



STAFF REPORT

TO: THE HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL
MEETING DATE: MARCH 2, 2026
FROM: DAN LAFONTAINE, PUBLIC WORKS DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: PROPOSED PUMP TRACK AT BRYSON PARK

RECOMMENDATION

The City Council should review proposed improvements to Bryson park, provide feedback, and if supportive, approve applications for grant funding.

BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS

Bryson Park has typically been an underutilized park, especially the back half of the park toward the drainage ditch. Currently, only one trail for bikes exists in Amador county. In an effort to fully utilize Bryson Park, staff, in collaboration with Amador Trail Stewardship (ATS) and the Amador Community Fund (ACF) the City is seeking council approval to apply for an ACF grant.

PROJECT: The proposed project would be located in the back corner of Bryson Park, an underutilized area of the park behind the walking trail. The project would encompass a Pump track (yellow) and a Strider Track (blue) as shown below:



The Pump track (0.1 miles or approximately 700 feet of trail) will include berms and rollers and flow features made of soil surface with Soil Tac/lime amendments to harden. The Strider track (about 200 to 300 feet) is a smaller trail with small features for balance bikes and new riders.

The City will send out communications with homes within 300 feet of the park to solicit feedback. The project may include up to six (6) solar lights on timers to allow for extended use of the tracks while ensuring that houses nearby are not disrupted. We would like feedback from the council on hours of operation and use of lights.

No trees will be removed with this construction and will add to the natural design of the trail tracks. The design will be accomplished by ATS. Materials will be either purchased by the grant or donated by Campbell Construction. Manpower will be supplied by Campbell construction, ATS, and the City of Sutter Creek Public works department.

FISCAL IMPACT

The Amador County Foundation's Community Fund for 2026 is available to apply for by March 20, 2026. Grant funding has a maximum of 10K and will cover the materials for the pump track project. Minimal staff time will be required from the Public Works team. A draft budget for the project has been developed by ATS in their presentation materials. Total Cost of the project (after donations) is approximately 10K.

ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATION

The action of adopting this particular ordinance by reference for the City of Sutter Creek is "not a project," can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that this activity has a significant effect on the environment, and is therefore not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15061(b)(3) (also known as the CEQA General Rule).

ATTACHMENTS

- 1) Presentation from ATS