

# El Dorado County Parks and Trails Master Plan

Master Plan Advisory Committee  
Meeting #2  
May 11, 2011





# Workshop Agenda

- Introductions
- Trails Workshop
- Parks Workshops
- Placerville Area Plan Workshops
- Placerville Area Plan Surveys
- Discussion
  - Priorities for Park/Trails
  - Key Stakeholder Suggestions
- Next Steps



# Trails Workshop

- Over 70 attendees
- Many community trail advocacy organizations represented
- Equestrian, pedestrian, bicycle advocates
- Project overview presentation
- Small group “vision” exercise, multi-user trail design scenarios with role playing
- Voting for priority trail types
- Group discussion



# Trails Vision Summary

**What is your vision for trails in El Dorado County? Think about types of trails, locations, and how they are used.**

- A connected network of high quality, appropriately designed multi-use trails that are classified and rated as to uses and difficulty
- Trailheads are appropriately located and designed to safely support multiple users groups
- The network includes both paved and unpaved, single and multi-track trails to meet needs of all user groups including pedestrians, equestrians, bicyclists, and handicapped users
- Trails are managed for the safety of multiple user groups using a “park watch” approach e.g., a cooperative effort of trail agency staff, law enforcement, and trail users to encourage crime prevention
- A reasonable number of trails are close to population centers
- Trails provide access to natural areas



# Trails Vision Summary

## What role should El Dorado County have in implementing this vision?

- Act as a “central hub” for coordinated, easy to find trail user education
- Coordinate trail planning and implementation with other regional partners, such as the USFS and BLM, and private organizations
- Acquire and develop trails with an emphasis on creating connections between existing trails
- Improve existing trails to support multiple uses
- Establish, post, and enforce rules
- Resolve user conflicts
- Establish design criteria for user safety and to eliminate crime
- Make trail development a regional priority and support the planning vision



# Trails Vision Summary

## What role should El Dorado County have in implementing this vision? (cont.)

- Coordinate acquisition of easements for access
- Enforce trespass laws to preserve privacy and safety of property owners
- Enforce open space and trails vision from the General Plan and Trails Master Plan
- Require developments to provide trail resources and easements
- Identify and provide funding
- Develop volunteer opportunities and work with volunteer groups to resolve liability barriers
- Preserve funding designated for open space and trails for these purposes
- Provide information to the public on how open space and trail funding is used



# Trails Vision Summary

## Where should the resources needed to implement the trail vision come from?

- Fines
- Property tax
- Sales tax
- Special recreation tax
- Development fees
- Traffic mitigation fees
- Bicycle and dog license fees
- Trail head parking fees
- OHV sticker fees
- Vehicle registration fees
- General Fund
- Grants from state and federal agencies
- Special interest grants (e.g., wellness and environmental organizations)
- Volunteer groups
- Fund raising activities and events
- Memorial funds, endowments, and contributions

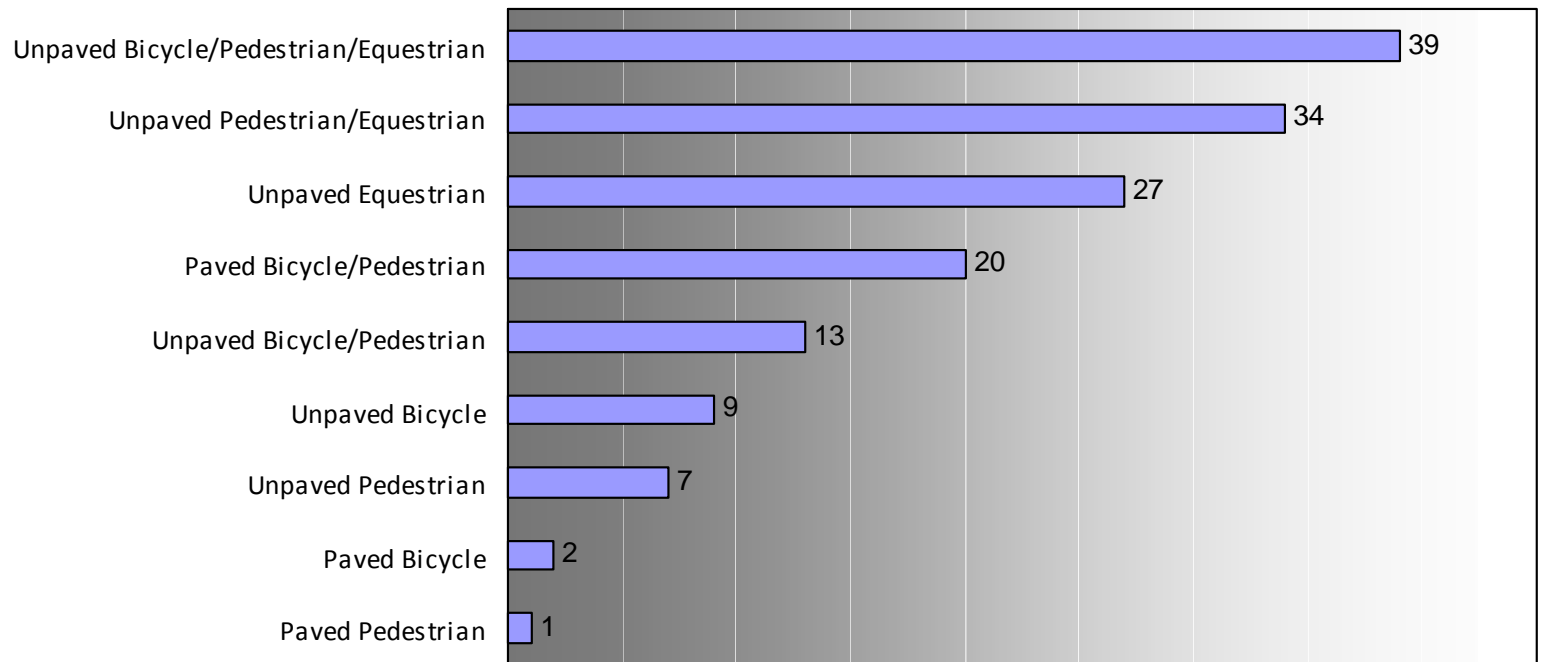






# Trail Priorities

Priority of Trail Types





# Pollock Pines Workshop

- 9 participants
- Interactive discussion focused on Pollock Pines area needs
- Highlights
  - Pollock Pines Community Church park project
  - Transportation and recreation need for trail in Pony Express Trail easement
  - Forebay Reservoir (EID) space for facilities
  - Pollock Pines/Sly Park trail for recreation and economic function
  - Possible public/private snow park at Fresh Pond
  - ENF looking at different facilities in areas near population
  - Large retired population with volunteer capacity and interest
  - Many see whole area as “park”; looking for trails and passive facilities
  - 26-acre County site perhaps limit improvements or exchange/sell part
  - Possible trail from EID pump house along canal to and around Forebay
  - Ecotourism is key to Pollock Pines; parks/trail an important element



# Diamond Springs Workshop

- 15 participants
- Park Planning Considerations
  - Consider using some passive park land for active uses where feasible
  - New developments need to include parks/trails
  - Favor land dedication over fees in-lieu
  - County needs a Park/Trails Department to implement General Plan
  - Developed areas outside CSDs should be priority
  - New CSDs may be needed for community and neighborhood parks
  - Joint use agreements with schools are needed
  - Bray Reservoir (EID) may be possible trail/passive use area
  - Better design integration of equestrian trails with parks
  - Regional parks less important than community and neighborhood parks given ENF
  - Regional parks that provide eco-tourism should be emphasized
  - Community parks are important but difficult to create after development
  - Neighborhood parks must be secured during development approvals



# Diamond Springs Workshop



## What **FACILITIES** are needed?

### Sports Facilities

- Baseball Field
- Softball/Little League Field
- Basketball Court
- Football Fields
- Soccer Field – High School/Adult Size
- Soccer Field – Youth Size
- Multi-use Fields
- Tennis Court
- Lighting for Sport Fields

### Special Use Facilities

- Bandshell/Amphitheater
- Archery Range
- Bike Track Area
- Bocce Ball Court

- Dog Park
- Disk Golf Course
- Equestrian Arena
- Horseshoe Pits
- Sand Volleyball Court
- Shuffleboard Court
- Skateboard Area
- Workout Stations (Par-course)
- Swimming Pool

### Play Areas

- Tot Lot (2-5)
- Children's Play Area (5-12)
- Informal Turf Play Area
- Climbing Web/Boulders
- Sand Play Area

- Water Spray/Play Area

### Community Areas

- Community Garden
- Community Meeting Room
- Group Picnic Shelter

### Paths and Trails

- Bike Routes and Trails
- Equestrian Trails/Staging Area
- Hiking Trails
- Walkways, Pathways in Parks

### Natural Areas

- Interpretive Signs and Kiosks
- Nature Area
- Native Plant Garden



# Diamond Springs Workshop

Type of Facilities (Diamond Springs)	Votes
<b>Paths and Trails</b> <i>Hiking Trails (6), Walkways in Parks (5), Equestrian Trails (5), Bike Routes/Trails (4)</i>	20
<b>Sports Facilities</b> <i>Basketball Court (5), Softball/Little League Field (3), Multi-use Field (3), Baseball Field (1)  Tennis Court (1)</i>	13
<b>Natural Areas</b> <i>Native Plant Garden (6), Nature Area (4)</i>	10
<b>Community Areas</b> <i>Group Picnic Shelter (4), Community Meeting Room (3), Community Garden (1)</i>	8
<b>Other</b> <i>Shooting Range (5), Motor Sports (2), Croquet (1)</i>	8
<b>Special Use Facilities</b> <i>Equestrian Arena (2), Bandshell/Amphitheater (1), Bike Track Area (1), Bocce Ball Court (1)  Skateboard Area (1), Workout Stations (1)</i>	7
<b>Play Areas</b> <i>Tot Lot (2), Informal Turf Play Area (2), Climbing Boulders/Web (1), Children's' Play Area (1)</i>	6



# Diamond Springs Workshop

## Railroad Park Design Charette

- Potential to add improvements to provide neighborhood benefits (picnic area, play structure, dog park, etc.)
- Expand interpretation to include other related topics
- Concerns about parking and traffic
- Optimize revenue generation with concessions, events, Farmers' Market, film location, bike rentals, etc.
- Include multi-use trail with train focus
- Include restrooms





# Greenwood Workshop

- 23 participants
- Park Planning Considerations
  - Regional parks very important to preserve natural resources
  - Unique regional parks are a draw for eco-tourism
  - Link regional parks with trail network
  - Regional parks are also community parks
  - Better coordination between County, state, and federal agencies re: operations
  - Locate County regional parks next to other public natural area
  - A skate park is needed in Lotus/Cool/Georgetown
  - A multi-use arena would be a good regional facility
  - A community park is needed in each community to create identity and social center
  - Use vacant or underutilized buildings for community meeting spaces
  - Community parks should have a good selection of active use features



# Greenwood Workshop

- Park Budget Exercise
- \$1 million per person with “bonus” money from different sources
- Group 1
  - 10-acre community park featuring a swimming pool. Dog park, unpaved trails, multi-use arena, stage, and rest rooms
  - Bonus from donation accepted
- Group 2
  - Received 5-acre bonus land donation
  - Bought and improved 4 more acres with active use features such as play structures, sports fields, picnic area, dog park, disc golf, unpaved multi-use trails, and a small gym





# Greenwood Workshop

- Group 3
  - Opted not to accept \$1 million bonus from property taxed; changed it to sales tax instead
  - Cronan Ranch: 5 acres improved for play structure, restroom, sports fields, picnic area, disc golf, concessions building
  - Henningsen-Lotus: tennis courts, small gym. Picnic area, dog park, skate park, white water park
- Group 4
  - Accepted \$1 million bonus from healthy communities grant
  - 20 acres for active park and 33 acres for regional nature park with multi-use unpaved trails
  - Water play features and community gardens in Placerville, Cool, Camino, Coloma
  - Major purchase for white water park at Henningsen-Lotus



# Greenwood Workshop

Type of Facilities (Greenwood)	Votes
<b>Paths and Trails</b> <i>Hiking Trails (7), Walkways in Parks (3), Equestrian Trails (20), Bike Routes/Trails (12)</i>	42
<b>Other</b> <i>White Water Park (13), Garden Valley Park Road (10), Bike Skill Park (5), Indoor Gym (2)</i>	30
<b>Sports Facilities</b> <i>Basketball Court (9), Softball/Little League Field (4), Soccer/Adult (4), Soccer/Youth (2), Multi-use Field (1), Tennis Court (2), Field Lighting (1)</i>	23
<b>Special Use Facilities</b> <i>Swimming Pool (5), Equestrian Arena (4), Bandshell/Amphitheater (2), Disc Golf (3) Archery Range (2), Dog Park (1), Horseshoe Pits (1), Bocce Ball Courts (1) Skateboard Area (1)</i>	20
<b>Natural Areas</b> <i>Interpretive Signs (3), Native Plant Garden (3), Nature Area (14)</i>	7
<b>Community Areas</b> <i>Group Picnic Shelter (2), Community Garden (4)</i>	6
<b>Play Areas</b> <i>Climbing Boulders/Web (2), Children's' Play Area (1), Water Play Area (2)</i>	5



# Placerville Area Plan

- Phone Survey
  - 384 calls to entire planning area
  - 95% confidence level  $\pm 5\%$
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  from Placerville,  $\frac{1}{4}$  from Pollock Pines
- Written Survey
  - 168 responses
  - $\frac{1}{2}$  from Placerville
- Two Community Workshops
- Contacts w/Sports Leagues



# Placerville Area Plan

- Consistent results in phone and written surveys
- Lions, Gold Bug and Henningsen Lotus most visited parks
- Overall high levels of satisfaction with parks & recreation programs
- Some concerns with quantity of parks, safety, program times, cleanliness



# Placerville Area Plan

- Top 10 Desired Facilities
  - Walking and biking trails
  - Natural open space
  - Swimming facilities
  - Teen Center
  - Water/spray park
  - Senior Center
  - Group picnic areas
  - Community gardens
  - Dog park
  - Children's play areas



# Placerville Area Plan

- Workshops ±40 participants
- Vision Exercise
  - More parks, improvements at existing parks, trails, expanded pool hours
- Programs
  - Teen events, aquatics, sports leagues, senior/mature adult programs
- Facilities
  - Trails, natural areas, gardens, disc golf, dog park, improvements to existing parks



# Placerville Area Plan

- Input from representatives of Little League, Softball, Soccer, Football both adult and youth
- Extensive use of school fields for practice and games
- Concerns about field overuse, cost of field use, limited availability
- Consistent demand for a sports complex with Little League/Softball fields, soccer/multiuse fields



# Discussion

- General trends for recommendations
- Suggested Key Stakeholder interviewees
- July – Public meeting to review recommendations