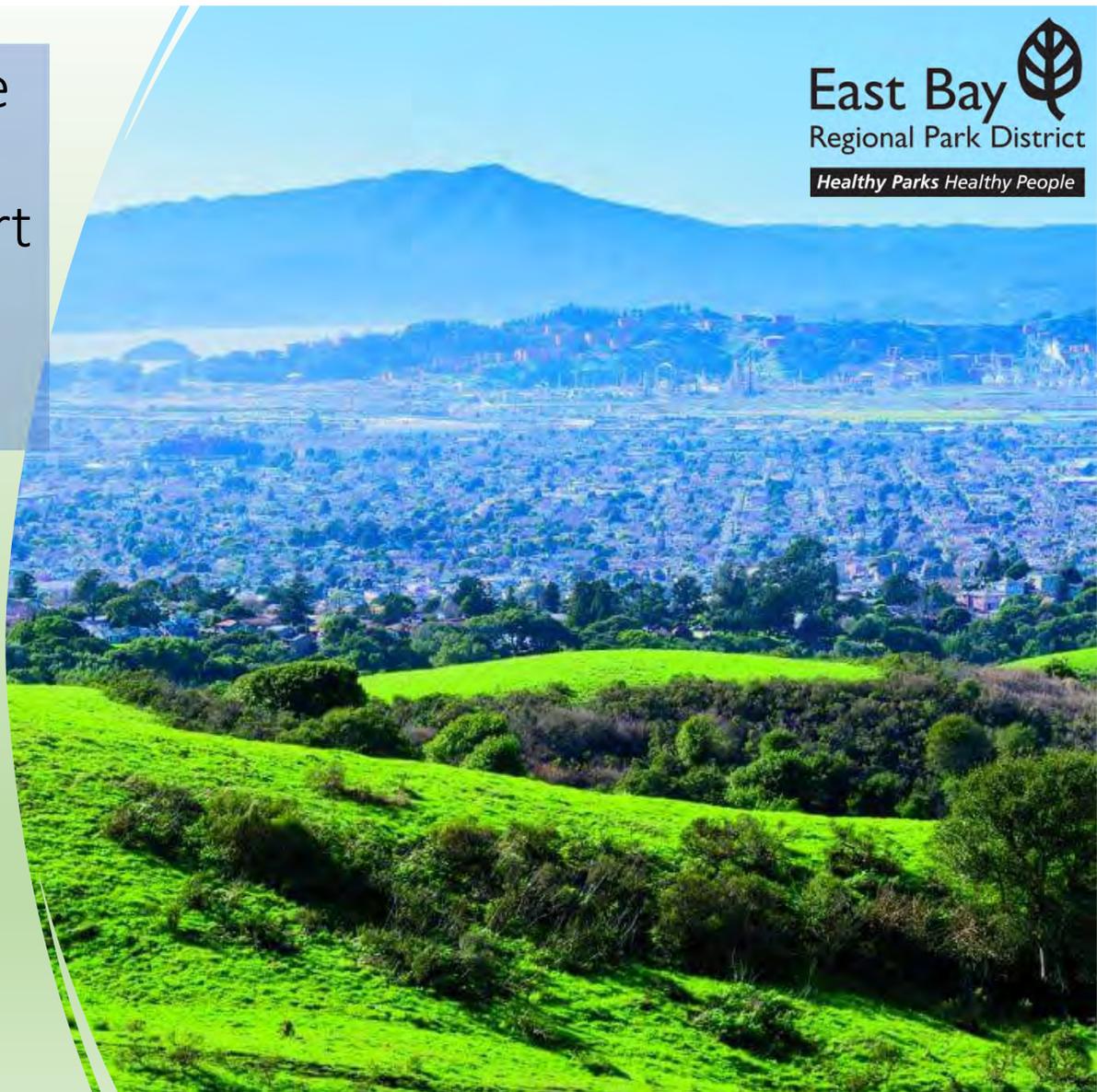


Authorization to Issue a Notice  
of Preparation of  
an Environmental Impact Report  
for the Wildcat Bike Trail:  
Wildcat Canyon Regional Park



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August 5, 2025

East Bay Regional Park District

## Response to Public Interest

- Community member requests for mountain bike trail access.
- An interest in reducing trail conflicts.
- A community interest and agency commitment to find ways to provide recreational opportunities while reducing environmental impacts.
- Growth in local youth mountain bike teams with over 200 youth riding in Tilden and Wildcat several times per week after school.
- Success of working with NICA coaches to reduce illegal trail riding has been made possible by the district's work to provide legal trail opportunities.



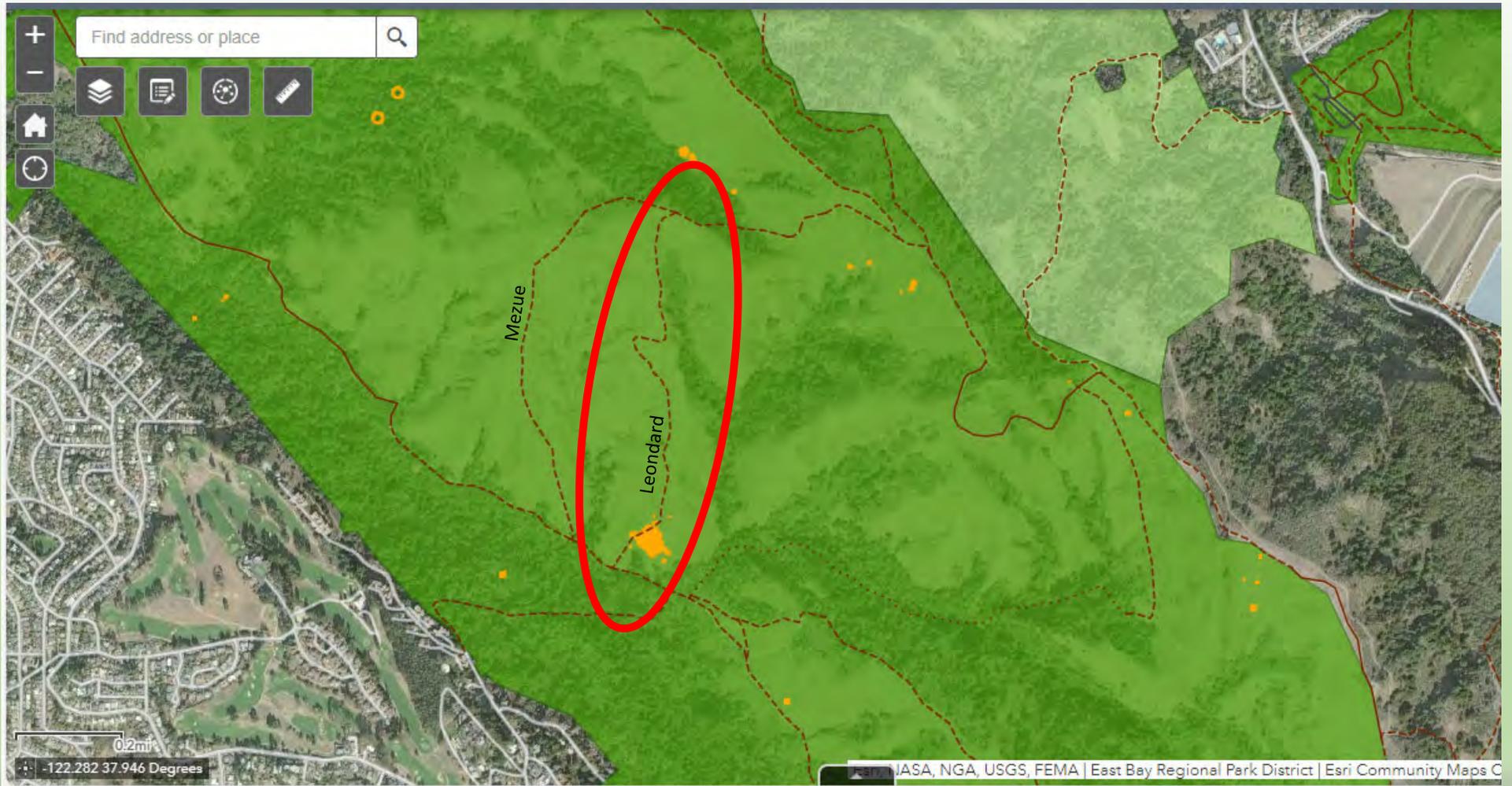
# Project Objectives

In response to public interest and to meet existing demand the Park District considered options to develop a trail that meets the following objectives:

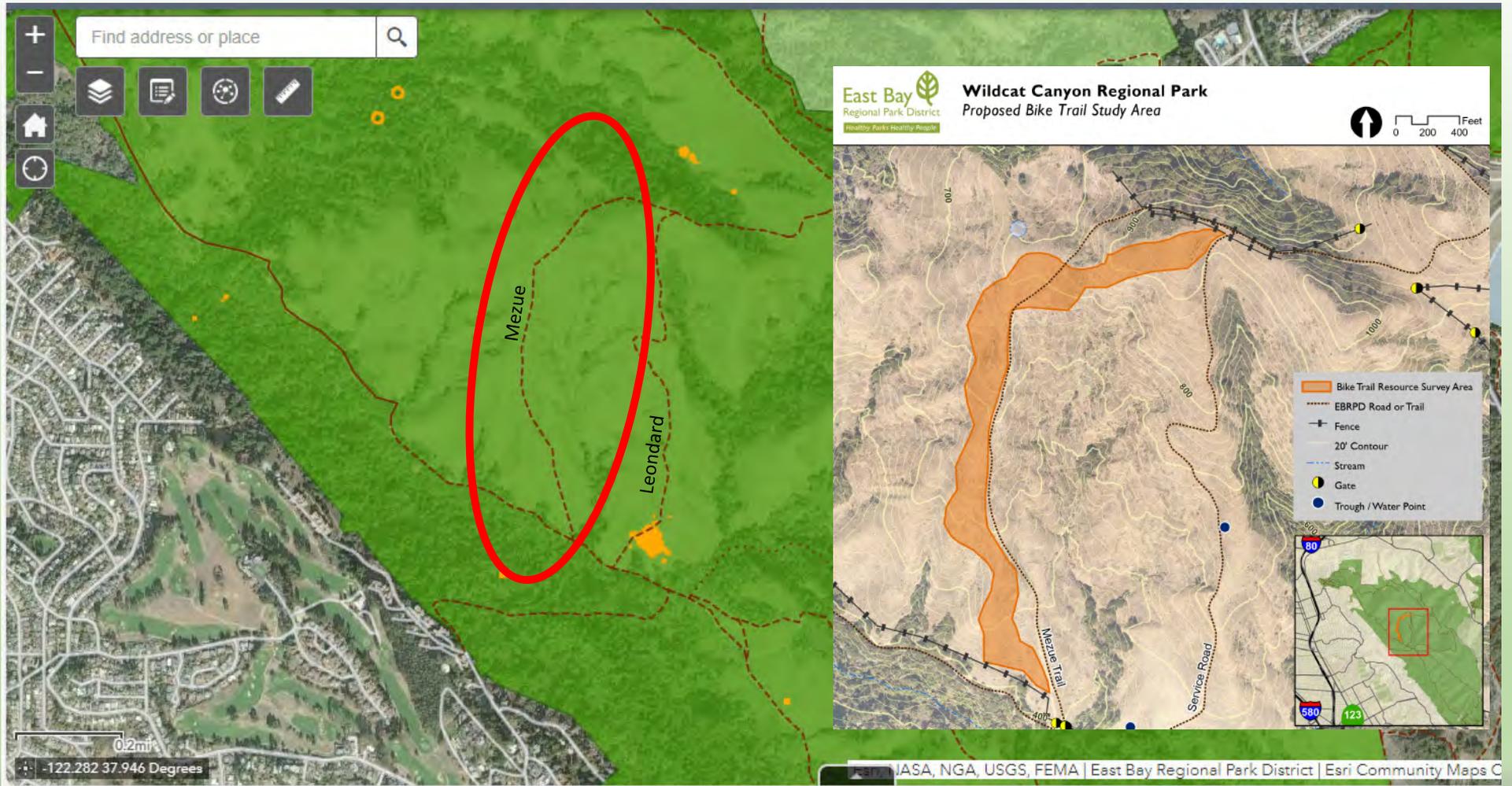


- ▶ Reduces and avoids impacts to natural and cultural resources;
- ▶ Restores bootleg trails within the vicinity;
- ▶ Provides access and opportunities for a variety of mountain biking skill levels including youth mountain biking programs in northwest Contra Costa and Alameda Counties that can be accessed without driving;
- ▶ Allows directional bike only trail access to alleviate congestion, increase safety and reduce conflicts;
- ▶ Utilizes sustainable design elements to minimize operation and trail management burden

Response to Public Interest

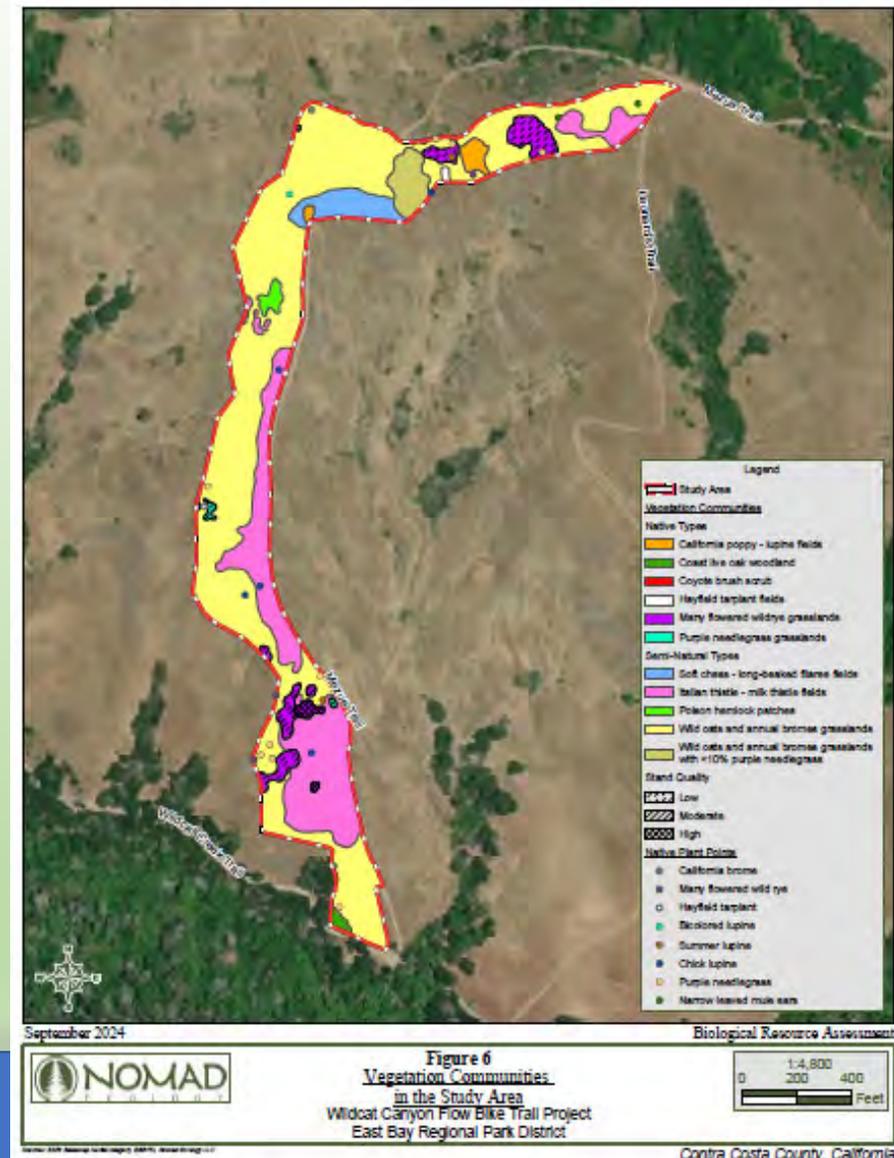


# Trail Planning Process in Wildcat Regional Park



# Proposed Corridor in Wildcat Regional Park

- The trail corridor is designed to direct visitors through an area dominated by non-native grasses.
- Biologists were able to identify an area of native wildrye grasses and trail staff designed the project to protect this species by directing trail users away from this area.
- Santa Cruz tarplant population located at nearby Leonard Trail – this project would limit use of Leonard's Trail to hikers and equestrians to help direct bike visitation away from that area.
- Project directs visitors away from and does not remove core Alameda Whipsnake scrub habitat.



2020  
Community  
Proposal

2021  
Trails  
Program/  
Stewardship  
Coordination

2022  
Nomad  
Ecology  
BRA +  
Wetland  
Studies

2023  
Initial  
Cultural  
Resources  
Review

2023  
Pointe  
Strategies  
Concept  
Design  
Coordination

2024  
Additional  
Surveys  
Internal  
Coordination

2024/25  
Ascent  
Draft  
CEQA  
Initial  
Study



# Project Timeline

2022  
Trails  
Study  
Session



2023  
Budget  
Adoption  
Pilot Trail  
Projects



April 2023  
Public  
Meeting



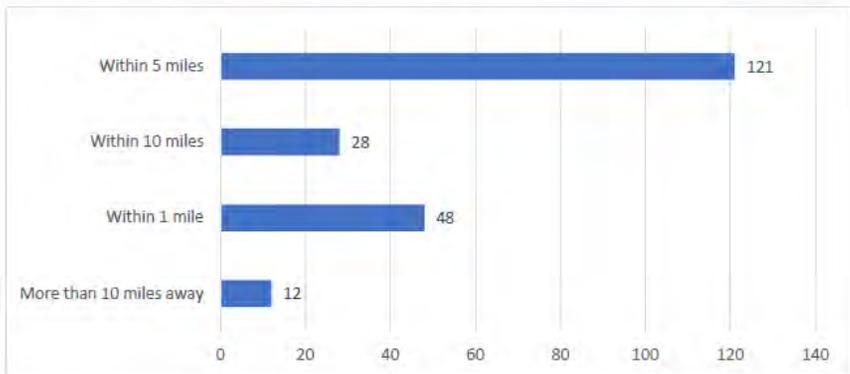
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Board Member  
Site Visit

2024  
Budget  
Adoption  
\$300k

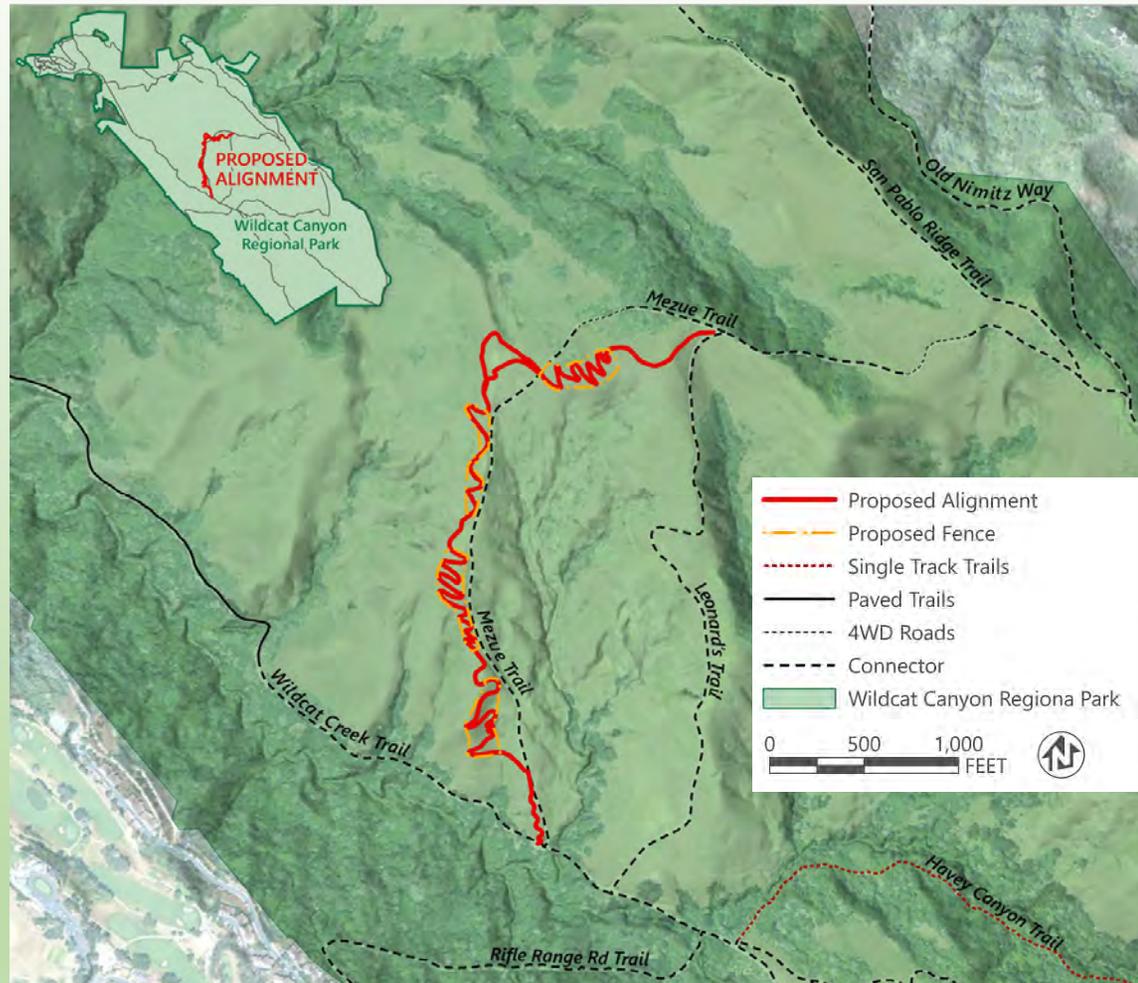


March 19, 2024  
Board  
Update

I. How far away do you live from Wildcat Canyon Regional Park?



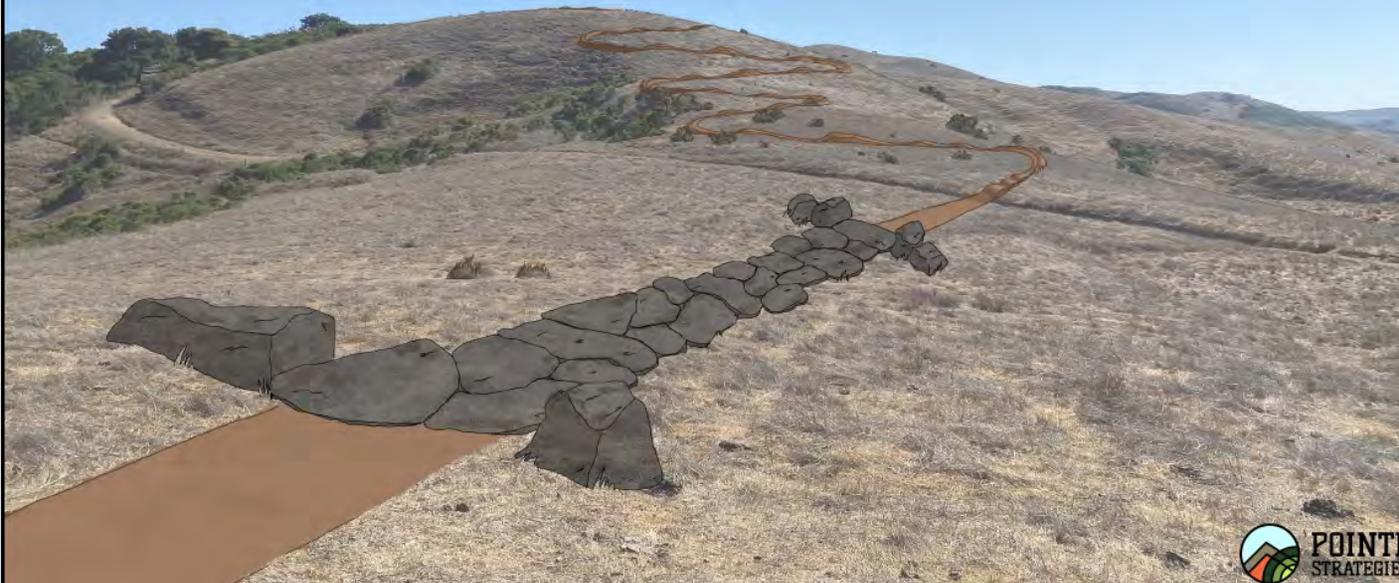
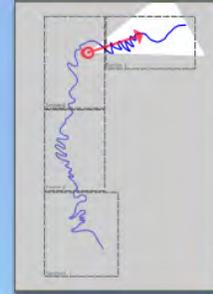
- 1.44 miles of downhill directional bike trail with bike optimized features.
- Located in an area of grazed and weedy grasses along the hillside.
- Designed for all bicyclist levels with beginner/intermediate hard (wooden or stone)- and soft (dirt)-surface bike-optimized trail features.
- Average trail width would be 36 inches with elevation change of approximately 500 feet for an average trail grade of 5 to 7 percent.
- Progressively increase in difficulty level from top to bottom.
  - Novice users would have the ability to exit the trail and connect with the existing Mezue Trail before the features become difficult.
- Volunteers such as local bike clubs have pledged to help maintain the trail in addition to EBRPD.
- Soft surface features would be fenced in sections to protect dirt work from livestock yet still allow cattle to move across the hillside for vegetation management.
- Leonard's Trail to become Hiker/Horse Only



# Project Description

# Wildcat Canyon Bike Trail

Conceptual Image  
Section 1





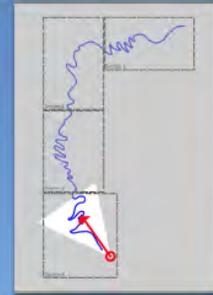
**Rock Roller**



**Rock Garden**

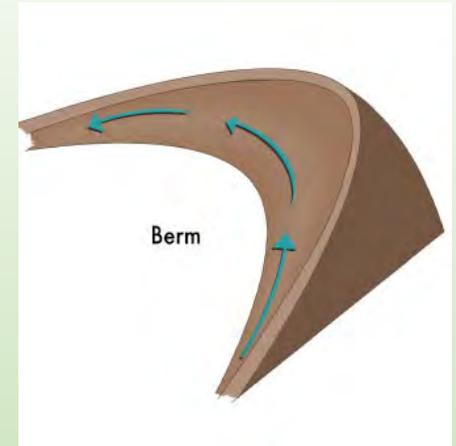
# Trail Design Features – Rock Garden

**Wildcat Canyon Bike Trail**  
Conceptual Image  
Section 4

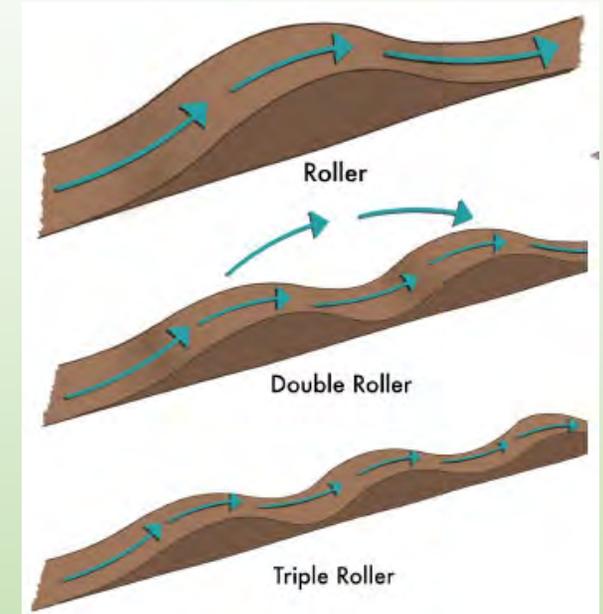




# Trail Design Features- Table Top



## Trail Design Features - Berm



## Trail Design Features - Roller

Staff suggests the following topics be studied further and potential impacts addressed in a Focused Environmental Impact Report (EIR)

- Air Quality
- Biological Resources
- Cultural Resources
- Greenhouse Gas Emissions
- Transportation
- Tribal Cultural Resources





## Next Steps

- Board approved \$300,000 for CEQA analysis of this project in the 2024 budget
  - \$219,792 remaining
- Notice of Preparation of an EIR
- Public engagement and outreach
- Board adoption of CEQA findings and project approval - Spring 2026
- Permitting as needed
- Design
- Construction