

Nevada Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Conserve Nevada Program Update
Nevada Advisory Board on Outdoor Recreation

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The Conserve Nevada Program (Nevada Conservation and Recreation Fund) is a continuation and renewal of the State's conservation bond program, which has had several iterations since the 1950s including the Question 1 Program (Q1) enacted in 2002. In 2019, this was reauthorized with \$217.5 million in bond authority.

Conserve Nevada supports the conservation and enhancement of Nevada's natural, cultural, and recreational resources with funding awards to public and private projects that benefit all Nevadans and visitors.





Conserve Nevada

\$145 Million in funding allocated to program partners by the Nevada Legislature

\$30 million to Nevada Division of State Parks:

- Acquisition of property related to state parks and recreation.
- Planning, design, and construction related to state parks.

\$30 million to Nevada Department of Wildlife:

- Acquisition of property for the protection and management of habitat or for recreation improvements related to wildlife.
- Renovation of wildlife facilities like Nevada's Wildlife Management Areas.

\$30 million to Nevada Division of Museums and History:

- Planning, design, and construction of Nevada's museums.

\$30 million to Las Vegas Springs Preserve:

- Supports the Preserve's design, planning, and construction.
- Construction of buildings and other facilities.



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\$145 Million in funding allocated to partners by the Nevada Legislature (continued)

\$10 million to Clark County Wetlands Park/Lower Las Vegas Wash:

- Construction of park infrastructure and wetlands improvements.
- Acquisition and development of land for park.

\$10 million to Clark County for the Las Vegas Valley Rim Trail:

- Supports Las Vegas's 100-mile trail network through construction, design, and planning of trails and trail infrastructure.

\$5 Million to Nevada Division of State Lands: Historic Buildings:

- Preservation, adaptive use, and restoration of historic buildings.
- \$2 million allocated to the restoration of the Caliente Rail Depot.

Regional Competitive Grants:

Lake Tahoe Path System

\$5 million for grants to Douglas County, Washoe County, Carson City, or local governments located within those counties to enhance the Lake Tahoe Path System.

Carson & Truckee River Corridor

\$10 million for grants to state agencies, local governments, water conservancy districts, conservation districts, and nonprofit organizations or subdivisions thereof to enhance and restore the Carson & Truckee River Corridors and watersheds.



\$57.5 Million in Competitive Grants



Outdoor Recreation

To design, plan, and/or construct recreational facilities, campsites, trails, and trailhead infrastructure.



Government Property Acquisition

To acquire interest in land or water for habitat protection, historic/cultural value, environmental protection, or recreation.



Sagebrush Ecosystem Credits

To acquire and retire credits that support the protection, enhancement, or restoration of sagebrush ecosystems.



Wildfire Mitigation/Restoration

Projects to create resilient landscapes by reducing the threat of catastrophic wildfire and improve ecological health.



Wetland Projects

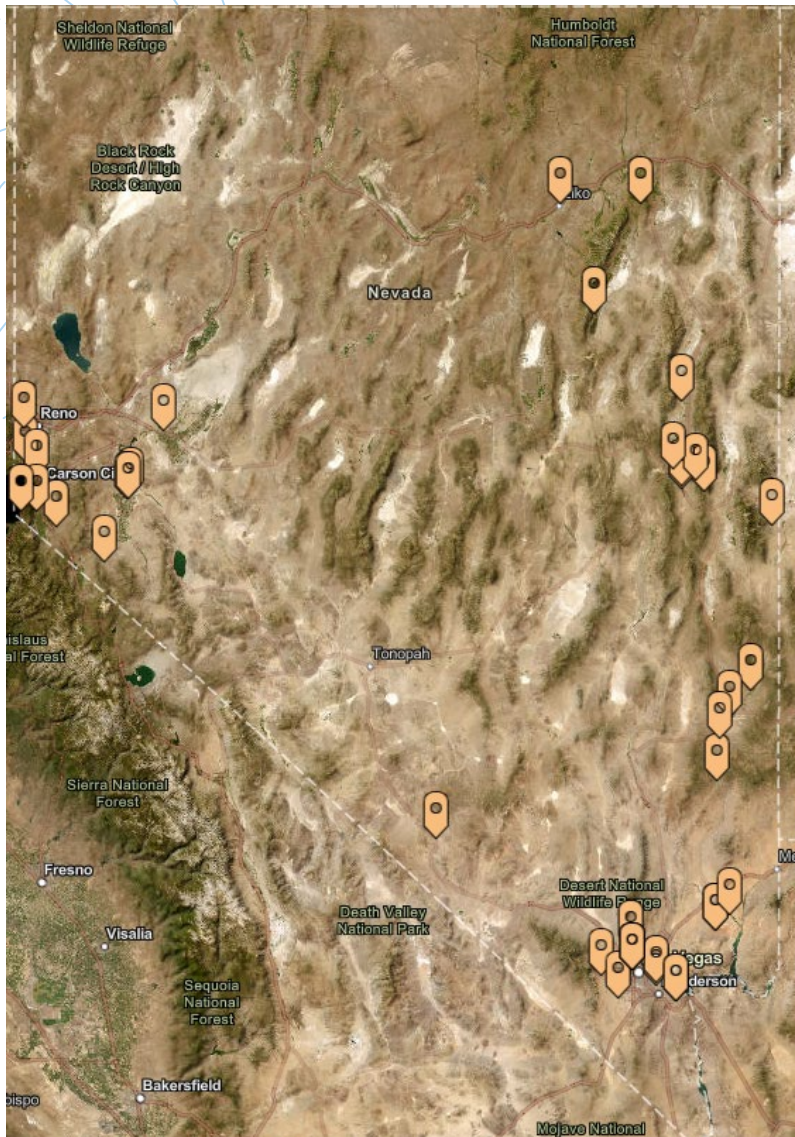
Projects that support the inventory, enhancement, and restoration of Nevada's wetland environments.



Nonprofit Property Acquisitions

Agreements under which a nonprofit may acquire land or water for habitat, historical/cultural value, or environmental protection.

Eligible entities include state agencies, local governments, water conservancy districts, conservation districts, and nonprofit organizations. A minimum 10% Match is required (in-kind match is allowed). Awards must be spent within 3 years of bond issuance. Project must have a lifespan of at least 20 years.



[More than 21 projects currently active](#)

Conserve Nevada

Supporting conservation and recreation in all of Nevada's counties:

- Over 100 miles of new recreational trails.
- More than 53,400 acres conserved for recreation and conservation.
- Improvements to all of Nevada's State Parks.
- Enhancements throughout Nevada's Wildlife Management Areas.
- Projects supporting recreation and conservation in all of Nevada's counties.
- Every dollar of state funds spent leverages nearly ten in partner funds.
- Supports Nevada's outdoor recreation economy.
- Check out this video of past projects: <https://youtu.be/rOdBlkJwN0w>

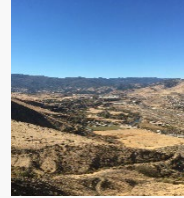
Current Grant Awards

Supporting conservation and recreation across the Silver State



Monte Neva Paintbrush Conservation

Monte Neva Paintbrush is an endangered plant. This acquisition will protect the species and provide recreational resources at the 160-acre Monte Neva Resort historic site.



Washoe County Canepa Ranch Trailhead Development

Construction of a trailhead at Canepa Ranch adjacent to the Truckee River. The trailhead will provide public access to the Truckee River and adjacent public lands.



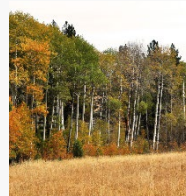
Carson Valley Conservation District Genoa Phase 4 River Restoration

This project will conduct critical bank stabilization and channel maintenance on 2.86 miles of the Carson River.



RMEF South Schell's Land Acquisition

Rocky Mountain Elk Foundation (RMEF) has partnered with the Nevada Department of Wildlife (NDOW) to purchase 1,720 acres in the Schell Creek Mountains for habitat conservation.



Nevada Land Trust Eastern Sierra Nevada Project

Establish three conservation easements to protect forest health and prime wildlife habitat totaling ~ 500 acres



Henderson Bird Viewing Preserve

Project would repave 2 miles of existing trails and add new trails to increase accessibility. Project includes remediation of invasive plant species which will restore and maintain the ecosystem.

Storm-OV Beatty Trail Development



Project is planning, developing, and constructing 65-miles of trail around Beatty, NV. This will provide miles of world-class singletrack mountain biking trail.

Douglas County Fairgrounds Master Plan



This project will create a master plan to include site analysis, circulation and phasing of fairgrounds development. Project will include outdoor recreation facility development and recreation plan for access to public lands.

National Forest Foundation Tahoe Meadows Boardwalk



Reconstruction of the Upper Meadows Loop Trail in the Tahoe Meadows. This is the most visited trail on the Carson Ranger District with approximately 100-200 visitors a day.

Mason Valley WMA Tamarisk Treatment



This project, conducted by the Mason Valley Conservation District, will inventory, map, and treat, tamarisk at the MVWMA. Tamarisk (salt cedar) is a noxious weed that consumes 200 to 300 gallons of water per day.

SNMBA Red Rock Trail Development



Southern Nevada Mountain Biking Association (SNMBA) is working to support the formal adoption of 101.5 miles of recreation trails at RRCNCA.

Tahoe East Shore Trail Thunderbird to Secret Harbor



Project includes design and construction of 0.9 miles of trail and trailhead improvements including parking at Chimney Beach (~130 spaces) and Secret Harbor (~120 spaces).

TCF Leslie Steamboat Buckwheat Acquisition



Project would acquire Steamboat Buckwheat habitat to protect this endangered species. The project has multiple partners to leverage recreation and conservation opportunities.

Major Projects Across Nevada

Protecting and enhancing Nevada's natural and cultural resources.



Valley of Fire Visitors Center

Construction of a new world class visitors center for Valley of Fire State Park. Receiving ~1 million visitors a year. This park is world-renowned for its 40,000 acres of red Aztec sandstone, petrified trees, and petroglyphs.



Boulder City Railroad Museum & Visitors Center

Construction of a 9,700 square-foot visitors center and railroad museum. The new Visitor's Center will be the gateway to Boulder City. Future phases will include a linear park and exhibit hall.



Springs Preserve OriGen Remodel

The OriGen remodel project will transform the museum complex into an innovative, highly immersive visitor experience, including a comprehensive Colorado River Exhibition and hands-on Science of Center.

The Governor's recommended budget makes a historic investment in Nevada's \$8.1 billion-dollar outdoor recreation economy

This \$63.4 Million dollar investment will support conservation, recreation, and economic development across the Silver State.



Supporting Conservation & Recreation

Leveraging bond dollars to support Nevada

- \$25.4 Million** : Springs Preserve OriGen Museum remodel
- \$20 Million** : Conserve Nevada competitive grants
- \$2 Million** : Lake Tahoe East Shore Trail Spooner to Sand Harbor
- \$1 Million** : Vegas Valley Rim Trail planning & design
- \$2 Million** : Clark County Wetlands Park- Wetlands Loop Trail
- \$5 Million** : Nevada Department of Wildlife statewide projects
- \$5 Million** : Nevada Division of State Parks statewide projects
- \$3 Million** : Nevada Division of Museums & History statewide projects.





“Nevada’s conservation bond program has been pivotal in preserving and restoring the state’s natural and cultural resources for over two decades.” – Director James Settelmeyer

THANK YOU

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