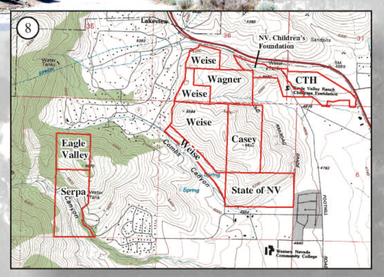
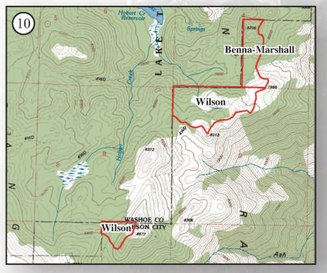
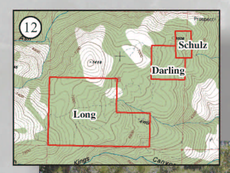
Carson City

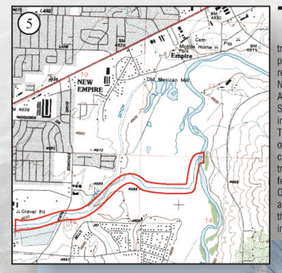
Question #1 Opportunities

This project aims at protecting the scenic resource, providing land for the multi-purpose trail development along the old V&T right-of-way, and the enhancement of the headwaters of the Eagle Valley Creek north of the future Carson Tahoe Hospital. These acquisitions will result in the improvement of access and the protection of the scenic views and possible enhancement of habitat west of the Timberline Subdivision. Approximately 511.11 acres are involved.



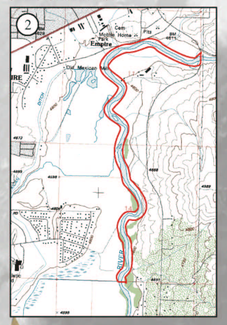




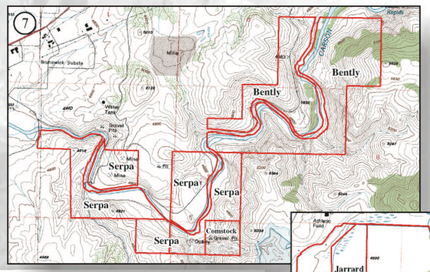


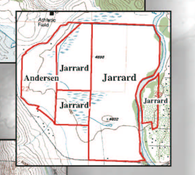
The Eagle Valley Creek Enhancement Project (lower) envisions the reforestation of the Eagle Valley Creek through the use of vegetation, primarily willows and trees, to reestablish a riparian forest. Once rehabilitated, the public forest will attract birds and improve the habitat for reptiles and aquatic life. Some of the partners, including the Nevada Division of Forestry, Natural Resource Conservation Agency, Nevada Division of Wildlife, and the Carson Water Subconservancy District, have interests as diverse as improving the habitat for Western Pond Turtles and frogs. This project involves the cooperation of private property owners in the vicinity of Hells Bells Road, as well as state and city properties. Most of the public lands already contain trails; however, some key trail sections are to be completed, for example, the trail from the Mexican Ditch at the Moffat Open Space Property into the Empire Ranch Trail. There are approximately 213.52 acres involved. Staff suggests that the Open Space Wetlands, located at Lompa Lane, also be incorporated, with improvements such as observation decks, trails and habitat restoration. The upper portion of the project will include the development of Eagle Valley Creek Natural Area and detention basins at the New Carson-Tahoe Hospital.

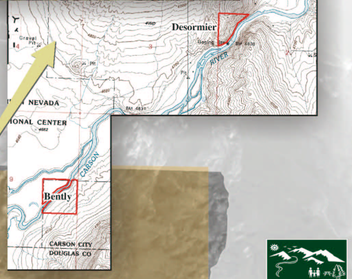
The Carson River Streambank Stabilization Project is located along the Carson River from Riverview Park's southern property line downstream to Deer Run Road Bridge. The project envisions the rehabilitation, stabilization, and habitat improvement along both banks of the river. Included with the river's resource enhancements will be a recreational multi-use trail component. This trail project will involve the construction of a decomposed granite trail on the river's west side (public lands) from Riverview Park to the Empire Ranch Trail and the installation of a pedestrian bridge from the Empire Ranch Trail across the Carson River to the Ambrose/Carson River Natural Area. This project will enhance the river's environment on Carson City, Bureau of Land Management, and several private property ownerships.



Project No. 7 involves 962.46 acres and is aimed at the acquisition of land for the establishment of open space and recreation facilities such as trail development for OHV access to the Pinenut Mountains, hiking, biking, and enjoyment of views. Some of these lands are the subject of the future right-of-way for the V&T train extension to Virginia City. It may be possible to leverage these transactions through the use of the funds from the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act. Some of these lands are also the subject of superfund legislation due to mercury contamination that originated with the processing of ores in the late 1800's.

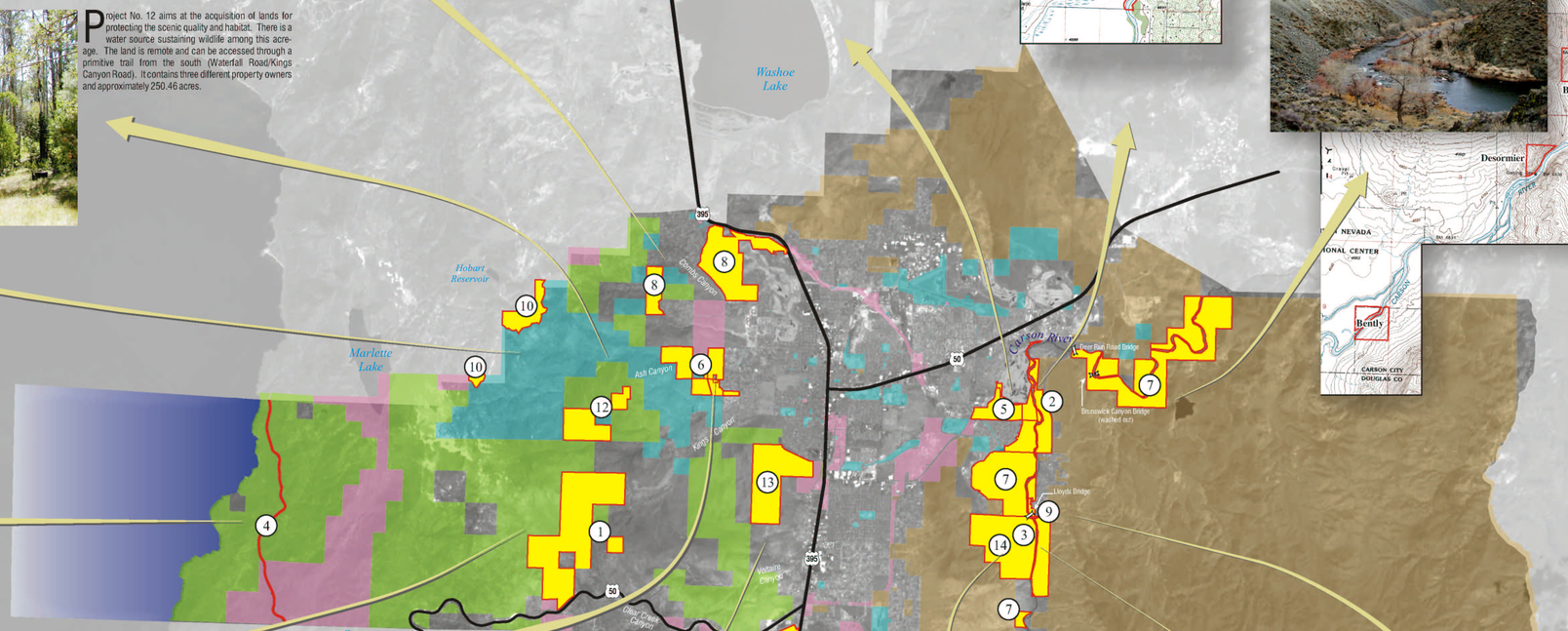






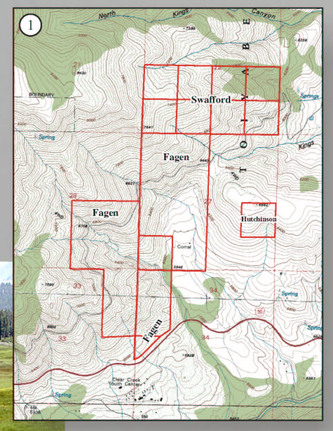
At the westernmost terminal of Ash Canyon Road is the crest of the Carson Range. There are three isolated private properties in this vicinity. These acquisitions are aimed at protecting the scenic resource and providing access into the Nevada State Park at Lake Tahoe. The companion of this project are the acquisitions near the valley floor at the urban interface area where Project No. 6 also attempts to secure access. There are approximately 156.78 acres within these lands, containing a predominantly coniferous forest and related shrubs and grasses which sustain wildlife.

Project No. 12 aims at the acquisition of lands for protecting the scenic quality and habitat. There is a water source sustaining wildlife among this acreage. The land is remote and can be accessed through a primitive trail from the south (Waterfall Road/Kings Canyon Road). It contains three different property owners and approximately 250.46 acres.

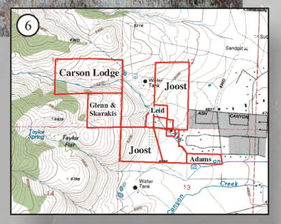


Project No. 4 involves the development of a non-motorized multi-purpose trail within public lands, including U.S. Forest Service and State Parks, primarily aimed at bicycles and in accordance with the provisions of Question #1 within the Tahoe Basin. The concept is to facilitate a trail separate from the highway as much as possible and linking Washoe County, Carson City, and Douglas County. The project is envisioned at a much lower elevation than the Tahoe Rim Trail and for more casual use. Staff anticipates that the three jurisdictions can manage the project as a single endeavor, maximizing the amount of monies that can be placed into construction and minimizing the amount of funds used toward administration of the project.

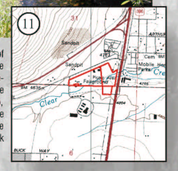
Project No. 1 includes three different property owners. A conservation easement on the meadow and fee purchase on the steeper land is anticipated on the Fagen property. Outright purchases are envisioned for the Swafford and Hutchinson properties. These properties possess magnificent views of the surrounding environments. The majority of the land is also visible from the valley floor. There are important habitats for deer among a predominantly mixed conifer forest. The properties are also important because of access through Kings Canyon Road. Some of them may accommodate the development of pedestrian or bicycle trails and can be integrated with the surrounding U.S. Forest Service properties. Swafford has been nominated for purchase as part of the Southern Nevada Public Land Management Act. This project involves approximately 970.9 acres.



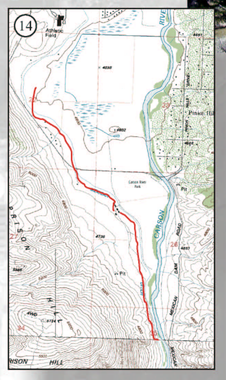
Project No. 6 aims at the reestablishment of Ash Canyon Road as an access into the Carson Range. This road can provide access into the Lake Tahoe State Park, and it specifically provides access into Hobart Reservoir, which is of primary significance for hiking, biking, and fishing related outdoor activities. The land also sustains deer during the winter months. It involves both potential fee acquisition and core conservation easements for approximately 286.46 acres.



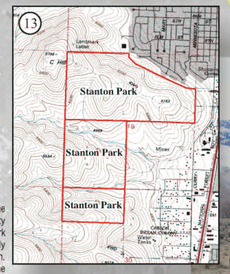
Project No. 11 is the Carson City Fairgrounds / Fuji Park - Clear Creek Habitat Improvement Project. This project area is located along Clear Creek in the center of the Carson City Fairgrounds and Fuji Park. This project envisions rehabilitation of the creek and limited public access to this unique stream environment within the urban area of Carson City. The project will include the planting of native vegetation for bank stabilization, wildlife habitat improvements, construction of small open ponds, water falls and the delineation of the main channel, where necessary. Also, there will be a passive recreational aspect to the project. The project's design will include a series of decomposed granite natural trails for hiking near the creek and designated creek overlooks for the public to use as wildlife viewing areas.



Project No. 14 is the Silver Saddle Ranch Area River / Recreation Multi-Use Trail Development and Habitat Improvement Project. It is located on several private property ownerships and the Bureau of Land Management's Silver Saddle Ranch. This project envisions improvements based on the City's adopted Carson City Bicycle System Plan and the BLM's Interdisciplinary Management Plan for Silver Saddle Ranch. Included in the project are the construction of several non-motorized/multi-use decomposed granite trails, a portage area at the Mexican Dam, and habitat improvements for wildlife along the Carson River. The trails will be constructed from the Hidden Meadows Subdivision south to the Silver Saddle Ranch with enhancements to the existing trails on the Silver Saddle Ranch south along the Mexican Ditch to the Mexican Dam. A pedestrian bridge will be included in the trails project and the bridge will cross the Carson River downstream of the Mexican Dam. The proposed river bank habitat improvements along this section of the Carson River will enhance the area's wildlife populations, improve water quality and stabilize the river banks will natural vegetation.



Project No. 9 is Carson River Park - Phase 3. This project is located on the east side of Carson River Park along the Mexican Dam Road and envisions a number of site improvements based on the City's adopted Carson River Master Plan. The project will include construction of an irrigated open meadow/snow play area in the existing bowl area, a small day use area with picnic facilities, a parking lot on the ridge south of a bowl area for views up and down the Carson River, and trailhead facilities for equestrian and non-motorized access to the Pinenut Mountains.



Project No. 13 consists of the acquisition of land in the vicinity of C-Hill from Stanton Park Development. There are approximately 466.9 acres affected by this transaction. The project goals are to protect the scenic quality of C-Hill, which is one of the most prominent formations that identify Carson City; the high recreation potential of this area for hiking, off-road driving, camping, and biking; and access into the Borda Meadow.

Carson River Park - Phase 2 is located on the Bureau of Land Management's Silver Saddle Ranch property adjacent to the paved parking lot on the west side of Carson River Park. This project envisions a two acre park expansion on BLM's property based on the City's adopted Carson River Master Plan and the BLM's Interdisciplinary Management Plan for Silver Saddle Ranch. The park's character and architectural features will embrace a historical ranching theme and will include picnic tables, a small picnic shelter, turf areas, shade trees and playground equipment.

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