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Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program (California and Nevada)

The [Lake Tahoe Environmental Improvement Program](#), which has invested over \$2.5 billion in the region, is a partnership of federal, state, and local agencies, private interests, and the Washoe Tribe. It was created to protect and improve the extraordinary natural and recreational resources of the Lake Tahoe Basin. Program partners implement projects that include everything from new bike trails to creek restorations to programs that protect Lake Tahoe from aquatic invasive species and catastrophic wildfire. The program can serve as a good example of how conserving lands and waters can support communities by creating a resilient landscape.

Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act

The [Northwest California Wilderness, Recreation, and Working Forests Act](#), if passed, will protect communities by increasing fire resilience, restore forests and fish habitat, strengthen local economies, enhance recreational opportunities, and protect important wild places on federal lands.

City of South Lake Tahoe, Mayor Pro Tem Devin Middlebrook said, “The America the Beautiful initiative lays out exactly the right approach to restoring biodiversity and combating climate change. Local governments can help achieve the 30x30 goal by enacting smart comprehensive land use and growth management plans.”





Town of Truckee

Truckee River Legacy Trail and Measure R Trail Funding

In Truckee, trails are both popular destinations for year-round recreation as well as important components of the Town's transportation infrastructure. The Town of Truckee has constructed over 21 miles of paved multiuse trails, including the Truckee River Legacy Trail. This trail network connects three of Truckee's major neighborhoods to Downtown Truckee, providing multiple ways for the residents and visitors to commute, access the Truckee River, or enjoy shops and restaurants. Reflecting the importance of trails to the Truckee community, in 2014 voters passed Measure R, a ¼ percent local sales tax to support Town of Truckee trails. These funds support building and maintaining trails in accordance with the long-term vision laid out in the [Truckee Trails and Bikeways Master Plan](#).

Truckee Springs

In June 2021, Truckee Donner Land Trust, in collaboration with the Town of Truckee, completed the acquisition of Truckee Springs, 26 acres of open space along the Truckee River in downtown Truckee. This land provides important riparian and upland habitat and will help protect water quality, and will provide important connections to existing soft surface trails. To provide enhanced public access and connectivity, the Town of Truckee will extend the multiuse Truckee River Legacy Trail westward across the Hilltop development and Truckee Springs, connecting to Highway 89 and Donner Lake. Construction on a new pedestrian bridge crossing the river to West River Street will connect Truckee's historic downtown to Truckee Springs.

Council Member, David Polivy from the Town of Truckee said, "Conservation, greenhouse gas reductions, healthy communities, and economic vitality all go hand in hand in Truckee. With our community's focus on outdoor recreation and getting people out of their vehicles, our success expanding our cross town trail network along with critical river side open space is testament to our Town's commitment to address the issues of today and those for tomorrow. We look forward to pursuing the national goals of President Biden's America the Beautiful Initiative and are aligned in our commitment to support healthy lands and waters in and around our built communities."

