

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>

