

2022 ANNUAL REPORT

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PARKS AND RECREATION

OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT

Goal: Manage 30% of open space and native habitat areas by 2030 using science-based land management actions to build resistant, resilient ecosystems in the Boise Foothills and along the Boise River.

2020:

Foothills: 848 acres managed out of 5,868 total acres (14.5%)

River: 79.3 acres managed out of 349 total river corridor acres (22.7%)

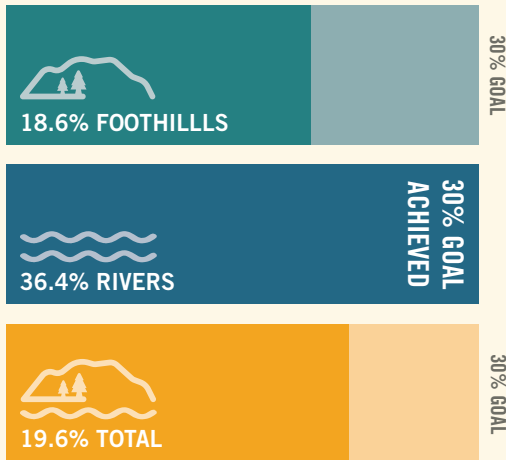
Total: 928 acres managed out of 6,217 acres of city property (15%)

2022:

Foothills: 1,095 acres managed out of 5,896 total acres (18.6%)

River: 127 acres managed out of 349 total river corridor acres (36.4%)

Total: 1,222 acres managed out of 6,243 acres of city property (19.6%)



Goal: Increase actively managed native habitat areas in improved park sites by 30% across Boise by 2030.

2020:

13% of park sites in Boise with natural habitat areas actively managed

2022:

16.7% of park sites in Boise with natural habitat areas actively managed



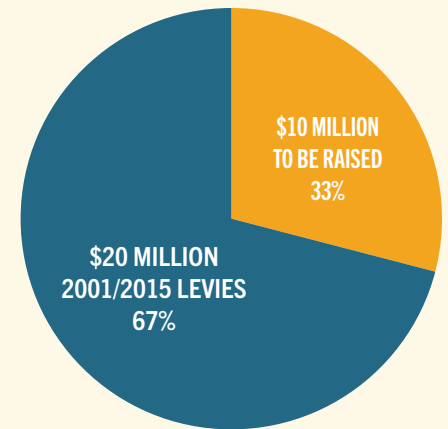
FUNDRAISING + RESTORATION

Goal: Raise a total of \$30 million by 2030 to protect more open space and clean water resources and enhance community restoration projects.

The City of Boise has acquired more than 360 acres of preserved open space from 2020 to 2022. As of December 31, 2022, a balance of \$6.5 million is left in the 2015 Open Space and Clean Water Levy fund.

\$30 Million Fundraising Goal:

- \$20 Million from 2001 & 2015 levies
- \$7,600 raised in 2022 for community restoration projects



2022 CONSERVATION PROJECTS

- \$52,000 was approved to complete accessibility improvements in Hulls Gulch and Camel's Back Reserves
- \$109,000 was approved for a carbon mapping study in the unique ecosystem of the Boise Foothills
- \$820,000 was approved to preserve critical open space and build a trail and trailhead at Hawkins Range Reserve

ENGAGEMENT AND GROWTH

Goal: Grow our engagement opportunities by 30% to provide meaningful environmental experiences for community members.

2020 - 2021:

Engagement has increased 54%.

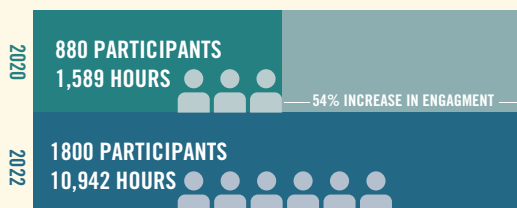
2022:

More than 1,800 participants contributed a cumulative 10,000 hours towards Boise Parks and Recreation projects:

- Open space programs (habitat restoration, Ridge to Rivers, Weed Warriors) = 5,448 hours
- Park resource programs (Bee Watch, Pollinator Posse, Adopt the Greenbelt) = 9,707 hours

Goal: Through the Elaine Clegg City of Trees Challenge, increase average tree canopy cover to 30%.

- Since 2020, the City of Trees Challenge has planted over 15,100 trees in Boise.
- Trees planted in 2022: 10,700+ trees



In 2022, all city-owned parks and open space reserves were adopted under deed restrictions to add important, permanent protections.

Learn more at cityofboise.org/departments/parks-and-recreation/america-the-beautiful



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