

8,000 Acres of Climate Resilience

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Mission Trails
Regional Park
Foundation



ONE OF THE LARGEST URBAN PARKS IN THE COUNTRY

- 8,000 acres and growing
- 65 miles of trails
- 2.2 million visitors a year

A City-owned park
supported by outside
resource

MTRP FOUNDATION BRINGS OUTSIDE RESOURCES INTO A CITY- OWNED PARK.

- Grants
- Private donations
- Volunteers
- Partnerships

Result:

- More conservation
- More restoration
- More education
- More capital improvements
- More climate action



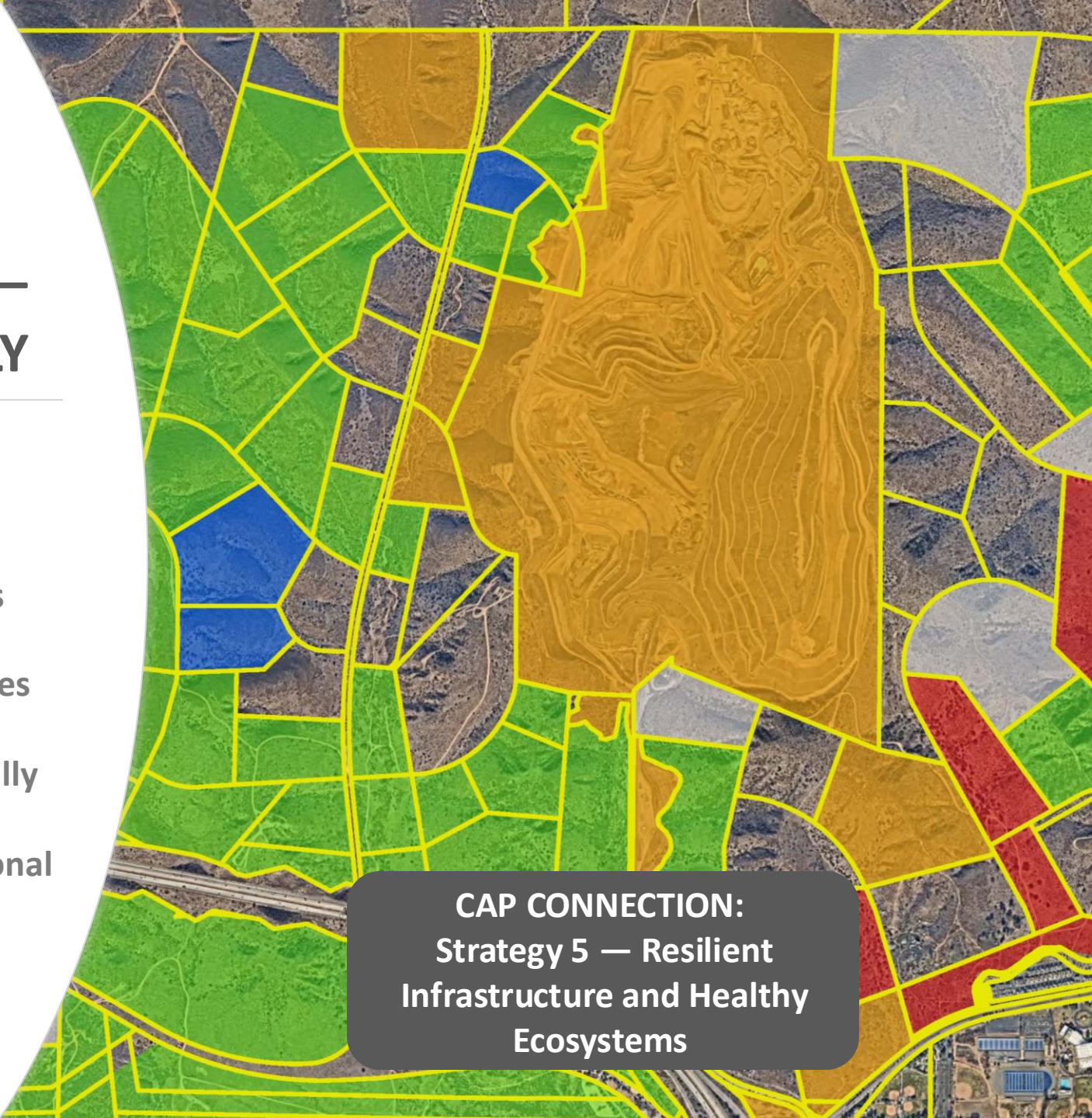
MTRP FOUNDATION HELPS THE CITY DO MORE

- Outside funding
- Volunteer capacity
- Grant writing
- Partnership development
- Project support
- Long-term stewardship

CAP IMPLEMENTATION NEEDS:

- Funding
- Staff capacity
- Partnerships
- Community support





PROTECTING OPEN SPACE — PERMANENTLY

- 108 acres already conserved and donated to the City
- 8.7 additional acres recently acquired
- 600+ additional acres of privately owned land could potentially be acquired for Mission Trails Regional Park

CAP CONNECTION:
Strategy 5 — Resilient
Infrastructure and Healthy
Ecosystems

CLIMATE RESILIENCE, ON THE GROUND

- Brush Management + Fire Resiliency Program
- Invasive species removal
- Habitat restoration
- San Diego River stewardship
- Trail repair + erosion reduction
- Native habitat protection

CAP CONNECTION:
Adaptation +
Healthy
Ecosystems



BUILDING WILDFIRE RESILIENCE

A hotter, drier San Diego means greater wildfire risk.

Our work supports:

- Vegetation management
- Invasive species removal
- Habitat health
- Trail access + maintenance
- Public education

BEFORE

AFTER

CAP CONNECTION:
Adaptation +
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Ecosystems



WILDLIFE NEEDS HEALTHY HABITAT

Mission Trails provides critical habitat and wildlife movement through the heart of San Diego.

- Land conservation
- Habitat restoration
- Wildlife corridors
- Watershed health
- Native species protection

A MORE RESILIENT VISITOR CENTER

- Opened in 1995
- 85,000 visitors annually

Environmental upgrades under consideration

- High-efficiency mechanical cooling
- Building electrification
- Energy-efficiency improvements
- Heat-reducing building materials
- Resilient energy systems
- Reliable cooling during extreme heat
- Reduced operational emissions

CAP CONNECTION:
Strategy 1 — Decarbonization
of the Built Environment
Strategy 5 — Resilient
Infrastructure and Healthy
Ecosystems



A PUBLIC FACILITY BUILT FOR A HOTTER FUTURE

Extreme heat affects:

- Hikers
- Outdoor workers
- Children
- Older adults
- People with disabilities
- People without reliable home cooling

VISION: A Visitor Center
where people can cool
down, hydrate and recover
safely.



FROM CLIMATE EDUCATION TO CLIMATE STEWARDSHIP

- 5,500+ youth served annually
- Free field trips
- Trail Tykes
- Eco Ambassadors
- Title 1 transportation support
- Volunteer stewardship



FROM PLAN TO IMPLEMENTATION

San Diego faces two connected challenges:

- Limited City resources
- Major investment needed to implement the CAP

MTRP Foundation helps bridge that gap.

Grants + Donors + Volunteers +
Partnerships



Outside investment in City-owned land,
facilities and programs

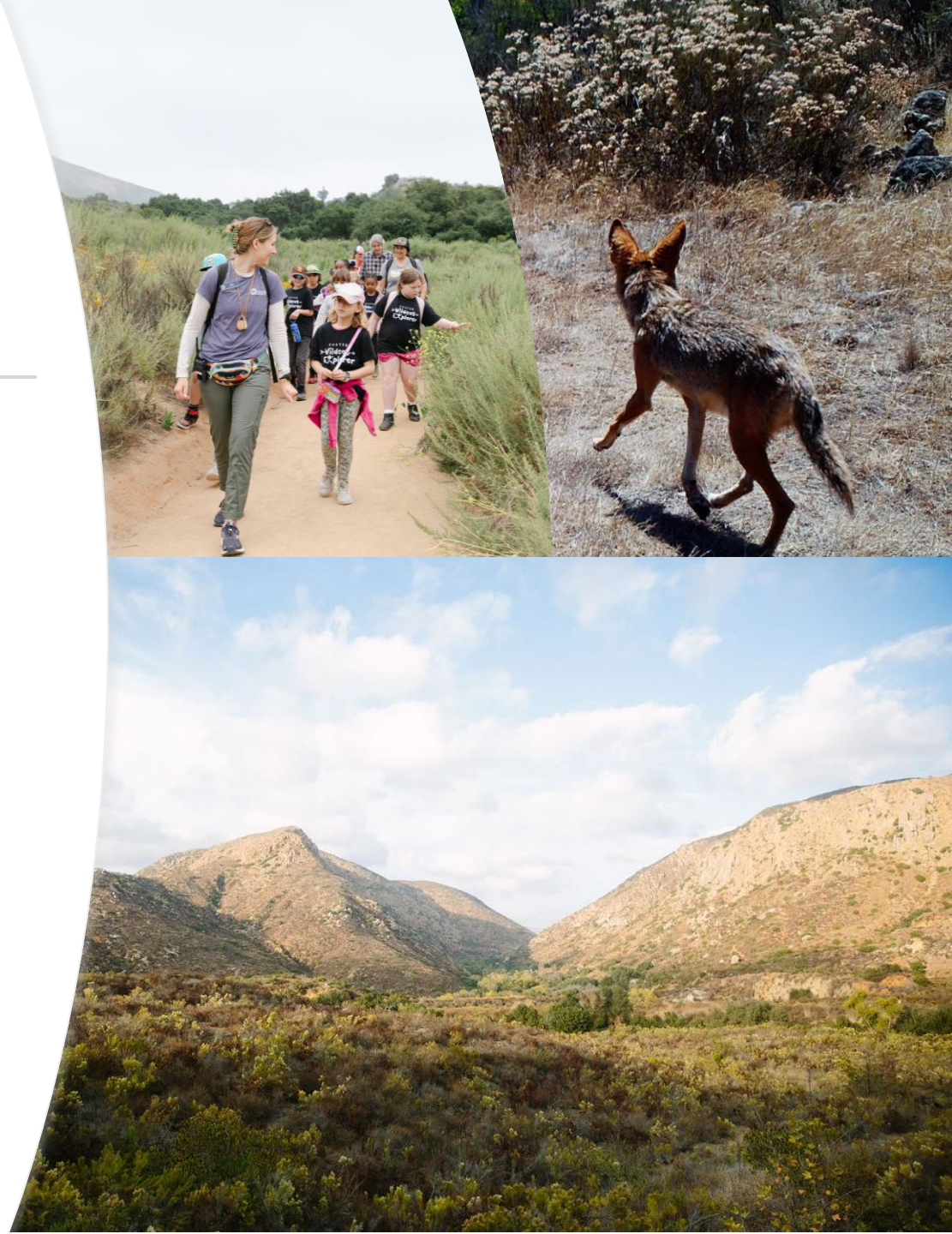


More climate action at Mission Trails



MISSION TRAILS: A LIVING LABORATORY FOR SAN DIEGO'S CLIMATE FUTURE

- Protect habitat.
- Prepare for heat.
- Build wildfire resilience.
- Decarbonize public facilities.
- Educate the next generation.
- Leverage outside investment.
- Let's do more together.





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