



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

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** November 8, 2022

**PREPARED BY:** Eugene Suk,  
Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-2

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**TITLE:** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for October 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 October 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, Sturdevent Falls, Hwy 39, and Eaton Canyon has increased amount of daily visitors to HWP, primarily in Ridgeside 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 October 2022, Canyon Park Volunteers and Park Naturalists completed 126 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included brush clearance, and cleaning debris that eroded onto the trail.

During the month of October, 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 fallen trees, invasive species removal from the stream bed and erosion mitigations. Staff is working with MCS to prepare and respond to rain events that may effect the park, preserve and trail systems.

October 19 – Canyon Park held their monthly Canyon Park Volunteer meeting to discuss updates with Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve and upcoming events in the City. Staff was also given a presentation on backwoods through hiking and preparedness by Canyon Park Staff.

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

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

**Canyon Park and HWP 126 hours of maintenance in October 2022**

October 3	Ben Overturf – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris growing onto the trail.
October 5	Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris growing onto the trail.
October 7	Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris growing onto the trail.
October 10	Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris that fell onto the trail.
	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
October 12	Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris growing onto the trail.
October 14	Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris growing onto the trail.
October 17	Bill Cull Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
October 19	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
October 21	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris that fell onto the trail.
October 24	Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris growing onto the trail.
October 26	Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris growing onto the trail.
October 28	Ben Overturf - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris growing onto the trail.

# October 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	
<b>Sleepy Hollow</b>																							
October 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
October 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
October 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
October 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
October 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
<b>Total =</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Ridgeside</b>																							
October 1-7	14	14	35	41	0	0	5	2	5	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	49	
October 8-14	14	14	18	25	0	0	8	10	9	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	35	40	
October 15-20	14	14	26	35	0	0	11	6	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	41	49	
October 21-28	14	14	22	36	0	0	16	4	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	49	
October 29-31	6	6	5	14	0	0	1	1	1	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	21	
<b>Total =</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>106</b>	<b>151</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>41</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>208</b>	
<b>Cloverleaf</b>																							
October 1-7	14	14	11	5	0	0	2	5	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	18	12	
October 8-14	14	14	10	8	0	0	10	12	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	26	26	
October 15-20	14	14	8	4	0	0	2	10	11	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	21	18	
October 21-28	14	14	15	12	0	0	9	5	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	25	
October 29-31	6	6	6	2	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	7	3	
<b>Total =</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>50</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>84</b>	
<b>Highland</b>																							
October 1-7	14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
October 8-14	14	14	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2	0	
October 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	
October 21-28	14	14	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	
October 29-31	6	6	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
<b>Total =</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>1</b>	
<b>Grand Total =</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>160</b>	<b>183</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>53</b>	<b>55</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>277</b>	<b>293</b>	

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

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