districts

The Residential Construction Tax (RCT) was created to establish funding for new neighborhood parks with the construction of new dwelling units. However, as discussed in Chapter 1 the funds generated through RCT have limitations. To reduce the limitation the RCT districts were collapsed in the 1990s from 46 districts to 4 districts with 19 sub-districts. Since then, the Reno and Sparks City Limits have expanded further reducing the size of the current districts. Reconfiguring the RCT Districts will allow Parks greater flexibility.

Parks staff should prepare the necessary county code changes along with the financial reports for each district to reconfigure the RCT districts to match the planning area boundaries established in this master plan. Once this initial work has been completed the Board of County Commissions would then need to approve the new districts and make the necessary county code changes. Although it is a cumbersome task, having the districts reflect the planning areas would give Parks greater flexibility with the funds. The current RCT districts to be consolidated to the boundaries of the seven planning areas with the exception of the existing Gerlach General Improvement District (GGID), Sun Valley General Improvement District (SVGID), and Incline Village General Improvement District (IVGID).



Map 17: The seven planning areas and the existing RCT Districts.

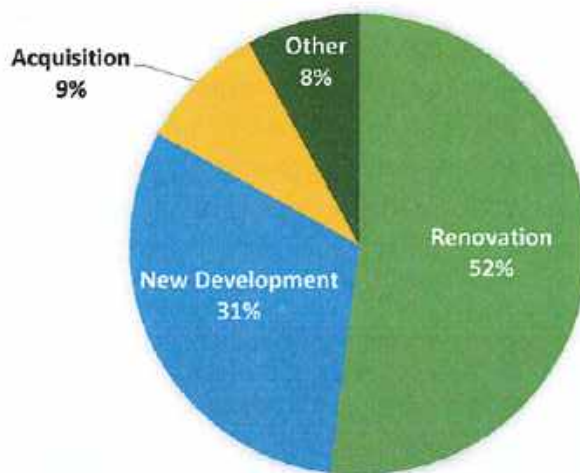


## Long-Term Program Strategies:

### Rebalance and Distribute Capital Expenditures

Once stable funding sources are secured and staffing levels are at an adequate level to support the needs of the existing community, Parks need to recalibrate for future growth. It is suggested that they consider the targets for Capital Expenditures based on NRPA standards which are as follows:

### PROPOSED PERCENTAGE DISTRIBUTION OF CAPITAL EXPENDITURES



Graph 15: NRPA recommended distribution of CE.

### Foster Partnerships That Promote Economic Vitality Through Recreation

- ✓ Seek or continue partnerships that further the implementation of regionally significant plans that provide a large economic benefit to the region:
  - SR 28 National Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan (Tahoe East Shore Trail)
  - Mt. Rose Highway Scenic Byway Corridor Management Plan
  - Washoe Valley's Scenic Corridor Plan
- ✓ Encourage a partnership with either the Trust for Public Lands and/or the National Recreation and Parks Association to assess the region's economic impact and benefits of parks, trails, and open space for the region
- ✓ Collaborate with the cities to realign ownership of existing neighborhood parks that are within cities to allow access to RCT funds for future improvement of their neighborhood service area
- ✓ Develop/continue partnerships with the Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada (EDAWN), the Reno-Sparks Convention & Visitors Authority (RSCVA), and potentially the State's new Outdoor Recreation Commission to tell the story of our outdoor recreation,

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healthy lifestyles and the benefits of our region's parks, trails and open space to enhance their work bringing new business or visitors to the region

- ✓ Develop/continue partnerships with non-profits such as Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful (KTMB), Nevada Land Trust, and the Great Basin Institute that contribute to community involvement and volunteer programs

### Target Legislative Updates Supporting Diverse & Lasting Funding for Parks, Trails & Open Space

- ✓ Review and update Chapter 95 governing parks concurrently with review and update of existing policies regarding parks and natural resource management to capture emerging issues regarding preservation of stream areas, trail connectivity, requests for easements or disposal of lands, national scenic byway corridors, and urban interface issues
- ✓ Pursue legislative changes to RCT to include a clearer definition of appropriate expenditures and to expand the use of funds to be included in regional parks and trails/trailheads
- ✓ Encourage the further development of specific policies to guide the acquisition, planning, development and implementation of parks, trails, open space and natural resource management



*Davis Creek Regional Park*

### Summary

Parks has a unique opportunity to provide the leadership in developing a new strategy for the future of parks, trails and open space in the region. The vision established in the early 1960s was to protect the open space from development and to provide Washoe County residents with recreational opportunities through regional parks, trails and open space. Public outreach associated with this master plan has established that this vision is more alive today than it was nearly 60 years ago. Through the history of the parks department and with the support of the public and elected officials



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this vision has become a reality and it's through the support of the community and the dedication of Parks staff that this vision is alive today.

The Parks staff has had success in building partnerships at the federal, state and local levels. They have had tremendous success in leveraging public dollars to provide some of the most sought-after recreational opportunities in the region. Parks and events alone draw in 4.9 million visitors annually. The visitation is regional, national and international. The parks, trails, and open space are a main drive in the region's economy fueling the desire for business and their employees to live here.

Throughout the planning process a reoccurring thread to recalibrate has become clear as Parks is emerging from the impacts of the Great Recession. The challenges have been significant yet the growing population is seeking parks and recreation opportunities in greater numbers. It is the purpose of this master plan to continue the vision established nearly 60 years ago and to carry it forward for the next 20 years. This master plan is not a static plan. It was created with the intention of being updated as priorities within the planning areas shift as the community continues to grow. This master plan should be re-evaluated every three to five years to ensure the opportunities and strategies are still relevant. Together with the support of the Board of County Commissioners, the Washoe County Parks and Open Space and Regional Parks Commission, the community and with the leadership of Parks staff; the goals, strategies and opportunities presented in this master plan can be accomplished. This master plan will allow Parks to adequately acquire, construct, operate, and maintain the existing and future parks for all Washoe County residents and visitors to enjoy, for this generation and the ones to come.



*Bowers Mansion Regional Park*





# Appendix A

## 1961 Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Plan



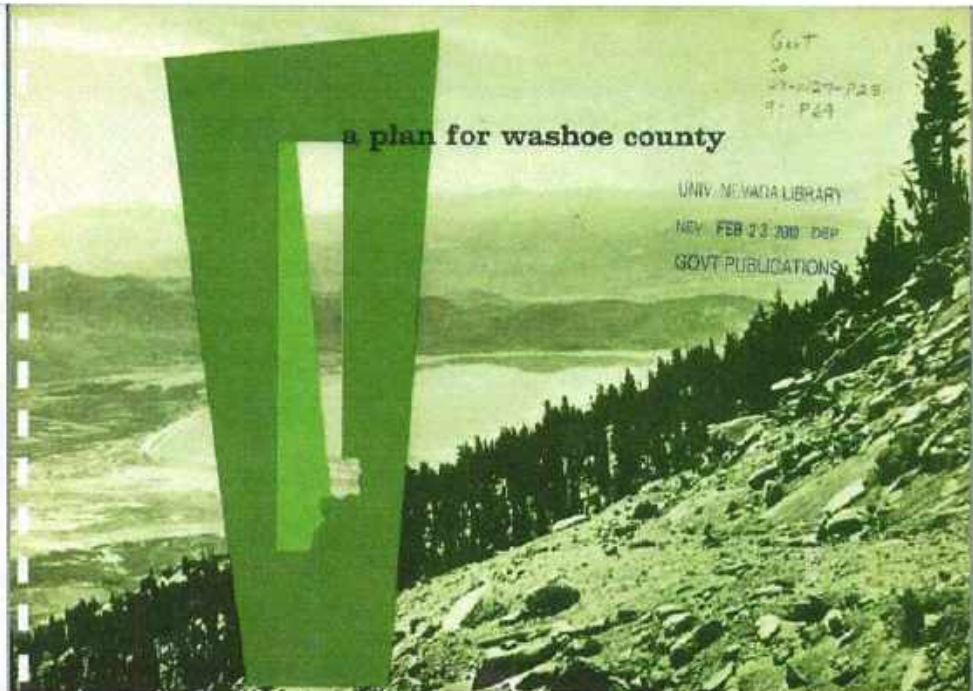


**PARKS**

**OPEN SPACE**

**RECREATION**

**WASHOE COUNTY**



ASTER PLAN STUDY NO. 7 / **PARKS, RECREATION AND OPEN SPACE FOR WASHOE COUNTY.**

Resolving the need for a thorough knowledge of Washoe County's Park and Recreation situation the Washoe County Commissioners in cooperative with the Park Commission, sanctioned this report in April, 1962.

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**WASHOE COUNTY PARK COMMISSION**

April 5, 1962

Board of County Commissioners  
 Washoe County, Nevada

Pursuant to those duties of the Washoe County Park Commission enumerated in a resolution of the Board of County Commissioners dated May 5, 1961, we respectfully submit a long range plan for parks, recreation and open space for Washoe County.

A booming population, increasing leisure and competition for land and decreasing open space, will, if we fail to meet the challenge now, surely deprive us of areas needed for recreational use.

Because a long range park and recreation plan is vitally important to County residents we urgently recommend immediate publication of this report so that the people of Washoe County may fully understand the recreation situation.

We further recommend that steps be taken now to make this program a reality and that over the years it receive continuing aid and support, so that Washoe County can have a park system that will truly provide inspiration, use and enjoyment to residents and visitors alike.

We wish to commend the County Commissioners for their far-sighted authorization of this survey, the first and only one to be prepared by a county in the State of Nevada.

We also commend the efforts of Richard J. Allen, Director of the Regional Planning Commission, and Mitchell J. Seven, our Park Planner, whose guidance and direction have made this report possible.

Sincerely,

*Thomas A. Cooke*  
 Chairman,  
 Washoe County Park Commission

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"At whatever we will divide along the 180th meridian our water, soil, forest, timber and public natural resources will be adequate to meet the needs of the future. By our action or inaction, we will determine whether our children will have the green and pleasant land which was our legacy."

Frederick L. Ullrich,  
Secretary of the Interior,  
LIFE - Dec., 1961



#### Restoration of the Old West

Isn't it enough that such areas is available for future use as a? Why a concern for public parks and recreation areas?

The needs of a recreation-oriented public sector are satisfied by scenic views, expanded, centrally developed facilities and security, and these activities of Warden's visitors have for years been unmet.

Many promising development areas, roads, and scenic views are lost. Accessibility can pose a problem, especially in Truckee Meadows where concentrated population highlights the need for park and recreation facilities. Rapid expansion of urban areas, regional growth development and low highway progress have continued to increase land of a supporting role, and will continue to do so.

The title has been done to protect significant recreation resources. The actual shortage of publicly owned recreation areas of Lake Tahoe illustrates this need. A short time ago there appeared little need for recreation. Today only a few miles of undeveloped shoreline remain and these areas, particularly near Incline, are being developed in such a manner as to preclude future use.

Warden County has received some news for future park use. However, there are few to receive and justify the effort to create the varied needs of our people. Existing park areas have not been planned in a manner which encourages proper use or provides sound development, and the absence of an organized program is apparent. If we are to protect and make maximum use of our recreation resources, as well as provide for the recreational demands of future populations, we must create a better balanced and better organized county park system. This report is designed to provide such a system.

## THE RESOURCE

Residents of Warden County can enjoy a unique and varied enjoyment of recreation activities. The landscape provides an equalled scenic beauty to the most pastoral better lands in the valley, and forest ranges and plateaus in the east and north. In the southern part of the county all these resources are linked by the Truckee River, extending through Paradise Park, and its out-let of the Klamath, extending through the latter Truckee Meadows, giving flowing to the east and north on a short journey to Pyramid Lake.

North of Pyramid Lake ranges appear more than a hundred miles to the Oregon border. Old time fields and former ranches are prominent features. Dense vegetation prevails, although at higher elevations scattered juniper and sagebrush and the sagebrush and grasses of open can be found wherever there is water. "North Warden" is one of the more spacious parts of Nevada, its natural beauty is enjoyed by tourists and professional

## THE BENEFITS



### Social

Compliance with an investment in park and recreation facilities enjoy social benefits which are increasing more and more important in America's life pattern. An increased public use of parks and recreation areas in Warden County has, and will become more, more important in the future. Satisfaction of a sense of pride, self-respect, and healthiness, all subjects of particular importance, may be realized by adequate park and recreation areas. With the increasing population Warden County citizens, such problems are also met and one of them which lead to recreation time park is recognized. A well balanced park and recreation system can play a vital part in the social health and welfare of Warden County.



### Economic

Economic benefits can accrue to areas possessing well planned and administered recreation and park systems. Measurable financial return seems to be increased governmental spending for police and welfare agencies when adequate supplies of recreation facilities are available.

Values of land near parks and recreation facilities tend to be higher and more stable. Officials of Union County, New Jersey, found over a 12 year period that assessed values of land adjacent to park areas increased twelve times as much as average properties.

Deduction in park purposes of San Ramon, William Randolph Hearst's estate in San Luis Obispo County, California, reported \$642,000 less the tax value, but within a year (private investment) in tourist accommodations jumped the owner's value to \$725,000.

Expenditures for recreation equipment and services contribute to the economy of an area having facilities to, or near it. These economic gains are reflected in employment of sales or service personnel, business and property taxes, and tax revenues received for goods and services provided to recreationists.

Other such influences can be cited—in spite of arguments to the contrary, it is an established fact that substantial financial advantages can come from park and recreation facilities.

#### Visitor Spending

During 1960 800,000 and a half million out of state visitors spent 516 million dollars in Nevada and made tourism our number one industry. An average stay amounted to 2.2 days, is contrast to Washington's 4.9 days and Oregon's 4.4 days. Five and a half million of these visitors came to or passed through Warden County. If the stay of these visitors substituted in spending had been extended one day a 2 million dollar increase in gross tourist revenue for the year would have been realized. No shopping areas were available.

This report makes special provision for non-resident use of county facilities.





## PARK AND RECREATION NEEDS

Proper consideration of a plan to provide for the recreation needs of Western County involves a determination of what those needs are. The facilities emphasized and increased here are as follows:

play are the most important segments of a balanced county park and recreation system. Presently, a varied park program in Western County during the next ten decades should have major emphasis on providing these facilities.

Interest in such has been demonstrated by establishment of established standards to estimate and expand County population. Adjustments have been made to give these needs to our particular Western County situation.

### family picnic

It is sometimes said to provide for the pleasure of family picnic should meet its present needs. Presently, there is however, family picnic facilities from the facilities of a balanced park system.

Facilities which should be planned and included in such the result of a family picnic of use in the present, with adequate parking, walking and walking facilities. Right now, the area is a more limited standard. The design of picnic areas should be planned in such a way that there is no need for competition and, through its use, and other recreation.

Family Picnic, Western County's only developed picnic area, and the only one in the county. It is located in the county seat, and is a well-developed picnic area. More than 10 family picnics are held annually in this area. The picnic area is currently used for picnic facilities for the future recreation standards.

Fig. 1. Family picnic facilities, including and parking.



### group picnic

Organized groups such as school for picnic facilities. Other group picnics are common in such recreation activities such as swimming, fishing, hiking or swimming.

Group picnic grounds are planned to accommodate 500 persons in an outdoor area, with an additional 100 persons for parking. Group picnic facilities are provided in such an adequate supply of picnic tables. Since they have a tendency to be temporary, such picnic facilities should be planned in such a way that they are permanent.

Western County presently provides a developed group picnic facilities although large organized groups often make use of family picnics.

Fig. 2. Group picnic facilities, including and parking.



### family camping

173,899 resident and visitor campers present in the county during the past decade in Western County. The total number of campers is approximately equal to the total number of residents in the county.

Family camping facilities are planned to provide for family camping and walking facilities. Facilities are necessary to provide walking and family camping opportunities. The total number of family camping sites in the county is approximately 10,000. Western County has a total of 10,000 family camping sites, and the total population of Western County is approximately 10,000.

Fig. 3. Family camping facilities, including and parking.

More People



More Leisure

In the early 1950's, visitors and members of Western County worked a six day, only four week week. The average for today's population is less than forty hours and most of us enjoy two or more weeks of annual vacation.

By 1950, it took a week to get to the beach, but now, with annual vacations of 10 days or more, we can see it. At the same time, water recreation and outdoor recreation of leisurely classes will result in increased leisure for other segments of our population.

These factors, combined with increased life spans and better health protection by medical advances, add up to more leisure time. Undoubtedly, large portions of this leisure will be spent in outdoor recreation pursuits.

### group camping

Recreation activities support the need for organized group camps to increase recreation in the west. As an organization, such camps have been developed to meet the needs of the community. Group camps are usually for children, youth and family groups, including organized groups and family groups. Group camps are usually for children, youth and family groups. Group camps are usually for children, youth and family groups.

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Fig. 4. Group camping facilities, including and parking.



For eight income in Western County increased to \$2,283 in 1970, compared with an average of \$2,419 for the Far Western States. An indicative point is a doubling of personal income in the United States during the next twenty years - a trend that will be reflected in Western County. Economic indicators show that such income does large proportionately across various income classes. A development demand for recreational facilities of all sorts follows.

More Income

### winter sports

Increased in the number of skiing and winter sports in the county during the past decade. The total number of winter sports participants in the county is approximately 10,000. Winter sports are usually for children, youth and family groups. Winter sports are usually for children, youth and family groups.

Fig. 5. Winter sports facilities, including and parking.



### riding and hiking

Riding and hiking facilities, plans are included in Western County's recreation plan. Recreation and leisure activities have been active in such recreation have provided increased leisure time facilities. Recreation and leisure activities have been active in such recreation have provided increased leisure time facilities.



### swimming

Swimming facilities, including and parking, are included in the recreation plan. Swimming facilities are usually for children, youth and family groups. Swimming facilities are usually for children, youth and family groups.

Fig. 6. Swimming facilities, including and parking.



More Travel

"Travelers vehicles" registered in Western County increased from 150 per year between 1950 and 1960. A continuation of this trend would indicate more than 100,000 vehicles in the county by 1970. Residents will drive a staggering 650 million miles during the next decade in their cars.

More recreational use of county park facilities can be expected as increased mobility provides greater convenience for use of local park and recreation areas. Better highways and more efficient auto operation will increase the recreation worker and a major county park will show further from its own existing state. Increased mobility adds materially to the need for recreation facilities.

### boating

Since World War II boating has grown from less than one million boats to more than 10 million boats in the United States. The total number of boats in the county is approximately 10,000. Boating is usually for children, youth and family groups. Boating is usually for children, youth and family groups.

Fig. 7. Boating facilities, including and parking.





## THE PLAN 1962 - 1980

Planning maps have illustrated the nature and extent of Washoe County's park and recreation needs. The following plan presented here depicts a program to satisfy these needs. As set forth, the program utilizes the natural resources we have, and creates a balanced variety of geographically based and activity oriented recreation areas.

Recreation can partly bring convergence of Galena Creek to the edge of Pyramid Mountain, to provide a trail for Truckee or to Pyramid's down reaches. They can come on the Narrows, side or take up the Old Geiger. Galena's entire scenic character of Pyramid Lake to boat, following several and historic structures are preserved and protected for future generations.

The recommended program would enable Washoe County to fulfill its primary responsibility by providing high-quality parks and recreation areas within the 1000 acre city area of the county population. Added rest and picnic facilities are justified by our high rate of visitor influx. Secondary improvements, discussed separately in this report, provide necessary facilities and seek to protect environmental open space.

Equipment to the proper number of size and quantity of tables, benches or stools, is the standard given for treated personnel. Occupied park equipment can increase social development and protect use of the system at its long run, reduced cost to the taxpayer. Necessary maintenance work other equipment engaged in the recreation facilities may best be handled through paid and seasonal treated personnel. Throughout this report, emphasis is directed at the important character of a recreational system.

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**AREAS NOT LABELED**

••••• Golf Course

••••• Campground

••••• Great Spring Springs

## PROGRAM SCHEDULE

PROJECT	BENEFIT					STATUS (in acres)		COSTS		
	PK	CAMP	SPECIAL	TRAIL	OTHER	OPEN	PERMIT	TRAIL ACRES	ROADS & TRAILS	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS
BOWERS MANSION					Softball	16			\$275,000.00	\$275,000.00
GALENA CREEK					Softball	100			\$275,000.00	\$275,000.00
CRYSTAL PEAK					Community	7			\$275,000.00	\$275,000.00
PYRAMID LAKE					Softball		150		\$275,000.00	\$275,000.00
SLIDE MOUNTAIN					Washoe Sports	170	500		\$275,000.00	\$275,000.00
W. C. GOLF COURSE					Golf & Tennis	190		4	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
W. LAKE BOAT LANDING					Softball	2		10	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
GREAT BOILING SPRINGS					Community			100	\$4,000.00	\$4,000.00
WHEELER RESERVOIR					Community			21	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
GLENDALE SCHOOL					Softball			21	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
BIDDING & HIKING TRAILS					R & H			24 sq.	\$2,000.00	\$2,000.00
<b>1962 - 65 TOTALS</b>						715	710	196	\$691,000.00	\$275,000.00
<b>1965 - 70 TOTALS</b>						1000	710	578	\$1,410,000.00	\$275,000.00
<b>1970 - 80 TOTALS</b>						1640	770	578	\$2,080,000.00	\$275,000.00

TOTAL COSTS	AVERAGE ANNUAL COSTS PER 1000 SUMMARY	
\$ 28,800.00	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$ 24,000.00
107,000.00	LESS: PARK REVENUE	12,000.00
247,000.00	NET OPERATING COST	\$ 12,000.00
27,000.00	PLUS: DEBT SERVICE	21,000.00
	TOTAL	\$ 33,000.00
300,000.00	ANNUAL COST PER CAPITA	.75

\$174,000.00	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$180,000.00
214,400.00	LESS: PARK REVENUE	90,000.00
4,700.00	NET OPERATING COST	\$ 90,000.00
462,500.00	PLUS: DEBT SERVICE	372,500.00
182,800.00	TOTAL	\$182,500.00
182,800.00	ANNUAL COST PER CAPITA	\$1.29

\$24,500.00	OPERATION & MAINTENANCE	\$104,700.00
5,000.00	LESS: PARK REVENUE	20,500.00
4,000.00	NET OPERATING COST	\$ 84,200.00
6,700.00	PLUS: DEBT SERVICE	79,500.00
718,600.00	TOTAL	\$214,700.00
778,000.00	ANNUAL COST PER CAPITA	\$1.30



**Open Space**

The land and water resources of Washoe County are being rapidly depleted. The county is faced with the task of providing for the needs of its citizens and the needs of the future. The county is faced with the task of providing for the needs of its citizens and the needs of the future. The county is faced with the task of providing for the needs of its citizens and the needs of the future.





**administration**

Possible forms of an administrative organization include the following:

1. **A REGIONAL PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
A single unit-to-include Comstock may be established as well as county-wide, would eliminate duplication of administrative costs, services equipment, etc. and provide some production use of funds by taking advantage of the transfer financial base.
2. **A COUNTY PARK AND RECREATION COMMISSION**  
A county park and recreation commission could utilize the existing park commission as a foundation. Of advantage, in its current membership, representatives of various activities and interest groups in the community. Recent surveys indicate predominant use of this type of organization elsewhere in the county.
3. **A COUNTY PARK DEPARTMENT**  
Parks and recreation as a department of County Government is a successful relation in some areas, although authorities contend that such departments can be susceptible to pressure from groups interested in specific activities. It is possible that such a department can work in Washoe County's situation.
4. **THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD**  
The Washoe County Park and Recreation Board has the authority necessary to administer a park and recreation program. However, the Board's primary function is providing a Commission (W.A.C.) which will undoubtedly attempt to identify its own time to come.

**IMPORTANCE OF STAFFING**  
Washoe County needs people who have the park and recreation business. Park personnel must be qualified by interest, education and experience for the very specialized task. A park system can be no better than those who plan, build and operate it.

In a large measure, shortcomings in the Washoe County system can be traced to a lack of existing park and recreation administration. Responsibility has been divided among various county departments, some of which are primarily interested in park and recreation matters. Much considerable work has been done but much more could be accomplished under a structure offering unified and improved personnel.

- Steps may be taken to structure a proper administrative framework which can provide continuing supervision in planning, development, operation and maintenance of the proposed system. Whichever the form of structure is chosen for implementation:
1. Establish park and recreation policy.
  2. Regulate the use of facilities.
  3. Prepare, submit, and support budget requests.
  4. Advise and appropriate funds.
  5. Employ a qualified staff.
- It should also have sufficient means to effectively coordinate with other park and recreation agencies.

**financing**

In preparing this report, the Board of County Commissioners emphasized a desire for a sustainable program passed to the County's ability to pay. A proper determination of this "ability to pay" could be based in what has been spent in the past, in expenditures of other counties of a similar size and nature, or to what citizens would wish to pay for needed facilities.

Information on park and recreation expenditures in Washoe County during that year indicates, generally, an increasing, but not very significant, in the problem. Efforts appear to increase along with other park and recreation expenditures, interrupted occasionally with a major reduction, such as the purchase of Bowers' Mansion, improvement of Anthony Park, purchase of launching facilities at Pyramid Lake or some other project involving large heavy projects.

Historical data on park and recreation spending in Nevada shows increases comparable to Washoe County in population during a time of \$3.2 a high of \$4.45, and an average expenditure of \$1.31 per capita. While park and recreation fees in Washoe County indicate an amount of money, such records are available but that approximately 3.20 per resident was spent in the category during 1960. Between 1960 and 1981 the Washoe County system increased during the 1960s, however checked about \$2,600,000 in improvements or new facilities during this time period.

In finance without during the preparation of this report that the park and recreation needs and demands of the people provide a more valid approach than "ability to pay", especially in view of the history of the present system which has been built on an "ability to pay" basis. Washoe County, claims of many years are placed on public funds and the query "where will the money come from," is also valid.

Two important sources of park and recreation expenditures are deposits and capital outlay, and operations and maintenance. Significant means of financial include: (1) For operations and capital

improvements: (2) deposits and reserve funds, special tax levies, etc. (3) For operations and maintenance: a system of realistic user fees (perhaps related toward the high side in view of potential status user), recreation agreements and recreational lodges appropriate.

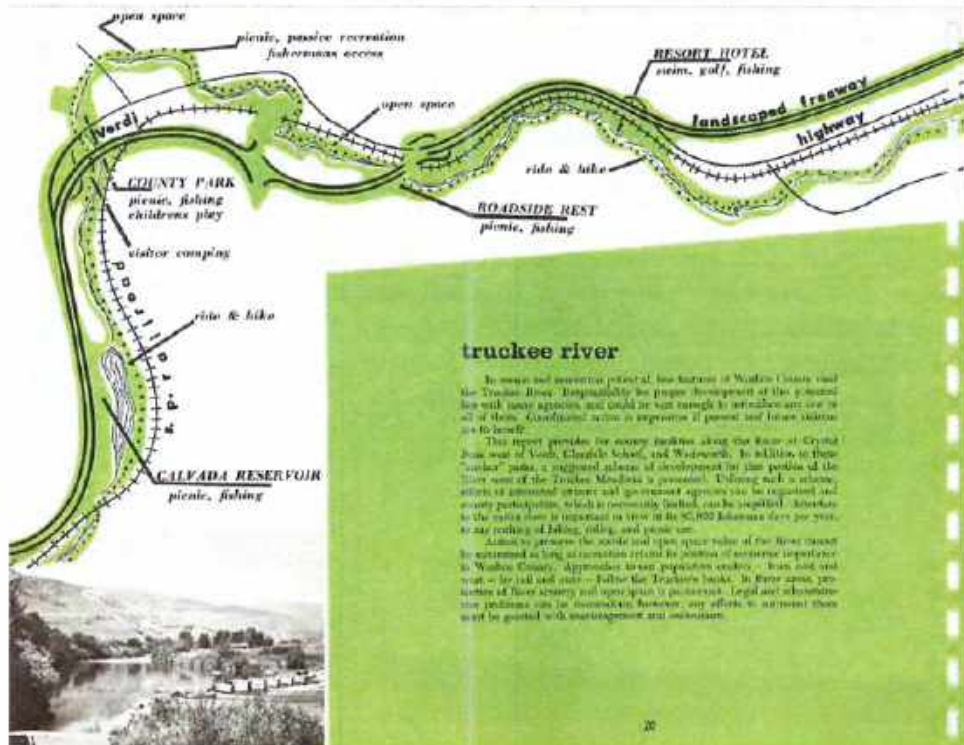
Investigation of the different is noted in the following excerpt from "Outdoor Recreation in America", a report to the President and to Congress issued in January, 1962.

"The needs are to meet. They do not involve abstract problems that depend upon more intellectual or scientific breakthrough for their solution. The needs exist. Virtually every concept that seems new has been brookwatered in the last decade of winter years. There are difficult problems, but the same kind of problems have been encountered before, and they can be again."

"Obviously money will be needed. While this is true of most public programs, it seems to be particularly true of outdoor recreation. Public expenditures in this field have increased in recent years, steadily as in several states, but it is feared they have not kept pace with the demand. The prospect for the coming years is that expenditures will have to be increased substantially just to keep up with increases in population; the demand for outdoor recreation will grow faster yet."







### truckee river

In scenic and recreation potential, few streams in Washoe County rival the Truckee River. Responsibility for proper development of this potential lies with local agencies and could be best through a coordinated effort of them. Careful study is necessary if present and future values are to be maintained.

This report provides for scenic facilities along the River at Crystal Point west of South, Churchill School, and Washoeville. In addition, three "scenic" parks, a regional picnic area, and a picnic area for the lower part of the Truckee Meadows is proposed. Through such a scenic effort, a coordinated effort and government agencies can be organized and scenic participation, which is presently limited, can be simplified. Activities in the future are important to those in the 50,000 kilometers flow per year, scenic fishing, riding, and picnic use.

Activities to preserve the scenic and open space value of the River cannot be maintained as long as recreation opens to persons of economic importance in Washoe County. Appropriate scenic preservation studies, from local and state to the federal level, follow the Truckee River. In these areas, protection of scenic values and open space is proposed. Legal and administrative problems can be investigated however, any efforts to protect them must be coordinated with management and maintenance.

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### scenic protection

Recreational travel both all other forms of recreation activity in terms of time spent and number of persons engaged in it. This, of course, includes all levels of recreational purposes - sightseeing and travel necessary to various recreational uses - as well as enjoyment of the country, and while on trip for non-recreational reasons. Action to preserve and protect the natural beauty of our landscape is necessary and a system of scenic roads and highways is included as an integral part of Washoe County's Park System. Some of these roads already exist - others will be built in the future - and all will become part of a balanced county-wide system of scenic routes.

These routes, some of which are major transportation routes, are recommended for appropriate signage and protection of aesthetic, historic and scenic values.

Scenic viewpoints serve to emphasize scenic features or historic events. Picnic, cooking and sanitary facilities are provided as well as adequate shade and parking space. Viewpoints include approximately two acres of land and are located at intervals within the system. Outstanding views can be protected by scenic easements and billboard regulations.

The Truckee River Scenic Study is being conducted by the Washoe County Planning Department and the Nevada State Park System. The study is being conducted in cooperation with the Nevada State Park System and the Nevada State Department of Conservation and Forestry. The study is being conducted in cooperation with the Nevada State Department of Conservation and Forestry.

### interpretation

Responsibility for self-educating and information about the scenic and historic resources of the Truckee River lies with the Washoe County. A program of interpretation is necessary to provide information and understanding of the resources. Signs and markers should be placed by the local government to provide information about the scenic and historic resources.

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### related considerations

Many of the following elements are concerned with particular local considerations, while they form a part of an overall program. It is necessary to evaluate the significance of each in the light of the program as a whole and to give priority to those necessary for all the County's people. Washoe County is currently involved in a number of projects of recreation through agreements for use of County property. Some with governmental agencies for recreation facilities and other such arrangements. In many of these cases, lack of proper administration control in the past has resulted in many projects being abandoned or in a state of neglect with particular attention to the factors of responsibility and priority.

### Neighborhood Recreational Areas

Washoe County currently has a number of neighborhood recreational areas. These areas are located in various parts of the County and are used for a variety of recreational purposes. The County is currently involved in a number of projects of recreation through agreements for use of County property. Some with governmental agencies for recreation facilities and other such arrangements. In many of these cases, lack of proper administration control in the past has resulted in many projects being abandoned or in a state of neglect with particular attention to the factors of responsibility and priority.

The following suggestions are offered for the improvement of these areas and other similar areas in the County.

1. Provide adequate maintenance through proper administration control.

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### Fairgrounds

Washoe County Fairgrounds are located in the County and are used for a variety of recreational purposes. The County is currently involved in a number of projects of recreation through agreements for use of County property. Some with governmental agencies for recreation facilities and other such arrangements. In many of these cases, lack of proper administration control in the past has resulted in many projects being abandoned or in a state of neglect with particular attention to the factors of responsibility and priority.

### Junior Baseball

Washoe County currently has a number of junior baseball teams. These teams are located in various parts of the County and are used for a variety of recreational purposes. The County is currently involved in a number of projects of recreation through agreements for use of County property. Some with governmental agencies for recreation facilities and other such arrangements. In many of these cases, lack of proper administration control in the past has resulted in many projects being abandoned or in a state of neglect with particular attention to the factors of responsibility and priority.

### Tennis

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### Hill Range

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### Horseshoe Park

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### related efforts

#### United States Forest Service

In Washoe County, some 24,000 acres of forest, range and recreation land are administered by the Forest Service. Under the multiple use concept, maximum public benefit from forest resources is a prime objective and a major goal for development in the Truckee River area will provide 200 picnic and camping sites. Efforts within the report have been coordinated with efforts of the Forest Service.

#### United States Bureau of Land Management

The Bureau of Land Management administers 2,400,000 acres of public domain in Washoe County. Land having recreation potential can be used as a source of opportunity for recreation and Public Ranges Act. Paragraphs to meet such or other purposes of a reasonable plan and program of development.

In the southern portion of the County, 20,000 acres having recreation potential are available. It is possible that a further and more complete evaluation of available land would produce more of value to the County program.

#### Nevada State Park System

Nevada's park system, located in various parts of the State, has been established by the Nevada State Park Commission. A strong and ambitious program designed to provide Nevadans with a sound park system is now in its formative stages.

A significant report on recreation park proposals at Pyramid Lake and High Road Canyon in Washoe County. Early development of these parks can strengthen the County program, especially by providing overnight facilities. Aid from the State in solving recreation problems is also a valuable asset.

#### Nevada Fish and Game Commission

Recreation programs have been the Fish and Game Commission as possible installations normally supplied by park agencies, despite the Commission's primary function in the management and regulation of fish and game. The report recommends the development of these projects at Pyramid Lake and along the Truckee River. Additionally, continued cooperation and coordination with the Fish and Game Commission is urged.

#### Private Enterprise

Recreation offers many opportunities to private enterprise and expansion of the list has resulted in the preparation of this report. Activities taken to protect the private capital are here clearly stated in this report and every opportunity with reasonable private effort is discussed. It is urged that every consideration be given to the various methods of operating under the State - subject, of course, to careful protection of taxpayer interest. In this report, participating private and voluntary members of recreation agencies is recommended.



## PARK COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS

Key to the recommendations at each table are attached to provide guidelines for using resources. The program presented within this report.

### Recommendations for immediate action

- I. Explain to Park Administration Planner having a degree in sociology, or related profession, and a minimum of seven years experience with the park and recreation field, essential functions he need for the last seven years.
- II. Provide appropriate training opportunities for County residents by making more effective use of existing park sites, playgrounds and fields.
- III. Investigate and determine use of newly acquired recreation lands at Washoe and Nevada Lakes.
- IV. Determine to provide detailed engineering and cost data associated with park development program.

### Recommendations for continuing action

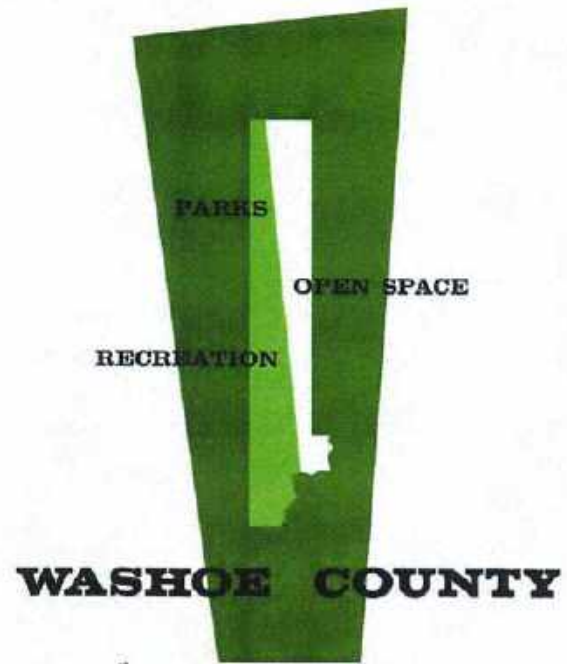
- I. Verify the value of various services which would enable Washoe County to create a District Recreation Commission, Washoe County-wide advisory plan, develop, operate and maintain a continuing park program, and have authority to establish policy, regulate and use existing and new acquired recreational lands.
- II. Establish the authority for creating Park and Recreation Board members with no distribution geographic and membership of the Washoe County Council and Board of Supervisors. Selection of the group should be the administration of a Commission Bill Amendment could lead them to effective operation of such a recreational program locally.
- III. Adopt increased County funds for similar recreation on a continued and increasing basis.
- IV. Conduct and use of general campaigns to increase funds for parks and recreation and special improvement program for parks.
- V. Assist various governmental agencies in solving and supporting a progressive park and recreation program such as programs to better maintain the public lands of Washoe County's recreation resources for all people present and future use.

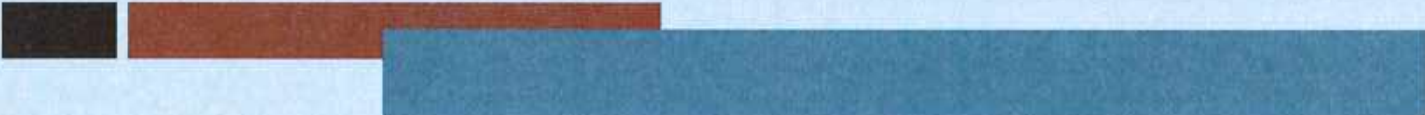


### Appreciation

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# Appendix B

## 2000 Bond Matching Summary Spreadsheet





**2000 Regional Parks, Open Space and Trails Bond  
Project Status Summary  
As of December 31, 2017**

	WC1 Original Bond Budget	WC-1 Total Expense	Total Grants Others	Comment	Status
<b>Open Space</b>					
Ballardini Ranch Acq & Trailhead/Trails		\$3,077,750	\$3,161,302.42	SNPLMA 121.26 ac WC-1 93.27 ac	Trailhead complete, connector trails in progress Complete, 2017-18
		\$804,882	\$1,118,200	SNPLMA Trailhead	
		\$250,000		WC-1 Trailhead Ph-1	
				WC-1 Loop Trail	
<b>Ballardini Sub Total</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,932,632</b>	<b>\$4,277,502</b>		
Casey/Bowers/Davis Land		\$1,643,021	\$50,589,286	SNPLMA 1,000 ac Casey Donation 17 ac Trailhead 1-2 ac	Complete, 2006
<b>Casey/Bowers/Davis Land Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,922,500</b>	<b>\$1,643,021</b>	<b>\$50,589,286</b>		
Historic Galena School	\$300,000	\$301,975	\$315,400	SQ-1 Bond & In-kind labor	Complete, 2006
Huffaker Hills Land Acquisition	\$1,100,000	\$276,491	\$0		Complete, 2003
Truckee River Land/Bike Path		\$2,252,460		WC-1 Canepa 120ac	Complete
		\$202,210	\$202,214	SQ-1 Carcione #1 22.26 ac	Complete
		\$421,841	\$421,836	SQ-1 River Bend 13.32 ac	Complete
		\$220,000	\$220,000	SQ-1 Carcione #2	Complete
		\$55,611		Wc-1 Parcel Due Dil & App TMWA Smith Ranch 40ac	Complete
<b>Truckee River Land/Bike Path Sub Total</b>	<b>\$4,000,000</b>	<b>\$3,152,122</b>	<b>\$844,050</b>		
Canepa Ranch-Truckee River 110ac Sale to USFS			\$1,524,968	Cash back to Bond Fund	Complete
Bullcreek Trailhead Land	\$0	\$0	\$0		@ 10-20 acres at Verdi area at Bull Creek
North Valley Open Space	\$0	\$0	\$0	WC this linked NVRP up hill over to LV	Access in Lemmon Valley/Stead area
Peavine Access Acq.	\$400,000	\$400,000	\$0		Complete 2011-portion former Northgate Golf
Virginia Lake Property Acq.	\$0	\$0	\$0		Pasture area adjacent to dog park
Washoe Canyon Trial/Land		\$77,500	\$77,500	SQ-1 Stone 1.6 ac	Complete 2008 & 2009
			\$289,000	SQ-1 O'Brien ?ac	Eric look up acreage Pleasant Valley Galena Cr
			\$289,000	RCT O'Brien	
<b>Washoe Canyon Trial/Land Sub Total</b>	<b>\$77,500</b>	<b>\$77,500</b>	<b>\$655,500</b>		
<b>Total Open Space</b>	<b>\$11,800,000</b>	<b>\$9,783,741</b>	<b>\$58,206,706</b>		
<b>Trails</b>					
	WC-1	WC-1 Total	Grants	Commen	
Huffaker Hills Trailhead	\$125,000	\$125,000	\$152,200	RTP & \$15,750 in-kind labor	Ph 1 Complete 2004, Ph. 2-A=allocation is grant match-kiosk, paved parking, signage, sade str.
Hunter Creek Trailhead (M.D.Thompson)	\$600,000	\$473,568	\$0		Ph. 1 Complete 2010- allocation for Ph 2-landscape & ped. Bridge
Jumbo Grade Trailhead	\$157,500	\$57,297	\$65,157	RTP & \$4,680 in kind labor	Complete, 2004
Keystone & Rancho San Rafael Trails		\$188,446		WC-1 Bond savings	Complete, 2004
			\$45,150	RTP Grant	
<b>Keystone &amp; Rancho San Rafael Trails Sub Total</b>	<b>\$120,000</b>	<b>\$188,446</b>	<b>\$45,150</b>		
Mt. Rose Summit Trail		\$53,878			Complete, 2007
			\$498,000	TEA-21	
			\$153,000	USFS Cap Fund	
<b>Mt. Rose Summit Trail Sub Total</b>	<b>\$54,740</b>	<b>\$53,878</b>	<b>\$651,000</b>		
Thomas Creek Canyon Trailhead	\$181,000	\$181,000	\$48,000		Complete, 2003
Washoe Valley Bike Trail Phase I	\$175,000	\$36,857	\$0		Deactivated project-not feasible unless NDOT allows on Dike

Whites Creek Trailhead	\$266,000	\$203,626	\$58,000		Complete, 2003
Urban Trails-Reno	\$442,000	\$442,000	\$83,807		Complete, 2004
Alum Creek Trail	\$0	\$31,500			Connector trail from Donnoley Park to Mayberry Drive
Browns Creek Trail	\$0	\$15,000	\$15,000	St. James/USFS/Agreement	Complete entirely with grant funding and in-kind match
Galena to Davis Trail	\$0	\$32,000			Complete connector trail Ophir Creek to Davis Creek Park operated USFS
Hunter Lake Access	\$0	\$271,500		In progress with USFS Match	Easement access & improvements at Hunter Lake Road
Incline-Sand Harbor Bike Path	\$0	\$1,400,000	\$21,000,000	NDOT/TTD Match finalizing KME	In progress, TTD project
Peavine Trailhead	\$0	\$117,500			Completed Horizon Hills area, partner with USFS
Tahoe Rim Trail	\$0				Completed with other partnerships
Windy Hill Bike Trail	\$0				Dirt path connects to Davis Lane around Windy Hill
<b>Total Trails</b>	<b>\$2,121,240</b>	<b>\$3,871,496</b>	<b>\$22,118,314</b>		
<b>Park Projects</b>					
Anderson/Bartley Phase II		\$875,000		Park Improvements	Complete, 2003
			\$237,000	GF Trailhead other amenities	
		\$210,000	\$425,000	SQ-1 Jesch 3.12 ac	
<b>Anderson/Bartley Phase II Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,080,000</b>	<b>\$1,085,000</b>	<b>\$662,000</b>		
<b>Crystal Peak Interpretive Center</b>	<b>\$400,000</b>	<b>\$344,008</b>	<b>\$0</b>		Complete 2012 Allocation to complete pond landscaping and road.
Galena Children's Camp We-Ch-Me		\$500,000			Complete, 2006
			\$297,674	GF & Water Resources	
			\$1,350,000	Property Sale proceeds	
			\$30,000	Private Donations	
			\$415,000	LWCF	
			\$165,000	NHSPD	
<b>Galena Children's Camp We-Ch-Me Sub Total</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$2,257,674</b>		
Galena Visitor Center (formerly Campground)		\$1,000,000			Complete, 2009
			\$768,000	USFS Capital Improvement Fund	
			\$253,148	RTP	
			\$74,256	National Scenic Byway	
			\$76,000	TEA-21	
			\$15,000	Cash match to TEA-21	
			\$222,171	Non-cash contribution USFS	
			\$100,000	Non-cash contribution WC	
<b>Galena Visitor Center Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,508,575</b>		\$1,562,003
Lazy 5 Reg. Park Phase II		\$1,625,500			Complete, 2006
			\$164,397		
			\$127,981		
			\$6,075		
<b>Lazy 5 Reg. Park Phase II Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,625,500</b>	<b>\$1,625,500</b>	<b>\$298,453</b>		
Lemmon Valley Marsh Interpretive Cntr.	\$120,000	\$120,000	\$180,352	Alturas Mitigation Funds	Complete 2006
Mira Loma Regional Skate Park		\$500,000			Complete, 2002
			\$140,000	Associated Gen Contractors	
			\$100,000	City of Reno	
			\$360,000	Res. Con. Tax/Private Donors	
<b>Mira Loma Regional Skate Park Sub Total</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>	City of Reno	Complete
No. Valleys Sports Phase II		\$1,554,625			Complete, 2004
			\$271,492	Alturas Mitigation Funds	
			\$20,733	County GF	
			\$91,818	Bond Interest Earning	
			\$1,042,145	Convert Treated Wtr/Wtr Rts Proceeds	
<b>No. Valleys Sports Phase II Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,554,625</b>	<b>\$1,554,625</b>	<b>\$1,426,188</b>		
Northwest/Terrace Sports Complex		\$2,000,000			Complete, 2004
			\$500,000	Res. Con. Tax	
			\$975,991	City of Reno	



<b>Northwest/Terrace Sport Complex Sub Total</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$2,000,000</b>	<b>\$1,475,991</b>		
Rancho Park Improvements		\$ 194,730.89		Overflow Parking & main parking imp.	Complete, 2005
		\$1,200,000		Irrigation system renovation	
		\$111,378		Arboretum Greenhouse	
			\$150,000	GF Arboretum Greenhouse	
			\$30,000	Private Donations	
<b>Rancho Park Improvements Sub Total</b>	<b>\$250,000</b>	<b>\$1,506,109</b>	<b>\$180,000</b>		
<b>Sky Tavern Ski Lift</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$100,000</b>	<b>\$0</b>		Complete, 2002
So. Vlys. Sports Complex Phase II		\$1,868,300			Complete, 2003
			\$629,637	Res Con Tax	
<b>So. Vlys. Sports Complex Phase II Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,868,300</b>	<b>\$1,868,300</b>	<b>\$629,637</b>		
Spanish Springs Canyon Reg. Park		\$1,830,850			Complete 2011
			\$150,000	LWCF	
			\$160,000	SQ-1	
		\$300,000		Golden Eagle Little League Parking	
<b>Sp Sprs Cnryn Reg. Pk (Golden Eagle) Sub Total</b>	<b>\$1,830,850</b>	<b>\$2,130,850</b>	<b>\$310,000</b>		
Sun Vly Reg. Park		\$531,875			Complete, 2009
			\$125,000	SQ-1	
			\$166,000	Reg Trans Comm	
			\$100,000	RTP	
<b>Sun Vly Reg. Park Sub Total</b>	<b>\$531,875</b>	<b>\$531,875</b>	<b>\$391,000</b>		Complete
Panther Valley Park		\$500,000			Complete, 2003
			\$250,000	Alturas Mitigation Funds	
			\$237,412	City of Reno	
<b>Panther Valley Park Sub Total</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>	<b>\$487,412</b>		
<b>University Ridge Park</b>	<b>\$300,000</b>	<b>\$425,000</b>	<b>\$125,000</b>	Alturas Mitigation Funds	Complete, 2004
<b>Paradise Park</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$200,000</b>	<b>\$5,889</b>	City of Reno	Complete, 2004
<b>Bowers Improvements (pave south lot)</b>	<b>\$0</b>	<b>\$600,000</b>			Complete
Rancho Ballfields	\$0				Add add'l baseball and soccer fields
Rancho/Arboretum Center (greenhouse)	\$0			Under Rancho San Rafael	Complete, 2017
Rancho Irrigation Ph. 2	\$0			Under Rancho San Rafael	Complete, 2018
Westside Community Center	\$0				Sparks community center near Oppio Park
<b>Total Parks</b>	<b>\$14,361,150</b>	<b>\$16,591,267</b>	<b>\$10,538,171</b>		
<b>Grand total-all categories</b>	<b>\$28,282,390</b>	<b>\$30,246,503</b>	<b>\$90,863,191</b>	<b>\$121,109,694</b>	
	Original Bond Parks	With interest earned	Direct an Indirect	Total Funds with Leveraging	



# Appendix C

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# Appendix D

## List of Stakeholders and Summary of Stakeholder Meetings



## MEETING SUMMARY

**To: Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space**

**From:** Eric Hasty, Planner – Wood Rodgers, Inc.

**Date:** February 20, 2018

**Re: WC Regional Parks Master Plan Stakeholder Meeting February 15, 2018**

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### Overview

On February 15, 2018 a Stakeholders meeting was led by parks staff, Cheryl Surface and Dennis Troy; and assisted by Wood Rodgers Staff, Derek Kirkland and Eric Hasty. The Stakeholders group consisted of the following individuals:

- Jesse Haw; Haw Co. Properties
- Bobbie Merrigan; Ryder Homes
- Karen Mullen
- Michael Barne; Stonegate & Ascente Developments
- Matt Webber; Truckee Meadows Parks Foundation
- Linda Nelson, Nevada Land Trust
- Eric Crump, Washoe County
- Julee Conway, Citygate Associates
- Lindsey Panton, Keep Truckee Meadows Beautiful

The group was presented with information that included an overview of parks ownership and park types, the Residential Construction Tax districts and the limitations, as well as the opportunities that would be created by consolidating the districts. The consolidation of the districts is an attempt to develop planning districts to identify common goals as part of the Master Plan. Part of the presentation included several examples of newly proposed districts as well as overlays that showed current underserved areas, future approved housing developments, and future areas of potential development within Washoe County. Feedback from the Stakeholders was encouraged throughout the presentation.

### Comments

Comments and concerns were captured throughout the meeting and a general summary of the comments are as follows:

#### History of the Districts:

- In 1988 the original 46 districts were consolidated into the existing 20 districts
- The North Valleys districts (2A\_1 thru 2A\_8) did not want to be included in the consolidation and are the reason why they are so fragmented today
- The districts were based on hydrographic basins as a result of water issues, they wanted the water used for parks to stay within the district the park was located in

### Overall Master Plan Comments and Goals:

- The Master Plan should be developed independently of the RCT funding. Revising the NRS regarding RCT funding district changes, amounts and how it can be spent should be considered to support the Master Plan itself.
  - It was also noted that this would be a goal and would happen after the Master Plan was adopted. The Master Plan should address the current situation and allow for and promote future changes.
- Need to add new legislation in Master Plan
  - Park Special Assessment Districts are an option now
- Long term goal to achieve a Regional Parks Department that oversees all City and County owned parks within the County
- Anticipate future growth (20+ years into the future) to continue to acquire future land acquisitions at low rates
- A reoccurring comment was that some type of timeline for buildout needed to be added to the current overlays (1-5 years, 5-10 years, etc.)
  - Have a graphic that lists the developments and the number of units they plan on developing on a timeline (# houses in 1-5 years, # of houses in 5-10 years, etc.)
- Offer increase in density for developments that donate land for future parks
- Look for opportunities to create partnerships with other public entities (UNR Farms)
- Develop criteria for goals, objectives and strategies
- Economic impacts of parks should be considered/noted in the Master Plan.
- Need a Map that shows the overall County and city, both existing and planned, parks are located and the type of park (Regional vs Community) and by Jurisdiction.
  - Open Space, trails, and other regional amenities (i.e. historical) should also be mapped with overall parks
  - Identify which jurisdiction is responsible for each park, and what the park serves
- What defines an underserved area? If only using national standards and distance that is not enough. Level of service? NRPA, what are community goals (Maybe this is a question for public meeting???)
  - Need to visit this internally and maybe come up with some other factors to include, and run them by the Stakeholders at the next meeting
- Create a gap analysis of existing parks
- An evaluation of each regional park and build out timelines
- Plan where facilities need to be, not based on funding (RCT). Let the districts develop from there.
- Smaller parks can serve as Community and Regional Parks, classification based on acreage not always correct
  - How do we define Neighborhood vs Community Vs Regional other than by acreage?
  - Developers do marketing and what residents want is not always in line with what City or County requires.
    - Residents want parks until they have to pay for them, would rather have regional parks with trails that connect to their communities
- Information to determine future facility needs
- Look at the natural resource plan



- Include the Sphere of Influence in the maps
- Have two buckets for impact fees
  - Portion goes to new community being built
  - Portion goes to regional level
- County should partner with developers for new facilities:
  - Example: Washoe County has 13,000 acres of open space, some near development

#### Consolidating the Districts

- Consider the most logical travel routes people take and what parks they would most likely use
- Limit the number of planning districts to 1-2 with a prioritized list of projects by timing of development
  - Concerns of how politics could impact a larger district and the funding associated
- A large consensus came from the idea of a complete consolidation of the districts (with the exception of the GID's) with the assumption that some parameters or priorities for spending the funds are established
- Development community is supportive of consolidation until the discussion of using RCT for existing underserved areas to fill a deficiency occurs. The RCT funds are generated for new communities, not existing underserved. (RCT is not used to fill deficiencies is the short)
  - The Long message: RCT, even in a consolidation effort, is providing a benefit for the new community. RCT is not enough to pay for a new park, so RCT on a regional level helps leverage money that benefits both new and existing communities well beyond what RCT covers.
- The term Regionalization Vs Consolidation might be a better direction?
- List how much money is stranded within the current districts

#### **Conclusion**

The meeting concluded that the group is in support of consolidating the districts in a way that will increase the flexibility of the Parks Department to leverage funds to provide park amenities that reflect the wants and desires of the community. The feedback provided by a majority of the Stakeholders supported Washoe County's vision of a more robust focus on regional parks, as well as a desire to have the RCT funding contribute to a more regional level of service. Stakeholders did emphasize that the County should have a prioritized list of park improvements based on timing of new developments.

The feedback received from the group when critiquing the proposed consolidation of the planning districts highlighted the need to focus efforts to develop a set of parameters/data sources and include an element of time for new development in developing the Master Plan. These parameters/data should then be analyzed to develop the planning districts, regardless of existing RCT districts. The Stakeholders Meeting highlighted that the existing RCT districts contribute only a small portion to the overall funding source and are simply one of the many factors that needs to be considered when developing the planning districts. Furthermore, the group suggested that the constraint of RCT districts can be eliminated with the full consolidation of the districts. This would help drive Washoe County to develop a Master Plan that would create planning areas that identify clear goals based on a thorough analysis of the regional community.



# Appendix E

## Summary of Public Outreach and Results of Online Survey







## **Public Outreach and Online Survey Summary Report**

**To: Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space**

**From:** Eric Hasty, Planner – Wood Rodgers, Inc.

**Date:** June 12, 2018

**Re: WC Regional Parks and Open Space Master Plan Public Outreach Meetings April 9-12, 2018 and Online Survey April 9 – May11, 2018**

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### **Overview**

Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space is currently in the process of developing a Master Plan. As part of this process the public's input was sought to help determine the direction of the Parks Department. Four public meetings were held from April 9<sup>th</sup> thru the 12<sup>th</sup> at different locations around the County, and an online survey was available from April 9<sup>th</sup> to May 11<sup>th</sup>. Overall 407 responses were recorded (42 people attended the public meetings and the online survey received 365 complete responses). The following is a summary of the public meetings as well as the survey.

### **Public Meetings**

Boards with graphics and maps were brought to the public meetings and four stations were set-up to ask the following questions:

- Station 1: Where do you live and what two places do you most frequently recreate?
- Station 2: What type of park do you most frequently use?
- Station 3: What are the top 3 facilities you use most?
- Station 4: Additional comments.

Overall, the results of the public meeting showed that a majority of the participants recreated in the same general area of where they lived but did travel farther distances to visit Regional Parks. The most popular park type is Regional Parks and Open Space. The most popular facility types include Hiking/Trailheads or Open Space. The other most popular facilities (Urban Trails, Recreation Centers/Museums, and Large Parks and Playgrounds) are generally found within a Regional Park. It should also be noted that Open Space and Hiking/Trailheads area commonly associated with Regional Parks within Washoe County. A digitized version of the boards and comments can be found in Attachments A and B included in this report.

Public Meeting Summary:

- Most residents recreate in the general area of where they live with the exception of traveling to Regional Parks.
- The most popular park types were Regional Parks (55%) and Community Parks (26%); Neighborhood Parks were the least popular (19%).
- The top four facilities included Hiking/Natural Areas/Open Space (26%), Urban Trails/Multi-Use Paths (20%), Recreation Centers/Museums (16%), and Large Parks and Playgrounds (14%).
- A total of 11 comments were recorded and had a range of specific requests. Some of the common themes included:
  - Residents were interested in seeing the funding to Washoe County Parks increase to pre-recession levels,
  - Comments on adding dog parks and dog bags at trailheads, and
  - Residents were interested in seeing additional amenities at existing trailheads

### Online Survey

The online survey generated 365 responses over the period of approximately one month. A majority of the responses (56%) were directly accessed from Facebook, the rest were accessed from residents going directly to the polling website, most likely from the business cards Park Staff passed out to members of the public (36%), and from the KTVN News website (8%). The surveys purpose was to understand:

- How far residents travel to use facilities,
- What facilities residents value most,
- How far residents are willing to travel to find the facilities they value most,
- What facilities residents want the County to prioritize, and
- How much value the residents place on park facilities.

A majority of the responses came from the South Meadows (32.5%), Sparks/Spanish Springs (15.8%), Midtown Area (15.6%), and North Valleys (5.8%) (see Zip Code Map in Appendix D of this report). At the end of the survey participants were asked to leave additional comments; 181 (nearly half of the participants) left comments. A word cloud was created to help highlight some of the most popular topics that were addressed and is attached in Appendix E of this report. A majority of the comments were related to the amount of growth and housing development proposed for the region, and wanted to see Washoe County Parks and Open Space acquire new land that can be dedicated as Open Space to help preserve some of the land for recreation purposes. A summary of the responses are as follows:

- Almost all respondents (92.9%) believed that funding parks was a medium to high priority over other government services
- A majority of residents are willing to travel to visit their favorite facility with 35.9% willing to travel 4-10 miles and 37.8% willing to travel more than 10 miles
- A majority of the residents believe that future funding should either be invested in Regional Parks (39.4%) or Open Space (30.1%)
- Parks and Playgrounds were the most popular facility used, (22.9% preferring smaller Neighborhood Parks and 22.5% preferring Regional Parks), Hiking/Trailheads is the second most popular facility used (20.4%)





- Most respondents were frequent users of parks and a majority take their personal vehicles or walk and bike to the parks

A full summary of the survey results and comments received are attached.

#### **Attachments**

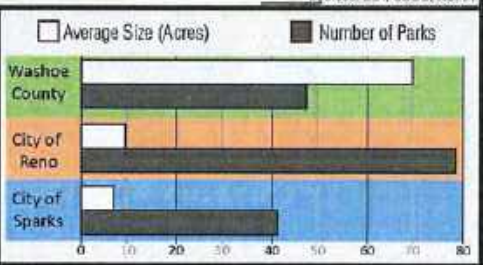
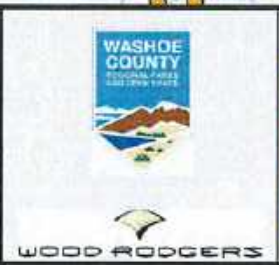
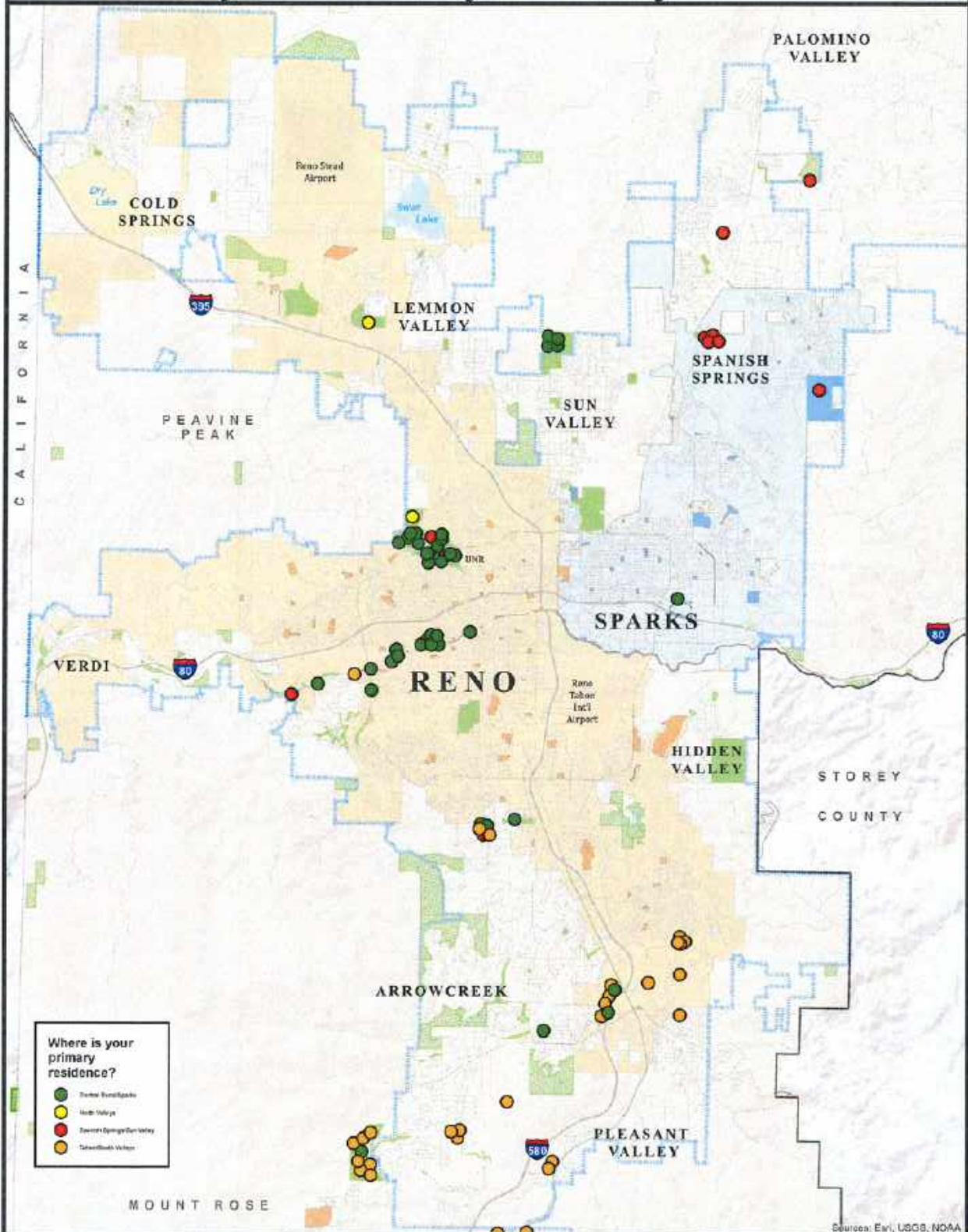
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- **Appendix D – Zip Code Response Map**
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# **Appendix A**

## **Public Meeting Boards (Digital)**



# Washoe County Regional Parks & Open Space: City and County Parks by Owner








Source: Esri, USGS, NOAA

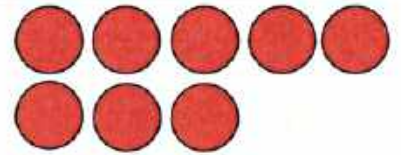


# Park Types

## Which One Do You Use Most?

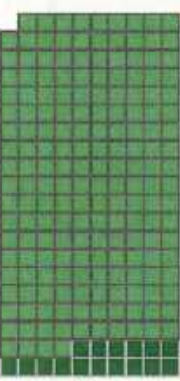




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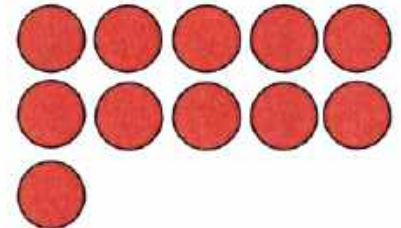
<b>Size:</b>  5 - 15 Acres	<b>Service Area:</b>  1/4 - 1/2 Miles (400 - 800 Homes)	<b>Amenities:</b>  Playgrounds, Picnic Tables, & Basketball/Tennis Courts	<b>Facts:</b> - Serves a small population or community - Mainly serves pedestrian access - Hosts small events but usually no reservable picnic facilities	<b>Cost to Construct:</b>  \$600,000 - \$2,000,000+	<b>Example:</b>  Damonte Ranch Park
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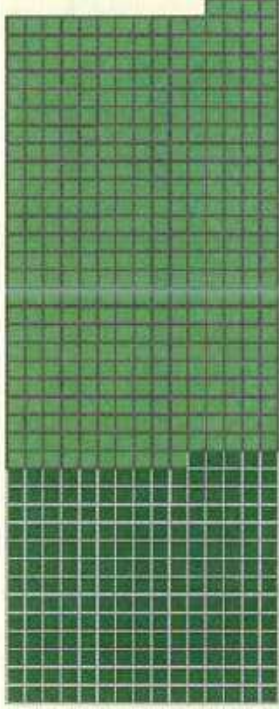




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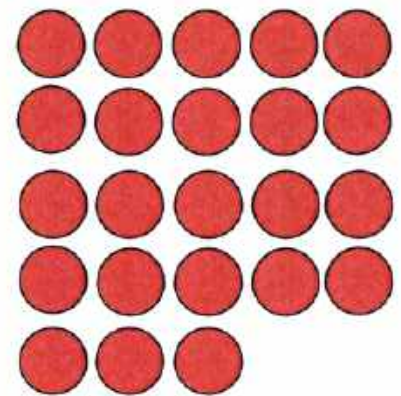
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<b>Facts:</b> - Serves a larger community - Usually provide places for Community Centers, Pools, and Sport Fields - Large reservable facilities and host community events	<b>Example:</b>  Idlewild Park		



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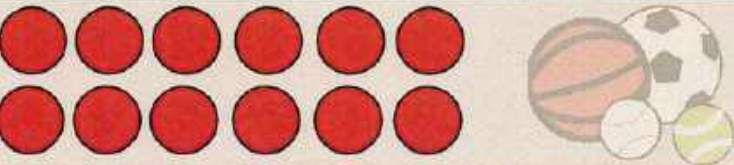

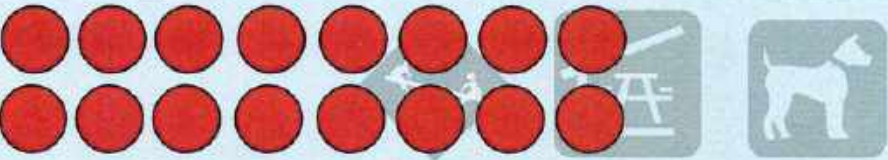
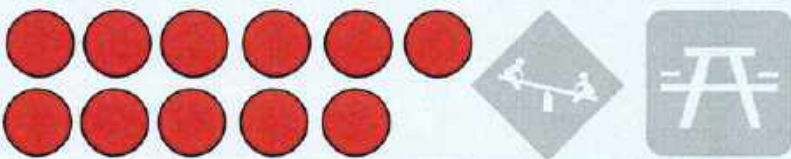
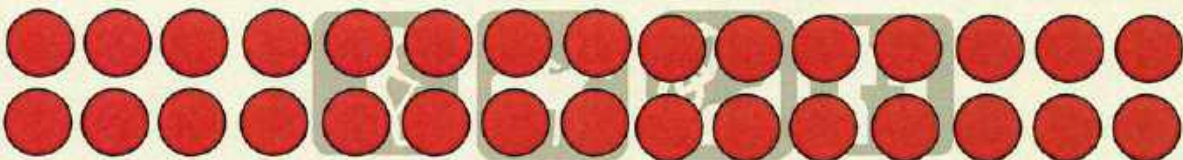



### Regional Park

<b>Size:</b>  200 - 574+ Acres	<b>Service Area:</b>  2 - 10+ Miles (3,200 - 16,000+ Homes)	<b>Amenities:</b>  Playgrounds, Picnic Tables, Multi-Use Athletic Facilities, Swimming Pool, Trails, Community Centers, Equestrian Facilities, Ice Skating, Camping, Ranger Stations, Wild-Life Viewing, and Dog Parks	<b>Cost to Construct:</b>  \$17,000,000 - \$55,000,000+
<b>Facts:</b> - Serves the regional area, City, or County - Provide places for Community Centers, Museums, Pools, Amphitheaters and Large Indoor and Outdoor Sport Fields - Large reservable facilities and can host National Events and Concerts - These can also be considered Special Use Parks and can provide facilities to accommodate activities that require large tracts of land	<b>Example:</b>  Rancho San Rafael Regional Park		



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Facility Types	Which THREE Facilities Do You Use Most?
<b>LARGE RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES</b> - Baseball/Softball Fields - Multi-Purpose Fields (soccer, football, lacrosse, etc.) - Disc Golf Courses - BMX/Mountain Bike Park/Pump Track - Skate Parks	 <div style="text-align: right;"><b>12</b></div>
<b>SMALL RECREATION AND SPORTS FACILITIES</b> - Small Sports Courts (e.g. tennis, basketball, pickle-ball) - Bocce Ball or Horseshoe Pits - Outdoor Fitness Equipment	 <div style="text-align: right;"><b>1</b></div>
<b>LARGE PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS</b> - Playgrounds in Large Multi-Purpose Parks That Serve a Region - Large Group Picnic Shelters and Facilities (Rentable) - Large Open Turf Areas (2+ Acres) - Off Leash Dog Parks	 <div style="text-align: right;"><b>16</b></div>
<b>SMALL PARKS AND PLAYGROUNDS</b> - Playgrounds in Smaller Neighborhood-Based Parks - Individual and Small Picnic Shelters and Facilities (Non-Rentable) - Small Open Turf Areas (1-2 Acres)	 <div style="text-align: right;"><b>11</b></div>
<b>HIKING/NATURAL AREAS/OPEN SPACE</b> - Natural Trails/Trailheads (Non-Paved Hiking Trails with Access to Open Space and Other Natural Areas) - Natural Areas/Open Space	 <div style="text-align: right;"><b>30</b></div>
<b>URBAN TRAILS/MULTI-USE PATHS</b> - Walking/Bike Paths and Trailheads (Wide Paved/Gravel Shared Use Trails Throughout the Built Environment) - Paved Trails Connecting Parks and Other Recreational Facilities	 <div style="text-align: right;"><b>23</b></div>
<b>RECREATION CENTERS/MUSEUMS</b> - Recreation Center Including: Indoor Pools, Fitness Equipment and Exercise Facilities, Indoor Sports Courts, etc. - Museums and Arboretums/Gardens - Large Cultural/Environmental Interpretive and Education Centers	 <div style="text-align: right;"><b>18</b></div>
<b>SPECIAL USE/OTHER</b> - The Facilities I Use Are Not Listed Above	 <div style="text-align: right;"><b>2</b></div>

# **Appendix B**

## **Public Meeting Comments**



## Washoe County Parks Master Plan Public Comments April 9-12, 2018

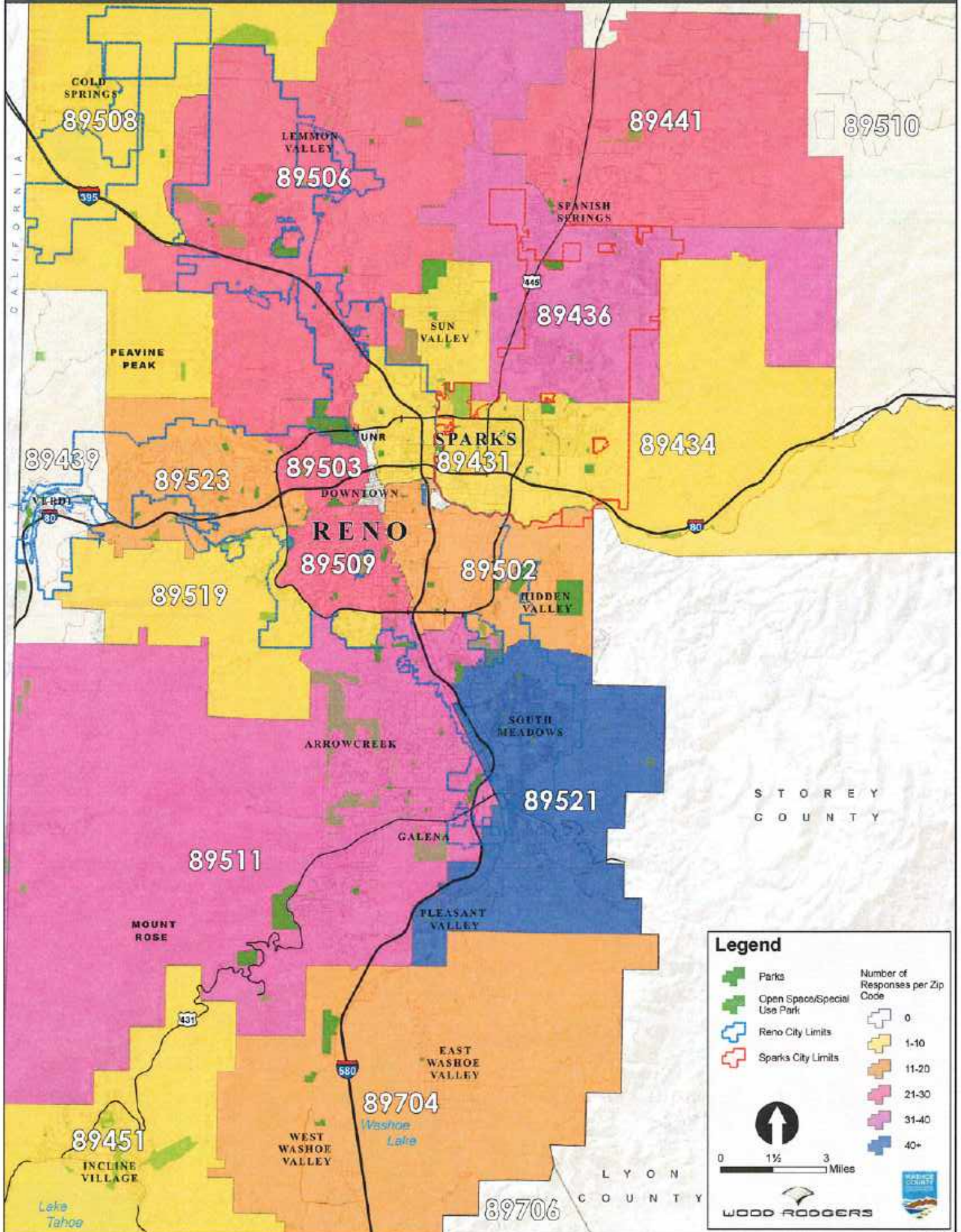
- “We bought our house June 2003 in Spanish Springs off of Silent Sparrow with the understanding that a park would be built there. It still is not built but the majority of the people out in the area still want it. Please keep the park in the plans. The 14.01-acre portion of APN 532-020-12.”
- “Really like, a bit of shade, a fountain, and a bathroom at the trailheads!”
- “Would like to see some form of light defectors at the softball fields at Ranch San Rafael. There is major light pollution 6 months out of the year, 5-6 days/week, 6 pm – midnight at the softball fields. The County would never allow this much light pollution in a commercial development. This should be a part of any recreational development also.”
- “Restore County Parks budgets and staff – cut deeply during the recession. Focus existing and future funding on lands and resource management at existing parks. Require developers to fund ‘new’ parks around new developments. Also, focus limited funding on regional parks and trails implement Master Plans for Regional Parks and trails/trailheads.”
- “Link trails focused on west and northern trailheads bring county resource experts back in parks recreate the parks department and fund at levels commensurate with projected growth, for planning purposes the public needs land ownership status maps.”
- “Bike/hike/horse trail Sparks to Storey Co. along Truckee River!”
- “Dog park at South Valley Regional Park or designated off leash area.”
- “Yes – agree – high use of dogs on trails/fields sign increased housing built – apartments requiring area to exercise dogs.”
- “You didn’t show any of the Washoe Valley Parks – Bowers, Davis Creek, Wilson Commons.”
- “Children can hardly play in front of their own homes. Please require neighborhood parks for the health of the children. Studies show the physical, mental, financial value of parks in relationship to wellbeing, health and reputation of community. I see very little open space on map – very disturbing – visitors and residents need/want access to outdoor parks, recreation.”
- “Provide better access to the BLM Land via trailheads on south side of town.”

# **Appendix C**

## **Zip Code Response Map**



# WC Parks Survey Responses By Zip Code



## **Appendix D**

### **Survey Comments Word Cloud**





# **Appendix E**

## **Preliminary Survey Results Report**



**Quick statistics**

Survey 444571 'Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Master Plan Survey'

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**Results**

Survey 444571

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Field summary for qzip

What is the ZIP code of your current residence?

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Minimum	7351.0000000000
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**Field summary for QREC**

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Please indicate the general area where you primarily recreate

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<b>Answer</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
North Washoe County/Palomino Valley/Hungry Valley (SQ001)	7	1.92%
North Valleys/Stead/Cold Springs (SQ002)	29	7.95%
Sun Valley (SQ003)	15	4.11%
Sparks/Spanish Springs/Wadsworth (SQ004)	74	20.27%
Reno (McCarran Loop)/Golden Valley/Verdi/Hidden Valley (SQ005)	118	32.33%
South Meadows/Galena/Pleasant Valley/Washoe Valley (SQ006)	168	46.03%
Tahoe/Incline Village (SQ007)	58	15.89%
Not Listed (Outside of Washoe County) (SQ008)	12	3.29%

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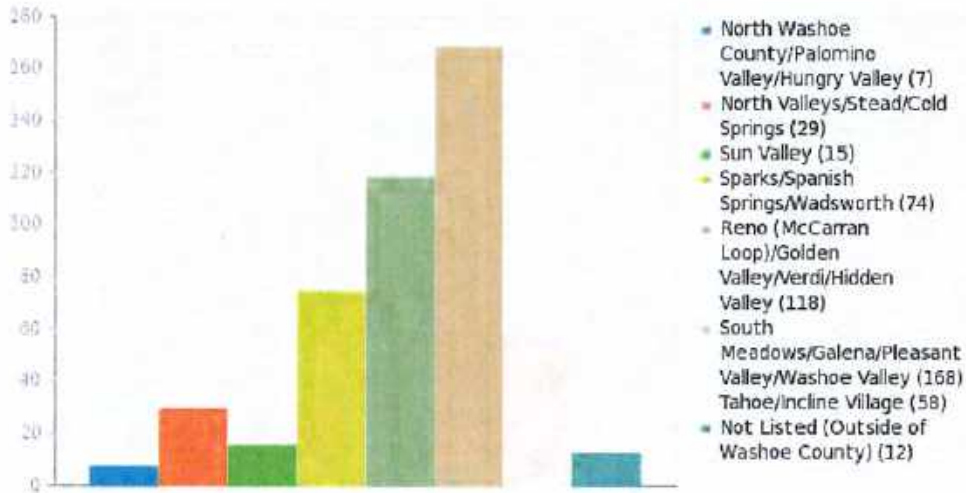
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**Field summary for QREC**

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Field summary for q03

On average how often do you or members of your household visit a park?

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Answer	Count	Percentage
1-2 times a year (A1)	14	3.84%
1-5 times a month (A2)	170	46.58%
10+ times a month (A3)	177	48.49%
I don't visit parks (A4)	4	1.10%
No answer	0	0.00%

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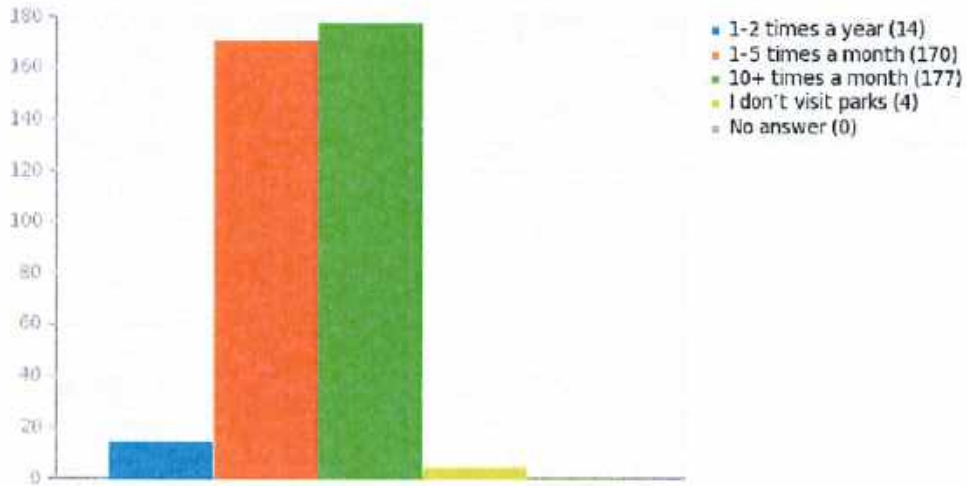
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Field summary for q03

On average how often do you or members of your household visit a park?

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**Field summary for q04****What is your preferred method to travel to the parks that you visit?**

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<b>Answer</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Walk/Bike (A1)	134	36.71%
Drive (A2)	227	62.19%
Public Transportation (A3)	1	0.27%
I don't visit parks (A4)	3	0.82%
No answer	0	0.00%

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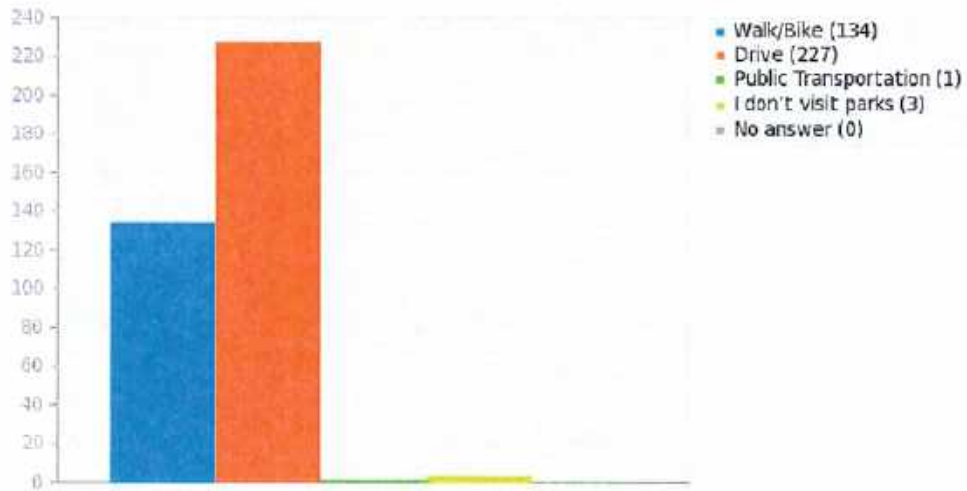
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Field summary for q04

What is your preferred method to travel to the parks that you visit?

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**Field summary for q05**

What type of recreation facilities do you or your household visit most frequently? Small Park Examples (5 to 15 Acres): Damonte Ranch Park Pelican Park Gator Swamp Park Thomas Creek Park Eagle Canyon Park Regional Park Examples (16 to 575 Acres): North Valleys Regional Park Lazy 5 Regional Park South Valleys Regional Park Idlewild Park

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<b>Answer</b>	<b>Count</b>	<b>Percentage</b>
Small Parks and Playgrounds (neighborhood-based parks) (SQ001)	206	56.44%
Large Parks and Playgrounds (multi-purpose regional parks) (SQ002)	202	55.34%
Sports Facilities (SQ003)	56	15.34%
Hiking/Trailheads (SQ004)	183	50.14%
Urban Trails/Multi-Use Path (SQ005)	66	18.08%
Recreation Centers/Museums (SQ006)	55	15.07%
Open Space/Natural Areas (SQ007)	129	35.34%

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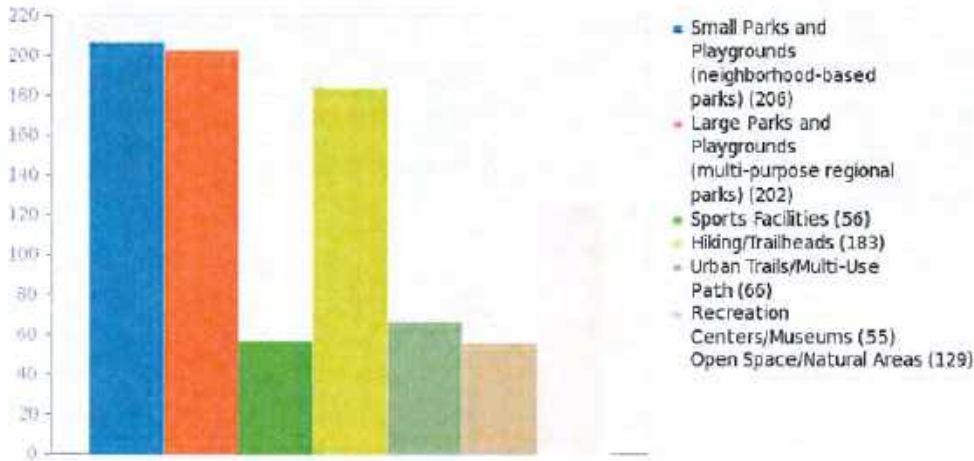
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Field summary for q06

What entity operates and/or maintains the park facility you use most often? (check all that apply)

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Answer	Count	Percentage
Washoe County (SQ001)	232	63.56%
City of Reno (SQ002)	143	39.18%
City of Sparks (SQ003)	58	15.89%
HOA/Private (SQ004)	21	5.75%
I don't know (SQ005)	82	22.47%

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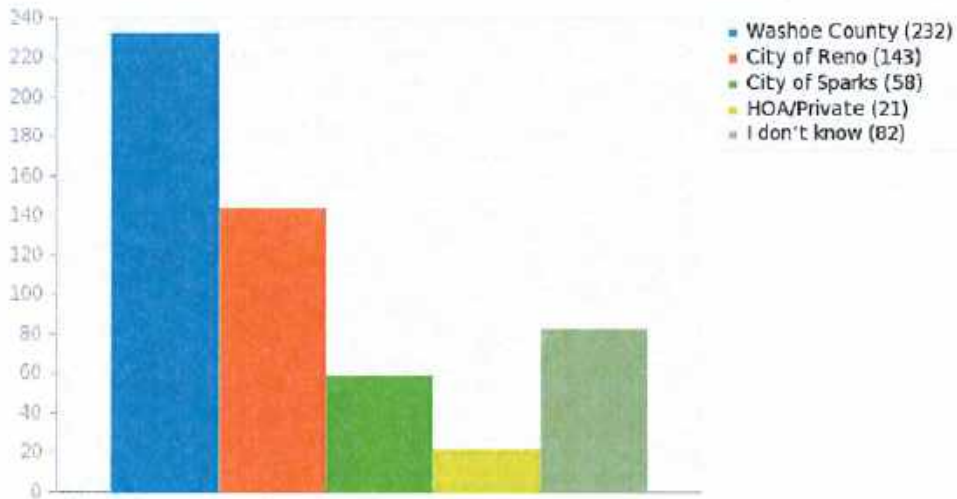
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Field summary for q07

How far are you or members of your household willing to travel for the park facilities that most interest you

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Answer	Count	Percentage
Less than ½ mile (A1)	12	3.29%
½ to 3 miles (A2)	84	23.01%
4 to 10 miles (A3)	131	35.89%
11 to 25 miles (A4)	77	21.10%
More than 25 miles (A5)	61	16.71%
No answer	0	0.00%

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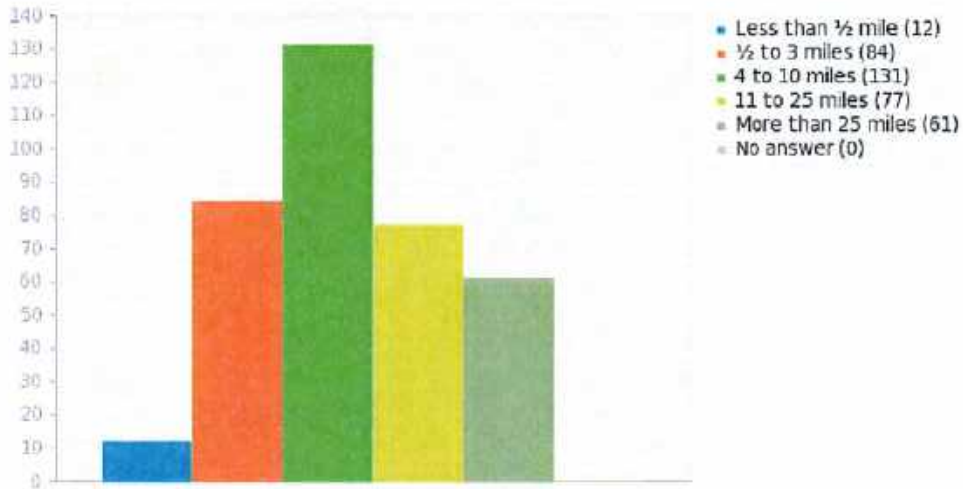
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Field summary for q08

While Washoe County Parks strives to provide a mix of different recreation opportunities, resources are limited, where would you like to see to the biggest focus of resources?

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Answer	Count	Percentage
Provide smaller neighborhood-based parks for future and existing residents (A1)	77	21.10%
Provide larger multi-purpose regional parks and develop existing park master plans (A2)	114	31.23%
Acquire future land to preserve Open Space (A3)	110	30.14%
Connect existing parks with trails/trailheads (A4)	64	17.53%
No answer	0	0.00%

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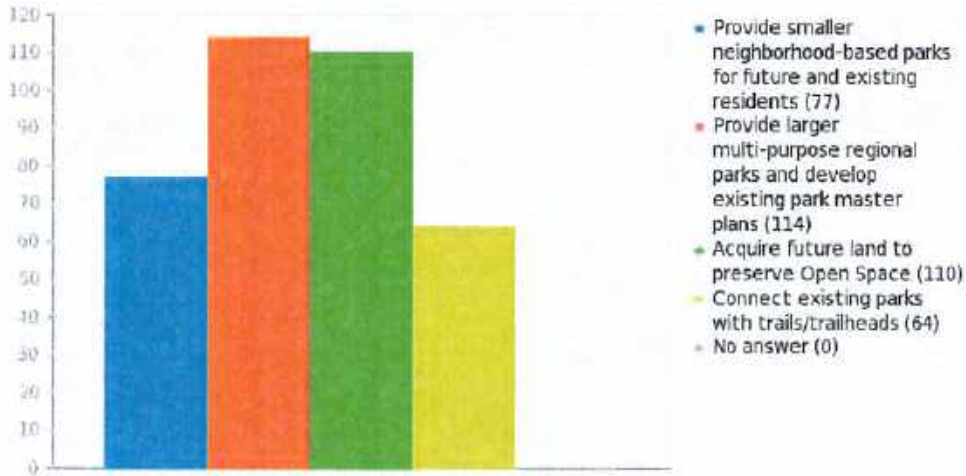
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Field summary for q09

What level of priority do you personally place on allocating funding for park, trail, and open space services relative to other government services?

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Answer	Count	Percentage
Not a priority (A1)	4	1.10%
Low priority (A2)	22	6.03%
Medium priority (A3)	160	43.84%
High priority (A4)	179	49.04%
No answer	0	0.00%

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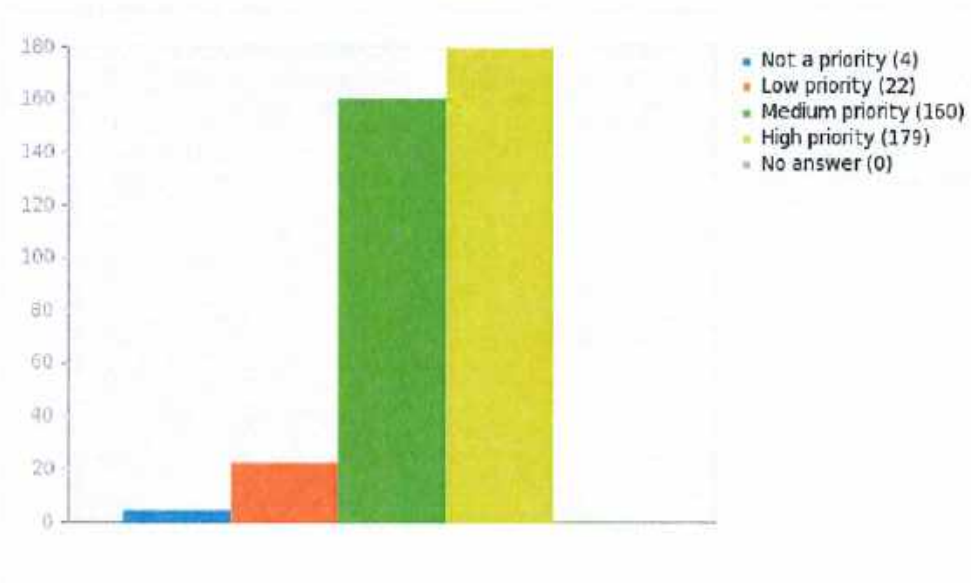
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**Field summary for qcomments**

Do you have any additional comments or questions for the Washoe County Staff? You may leave your email address if you'd like us to get back to you.

Answer	Count	Percentage
Answer	180	49.32%
No answer	185	50.68%

ID	Response
9	I applaud Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space Department. My family loves biking hiking and exploring the parks.
11	I support the public parks in our region. It is important for everyone to have access to parks.
14	We need more residential parks in Spanish spring
18	Park upkeep is as important as having them built. Safe/working equipment, sufficient mulch, free of trash (especially drug/cigarette/alcohol related), free of graffiti, etc.
23	It would be awesome for Washoe County to further collaborate with the Forest Svc, BLM, City, State Parks and trail organizations to develop more THs and trails all around the County. Thanks!
24	we need parks and trails out in Spanish Springs, we also need paths and trails.
25	Need a dog park, off leash style. Owners can meet and greet. Something for people without children.
27	We need a park/parks in our neighborhood. Our neighborhood has no where to recreate. There is a huge open lot off Calle de la Plata that would be a great space for our community. Please build a park. carolinadealba1@yahoo.com
28	Please build the park on Talking Sparrow Dr. We have no parks in our neighborhood and really need them. Please consider using the empty lot on Talking Sparrow it's a great location and really needed!
29	None
30	Improve maintenance of current parks and prohibit dogs at non dog parks. Too much dog poop.
31	Open spaces in washoe county are very important to me. Having access to open/natural areas increases the desirability of the county and is a big part of why I love living here. As the population/subarbs grow I would like us to maintain many open/natural areas for the residents to enjoy.
35	I would love to see a park on Talking Sparrow! We live in the neighborhood and would love to have a park within walking distance to visit often.
36	Please put a part on Talking Sparrow road off of Galla De La Plata. :)
41	I would love to get a dog park with a water feature out in Spanish Springs. Also you don't have Gerlach, Nevada on your list I visit up there occasionally and would love to see more services available.
43	More dog parks! We need one in South Reno.
44	Sugar loaf peak area should be developed more.
46	The parks in Reno are not maintained and are falling apart. It's shameful. I love this city but it's sad to see effort only being spent on the parks in the upscale neighborhoods, while parks in lower income neighborhoods are ignored. If I want to take my kids to a nice, well maintained park with available bathrooms I have to take them to Soth Reno to the rich neighborhoods or to East Sparks. These are public funds that should be focused equally through all neighborhoods. And the parks in downtown Reno are a black eye. Those parks send me a message on how little my city cares.
49	Look at Washoe County as a whole. Not just Reno. Next we are a high desert, where does all the water come from to support these parks? Look at the entire picture plus instead of a park I would rather the County hire more deputies or fix the roads.
50	NA
52	With our increasing population, we need more sports facilities for kids and more open space available for parks.
53	We need more flat field space for sports other than soccer. We also need a pool in the south Reno area. I would love to see the south valleys park developed. I would also like to see more beginner/intermediate mountain bike trails
54	I noticed that there are old trees( eg going from Idlewild park to downtown,especially in the



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- Truckee river in downtown!!!!!!)that are dead for years and not removed.The banks of the river looks abandond. Eg. look at the River Grill bank-wonderful,outstanding!!!-needs something like that more!!Especially if homeless are removed from the city to the facilities that are being build for them.  
It is time to make Reno beautiful with clean parks and streets around!!!
- 56 Please designate and enforce areas for dog owners to take their pets. It completely destroys a park's atmosphere when dogs are running rampant off leash and pooping everywhere. Eg, Chrissie Caughlin park and walking path (west) towards Mccarran.
- 57 We'd love to see the master plan implemented at South Valleys. Parking there can be an issue during soccer events keeping us from using the playground. More parking areas with further development would be useful.  
Denise@denisecallen.com
- 61
- 62 We need more dog parks in south Reno.  
Please work quickly to finish Cyan Park.
- 63 More dog parks, particularly one in the Damonte Ranch area or anywhere in the south Truckee Meadows.
- 66 Raise my taxes!
- 68 We need a park/grass/trees/paved path/playground along Steamboat creek behind the KB Home development that was promised to us when we purchased our home. (Veterans Pkwy. & Geiger Grade Area) There are no parks within reasonable walking distance to this neighborhood of a thousand homes. We have the land and it would be easy to build. Thank you for taking the time to ask for feedback.
- 69 There isn't enough staff to keep the parks clean, safe and in working order. Rancho is a huge park for example and there isn't nearly enough staff and when they hire it's all seasonal staffing. Hire more and hire full time so the best people for the job can be hired and retained..
- 75 I just moved from Tahoe to Regency on Steamboat Pkwy in December 2017. Love the area. I most frequently walk around the wetlands near here and in the foothills. Beautiful. I grew up here, and , though I miss Tahoe, this area is beautiful, convenient, great weather, and wonderful community feeling.
- 77 Golden Eagle Park has plenty of land to develop a family indoor/outdoor pool facility to serve community and high school and private swim clubs. Please explore this year round community resource such as Minden and Carson City have. Those cities could provide cost analysis and advice.  
Alf Sorenson is too small a facility to host swim meets from out of town. Weekend swim meets bring hotel, dining, and shopping revenue to our area. There are many swim clubs in this region and California that would love to have an additional facility.
- 80 We need more community parks with recreation facilities (e.g., soccer field, baseball fields, bocce ball courts, basketball courts, etc).
- 81 We desperately need some type of dog park near the Spanish Springs (Calle De Plata) area. Either a stand alone dog park or just a fenced off area for the pups in an existing park. Someplace to let the pups run free and co mingle with their own. The Marina dog park is just too far away and is the only one that I know of. Ron (culdude2@aol.com)
- 82 I think that Reno is a situated in a great location in regards to having great natural resources in our backyard. As such, I think that this is where some of the more significant park investments can be made. We have a great extensive trail system and keeping them up to standards should be a high priority for the parks system.
- 84 Spanish Springs needs a large full service year round rec center. The city of Provo Utah raised funds to build the best one I have ever seen.  
<https://www.provo.org/community/recreation-center/> Go to their website and check it out. It is desperately needed.
- 86 .
- 87 There are not enough public pools in south meadows. Would be nice to have one!!
- 90 Enhancing existing sports complexes would be nice. For example, the MAC in Carson City is a nice facility, that offers many different sports and activities for adults and children.
- 91 Parks are for city folks, In the North Valley's the open Desert is our park. Complete with wildlife and dangers city dwellers don't have to think about. Any monies collected for parks, would not benefit residents where I live. I see where you are going with this survey. Don't do it.  
dahorsemucker@yahoo.com
- 92 I am in full support of the County's parks & open space recommendation for smoke- and vape-free parks. Additionally, I'd love to see the staff partner with local outdoor organizations, Leave No Trace, or local dog shops for education on appropriate use of parks and trails with dogs. It gets really old walking through a gauntlet of poop bags that people "plan to pick up on



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- their way out" (but usually forget). I think a lot of these people think they're doing a good thing by bagging the poop, but don't realize that if they don't want to carry a stinky bag, no one else wants to walk past it either. It's just people not being considerate of others, but I think they're ignorant to the issue. Dog socialization and leash issues are problems too, so education for all users would be a great resource! powerkristen@yahoo.com
- 95 Several walking/ bicycle paths have been proposed to connect the Washoe Valley recreation areas and these have not been completed. Walking/biking on our public streets and especially Eastlake Blvd is dangerous. Please include these projects in your plan.
- 96 We would love to see more parks in Damonte Ranch with small play structures. Are there any plans to add a play structure in the open space across from the high school next to the wetlands on rio wrangler? We would also be thrilled to see any of our local parks get shade coverings or a splash pad since the summer heat makes the playground extremely hot. Please email me back at nicoleriley1313@gmail.com.
- Thank you!  
Nicole Favors
- 100 I've selected connecting trails/trailheads as a high priority, especially regarding larger parks like Galena and Hidden Valley. It is easy to get lost and maintained trails and developed trailheads are safer and more user-friendly, encouraging citizens to really explore and reap the benefits of the outdoors.
- 101 State or federal parks weren't listed, we go to Washoe State park and back land frequently. Primary concern is lack of access to public lands as hillside property is developed.
- 102 Why not focusing on beautification and acquiring land from already existing parks and recreational sports complex. It is sad seeing kids in low income communities playing in old equipment or decolorated equipment. I love soccer and I enjoy watching family and friends games; the soccer fields that are mostly use are the ones where hispanic kids play; those fields are kept in poor condition compared with the fields my kids play at. The miguel Rivera park on Neil Rd has more holes that you will ever find at Moana, South Valleys or the fields by McQueen HS. I had seen kiddos tripping so many times because of the holes; not to mention all the mosquito population at Miraloma park. Lets fix our parks and focus on serving youth population better not the location of those parks. By the way the Skate Park at Neil Rd was a great asset. Youth need positive environments, sports accessibility...lets keep them busy with more prosocial activities/sites and bring it to them. Thanks! :)
- 103 I would like to see a dog park on the South Meadows/Damonte Ranch area. As it is now, we have to travel across town to access a dog park.  
Also, I'd like to see a community pool in our part of town so kids can swim.
- 106 We are new to Washoe Valley and have horses. I love riding in the State Park but there are no safe trails to get there easily. Eastlake is a freeway, although the posted speed limit is 35. Many of us riders in the area have to trailer to the park which is less than two miles away. It would be wonderful to have a safe way to access the park from our neighborhoods off Eastlake. Thank you
- 107 A dog park in the northern part of Sparks that is FULLY fenced in would be great. Some of us have dogs that are attracted to small animals at the Marina (geese, squirrels, etc) and decide to go chase after them.
- 111 don't forget horse people in the plans!
- 117 We need a neighborhood park in North west Spanish Springs :)
- 120 I love the parks and open areas in and around reno. My biggest problem is the overwhelming amount of dog waist that litters every park or area you go to. It appears very few people pick up after their dogs. Also the absolute refusal of some dog owners to obey leash laws. It has turned very dangerous to use parks in Washoe County. These situations are out of control in Washoe County , it would be incredible for you to address this before people especially child get hurt
- 121 Please update Thomas Cteek Park! The equipment is so old and unsafe! There's no toddler area and even the equipment for older kids is not in good shape. It has been neglected for the 25 years I have lived here.
- 122 Parks improve my life more than any other thing
- 123 Bathroom, fountain, and a bit of shade at all but the smallest parks please.
- 124 Bathrooms, water and shade at every park and trailhead. Oh and more disc golf!!!
- 125 All the parks should habe bathrooms and recreational sport options for teens
- 126 I'm a disc golfer and really enjoy the three different pages we've been able to have courses put in. I enjoy variety so if in the future the opportunity to put in more in the area comes up, I'm all for it!
- 127 With the massive construction going up in our area are developers required to include parks and open spaces in their projects?
- 130 Would like to thank reno for tv he disc golf courses that have been installed. Its a lowcost



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- sport.
- 132 Overall I think Washie County and the City of Reno do a good job with our existing parks! I'm an avid disc golfer, ultimate Frisbee player, and hiker so I appreciate having lots of options and the support we get from our local government agencies. I'm always in favor of increased parkland and open spaces. Thanks for everything you do!
- 135 The area that used to be Home Gardens, adjacent to the airport, is a large beautiful area perfect for a large park with potential for pickle ball courts, splash park, climbing walks, zip lines open-air market and possibly even an aviary (thinking like a big city!!)  
It seems such a waste to remain undeveloped, particularly with so many mature trees. Surely this has already been considered. I hope!! I understand the concern about geese however there are already humane and effective means to deter them from gathering near the flight path being employed now, so that shouldn't be a deal breaker. This area's location would be an ideal spot for the public to enjoy their city. Thanks!  
Logrady@adamsai.com
- 138 I see the city keeps building on all kinds of open space..its terrible. We need our open space!! Even next to the freeway there are bulldozers ready to make room for more ugly buildings of the same crap we already have! Stop.. wildlife is very important. more parks, Bigger open space!!!
- 139 Would love to see more disc golf courses. Low cost to build, and they leave the space in a natural condition
- 142 The various sand volleyball courts are worthless and dangerous ,due to very little sand . My grand daughter badly injured her knee do to the D. G. Used instead of sand.
- 149 We need more off-leash facilities for our dogs! I frequently travel to Las Vegas and it seems the dog parks are everywhere! Small neighborhoods parks would be most appealing
- 154 We would love a park or community center type place in the back of Spanish Springs. Great community out there!
- 155 Our park system are an astonishingly accurate reflection of our community's overall quality of life. At the end of a long day or a rough week I recover my sanity at one of the disc golf courses. Parks are the most social entity in my hood. As people become more and more digitally connected, and do less and less brick and mortar errands, our parks will become more vital to our community health. Thanks for all you do!
- 156 I appreciate any and all who are involved in the keeping & maintenance as well as thought of future use and hopefully even growth. The knowledge of the area /plants /animals etc. we need more DISC GOLF areas for play! Spanish springs/PYRAMID area. NV LOVE peeps! Thank you for you!!!
- 157 Question #8 is poorly written and cannot be answered. One cannot acquire "future" land.
- Since a response to Question #8 is mandatory, my response is: Acquire private land to preserve Open Space for the future.
- 159 I am concerned that the development of parks, trails and open space is not keeping up with the rapid development we are seeing. I think we need to place a high priority on funding to develop these facilities and build out our park master plans plus use funds to purchase lands such as floodplains and wetlands that preserve open space and provide wildlife habitat. Perhaps the marijuana tax money could be used for this purpose or a bond could be passed. Our family and many others like this area due to the close proximity of open space and trails and I think all residents should have a trail within 10 (walking) minutes of their residence for exercise and wellness, interconnected throughout the urban and suburban areas. Our family uses the existing trail network at least 4-5 times per week for exercise. We also need more swimming pools so kids learn to swim for safety and for wellness. I think with the availability of geothermal resources in the South Meadows Regional Park there should be a pool built there. I am a hydrogeologist and am knowledgable about these resources. If you have any questions I can be reached at mhanne@sbcglobal.net
- 162 I really wish we had more open space parks in the Reno area. With the amount of development happening, all the lands in South Reno/Damonte area that I recreated on, is now being developed. It disgusts me to see how little value open space has to the City of Reno and I really hope Washoe Co. is able to acquire more land for open space. With all of the development, we are really setting ourselves up for a nature blind community (never mind a plant blind community) who can't even experience the sagebrush ecosystem within the city limits. Even though Phoenix is a big city, I am really impressed by the number of open space parks and recreation areas they have. Reno needs to follow suit before it is too late. Rancho and Hidden Valley can not be the only two large parks in our area; something needs to be done.
- 163 No
- 165 I'd prefer to see more parks of all sizes in and around our area than complexes and apartments and housing developments. If we don't have parks, we will be surrounded by



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- buildings rather than beauties.
- 173 I do not understand question 8, 3rd choice. "Acquire future lands ..." is meaningless. In order to provide larger multi-purpose regional parks, it is necessary to purchase private lands or seek donations or partnerships. Choice 2 really requires that the county acquire private land. Parks and recreation must, once again, be a full department with a director of Parks and Recreation who works full time with an adequate staff or parks and resource people to fulfill the mission of both maintaining and expanding our existing parks as well as implementing the master plans that have been developed over many years. Advisory commissions for all major parks - not just the parks commission - should be reformed to provide input to the county parks commission. Parks and recreation are an essential service for the entire community. The slashing of budgets for Parks and Recreation has resulted in poor maintenance and no vision or implementation for the future parks. Further, the county has lost its expertise and resource staff who can adequately respond to restoration and rehabilitation. It is long past to put a strong Parks Department back in charge of our outstanding parkland and create a vision and implement good park planning for the future. I was very disappointed with the recent public meetings which seemed to have no real purpose.
- 179 consider keeping park restrooms open year round. City of Reno does this in some places by installing combination locks (for personnel to use) on the outside doors. Apparently, these are opened/locked on a daily basis by personnel, or maybe on timers, so they are locked at nite to prevent misuse of the facilities. But they seem to be open allday. Many county parks are locked up all winter. There are those of us who use these facilities year round thank you for your consideration.
- 187 Why do the government funding spend money on open parks when they can spend some on smaller parks
- 189 Maintenance of parks is a huge improvement to me. Many parks need new turf or wood chips. Many parks also need to be updated.
- 193 Golden Hills neighborhood in Damonte Ranch needs a Park!
- 195 We'd love for the proposed south valleys ice rink to go in along with a swimming pool on the south end of town. It is much needed and we currently drive to carson to participate.
- 196 I would love to see more parks, and rec centers. There are not enough sports facilities to accommodate all of the children playing team sports. This city needs more indoor basketball courts as well. I would love to see parks connected by trails as well.
- 198 I believe Reno is allowing development to overrule the importance of an interconnected park system with preserved open spaces and parks for people to enjoy. Parks can play a larger part beyond just for our enjoyment, they allow water/flood management through ponds (NY Times published a story about this a few months ago). Having an interconnected trail system will allow people access different parts of our city via bike.
- Reno has a growing population and if plans are not made now to protect public space, development will take over. We cannot cry poor. This city cannot cry poor when they have failed to raise property taxes (there are still individuals paying pre-1970 rates) or negotiate with large corporations moving into to provide funding and sponsor parks (Tesla, Amazon, Patagonia, Apple, and many more). In other cities, park structures and open spaces are "sponsored."
- I would love to assist in any way and support Washoe County and the city of Reno in supporting a park system. Thank you! Natalie Christopher natalierchristopher@gmail.com
- 201 We live in the Saddle Ridge community in Damonte Ranch. We are looking for more trailheads/hiking trails at the North end of Rio Wrangler Pkwy. Is this in any future plans? jessica.corbett04@gmail.com
- 203 I live in the North Valleys-Silver Knolls our open space around our Silver Knolls park is used by many. Walkers, Horseback riders, motorcyclist, ATV riders. There is always someone using the dirt roads around our open space-please keep it that way!
- 206 We desperately need a regional park in the South. The North Valleys and Sparks both have great parks and we have nothing. The majority of the development is going on in the South and our taxes are the highest in the Reno Sparks area, yet we are not getting any services in return. Every other state in the country seems to find the money to have the parks and recreation programs and facilities that Reno is desperately lacking. A pool, splash park and other things for children to do would be an amazing addition to South Reno.
- 211 Maybe consider incorporating local art pieces along trails and in parks. So many artists in Reno and it may help enliven tourism. Art attractions make great social media posts and that brings more awareness to the community to use those spaces.
- 215 South Reno is booming with construction and I fear it will ruin the community if it becomes too crowded. There is not building of parks and educational facilities to keep pace with the



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- 217 growth. Please help.  
Please utilize the existing Washoe County Open Space and Natural Resource Plan when looking at new developments. Also, all proposed developments should include an open space/trail/park system (ex. Caughlin Ranch, Damonte Ranch). Connectivity between trails and trail systems is also important.
- 219 I'd love to see more shade structures at existing parks for children, I would also love to see more children friendly parks and play areas like a splash park in the south of town.
- 227 Thank you
- 230 I enjoy the smaller parks but we still need open spaces. This is like asking would you like vanilla or chocolate. Well I enjoy all of it but what is best for the community and we are losing green belts and water ways for animals in this area. So tough to choose what I want more can't we have all of it for parks
- 236 I'd love more parks down south near Damonte Ranch area!! With SHADE!!!! Also a public swimming pool
- 241 What happened to the grand plan for south valleys??? We need an aquatic facility & ice rink in the Reno area. As a parent, I'd love to see splash pads in the south
- 243 This survey does not seem to recognize the importance of cooperation w state and federal agencies who manage Rec areas and open spaces.
- I'd encourage future surveys to explore the value of specific types of recreation to assist in parsing out how people recreate this n Washoe Co.
- Thanks, chris  
Ctheisen69@yahoo.com
- 248 I wish I didn't have to chose between open land for future use and small neighborhood based parks. Both are so important as our population grows. Overcrowded parks are no fun and open space is such a valuable part of what makes our current landscape so appealing.
- I would also like to see some reinvestment in some of the aging parks. For example, the park in Saddlehorn in Thomas Creek is beautiful with the trees and grass missing at other parks but the defunct volleyball court and ancient playground could use a little reinvestment.
- It would also be great if there was a water park like the one in sparks in south Reno. It's tough to drive two small kids all the way across town not knowing if all the other moms in Reno are doing the same. Old love to see an option in south meadows.
- Last is a plea— more trees and plants PLEASE. Some of the parks feel like deserts. I know we live in the desert but The parks that have vegetation incorporated and not segregated are great.
- 249 Washoe county is sorely lacking in good quality year round sports facilities. Especially soccer fields & pools.
- 250 Splash pad in south meadows area .
- 257 More dog friendly parks/trails would be great!
- 260 I'd like to see more county employees, ie. park rangers, have the authority to cite people who violate the laws within our county parks. Graffiti, dogs off leash, drug use, parking issues, etc need to be dealt with immediately. People do all kinds of asinine stuff in the parks because they know nobody is around who can do anything about it.
- 261 A dog park in South Reno would solve all of the problems people are having with people wanting to let their dogs off leash and others not. We drive crossed town weekly to the nearest dog park so our pets can socialize with dogs and people. Having a dog park near by is proven to reduce violent dog fights or dog vs human bites because they can learn how to react with other dogs/people at a young age. Please add a dog park to the vastly growing community of South reno
- 262 More dog parks
- 263 Trails are great Rex amenities for our communities. Need bathrooms at trail heads, need to connect more residential areas to parks via trails. Add smaller playground amenities to regional parks. Need splash park like north valleys at south valleys park.
- 264 Would love to have more parks that have different things to do and different structures for the kids.
- 265 Splash park at south valleys park would be awesome
- 269 I think more parks are needed in low income areas close to resident's homes as they can not afford to drive to parks. Easy access from homes to parks is very important for the young, the elderly. The opportunity of easy access is important for the mental and physical health of all residents. When busy or tired or when I had small children I used local parks frequently for exercise and to relieve stress. Sports complexes are important for sports, and those with



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- trails are more valuable such as Golden Eagle Sports Complex/Park/Trails. We hike at parks such as Galena 1-2/week and also snow shoe there. We greatly appreciate the exhibits and educational talks offered at Galena and Idlewild Parks. Youth camps are very important as well as the science programs. Walks for elderly and young from TMPF are very valuable. We use open space 1-2 times per week. We bike to Damonte Ranch Wetlands and use the connecting paths there often. We hate traffic, congestion, and cities. We did not move here to be confined nor denied parks and access to open space.
- 270 I like well-maintained trails, and clean restrooms. Other than that, development of open spaces should be minimal.
- 271 It would be great to add flat field space that could be used by Lacrosse, Soccer, and other similar field sports. There is a shortage of quality, lighted facilities that can be used for team sports.
- 275 When can we expect Washoe County to repair Anderson park?
- 276 Although acquiring future land for open space is a high priority, providing smaller neighborhood-based parks, and connecting existing parks with trails/trail-heads is important. Although disability conditions often limit my accessibility to parks and trails within the city limits, I travel to more distant, open space and natural areas whenever possible.
- 277 I would love to see more neighborhood splash pads. Especially free of charge ones. Along with swings.
- 278 We recently held an event at the Washoe County Regional Shooting Facility for attendees of the Sons of the American Revolution's annual state conference.
- This was a black powder, musket shooting event, with participants experience levels ranging from beginner to expert; because of this mix, some patience and accommodation for the beginners was required on the range and shooting, with safety considerations first and foremost.
- Rangemaster Jim Leary, and his assistant, were tolerant and polite, and extremely helpful in assisting all level of shooters in making the musket shoot a success.
- The outdoor picnic area was useful, and it was great to have running water and restroom facilities on site.
- The facilities are very appropriate for the attendees' use, and the range is clean, very functional and well run.
- Thank you for making the range and personnel available for our event, it was great.
- rogerlinsar@gmail.com
- 280 Keep up the good work you do!
- 281 Great work by understaffed Parks crews. I am impressed with the dedication and hard work done by all County parks staff.
- 282 Parks such as Callahan are used frequently and increasingly so. Burglary and vandalism on the rise...please provide solar powered webcam as a deterrent. Pavement needs replacing. A seasonal structure is already in place for a portable toilet, please place one there. Trailhead access in general is important, these places need to be safe, secure with bathrooms and garbage. The Park Rangers should be commissioned officers. Those of us who use these trailheads/parks are willing to contribute to funding some of these items by way of donation stations.
- 283 The most popular Washoe County park is Rancho San Rafael, which is not included in this survey. All the parks and trails within the Truckee Meadows are regularly used as a starting point for hiking groups. Trails off Timberline Drive are popular. If lands could be acquired in the Virginia Range and trails developed, they would also be popular. In fact, given the loss of open space to development and its replacement by residents who also want to hike or stroll or picnic, more parks are essential even if they can't be immediately be developed. The budget for parks is still at 2008 levels and needs to be increased. With so few park staff, acquiring outside funds is also difficult.
- 284 #6 doesn't mention state parks we go to Washoe Lake all the time
- 287 Please restore funding to pre recession levels. Keep parks from being over developed. Please keep trying to acquire more space before the county is all built out.
- 292 Love WC parks! Moved here 6 years ago w little kids. So impressed with quality and quantity of parks! Save the open space while it still exists! Azales7@hotmail.com
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- 294 Need more places to fish and need a dog park in south Reno/galena area
- 297 I would really like to see a pool in the North Valleys. There is no local place for the kids to swim without having to travel to North Reno or Sun Valley.



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- 302 I would love to see a disc golf course at Davis Creek. I would camp there midweek.
- 304 I would like to see a disc golf course installed at Davis Creek Regional Park. I would camp there midweek.  
Craig Getty  
775-762-1956  
cdgetty@yahoo.com
- 307 We love Galena, and Tahoe meadows the best
- 308 My family absolutely loves going to parks! We are very thankful for the hard work you all do to maintain them for all of us. I love walking at parks, especially the ones with water features and fountains.
- 309 We belong to a group that would like to have a somewhat local place for up to 100 to camp for Friday and Saturday, and would like to be able to reserve or reserve part of the Archery Park for a day event of medieval archery competition.
- 310 More parks and spaces that aren't poisoned with herbicides and pesticides.
- 313 Please preserve open space and natural areas, and install more educational signage. Thanks for all that you do! :)
- 316 Nothing in the questions about specialty facilities like the Regional Shooting Facility. That facility really needs to be better funded for longer hours and additional staff.
- 317 Update the play areas and paint the structures. Will help a lot.
- 318 It would be nice to have a great state fair or more festivals.
- 320 Had a great experience at the Washoe County shooting range; the gentleman running the range was very professional and helpful with my many questions. I have been to many ranges, including military, in the he past years. This one is the best, hands down!!
- 327 I feel strongly that parks should be a priority - I have been a paying member of TMPF for a few years now. Thank you for all your efforts to provide local and regional park spaces for our families!
- 329 More parks with play structures in midtown or updating parks in area; Idlewild or wingfield play structures. The best parks are a 25 min drive from these central points and the parks in this area are small, old/dirty/broken, or as my 6 year old puts it, boring.
- 332 lets fix the existing parks and soccer fields to better standards
- 333 I live near the Mira Loma Park. We love it. We've been trying to work with the city to use a gated area to make a garden, but they have not been interested, and turn the idea down. It's upsetting. I don't have the resources to run it, but they don't even see it as a worthy endeavor. I'd be interested in talking more with someone. msjamckinney@gmail.com
- 336 South Reno needs a pool or water park/splash pad area for the children. There is nothing within 20-30 minutes!
- 338 The beauty of Nevada must be protected for all citizens
- 340 We would love a closer neighborhood park to our home. Also hiking trails and more walking paths around the community would be amazing. like Stead has. The waling paths to the pond, aound the neighborhood, and out to swan lake reservoir. We'd also love a regional swim center like Minden has. The kiddie pool with sprinklers, a heated therapy pool, water slides, the rock wall. That swim center offers great year round swimming but Is SO far from spanish springs. If Washoe county had an indoor swim center like that I think it would be a very popular place for birthdays, swim meets, lessons, and year long fun! Alf does offer indoor swimming but its boring and cold.
- 341 We would live a pool out here in Stead/Lemmon Valley. Perhaps near the current splash pad at north valleys regional park. You guys do great work! We love visiting all the different parks.
- 344 We need more outdoor pools.  
We need tennis courts in the neighborhood parks. Especially in the north valleys like Cold springs. We have none. And the kids out here that are tweens have not much to use. Basketball courts and a skate park. But no tennis courts.  
The park on the corner of baring and mccarren is an excellent park!
- 345 A manmade lake with facilities and swimming,paddle boats,etc would be nice in stead/cold springs area. Redo the golf course.
- 346 LOVE Truckee Meadows Park Foundation!!!!
- 347 Bathrooms at parks are much appreciated by families. One of the biggest determining factors of which park we will go to is restroom facility availability. We get frustrated that San Rafael park restrooms are seasonal. The park is nice to visit in the winter, until someone needs the restroom and we must leave.
- 351 Feel free to contact me: theresabo87@gmail.com
- 353 It would be GREAT if the soccer fields at Lazy 5 could be kept up to par with those on the south end of town.
- 354 I want more park on different areas because those that exist are ho ready Crowded
- 355 The limited availability of fields for soccer and other flat field sports is completely



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- unreasonable in comparison to other cities. We need to stop talking about adding fields and start building them.
- 356 We would love to see a good aquatic center with an indoor and outdoor pool that's affordable for the community to enjoy. Currently we drive to Carson or even Minden for a decent community pool, which seems crazy!
- 357 We don't need the private ice rink on public land.  
We need to work together with non-profit organizations such as SNCA and build public pools on the public lands.
- 359 More funding, Reno and Washoe County is really lacking in the public Parks and recreation and it's terrible we are losing what we do have. Please also add parking lots to Parks, it's terrible to have people parking illegally all over the parks because there is no parking. Also look into the EPIC green EGS system that UNR has on their practice fields for drainage, it's sad the fields are closed so often in the spring because we can't manage our fields.
- 360 I really appreciate the wonderful parks in the area... Dorester, Mt. Rose meadows, Thomas creek and Whites creek, San Rafael, Idlewild and the Crooked Mile, Steamboat Ditch Trail, Hunter Creek trail, Pyramid to Tahoe bike trail, Tahoe Rim Trail, Rock Park, ... We use all these and more every week of the year. Having open spaces is important to us! I volunteer to care for these parks and would gladly pay a higher tax to care for them and acquire more public land! ????
- 363 I greatly appreciate that Washoe County has some really great parks, trails, open space, and just everything. Thank you!
- 366 Would like to see improvements made to Rancho San Rafael and the Wilbur D May arboretum.
- 368 Are there any plans to update the small playground park right next to the pool at Idlewild Park? Things are messy, overgrown, and broken. It looks like such a great spot for a playground- but isn't kept up well at all. Meganazzi@yahoo.com
- 371 above N. McCarran they're building more houses and this was great open space?! Now it's ruined, plowed, ready for CEMENT..enough is enough!! STOP. Don't want a concrete jungle. How many animals are you killing building all this ?? its all over N. Virginia. its a disaster.
- 374 I would personally appreciate and more often use dog friendly spaces, including off leash dog areas.
- 379 Washoe County does a pretty good job of maintaining their parks with the limited staff and resources they have. Some of the trails could use more maintenance, but I know more staff is needed. Hopefully, the County will provide the funding to make that happen. We love you Washoe County Parks!!
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- 384 More dog friendly parks | Hehe :)
- 385 Washoe county needs a bike park (like Truckee) that's close for people to use (not north valleys). A pump track, dual slalom, bike jumps. If you've ever been to the Truckee Bike park, it's always packed with kids and adults. We also need an indoor pool. Every surrounding town has an indoor pool with slides! Not us. Let's get on this!!  
Jessica  
theyurt@gmail.com
- 389 Nature/Outdoors is a high value health benefit for most citizens at a low to no cost for older residents and low income.
- 390 A skate park or something preteen/teen focused in NW Reno McQueen area would be great!
- 393 I'd like to see the current parks maintained and repaired prior to establishing new parks. So many that we go to have broken playground equipment ( broken slides, missing swings) or trash laying about. Thank you  
Jennifer  
Jenmtu97@yahoo.com
- 396 (Might be City if Reno issue) Redo the skate park at Panther Valley to concrete, wood breaks down, also the bike track has a lot of potential but the sagebrush within it hides snakes etc - better maintenance of existing resources is nice - good luck
- 405 Parks are a vital asset to our growing population and communities. More funding and more open spaces are needed!
- 418 Give Raleigh Heights Park some more love. It's had a broken slide for at least a year. Also, my sons would like it VERY MUCH if you'd install a tetherball pole.
- 424 The county spends too much of the tax payer dollars within the unincorporated areas of the county.
- 436 I live on Brook Meadow Lane - next to Galena Park. Within this past year it was nice because they had a "crew" (I believe it was juvenile delinquents) came and do some major trimming

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- and pruning of the parking area/entrance to Galena Creek Trailhead... the problem? They did NOT finish cleaning the debris: downed branches, one very large stump etc... it is a "hazard" to kids playing in and amongst it...
- 438 I would LOVE an aquatic center for Reno. We drive to Minden several times a year to use the Carson Valley Swim Center. I pay for a health club membership for pool access which is not accessible to many other families.
- 439 I would love to see more disability access at the parks ie. Shadow Mountain Park in Sparks. Access to Rest rooms year round. City of Reno seems to have worked this out w/electronic locks in some of their facilities.
- 442 I suggest acquiring a piece of private property on S. Virginia. This land is currently owned by the Willey's. There is a developed trail on it that already leads to the BLM Trail System.
- 443 I suggest acquiring a piece of private land on South Virginia, currently owned by the Willey's. This already has a trail (developed trail) on it that leads to the BLM trail system.
- 444 Love to see better income streams for parks.
- 445 Washoe Co. does a fine job with Parks. Because Open Space is being gobbled up by urban sprawl/development it's important to obtain as much open ground as possible to keep it available to all.
- 446 Have developers pay for neighborhood parks as part of development.
- 447 Hire more people to work in the parks!
- 448 Visited the shooting range. This is an excellent facility run by great people. I try to visit the range 1-2 times a year but it takes me over 3.5hrs to get there. Keep this great facility open to the public.
- 449 Why can't we have a Dog Park in the So. Meadows area. I would think if a study were conducted, that people with dogs use the park at So. Meadows more that the sporting activities there. I see dog people using the parks at all hours of the day, not so with sporting activities. I see many CA. license plates in the parking lot and those folks are not paying taxes to support the park. The park rangers are very understand about this problem. As a tax payer I would like to see a better return for my tax dollars. I have been talking with other dog people who use the park and they complain about more regulations for park use and automobile traffic in the area which decreases the positive aspect of using the parks. Many of these folks I talk with are senior citizens and driving distance is a factor when using the parks due to increase traffic volume in the area and the county as a whole. They want something close to home. If you can't have your dog on the grass at So.Meadows where can you go? How about giving our dogs some of the area in the park? Thank you, Duane Warth drwreno@gmail.com 775 853 2276

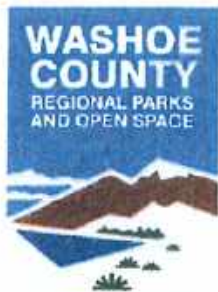




# Appendix F

## **Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space 2007-2010 Strategic Plan**





## 2007-2010 Strategic Plan

Programs and facilities managed by the Parks Department help preserve and provide access to many of the region's natural, cultural and historic wonders. More than 50 regional community and special use facilities are available for use while more than 6,000 acres of parks and open space provide outdoor adventures for all ages.

The mission of the department extends beyond providing parks and recreation. Preservation of open space conserves and enhances the County's natural and historical settings for future generations. These include mountains and deserts, lake front property, stream corridors, trails, and wetland preserves. The community along with local, state and federal governments work together to coordinate the regional planning and development of parks, trails and open space.

### Mission Statement

To provide exceptional parks and open space and recreational opportunities while preserving our natural, historical and cultural resources.

### Vision Statement

Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space will lead the region in providing world class facilities and unsurpassed services that maximize resources, engage the public and grow with our community's priorities and expectations.

### Strategic Priorities

- \* Preserve and enhance regional parks and open space.
- \* Develop and update community supported plans.

Provide quality programs to meet the needs of the community.

Provide excellent customer service.

Develop and promote internal and external communications.

Administer the department in a cost effective and operationally efficient manner.

Develop a well balanced team oriented, well-trained workforce.

22,500



## Washoe County Parks Department 2007-2010 Strategic Plan with Status Update (11/15/07)

Mission and Vision	Strategic Priorities	Department Goals	Supporting Goals for Fiscal Year 2007-2008 (Divisional Goals)	Status as of 11/15/07
<b>Mission Statement:</b> To provide exceptional parks and open space and recreational opportunities while preserving our natural, historical and cultural resources.	Preserve and enhance regional parks and open space (B)	Harmonize use of all district lands within County Parks & Open Space	Develop and refine the policy (Planning) (6-30-2007)	●
		Develop and manage Washoe County's parks inventory (Planning) (6-30-2008)	Develop Parks & Timber Management Plan (Planning) (6-30-2008)	●
<b>Vision Statement:</b> Washoe County Regional Parks and Open Space will lead the region in providing world class facilities and unsurpassed services that maximize resources, engage the public and grow with our community's priorities and expectations.	Develop and update community supported plans (B)	Develop an Urban Forestry Program within the Region's Parks & Open Space Department	Complete Parks & Open Space Plans Review (Operations) (6-30-2008)	●
		Develop and update parks department plans	Develop and manage Washoe County's parks inventory (Planning) (4-30-2008)	●
<b>County-wide Strategic Priorities</b> 1. Improve Public Safety, Security and Health 2. Preserve and Enhance Our Quality of Life 3. Improve Regional Collaboration 4. Support a Healthy Economy 5. Provide Excellent Public Service 6. Improve Efficiency and Financial Stability of Washoe County 7. Develop Our Workforce	Develop and update community supported plans (B)	Develop planning documents and monitoring processes that support the preservation and enhancement of regional parks and open space	Complete Update of all Park Master Plans (ongoing) (Planning) (6-30-2008)	●
		Track legislative issues impacting parks, trails and open space (ongoing) (Administration)	Track legislative issues impacting parks, trails and open space (ongoing) (Administration)	●
		Create and update functional policies enabling successful management of the department resources (Administration) (6-30-2008)	Create and update functional policies enabling successful management of the department resources (Administration) (6-30-2008)	●
		Complete Open Space/Natural Resource Management Plan (OS/NRMP) (Planning) (6-30-2009)	Complete Open Space/Natural Resource Management Plan (OS/NRMP) (Planning) (6-30-2009)	●
		Continue to collaborate with other departments, agencies, & organizations for open space acquisition & natural resource management and planning for the future needs of our citizens	Continue coordinating with the "Tri-County" group for the Nevada Public Land Management Act projects and acquisitions (Planning)	●
		Continue involvement with the "Open Space" Task Force along with Kaley Truckee Mackay's Beautify (ongoing) (Planning)	Continue involvement with the "Open Space" Task Force along with Kaley Truckee Mackay's Beautify (ongoing) (Planning)	●
		Develop a Regional Trails Committee for producing trail connectivity and acquisitions needed for future trails & trailsheads (Planning) (6-31-2007)	Develop a Regional Trails Committee for producing trail connectivity and acquisitions needed for future trails & trailsheads (Planning) (6-31-2007)	●
		Establish a real property division within Washoe County to provide guidelines for assessments, dedications, acquisitions, property sales, etc. (Administration) (7-1-2007)	Establish a real property division within Washoe County to provide guidelines for assessments, dedications, acquisitions, property sales, etc. (Administration) (7-1-2007)	●
		Collaborate with other agencies to assess and meet the community's acquisition needs (Planning) (6-30-2008)	Collaborate with other agencies to assess and meet the community's acquisition needs (Planning) (6-30-2008)	●
		Develop Resource Management Plans for all Regional Parks, Golf Courses, Trails & Open Space	Support the sustainability initiative (ongoing) (Planning)	●
Provide quality programs to meet the needs of the community (A)	Provide exceptional programs to the community	Conduct all program programs to meet the needs of the community (Operational)	●	
Provide excellent customer service (A)	Provide excellent customer service (A)	Place permanent kiosks at all major programs	Submit all program planning documents (6-30-2008)	●
		Provide annual customer service training for all permanent employees (Administration) (6-30-2008)	Provide annual customer service training for all permanent employees (Administration) (6-30-2008)	●
Provide a clean and safe environment at all parks and recreation facilities	Provide a clean and safe environment at all parks and recreation facilities	Conduct a department customer satisfaction survey on an annual basis. Review results and make improvements accordingly (Administration) (6-30-2008)	Conduct a department customer satisfaction survey on an annual basis. Review results and make improvements accordingly (Administration) (6-30-2008)	●
		Continuously provide and improve facilities and parks based on department input (ongoing) (Operations)	Continuously provide and improve facilities and parks based on department input (ongoing) (Operations)	●
<b>Status Key</b> ● Completed ● In progress ● Not started ● Deferred	Develop plans promote internal and external communications (B)	Increase internal and inter-departmental communications	Develop and promote external communication	●
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Administer the department in a cost effective and operationally efficient manner. (E)	★ Maintain existing funding levels and augment where required to meet growth demands.	Manage operations to increase current levels of participation in a cost effective manner (ongoing) (Fiscal)	●
		Continue to pursue external revenue sources such as grants and donations (ongoing) (Fiscal)	●
		Maintain and analyze the fees and charges established in accordance with Fees and Charges Policy (ongoing) (Fiscal)	●
		Continually recalculate budget (ops, IP, capital) in order to administer the department in a fiscally responsible manner (ongoing) (Fiscal)	●
		Develop new bond issue to fund facilities (08 and beyond) (Fiscally 08-2008)	●
	★ Improve Technology and Equipment Capability	Improve resource management through the use of technology (Administration) (6-30-2006)	●
		Assess technology and equipment needs internally (Administration) (6-30-2006)	●
		Pursue development of active registration web application (Administration) (6-30-2006)	●
		Obtain Pacific Southwest or Nevada recognition for facility or program excellence (ongoing) (Administration)	●
		Obtain National Recreation Park Association accreditation (Administration) (6-30-2006)	●
Provide and develop an excellent customer experience (F)	★ Provide and develop an excellent customer experience and a positive perception of the Department (F)	Provide and develop an excellent customer experience and a positive perception of the Department (ongoing) (Customer Service)	●
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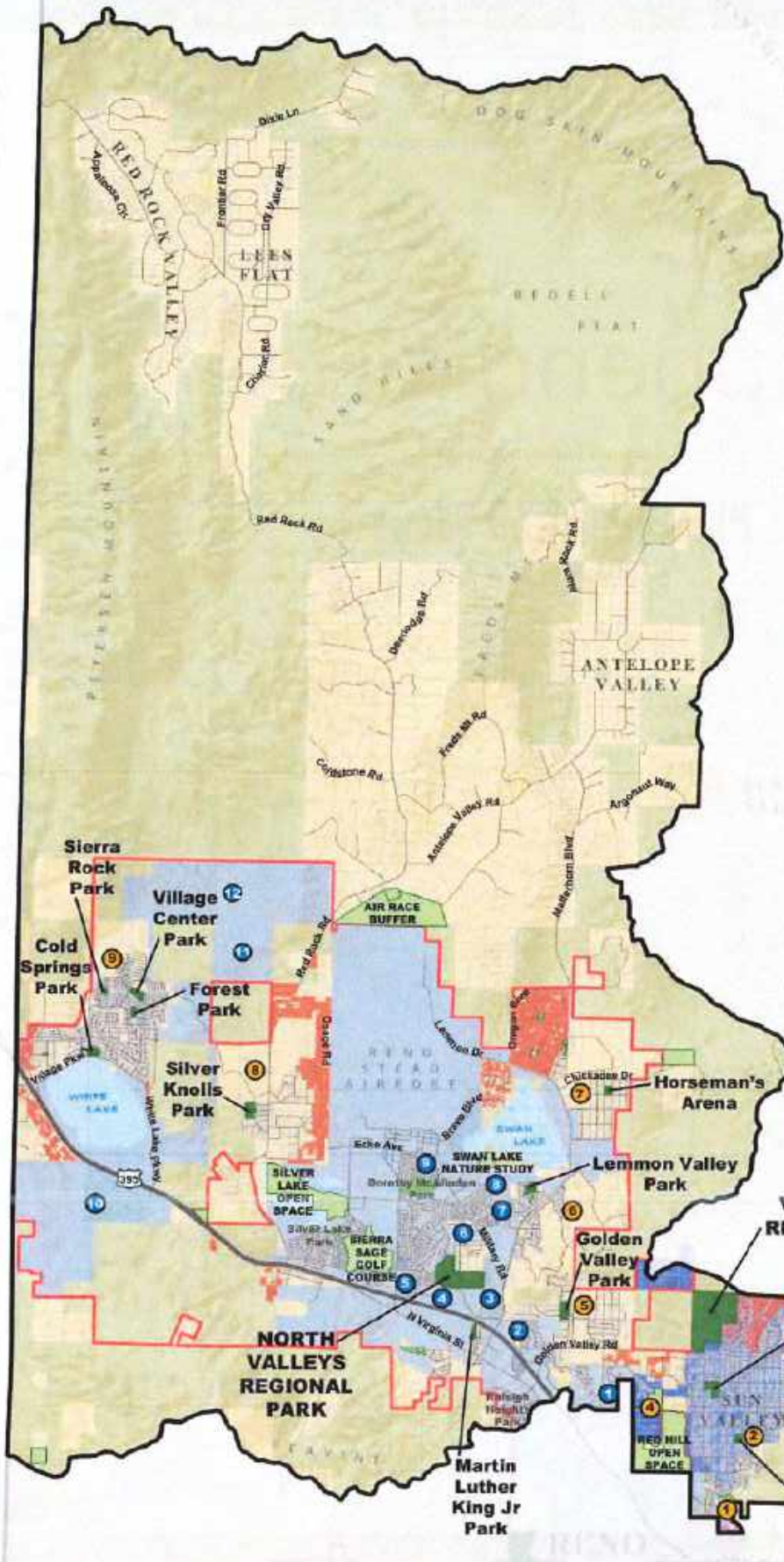


# Appendix G

## Planning Area Maps



# NORTH VALLEYS PLANNING AREA



**Legend**

**Park Ownership**

- Washoe County Park
- Washoe County Open Space
- City Park (Reno/Sparks)

**Land Jurisdiction**

- Sun Valley GD
- City of Reno
- City of Sparks
- Federal Lands
- Unincorporated Washoe County

**Miscellaneous**

- Approved Development (City)
- Approved Development (County)
- Potentially Underserved Area
- Truckee Meadows Service Area (TMSA)

Development Name	Units Remaining
1 Northridge	91
2 Wild Station Estates	375
3 Vista Hills	338
4 Silver Dollar Estates	619
5 Stead 40	247
6 Arroyo Crossing	235
7 North Valley Estates	207
8 Stonefield	470
9 Regency Park	204
10 Stonegate	5,000
11 Silver Star Ranch	1,600
12 Evans Ranch	5,679
1 Falcon Ridge	269
2 Valle Vista	75
3 Sun Mesa	103
4 Ladera Ranch	366
5 Golden Mesa North	115
6 Lemmon Valley Heights	200
7 Prado Ranch North	500
8 Silver Hills	680
9 Woodland Village	405





# NORTH VALLEYS OPPORTUNITIES

**Legend**

**Park Ownership**

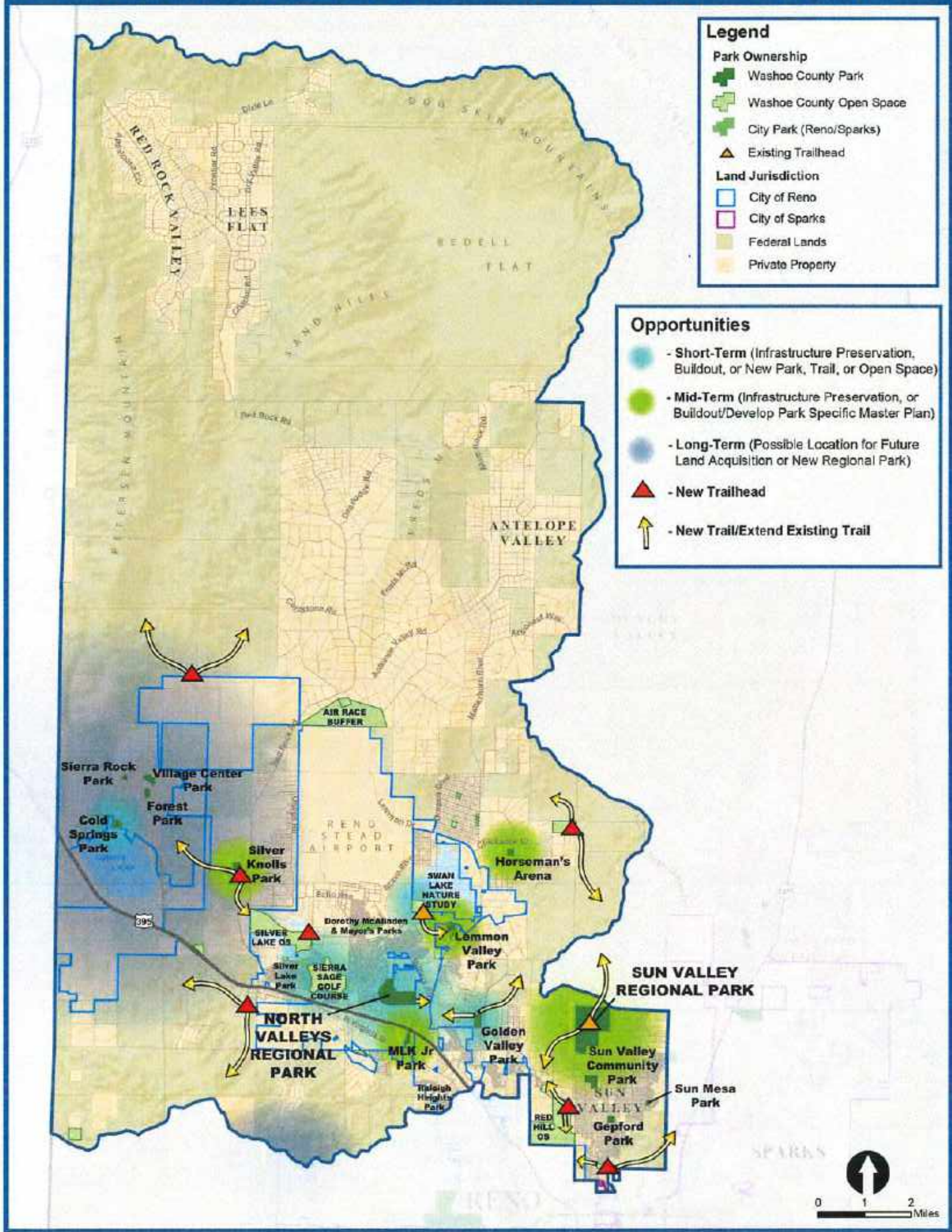
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- Washoe County Open Space
- City Park (Reno/Sparks)

**Land Jurisdiction**

- City of Reno
- City of Sparks
- Federal Lands
- Private Property

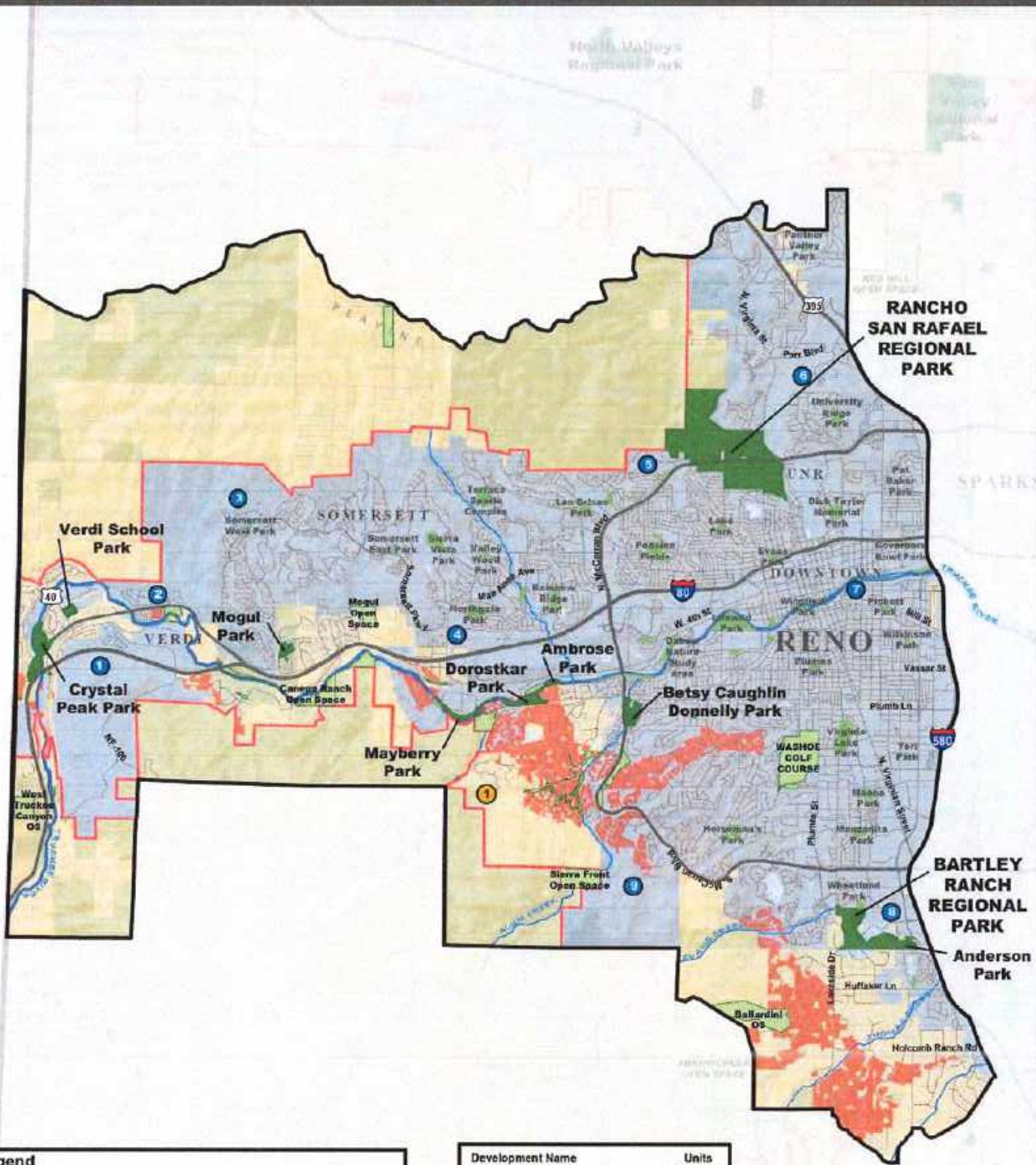
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# PEAVINE PLANNING AREA



## Legend

### Park Ownership

- Washoe County Park
- Washoe County Open Space
- City Park (Reno/Sparks)

### Land Jurisdiction

- City of Reno
- City of Sparks
- Federal Lands
- Unincorporated Washoe County

### Miscellaneous

- Approved Development (City)
- Approved Development (County)
- Potentially Underserved Area
- Truckee Meadows Service Area (TMSA)



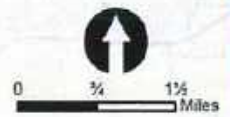
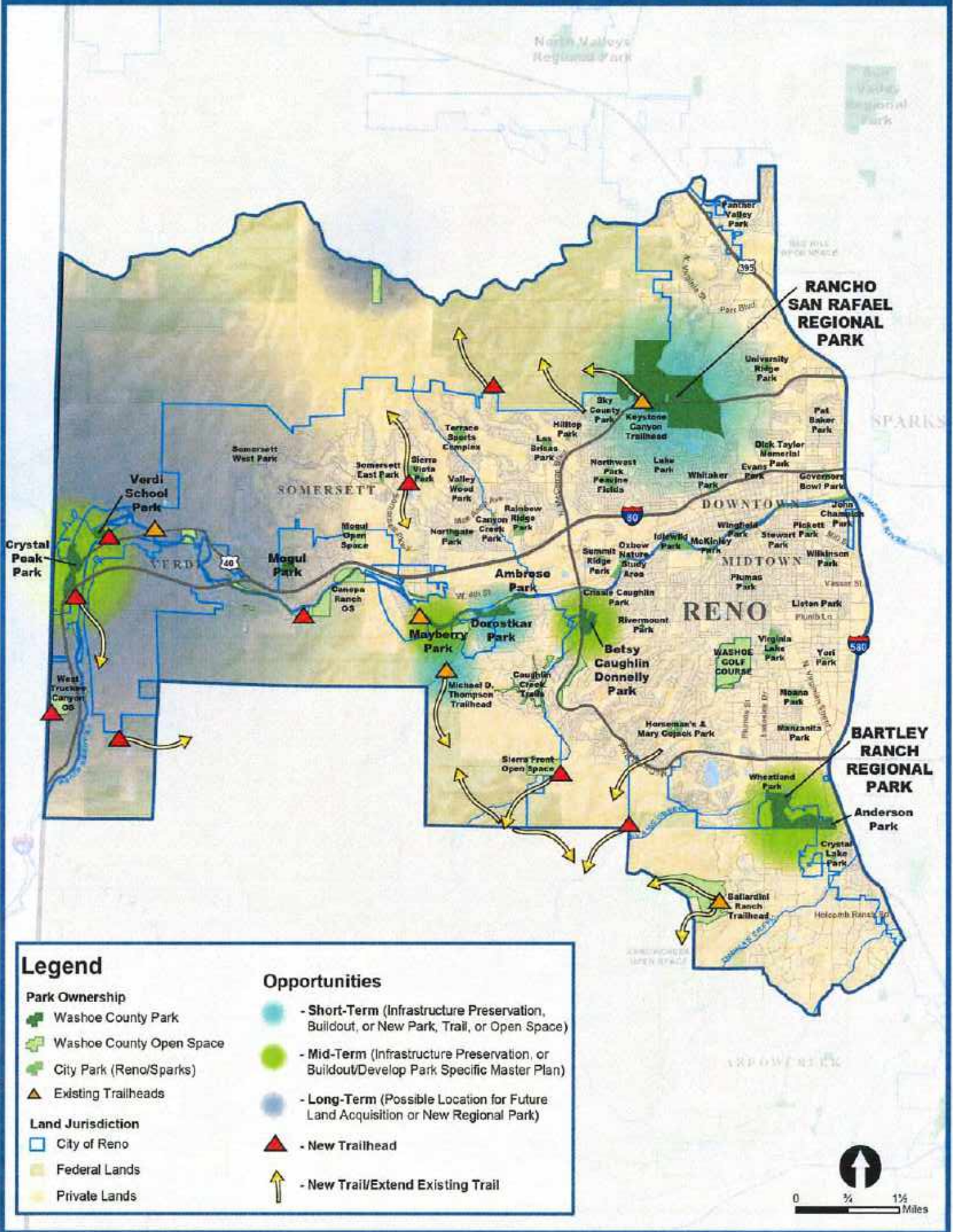
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## Development Name

Development Name	Units Remaining
1 Mortensen-Garson PUD	2,990
2 West Meadows	336
3 Somerset	291
4 Sharlands	83
5 Keystone Canyon	456
6 Mountain View Estates	188
7 Mill Street Lofts	50
8 Rancharrah	601
9 The Pines	251
10 The Ridges at Hunter Creek	53



# PEAVINE OPPORTUNITIES

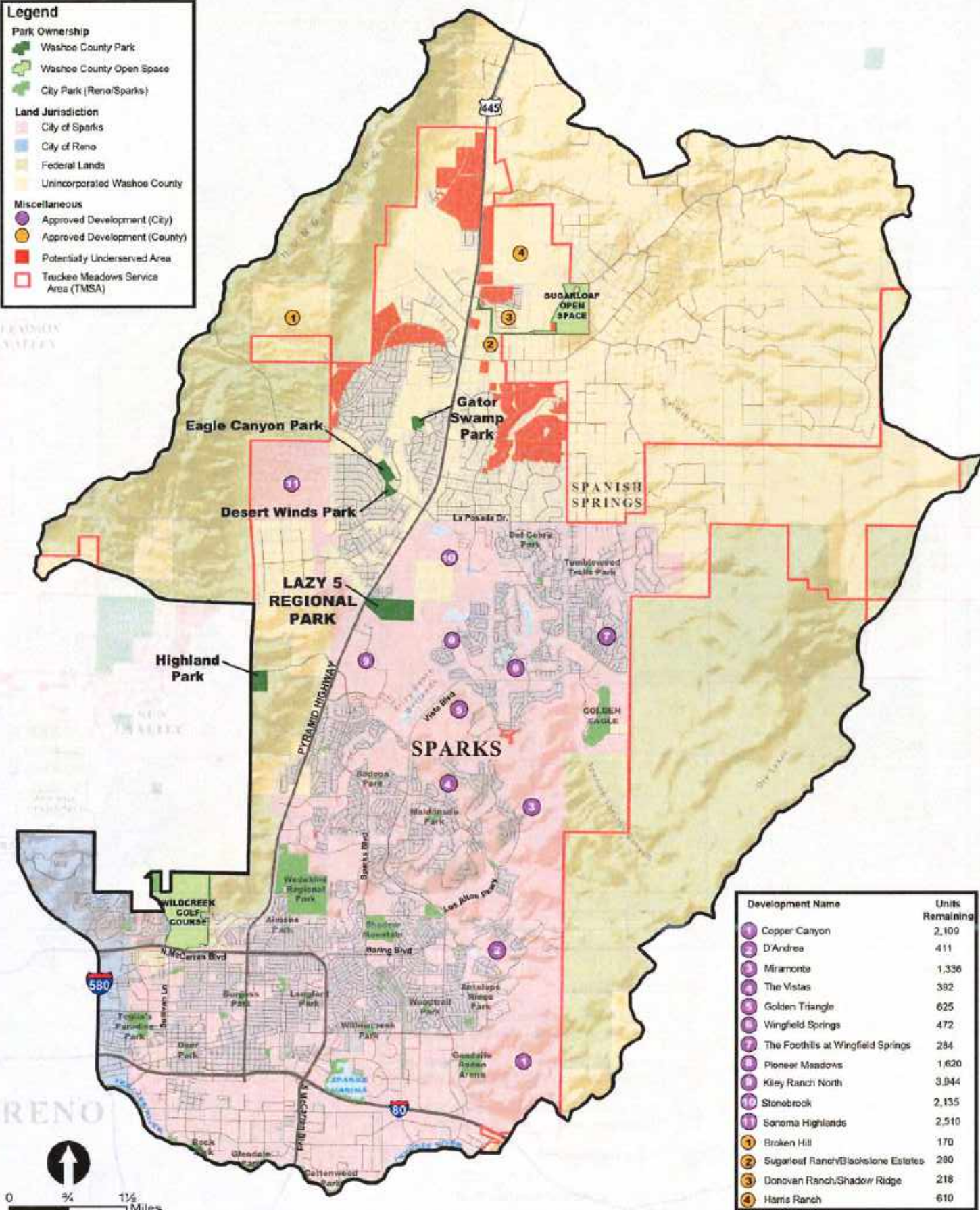




# SPANISH SPRINGS PLANNING AREA

## Legend

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  - Washoe County Open Space
  - City Park (Reno/Sparks)
- Land Jurisdiction**
- City of Sparks
  - City of Reno
  - Federal Lands
  - Unincorporated Washoe County
- Miscellaneous**
- Approved Development (City)
  - Approved Development (County)
  - Potentially Underserved Area
  - Truckee Meadows Service Area (TMSA)



Development Name	Units Remaining
Copper Canyon	2,109
D'Andrea	411
Miramonte	1,336
The Vistas	382
Golden Triangle	625
Wingfield Springs	472
The Foothills at Wingfield Springs	284
Pioneer Meadows	1,620
Kiley Ranch North	3,944
Stonebrook	2,135
Sonoma Highlands	2,510
Broken Hill	170
Sugarloaf Ranch/Blackstone Estates	280
Donovan Ranch/Shadow Ridge	218
Harris Ranch	610

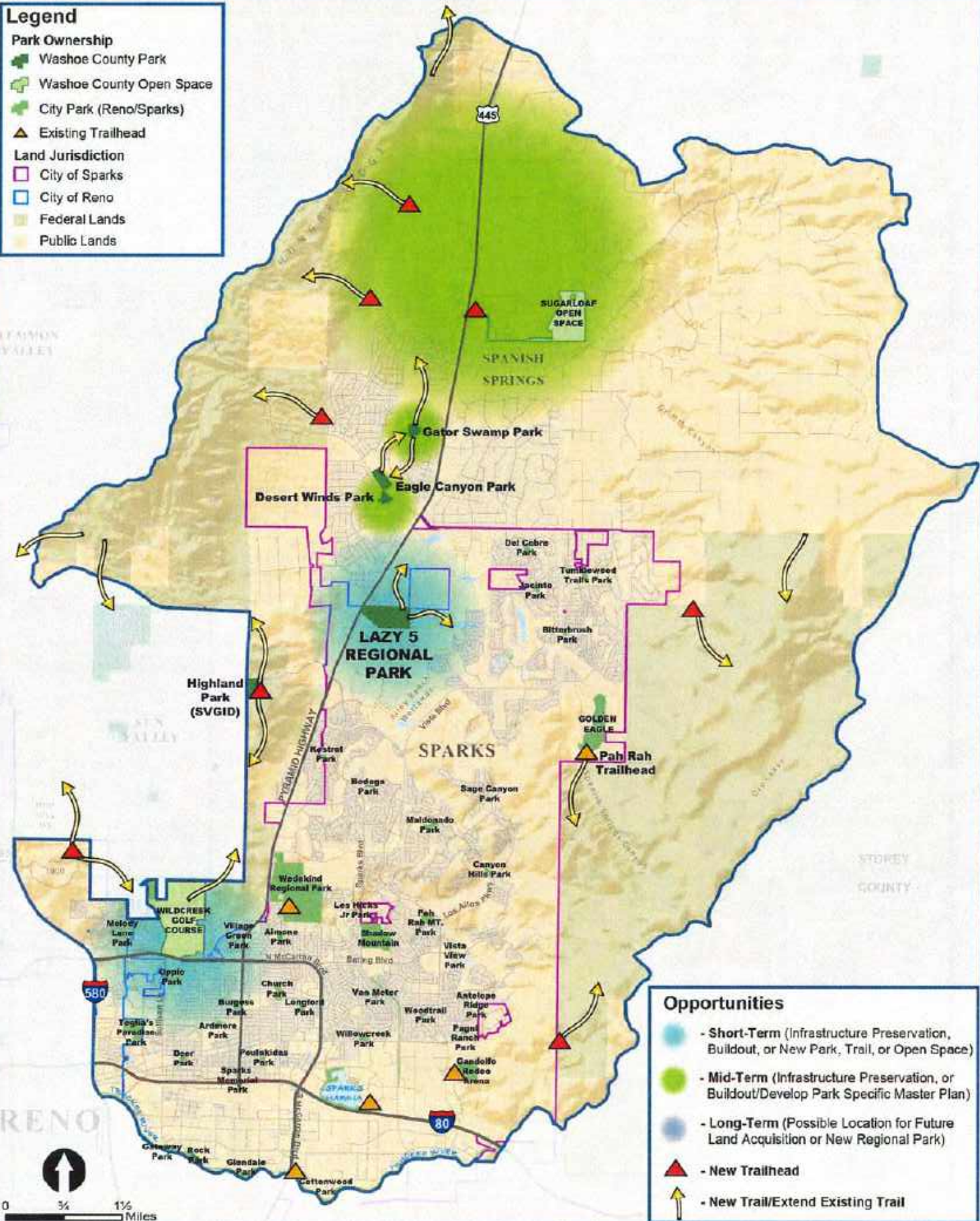




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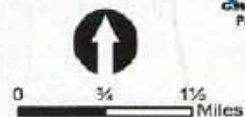
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  - Washoe County Open Space
  - City Park (Reno/Sparks)
- Existing Trailhead**
- Existing Trailhead
- Land Jurisdiction**
- City of Sparks
  - City of Reno
  - Federal Lands
  - Public Lands



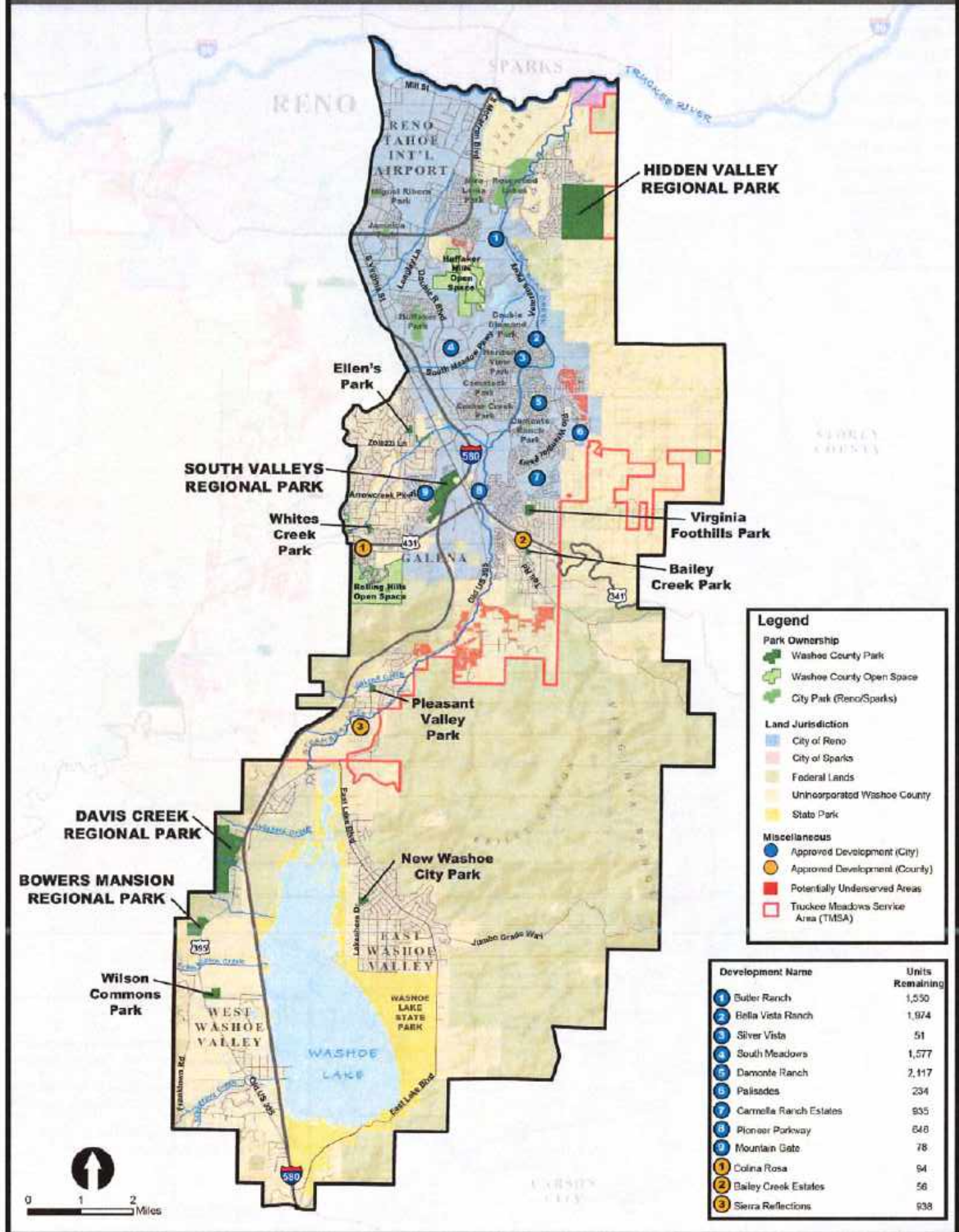
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# STEAMBOAT PLANNING AREA





# STEAMBOAT OPPORTUNITIES

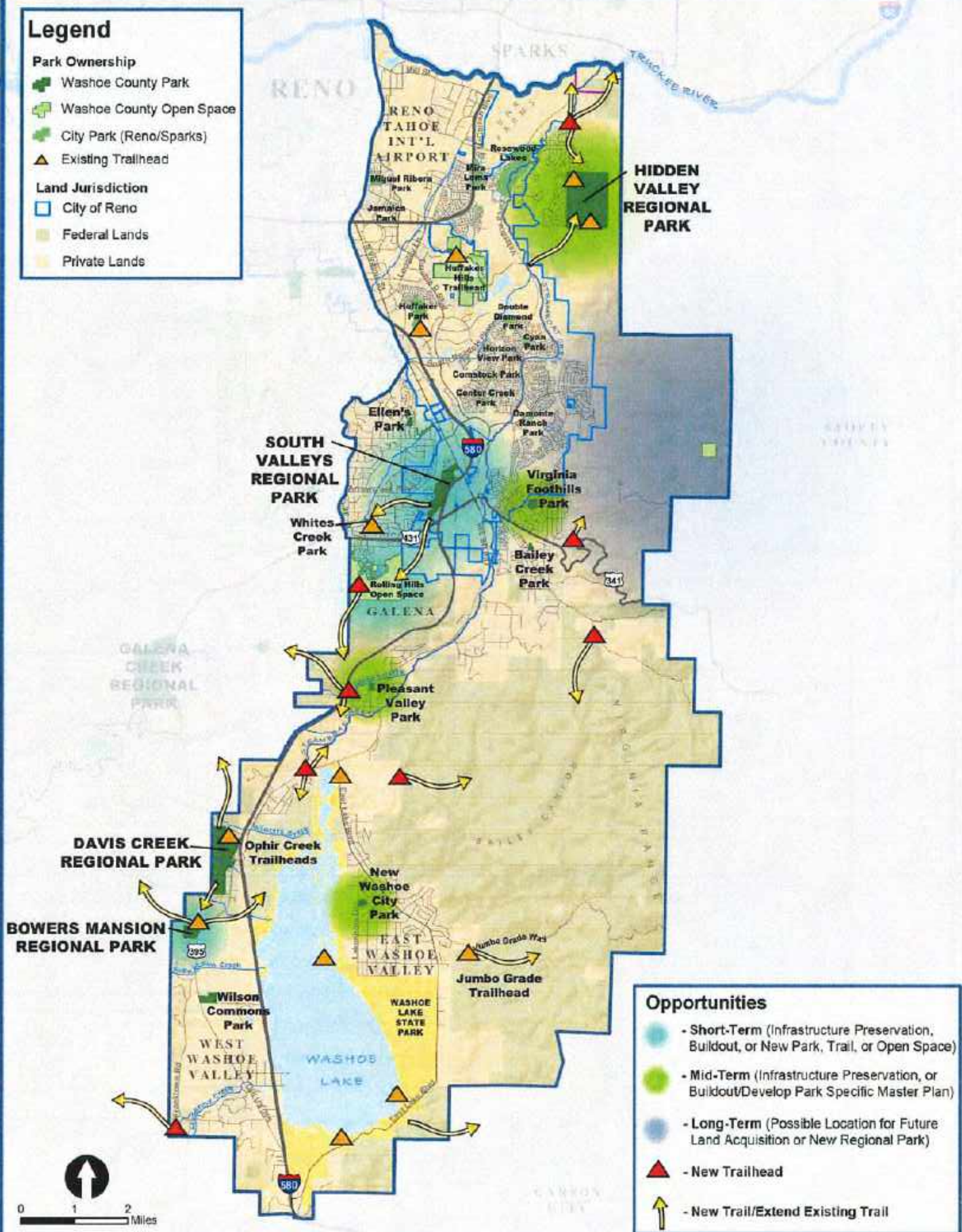
## Legend

### Park Ownership

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- Washoe County Open Space
- City Park (Reno/Sparks)
- Existing Trailhead

### Land Jurisdiction

- City of Reno
- Federal Lands
- Private Lands

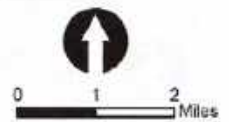
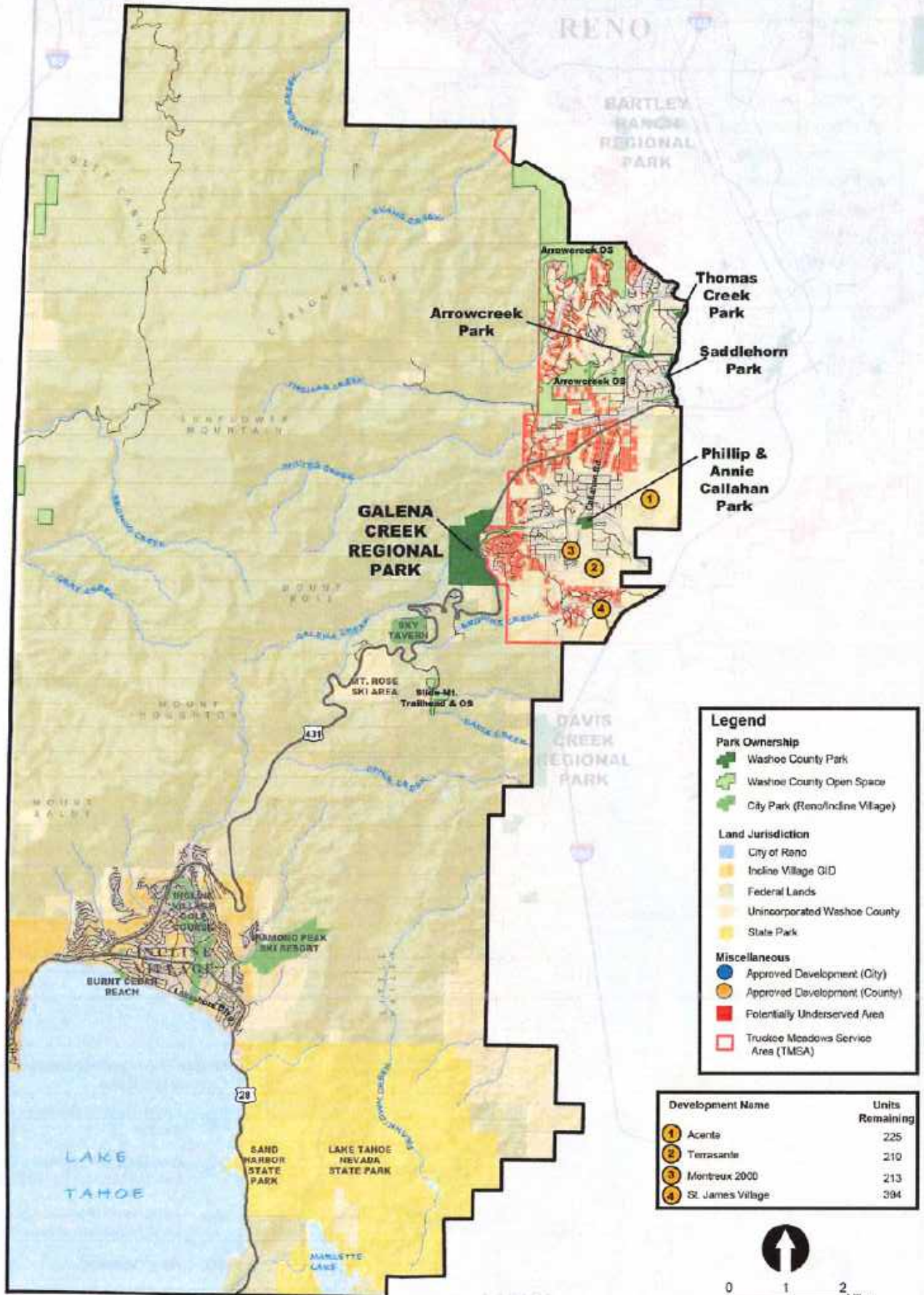


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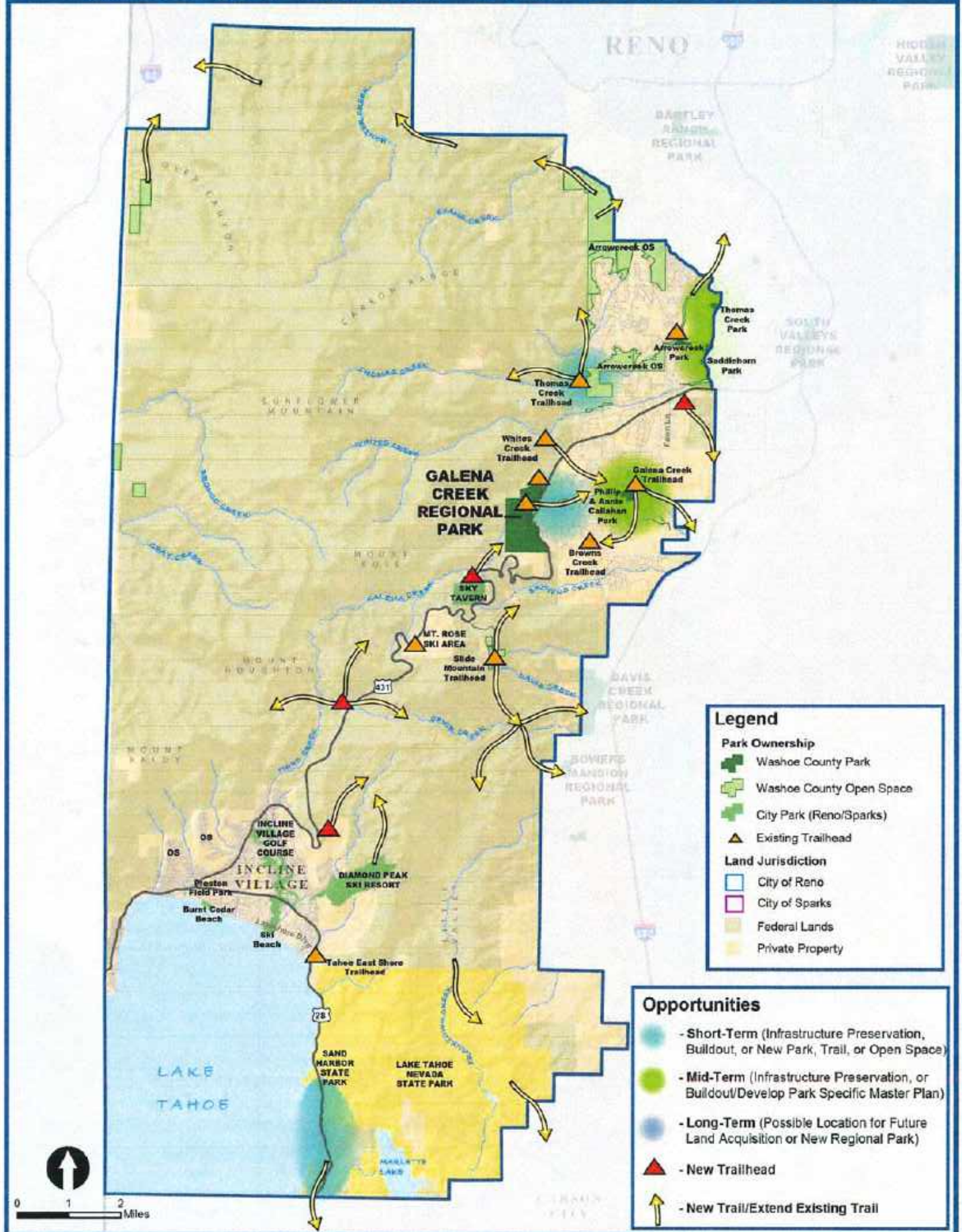


# MOUNT ROSE PLANNING AREA





# MOUNT ROSE OPPORTUNITIES



**Legend**

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- Washoe County Open Space
- City Park (Reno/Sparks)

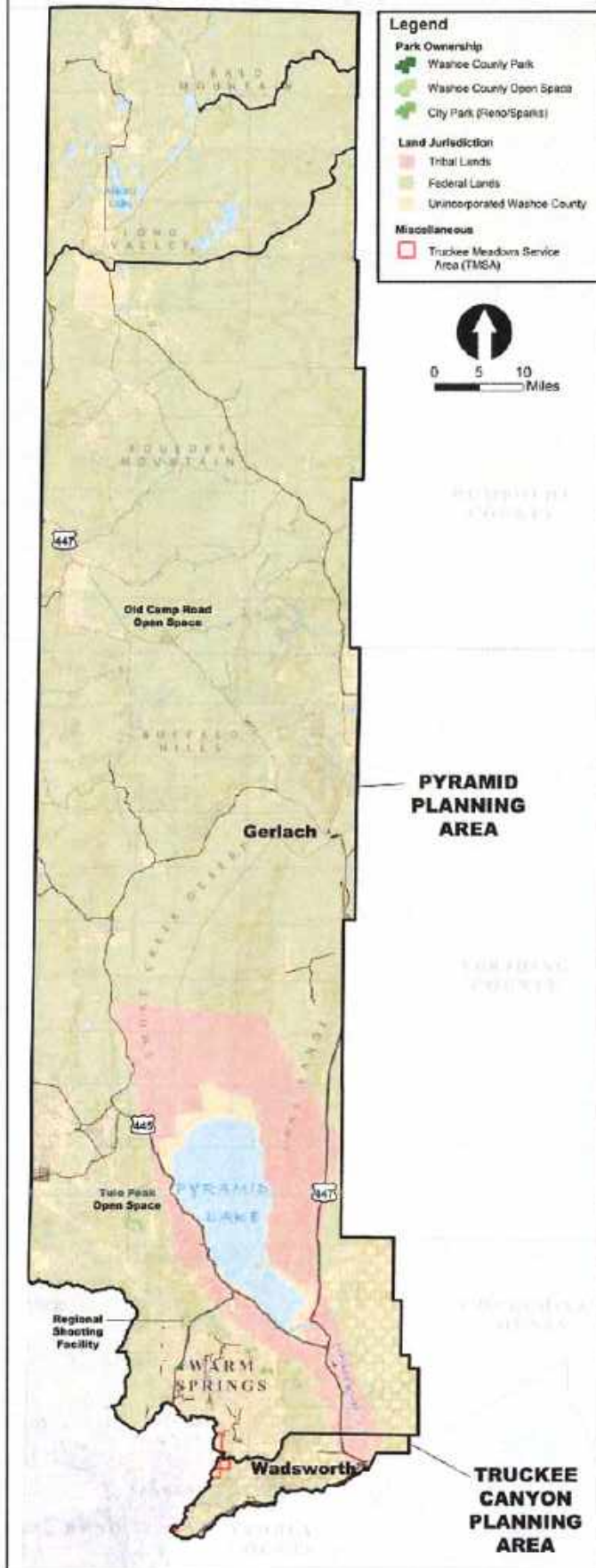
**Land Jurisdiction**

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# PYRAMID & TRUCKEE CANYON PLANNING AREAS







## Regional Parks & Open Space FY21 Activities

Regional Parks & Open Space employed 40 full-time employees and 57 temporary or seasonal employees during fiscal year 2021. Staff operated and maintained 56 parks and 70 non-park sites totaling 13,264 acres of which 1,885 are fully developed. Amenities offered include recreation centers, community centers, senior centers, museums, arenas, arboretum, performance amphitheater, nature centers, playgrounds, community gardens, sports fields and courts, skate parks, dog parks, multi-purpose fields, golf courses, tennis and pickleball courts, swimming pools, and aquatic centers. In addition, parks managed and maintained approximately 180 miles of trail and 10 trailheads.

Parks staff managed reservable facilities throughout Washoe County including community centers, covered picnic pavilions, gardens, museums, shooting ranges, individual and group campsites and historic buildings. These facilities are available for public use through a reservation system. In addition, staff permitted and supported special events that ranged from charitable fundraisers, weddings, private parties, and company picnics to large events such as the Great Reno Balloon Race and the Artown concert series.

Parks offered a variety of educational, interpretive, and entertainment programs throughout fiscal year 2021. These included the Come in from the Cold music series at Bartley Ranch, Gardening in Nevada education series in partnership with the University of Nevada Reno Extension, Lazy 5 Summer Music series, Meet the Turkeys at Rancho San Rafael Regional Park, Story Stroll at Davis Creek Regional Park, Programs on the Porch at Bowers Mansion, swimming lessons at the Bowers Mansion pool, Evenings at the Ranch series at Bartley Ranch, Galena Campfire Programs, Ranger Walks, and the Junior Ranger Program. Parks also managed a robust volunteer program with 8,149 volunteer hours recorded.

Parks staff solicited public input and worked on several planning documents including a Master Plan for the Regional Archery Facility (completed June 2021), a Recreation Plan for the Carcione and Canepa Trailhead (anticipated completion April 2022), and the Hidden Valley Regional Park Master Plan update (anticipated completion May 2022). Grant funding was awarded from various sources to fund weed management and restoration projects, new trail construction and planning, and capital improvement projects. Capital improvement projects completed include a new access road at Crystal Peak Park, drainage, parking, and access road improvements at the Regional Shooting Facility, building restoration and pool repairs at Bowers Mansion, and multiple playground replacements.