



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

**DEPARTMENT:** Community Services

**MEETING DATE:** April 9, 2024

**PREPARED BY:** Eugene Suk,  
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**AGENDA LOCATION:** CC-2

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**TITLE:** Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for March 2024.

**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 2024.

**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. 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. Since then, limited hiking opportunities in San Gabriel Valley has increased amount of daily visitors to HWP, primarily in Ridgeside and Cloverleaf access points.

Staff has been intimately involved with the cleanup and rehabilitation towards Canyon Park roads, trails and infrastructure. Over the last few years Staff has diligently worked to identify damages from the bobcat fire and heavy rainstorm disasters, identify infrastructure repairs, and has looked at the potential of upgrades to Canyon Park.

In March 2024, City Council awarded the contract for the Canyon Park infrastructure improvement project to the Pokrajac Corporation. The general scope of work will include:

- Replacing roadway in segments of the park
- Changing the cross-slope of the roadway to prevent future debris from flowing directly down the center of the park
- Replacing all parking lots and adding approximately 24 new parking spaces
- Replacing the water main, installing a booster pump to feed water from the Oakglade tank
- Removing the old Canyon Park water tank, installing a 6" sewer line and removing septic tanks,
- Repairing damaged culverts, guardrails, walls, etc.
- Park enhancements including enhanced education space, new picnic benches and enhanced staff kiosk.

The timeline of the project is expected to be completed by the end of 2024, reopening the park by early 2025.

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**ANALYSIS:** During the month of March 2024, Canyon Park Volunteers completed 111 hours of maintenance in Canyon Park. Maintenance performance included brush clearance, trail repairs, debris removal, and trail improvements to prevent trail erosion.

Managed Career Solutions (MCS) return has been a tremendous help to the Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve team and volunteers assisting with post rainstorm disaster clean up, trail repairs and invasive species removal.

The newly installed Eco-Counter has shown great success counting pedestrian traffic at Ridgeside access point. Staff can better understand trail usage and see trends of high peaks of trail use. Noticeable trends are early morning and late afternoons. We see a high use on Fridays in the late afternoon. Staff also see Sunday as being the highest trail usage day of the week. Staff also have the ability to determine 25% of hikers are entering through this access point and ending at another. Staff will continue to record trail usage while patrolling the HWP, including Ridgeside.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-2, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for March 2024.

**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 2024.

<b>March 2024 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log</b>	
<b>Canyon Park and HWP 111 hours of maintenance in March 2024</b>	
March 1	Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
March 4	Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
March 6	Overlook Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail and repaired a section of trail damaged from ground squirrels.
March 8	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
March 11	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
March 13	Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers on the trail to prevent erosion.
March 15	Ben Overturff - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
March 18	Ben Overturff - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
March 20	Ben Overturff - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
March 22	Bill Cull Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed edge barriers on the trail to prevent erosion.
March 25	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
March 27	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.
March 29	Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush growing onto the trail.

# March 2023/2024

PATROLS			ACTIVITY																			
	# of staff patrols 2023	# of staff patrols 2024	Pedestrians 2023	Pedestrians 2024	Vehicles 2023	Vehicles 2024	Cyclists 2023	Cyclists 2024	Pets 2023	Pets 2024	Public Service Calls 2023	Public Service Calls 2024	Smoking Ban Calls 2023	Smoking Ban Calls 2024	Wildlife Sightings 2023	Wildlife Sightings 2024	Unsecured Gate 2023	Unsecured Gate 2024	Citations 2023	Citations 2024	Activity Totals 2023	Activity Totals 2024
<b>Sleepy Hollow</b>																						
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
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
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
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
March 29-31	6	6	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>Ridgeside</b>																						
March 1-7	14	14	83	67	0	0	10	8	12	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	105	81	
March 8-14	14	14	83	75	0	0	14	5	6	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	103	90	
March 15-20	14	14	89	78	0	0	15	12	8	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	112	102	
March 21-28	14	14	75	82	0	0	12	11	14	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	101	101	
March 29-31	6	6	50	48	0	0	8	7	7	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	65	64	
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>380</b>	<b>350</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>59</b>	<b>43</b>	<b>47</b>	<b>45</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>486</b>	<b>438</b>	
<b>Cloverleaf</b>																						
March 1-7	14	14	44	38	0	0	14	14	6	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	64	57	
March 8-14	14	14	36	41	0	0	15	10	4	6	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	55	57	
March 15-20	14	14	44	40	0	0	17	8	11	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	72	53	
March 21-28	14	14	46	33	0	0	12	10	8	7	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	66	50	
March 29-31	6	6	18	21	0	0	6	6	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	30	
<b>Total</b>	<b>= 62</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>188</b>	<b>173</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>48</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>26</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>286</b>	<b>247</b>	
<b>Highland</b>																						
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
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
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
March 21-28	14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	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	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>62</b>	<b>62</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>0</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>= 248</b>	<b>248</b>	<b>569</b>	<b>523</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>123</b>	<b>91</b>	<b>81</b>	<b>71</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>773</b>	<b>685</b>	

Eco - Counter March 2024					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	7,393	238	277	263	3/24/2024
Ridgeside In	4,390	142	135	156	3/24/2024
Ridgeside Out	3,003	97	92	107	3/17/2024