

# 2023 ANNUAL REPORT

# America the Beautiful



PARKS AND RECREATION

## OPEN SPACE MANAGEMENT

**GOAL:** Manage 30% of open space and native habitat areas by 2030 using science-based land management actions to build resistant, resilient ecosystems in the Boise Foothills and along the Boise River.

### WHEN WE STARTED

#### FOOTHILLS

848 acres managed out of 5,868 total acres (14.5%)

#### RIVER

79.3 acres managed out of 349 total river corridor acres (22.7%)

**TOTAL: 928 ACRES**  
managed out of 6,217 acres of city property (15%)

### 2023

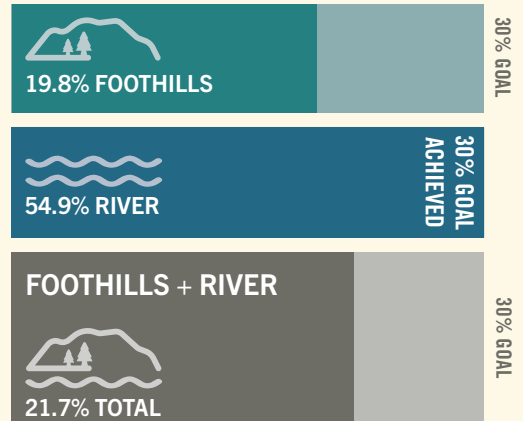
#### FOOTHILLS

1,164.5 acres managed out of 5,896 total acres (19.8%)

#### RIVER

191.7 acres managed out of 349 total river corridor acres (54.9%)

**TOTAL: 1,356 ACRES**  
managed out of 6,243 acres of city property (21.7%)



PESTICIDE REDUCTION PROGRAM

**GOAL:** Increase actively managed native habitat areas in improved park sites by 30% across Boise by 2030.



# FUNDRAISING + RESTORATION

**GOAL:** Raise a total of \$30 million by 2030 to protect more open space and clean water resources and enhance community restoration projects.

THE CITY OF BOISE HAS ACQUIRED MORE THAN 361 ACRES OF PRESERVED OPEN SPACE SINCE 2020. As of December 31, 2023, a balance of \$2.6 million is left in the 2015 Open Space and Clean Water Levy fund.

## \$30 MILLION FUNDRAISING GOAL

- \$20 Million (67%) from 2001 & 2015 levies
- \$60,600 raised in 2023 Ridge to Rivers Heritage Fund donations

# 2023 CONSERVATION PROJECTS



- \$850,000 approved to **PURCHASE AND PRESERVE 1 ACRE OF PROPERTY IN WEST BOISE** for a future park and open space site.
- \$56,644 approved to **CREATE A PUNCTUREVINE (GOATHEAD) ERADICATION MAP** to help combat the invasive plant threat in Boise.
- \$850,000 approved to **CREATE A PEDESTRIAN & BICYCLE STAIRWAY CONNECTION** between Ann Morrison Park and the Boise Bench.
- \$2,063,718 approved to **FUND A 3-ACRE LINEAR PARK ALONG W. GODDARD ROAD** with 2,800 feet of accessible pathways and native habitat gardens.

# ENGAGEMENT + GROWTH



**GOAL:** Grow our engagement opportunities by 30% to provide meaningful environmental experiences for community members.



Boise Parks and Recreation had **2,001 PARTICIPANTS** contribute to projects in 2023.

- **OPEN SPACE PROGRAMS = 7,696 HOURS** (Habitat Restoration, Ridge to Rivers, Weed Warriors)
- **PARK RESOURCE PROGRAMS = 9,383 HOURS** (Bee Watch, Pollinator Posse, Adopt the Greenbelt)

**PARTICIPANT ENGAGEMENT INCREASED 127%** since 2020.



**GOAL:** Through the Elaine Clegg City of Trees Challenge, increase the average tree canopy cover to 30%.

Since 2020, over **16,848 TREES HAVE BEEN PLANTED** in Boise as part of the City of Trees Challenge.

- 1,800 trees were planted in 2023