

Do You Support Nature in Parks?

The City of Sacramento, which manages 235 parks with 4,329 acres of parkland, has prepared a Draft Parks Plan (2040). The City is currently accepting comments through April 8th. You can support nature in parks by providing comments using the following link:

<https://survey.alchemer.com/s3/7714617/Sacramento-YPCE-Plan-Comment-Form>



The City has developed a Parks Plan that importantly supports recreational activities for Sacramento's diverse communities. However, it falls short in one of its key goals to bring nature to all City residents. Currently, most City Parks provide only a facade of nature that consists primarily of exotic grasses and trees. However, the City can effectively bring biodiversity to its parks by planting native trees such as oaks in combination with native shrubs and herbaceous plants. Native plants support native birds, bees, butterflies and other wildlife.

In addition, the City contains numerous parks with significant natural areas that are hidden gems of diverse habitat and wildlife that need to be properly managed, conserved and maintained by the City. These include Del Paso Regional Park, Fisherman's Lake, Bannon Creek Parkway, Tretheway Oak Preserve, Sutter's Landing Regional Park, William Chorley Park, Granite Regional Park, Reichmuth Park, and North Laguna Creek Park.

Please ask the City to incorporate information and recommendations into the Draft Parks Plan (2040) from the report: "Campaign for Protecting Natural Areas in the City of Sacramento" prepared by ECOS and the Coalition for Habitat 2020. **This report and its findings are strongly supported by the Sacramento Valley Chapter CNPS and fifteen other local environmental organizations.** Request that the City provide adequate funding and trained staff to support our natural areas and to add and maintain native plantings to our parks.

Thank you for supporting nature in our parks!