

# 1 Introduction

## BACKGROUND

The Upper Truckee River flows through the center of the City of South Lake Tahoe. In contrast to the surrounding mountains, forests, and world-famous Lake Tahoe, much of the river's lower floodplain has been developed and paved over.

The California Tahoe Conservancy acquired the property using funding sources focused on conservation and restoration. The Upper Truckee Marsh South project presents an opportunity to restore an extraordinary natural resource, benefit the community, and enhance connections.

## PROJECT TIMELINE

APR

MAY

JUN

JUL

AUG

SEPT

OCT

NOV

DEC

JAN

PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WINDOW 1		
PURPOSE	Share project information and gather ideas from community members	
METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Public survey</li><li>Community outreach at public events</li><li>Partner meetings</li></ul>	
OUTCOMES	Inform recommendations	
IMPROVEMENT RECOMMENDATIONS		
PURPOSE	Synthesize public input to inform design decisions	
METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Analysis of window 1 public input</li><li>Overlay of site constraints</li></ul>	
OUTCOMES	Conceptual site plan alternatives	
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WINDOW 2		
PURPOSE	Gather input from members of the community regarding improvement recommendations	
METHODS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Community events</li><li>Public meetings</li><li>Partner meetings</li></ul>	
OUTCOMES	Feedback on conceptual alternatives	

WE ARE HERE



To learn more about the project and how to stay involved please visit our website or scan the QR code.

## FINDINGS FROM ENGAGEMENT 1

### HOW WE LISTEN

Between March and July 2025, the Conservancy began robust community engagement efforts to understand the community's thoughts on recreation and restoration. Engagement efforts included an online Open Participation Survey, site walks, small group discussions, stakeholder group meetings, tabling at local community events, and outreach with the Washoe Tribe of Nevada and California.

### ENGAGEMENT BY NUMBERS

- 500 + Survey Responses
- dozens of Agencies & Partners Engaged
- 2 Site Walks
- 2 Tabling Events
- 3 Community Organization Presentations
- 2 Languages Available For Outreach Materials

### GUIDING THEMES AND VALUES

PRIMARY ★	ENVIRONMENTAL RESTORATION & HABITAT HEALTH				
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Carbon Sequestration &amp; Climate Resilience Measures</li><li>Floodplain Connectivity &amp; Natural Hydrology Restoration</li><li>Forest Health &amp; Vegetation Management</li><li>Invasive Species Removal</li><li>River and Meadow Restoration</li><li>Water Quality Improvements</li><li>Wildlife Habitat Enhancement &amp; Passage</li></ul>				
SECONDARY ☆	COMMUNITY SAFETY & INFRASTRUCTURE	RECREATION AMENITIES	MOBILITY & TRANSPORTATION	PUBLIC ACCESS & TRAIL IMPROVEMENT	EDUCATION & INTERPRETATION
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Drinking Fountains</li><li>Flooding and Wildfire Risk Management</li><li>Lighting and Visibility Enhancements</li><li>Limit light pollution</li><li>Management of Unhoused Encampments</li><li>Preservation of Low-Income Housing /Relocation Plans</li><li>Restrooms</li><li>Signage to Discourage Camping</li><li>Trash Bins</li><li>Volunteer Stewardship Programs</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Benches and Rest Areas</li><li>Dog-Friendly Areas</li><li>Inclusive Playgrounds</li><li>Nature Play Zones and Small Children's Parks</li><li>Picnic Areas</li><li>River Access Points for Floating, Kayaking, and Fishing</li><li>Shaded Rest Stops</li><li>Wildlife Viewing Platforms</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Don't add more parking</li><li>Free Parking for Commuters</li><li>Micro-Transit Integration</li><li>Natural Access</li><li>Reduced Car Infrastructure</li><li>South Tahoe Bikeway Preservation and Expansion</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Accessible (ADA-Compliant) Trails</li><li>Boardwalks</li><li>Bridge Replacement or Relocation</li><li>Infrastructure Trail Realignment</li><li>Looped Walking Path</li><li>Safe Crossings</li><li>Trail Connectivity to Cove East and Other Destinations</li></ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Art Installations</li><li>Audio Tours</li><li>Environmental Education Programming</li><li>Interpretive Signage</li><li>On-Site Nature or Cultural Education Center</li><li>Washoe Cultural Education and Traditional Naming</li></ul>

