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**CITY OF CHICO  
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)**

Regular Meeting Agenda  
October 25, 2021, 6:00 pm  
City Council Chambers - 421 Main Street

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

1.1. Call to Order

1.2. Roll Call

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are to be considered routine and enacted by one motion.

**2.1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Action:** Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 8/30/21.

**2.2. PERMIT FOR THE BIDWELL BUMP MOUNTAIN BIKE RACE IN MIDDLE AND UPPER BIDWELL PARK ON 11/06/21.**

Shawn Hughes from Bidwell Bump (Applicant) requests a permit to hold a mountain bike race in Middle and Upper Bidwell Park on 11/06/21. This event has been held in Bidwell Park for nearly a decade.

**Recommendation:** Conditional approval of the permit

**3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT-IF ANY**

**4. OFFICIAL CEREMONY**

**4.1. SWEARING IN OF NEW COMMISSIONERS**

- ❖ Paul McCreary
- ❖ Larry Wills

**5. PUBLIC HEARINGS - NONE**

## 6. REGULAR AGENDA

### 6.1. RECEIPT OF COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE UPPER BIDWELL PARK ROAD SEDIMENT REDUCTION PROJECT.

The Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) will review a Draft Initial Study and a proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the City's Upper Bidwell Park Road Sediment Reduction Project (Project). A Notice of Intent to Adopt the IS/MND was issued on 10/04/21, which started the 30-day public comment period. The Draft IS/MND is available on the City's website at <https://chico.ca.us/post/upper-bidwell-park-road-sediment-reduction-project>. Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 2, 2021. *(Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager).*

**Recommendation:** This is an informational item only. The BPPC will provide its comments, if any, and accept comments from the public on the Draft IS/MND. All comments received will be addressed in the Final IS/MND.

### 6.2. REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF REGULATIONS REGARDING ELECTRIC BICYCLE USE IN BIDWELL PARK.

At its 8/30/21 meeting, the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) considered background information regarding whether to establish a policy regarding the use of electric bicycles on trails and other areas in Bidwell Park. The BPPC directed Staff to research options and continued this discussion to a future BPPC meeting. *(Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager).*

**Recommendation:** Staff is recommending that the BPPC:

1. Establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to provide recommendations on an e-bike and electric mountain bike policy for Bidwell Park.
2. Appoint one or two Commissioners to the Committee.
3. Authorize Staff to solicit applications from representatives of the local bicycle community and other stakeholder groups to be considered for appointment to the Committee by the BPPC.

### 6.3. UPDATE ON POTENTIAL USES FOR THE HORSESHOE PIT AREA IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK.

At its 7/26/21 meeting, the BPPC considered ideas on how to improve the horseshoe pit area in the One Mile Recreation Area in Lower Bidwell Park after the horseshoe pits were removed due to their poor condition and disrepair. The Commission directed Staff to look into the costs and feasibility of installing Bocce Ball courts in the area and to report back to the Commission. *(Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager).*

**Recommendation:** The Commission is requested to provide input and further direction on ways to renovate the horseshoe pit area in Lower Bidwell Park.

### 6.4. CONSIDERATION OF FORMING AN AD-HOC COMMITTEE TO DEVELOP A MASCOT OR PUBLIC OUTREACH CAMPAIGN FOR ENFORCING BIDWELL PARK RULES

At its 8/30/21 meeting, BPPC heard Chair Glatz's idea to develop some form of animal mascot or a friendlier image to help inform the public of the rules and regulations for Bidwell Park. Chair Glatz is requesting that the Commission consider forming an Ad-Hoc Committee consisting of no more than two BPPC members to work with an intern to develop this outreach concept. *(Report – Jeff Glatz, BPPC Chair).*

**Recommendation:** The BPPC is requested to provide a recommendation whether to pursue the Bidwell Park mascot idea and establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to develop a public outreach campaign.

## 7. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR

Members of the public may address the Commission at this time on any matter not already listed on the agenda, with comments being limited to three minutes or as determined by the Chair. The Committee cannot take any action on requests made under this section of the agenda at this meeting.

## 8. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS

These items are provided for the Commission's information. Although the Commission may discuss the items, no action can be taken at this meeting. Should the Commission determine that action is required, the item or items may be included for action on a subsequent posted agenda.

7.1 Parks Division Report – Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resources Manager

7.2 Street Tree Division Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager

## 9. COMMISSIONER REQUESTS

Pursuant to AP&P 10-1, a majority vote of the Commission is needed in order to agendaize these items for discussion at a future meeting. At this meeting, public comment may be taken only whether to agendaize these items. If approved to be agendaized, public comment regarding the items themselves will be taken at a future BPPC meeting.

9.1. By email dated 10/22/21, Commissioner Thomas-Petty requests to receive a current update on the transient population/situation in the City's parks and waterways only for discussion related to assessing and repairing damages to the parks, greenways and waterways.

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Adjourn to the next regular meeting on **11/22/21** at **6:00 p.m.** to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California. ***(Please note this is not on the last Monday of the month due to Thanksgiving holiday week)***



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**CITY OF CHICO  
BIDWELL PARK AND PLAYGROUND COMMISSION (BPPC)  
MINUTES OF THE  
AUGUST 30, 2021 MEETING**

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**1. REGULAR COMMISSION MEETING**

**1.1 Call to Order**

Meeting called to order by Chair Glatz at 6:00 pm.

**1.2 Roll Call**

**Commissioners Present:**

Jeff Glatz  
Anjanette Shadley  
Nancy Wolfe  
Megan Thomas-Petty

**Commissioners Absent:**

Jesse Alexander

**Staff Present:**

Erik Gustafson (Public Works Director O&M)  
Linda Herman (Park and Natural Resource Manager)  
Richie Bamlet (Urban Forest Manager)

**2. CONSENT AGENDA**

All matters listed under the Consent Agenda are to be considered routine and enacted by one motion.

**2.1 APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES**

**Action:** Approve minutes of BPPC meeting held on 07/26/21

A motion was made by Commissioner Wolfe and seconded by Commissioner Thomas-Petty to approve the minutes.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Shadley, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, Commissioner Wolfe, and Chair Glatz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander

**2.2 PERMIT TO HOLD A SMALL WEDDING CEREMONY AT THE PEREGRINE POINT DISC GOLF COURSE ON NOVEMBER 22, 2021.**

Olyvia Simpson (Applicant) requested to reserve the area behind the #8 basket on the Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course, in Upper Bidwell Park for a small wedding ceremony from 2:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. on Monday 11/22/21. Commission approval was required for this private event because Peregrine Point Disc Golf Course is not designated as a reservation area.

**Recommendation:** The Commission suggested that special event signs and temporarily close hole #8 for the ceremony.

Chair Glatz requested that Item 2.2 on the Consent Agenda be pulled.

### **3. ITEMS REMOVED FROM CONSENT –**

#### **2.2 PERMIT TO HOLD A SMALL WEDDING CEREMONY AT THE PEREGINE POINT DISC GOLF COURSE ON NOVEMBER 22, 2021.**

Chair Glatz had a question as a matter of precedence if the wedding would disrupt the disc golfers. Park & Natural Resource Manager responded that this is the first request received for reservations at the course and that she reached out the disc golf organization (ORAI) and they did not have any concerns.

Commissioner Thomas-Petty was concerned that the disc golf activity may disrupt the wedding and wanted to know whether signs or the course should be closed during the wedding. It was decided that signs would be placed on the disc golf course entrance kiosk and the tee sign that Hole 8 will be closed from 2-5 p.m. on 11/22/21 for this event.

Commissioner Wolfe made a motion to approve the Park Reservation Permit. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Shadley.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Shadley, Commissioner Wolfe, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander

### **4. PUBLIC HEARINGS – NONE**

### **5. REGULAR AGENDA**

#### **5.1 CONSIDERATION OF A PROPOSAL FROM THE NEIGHBORHOOD CAT ADVOCATES FOR REQUESTING PERMISSION TO IMPLEMENT A TRAP, NEUTER AND RETURN PROGRAM IN BIDWELL PARK.**

The Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) considered a request from the Neighborhood Cat Advocates to conduct a Trap, Neuter, and Return (TNR) program to reduce the feral cat population in Bidwell Park and possibly other City parks, greenways, and open spaces. ***(Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager).***

A motion to was made by Commissioner Shadley and seconded by Commissioner Wolfe to approve allowing the Neighborhood Cat Advocates to implement a Trap, Neuter and Return program in Bidwell Park and possibly in other City parks, greenways, and open spaces.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Shadley, Commissioner Wolfe, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander

#### **5.2 REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF REGULATIONS REGARDING VEHICLE USE IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK**

At its 7/26/21 meeting, the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) considered Commissioner Glatz's request to agendize discussion of traffic safety on Peterson and South Park

Drives in Lower Bidwell Park, and electric bicycles in the park. (**Report – Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager**).

**Recommendation:** Staff recommended the Commission approve:

1. Conducting a speed survey on the portions of South Park Drive and Petersen Drive where vehicles are allowed to determine if the speed limit should be changed and if other traffic safety measures are needed.
2. Researching options and agendizing discussion of electric vehicle use in Bidwell Park for the BPPC's September or another future meeting.

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Larry Willis addressed the commission on this item.

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A motion to was made by Commissioner Wolfe to conduct the speed survey and come back with input from the cycling community regarding electric bikes. Motion was seconded by Commissioner Shadley.

The motion carried by the following vote:

AYES: Commissioner Shadley, Commissioner Wolfe, Vice-Chair Thomas Petty, and Chair Glatz

NOES: None

ABSENT: Commissioner Alexander

## **6. BUSINESS FROM THE FLOOR**

## **7. REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS**

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**7.1** Parks Division Report – Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resources Manager

**7.2** Street Tree Division Report – Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager

## **8. ADJOURNMENT**

Adjourned at 7:01 pm to the next regular BPPC meeting on September 27, 2021 at 6:00 p.m. to be held in the Chico City Council Chamber Building, located at 421 Main Street in Chico, California.

Date Approved: \_\_\_/\_\_\_/\_\_\_

Prepared by:

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Monica Bressoud, Administrative Analyst I

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Distribution: BPPC



# BPPC Staff Report

Meeting Date 10/25/21

DATE: 10/14/21  
 TO: Bidwell Park & Playground Commission  
 FROM: Kathleen Collier, Administrative Assistant  
 SUBJECT: Mountain Bike Race in Upper Park, 11/6/21

### REPORT IN BRIEF:

Shawn Hughes (Applicant) would like to host The Bidwell Bump, a mountain bike race in Middle and Upper Park on established trails. The start line will be at Five Mile Picnic Area. The Applicant expects approximately 75 participants.

**Recommendation:** Conditional approval.

### Event Details

Date of Application	9/27/2021
Date of Event	11/6/2021
Time of Event	8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
Event Name	Bidwell Bump Mountain Bike Race
Applicant Name	Shawn Hughes
Location	Five Mile Picnic Area - West
Description	Mountain Bike Race
New Event?	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No. Years? Over 10 in Upper Park
# Participants	75
Reason for BPPC Consideration?	Not an intensive use area.
BPMMP Consideration	Mountain biking is a permissible use under the Bidwell Park Master Management Plan (BPMMP). The plan also notes that Upper Park is a protected area for non-intensive recreational uses and non-intensive wilderness compatible recreation shall be provided in Upper Park. The use of Upper Park trails for the race is considered an intensive use and requires BPPC approval.

### Conditions

Staff recommends the following conditions:

- Continued adherence to all park rules.
- If closed areas of the park need to be accessed or opened it is paramount that a request is clearly made on the application.
- Set-up vehicles shall be restricted to one vehicle in closed areas and must travel on established gravel and paved roads and comply with all laws.
- The applicant must provide sufficient monitoring to keep racers on the established route as well as direct traffic if the route crosses the road. (Per 2012 evaluation: *Signage "should be designed to be more visible and located in several places."*) Signage must also be in place in order to ensure racers follow the established routes(see attached course map), and to notify other park users of the event.
- In the event that the Park trails are closed due to wet or unsafe conditions, the racecourse will need to be altered accordingly and approved by the Park Division. The applicant has agreed to move the route to paved paths and roads in the case of a wet weather closure of the trails. Applicant will be asked to submit an alternative wet weather compliant route to the Park Division.
- The applicant will need to do a final inspection of the racecourses at the conclusion of the event and remove all signs and course markings as well as pick up any associated trash.

**Attachments:** Application and Permit for Park Use

**Distribution:** Shawn Hughes



**City of Chico**  
**Application & Permit for Park Use**  
**Public Works Department - Park Division**

**Number of People:**

150 or less       151 or more       Special Event

**SECTION 1 - APPLICATION INFORMATION**  
**Must be 18 or older to submit an application - Permit fees due upon submittal**

This Reservation is not valid until approved by the Park Division

Shawn Hughes  
 Name of Applicant/Contact Person

CORSA  
 Organization Name (if applicable)

[Redacted]  
 Home, Organization, or Company Address

[Redacted]  
 City, State, Zip

[Redacted]      [Redacted]  
 Contact Phone No.      Alternate Phone No.

MTB Ride Bidwell Bump  
 Description of Event (Family BBQ, walk/run)\* Additional room at bottom of page

SAT Nov. 6, 2021  
 Day and Date of Event

From: 8am To: 3pm      75  
 Time of Event only      No. of People

From: 8am To: 3pm  
 (Total time needed for set-up, Event, and clean-up)

[Redacted]      [Redacted]  
 Email Address

Note: Park gates will not remain closed beyond normal opening time for any Event with less than 1,000 people. All races with less than 1,000 people at One Mile must start before 8:30 am. Street closure(s) subject to a separate permit and approval. Use of 50 or 100 amp requires a certified electrician (See Section 2).

Area Requested: (Please check if requested) *need electricity centennial gate dirt road*

Five Mile Picnic Area       East       West  
 BBQ - Pick up key Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 4:30 pm

Cedar Grove Picnic Area       Cedar Grove Meadow  
 Electricity (15 amp)       Water  
 Water       Electricity (100 amp)  
 Electricity (50 amp)

Bidwell Bowl Amphitheater  
 Electricity (15 amp)

One Mile Picnic/Barbecue Area  
 Sycamore Field not included. Contact CARD to reserve  
 Oak Grove A       Oak Grove B  
 Electricity (15 amp)  
 Band Stand (15 amp)  
 BBQ - Pick up key Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
 Water is available, but no hose bib

Note: Special conditions apply for amplified sound and 100 amp electricity (12R.10.170 CMC).

City Plaza (Additional fees may apply)  
 Electricity (15 amp)       Electricity (100 amp)  
 Event Restrooms       Water  
 Fountain:  on       off  
 Meter Bags #

Council Ring  
 Fire Permit

Depot Park  
 Electricity (15 amp)

Lower Bidwell Park (Public Events only)

Children's Playground  
 Electricity (15 amp) Pick up key Mon - Fri 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
 Electricity (100 amp)  
 Water

Picnic Site No. 37 (Redwood Grove)

Upper Bidwell Park (Public Events only) *The Cross etc.*

Other (Specify): \_\_\_\_\_

Early Entrance Needed (Public Events only)

\*Additional Description of the Event (if needed) \_\_\_\_\_  
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For Park Ranger Assistance during the Event call 530-897-4900 (Police Department Dispatch).

**Office Distribution:**

Permit File (original)	Park Ranger 1	Senior Park Ranger	Applicant	BPPC	Cleaning Service	Facilities
Park Field Supervisor	Park Ranger 2	Calendar	920 Fund	DCBA	Risk Management (email)	CPD



## SECTION 2 - EVENT INFORMATION

Please answer the following questions by checking "yes" or "no"

Is this an annual event? If so, how many years have you been holding this event? <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;">10+</span>	Yes	No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Is there a patron admission, entry, or participant fee(s) required for your event? If fee is charged, how much is the fee? <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;"></span>	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will there be amplified sound/music at the event? (Please see the Noise Conditions for Park Use in Section 4)	Yes	No
Specify type (microphone, band, radio, PA system etc.): <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;">microphone</span>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
When will amplified sound/music be heard? Time from: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">10AM</span> to: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;">2 Pm</span>		
<small>Note: 50 / 100 amp electrical service requires a certified electrician to operate.</small>		
Will there be an entertainment apparatus anywhere? These are only allowed in certain areas of the park. <i>No water apparatus allowed.</i>	Yes	No
Operator to provide proof of insurance to the City Park Division prior to event.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<input type="checkbox"/> Bounce house <input type="checkbox"/> Climbing wall <input type="checkbox"/> Ropes course <input type="checkbox"/> Other: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;"></span>		
Name of Operator: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;"></span>		
Will there be any vendors selling food, merchandise, or services at this event? (no glass or alcohol permitted)	Yes	No
If selling food, please describe how it will be prepared at the event: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;">Taco Truck</span>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<small>Valid permit from Butte County Environmental Health is required for all food vendors and must be on hand.</small>		
Will event require that any part of the Park remain closed beyond the normal time of opening?	Yes	No
<small>Note: Park gates will not remain closed beyond normal opening time for any event with less than 1,000 people. All races with less than 1,000 people at One Mile must start before 8:30 am. (Subject to approval by the City Park Division)</small>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If yes, please state which gates: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;"></span> Time of closure: from: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"></span> to: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"></span>		
Will event require overnight storage of property? If yes, how many security or other personnel will be provided? <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;"></span>	Yes	No
	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will there be early entrance (before 7 am) into the Park? (An additional fee will be charged) <small>Note: Gate monitors are required at all the entrances and exits for early Park entrance until gates open at 9 am.</small>	Yes	No
If yes, when will monitors be at their positions? Time from: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"></span> to: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 10px;"></span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>Portable Restrooms:</b> You are required to rent portable restrooms for events with 200+ participants in the immediate area of the event site which will be available to the public during your event.	Yes	No
Restroom company: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;"></span> Phone number: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;"></span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Location(s) of portable restrooms: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;"></span>		
<small>Note: Restrooms shall be removed within 32 hours after conclusion of event.</small>		
<b>Trash and Recycling:</b> As an event organizer, you must properly recycle or dispose of waste during your event and immediately after the event. The area must be returned to a clean condition. <b>For events with 200+ participants, additional trash and recycling cans are required at applicant's cost.</b> <small>Note: Containers shall be removed within 32 hours after conclusion of event.</small>	Yes	No
Trash company: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;"></span> Phone number: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;"></span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will your event include the use of any signs, banners, or decorations? (Please see Conditions for Park Use in Section 4)	Yes	No
If yes, please describe type and location: <span style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px 20px;"></span>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<small>Note: All signs and banners shall be free standing and not affixed to trees or Park property.</small>		
Will water be needed during your event? If yes, for what purpose:	Yes	No
Please provide your own hose and shut-off nozzle. No hose bib is available at One Mile Recreation Area.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is this a walk, run or bike race event?	Yes	No
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
If so, are you using the standard race course? If not, please provide a map.	Yes	No
<small>Note: Not using the standard race course requires Bidwell Park &amp; Playground Commission (BPPC) approval.</small>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>One Mile / Sycamore Field:</b> If this is a One Mile reservation, will Sycamore Field be needed?	Yes	No
If yes, you will need to contact CARD at 545 Vallombrosa Ave. Chico (530) 895-4711.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
<b>City Plaza Only: Vehicles are not allowed in City Plaza. Loading and unloading must occur from the streets. Meter bags for loading and unloading may be obtained from the City by calling: (530) 896-7800.</b>		
Will vendors be placed on the perimeter sidewalks?	Yes	No
If yes, a Vend, Peddler, Hawk permit must be obtained from the Engineering Division at 411 Main Street, Chico (530) 879-6900.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Will City street closure(s) be needed?	Yes	No
If yes, a separate permit must be obtained from the Engineering Division at 411 Main Street, Chico (530) 879-6900.	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

## SECTION 3 - PERMIT FEES

### Park Reservation Fees for 150 or Fewer People

Fees based on venue & not applicable to weddings

Reservation Locations	Fee	No. of Days	Total
Bidwell Bowl - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$55		
Bidwell Bowl - Full Day	\$100		
Cedar Grove Picnic Area - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$55		
Cedar Grove Picnic Area - Full Day	\$75		
Cedar Grove Meadow - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$55		
Cedar Grove Meadow - Full Day	\$75		
Children's Playground - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$30		
Children's Playground - Full Day	\$55		
City Plaza - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$55		
City Plaza - Full Day	\$75		
Council Ring - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$55		
Council Ring - Full Day	\$75		
Depot Park - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$30		
Depot Park - Full Day	\$55		
Five Mile East - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$55		
Five Mile West - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$55		
Five Mile East - Full Day	\$75		
Five Mile West - Full Day	\$75		
One Mile Oak Grove A - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$55		
One Mile Oak Grove B - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$55		
One Mile Oak Grove A - Full Day	\$75		
One Mile Oak Grove B - Full Day	\$75		
One Mile Oak Grove A & B - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$75		
One Mile Oak Grove A & B - Full Day	\$125		
Picnic Site No. 37 (Redwood Grove) - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$30		
Picnic Site No. 37 (Redwood Grove) - Full Day	\$55		
Other Areas** - Partial Day (5 hours or less)	\$30		
Other Areas** - Full Day	\$55		

\*\*Other Areas Require BPPC Approval

### Park Reservation Fees for 151 or more people, or Special Events such as weddings and walks/runs

Fees based on number of people

Description	Fee		Total
Application Processing Fee	\$40		
Damage Deposit Fee (Refundable)	\$150		
<b>Event Fees Based on Number of Participants</b>			
1 - 150	\$75		
151 - 250	\$150		
251 - 500	\$230		
501 - 1,000	\$525		
1,001 plus (see line below)	\$750		
		# over 1001	
\$0.50 per participant exceeding 1001	\$0.50		
<b>Additional Fees Applicable to All Reservations</b>			
	Fee	No. of Units	Total
Early Entrance Fee (before 7 am)	\$35 / hour		
Events with vendors selling food, beverages, merchandise, or services	\$10 / vendor		
Sound/Electricity (15 amp)	\$15 / day		
Sound/Electricity (50 or 100 amp)	\$35 / day		
City Plaza Additional Restrooms (200 + participants)	\$112.50 / day		

Fees due upon submittal of application	Park Fee Total:	
Credit Card payment will be assessed a 2.75% convenience fee	Convenience Fee:	
<b>Make checks payable to: City of Chico</b>	<b>Total Fee Required:</b>	

City of Chico Cash Receipt No:  Payment Method:  Date:  Received by:

## SECTION 4 - CONDITIONS FOR PARK USE

**You are responsible for knowing the Park Rules. Please observe the following:**

- Alcohol** Alcohol is not permitted in any City Park or Playground.
- BBQs** Portable BBQs (charcoal or propane only) may only be used next to existing BBQs in Lower Bidwell Park and Five Mile Recreation Areas, no other areas. No BBQs allowed during Red Flag Fire Warning or high wind advisory days.
- Bicycles** Bicycles must observe all California vehicular codes including one-way streets. Riders are expected to be courteous and yield to equestrian and pedestrian traffic. Helmets must be worn at all times in Upper Park, except when on pavement. Riders must stay on designated trails. Bicycle riding is not allowed in Caper Acres or on the Sycamore pool deck.
- Bounce Houses** Bounce houses, (except those with water) and other similar non-water play equipment, are only permitted in certain areas with a reservation and upon approval by the Park Division. The operators of this equipment must provide proof of insurance to the Park Division prior to event. Bounce houses are not allowed in Caper Acres.
- Campfires** No campfires allowed at any time, except by permit and only in the Council Ring.
- Camping** No overnight camping allowed unless authorized by the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission. Bidwell Park is a day use only park.
- Clean up** Permittee is required to completely clean up area at the conclusion of event.
- Damages** Any damage to City property as a result of this event will be repaired at permittee's expense.
- Dogs** Dogs may be off leash from 5:30 am to 8:30 am in Lower Park. All other times, dogs must be on a leash 6 feet in length or less. Along the north side of Upper Park Road, dogs may be off leash anytime. While off leash, dogs must remain under control via master's voice. **Dogs are not allowed in Caper Acres, One Mile or Five Mile swimming areas, or designated swimming holes in Upper Park.**
- Electrical** All power extension cords, sound amplification equipment, and staging to be supplied by permittee. Permittee shall provide "tripping" prevention devices over power cords crossing any pathway.
- Fishing** **Big Chico Creek:** Check California Fish and Wildlife Regulations: [www.wildlife.ca.gov](http://www.wildlife.ca.gov).  
**Horseshoe Lake:** Age 14 and over - license required, catch and release. **Under 14** - no license required, catch and keep.
- Gate Closures** Upper Park gate at Parking Lot E is closed on Sundays, Mondays, during wet periods, and Red Flag Fire Warning days. Gates may be closed for approved special events. For gate opening and closing hours, visit: [www.chico.ca.us/park-trails](http://www.chico.ca.us/park-trails).
- Glass** No glass containers allowed in any City Park or Playground.
- Horses** Horses must stay on designated trails. Horses are not allowed in One Mile or Five Mile Recreation Areas. Horses must cross the creek at approved crossings. Safe and courteous riding is the Park standard.
- Noise** No loud or unusual noises are allowed, including radios and headsets that can be heard over 50 feet away. For music or sound at One Mile Recreation Area, please face all speakers away from Woodland Ave.
- Park Closures** Lower Park is closed from 11:00 pm to 5:00 am every day, unless directly and actively proceeding to a destination outside of the Park. Upper Park is closed to vehicles at **9:00 pm October - March, and 11:00 pm April - September** unless posted otherwise. Park may be closed during Red Flag Fire Warning or high wind advisory days.
- Signs/Defacing** Defacing of trees, tables, any park fixtures, open ground, or paved roads/paths with markings, staples, tacks, or signs is prohibited. No pinatas, slack lines, hammocks, or accessories shall be affixed to trees. Only barricades, cones, or self standing devices may be used for these purposes.
- Smoking** Smoking or vaping is not permitted in any City Park or Playground.
- Swimming** While in the One Mile swim area, compliance with lifeguards is required for public safety. Pool is open and lifeguards are on duty during summer swim season.
- Vegetation** No taking, cutting, or injury of any vegetation in the Park is allowed.
- Vehicle Traffic**
- While gates are closed, limited use of vehicles to set up for event is permitted. Vehicles must be in compliance with the one-way designation of the roadway, must yield to all other activities (walking, jogging, bicycling, and horseback riding), must travel with flashers on and may not exceed ten (10) miles per hour.
  - Permittee shall provide adequate signs and supervision to avoid conflicts between vehicles, bicycles, equestrians, and general public.
  - Only emergency vehicles will be allowed access through the area of South Park Drive which has been closed to motor vehicles.
  - No vehicles are permitted to travel or park on grass areas.

## SECTION 5 - INSURANCE

(To be determined by Park Division)

### INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS ARE APPLICABLE TO ALL EVENTS WHERE:

"There are more than 150 participants"

Insurance Required

Not Required

For Insurance questions for your event, please contact the Risk Management office  
(530) 879-7910 or email risk-management@chico.ca.gov

For liability coverage purposes, it is the applicant and the City of Chico's intent (hereinafter referred to as the "Parties"), that this permit is a written contract between the Parties.

Pursuant to the insurance policy related to this permit/written contract, and consistent with the Certificate of Liability Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsements, the Parties hereby attach and incorporate by this reference, the Certificate of Liability Insurance and Additional Insured Endorsements, which are further expressly made a material part of the said permit/written contract between the Parties.

Permittee shall supply, at least two (2) weeks in advance of the scheduled event, a Certificate of Insurance issued by a company licensed to do business in California with a Best's Insurance Guide rating of "B" or better ("A" rated if Company is unlicensed) which provides evidence of comprehensive and general liability coverage in the amount of \$1,000,000 combined single limit; \$2,000,000 aggregate with policy endorsements as follows:

(1) Identification of permit application, identification of event, date of event.

Note: Numbers 2 and 3 below must be separate endorsements:

- (2) The City of Chico, its officers, boards of commissions, and members thereof, its employees and agents are covered as additional insureds as respects to any liability arising out of the activities of the names insured.
- (3) The insurance coverages afforded by this policy shall be primary insurance as respects to the City of Chico, its officers, employees, or agents. Any insurance or self-insurance maintained by the City of Chico, its officers, employees, or agents shall be in excess of the insurance afforded to the named insured by this policy and shall not contribute to it.
- (4) An unqualified statement that "The insurer will provide the City at least ten (10) days prior notice of cancellation or material change in coverage" standard Certificate of Insurance cancellation language is not acceptable.

Please Note: Your reservation may be cancelled if the insurance is not approved at least two weeks prior to the scheduled event.

## SECTION 6 - ACCEPTANCE OF CONDITIONS

In signing this Permit, I agree to indemnify and hold the City of Chico and/or the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission free and clear of all claims of damage for injury to persons or property in, upon or about City Parks or Playgrounds, and arising from my use of the Parks and Playgrounds as noted above, and to defend any action against the City of Chico resulting from any such claim, without cost to the City.

\*I certify that I have read this application thoroughly, followed any and all instructions, understand its contents, will comply with the attached "Conditions for Park Use" in Section 4, will adhere to any additional conditions set forth by this permit, and supplied true and correct information herein to the best of my knowledge and belief.

  
Signature of Applicant

9/27/2021  
Date

### RETURN THIS FORM TO:

City of Chico - Park Division  
Deliver to: 965 Fir Street, Chico, CA 95928  
Mail to: PO Box 3420, Chico, CA 95927  
email to parkinfo@chico.ca.gov

**THIS RESERVATION IS NOT VALID UNTIL ALL FEES ARE PAID AND APPROVED BY THE PARK DIVISION.**

A copy of the approved permit will be returned to you.

## SECTION 7 - AUTHORIZATION

I certify that I have carefully reviewed this application pursuant to Title 12 and 12R of the Chico Municipal Code and hereby recommend this permit be:

- Approved by Director
- Approved by Director subject to listed additional condition(s):
- Denied by Director
- Approved by Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC)
- Approved by BPPC subject to listed additional condition(s): (see attached conditions)
- Denied by BPPC

Reason for Denial:

Approved by

Date

# Trails of Upper Bidwell Park

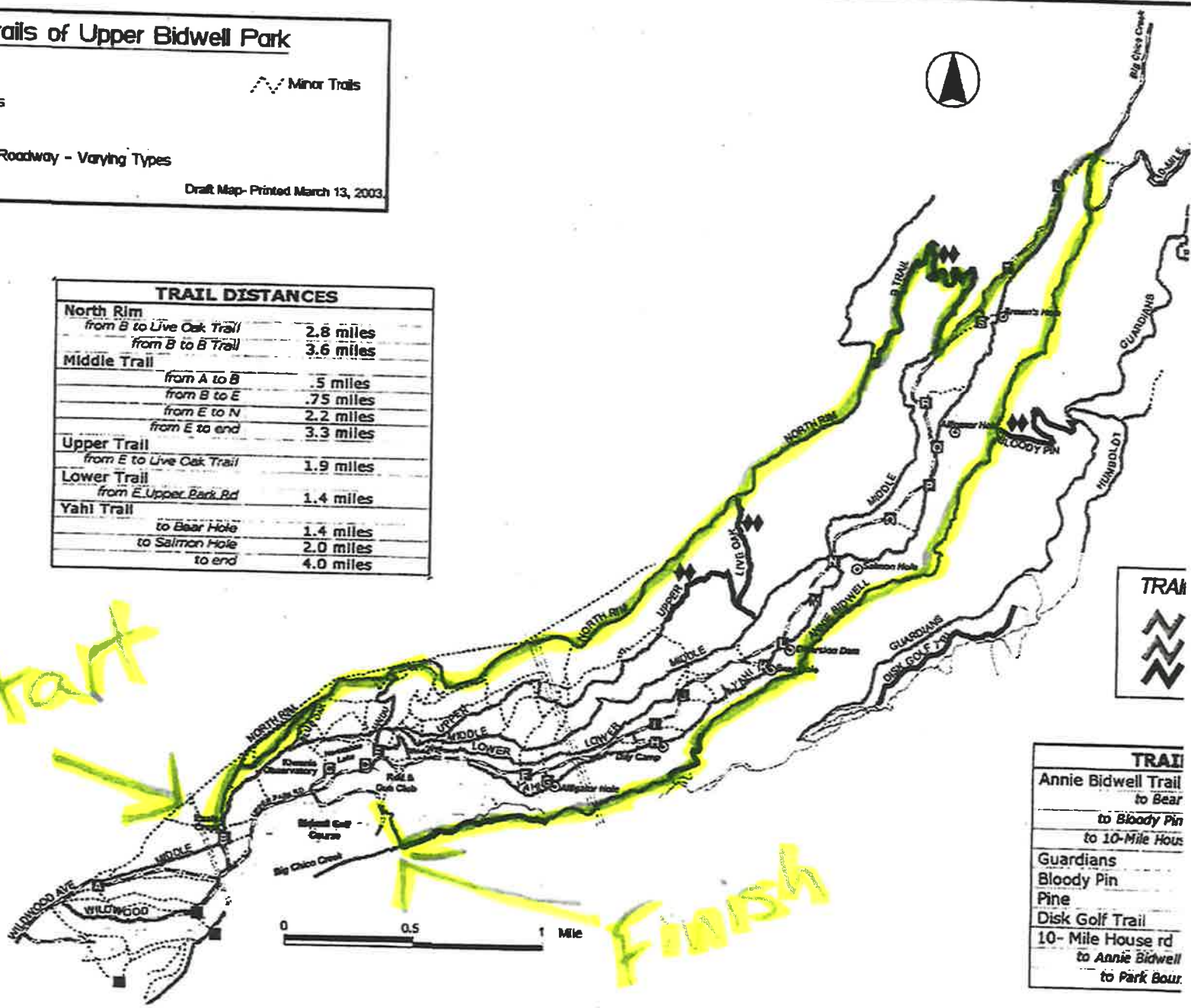
- Parking
- ⚡ Powerlines
- ⊙ Swimming
- ↗ Improved Roadway - Varying Types
- ⚡ Minor Trails

Draft Map- Printed March 13, 2003.

TRAIL DISTANCES	
<b>North Rim</b>	
from B to Live Oak Trail	2.8 miles
from B to B Trail	3.6 miles
<b>Middle Trail</b>	
from A to B	.5 miles
from B to E	.75 miles
from E to N	2.2 miles
from E to end	3.3 miles
<b>Upper Trail</b>	
from E to Live Oak Trail	1.9 miles
<b>Lower Trail</b>	
from E Upper Park Rd	1.4 miles
<b>Yahi Trail</b>	
to Bear Hole	1.4 miles
to Salmon Hole	2.0 miles
to end	4.0 miles

Start  
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FINISH  
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TRAIL	
Annie Bidwell Trail	to Bear
	to Bloody Pin
	to 10-Mile House
Guardians	
Bloody Pin	
Pine	
Disk Golf Trail	
10- Mile House rd	to Annie Bidwell
	to Park Bour.



## Bidwell Park & Playground Commission Report

Meeting Date 10/25/21

DATE: 10/16/21  
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)  
FROM: Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager (P&NRM)  
SUBJECT: RECEIPT OF COMMENTS ON THE DRAFT INITIAL STUDY AND MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE UPPER BIDWELL PARK ROAD SEDIMENT REDUCTION PROJECT.

### REPORT IN BRIEF:

The Bidwell Park & Playground Commission (BPPC) will review a Draft Initial Study and a Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the City's proposed Upper Bidwell Park Road Sediment Reduction Project (Project). A Notice of Intent to Adopt the IS/MND was issued on 10/04/21, which started the 30-day public comment period. Comments are due by 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday November 2, 2021.

**Recommendation:** This is an informational item only. The BPPC will provide its comments, if any, and accept comments from the public on the Draft IS/MND. All comments received will be addressed in the Final IS/MND.

### FISCAL IMPACT:

The City with help from the Butte County Resource Conservation District (BCRCD) was successful in obtaining a Nonpoint Source (NPS) Grant administered by the State Water Resources Control Board (SWRCB) in the amount of \$706,352, with a local match of \$291,450 in existing Park Division Capital and Operating budgets (Fund 002) to complete the Project.

### BACKGROUND:

The unpaved section of the Upper Park Road (UPR) in Bidwell Park between the Diversion Dam gate and the end of the road has been closed to private vehicles since 2012 when the road was severely damaged from winter storms. The City retained Pacific Watershed Associates (PWA) to assess and make recommendations regarding repairing and improving approximately 4.4 miles of the road between Horseshoe Lake and the end, which identified 43 erosion sites within this section of UPR that needed either road drainage repairs or redesign, and/or sediment control treatments.

This Project extends along 3.4 miles of Upper Park Road and will reduce and largely eliminate a total threat of 3,570 cubic yards of sediment from entering Big Chico Creek. A map of the proposed treatments is attached as Attachment 1. The plan to make the necessary repairs and to the UPR was approved by both the BPPC and the City Council.

### ENVIRONMENTAL REVIEW/PERMITS:

Biological and cultural surveys of the Project Area were completed in 2020. Since this is an existing highly-used and historically graded and filled road, biological, botanical and cultural impacts from this Project are considered low. For these reasons and based on PWA's experience with similar projects, a Categorical Exemption under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) was originally proposed for this Project.

However, there will be the need to remove some trees, shrubs, and other vegetation when replacing the targeted culverts and realigning some of the road edges. An Assessment of trees that may need to be removed was conducted by a Registered Professional Forester. The purpose was to document the species, size, diameter measured at breast height (DBH), and general health of trees that could be impacted by the Project. Approximately 44 trees directly in the Project area may need to be removed during construction. Over half of the trees proposed for removal are smaller (i.e., 6-inch diameter at breast height (DBH) or less) or are a non-native species, with a large proportion of all trees experiencing stress and/or compromised health due to overcrowding.

Based the tree assessment and initial comments from the public, Staff decided to prepare an IS/MND for the Project. In addition, permits will be needed from the following regulatory agencies:

1. CA Department of Fish & Wildlife – Lake or Streambed Alteration Agreement (LSAA or 1600 Permit)

2. State Water Resources Control Boards-Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters (CWA 401) Permit.
3. U.S. Army Corps of Engineers- Discharge of Dredged or Fill Material to Waters (CWA 404) Permit.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff and the City’s consultants have been working on the environmental review, regulatory permits applications, and construction designs and specifications for the Project. The IS/MND was prepared pursuant to CEQA Statutes and City Environmental Review Guidelines to identify:

1. Potential significant effects of the proposed VFMP activities and projects on the environment and to indicate the manner in which those significant effects can be avoided or mitigated.
2. Any unavoidable adverse impacts that cannot be fully mitigated or otherwise avoided.

The Draft IS/MND is available on the City’s website at <https://chico.ca.us/post/upper-bidwell-park-road-sediment-reduction-project>.

In the IS/MND, the activities proposed in the Project received general environmental review which determined that the Project could have potential significant impacts related to Biological, Historic, Hydrology/Water Quality, and Cultural/Tribal Resources. Avoidance or mitigation measures, where needed, were also identified to reduce anticipated or potential environmental impacts below a threshold of significance. The proposed mitigation measures were compiled into a Mitigation, Monitoring and Reporting Program (MMRP) which is Attachment 2 to the Draft IS/MND. The draft MMRP consists of the following components:

- Proposed Mitigation measures
- Implementation trigger/timing of mitigation
- Party responsible for implementation of the mitigation
- Agency responsible for monitoring mitigation

With the incorporation of avoidance where possible, installation of best management practices such as reseeding and straw on disturbed areas, and the mitigation measures identified in the MMRP, the potential impacts from the Project will be mitigated to a less than significant level. It is also expected that the Project will result in improvements to the Upper Park Road, water quality, natural streamflow function, and public safety access.

**PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD:**

A Notice of Intent (NOI) to adopt the MND and announcing the 30-Day public comment period was posted in the local newspaper and on the Butte County Clerk’s and State Clearing House websites. The public comment period started on 10/4/21 and ends at 5:00 P.M. on 11/2/21. **Public comments may be submitted in writing via email to [linda.herman@chicoca.gov](mailto:linda.herman@chicoca.gov), or mailed to City of Chico Park Division, P.O. Box 3420, Chico CA 95927.**

The BPPC is also requested to provide comments, if any, on the proposed IS/MND and to accept comments from the public on the Draft IS/MND at tonight’s meeting.

Upon completion of CEQA and the approval of the regulatory permits, construction will take place outside of the wet weather season in the Summer/Fall of 2022. The construction work is anticipated to take approximately 4 months, weather permitting.

**Attachments:**

Attachment 1: Map of Upper Park Road Treatments

Map 2. Road related sediment sources by type for the Upper Bidwell Park Road, Big Chico Creek, Butte County, California.

**Sites by type**

- Stream crossing
- ⊕ Ditch relief culvert
- ⊕ Spring
- Start of survey
- End of survey
- \* Parking areas
- ⊥ Gate

PWA assessed roads  
 Other roads  
 Streams  
 State Highway 32  
 Map 2A/2B area of interest


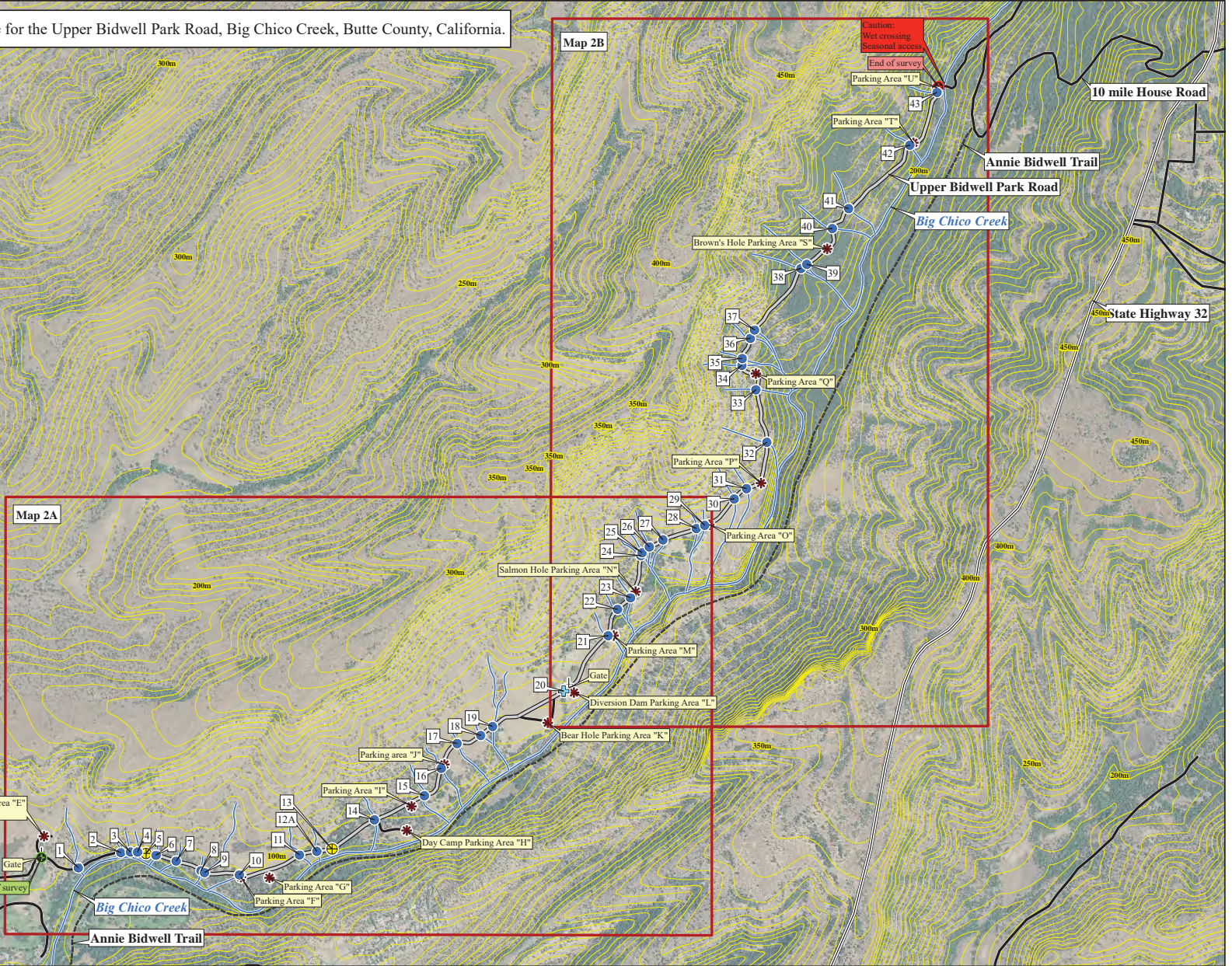
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Imagery: NAIP 2016

Note: Streams displayed are based on field mapping and aerial photo interpretation.

Prepared May 2017 by:  
Pacific Watershed Associates  
www.pacificwatershed.com





## BPPC Staff Report

Meeting Date 10/25/21

DATE: 10/20/21  
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)  
FROM: Linda Herman, Parks & Natural Resource Manager  
SUBJECT: REVIEW AND CONSIDERATION OF REGULATIONS REGARDING ELECTRIC BICYCLE (E-BIKE) USE IN BIDWELL PARK

### REPORT IN BRIEF:

At its 8/30/21 meeting, the Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC) considered background information regarding whether to establish a policy regarding the use of electric bicycles on trails and other areas in Bidwell Park. The BPPC directed Staff to research options and continued this discussion to a future BPPC meeting.

**Recommendation:** Staff is recommending that the BPPC:

1. Establish an Ad-Hoc Committee to provide recommendations on an e-bike and electric mountain bikes (eMTB) policy for Bidwell Park.
2. Appoint one or two Commissioners to the Committee.
3. Authorize Staff to solicit applications from representatives of the local bicycle community and other stakeholder groups to be considered for appointment to the Committee by the BPPC.

### BACKGROUND:

On 8/30/21, the BPPC reviewed the following existing Chico Municipal Codes (CMC) Sections pertaining to vehicle use in Bidwell Park:

#### **“2R.32.010 Vehicle code and Title 10 CMC applicable.**

The provisions of the Vehicle Code of the state of California and of Title 10 Vehicles and Traffic of this code are applicable to all roads in Bidwell Park which are open to the public for vehicular traffic, whether paved or unpaved, to the same extent that they would be so applicable in the absence of this rule.  
(Res. No. 19 93-94 §7 (part))

#### **12R.32.015 Vehicle - Defined.**

“Vehicle” means every device in, upon or by which any person or property is or may be transported or drawn upon a public highway, excepting devices moved by human power, devices used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks, and motor-driven wheelchairs or similar devices used by a physically handicapped person.

#### **12R.32.020 Maximum speed limit - Adoption of lesser speed limits authorized.**

No person shall operate or drive any vehicle or bicycle within any park or playground within the city at a greater speed than 25 miles per hour. Whenever it appears appropriate, reasonable, and necessary, this maximum speed limit may be reduced on any park road, or portion thereof, pursuant to the provisions of and in the manner provided by the Vehicle Code.

#### **2R.32.040 Use of roads required - Exceptions.**

Vehicles operated in any park or playground in the city shall be operated only upon:

- A. Paved or gravel surfaced roads which are not closed to use by the public for vehicular traffic.
- B. Dirt or unimproved roads marked or otherwise designated for vehicular traffic.
- C. Paved, graveled, or otherwise designated picnic or parking areas with operation limited in such areas to parking and ingress to and egress from such areas for picnic or parking purposes.
- D. Other areas designated in written permit issued by the director.

**2R.32.070 Petersen and South Park Drive - One-way traffic.**

All motor vehicle and bicycle traffic on Petersen and South Park Drive shall be restricted to one-way traffic. This restriction shall be construed to include bicycle traffic on that portion of South Park Drive which is closed to motor vehicles.”

The Commission also reviewed the following current Federal and State regulations regarding Electric Bicycles (e-bikes):

On August 29, 2019, the Secretary of the Interior issued Secretary’s Order 3376 (SO 3376A) to increase recreational opportunities for all Americans, especially those with physical limitations, by clarifying the regulatory status of e-bikes on Federal lands managed by the Department of Interior (DOI). As defined by federal law and SO 3376A, low-speed electric bicycles operated in the pedal assist mode should generally be given the same access as traditional bicycles.

Furthermore, CA State law AB 1096 redefined electric bicycles to mean a two-or three-wheeled cycle with fully operable pedals and an electric motor of not more than 750 watts. The regulations also establish a three-class system to differentiate between the models and top assisted speeds of e-bikes as follows.

1. “Class 1 electric bicycle,” or “low-speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. These e-bikes are legal on any paved surface that a regular bike is allowed to operate.
2. “Class 2 electric bicycle,” or “low-speed throttle-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that may be used exclusively to propel the bicycle, and that is not capable of providing assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 20 miles per hour. These e-bikes are also legal on any paved surface that a regular bike is allowed to operate.
3. Class 3 electric bicycle,” or “speed pedal-assisted electric bicycle,” is a bicycle equipped with a motor that provides assistance only when the rider is pedaling, and that ceases to provide assistance when the bicycle reaches the speed of 28 miles per hour and equipped with a speedometer. Operators of Class 3 e-bikes must be 16 or older and wear a helmet.

Under AB 1096, Class 3 electric bicycles are not allowed on any bicycle path or trail, bikeway, equestrian trail, or hiking or recreational trail, unless it is within or adjacent to a roadway or unless the local authority or the governing body of a public agency having jurisdiction over the path or trail permits them by ordinance.

Most Class 1 and 2 e-bikes are allowed on paved surfaces where vehicles and bicycles are allowed. However, the law also authorizes a local authority or governing body to prohibit, by ordinance, the operation of Class 1 or Class 2 electric bicycles on specified paths or trails.

**DISCUSSION:**

Staff conducted a brief research of e-bike policies, particularly eMTBs, in other cities and states. Although there is very little question regarding the use of all 3 classes of e-bikes on paved surfaces currently used by both vehicles and other bicycles, there are differences of opinion and concerns regarding eMTBs on unpaved surfaces and single-track trails.

On federal, state, county and local trails, eMTB access varies significantly. Generally, any natural surface trail designated for **both** motorized and non-motorized use is open to eMTBs. In most cases, eMTBs may not be allowed on trails allowed for only non-motorized activities.

As stated above, the DOI made a determination that e-bikes will be allowed where other types of bicycles are allowed on Bureau of Land Management (BLM) and National Park Service (NPS) lands, which are managed by DOI. However, US Forest Service (USFS) land is managed by the Department of Agriculture, which classifies e-bikes as motorized vehicles.

Therefore, e-bike use is currently not allowed on National Forest Service (NFS) roads and trails unless they are also designated for motor vehicle use. In other words, eMTBs are not automatically allowed everywhere traditional mountain bikes are allowed under the DOI determination.

In addition, CA State Parks is allowing e-bikes on all roads open for public vehicle use, and on some limited dirt trails and roads for Class 1 e-bikes only. While other agencies, such as Park City Utah allow e-bikes on unpaved and natural surface trails of a certain width (e.g., 5 to 8 feet wide).

However, with the increase in e-bike popularity and use (mostly Class 1 e-bikes), many federal, state, and local agencies are reviewing e-bike policies and evaluating the compatibility of this use with each agency's mission and goals. Some of the concerns regarding e-bike use found by these agencies include the increase use of e-bikes as personal mobility devices under the Americans with Disability Act (ADA) and for the aging population, potential environmental and trail impacts, and potential conflicts, such as speed, with other trail users. Concerns about potential increased emergency medical calls and the batteries sparking fires has also been stated.

As this is a complicated and evolving issue, Staff is recommending that the Commission approve forming an Ad-Hoc Committee to research this topic further and to engage the local community in this discussion. Staff is recommending that the Committee consist of one or two Commissioners, representatives from the local bicycle community, and other stakeholder groups, such as equestrians and hikers. To reduce Staff time and costs, the Ad-Hoc Committee could meet remotely on Zoom and maybe only hold an in-person workshop when more public outreach is needed.



DATE: 10/21/21  
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)  
FROM: Linda Herman, Park & Natural Resources Manager (P&NRM)  
SUBJECT: UPDATE ON POTENTIAL USES FOR THE HORSESHOE PIT AREA IN LOWER BIDWELL PARK.

## REPORT IN BRIEF:

At its 7/26/21 meeting, the BPPC considered ideas on how to improve the horseshoe pit area in the One Mile Recreation Area in Lower Bidwell Park after the pits were removed due to their poor condition and disrepair. The Commission directed Staff to look into the costs and feasibility of maybe installing Bocce Courts in the area and to report back to the Commission

**Recommendation:** The Commission is requested to provide input and further direction on ways to renovate the Horseshoe Pit Area in Lower Bidwell Park.

## BACKGROUND:

At the July meeting, Staff provided the following conceptual ideas for the area. These concepts may possibly be used singularly or together as a combination of activities.

1. **Slackline Area** – Slacklining involves walking, running or balancing along a suspended length of flat webbing that is tensioned between two anchors, similar to tightrope walking. Slacklining has become increasingly popular, particularly in Bidwell Park with its large trees and grass areas. The Chico Municipal Code does not allow anything to be affixed to trees and slacklines can cause significant wear on the outer layer of the trees' bark. This proposal would involve installing 3 to 4 small metal posts in the horseshoe pit area that can be used for this purpose.
2. **Installing a small outdoor fitness station**, such as a Kettlebell weight system or some other kind of multiple person fitness station.
3. **Installing an outdoor ping-pong table or other games**
4. **Horseshoe/Corn Hole pits** – The local Rotary Club generously donated funds and built the original eight (8) horseshoe pits and has provided maintenance to the course over the years. This option is to possibly rebuild some of the horseshoe pits and/or install concrete corn holes units as well.
5. **Bocce Ball Courts** – The Bocce Ball Club requested permission to install courts in Bidwell Park from the BPPC in the past. At that time, the Commission directed the group to Children's Playground. Currently the Club is working with CARD to build new Bocce Ball courts in the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Community Park.
6. **Pickle Ball Courts** – Pickle Ball, which is played on a smaller footprint on tennis courts, has become very popular in Chico. However, this area may be too small for this activity. Adequate parking would also be a concern.

The Commission directed Staff to investigate the costs and feasibility of maybe installing Bocce Courts in the area and to report back to the Commission

## DISCUSSION:

Staff researched the cost to develop and maintain Bocce Courts in other parks and contacted Chico Area Recreation and Park District (CARD) who is working with the Chico Bocce Club to install courts at the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Community Park. CARD's preliminary design (see Attachment 1) for the courts at the 20<sup>th</sup> Street Community Park include:

- Construction of four (4) 85 feet by 12 feet regulation sized courts, with artificial turf surfacing
- Large overhead covering
- Benches and bleachers
- Bocce Ball racks and storage
- Lighting

The estimated cost to construct the CARD Bocce Ball courts is \$450,000. Staff determined that, although there are variations in size and amenities, this cost estimate is similar to what other agencies are experiencing in constructing Bocce Ball courts in public parks.

Building a safe and durable Bocce Ball court in Lower Bidwell Park will require installation of concrete sides and backboard, a lot of effort and cost. In addition to the initial development costs, both daily and routine maintenance by City Park Staff would be required to water, keep obstacles off the court, and to ensure the courts are safe for public use. These daily and high maintenance tasks include:

- a. Rolling-The courts should be rolled at least once a month.
- b. Watering -Bocce courts play best when slightly damp. The recommended time for watering is in the evening before the day of play and immediately following a day of play.
- c. Line Marking – To play Bocce Ball several line markings, such as the pitch line, are required on the court. These lines would need to be routinely remarked.
- d. Brushing and Blowing- Brushing keeps the surface level and surface granules evenly distributed at all times. Therefore, the court should always be free from debris and brushed over the entire surface prior to the marking of the court at the beginning of each play. In addition, if the court is in continuous use, it is recommended to brush midway during the day's play. During tournament play brushing is recommended between each game.
- e. Surface Patching - When depressions appear following a game or over time the court play area should be patched. This would require loosening the surface material in any depressions and adding surface material where needed. The repaired area should then be recompact with a light roller.

In conclusion, the Parks Division Budget does not have the funding to construct and install the courts. It also currently does not have the staffing needed to properly maintain the courts. For these reasons, Staff is recommending that the Commission look at pursuing some of the other proposed renovation ideas for the horseshoe pit area.



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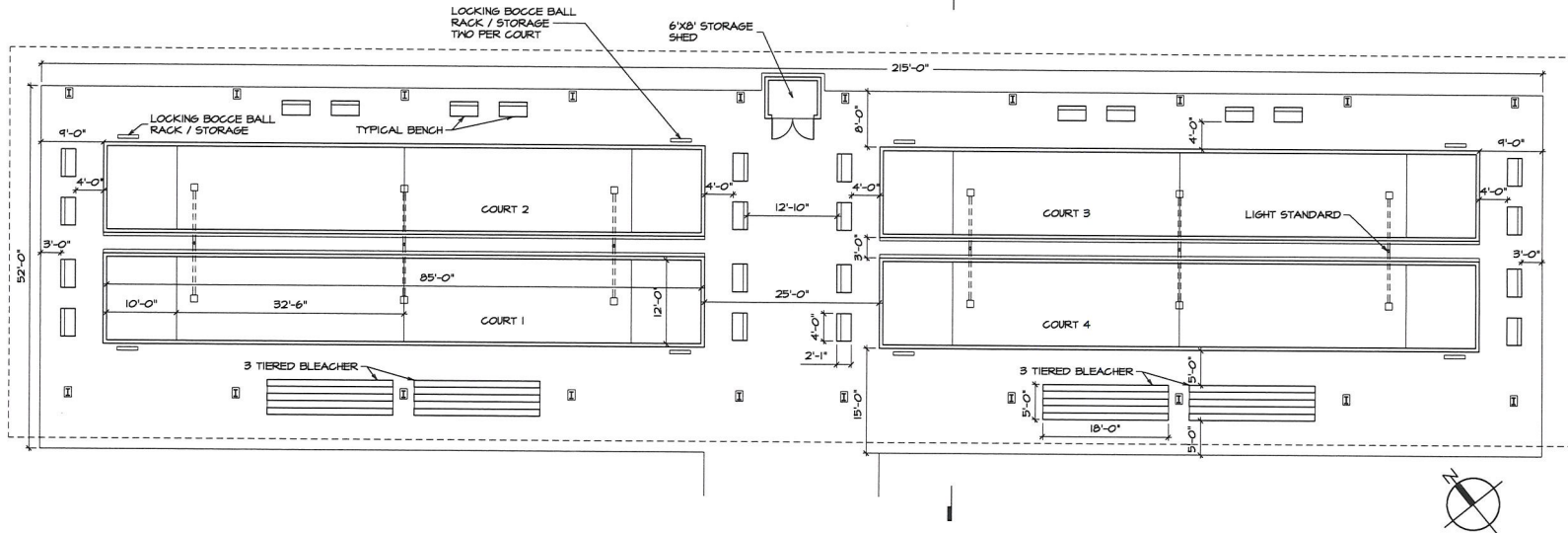
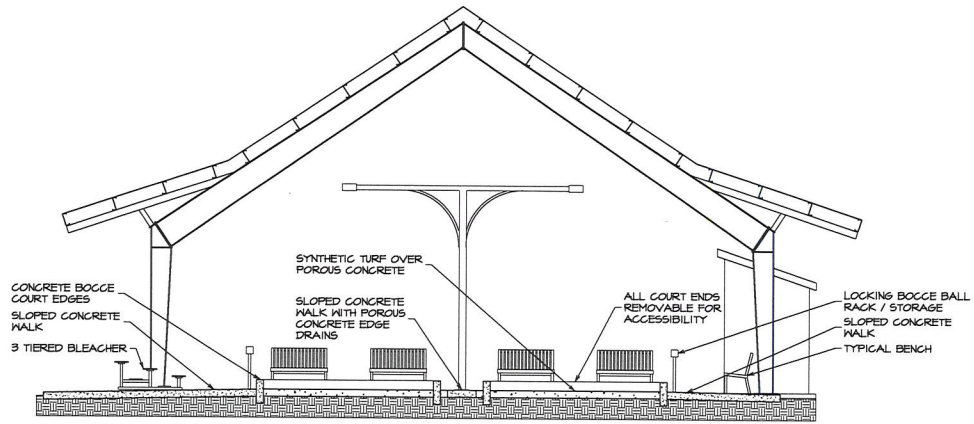
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**SITE PLAN**  
 SCALE: 1" = 30'

**20th STREET  
 COMMUNITY PARK  
 BOCCO COURTS**  
 CHICAGO AREA REGIONAL DISTRICT  
 614 W. WASHINGTON AVENUE  
 CHICGO, CALIFORNIA 95926  
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No.	Date	Description

Date: August 18, 2021  
Project No:  
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DATE: 10/20/21  
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)  
FROM: Linda Herman, Park and Natural Resources Manager  
SUBJECT: Parks Division Report

## NARRATIVE

### 1. Updates

- a. Caper Acres Nico Shade & Resurfacing Project – While digging the holes for the footings for the shade sail posts, the construction contractor hit water at around 6 feet deep, but the depth needs to be 9-10 feet. So, the project is on hold for now until the structural engineering specifications can be revised to address this issue. The shade sail manufacturer is working on these specifications and we hope to have them next week.
- b. TREX Prescribed Burn Training – Over 125 participants signed up for the first Butte County Prescribed Burn Training Event (TREX) to be held at the Big Chico Creek Ecological Reserve. Due to the anticipated inclement weather, the first training session on 10/23-10/25/21 was cancelled. The organizing team is now preparing for the 11/4/21-11/7/21 training session.
- c. Ice Rink in City Plaza – As part of the downtown franchise agreement with the Downtown Chico Business Association (DCBA), the City Council approved funding for this joint effort to bring an ice skating rink to the City Plaza. The rink will be open from November 19, 2021 through January 9, 2022, and will feature ice skating sessions, private party events, special events, and more.
- d. Park Staffing/Recruitments – Recruitment to fulfill two Park Maintenance Worker positions is ongoing and in process. One of the positions is in Park Maintenance and the other is for the newly formed Encampment Cleanup Crew. In addition, Parks Field Supervisor Jimi Logsdon has announced that he is retiring at the end of December 2021. The recruitment process to fill that position will be starting soon so that onboard training can occur before Jimi leaves.
- e. Big Chico Creek Erosion Project – During the 2021-22 Budget process, the City Council approved a capital project in the amount of \$327,250 to repair several erosion sites on Big Chico Creek in Bidwell Park and through the University that are compromising South Park Road and other infrastructure. Some of these sites include the well site at Hooker Oak Park, the “cliffs” on the north side of the creek just past the Manzanita bridge, and the area behind the CARD’s Rose Garden. The Engineering consultant toured these sites with both Park and Engineering Staff last week.

### 2. Maintenance Program

Staff provides on a need and time basis the cleaning and safety inspections of all recreation areas including grounds, playgrounds, picnic sites, roads and paths, coupled with the weekend cleaning and re-supplying of all open park restrooms. Maintenance and repair of park fixtures, daily opening of gates, posting reservations, unauthorized camp clean up and the constant removal of graffiti from all park infrastructure.

- a. Lower Park – Lower Park: Routine Maintenance, ( I. E. down limbs. Vandalism repair, ETC.) Staff is in the process of installing the pull up station for the Vita PAR course.
- b. Middle Park: Routine maintenance. Down tree and limb removals, vegetation maintenance.
- c. Upper Park – Continued down tree and limb removals.
- d. Greenway and other Specialty Parks: Routine maintenance as time and staff permit. Provided support for a Presbyterian Church Volunteer event at Children’s Playground and Bidwell Bowl.



- e. Upcoming projects: Winter infrastructure fabrication projects, Parking lot grading, road sign replacement, tree work in Upper Park to clean up the tree debris around the trees knocked down from the Park Fire, and to down a few other trees that have died since the fire.

### 3. Ranger and Lifeguard Programs

- a. Ranger Program– New sworn Ranger Brett Gladson successfully graduated from the Fish & Wildlife academy in September and is currently in field training with the Chico Police Department. The training is anticipated to take approximately 4 months, with the hope that he will be a full-time Park Ranger starting in January 2022.

Non-sworn Ranger Joel Holmes applied for the sworn Ranger position and was successfully chosen as the one candidate to continue in the recruitment process. He is currently in the background investigation phase.

- b. Ranger Salary Adjustment – On 9/7/21, the City Council approved the Human Resource & Risk Management Director's request that the salary for the sworn rangers be increased to that of a police officer. This is good news and will help in retaining and recruiting park rangers in the future.

### 4. Natural Resource Management

- a. Goats – The goats are currently working in the area of Lower Bidwell Park between Madrone and the Hwy 99 overpass. So far, they have grazed over 130 acres this year, reducing both fire fuels and invasive vegetation. The goats will be in the park over the next month or so and will be back in the Spring of 2022.
- b. Invasive Species Eradication - In addition to the goats, Dempsey Vegetation Management, Susan Mason, Friends of Comanche Creek, the Ivy League, and many other notable volunteers have been working hard to remove and treat invasive species in our parks and greenways. Targeted species include Ailanthus (Tree of Heaven), privets, bladder senna, ivy, and various other invasive trees and shrubs.

### 5. Volunteer and Donor Program

- a. Bidwell Park and Creeks Cleanup –The Butte Environmental Council (BEC) in partnership with the City of Chico hosted the 34<sup>th</sup> annual Bidwell Park and Creeks Cleanup over the weekend of September 18<sup>th</sup>. 401 volunteers along with BEC and City of Chico staff removed over 19 tons of debris from Chico's parks and creeks.
- b. CSU, Chico Community Action Volunteers in Education (CAVE)– CAVE's Adopt a Park program is back in session. 15 student volunteers work on vegetation management projects in Lower Bidwell Park for 3 hours every Friday through early December.
- c. Donations – Over \$33,000 was received from August to September. A very special thank you to the Chico Rotary Foundation for the contribution of over \$31,000 toward the construction of the shade sails in Caper Acres!
- d. Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities
  - i. Volunteer Calendar – To find out about upcoming volunteer events please [CLICK HERE](#) or visit <https://www.chico.ca.us/post/volunteer-calendar>

## MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES

**TABLE 1. MONTHLY VOLUNTEER HOURS**

Parks, Trees and Greenways -PALS- (Partners, Ambassadors, Leaders & Stewards) Volunteer Activities, August 2021							
Date	Location	Partner/Agency	# of Volunteers	Hrs. Worked	# of Vols Xs Hrs. = Total Hrs.	Task	Leader
Various	Chico Parks and Greenways	PALS	105	N/A	1074	Park Ambassadors	Shane Romain
8/1/2021	Peregrine Point	ORAI	5	2	10	Course Maint.	Phil Brock
8/6/2021	Verbena Fields	TEK	2	3	6	Veg. Mgmt.	Cathryn Catkhuff
8/13/2021	Verbena Fields	TEK	9	3	27	Veg. Mgmt.	Cathryn Catkhuff
8/15/2021	Peregrine Point	ORAI	3	2	6	Course Maint.	Phil Brock
8/20/2021	Verbena Fields	TEK	8	3	24	Veg. Mgmt.	Cathryn Catkhuff
8/21/2021	Peregrine Point	ORAI	1	1	1	Moved baskets	Phil Brock
8/22/2021	Peregrine Point	ORAI	5	2	10	Course Maint.	Phil Brock
8/27/2021	Peregrine Point	ORAI	1	1	1	Course planning	Phil Brock
8/28/2021	Peregrine Point	ORAI	1	3	3	Moved and flagged baskets	Phil Brock
8/27/2021	Comanche Creek	FOCCG	4	3	12	Gen. Cleanup	Liz Stewart
8/27/2021	Verbena Fields	TEK	11	3	33	Veg. Mgmt.	Cathryn Catkhuff
8/28/2021	Lower Park	PALS Ivy League	5	3	15	Veg. Mgmt.	Linda Calbreath
8/29/2021	Peregrine Point	ORAI	9	2	18	Course Maint.	Phil Brock
				<b>TOTAL HRS.</b>	<b>1240</b>		

**Parks, Trees and Greenways -PALS- (Partners, Ambassadors, Leaders & Stewards) Volunteer Activities, September 2021**

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Various	Chico Parks and Greenways	PALS	105	N/A	963	Park Ambassadors	Shane Romain
9/3/2021	Comanche Creek	FOCCG	4	3	12	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/10/2021	Comanche Creek	FOCCG	3	3	9	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/17/2021	Comanche Creek	FOCCG	4	3	12	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/18/2021	Chico Parks and Greenways	BEC	401	3	1203	Annual Creeks Cleanup	Caitlin Dalby
9/24/2021	Comanche Creek	FOCCG	4	3	12	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/24/2021	Lower Park	CAVE	13	3	39	Veg. Mgmt.	Kevin Seeger
9/27/2021	Comanche Creek	FOCCG	2	3	6	General Cleanup	Liz Stewart
9/27/2021	Lower Park	Susan Mason	1	1	1	Veg. Mgmt.	Susan Mason
9/29/2021	Lower Park	Susan Mason	1	3	3	Veg. Mgmt.	Susan Mason
				<b>TOTAL HRS.</b>	<b>2260</b>		

**TABLE 2. MONTHLY PARKS AND GREENWAYS CLEANUP TOTALS**

<b>Encampment Cleanups, August 2021</b>								
Date	Location	Coop. Org.	# of Staff	# Workers/ Vols.	Total People	Hours Worked	People Xs Hours Total	Total Debris (cubic yards)
8/2/2021	West of Horsehoe Pits		2		2	1	2	1
8/3/2021	Middle Park		1		1	1	1	2
8/9/2021	LCC across from 1750 Humboldt		2		2	0.5	1	0.5
8/10/& 17 2021	Lindo at Cohasset Ln		2		2	6	12	8
8/24/2017	Pine to Orient		5		5	7	35	15
8/25/2021	LCC at Bidwell Ave		2		2	1	2	2
8/25/2021	LCC at Olive		3		3	2.5	7.5	4
							<b>TOTAL HRS</b>	<b>TOTAL CUBIC YARDS</b>
							<b>60.5</b>	<b>32.5</b>

Encampment Cleanups, September 2021								
Date	Location	Coop. Org.	# of Staff	# Workers/ Vols.	Total People	Hours Worked	People Xs Hours Total	Total Debris (cubic yards)
9/1/2021	East of Site 39	AFWD	2	2	4	3	12	7
9/2/2021	Plaza		2		2	3	6	8
9/3/2021	179 Cohasset Ln		2		2	0.5	1	2
9/3/2021	Mercer Grove		2		2	0.5	1	1
9/3/2021	Manzanita Ct		2		2	1	2	4
9/3/2021	Lost Park		2		2	1	2	4
9/3/2021	Orange and Dayton		2		2	1	2	10
9/7/2021	Windchime Park		2		2	1	2	5
9/7/2021	Cohasset Ln		2		2	2	4	4
9/8/2021	Cohasset Ln		2		2	4	8	13
9/9/2021	Cohasset Ln		2		2	1.5	3	3
9/9/2021	Pomona		8		8	2	16	10
9/22/2021	City Plaza		2		2	1	2	2
9/28/2021	Lost Park		2		2	1	2	4
9/28/2021	Annies Glen		2		2	1	2	2
							<b>TOTAL HRS</b>	<b>TOTAL DEBRIS YARDS</b>
							<b>65</b>	<b>79</b>

**TABLE 3. MONTHLY PARK DONATIONS**

Park Donations August and September 2021				
Last Name	First Name	Amount	Type of Donation	Date Received
God Squad		\$ 480.00	Campfire Council Ring	8/1/21
Linton-Mitchell	Mary	\$ 237.93	General Park Donation	8/3/21
Washington	Peter	\$ 250.00	General Park Donation	8/5/21
Lipski	Skyler	\$ 600.00	Caper Acres Bricks	8/5/21
Christopher	Lesley	\$ 100.00	Caper Acres Brick	8/13/21
Bidwell Presbyterian		\$ 400.00	4 Caper Acres Bricks	8/30/21
Chico Rotary Foundation		\$ 31,236.00	Caper Acres Shade Project	9/3/21
Best	Donald	\$ 250.00	Trails in Honor of Paul Belz	9/24/21
	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 33,553.93</b>		

**TABLE 4. MONTHLY PUBLIC PERMITS**

September				
Date	Location	Organization	Event	Participant #
09/18/21	City Plaza	Sons & Daughters of Italy	Italian-American Festival	500
<b>Totals</b>				<b>500</b>

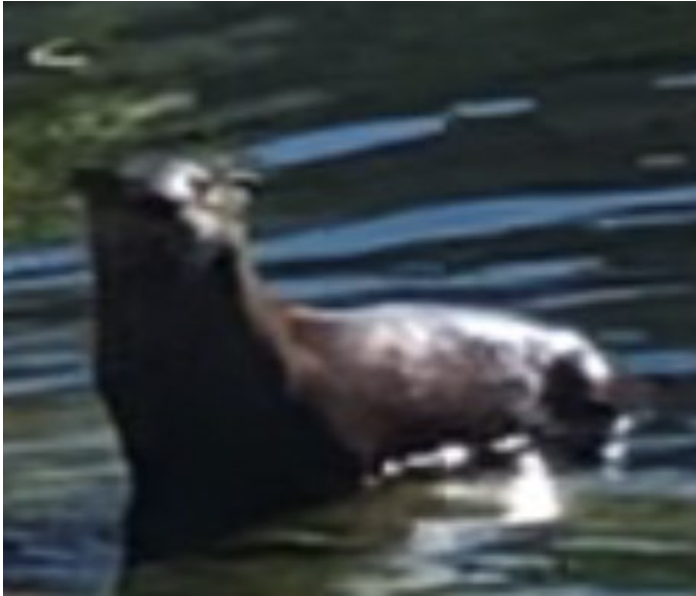
TABLE 5. MONTHLY PRIVATE PERMITS

<b>August</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b># Permits</b>	<b># Participants</b>
Private	8	740
Caper Acres	8	162
<b>Totals</b>		<b>902</b>

<b>September</b>		
<b>Type</b>	<b># Permits</b>	<b># Participants</b>
Private	12	568
Caper Acres	18	410
<b>Totals</b>		<b>978</b>

## PHOTOGRAPHS



**Figure 1 Otter at Bear Hole. Photo by Anton Dresler, Streamteam volunteer**



**Figure 2 Clearing tree that fell over trail**



**Figure 3 Split rail fence repair**



**Figure 4 Cleanup under Mangrove Bridge**



DATE: 10/22/21  
TO: Bidwell Park and Playground Commission (BPPC)  
FROM: Richie Bamlet, Urban Forest Manager  
SUBJECT: Street Trees Division Report

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## NARRATIVE

### 1. Updates

- a. A 12-month extension was granted for production of the Urban Forest Master Plan and Canopy Cover analysis.
- b. Positions for full-time Maintenance Aide and Senior Maintenance Worker have been filled. Start dates are pending.
- c. Tree Division received 269 calls for service during the August to September period. 168 calls were related to falling limbs.

### 2. Planning/Monitoring

- a. Damage Reports – There were two damage report sent to Risk management in July. The claims related to branch drop onto property.

### 3. Planning and Building Development

- a. UFM continued review of development plans in the Trakit permitting system. Landscape Comments from Public Works Parks included, species choices for replanting, tree protection measures during construction, parking lot shade calculations and landscape mitigations for Valleys Edge Specific Plan (VESP).

### 4. Miscellaneous

- a. The CalFire funded Urban Forest Revitalization Program was granted a twelve-month extension. The new end-date is 3/30/2023. This will be beneficial to the public outreach process, as well allow more time to complete the Urban Forest Master Plan.
- b. Public Works continues to accept citizen requests for free shade trees ahead of the next community tree planting event in November 13th, 2021. Residents wishing to have a free shade tree planted should contact Butte Environmental Council at [urbanforest@becnet.org](mailto:urbanforest@becnet.org), call (530) 891-6424 or visit the BEC website [www.becnet.org/urbanforest](http://www.becnet.org/urbanforest)

### 5. Maintenance

- a. City tree watering operations continued in August and September. It is hoped that sufficient rainfall occurs in the fall and winter period. This will allow staff to concentrate on maintenance of newly planted trees.
- b. In August and September Tree Division received 269 calls for service. 95 and 66 calls in August and September were related to falling limbs respectively. As temperatures decrease, we anticipate continued reductions in branch drop incidences. See photo 3 of limb drop event.

c. Tree Division continued traffic safety pruning around town. See Photos 3 and 4 for “before” and “after” images of Stop sign line-of-sight clearance work.

**6. Outreach, Training and Education**

a. The UFMP survey is still open for public comments. The link to the survey is:  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChicoBosquesUrbanos> Spanish version.  
<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/ChicoUFMP> English version  
 To date, over 370 surveys have been completed.

b. UFM attended a Trees and Society conference online. Speakers covered various aspects of the benefits a healthy urban forest provides to citizens.

c. September 15<sup>th</sup>. The second Urban Forest Master Plan (UFMP) Working group was held. Representatives from CARD, BPPC, CalFire, Planning Dept, CSU and Chico Tree Advocates were in attendance. A summary of the Urban Forest Summit and key themes from departmental interviews was provided. Updates to the Vision Statement were presented as well as a presentation regarding the development of Guiding Principles. See **Attachment 1** UFMP Working Group notes meeting#2.

**d. Street Tree Supervisor Report**

The Street Tree Supervisor’s monthly summary data tables for August and September are included below:

**MONTHLY SUMMARY TABLES**

**Table 1 Staff hours August**

Category	Staff Hours	% of Total	% Change from Last Month	Trend
Tree Crew Hours				
1. Safety	70	8.9%	104.5%	
2. Tree Work	555	70.8%	97.7%	
3. Special Projects	0	0.0%	0.0%	
4. Admin Time/Other	159	20.3%	283.9%	
Monthly Totals	784	100.0%	108.7%	

**Table 2 Staff hours September**

Category	Staff Hours	% of Total	% Change from Last Month	Trend
Tree Crew Hours				
1. Safety	70	10.9%	100.0%	
2. Tree Work	525	81.4%	94.6%	
3. Special Projects	10	1.6%	-	
4. Admin Time/Other	40	6.2%	25.2%	
Monthly Totals	645	100.0%	82.3%	



**Table 3 Staff productivity August**

Item	Values	% Change from Last Month	Trend
<b>5. Productivity</b>			
<b>Calls</b>			
Call Outs	186	104.5%	□□□□□□□□
Service Requests: Submitted	0	-	
Service Requests: Completed	133	124.3%	□□□□□□□□
Sub Total	0	-	
<b>Trees</b>			
Planted: Trees	0	-	□□
Pruned	126	126.0%	□□□□□□□□
Removed: Trees (smaller)	0	-	
Removed: Stumps	0	-	
Removed: Trees	3	300.0%	□□□□□□□□
Sub Total	129	127.7%	□□□□□□□□
<b>Tree Permits (#)</b>			
Submitted	8	266.7%	□□□□□□□□
Approved	6	300.0%	□□□□□□□□
Denied	0	-	□□
Total	14	280.0%	□□□□□□□□
<b>6. Contracts</b>			
Expenditures (\$)	\$ -	-	□□□

**Table 4 Staff productivity September**

Item	Values	% Change from Last Month	Trend
<b>5. Productivity</b>			
<b>Calls</b>			
Call Outs	137	73.7%	□□□□□□□□
Service Requests: Submitted	0	-	
Service Requests: Completed	121	91.0%	□□□□□□□□
Sub Total	0	-	
<b>Trees</b>			
Planted: Trees	0	-	□□
Pruned	75	59.5%	□□□□□□□□
Removed: Trees (smaller)	0	-	
Removed: Stumps	0	-	
Removed: Trees	21	700.0%	□□□□□□□□
Sub Total	96	74.4%	□□□□□□□□
<b>Tree Permits (#)</b>			
Submitted	12	150.0%	□□□□□□□□
Approved	9	150.0%	□□□□□□□□
Denied	0	-	□□
Total	21	150.0%	□□□□□□□□
<b>6. Contracts</b>			
Expenditures (\$)	\$ -	-	□□□

**e. Upcoming Issues/Miscellaneous:**

a. Cal-Fire launched a Climate Change Investments (CCI) call for proposals for the FY21/22 round of Urban and Community Forestry funding. City of Chico submitted a concept proposal for new tree planting in low-income and disadvantaged neighborhoods. The concept proposal was reviewed, and the City of Chico has now been invited to submit a full proposal. The details proposal will include elements that synchronize with the tree planting goals and objectives of the State mandated Climate Action Update, which was adopted by City Council 10/19/21.

**PHOTOGRAPHS**



Photo 1. Valley oak limb drop



Photo 2. Limb drop of Chinese pistache.



Photo 3. Traffic Safety work- "Before pruning."



Photo 4. Traffic Safety work- "After pruning"  
Stop sign visible for at least 3 years.



# Chico UFMP Working Group

Meeting #2

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SEPTEMBER 9, 2021

01

# Current Status of the Urban Forest

# Fast facts

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Inventory completed  
in 2021



320 unique species



34,856 publicly  
managed trees



19 species are native to  
Chico (13.7%)



8,803 vacant tree  
planting sites



\$6.6 million value in annual  
environmental benefits

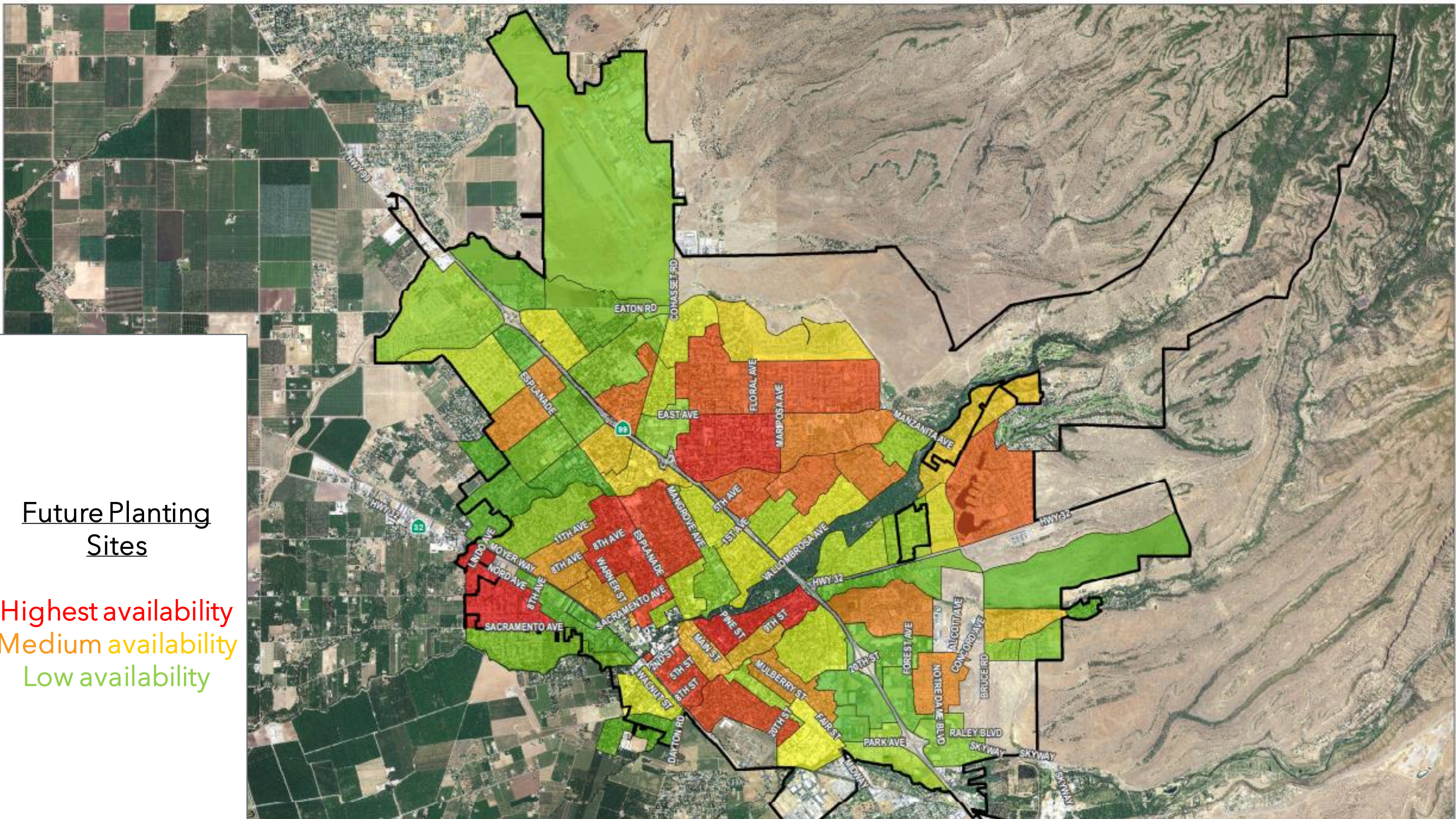
# Top 10 tree species

Rank	Common Name	Total	Percent of inventory
1	Chinese pistache	2,830	8%
2	Valley oak	2,661	8%
3	Red maple	2,297	7%
4	Crape myrtle	2,276	7%
5	London plane	1,302	4%
6	Northern California black walnut	1,253	4%
7	Norway maple	1,075	3%
8	Freeman maple	992	3%
9	Japanese zelkova	954	3%
10	Chinese hackberry	875	3%

# Tree Condition

Condition	Number of trees
Excellent	0
Very good	264
Good	18,333
Fair	13,028
Poor	2,446
Critical	192
Dead	186

91% of trees are in fair or better condition



Future Planting Sites

- Highest availability
- Medium availability
- Low availability



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# Community Survey Preliminary results

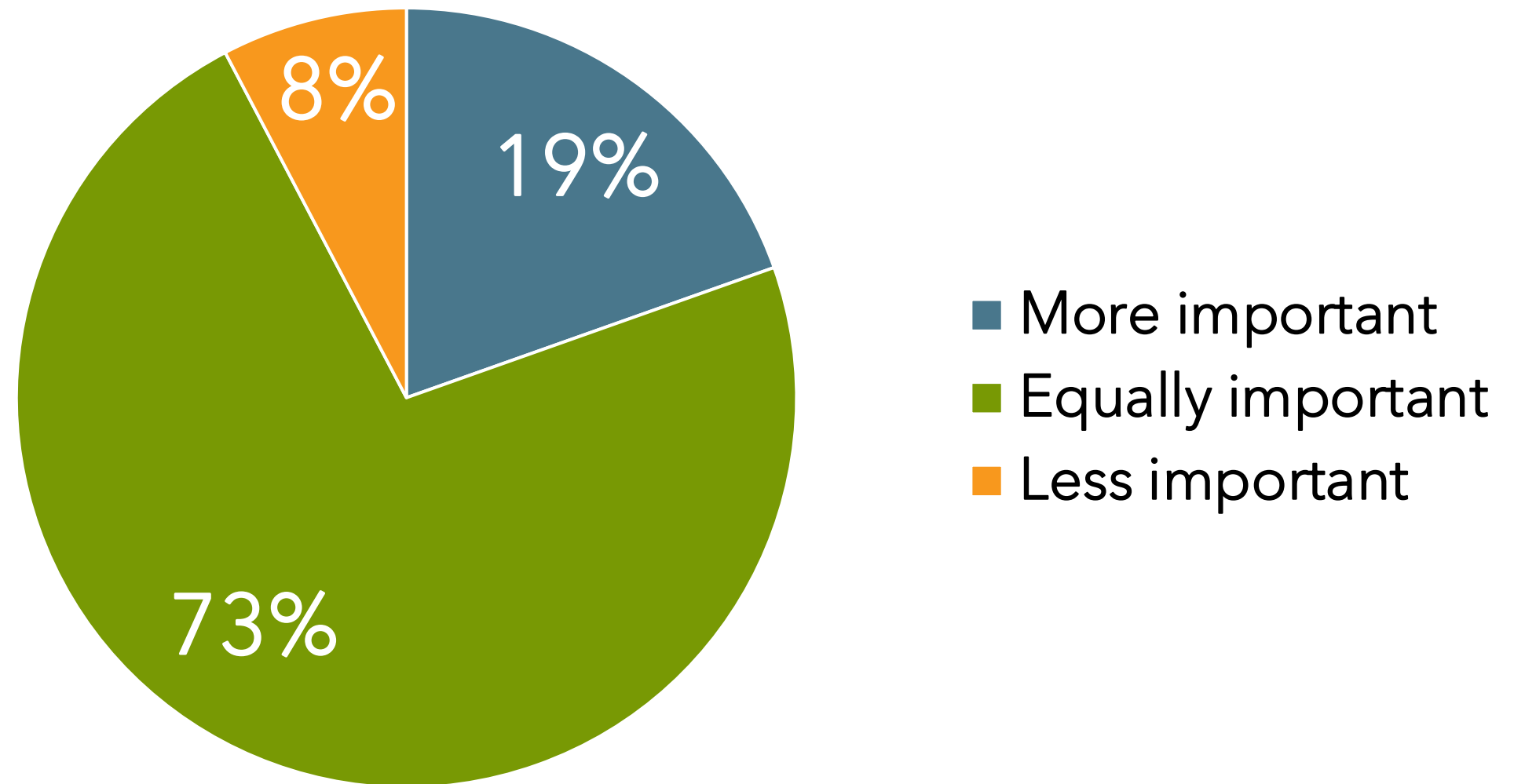
# Methods

- Survey launched online in June 2021
- Distributed via City of Chico social media accounts, email listservs, BEC tabling events
- 288 responses and counting...
  - 92% live in Chico
  - 71% live in a single-family home
  - 98% speak English as their primary language



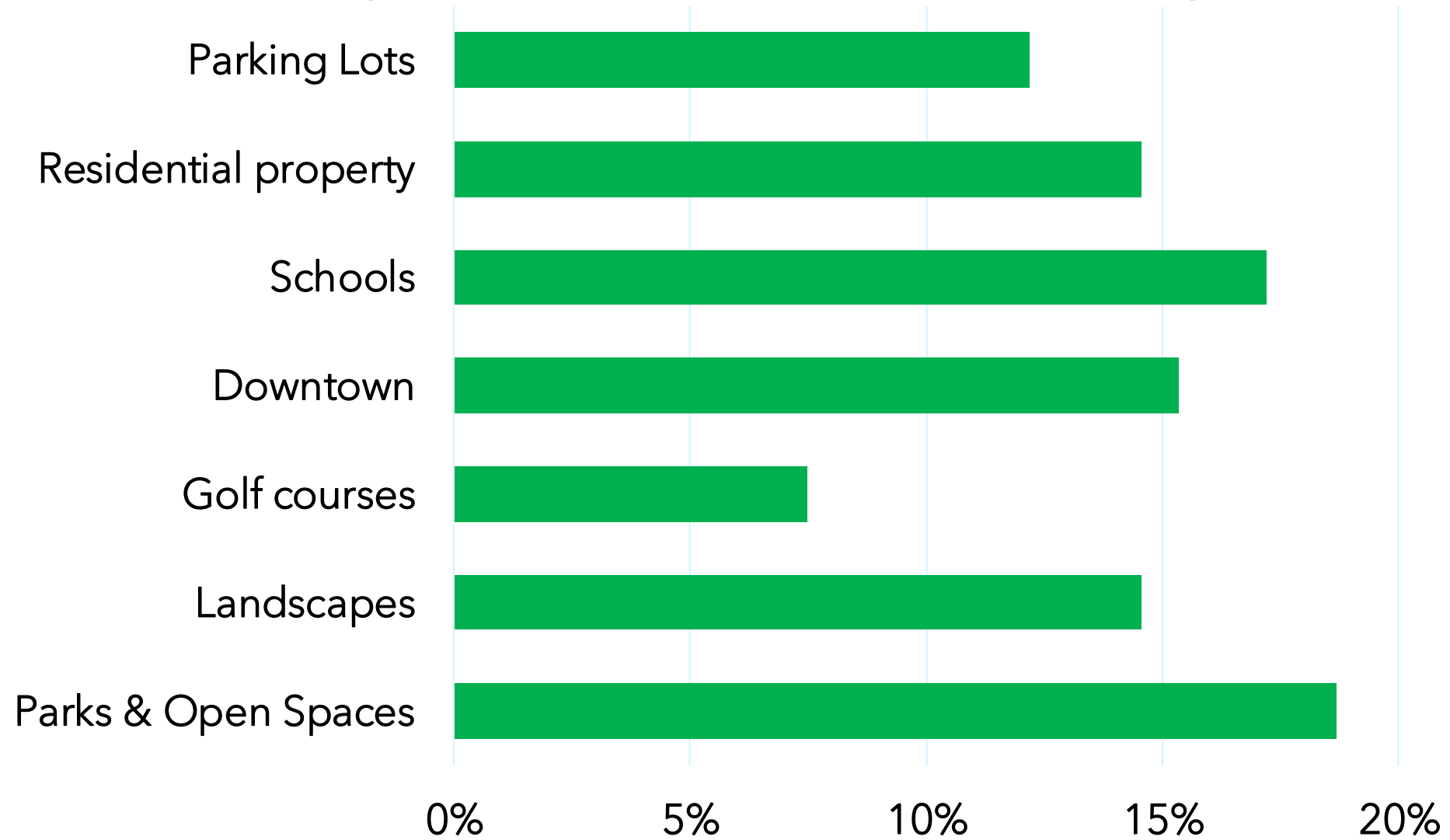
# Preliminary Results

How important do you think trees are compared to other infrastructure?



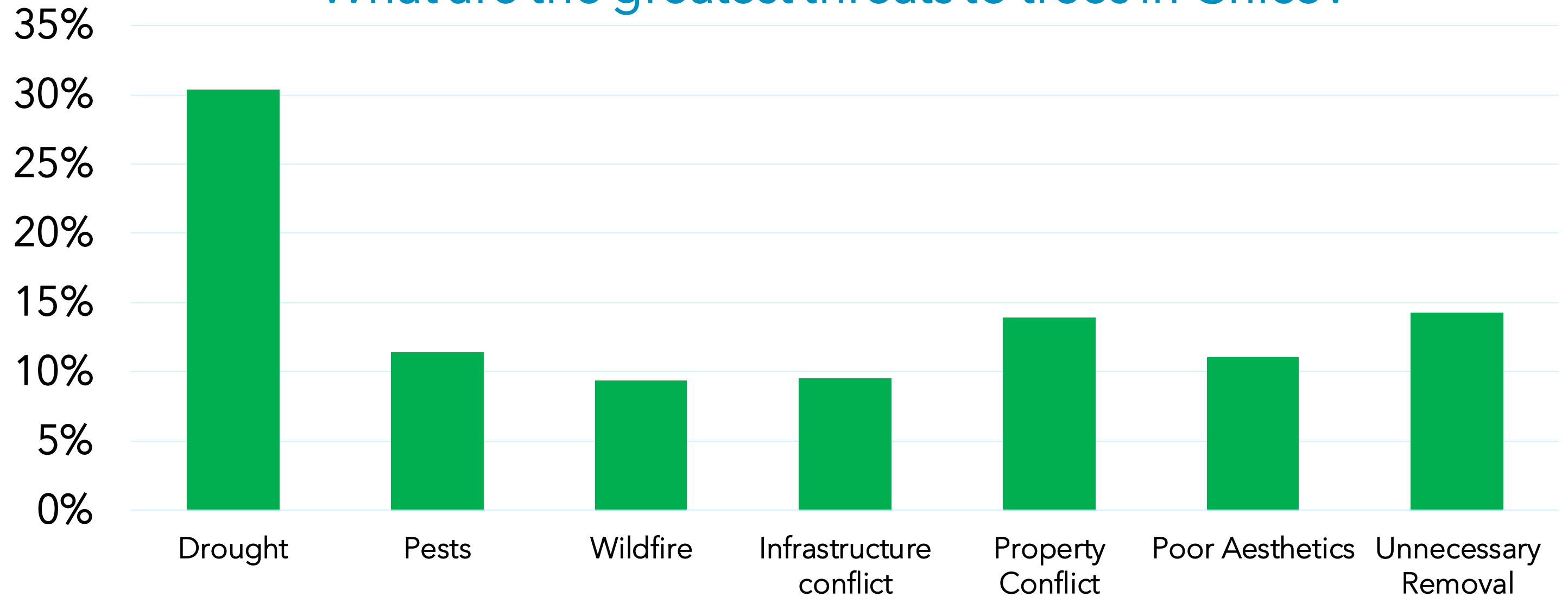
# Preliminary Results

Where would you like to see more trees planted?



# Preliminary Results

What are the greatest threats to trees in Chico?



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# Summary of Urban Forest Summit

# Summit Overview

59 attendees, 36 volunteer hours

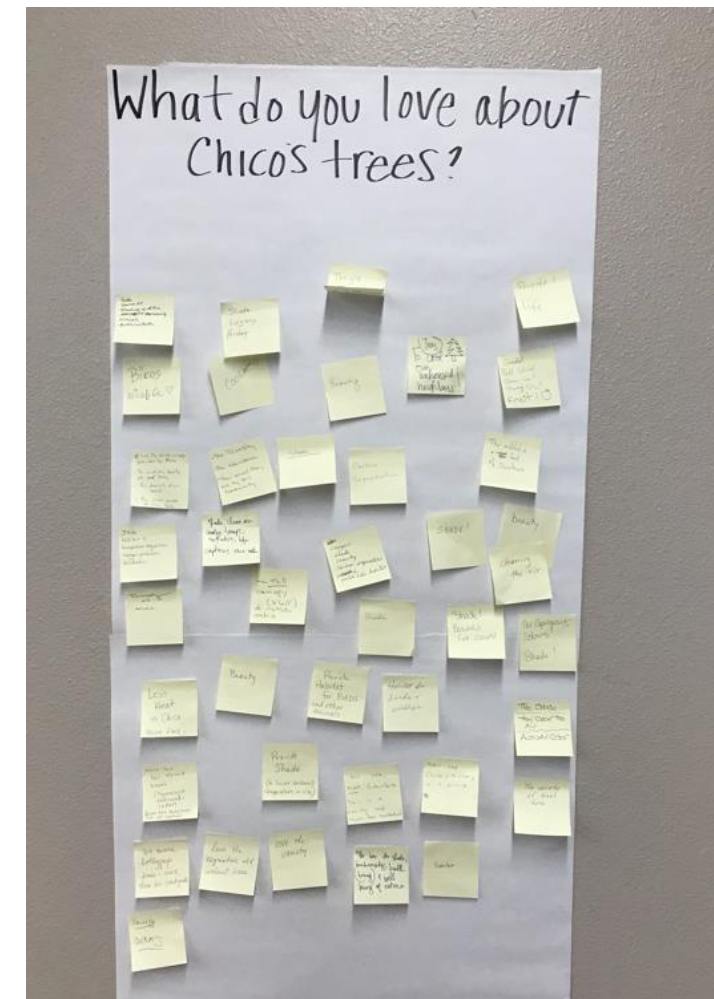


## Attendee demographics

Category	Demographics of Attendees		U.S. Census Bureau Demographics of the City of Chico	
Age	60 or older	48%	65 or older	13%
Housing Type	Single family home	79.5%	Single family home	60.6%
Housing Status	Homeowner	70.5%	Homeowner	44.7%
Race	White	81.8%	White	70.6%
Education	Bachelor's degree or higher	70.5%	Bachelor's degree or higher	37.4%
Ethnicity	Hispanic, Latino/a/x	13.6%	Hispanic, Latino/a/x	18.4%

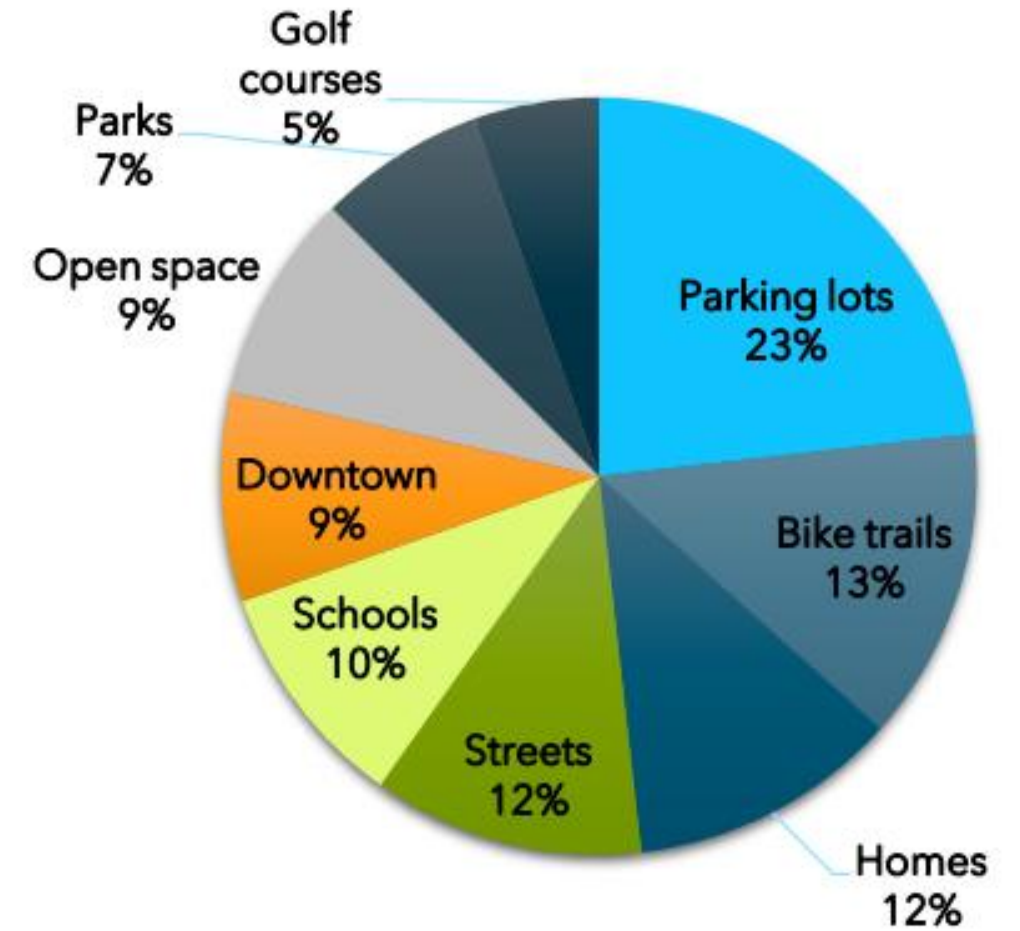
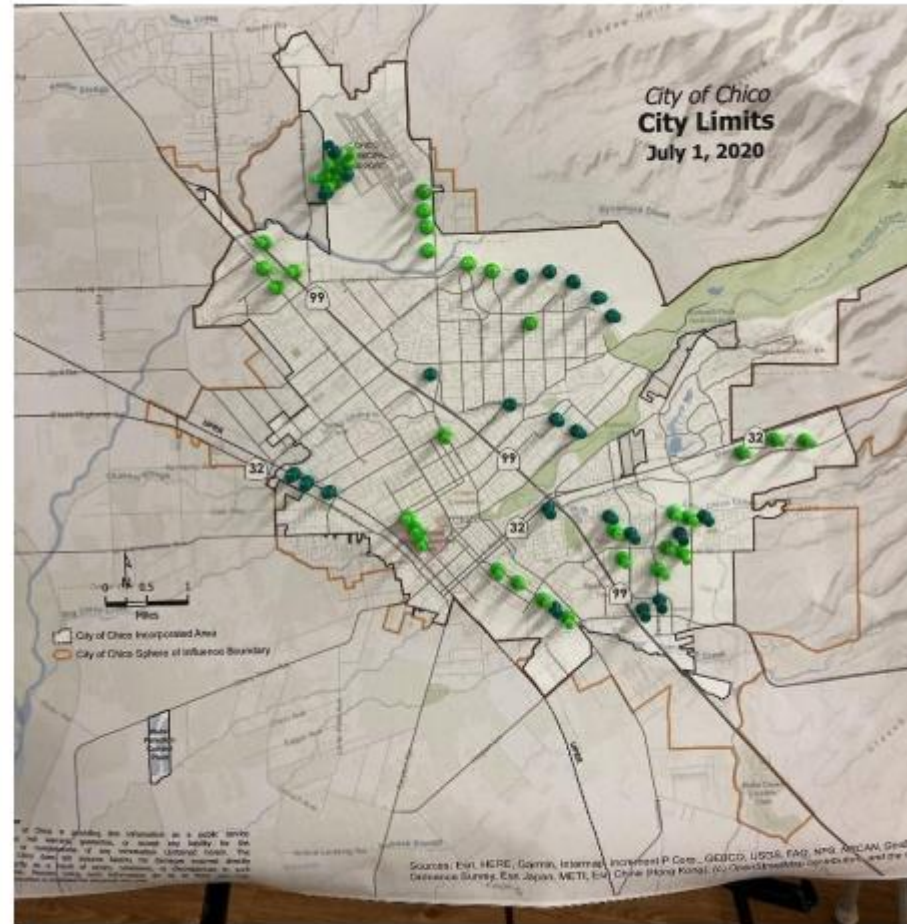
# Post-it activity

<b>What do you love about Chico's Trees?</b>	<b>What should improve about Chico's Trees?</b>	<b>What do you hope for the future of Chico's trees?</b>
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Shade and cooling</li><li>• Habitat for wildlife</li><li>• Diversity</li><li>• Beauty</li><li>• Fall colors</li><li>• Maturity and size</li><li>• Environmental and health benefits</li><li>• Iconic to Chico's history</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More funding</li><li>• More education for community members</li><li>• Improved tree maintenance</li><li>• Collaboration with utility companies</li><li>• Improved planning and development</li><li>• Improved maintenance</li><li>• Increased tree planting in specific locations</li><li>• Species selection</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• More trees in specific areas</li><li>• Better aligned planning and development</li><li>• More healthy, larger trees</li><li>• More native trees</li><li>• More edible trees</li><li>• More climate-adapted species</li></ul>





# Where Should the City Plant More Trees?



# Group Idea Generation

Engage How do we get more residents involved in the urban forest	Preserve How do we help preserve the existing urban forest?	Grow Where/how can we get more trees planted on non-City owned land
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Improved marketing/outreach campaigns</li> <li>○ Public education campaigns</li> <li>○ Citizen science programs</li> <li>○ Focus on climate change</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Protecting existing trees in developed areas</li> <li>○ Protecting existing trees in undeveloped space and during construction</li> <li>○ Protecting trees in general</li> <li>○ Increased education</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Host events and contests to incentivize tree planting</li> <li>○ Protect private trees</li> <li>○ Improved development and planning</li> <li>○ Proper planting and establishment care</li> <li>○ Increased education</li> <li>○ Appropriate enforcement of ordinances</li> <li>○ Plant trees in specific locations</li> </ul>

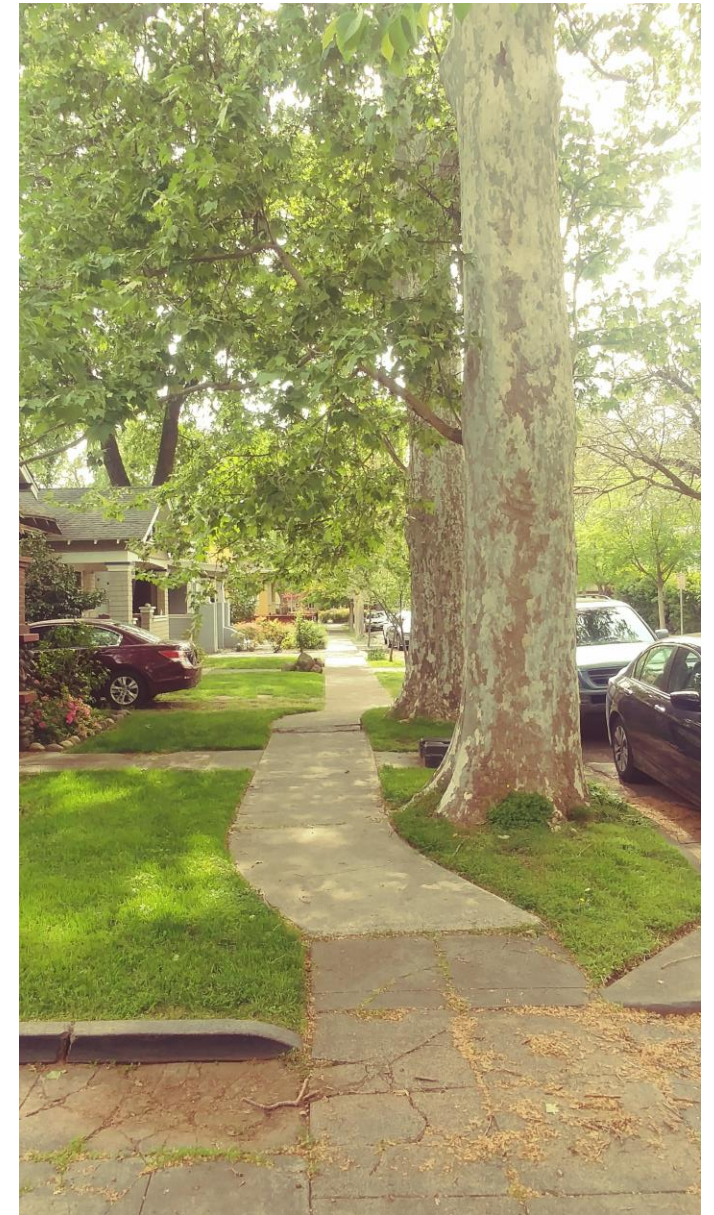


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# Staff Interviews & Key Themes

# Overview of Staff Interviews

- June-July 2021
- 1-hour long interviews via Zoom
- 17 people
  - Community Development
  - Engineering
  - Traffic Engineering
  - Planning
  - Public Works Engineering
  - Public Works Operations & Maintenance
  - Eric Gustafson
  - Richie Bamlet



# Staff Interviews Key Themes

- City has the intention to continue to plant trees, but may lack the resources to maintain them
  - This theme was echoed at the Summit
- Arborists are not always the ones making tree-related decisions
  - No arborists in Planning or Engineering
- Sycamore plantings from 20-30 years ago are causing infrastructure conflicts that span multiple departments

# Staff Interviews Key Themes

- Some tree ordinances are inconsistently enforced or have loopholes
  - Developers can cut down trees before they put in applications
  - Tree Protection ordinance does not apply to capital improvement projects
- Communication between tree-related departments could improve

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# Finalizing Vision Statement

# Proposed Vision Statements

## Working Group

- The Chico urban forest will be a vibrant collection of trees and understory vegetation that is resilient, equitable, and sustainably managed and reflects the legacy of the City of Trees, while providing ecological, social, and economic benefits to all residents.
- Our urban forest will be a resilient network of trees and vegetation that is sustainably managed through responsible stewardship by the City and residents, provides equitable social, economic and ecosystem benefits to all residents, and reflects Chico's identity and legacy as the City of Trees.
- The City of Chico's urban forest will reinforce the City's legacy as a resilient collection of greenery that is sustainably managed through responsible stewardship where trees are valued for their inherent benefits and ecosystem services that will be equitably distributed throughout the City.



# Proposed Vision Statement

## Working Group

- Our urban forest will be a resilient network of trees and understory vegetation that is sustainably managed through responsible stewardship by the City and residents, provides equitable social, economic and ecosystem benefits to all residents and wildlife, and reflects Chico's identity and legacy as the City of Trees using traditional ecological knowledge as a base.
- Our urban forest is a resilient network of trees that is sustainably managed by the City and residents, providing equitable social, economic, and ecosystem benefits to all residents, habitat for wildlife, which reflects Chico's identity and legacy as the City of Trees.

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# Developing Guiding Principles

# Reaching the Vision

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES



### DEVELOPING POLICY AND STANDARDS FROM THE GUIDING PRINCIPLES

The vision for the urban forest is refined in Chapter 2 through Guiding Principles, Goals and Strategies. Standards and criteria appear in the appendices and serve as management tools to implement specific goals and strategies.

In order to construct policy that is in line with the Urban Forest Master Plan's Guiding Principles, corresponding goals were developed. The written goals express a desired result and establish a purpose but are not necessarily quantifiable and measurable. Goals provide opportunities for continuous improvement and flexibility in the future. Strategies identified from each goal are more specific and measurable and can be used to evaluate the implementation of goals in this Master Plan at any point in time. As the urban forest continues to evolve, new strategies that develop will be incorporated as part of this living Master Plan.

# Guiding Principles- Santa Monica

THE URBAN FOREST MASTER PLAN TASK FORCE CREATED GUIDING PRINCIPLES FOR THE 2011 MASTER PLAN TO ESTABLISH ITS OVERALL VISION. GROUPED TOGETHER, THESE PRINCIPLES PROVIDE THE FRAMEWORK FOR THE GOALS AND STRATEGIES OF THE MASTER PLAN.

## THE URBAN FOREST AND ITS ENVIRONMENT



The urban forest heightens the quality of the City's environment.

## UNDERSTANDING THE URBAN FOREST



Public awareness of the benefits that an urban forest provides is crucial to its vitality.

## ECONOMICS OF THE URBAN FOREST



The urban forest needs equitable budget levels consistent with its value to the City.

## COLLABORATING ON THE MANAGEMENT OF THE URBAN FOREST



Collaboration between and communication with the community and all City departments whose work affects the urban forest is critical.

## SUSTAINABLE MANAGEMENT OF THE URBAN FOREST



The urban forest will thrive through persistent attention to its management.

## ENHANCING AND PRESERVING THE URBAN FOREST



The future of the forest begins now. With conscientious foresight, it can evolve into an even greater treasure.

# Guiding Principles- Phoenix

## GUIDING PRINCIPLE

Phoenix's urban forest is as much a part of the city's infrastructure as roads, stormwater retention basins, and water lines. In order to maximize the economic, environmental, and social benefits of the urban forest, it must be considered at all stages of planning and development.



# Guiding Principles - Melbourne

## 4. PRINCIPLES & STRATEGIES

### 4.2 Principles

#### Mitigate and adapt to climate change

- Build a resilient urban forest that can tolerate and continue to thrive in future climatic extremes
- Ensure a diversity of tree species and ages to maximise resilience against pests and diseases
- Increase overall vegetation biomass to assist in storage and sequestration of carbon

#### Reduce the urban heat island effect

- Build a functioning healthy urban forest canopy to provide shade and cooling to reduce heat absorption and emission by the built environment
- Develop public spaces to improve human thermal comfort and maximise health benefits
- Capture more stormwater to increase infiltration into the soil and enable maximum evapotranspiration

#### Design for health and wellbeing

- Provide cool shaded spaces in summer; sunlight access in winter
- Plan and manage the urban forest to ensure longevity of green spaces for future generations
- Create well-designed public spaces to encourage outdoor activity, social connectedness, respite, exercise and general sense of wellbeing

#### Create healthier ecosystems

- Support healthy ecosystems in order to provide maximum benefits in terms of clean air, water and soils
- Expand and improve biological and structural diversity

#### Design for liveability and cultural integrity

- Design landscapes to reflect the cultural integrity, identity and character of Melbourne and its neighbourhoods
- Create world class open spaces, parks and streetscapes
- Design spaces for people to reconnect with nature, that create a sense of place and enable reflection and tranquillity

#### Become a water sensitive city

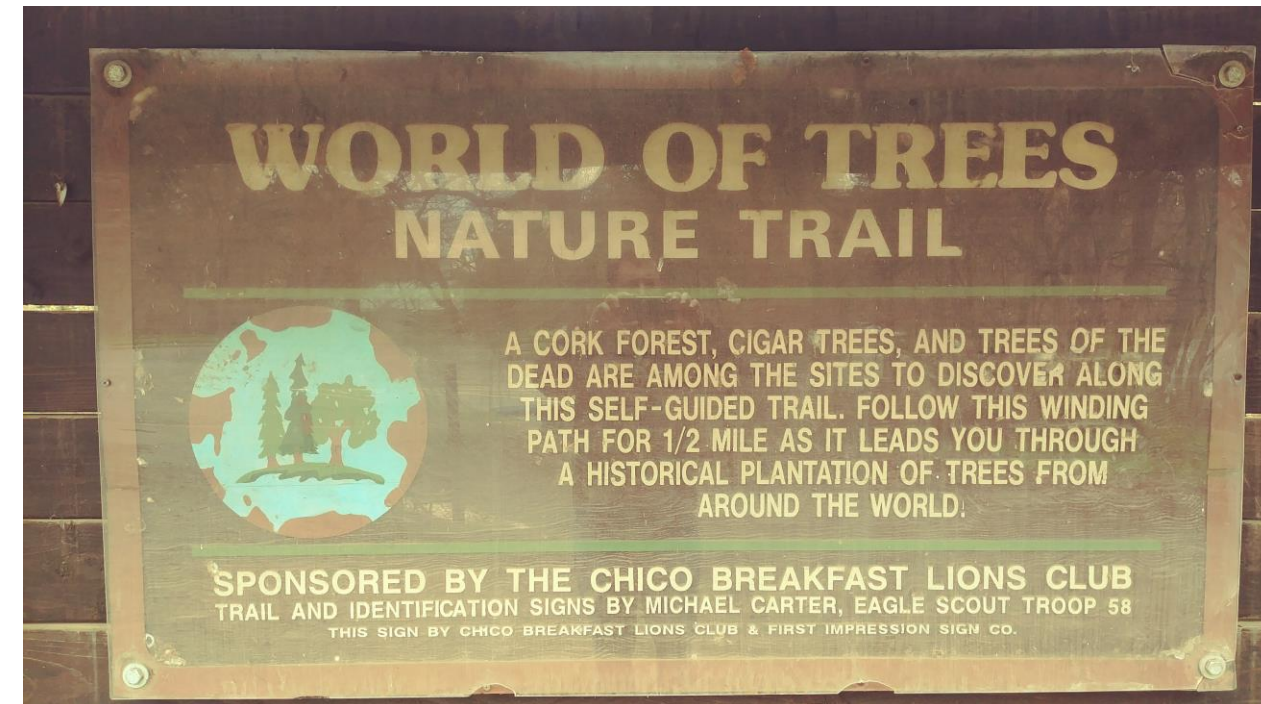
- Promote the use of innovative techniques for water sensitive urban design, such as rain gardens, bioswales, underground storage reservoirs and biofilters
- Use alternative water sources for irrigation to reduce potable water use
- Ease stormwater flows and peaks by replacing impervious surfaces with porous materials to reduce heat absorption and encourage soil moisture retention

#### Position Melbourne as a leader in urban forestry

- Increase Australian-based urban forestry research
- Inform and involve the community in decision-making for landscape adaptation and change
- Increase the public profile and understanding of the attributes, role and benefits of the urban forest

# Guiding Principles- Chico

- Guiding principles are NOT specific actions such as planting more trees
- Guiding principles ARE big picture ideas that reflect the values and priorities for the City.



# Questions

- What services/benefits of the City's urban forest are the most important to you?
  - Cooling, clean air/water, climate change, etc.
- What aspects of the community's character do you want to preserve or enhance?
  - Private property, public space trees, canopy
- Who and what is needed?



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Hi Linda,

Could you please put the following topic on the agenda for our next meeting? Thank you and hope all is well.

A current update on the transient population/situation in the City's parks as it relates to the parks and waterways ONLY; an assessment of current or ongoing damage to the parks and/or waterways; any mitigation efforts that are needed or being allowed; any efforts from non-profit organizations (North State Shelter Team, Butte Environmental Council?) addressing current damage to parks and/or waterways; whether any funds are being earmarked for resource restoration after the parks' current population are in a more permanent housing situation.

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