

LOS ALAMOS COUNTY

Open Space & Trails

MANAGEMENT PLAN



August 14, 2025

Agenda

- INTRODUCTION
- PROJECT TIMELINE
- COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT
- KEY CHANGES & IMPROVEMENTS
- QUESTIONS



Meet Our Team

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Plan Purpose



"It is the desire of this project to create a single document for managing the open space and trails in the County for all the diverse interests of users."

A comprehensive trails and open space management plan that consolidates and reconciles recommendations and best practices from previous planning efforts.

Project Timeline



01

April - August 2024

- Project Kickoff
- Site Evaluation
- Listening Sessions
- Community Workshop

02

August - December 2024

- Analyze Engagement Feedback
- Draft Plan Update
- Staff Review and Feedback

03

December - August 2025

- Presentation to Community
- Revisions
- Publish Draft & Receive Input
- Final Hearing for Approval

What We Heard

TRAIL & OPEN SPACE MAINTENANCE

Residents want the County to prioritize maintaining the trails and open space amenities it already has before adding anything new.



OPEN SPACE PROTECTION & RESTORATION

The natural landscape is highly valued by residents; they want to ensure it is protected and restored.



SAFETY & ACCESSIBILITY

Trails and amenities should be made fully accessible where appropriate; there should be more education and resources to ensure user safety.



AMENITIES & IMPROVEMENTS

Some improvements & amenities are needed, especially for bicyclists, accessible trail connections, and trailhead amenities.



How We Heard

LISTENING SESSIONS & COMMUNITY WORKSHOP

May & June 2024
-In person & virtual
August 2024
-In person



PROJECT WEBSITE COMMENT FORM SURVEY

Aug - Sept 2024
-Digital survey



PRESENTATIONS OF CHANGES

Jan 2025 &
Feb 2025 (OSWG)
-Both virtual



DRAFT REPORT & PRIORITIES PUBLIC RELEASE

Release date: 7/3
County Social Media
Email Blast
Posted on project website



Plan Structure



01

State of the Network

- Inventory
- Maps
- Amenities
- Gaps Analysis

02

Public Process & Changes

- Engagement Events & Input Summary
- Explanation of changes + new strategies

03

Consolidation & Reorganization

- Strategy Alignment
- Streamline the document
- Preserve key sections of past plans

Key Strategies



**Open Space
Maintenance &
Improvements**

**Trail Maintenance
& Improvemnets**

**Public Education
& Engagement**

**Network Signage &
Wayfinding**

**Improved
Accessibility**

**Data Maintenance
& Reporting**

Approach

TRAILS & OPEN SPACE DIVISION

Currently staff are managing **160+ existing strategies**, actions and goals across **6 different plans** created across the last 10+ years

CONFLICTS

Remove conflicting language across plans and resolve conflicts with new language

REDUNDANCIES

Identify **redundant language** across plans and replace with one representative strategy

NEW

Based on public input, **provide new** strategies as needed

Summary

Conflicts

- 15 strategies resolved with 4 revised strategies

Redundancies

- 37 strategies resolved with 11 revised strategies

Conflicts

- Accessibility (4)
- Signage (3)
- Social Trails (6)
- Conservation (2)

Redundancies

- Resource Protection (8)
- Connectivity (5)
- Trail Difficulty (5)
- New Development (2)
- Volunteers (2)
- Vistas (4)
- Alternate Transportation (2)
- Signage (2) & Junctions (2)
- User Groups (5)

New

- Open Space (1)
- Trail Maintenance (3)
- Public Education & Engagement (5)
- Signage (3)
- Accessibility (4)

Moving forward



01

Plan includes updates

(Most recent plan update was in 2022)

02

Staff has a more streamlined document & implementation plan *(short, medium, long-term timeframes)*

03

Staff and community has 1 document to update moving forward *(not 6)*



Questions?

Thank You!

For more information, scan the
QR code to visit the project page:

<https://www.losalamosnm.us/County-Projects/Open-Space-Trails-Management-Plan>

