

Parks and Recreation Department

Open Space Division and San Diego Canyonlands Collaboration

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Introductions

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Open Space Division

Open Space Division provides land and resource management for over 27,000 acres of open space parkland Citywide including over 200 miles of multi-use trails. Approximately 21,000 acres of these lands are within the Multi-Habitat Planning Area (MHPA) and are managed in accordance with the 1996 Implementing Agreement.

As the largest custodian of lands in the Parks and Recreation Department, Open Space Division offers a myriad of programs and operates and maintains multiple parks and facilities. Open Space Division manages lands across all nine Council Districts.

Open Space Managed Areas and Programs

- Regional and Open Space Parks
 - Mission Trails Regional Park
 - Otay Valley Regional Park
 - Black Mountain Open Space
 - San Diego River Park
 - Los Peñasquitos Canyon Preserve
 - San Pasqual-Clevenger Canyon
 - Chollas Creek Watershed and Chollas Park
 - Tri-Canyons Open Space
 - Urban Canyons



Open Space Managed Areas and Programs

- Brush Management Program
- Gas Tax Median Program
- Maintenance Assessment Districts
- Multiple Species Conservation Program (MSCP) Monitoring and Reporting
- Vernal Pool Habitat Conservation Plan (VPHCP) Monitoring and Reporting
- Partnerships with non-profit and affinity groups, including “Friends Of” groups, citizens advisory committees, and volunteers





San Diego Canyonlands

San Diego Canyonlands works to promote, protect, and restore the natural habitats in San Diego County's canyons and creeks. We do this by fostering education and ongoing community involvement in stewardship and advocacy, and by collaborating with other organizations.

Promote Protect Restore





San Diego Canyonlands/Open Space Partnership

- Grassroots Campaign to Stop the Paving of City Canyons
- San Diego Canyonlands Nonprofit Launch w Regional Focus in 2008
- City of San Diego Partnership in Canyon Enhancement Planning (CEP) Program
- 6500 Acres of New Open Space Dedicated through Canyonlands' Advocacy
- CEP Planning for 12 Critical Open Space Areas



San Diego Canyonlands/Open Space Partnership

- California State Funded Restoration Projects
- City Master Right of Entry (Parks and Recreation and Transportation)
- Expansive Volunteer Recruitment During Pandemic
- Green and Equity Workforce Generator
- Canyon Restoration Expertise and Trusted Community Partner

Recent Canyonlands Projects

- City Heights Loop Trail System (\$1MM +)



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- Helicopter Palm Lifts in Ruffin, Sheppard, and Tierrasanta Canyons (Approx. \$5MM)
- San Diego River Watershed Brush Management (\$1MM +)



Recent Canyonlands Projects

- Environmental Careers Opportunities (ECO) Initiative (\$100K)
- Canyon Connections Internship Program (\$500K)
- City Parks Master Plan Advocacy
- San Diego County Native Landscape Program





Upcoming Canyonlands Projects

- Pueblo Watershed Brush Management (\$750K)
- Navajo Canyon Helicopter Palm Lift (\$600K + \$1MM)
- Mission Hills Canyon Stream Bioengineering and Restoration (\$250K +)
- Manzanita Canyon Stream Bioengineering and Restoration (\$3MM)
- Citywide Trails Master Plan Advocacy
- Chollas Creek Watershed Regional Park Plan Advocacy
- Partnership in Tijuana with the UCSD Center on Global Justice and Proyecto Fronterizo de Educacion Ambiental (PFEA)



Thank you!

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