



**CITY OF MONROVIA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: October 11, 2022

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for September 2022.

OBJECTIVE: To provide an update on incidents, maintenance, and public comments related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of September 2022.

BACKGROUND: For over a century, Canyon Park has been used as a recreational park by visitors and Monrovia residents. Services in Canyon Park include special events; Naturalist led night hikes, interpretive tours, a Nature Center, trails, a waterfall, and views of the San Gabriel Valley. In addition, Naturalists and volunteers maintain the trail systems and facilities.

In 2016, the City opened over 4.5 miles of HWP trails providing passive recreational opportunities for the community. Park Naturalists patrol the HWP and urban parks two times a day by vehicle, utility terrain vehicle and foot. Park Naturalists also respond to calls related to Monrovia's Smoking Ban Ordinance.

In September 2020, the Bobcat Fire forced the closure of Canyon Park and HWP for an extended period of time, as the areas were unsafe and significant repairs were needed.

Due to minimal damage in HWP following the Bobcat Fire, the trail systems reopened on November 16, 2020. Limited hiking opportunities in San Gabriel Valley such as Canyon Park, Sturtevant Falls, Hwy 39, and Eaton Canyon has increased number of daily visitors to HWP, primarily in Ridgeway and Cloverleaf access points.

Staff worked diligently to repair trails and remove hazards in an effort to open Canyon Park as soon as possible. On August 30, 2021 Canyon Park was reopened to the public through a reservation system to ease visitors back into the Park. Staff continue to work on remediating potential hazards and improve trail conditions for Park users. Future wind and rain events may temporarily close the Park as needed to improve safety conditions for Park users.

The first significant rain event following the Bobcat Fire occurred on December 13, 2021. The National Weather Service reported that the event accumulated over 5 inches of rain which caused significant damage to Canyon Park. Monrovia Canyon Park will remain closed indefinitely for a period of time. During the duration of the closure, photos, aerial footage, and much more information will be shared with the community.

Staff has been intimately involved with cleanup and rehabilitation towards Canyon Park roads, trails and infrastructure. Over the next several months Staff will continue to assess and identify damages from the

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December 2021 rainstorm clean up, identify infrastructure repairs, and oversee the possibilities of upgrades to Canyon Park.

ANALYSIS: During the month of September 2022, Canyon Park Volunteers and Park Naturalists completed 121 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included brush clearance, tree and branch removal obstructing the trail, and making improvements on the trails that had significant trail erosion.

During the month of September, Management Career Solutions (MCS) assisted with post fire recovery in Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP). Recovery efforts include ash and debris removal that fell on the trail, cutting up trees that fell on the trail, invasive species removal from the stream bed and erosion mitigations. Staff is continuing to monitor the progress of their work as they assist in Canyon Park and HWP's post fire rehabilitation.

September 21 – Canyon Park held their monthly Canyon Park Volunteer meeting. Visitors from the Los Angeles County San Dimas Nature Center and Wild Wings of California gave a presentation with live Birds of Prey and the rehabilitation program they provide for local injured avian. The meeting was held at the Monrovia Community Center.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for September 2022.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-2 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for September 2022.

**September 2022
Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log**

Canyon Park and HWP 121 hours of maintenance in September 2022

September 2	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers worked on installing edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.
September 5	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers worked on installing edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.
September 7	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers worked on installing edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.
September 9	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
September 12	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
September 13	Coyote Ridge – Park Naturalist installed water bars on the trail to prevent trail erosion.
September 14	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
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September 16	Saw Pit Road – Canyon Park Volunteers cut up and cleared a tree that was blocking the trail.
September 19	Ben Overturf – Canyon Park Volunteers worked on installing edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.
September 20	Coyote Ridge – Park Naturalist installed water bars on the trail to prevent trail erosion.
September 21	Ben Overturf – Canyon Park Volunteers worked on installing edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.
September 23	Ben Overturf – Canyon Park Volunteers worked on installing edge barriers to prevent trail erosion.
September 26	Ben Overturf – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
September 28	Ben Overturf – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
September 30	Ben Overturf – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.

September 2021/2022

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2021	# of staff patrols 2022	Pedestrians 2021	Pedestrians 2022	Vehicles 2021	Vehicles 2022	Cyclists 2021	Cyclists 2022	Pets 2021	Pets 2022	Public Service Calls 2021	Public Service Calls 2022	Smoking Ban Calls 2021	Smoking Ban Calls 2022	Wildlife Sightings 2021	Wildlife Sightings 2022	Unsecured Gate 2021	Unsecured Gate 2022	Citations 2021	Citations 2022	Activity Totals 2021	Activity Totals 2022	
Sleepy Hollow																							
September 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 29-30	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total =	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																							
September 1-7	14	14	50	66	0	0	0	3	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	69	
September 8-14	14	14	44	51	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	50	52	
September 15-20	14	14	58	63	0	0	6	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	67	
September 21-28	14	14	60	66	0	0	4	6	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	68	72	
September 29-30	4	4	10	25	0	0	1	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	12	26	
Total =	60	60	222	271	0	0	13	15	23	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	258	286	
Cloverleaf																							
September 1-7	14	14	25	35	0	0	4	6	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	31	41	
September 8-14	14	14	39	30	0	0	1	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	46	34	
September 15-20	14	14	18	39	0	0	2	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24	40	
September 21-28	14	14	27	41	0	0	6	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	37	46	
September 29-30	4	4	3	8	0	0	1	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	6	9	
Total =	60	60	112	153	0	0	14	17	18	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	144	170	
Highland																							
September 1-7	14	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
September 8-14	14	14	1	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
September 15-20	14	14	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	1	
September 21-28	14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
September 29-30	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
Total =	60	60	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	
Grand Total =	240	240	342	425	0	0	28	32	41	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	411	457	

*Higher than average touch points numbers in 2021 due to Canyon Park closure from the Bobcat Fire.

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