



**NOTICE OF INTENT TO ADOPT
AN INITIAL STUDY/MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

NOTICE is hereby given that the City of Walnut Creek, within the State of California intends to adopt the Initial Study/Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the project described below.

TITLE: Walnut Creek Flow Trail Project

LOCATION: The project is located in the southern section of Lime Ridge Open Space just southeast of Boundary Oak Golf Course in western Walnut Creek, Contra Costa County, California. The study area is comprised of approximately 11.65-acres. The trail would begin near the Paraiso Trail's junction with the Manzanita Trail, wind through the low rolling hills, be coterminous with the Timberleaf Trail for approximately 380 feet, and end at the Ohlone trailhead located at the eastern end of Valley Vista Road near the Boundary Oak Golf Course, for a total linear distance of approximately 1.6 miles.

Assessor Parcel Number (APN): 135-021-008

GENERAL DESCRIPTION The City proposes the Walnut Creek Flow Trail Project to construct a recreational flow trail for mountain bikers in the Lime Ridge Open Space. The recreation area is currently used for cattle grazing, horseback riding, hiking, and biking. Mountain bikers have been creating informal trails through sensitive habitats to create a flow trail experience, thus the proposal is to create a mountain bike flow trail in less sensitive habitat that meets the terrain-induced, biking experience with little pedaling and braking necessary that mountain bikers are seeking. The proposed trail would be designated as one way down only for bikes and would remain open for all users. Mountain bikers would be directed to travel uphill on existing trails to start at the eastern trailhead, which would begin near the Paraiso Trail's junction with the Manzanita Trail. The dirt trail would measure a minimum of 2-feet and a maximum of 4-feet in width with a 5-10 foot wildfire buffer on either side and constructed primarily with hand tools and volunteers.

REVIEW: The review period for the IS/MND begins on August 30, 2023 and ends on October 16, 2023. The IS/MND may be reviewed at the City of Walnut Creek-Public Works Office, 1666 North Main Street, Walnut Creek, CA 94596. The document is also available on the City's website at the following location: www.walnut-creek.org. Comments during the review period regarding the adequacy of the environmental review should be directed to:

Mike Vickers, Public Works Manager
City of Walnut Creek Public Works Department
1666 North Main Street
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Comments may also be submitted electronically via email to vickers@walnut-creek.org. No public hearing will be held for the proposed project.

Signed:

Date: 8/30/2023

Title: Mike Vickers, Public Works Manager