



City of Grass Valley City Council Agenda Action Sheet

Title: Loma Rica Open Space and Trail Adoption by Bicyclists of Nevada County

CEQA: Not a project

Recommendation: That the Council approve the proposed trail adoption by Bicyclists of Nevada County (BONC).

Prepared by: Timothy M. Kiser, City Manager

Council Meeting Date: 03/10/2026

Date Prepared: 03/04/2026

Agenda: Consent

Background Information: In November 2024, the City Council accepted approximately 176 acres of the Loma Rica Ranch property, located east of Brunswick Road and on both sides of Idaho Maryland Road. This property contains significant natural resources, including forested landscapes, wildlife habitat, and scenic open space that provide valuable environmental and recreational opportunities for the Grass Valley community. The preservation of this property reflects the City's ongoing commitment to protecting open space while providing responsible public access for outdoor recreation.

In January 2012, the City of Grass Valley established the Adopt-A-Park/Trail/Median Program. The purpose of this program is to support the preservation, maintenance, and stewardship of the City's green spaces, including parks, trails, and landscaped medians. One of the most important ways to ensure these spaces remain safe, attractive, and accessible to the public is through ongoing maintenance and community involvement. The program provides an opportunity for community groups, organizations, and volunteers to partner with the City to help care for these important public assets.

Recently, Bicyclists of Nevada County (BONC), a long-standing local nonprofit organization dedicated to promoting safe and responsible cycling and trail stewardship, approached the City with interest in adopting and maintaining several trails within the Loma Rica Open Space area (see attached map). Through participation in the Adopt-A-Park/Trail/Median Program, BONC proposes to assist the City with maintaining and improving existing trails, installing appropriate wayfinding signage, and helping enhance the overall recreational experience for residents and visitors who enjoy walking, hiking, and bicycling in the area.

Under the program, BONC would work closely with City staff on any trail improvements, maintenance activities, or signage installations to ensure they are consistent with City standards and environmental protections. The organization has also expressed a strong interest in assisting with periodic cleanup efforts along the trails to help protect the natural environment and maintain the ecological value of the open space.

As part of their proposal, BONC has expressed a desire to name one of the trails in memory of their friend and fellow local cyclist, Shawn Hall, who recently passed away. Shawn was a passionate advocate for outdoor recreation, trail access, and responsible cycling throughout Nevada County. Naming a trail in his honor would recognize his contributions to the cycling community.

Naming the trail(s) may also provide an opportunity to generate community support and potential funding for signage, materials, and ongoing maintenance efforts led by BONC to enhance and care for the trail system. Any proposed trail names or signage installations would be reviewed and approved by Public Works staff to ensure that the size, design, placement, and wording are consistent with the City's Adopt-A-Park/Trail/Median Program guidelines and established City standards.

Although participation in the Adopt-A-Park/Trail/Median Program does not require formal City Council approval, staff felt it was appropriate to bring this opportunity forward to highlight the program and the positive community partnership being developed with BONC. Their involvement represents a valuable collaboration that will help the City maintain and enhance the recently acquired Loma Rica Ranch open space while expanding recreational opportunities for the public.

Council Goals/Objectives: This proposed action executes portions of the work tasks towards achieving / maintaining the Strategic Plan goal to improve the parks and trails systems.

Fiscal Impact: There is no immediate fiscal impact with this proposed action.

Funds Available: N/A

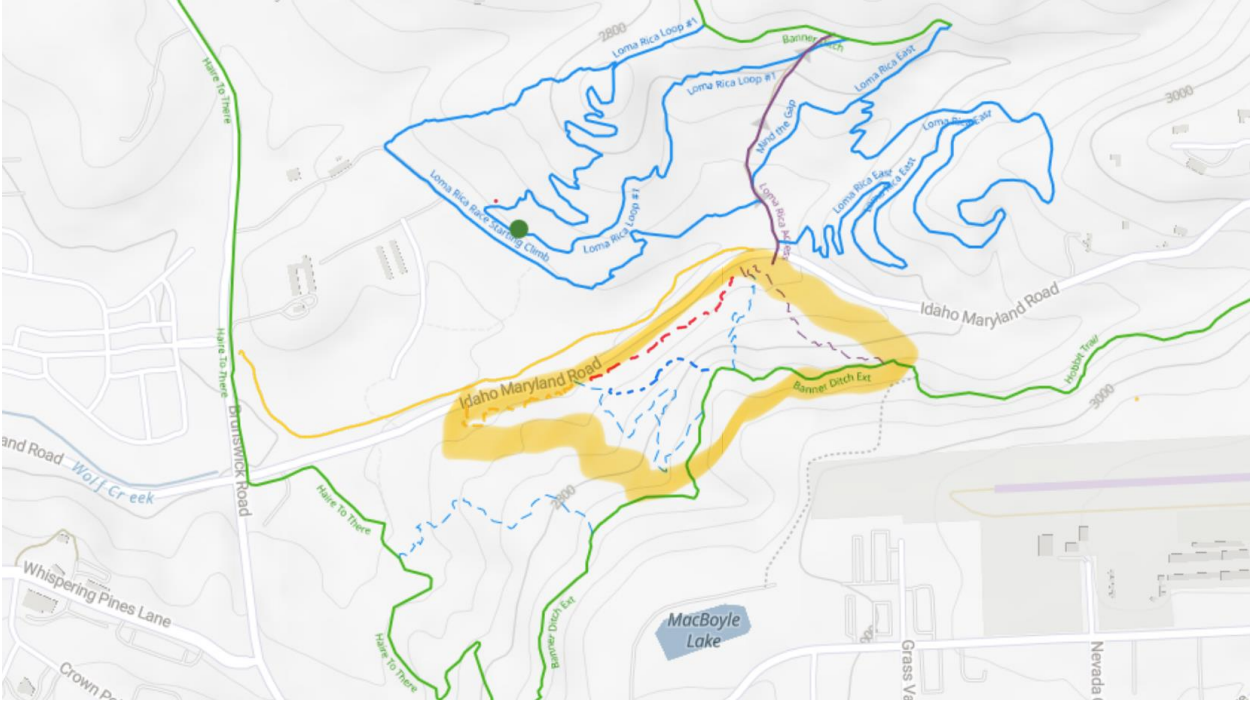
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Reviewed by: City Manager

Attachments:

- Map of the property

Map of Proposed Property



 BONC Proposed Trail adoption area.