

CPRS District 2
Recreation, Park and Leisure

2012 Hall of Honor
Regional Treasure Category
The American River Parkway
Sacramento Region

In recognition of the American River Parkway as a Collaborative Regional Treasure, rich in history, and serving the recreation, health, education, economic and spiritual needs of three generations living, working and playing in the Sacramento region. The Parkway stretches 31 and one half miles from the confluence of the American and Sacramento Rivers to Beal's Point in Folsom Lake State Recreation Area. It preserves almost 5,000 acres of parkland combining developed and natural areas adjacent to the river through a largely metropolitan area with a population of more than 1.3 million people. Recreation use today is estimated at 8 million visits per year; the Lower American is the most heavily used river for recreation in California and is a federally protected Wild & Scenic River. Numerous destinations within the Parkway: Discovery Park, Nimbus Fish Hatchery, Sacramento State Aquatic Center, Jedediah Smith Memorial Trail, Bike Trail, Effie Yeaw Nature, Ancil Hoffman Park, River Bend Park, William Pond Park, Sutter's Landing, Hagan Park, Soil Born Farms, Elderberry Farms Natural Nursery.

Visionaries

Elmer Aldrich
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Parkway Manager

Sacramento County Board of Supervisors
Sacramento County Department of Regional Parks
Sacramento County Recreation and Parks Commission
American River Parkway Advisory Committee

Partner Jurisdictional Agencies

American River Flood Control District
State of California
California Department of Transportation
California State Parks
California State Department of Fish and Game
California State University, Sacramento
City of Folsom
City of Rancho Cordova
City of Sacramento
Cordova Recreation and Park District
County of Sacramento, Departments of Transportation & Water Resources
Fair Oaks Recreation and Park District
Lower American River Task Force
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
National Park Service
Reclamation District 1000
Sacramento Area Flood Control Agency
Sac Metro Fire
State of California
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers
U.S. Bureau of Reclamation
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Agency

American River Parkway Coalition

Founding Coalition Partners

Save the American River Association (SARA) was founded in 1961 to establish the American River Parkway and continues in the role of the advocate for the protection and preservations of what is often called “the crown jewel” of Sacramento.

The American River Natural History Association (ARNHA) supports educational and interpretive activities in the American River Parkway, and is responsible for the operations and funding of the Effie Yeaw Nature Center and the 77-acre Preserve that surrounds it.

The American River Parkway Foundation supports the preservation, protection, enhancement, and appreciation of the American River Parkway by fostering environmental stewardship, facilitating volunteer opportunities, and funding and implementing Parkway projects and programs.

Coalition Program Partners

The Effie Yeaw Nature Center is dedicated to bringing awareness of the beauty and diversity of the natural world to children, families, and the community through education initiatives that foster appreciation, enjoyment, and stewardship of the unique natural and cultural resources of the Sacramento region.

Soil Born Farms is a nationally recognized center for the promotion of urban agriculture, sustainable food systems and healthy food education. The two urban farm programs are on 40 plus acres located within the American River Parkway. The programs focus on promoting health and providing experiential learning opportunities for youth and adults, producing healthy food, improving access to healthy food for all and modeling land and environmental stewardship.

California Native Plant Society-Sacramento Region-Elderberry Farms Native Plant Nursery works to protect California’s native plant heritage and preserve it for future generations. It promotes native plant appreciation, research, education and conservation through five statewide programs and 33 regional chapters in California. The Elderberry Farms Nursery is a non-profit nursery that supplies organically grown native plants for the American River Parkway and other community parks and schools. Currently there are no other non-profit native plant nurseries in the Sacramento Region.

Stakeholders

Audubon Society
American River Parkway Plan Update Citizens Advisory Committee
American River Parkway Volunteer Equestrian Trail Patrol
Buffalo Chips Running Club
California Fly Fishers Unlimited
California Native Plant Society
Eppie's Great Race Foundation
Friends of the Riverbanks
Friends of Sutter's Landing
Grassroots Working Group
Rex Ride
River City Paddlers
Rotary District 5180
Sacramento Area Bicycle Advocates
Sacramento Bike Hikers
Sacramento Fit American River Parkway Half Marathon
Sacramento-Metropolitan Chamber of Commerce
Sacramento Valley Conservancy
Sacramento Walking Sticks
Sacramento Wheelmen
School of Light, Fair Oaks
Sierra Club