



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

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: September 10, 2024

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Hillside Wilderness Preserve Supervisor

AGENDA LOCATION: CC-3

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

OBJECTIVE: To provide an update on maintenance, progress updates for Canyon Park Infrastructure Improvement Project and activities related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of August 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. At this time, the park remains closed while we complete the Infrastructure Improvement Project.

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.

ANALYSIS:

Canyon Park

For the month of August Canyon Park Volunteers and Managed Career Solutions (MCS) crews focused on trail work on the Ben Overturff Trail. MCS cleared brush on the trails to improve the trail path for hiking. Canyon Park Volunteers and MCS cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed numerous fallen and dead trees blocking the hiking path. The team strategically placed edge barriers along the trail to prevent trail erosion.

The Canyon Park Infrastructure Improvement Project updates for this month include:

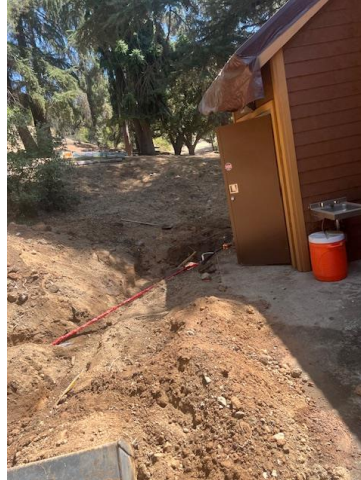
- An emergency spill way from the second culvert has been poured and continues on to the mediation pergola to help with capacity overflow for future heavy rainstorms.
- Majority of the fiber optic conduit has been laid from the entrance gate to the dam keepers house. Conduit tie in to the facilities are being connected in preparation for the internet service provider.
- The Cabin Conference Center parking lot is prepped for fill and pour to elevate the parking lot to meet the amphitheaters foundation and ADA access to the facility.

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Emergency Spill Way



Conduit



Cabin Parking Lot



For the month of August, the Eco-Counter data shows similarities to last months. The average data number month to month keeps us on a lower scale in August comparing the initial data we received when first installing the counter. We can assume this 2-month consistency is due to extreme weather condition that we have been experiencing throughout the summer. The data shows where days that were less intense in weather brought higher volumes of recreation to the preserve.

A breakdown of the information of activity and patrols can be found below.

August 2024 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log	
Canyon Park and HWP 212 hours of maintenance in August 2024	
August 2	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed fallen trees and tree branches blocking the trail path.
August 5	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed fallen trees and tree branches blocking the trail path.
August 7	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed fallen trees and tree branches blocking the trail path.
August 9	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed fallen trees and tree branches blocking the trail path.
August 14	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed fallen trees and tree branches blocking the trail path.
August 16	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed fallen trees and tree branches blocking the trail path.
August 19	Bobcat Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail.
August 21	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed fallen trees and tree branches blocking the trail path. Edge barriers were installed to improve the trail path as well as prevent trail erosion.
August 23	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed fallen trees and tree branches blocking the trail path. Edge barriers were installed to improve the trail path as well as prevent trail erosion.
August 26	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed fallen trees and tree branches blocking the trail path. Edge barriers were installed to improve the trail path as well as prevent trail erosion.
August 28	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed fallen trees and tree branches blocking the trail path. Edge barriers were installed to improve the trail path as well as prevent trail erosion.
August 30	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed cleared brush growing onto the trail and removed fallen trees and tree branches blocking the trail path. Edge barriers were installed to improve the trail path as well as prevent trail erosion.

August 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	
Sleepy Hollow																							
August 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
August 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
August 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
August 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
August 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
Total	=	62	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																							
August 1-7	14	14	65	55	0	0	6	5	5	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	76	63	
August 8-14	14	14	58	52	0	0	8	9	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	70	62	
August 15-20	14	14	47	45	0	0	10	4	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	58	53	
August 21-28	14	14	71	32	0	0	5	2	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	80	35	
August 29-31	6	6	24	21	0	0	4	5	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	29	27	
Total	=	62	265	205	0	0	33	25	15	10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	313	240	
Cloverleaf																							
August 1-7	14	14	40	35	0	0	2	12	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	44	49	
August 8-14	14	14	37	32	0	0	10	6	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	51	39	
August 15-20	14	14	41	35	0	0	14	9	7	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	62	48	
August 21-28	14	14	25	28	0	0	6	12	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	32	41	
August 29-31	6	6	15	18	0	0	5	4	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	23	
Total	=	62	158	148	0	0	37	43	19	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	214	200	
Highland																							
August 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
August 8-14	14	14	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
August 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
August 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
August 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
	62	62	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	
Grand Total	=	248	424	353	0	0	70	68	34	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	528	440	

Eco - Counter August 2024					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	5,848	186	166	243	8/24/2024
Ridgeside In	3,188	103	91	131	8/24/2024
Ridgeside Out	2,660	86	75	111	8/24/2024

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-3, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for August 2024.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC-3 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for August 2024.

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