

Santa Fe County Open Space, Trails and Parks

Annual Work Plan

2023

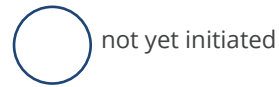


SANTA FE COUNTY



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This work plan outlines the 2023 projects and priorities for the Open Space, Trails and Parks (OSTP) program. These priorities are organized by sections consistent with the 2019 OSTP Strategic Plan. Each project has an indicator icon to show progress. Many projects are ongoing, and several are upcoming. Highlighted projects are particular priorities for 2023.



Resource Management

- Finalize and adopt Little Tesuque Creek Open Space Management Plan
- Finalize and adopt Talaya Hill Open Space Management Plan
- Update management plans for Los Potreros and Arroyo Hondo Open Spaces
- Draft management plans for Rio en Medio, Los Caminitos, and Arroyo de la Piedra Open Spaces
- Implement species-related management plans (i.e., Pinyon Jay, pollinator, and beaver management plans) and continue beaver management at several open space properties, including Los Potreros and La Cieneguilla
- Complete rare plant surveys on all open space properties
- Continue invasive species management at Los Potreros Open Space, including development of plan for invasive bull frog management
- Continue invasive species management at additional open space properties as needed
- Conduct pollinator habitat enhancement work at Los Potreros Open Space
- Implement and monitor Santa Cruz river restoration project at Los Potreros Open Space as part of a project funded by the New Mexico Environment Department
- Install boundary and wildlife-friendly fencing at Los Potreros Open Space and additional open space properties as needed
- Complete first phase of forest enhancement project at Ortiz Mountains Open Space
- Continue erosion control projects at Thornton Ranch Open Space
- Conduct floodplain restoration work at Rio en Medio Open Space to mitigate post-fire flooding events
- Continue collaborative Pinyon Jay conservation project

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- Review and formalize maintenance schedule for open space and trail properties
- Facilitate OSTP staff training in sustainable trail design, construction and maintenance

Educational Programming and Stewardship

- Facilitate the 2023 Northern New Mexico Master Naturalist training course
- Continue scheduling resource management work days and restoration projects with trained Master Naturalist volunteers
- Enhance volunteer trail maintenance program
- Explore educational programming opportunities at open space properties, including the Ortiz Mountains, Los Potreros, and La Cieneguilla Open Spaces
- Install signage at open spaces and trails as needed, including educational, wayfinding, safety, regulatory, and interpretive signage
- Increase communication about OSTP program to public by improving website, launching quarterly newsletter, and develop communication materials such as paper trail maps and brochures

Project Development and Implementation

- Complete Environmental Assessment of Thornton Ranch Open Space in coordination with BLM
- Santa Fe River Trail Segment 2 property acquisition and trail design
- Romero Park Phase II construction
- Arroyo Hondo Trail Segment 1 design
- Arroyo Hondo Trail Segments 2 and 3 design and construction
- Rail Trail Segment 6 design and construction
- Rail Trail Segment 7 design
- Galisteo Park shade structures design and construction
- Carlson Park construction
- Nine Mile and Avenida Eldorado Trailheads design and construction

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- Oscar Huber Memorial Ballpark design
- Spur trail realignment as part of NE/SE Connector project
- Little Tesuque Creek Open Space trail re-route construction
- Ortiz Mountains Open Space trail repair and re-route feasibility study and design

Planning and Program Development

- Conserve open space properties through the Open Space Conservation and Transfer of Development Rights Program
- Integrate open space property and project data into ProjectMates software for use by all OSTP staff
- Continue engagement with tribes to develop policies for tribal communication and co-management at Thornton Ranch Open Space
- Create plan for OSTP ranger program in order to provide safe access to open space and trail properties
- Create plan for educational programming at open space properties in collaboration with local communities and schools
- Modernize OSTP resolutions and ordinances to reflect the current mission of the program
- Update Open Space and Trails Official Map in Sustainable Land Development Code and Sustainable Growth Management Plan to update existing trails and include new priority trail connections
- Continue preventative maintenance measures and create a public work order system to allow members of the public to easily report issues on open spaces and trails
- Continue to implement the County's Stormwater Management Plan on appropriate open spaces and trails