

## **NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT A MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION FOR THE FOOTHILL TRAIL MASTER PLAN PROJECT**

**NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN** that the Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD) has completed an Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration for the proposed Foothill Trail Master Plan Project in accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act.

**Project Location:** The project site consists of a proposed trail alignment that extends a total of approximately 8 miles from Grove Way just east and uphill at Foothill Boulevard to Industrial Parkway and the Mission Hills Golf Course in the City of Hayward, Alameda County, California.

**Proposed Project:** The proposed Draft Foothill Trail Master Plan describes the vision and establishes the important characteristics for a trail to be developed along the Foothill/Mission Boulevard corridor in unincorporated Alameda County and the City of Hayward. The Draft Master Plan is a comprehensive, long-term planning document that is intended to guide the future development of the trail. Specific trail segments would be constructed incrementally and by various entities (e.g., private developers, Hayward Area Recreation and Park District (HARD), Alameda County, and the City of Hayward) throughout implementation of the Master Plan. The Draft Master Plan refines and adjusts the Foothill Trail corridor, as defined in the City of Hayward Zoning Code and identifies recommended trail standards including trail design typologies, trail surfaces, street crossings, seating, lighting, fencing, wayfinding, and public art.

**Findings:** The Initial Study prepared by HARD was undertaken for the purpose of deciding whether the proposed project may have a significant effect on the environment. On the basis of the Initial Study, HARD staff has concluded that the proposed project will not have a significant effect on the environment and, therefore, has prepared a Mitigated Negative Declaration.

**Public Review:** The IS/MND is available for review online at:  
<https://www.haywardrec.org/1942/Foothill-Trails-Master-Plan>.

Written comments will be accepted from **August 20, 2021 to September 20, 2021**. Comments from all Responsible Agencies and interested parties are requested. Any person wishing to comment on the Draft IS/MND must submit written comments to the following:

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