



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: April 11, 2023

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for March 2023.

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 March 2023.

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.

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

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ANALYSIS: During the month of March 2023, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 114 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included debris removal from the trail, installation of trail retention walls to prevent trail erosion, and reestablishing the trails from rainstorm damage.

During the month of March, Management Career Solutions (MCS) assisted with post fire and rainstorm damage recovery in Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP). Recovery efforts include debris removal that fell on the trail, invasive species removal from the stream bed and trails and erosion mitigations. Staff is working with MCS to prepare and respond to rain events that may affect the park, preserve and trail systems.

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for March 2023.

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 March 2023.

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**March 2023
Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log**

Canyon Park and HWP 114 hours of maintenance in March 2023

March 1	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell onto the trail.
March 3	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell onto the trail.
March 6	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell onto the trail and worked on erosion mitigation to prevent trail failure.
March 8	Bill Cull Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell onto the trail and worked on erosion mitigation to prevent trail failure.
March 13	Bill Cull Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell onto the trail and worked on erosion mitigation to prevent trail failure.
March 15	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell onto the trail.
	Waterfall Trail- Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell onto the trail.
March 17	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell onto the trail.
March 20	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell onto the trail.
March 22	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell onto the trail and removed a large tree branch that obstructed the hiking path.
March 24	Bill Cull Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell and grew onto the trail.
	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell and grew onto the trail.
March 27	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell and grew onto the trail.
March 31	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared debris and brush that fell onto the trail and worked on erosion mitigation to prevent trail failure.

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PATROLS			ACTIVITY																				
	# of staff patrols 2022	# of staff patrols 2023	Pedestrians 2022	Pedestrians 2023	Vehicles 2022	Vehicles 2023	Cyclists 2022	Cyclists 2023	Pets 2022	Pets 2023	Public Service Calls 2022	Public Service Calls 2023	Smoking Ban Calls 2022	Smoking Ban Calls 2023	Wildlife Sightings 2022	Wildlife Sightings 2023	Unsecured Gate 2022	Unsecured Gate 2023	Citations 2022	Citations 2023	Activity Totals 2022	Activity Totals 2023	
Sleepy Hollow																							
March 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
March 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
March 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
March 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
March 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x
Total	= 62	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																							
March 1-7	14	14	102	83	0	0	6	10	11	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	119	105	
March 8-14	14	14	142	83	0	0	14	14	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	162	103	
March 15-20	14	14	135	89	0	0	18	15	14	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	167	112	
March 21-28	14	14	122	75	0	0	21	12	6	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	149	101	
March 29-31	6	6	51	50	0	0	2	8	6	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	
Total	= 62	62	552	380	0	0	61	59	43	47	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	597	421	
Cloverleaf																							
March 1-7	14	14	74	44	0	0	15	14	8	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	97	64	
March 8-14	14	14	81	36	0	0	6	15	5	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	92	55	
March 15-20	14	14	51	44	0	0	10	17	2	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	63	72	
March 21-28	14	14	64	46	0	0	8	12	4	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	66	
March 29-31	6	6	12	18	0	0	0	6	0	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	
Total	= 62	62	282	188	0	0	39	64	19	34	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	328	257	
Highland																							
March 1-7	14	14	2	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	3	0	
March 8-14	14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
March 15-20	14	14	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	4	0	
March 21-28	14	14	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	1	
March 29-31	6	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	x	x	
Total	= 62	62	8	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	9	1	
Grand Total	= 248	248	842	569	0	0	101	123	62	81	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	934	679	

*Higher than average touch points numbers in 2022-23 due to Canyon Park closure from the 2021 December rain storms.