




FISHERS CANYON

Open Space Master Plan

Engagement & Site Fieldwork
Summary to Date
April 2024



Questions?
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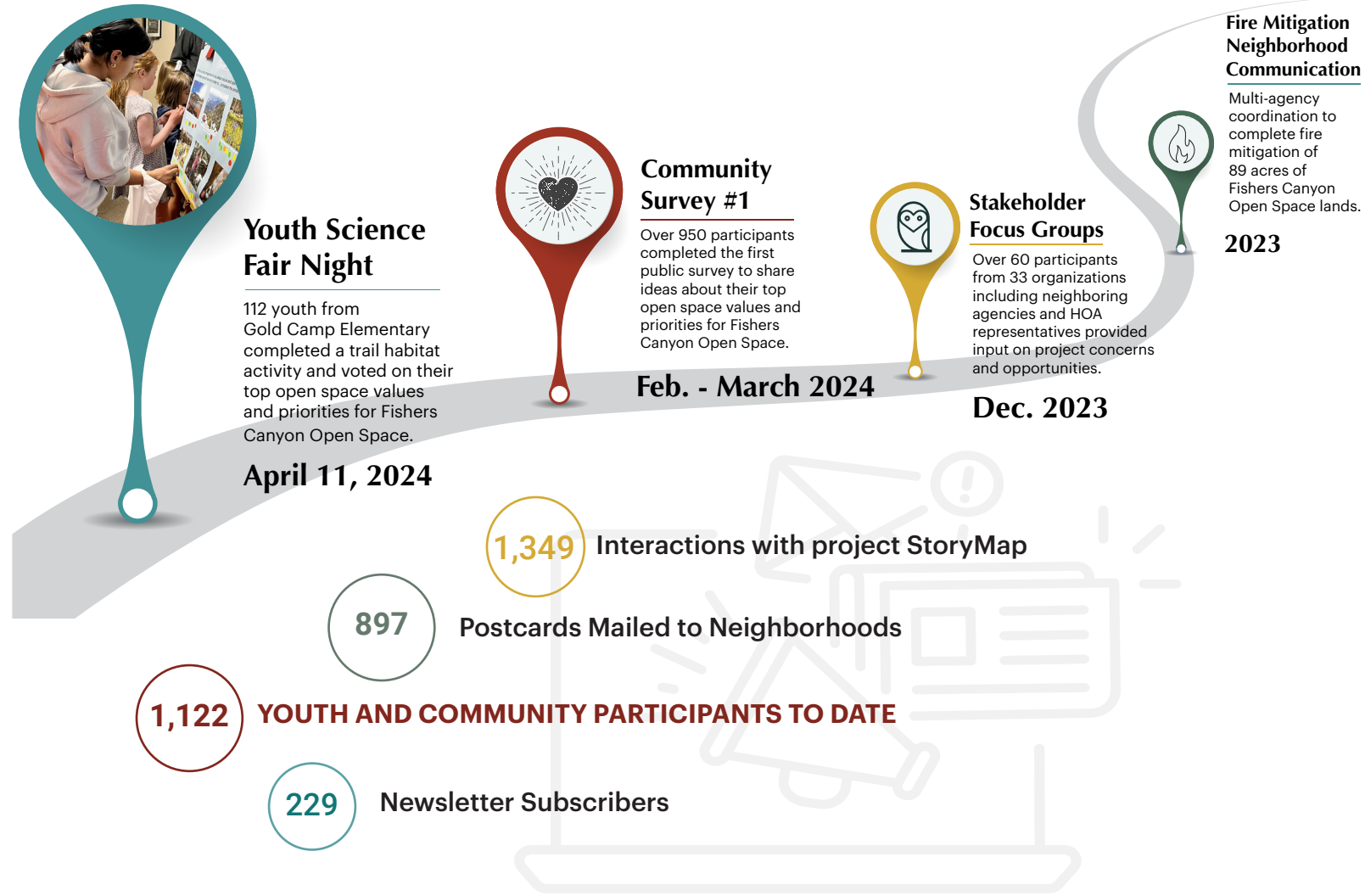


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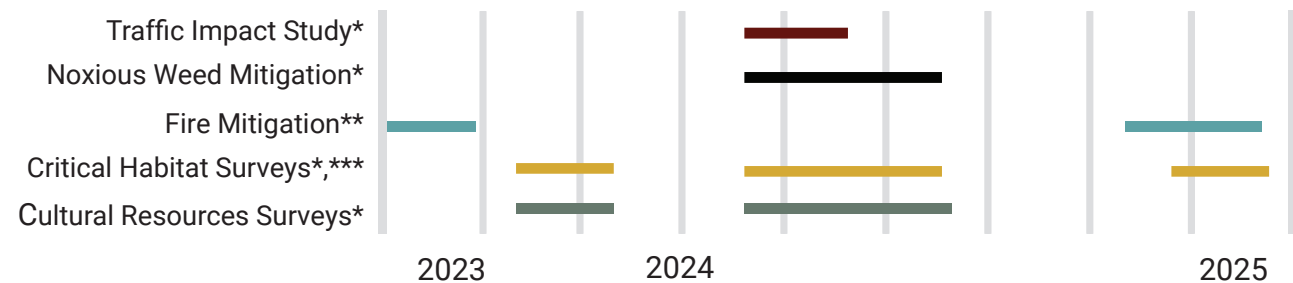
Engagement by the Numbers

To date, the planning team has participated in multiple events and outreach efforts to inform the public of the process. Please visit the website for upcoming engagement opportunities and to sign-up for the project newsletter.



Ongoing Site Fieldwork

In conjunction with engagement, important field work activities are ongoing and will influence potential enhancements to Fishers Canyon Open Space and impact the management plan recommendations. The master and management plan is anticipated to use best-practice, adaptive strategies in order to adjust to change over time in habitat and field conditions and provide sustainable recreation access.



* Timing approximate for 2024-2025 pending weather
 ** Additional mitigation also dependent on funding and grants
 *** The 2025 Critical Habitat Survey is associated with a confirmation survey for the upper elevations/ Fisher's Canyon proper

What We've Heard

The summary below synthesizes the input heard to date from the 1,122 youth, survey and focus group participants. Respondents primarily live in 80906 (neighboring zip code to Fishers Canyon Open Space) with representation from citywide zip codes. Most respondents to the survey ranged in age from 30-65. Youth engagement priorities to ranking questions are called out below.

Top 10 Rated Experiences Desired at Fishers Canyon Open Space



- 1. TOP ANSWER: Hiking only trails***
- Mountain biking directional trails (bike only trails)*
- "Wilderness" experience trails with views*
- Regional connector trails to the summit of Cheyenne Mountain
- Non-motorized, multi-use single track trails
- High-intensity, physically challenging trails*
- Horse trails*
- On-leash dog trails*
- Trails to bouldering or rock-climbing sites*
- Accessible trails*

* Top choices from youth engagement.

Top Rated Community Open Space Values



- 1. TOP ANSWER: Provide access to recreational opportunities like hiking and biking***
- Protect ecosystem health *(youth top priority)
- Protect spaces for solitude and connection to nature
- Provide resilience to disturbance events like wildfire*
- Connect to other trails and public lands
- Protect scenic mountain views*

* Top choices from youth engagement.

Summary of Open-ended Comments and Questions



- Concern over increased traffic and parking
- Site amenity and trail experience requests
- Desire for sustainable recreation access
- Advocate for accessible and low-barrier trails
- Preference for open space to remain undeveloped
- Support for single use trails (especially hiking-only)
- Concern for neighborhood safety
- Concern for risk of human-caused wildfire
- Support for rock climbing, biking and horseback riding trails
- Friction between allowing dogs or not allowing dogs on trails