

Portfolio 6

Windy Hill

Trail Improvements, Preservation and Hawthorns Area Historic Partnership



Windy Hill Open Space Preserve (Henri Lamiroux)

DESCRIPTION

- Improve trails; complete pond facilities.
- Increase multiuse trails; study possible improvements to increase dog use.
- Open Hawthorns Area; develop trails connecting to Portola Valley and Palo Alto trails.
- Partner to protect, restore and interpret historic buildings.
- Improve habitat conditions in Los Trancos Creek.
- Preserve additional scenic open space as available.

Portfolio Allocation: \$12,740,000

Portfolio Expenditures Through 6/30/2023: \$229,526

NOTABLE ACCOMPLISHMENTS

MAA06-002 Hawthorns Area Plan

Fiscal Year 2023

Obtained board approval for the project Vision and Goals. Completed data collection, technical studies and an existing conditions/opportunities & constraints report. Continued conceptual planning work, participated in local tabling events and formed the Hawthorns Public Access Working Group.

Prior Years

Presented draft vision and goals for the Hawthorns Area Plan to the Planning and Natural Resources (PNR) Committee in August 2021 and presented revised vision and goals and working group formation strategy to PNR Committee in November. Held successful project collaboration meetings with Town of Portola Valley staff, City Council and community stakeholders.

Presented Hawthorns Area Plan planning and public engagement process to PNR Committee and secured board of Directors approval of project vision and goals in March 2022.

Released a transportation planning services RFP for consultant assistance.

Initiated technical studies pertaining to property boundary delineations, wetland resources, wildlife resources, archeological resources, historic resources and hazardous materials at the Hawthorns Area.

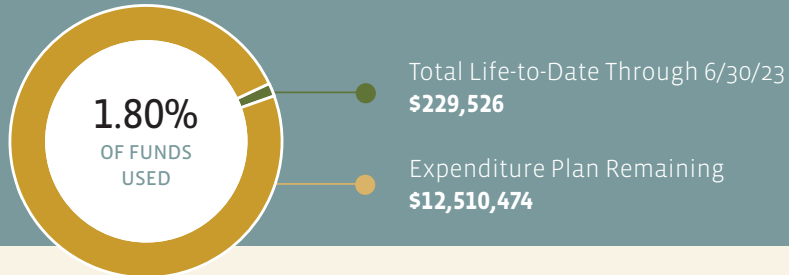
Conducted in-person neighborhood meeting with Town of Portola residents in June 2022.

Worked with the Town of Portola Valley to establish ongoing coordination timeframe and preliminary permit requirements.

Conducted initial evaluation of potential public access programming and feasibility for new parking area and trail.

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Project	Expenditure Plan	Total Through Prior Period 6/30/22	Current Period 7/1/22 Through 6/30/23	Total Life-to-Date Through 6/30/23	Expenditure Plan Remaining	Percent Expended
Total Portfolio Allocation	\$12,740,000					
06-002—Hawthorns Area Plan		\$148,578	\$80,948	\$229,526		
Grand Total	\$12,740,000	\$148,578	\$80,948	\$229,526	\$12,510,474	1.80%



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Prior Years

To explore a possible new partnership to rehabilitate areas of the historic complex, staff initiated scoping and retained consultants to conduct structural assessments of buildings in the Hawthorns Historic Complex.

Completed short-term repairs to the Hawthorns House foundation and temporary roof covering.

Held meetings with Town of Portola Valley and onsite with stakeholders and community members for discussion of permitting approach with Town.

Retained planning consultant to assist with project planning due to vacant Planner III position.

Conducted a parking study to assess site feasibility for a proposed parking area and driveway location.

Completed a cultural resources field survey and assessment report.

Initiated development of public outreach and stakeholder engagement process for site plan project to review with board committee and Town of Portola Valley.

PROJECT CHALLENGES

Historic complex of structures, including the main residence and garage, are in significant disrepair. Long-term re-use options are being studied as part of a separate project and will be on a separate timeline from the Hawthorns Area Plan.

Integration of Midpen's planning and environmental review process with the Town of Portola Valley permitting and public engagement process is complex and requires additional coordination.

POTENTIAL NEXT STEPS

To facilitate the planning of public access improvements at the Hawthorns Area, Midpen is conducting a robust public and stakeholder engagement process to develop conceptual plan alternatives with the input of a board-appointed Public Access Working Group (PAWG) comprised of members of the public and representatives from each of the seven wards. Recommendations from the PAWG will be presented to the Planning and Natural Resources Committee, who would then forward final recommendations to the full board for their consideration of approval. The project team will also maintain close coordination with the Town of Portola Valley throughout this process.