

HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND  
**APPLICATION**

OCTOBER 3, 2016

GRAND TERRACE  
**BLUE MOUNTAIN**

Trail and Trailhead Development



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**GRANT APPLICATION**

**Grand Terrace Blue Mountain  
Trail and Trailhead Development**

October 2016

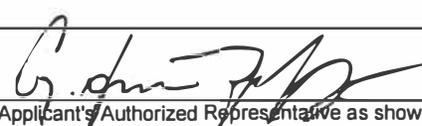


Prepared for  
**CALIFORNIA DEPT. OF PARKS AND RECREATION  
HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND**

Applicant  
**CITY OF GRAND TERRACE**

**CALIFORNIA WILDLIFE PROTECTION ACT OF 1990  
HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND GRANT PROGRAM  
PROJECT APPLICATION FORM**

**TRAILS CATEGORY**

PROJECT NAME  <b>Grand Terrace Blue Mountain Trail and Trailhead Development</b>		Grant Request Amount \$ <u>225,000.00</u>
		Required Match Amount \$ <u>289,950.00</u>
		TOTAL PROJECT COST \$ <u>514,950.00</u>
GRANT APPLICANT (agency and address, include zip code) <b>City of Grand Terrace 22795 Barton Rd. Grand Terrace, CA 92313</b>	COUNTY <b>San Bernardino</b>	
	PROJECT ADDRESS (OR NEAREST CITY) <b>Grand Terrace, CA</b>	
	NEAREST CROSS STREET <b>Observation Street and Van Buren Street</b>	
APPLICATION CONTACT PERSON <b>G. Harold Duffey, City Manager</b> hduffey@grandterrace-ca.gov      (909) 824-6621 x 240		
Name (typed or printed) and Title      Email Address      Phone      Fax		
PERSON WITH DAY-TO-DAY RESPONSIBILITIES FOR PROJECT IF DIFFERENT FROM AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE		
Name (typed or printed) and Title      Email Address      Phone      Fax		
GRANT APPLICANT'S REPRESENTATIVE AUTHORIZED IN RESOLUTION		
<b>G. Harold Duffey, City Manager</b> hduffey@grandterrace-ca.gov      (909) 842-6621 x 240		
Name (typed or printed) and Title      Email Address      Phone      Fax		
For acquisition projects, project land will be  _____ Acres to be acquired in fee simple by applicant.  _____ Acres to be acquired as permanent easement  (explain): _____  _____	For enhancement or restoration projects, land tenure is:  <b>20.00</b> _____ Acres owned in fee simple by applicant.  _____ Recordation number(s) (attach additional sheet if necessary)  _____ Acres available under a _____ year lease.  _____ Acres other interest (explain): _____  _____	
GRANT SCOPE: I represent and warrant that this APPLICATION PACKET describes the intended use of the requested GRANT to complete the RECREATION FEATURES and MAJOR SUPPORT AMENITIES listed in the attached GRANT SCOPE/Cost Estimate Form. I declare under penalty of perjury, under the laws of the State of California, that the information contained in this APPLICATION PACKET, including required attachments, is accurate.		
SIGNED		DATE <b>9/28/2016</b>
	Grant Applicant's Authorized Representative as shown in Resolution	
NAME	<b>G. Harold Duffey, City Manager</b>	

### **Project Completion Schedule**

*Provide a project completion schedule that includes the proposed project's key milestones, including the following (as applicable):*

- Partner agreements – Partner agreements with the CCC, CalCC and the Grand Terrace School District will be in place by 6/2017
- Non land-tenure leases or agreements - the Easement agreement will be signed by all parties and adopted during the October 11, 2016 City of Grand Terrace Council Meeting
- Permits – All permits will be issued by the city by 6/2017
- Construction beginning and end dates –
  - Design will begin 10/2017 through 3/2018
  - Construction will begin 4/2017 through 8/2017

### **Site Plan**

Attached map

### **Topographic Map**

Attached map

### **Project Location Map**

Attached map

### **Acquisition Schedule**

N/A

### **County Assessor's Parcel Map and Willing Seller Letter**

This is not applicable as this is not an acquisition project.

### **Project Summary**

The City of Grand Terrace proposes the Blue Mountain Access Trail and Trailhead project to accomplish three goals: (1) to provide legal and safe access to the Blue Mountain Trail in the City of Grand Terrace, (2) to open up this area as a nature center, and eventual wilderness park, to the residents and visitors of the region, and (3) to provide the City of Grand Terrace the future opportunity to create an educational curriculum to inform school children and the broader community of the existing ecosystem in the project area.

Named for the blue lupine flowers that grow in the spring, the Blue Mountain is the heart of the City of Grand Terrace's identity and the centerpiece to the City's Master Plan to connect to a network of trails and nature centers in the region including the Santa Ana River Trail. Grand Terrace has been nicknamed the Blue Mountain City due to the peak's impressive profile, rising above the east end of town. Blue Mountain sticks up from the flat plains of the Inland Empire, encompassing San Bernardino and Riverside counties, providing a good workout and nice views of the city and local mountains.

Currently residents and visitors access the trail through private property twice a year, once on New Year's Day and once in March during an organized community event sponsored by the City and the Friends of the Blue Mountain. Annually, 800-1,000 children and families participate in the annual hike (see attached article and flyer). The remainder of the year, access to the trail

remains closed to the public; however, hikers continue to hike the Blue Mountain Trail as the trail itself remains open to the public.

The Friends of Blue Mountain has implemented a grassroots effort to make the area accessible and with the City are working to designate 500 acres as a wilderness park. To provide legal access to the Blue Mountain Trail and wilderness area, the City intends to build a trailhead and access trail on city-owned property at the intersection of Observation and Van Buren Streets.

## Project Proposal

### *1. Threat or Need (20 points/15 points)*

The need for this project is three-fold, (1) is to provide legal and safe access the Blue Mountain Trail in the City of Grand Terrace, (2) to open up this areas as a nature center, and eventual wilderness park, to the residents and visitors of the region, and (3) to provide the City of Grand Terrace the future opportunity to create an educational curriculum to inform school children and the broader community of the existing ecosystem in the project area.

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### *2. Meeting the Threat or Need (15 points)*

Creating the access trail and trailhead will meet the need of the city, residents and visitors by opening this wilderness and nature center up to the public for generations to come. The City plans to build a trailhead which will include off-street parking made from decomposed granite, public restroom facilities, benches and tables, a hydration station, a doggie station and interpretive elements to inform visitors about the local ecosystem and geography.

In addition, the City has future plans to create a curriculum that will meet state education standards and be of interest to the general public to turn the Blue Mountain Trail and interpretive elements into a living classroom.

### *3. Site Access (10 points)*

As explained above, visitors do not have legal access to the Blue Mountain Trail currently; however, with an easement agreement in perpetuity from the property owner to build the access trail combined with the City-owned property, the City will be able to create a nature center/wilderness park that will remain accessible to the public for generations to come.

### *4. Stakeholders (10 points)*

Stakeholders supporting this project include community residents, Friends of the Blue Mountain (see letter of support), the local Sierra Club Chapter (see letter of support) and the school district with the goal of partnering with the City to create the above mentioned education curriculum.

As recently as June 2016, the City, along with a MIG landscape architect and design consultant, hosted a community meeting/workshop (see attached article) with community stakeholders and community groups to provide input to inform the project design and desired outcomes. As a result, MIG has created a site plan (attached) that demonstrates the community's needs and wishes for this project.

### *5. Applicant Capacity (15 points)*

The applicant has the political will as well as the capacity to build this project as proposed as demonstrated by the inclusion of this project in the City's general plan, draft EIR to the general plan dated January 2010 and their parks plan. The City has earmarked their Quimby Act funds as a match for this project in addition to labor and services to demonstrate their commitment to making this project come to fruition.

### *6. Connections (10 points)*

This project is part of a larger regional plan to connect the Blue Mountain Trail with the Santa Ana River trail which includes the partnership of the City of Grand Terrace, City of Colton, and San Bernardino and Riverside Counties. This connection will create a wilderness/nature center that will encompass the region, not just the Blue Mountain which includes a diverse ecosystem and eco-history.

### *7. Sustainable Design (10 points)*

The design of the access trail will be an all-natural path to match the existing trail as seen in the attached photos. In addition, the plant pallet for the trailhead will include native, drought-tolerant trees and shrubs to ensure survivability in the Southern California high-desert climate as well as minimize impact on water supply. The parking area will include decomposed granite and fencing made from recycled or natural materials such as reused railroad ties, metal cabling and/or recycled wood product, and the rest area lighting may include solar powered light standards.

### *8. Interpretive Opportunities (5 points)*

The project design has incorporated interpretive elements that will be installed at the trailhead and at the peak of the Blue Mountain which will inform visitors about the ecosystem present in

the area, eco-history of the area and highlight points of interest seen from the peak. These interpretive elements will tie-in with the education curriculum the City and school district will create in order to inspire today's youth to be the future stewards of the Blue Mountain, its trail and its ecosystem.

#### *9. Trial Plan (5 points)*

The access trail will include one mile of natural path and connect to the Blue Mountain trail as demonstrated on the attached proposed project and site maps.

#### *10. Conservation Corps Involvement (5 points)*

The California Conservation Corps and the Local Certified Conservation Corps have indicated their support and ability to participate in this project by providing assistance with the access trail construction and plantings at the trailhead/rest area.

#### **Leases or Agreements**

The City owns the land on which the trailhead will be built and the owner of the land on which the access trail will be built has provided an easement agreement in perpetuity which will be signed and adopted by the Grand Terrace City Council during the October 11, 2016 Council Meeting. (See attached draft easement agreement)

#### **Required Regulatory Permits**

Provide a list of existing and additional required permits, the status of each, and indicate when permit approval is expected. Examples include:

- State Lands Commission
- San Francisco Bay Conservation and Development Commission
- Fish and Game Permits
- Army Corps of Engineers

#### **Land Management Plan for project lands previously acquired with hcf funds**

If the APPLICANT proposes a PROJECT on land that was previously acquired with HCF funds, describe the management plan for those PROJECT lands. The plan should include efforts to reasonably reduce possible conflicts with neighboring land use and landowners, including agriculturalists.

This project does not include land that was previously acquired with HCF funds. However, the City intends to partner with the local conservation corps to care for and maintain the project area for life.

#### **Photos of Project Site**

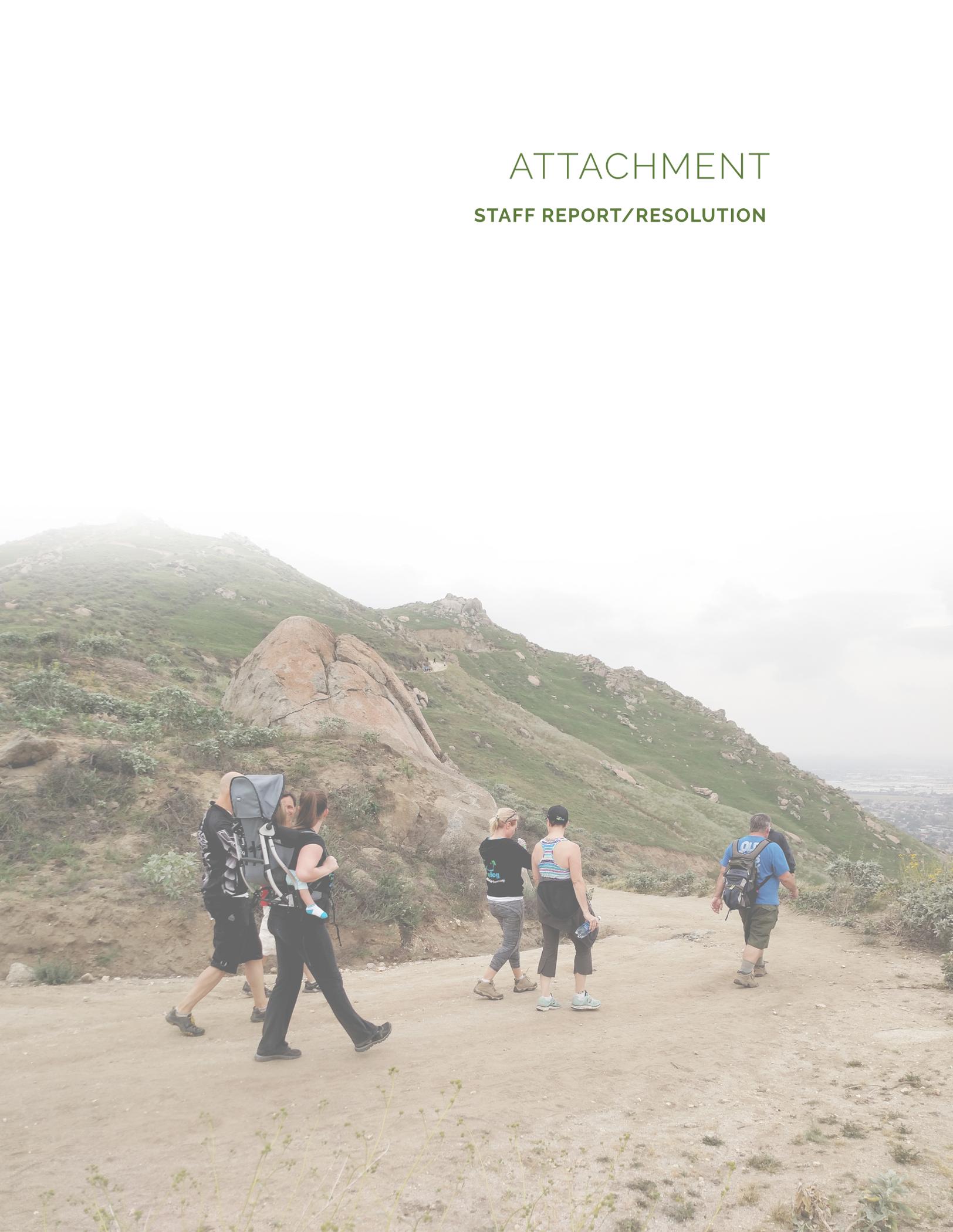
See attached.

#### **Conservation Corps Involvement, Instructions, and Form**

See attached forms.

# ATTACHMENT

## STAFF REPORT/RESOLUTION





# AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: September 27, 2016 *Council Item*

TITLE: Adoption of a Resolution to apply for, and accept if awarded, funds from the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Habitat Conservation Fund

PRESENTED BY: G. Harold Duffey, City Manager

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt a RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING STAFF TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND TO BUILD TRAILHEAD AMENITIES ON CITY OWNED LAND AT THE CORNER OF OBSERVATION AND VAN BUREN

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## **2030 VISION STATEMENT:**

This Project supports the City's 2030 Vision Plan, Goal #4. Develop and Implement Successful Partnerships - Work Collaboratively with Community Groups, Private and Public Sector Agencies to Facilitate the Delivery of Services Benefiting Youth, Seniors and Our Community Work with Local, Regional and State Agencies to Secure Funding for Programs and Projects.

## **BACKGROUND:**

The Blue Mountain and the Blue Mountain Trail is the cornerstone of the City's Identity as well as a regional nature center for recreation for children and their families. The City, along with the Friends of Blue Mountain, have been working toward developing a trailhead to provide visitor amenities including restroom facilities, hydration stations, interpretive elements, off-street parking, lighting and benches.

The California Department of Parks and Recreation's Office of Grants and Local Services (OGALS) administers the state-funded Habitat Conservation Fund (HCF) grant program which allocates approximately \$2 million each year to cities, counties, and districts. Established by the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990 (Proposition 117), HCF provides funds to local entities to protect threatened species, to address wildlife corridors, to create trails, and to provide for nature interpretation programs which bring urban residents into park and wildlife areas.

The Blue Mountain Trailhead project is an eligible project for funding through the HCF program and the City is an eligible applicant.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Blue Mountain Trailhead Project will create safe access to the Blue Mountain Trail at the Observation and Van Buren and minimize parking and traffic impact on the immediately adjacent neighborhood.

In addition, the HCF Program encourages applicants to develop partnerships or cooperative agreements with such entities as federal, state, and local parks, non-profit organizations, local business groups, and schools, to maximize project opportunities and funding strategies. As a result, this project will provide the City the opportunity to engage residents and neighbors to take ownership and pride in their community and the project. In addition, the City can work with local businesses to create an economic opportunity in promoting the completed trailhead once completed. Finally, the project will provide the opportunity to create curriculum that will meet state education standards and open the Blue Mountain Trail and ecosystem to local students as a living classroom.

The application process requires an adopted resolution by the lead applicant's governing body which demonstrates to the State that the City Council:

1. Approves the filing of an application for the Habitat Conservation Fund Program; and
2. Certifies that said applicant has or will have available, prior to commencement of any work on the project included in this application, the required match and sufficient funds to complete the project; and
3. Certifies that the applicant has or will have sufficient funds to operate and maintain the project(s), and
4. Certifies that the applicant has reviewed, understands, and agrees to the provisions contained in the contract shown in the Grant Administration Guide; and
5. Delegates the authority to the Grand Terrace City Manager, or designee, to conduct all negotiations, execute and submit all documents, including, but not limited to applications, agreements, amendments, payment requests and so on, which may be necessary for the completion of the project; and
6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

If funded, the project will require a dollar-for-dollar from local, private, non-State sources. Eligible match sources include local, federal, or private funds, or donated materials and services. The City can fulfill the required match with in-kind City services, labor and equipment necessary to build the proposed trailhead amenities. Staff anticipates use of some Park and Open Space Mitigation Fees (Quimby Fees) to cover the dollar-for-dollar contribution. The Fund had \$303,395 fund balance as of June 30, 2015 and is expected to increase to approximately \$700,000 by June 30, 2017.

**ATTACHMENTS:**

- 2016 CC Resolution - HCF Grant (DOCX)

**APPROVALS:**

G. Harold Harold Duffey	Completed	09/21/2016 6:20 PM
City Attorney	Completed	09/22/2016 11:55 AM
Finance	Completed	09/22/2016 2:55 PM
City Manager	Completed	09/22/2016 1:09 PM
City Council	Completed	09/27/2016 6:00 PM

<b>RESULT:</b>	<b>APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]</b>
<b>MOVER:</b>	Jackie Mitchell, Council Member
<b>SECONDER:</b>	Doug Wilson, Council Member
<b>AYES:</b>	McNaboe, Robles, Mitchell, Wilson, Hussey

RESOLUTION NO: 2016-39

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING  
STAFF TO APPLY FOR A GRANT FROM THE HABITAT  
CONSERVATION FUND TO BUILD TRAILHEAD  
AMENITIES ON CITY OWNED LAND AT THE CORNER  
OF OBSERVATION AND VAN BUREN

WHEREAS, the people of the State of California have enacted the California Wildlife Protection Act of 1990, which provides funds to the State of California for grants to local agencies to acquire, enhance, restore or develop facilities for public recreation and fish and wildlife habitat protection purposes; and

WHEREAS, the State Department of Parks and Recreation has been delegated the responsibility for the administration of the HCF Program, setting up necessary procedures governing project application under the HCF Program; and

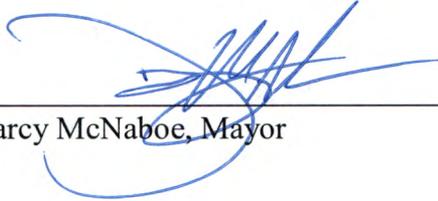
WHEREAS, said procedures established by the State Department of Parks and Recreation require the applicant to certify by resolution the approval of application(s) before submission of said application(s) to the State; and

WHEREAS, the applicant will enter into a contract with the State of California to complete the project(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Grand Terrace City Council hereby:

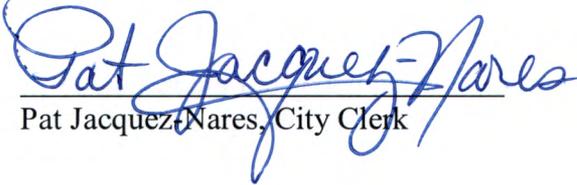
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6. Agrees to comply with all applicable federal, state and local laws, ordinances, rules, regulations and guidelines.

Passed, Approved and Adopted the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Darcy McNaboe, Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Pat Jacquez-Nares, City Clerk

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Richard L. Adams II, City Attorney

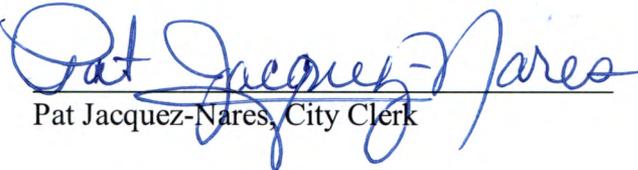
I PAT JACQUEZ-NARES, CITY CLERK, HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing resolution was duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Grand Terrace, California, at a regular meeting held on the 27<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2016, by the following vote:

AYES: Council Members Hussey, Wilson, Mitchell, Mayor Pro Tem Robles, Mayor McNaboe

NOES: None

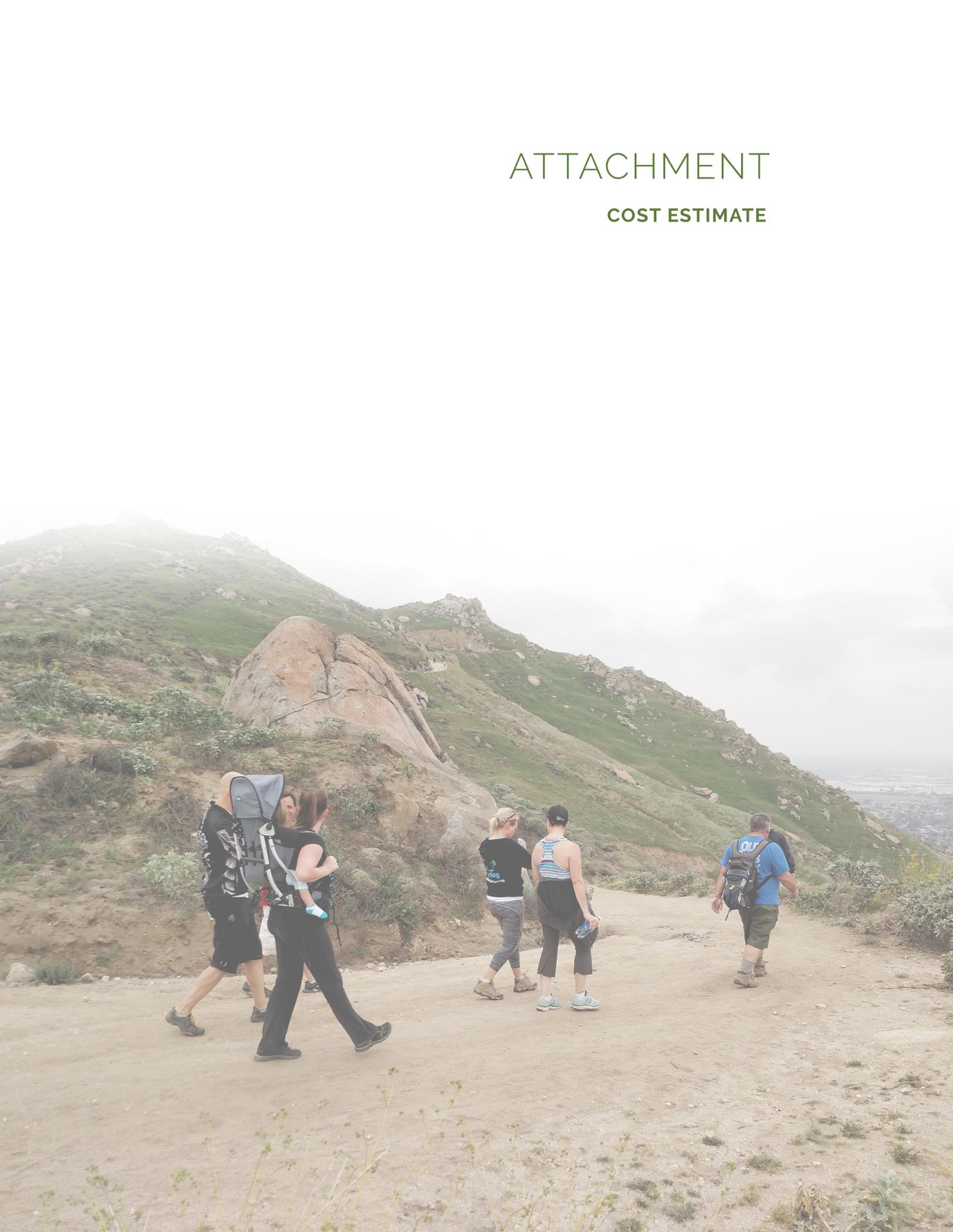
ABSENT: None

ABSTAIN: None

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Pat Jacquez-Nares, City Clerk

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## COST ESTIMATE



**GRANT SCOPE/Cost Estimate Form**

**GRANT SCOPE:** The Blue Mountain Trailhead Project will create safe access to the Blue Mountain Trail at Observation and Van Buren and minimize parking and traffic impact on the adjacent neighborhood. The project will create a 5,125 foot trail and develop a trailhead with visitor amenities that include restroom facilities, hydration stations, interpretive elements, off-street parking, lighting and benches.

<b>GRANT SCOPE items - PRE-CONSTRUCTION costs</b>	<b>HCF Grant</b>	<b>Required Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
Mobilization	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Site Grading	\$ -	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 20,000.00
Water Service	\$ -	\$ 3,500.00	\$ 3,500.00
Administration / Staff	\$ -	\$ 30,000.00	\$ 30,000.00
	<b>Subtotal:</b>		
	\$ -	\$ 68,500.00	\$ 68,500.00
<b>GRANT SCOPE items - ACQUISITION or CONSTRUCTION costs</b>	<b>HCF Grant</b>	<b>Required Match</b>	<b>Total</b>
Administration / Staff	\$ -	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 50,000.00
California Conservation Corps - Labor	\$ -	\$ 33,600.00	\$ 33,600.00
Decomposed Granite Parking Lot	\$ 53,725.00		\$ 53,725.00
4" Concrete Paving	\$ 12,000.00		\$ 12,000.00
Wheel Stops	\$ 3,000.00		\$ 3,000.00
Pedestrian Bridge 10'	\$ 10,000.00		\$ 10,000.00
Split Rail Fencing	\$ -	\$ 9,000.00	\$ 9,000.00
Information Kiosk	\$ -	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 15,000.00
Restroom Building	\$ 45,000.00	\$ 105,000.00	\$ 150,000.00
Boulders	\$ 1,850.00		\$ 1,850.00
Drinking Fountain/Water Bottle Filler	\$ -	\$ 1,400.00	\$ 1,400.00
Bike Racks	\$ -	\$ 1,000.00	\$ 1,000.00
1 & 5 Gal. Shrubs & Groundcover	\$ 69,375.00		\$ 69,375.00
Trees, 24" Box	\$ 7,650.00		\$ 7,650.00
Bark Mulch	\$ -	\$ 6,450.00	\$ 6,450.00
Irrigation, Subsurface	\$ 15,000.00		\$ 15,000.00
8'-10' Wide DG Trail - (Grading and Construction)	\$ 7,400.00		\$ 7,400.00
	<b>Subtotal:</b>		
	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 221,450.00	\$ 446,450.00
	<b>Total:</b>		
	\$ 225,000.00	\$ 289,950.00	
<b>TOTAL PROJECT COST</b>			<b>\$ 514,950.00</b>

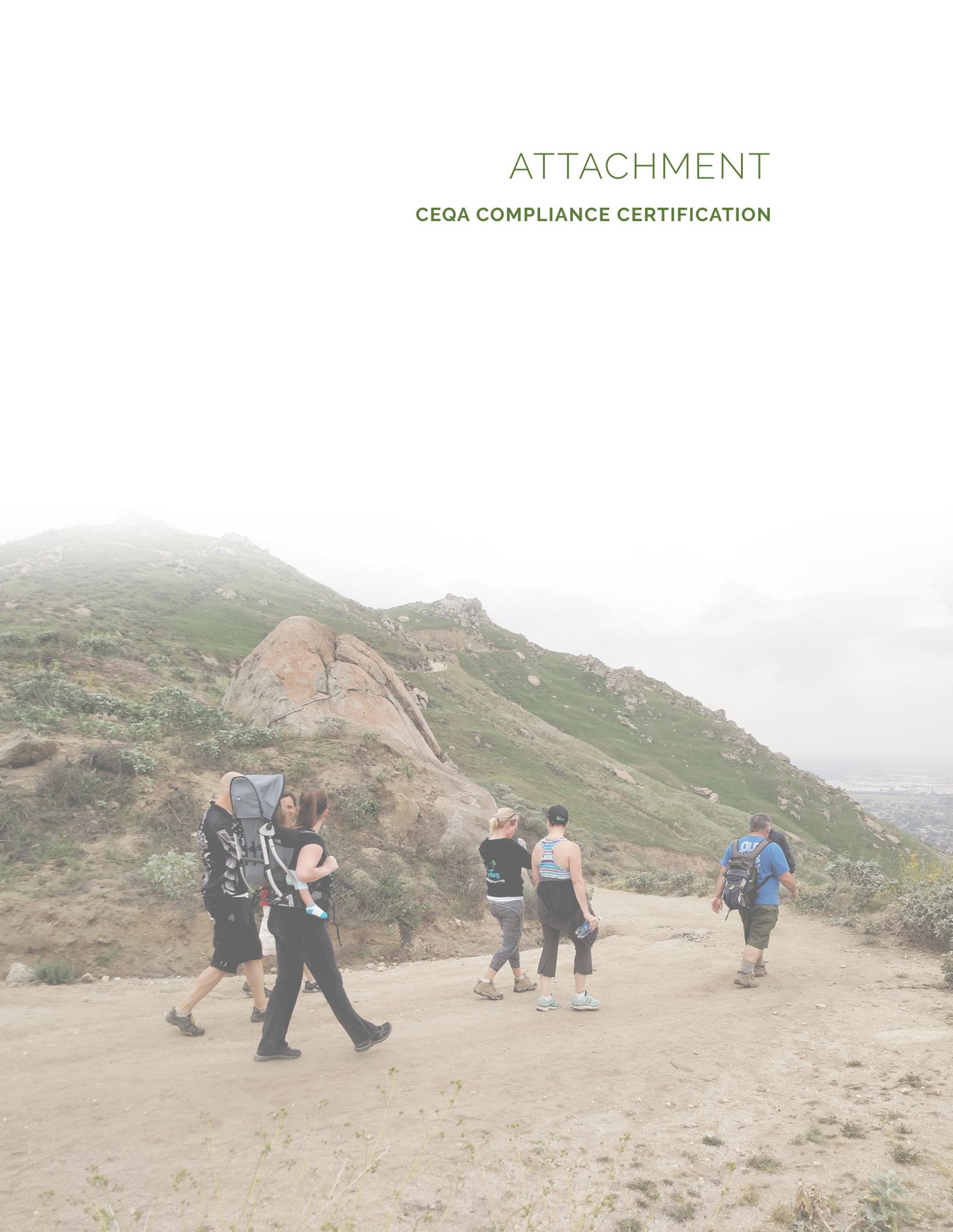
<b>APPLICANT'S MATCH Sources (by name and date comitted)</b>	<b>Total</b>
Quimby Act funds committed on 9/15/2015.	\$ 289,950.00
<b>Total of MATCH Sources</b>	<b>\$ 289,950.00</b>

**Notes:**

- This form will be used to establish the expected GRANT deliverables.
- All of the RECREATION FEATURES and MAJOR SUPPORT AMENITIES listed on this form must be completed and open to the public before final grant payment is approved.
- Match **must** be committed at the time of application.

# ATTACHMENT

## CEQA COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION



**California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)  
CEQA Compliance Certification Form**

**Grantee:** City of Grand Terrace **Project Name:** Blue Mountain Trail and Trailhead

**Project Address:** Observation Street and Van Buren Street, Grand Terrace CA 92313

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**When was CEQA analysis completed for this Project? Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**What document(s) were filed for this Project's CEQA compliance:** (check all that apply)

Initial Study    Notice of Exemption    Negative Declaration    Mitigated Negative Declaration  
 Environmental Impact Report    Notice of Determination    Other (letter, etc.):

Note: If a Master Environmental Impact Report was used to comply with CEQA you are certifying that the project is covered in adequate detail to allow the project's construction or acquisition.

**Attach the Notice of Exemption or the Notice of Determination as appropriate. If these forms were not completed, attach a letter from the lead agency explaining why.**

**Lead Agency Contact Information:**

**Lead Agency Name:** City of Grand Terrace **Contact Person:** G. Harold Duffey, City Manager

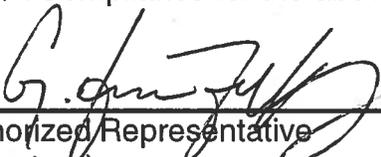
**Mailing Address:** 22795 Barton Rd, Grand Terrace, CA 92313

**Phone:** ( 909 ) 824-6621 x 240 **Email:** hduffey@grandterrace-ca.gov

**Certification:**

I hereby certify that the lead agency listed above has determined that it has complied with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the project identified above and that the Project is described in adequate and sufficient detail to allow the project's construction or acquisition.

I represent and warrant that I have full authority to execute this CEQA Compliance Certification on behalf of the lead agency. I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing certification of CEQA Compliance for the above named project is true and correct.

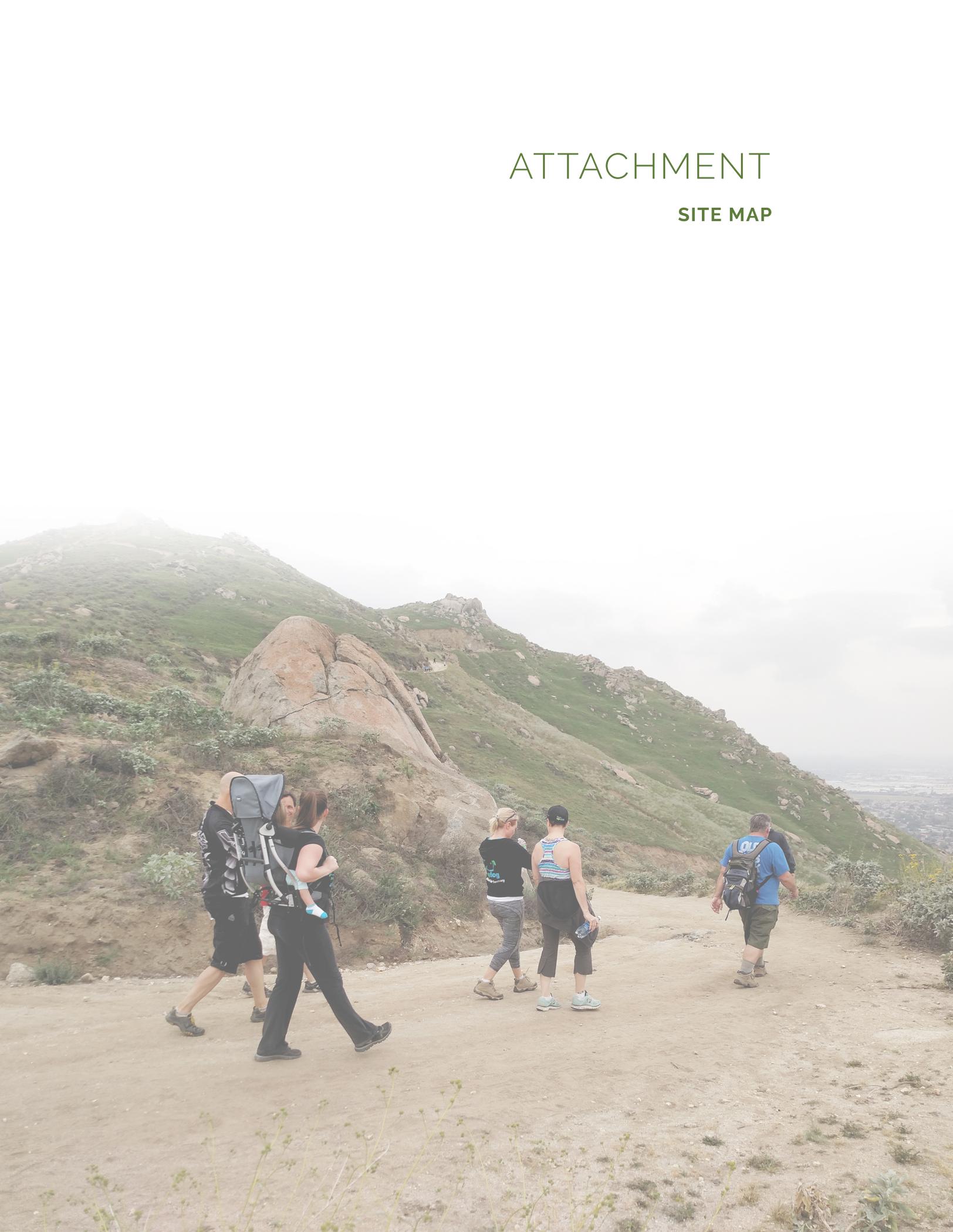
  
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Authorized Representative  
(Signature)

9/28/2016  
Date

G. Harold Duffey, City Manager  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Authorized Representative  
(Printed Name and Title)

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## SITE MAP



# City of Grand Terrace - Project Site



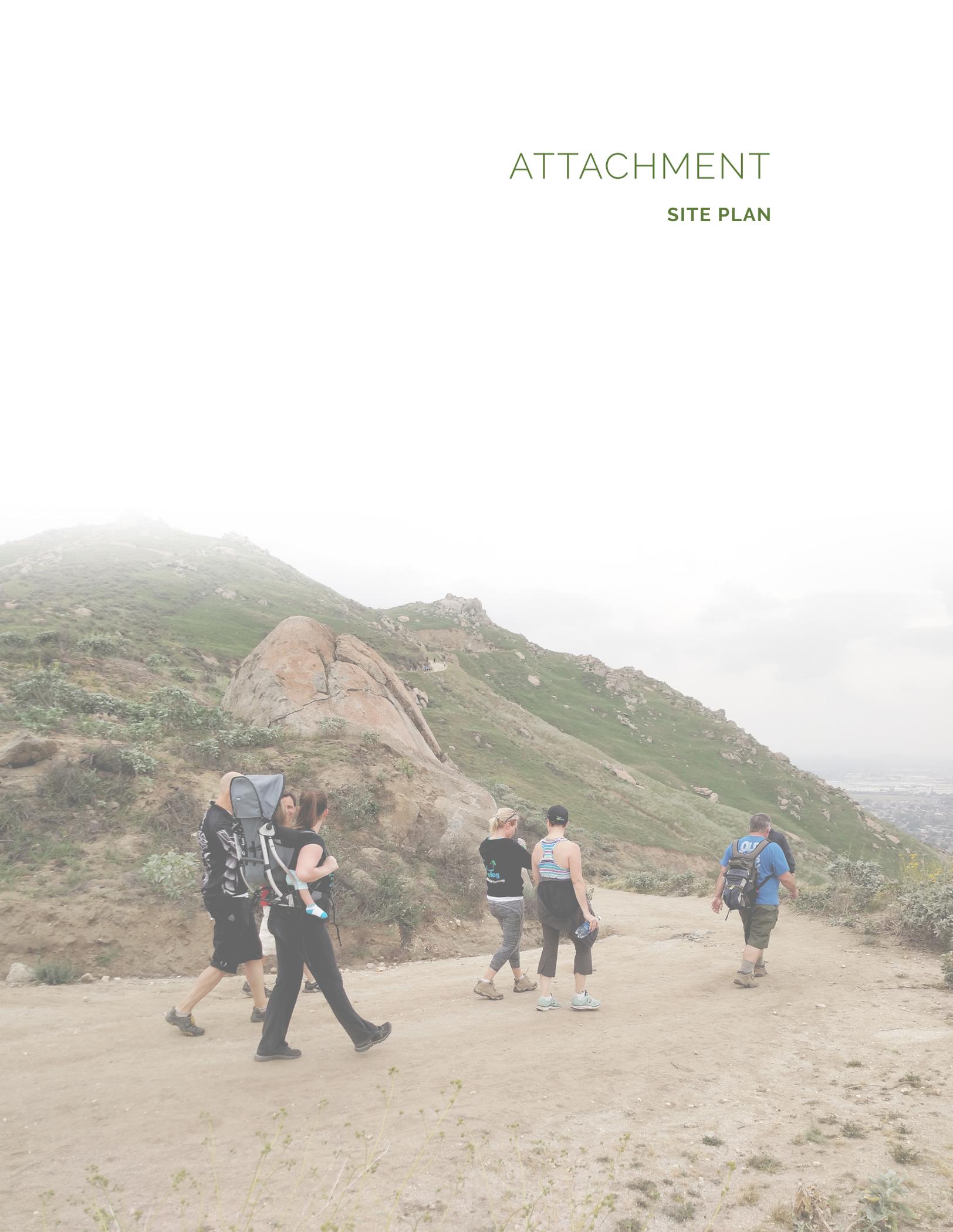
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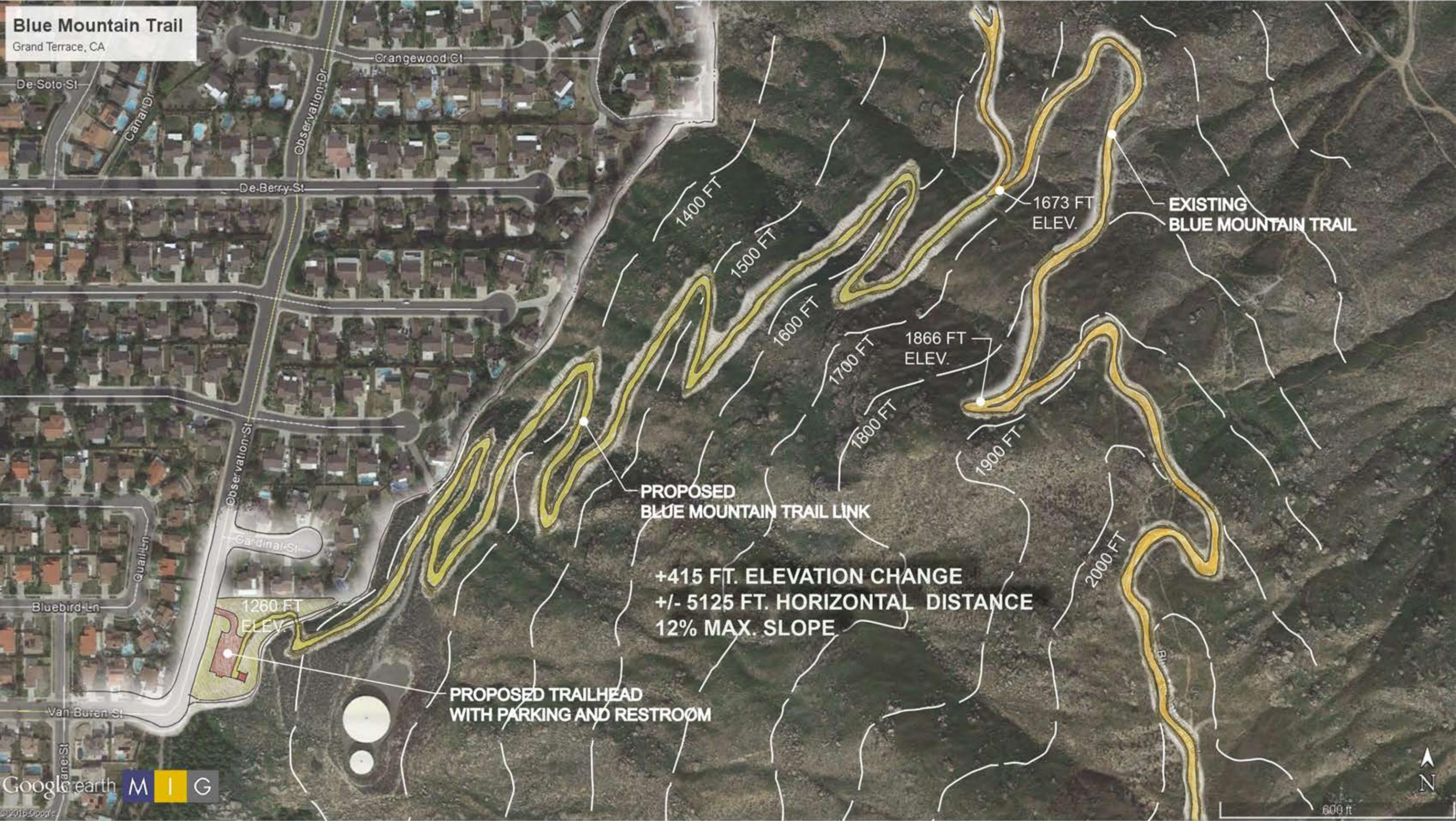


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## SITE PLAN



**Blue Mountain Trail**  
Grand Terrace, CA



**PROPOSED  
BLUE MOUNTAIN TRAIL LINK**

**+415 FT. ELEVATION CHANGE  
+/- 5125 FT. HORIZONTAL DISTANCE  
12% MAX. SLOPE**

**PROPOSED TRAILHEAD  
WITH PARKING AND RESTROOM**

**EXISTING  
BLUE MOUNTAIN TRAIL**

# Blue Mountain Trail

Grand Terrace, CA

## Legend

 GT Blue Mountain Trail



GT Blue Mountain

Google earth

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Image Landsat  
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700 ft



# Blue Mountain Trail

Grand Terrace, CA

## Legend

 GT Blue Mountain Trail

OBSERVATION STREET

SHADE TREE (TYP.)

INFORMATION KIOSK

BLUE MOUNTAIN TRAIL LINK

SPLIT RAIL FENCING (TYP.)

PARKING FOR 20 CARS  
(DECOMPOSED GRANITE SURFACING)

RESTROOM

EXISTING DRAINAGE SWALE

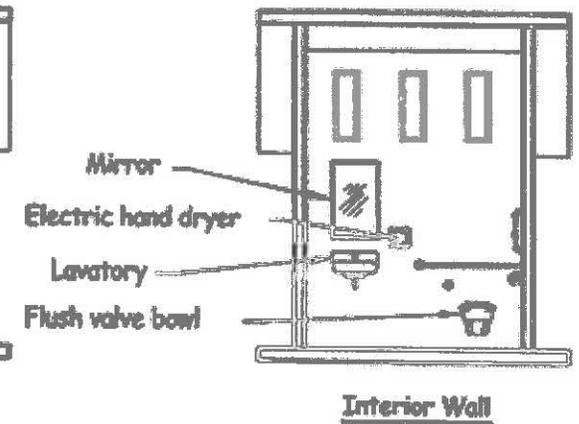
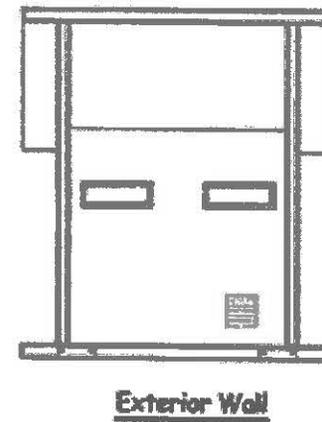
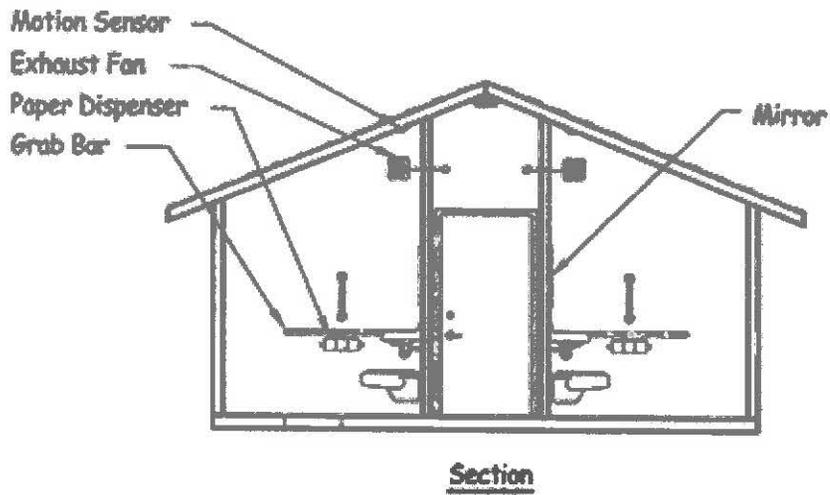
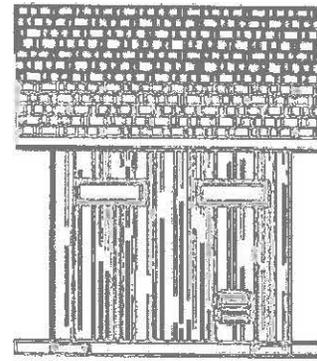
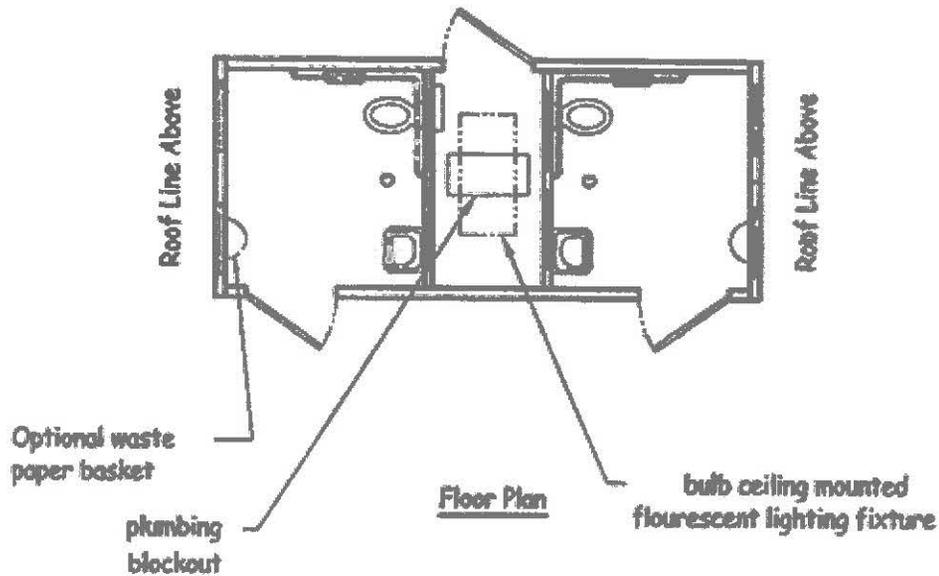


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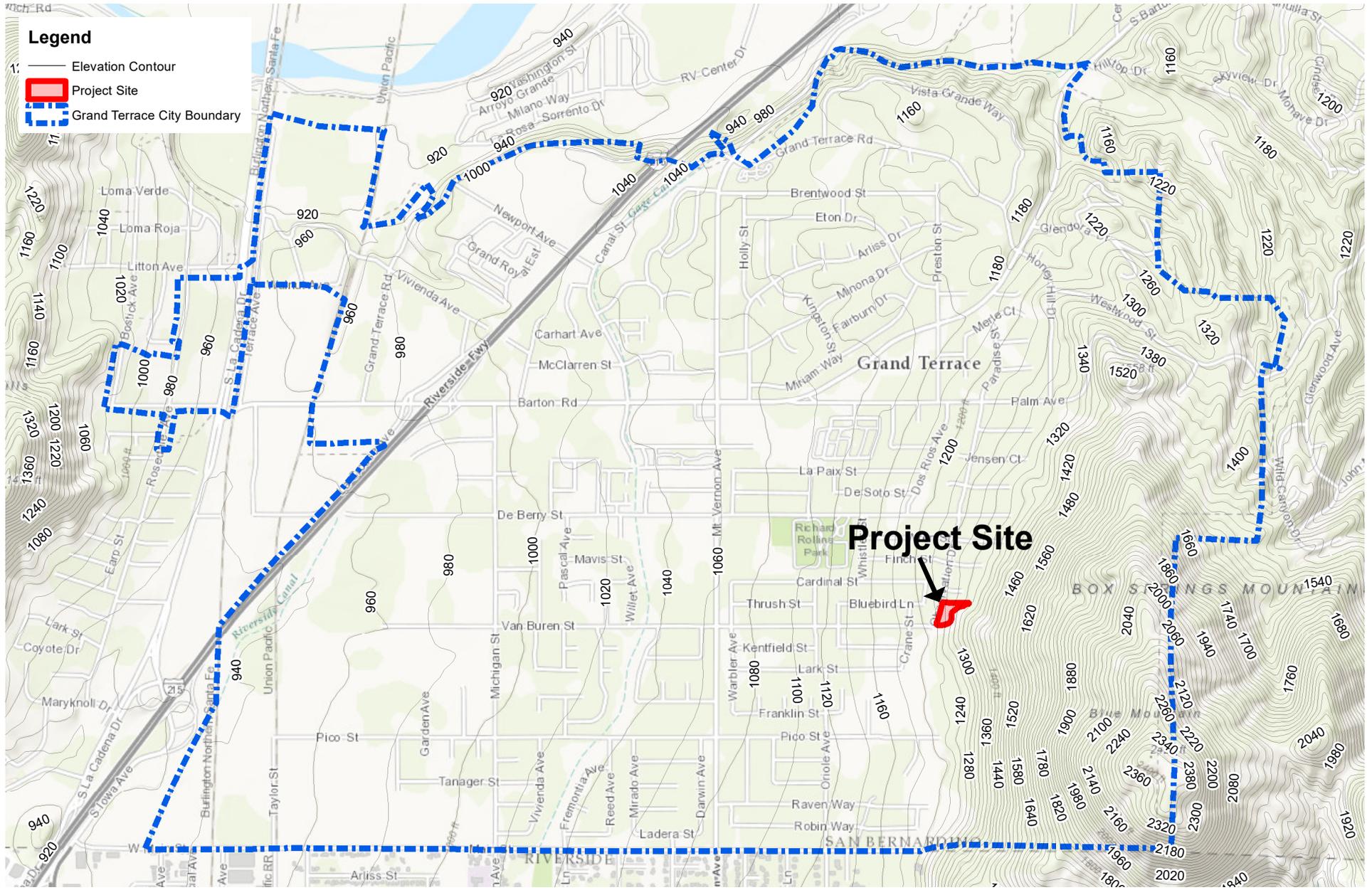


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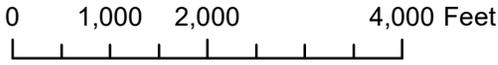
# City of Grand Terrace - Topographic Map



**Legend**

- Elevation Contour
- Project Site
- Grand Terrace City Boundary

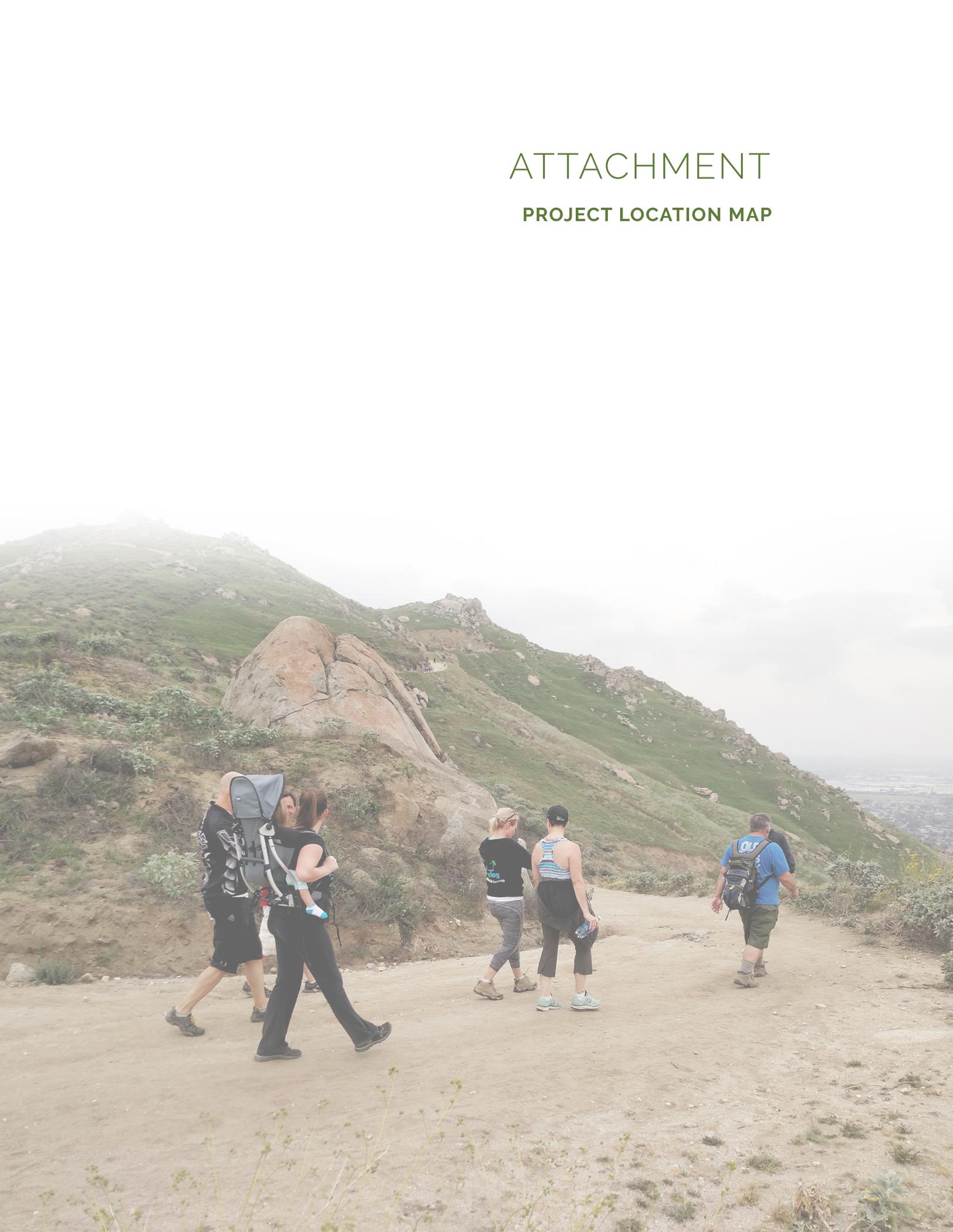
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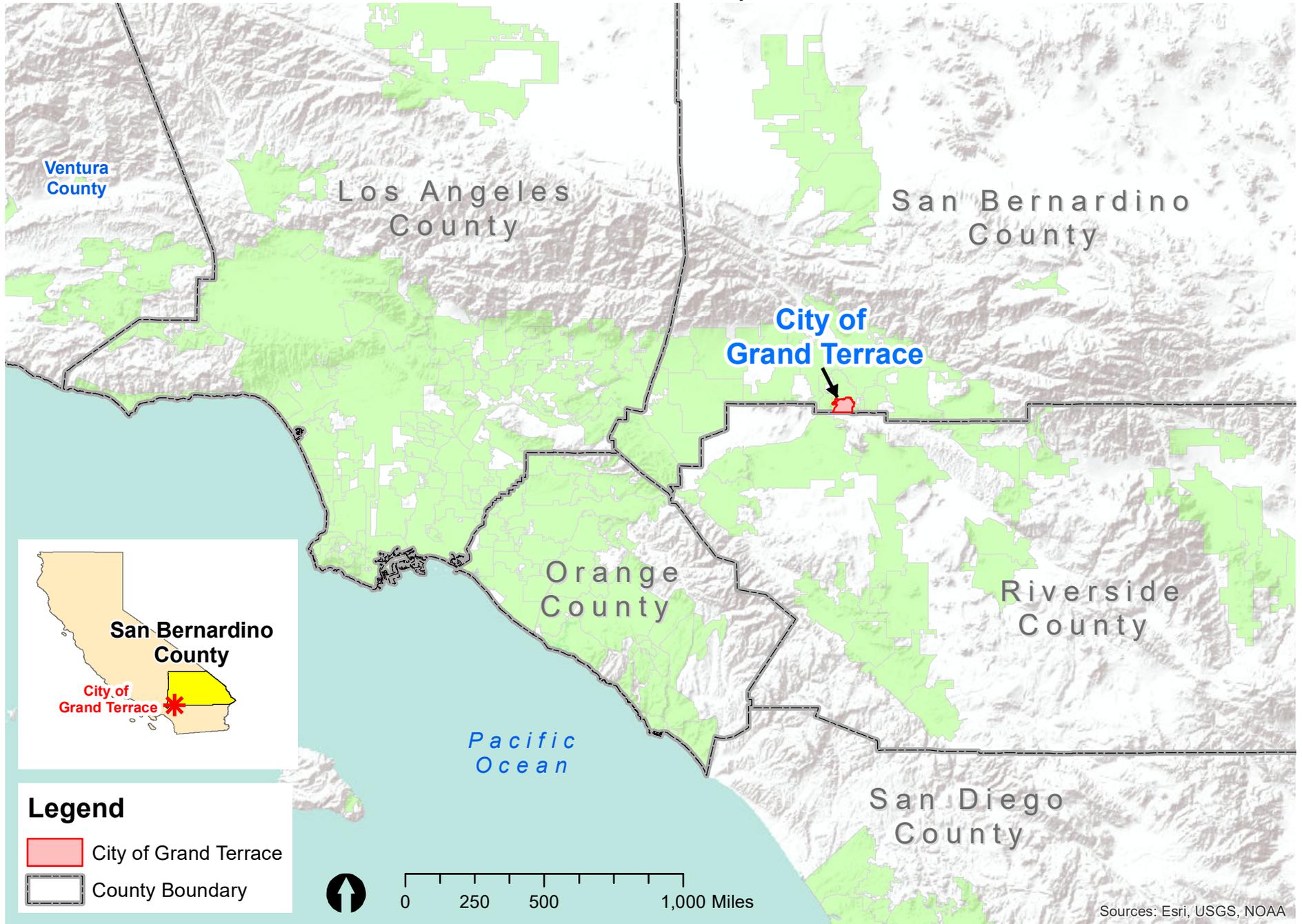
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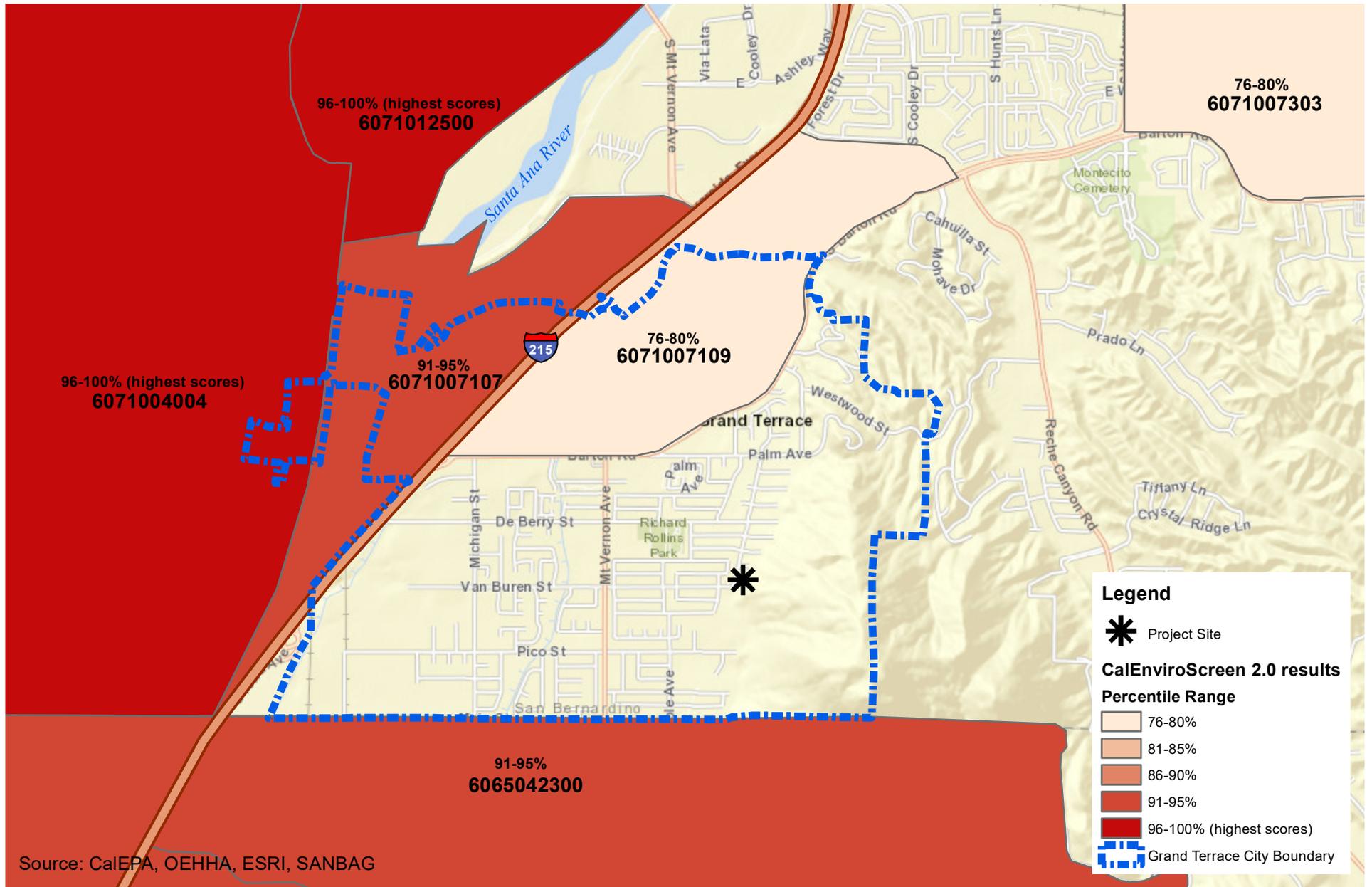
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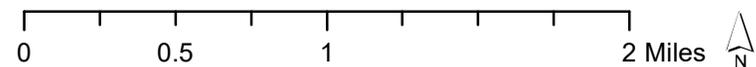
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# City of Grand Terrace - Disadvantaged Communities Map



This map shows the disadvantaged communities designated by CalEPA for the purpose of SB 535, CalEnviroScreen 2.0 Results by Census Tract.



# ATTACHMENT

## PUBLIC ACCESS EASEMENT





## KIDD PROPERTIES

(APNs 1178-061-02, 1178-191-04 and 1178-251-15)

### EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC ACCESS TRAIL AND REST STOPS

A 12' ACCESS EASEMENT LOCATED IN THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST ¼ AND THE NORTHEAST ¼ OF THE SOUTHWEST QUARTER OF SECTION 4, AND THE NORTHWEST ¼ OF THE SOUTHWEST ¼ OF SECTION 3, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, IN THE COUNTY OF SAN BERNARDINO, STATE OF CALIFORNIA. THE CENTERLINE OF SAID 12' ACCESS EASEMENT BEING MORE PARTICULARLY DESCRIBED AS FOLLOWS:

COMMENCING AT THE NORTHEAST CORNER OF THE SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST; THENCE N 85°40'52" W ALONG THE NORTH LINE OF SAID SOUTHEAST 1/4 OF THE NORTHEAST 1/4 OF SECTION 4, TOWNSHIP 2 SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, S.B.M. A DISTANCE OF 417.34' TO THE **TRUE POINT OF BEGINNING**; THENCE LEAVING THE NORTH LINE THE FOLLOWING COURSES:

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THENCE S 17°36'40" W A DISTANCE OF 68.34';  
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SOUTH, RANGE 4 WEST, S.B.M.

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TOGETHER WITH A BLANKET EASEMENT OVER THE ABOVE REFERENCED APNs 1178-061-02 AND 1178-191-04 TO ACCESS THE ABOVE DESCRIBED 12' WIDE ACCESS EASEMENT FROM THE CITY OF GRAND TERRACE OWNED PROPERTY TO THE WEST.

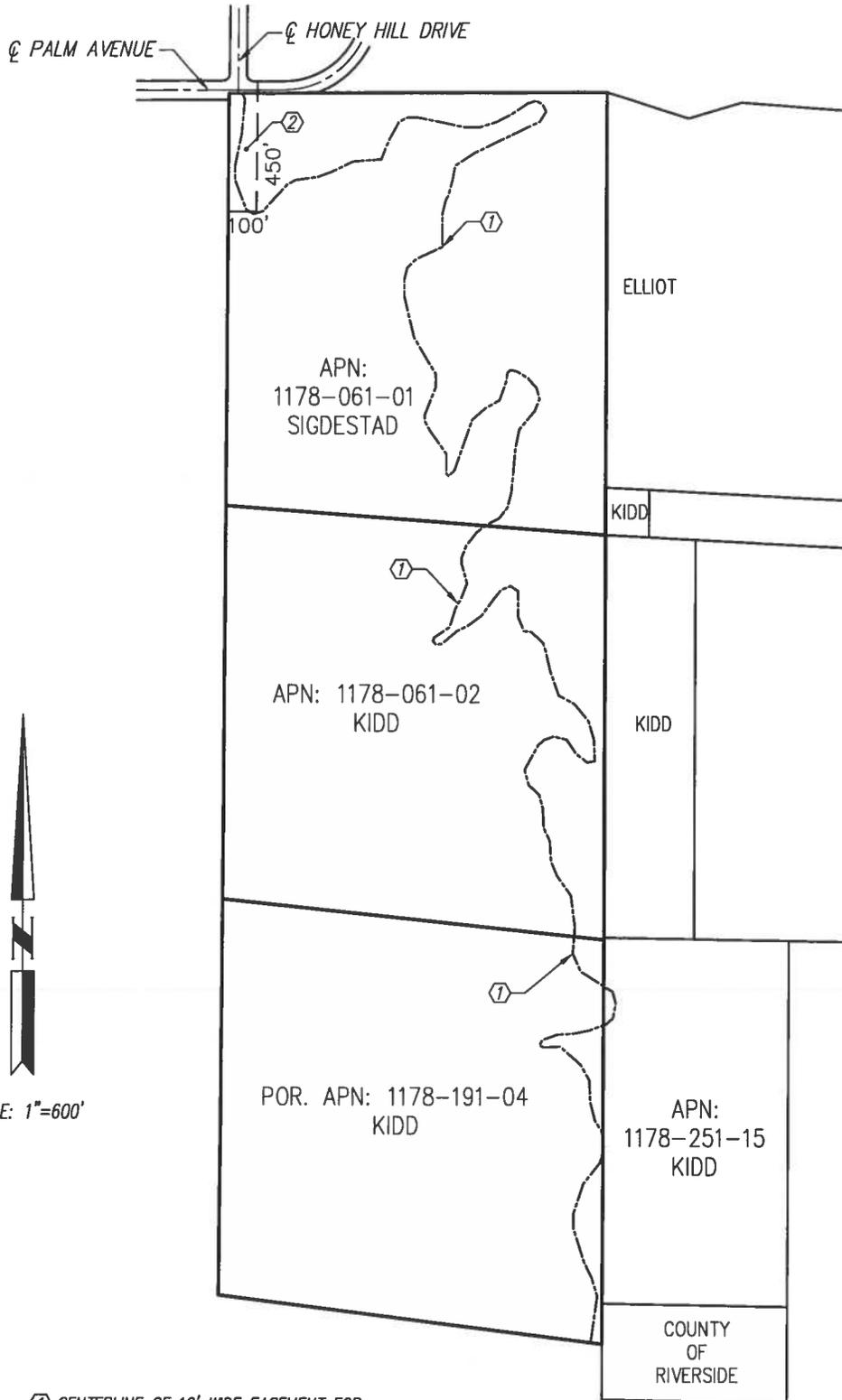
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Prepared under my supervision:

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David O. Knell PLS 5301                      Date

# EXHIBIT B



① CENTERLINE OF 12' WIDE EASEMENT FOR PUBLIC ASSESS AND REST STOPS

② EASEMENT FOR PARKING & RESTROOMS



13191 CROSSROADS PARKWAY NORTH, SUITE 405  
 INDUSTRY, CA. 91748-3497  
 (562) 908-6200

SCALE: 1"=600'

DATE: 9-21-2016

DRAWN BY: SCB

CHECKED BY: DOK

SKETCH TO ACCOMPANY  
 LEGAL DESCRIPTION

# ATTACHMENT

## PHOTOGRAPHS



**The Blue Mountain Trail.** Residents throughout San Bernardino County enjoy the Blue Mountain Trail for multiple reasons, including its beautiful panoramic views, clean paths and consistent moderate weather conditions. It has become a regional, recreational destination spot that attracts visitors throughout the year. It also provides an alternative for fitness enthusiasts, families and anyone wishing to exercise or simply explore the natural, local habitat.





**Project Area.** Roadways and other nearby facilities have become inundated by local residents competing with Blue Mountain Trail visitors for parking. The image above shows the prime location for parking and other amenities, such as public bathrooms.

**Additional Views of the Project Area.**



2016 Habitat Conservation Fund  
**ATTACHMENT: Photos of Existing Conditions**



**Proposed Interpretive Elements.**  
Interpretative panels, revealing historical and scientific facts, such as local species, plants and other educational elements, will be included in the Blue Mountain Trail design. These panels will inspire stewardship in trail users by providing awareness of natural and cultural resources.

# ATTACHMENT

## CCC/LACC INVOLVEMENT AND FORM



**OFFICE OF GRANTS AND LOCAL SERVICES  
HABITAT CONSERVATION FUND (HCF) PROGRAM  
Documented Contact with CCC and Certified Local Conservation Corps  
Required for HCF Applications**

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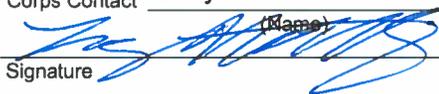
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HCF APPLICANT (agency, address, phone, and fax) City of Grand Terrace 22795 Barton Road Grand Terrace, CA 92313		Grant Request Amount \$ <u>150,000.00</u>	
HCF APPLICANT CONTACT PERSON (address, phone, email and fax) G. Harold Duffey, City Manager Ph: (909) 824-6621 x 240 hduffey@grandterrace-ca.gov			

**Conservation Corps Contacts  
For Habitat Conservation Fund Projects**

AGENCY	CCC CONTACT TITLE	EMAIL ADDRESS
California Conservation Corps (C.C.C.)	Chief of Field Operations	See <a href="http://www.parks.ca.gov/grants">www.parks.ca.gov/grants</a> , click "Annual Programs" in the shaded box on the right and then the HCF Program link. Then click on "Website Links" for the links to the CCC.
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A Corps can participate on the following items of work: *We can help with the trail construction and the tree planting!*

Name of Corps: CCC Corps Contact Larry Notheis  
916-341-3180 (Phone number)  (Name)  
 Signature

- A Corps cannot participate on the project for the following reasons:
- Tasks/Scope of Work outside the skill set of the Corps
  - Project Distance/Logistics
  - Financial/Budgetary Reasons
  - Grant scope too limited
  - Other \_\_\_\_\_

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**From:** [Sandy Bonilla](#)  
**To:** [Anna Parra](#)  
**Subject:** Re: California Association of Local Conservation Corps, Submittal for the City of Grand Terrace  
**Date:** Thursday, September 29, 2016 12:38:28 PM  
**Attachments:** [BLUE MOUNTAIN TRAIL.pdf](#)

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Hello Anna,

Attached is a completed Habitat Conservation form. If you have any questions, please let me know?

Thank you,  
Sandy Bonilla, Director  
Urban Conservation Corps of the Inland Empire  
Southern California Mountains Foundation

On Wed, Sep 28, 2016 at 1:32 PM, Anna Parra <[anna@ebaplanning.com](mailto:anna@ebaplanning.com)> wrote:

Hi Ms. Bonilla,

As I stated in the voice mail I just left, I am forwarding the message below with the attached for your review and consideration of partnership regarding the City of Grand Terrace's application for funding from the California Department of Parks and Recreation Habitat Conservation Fund to build a connector trail and trailhead at Blue Mountain.

Do not hesitate to let me know if you have any questions, otherwise I look forward to receiving your reply soon as the application is due Monday, October 3.

Best,

Anna

----- Forwarded Message -----

**Subject:** California Association of Local Conservation Corps, Submittal for the City of Grand Terrace  
**Date:** Fri, 23 Sep 2016 16:41:57 -0700  
**From:** Gloria Fierro <[gloria@ebaplanning.com](mailto:gloria@ebaplanning.com)>  
**To:** [sandybonilla1@yahoo.com](mailto:sandybonilla1@yahoo.com)  
**CC:** Anna Parra <[anna@ebaplanning.com](mailto:anna@ebaplanning.com)>

Good Afternoon Ms. Bonilla,

Per the guidelines for the California Department of Parks and Recreation's Habitat Conservation Fund Grant Program, I am emailing the attached for your review and indication in regards to the CALCC's support and contribution should this project fall within your agency's purview.

Should you have any questions, do not hesitate to call me at  [\(626\) 799-8011 ext. 0](tel:(626)799-8011) or email me at [gloria@ebaplanning.com](mailto:gloria@ebaplanning.com).

Thank you,

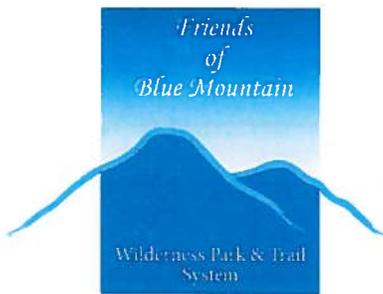
Gloria

GLORIA G. FIERRO | Administrative Assistant  
EvanBrooksAssociates, Inc.

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## LETTERS OF SUPPORT





# *Friends of Blue Mountain*

22874 Pico Street, Grand Terrace, CA 92313 (909) 783-1664

September 28, 2016

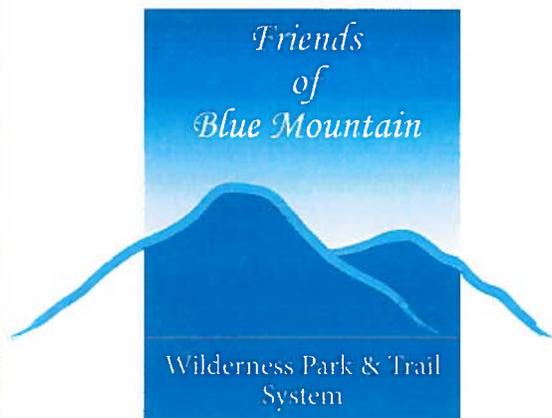
TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN

As president of the Friends of Blue Mountain, I would like to express my enthusiastic support for the creation of a wilderness path that would lead up to Blue Mountain in the City of Grand Terrace.

I feel it will promote a healthy lifestyle and will be well received by the citizens of Grand Terrace and surrounding communities.

Sincerely,

Denis Kidd  
President



**Friends of Blue Mountain is a 501 (c) 3 tax exempt organization dedicated to the long-term protection of Blue Mountain's natural habitats and open spaces.**

The group's vision is to create a wilderness park on Blue Mountain that will preserve the space as natural habitat and establish equestrian and hiking trails connecting Blue Mountain with neighboring Box Springs Mountain Reserve.

- Blue Mountain is located within the cities of Colton and Grand Terrace and a small portion of Riverside County.
- The proposed size of Blue Mountain Wilderness Park is over 500 acres.
- Trails on Blue Mountain could connect to Reche Canyon and Box Springs Mountain Reserve providing access from Moreno Valley.
- Blue Mountain is located in the upper watershed area of the Santa Ana River and future trails could link Blue Mountain to the Santa Ana River Trail System.
- Endorsed by the Sierra Club, San Geronio Chapter, The Foundation of Grand Terrace, the City of Grand Terrace, the City of Colton and the Highgrove Municipal Advisory Council.

Friends of Blue Mountain board members and volunteers are citizens from Grand Terrace, Colton, Highgrove and the surrounding communities. The organization is working together with other community organizations and governmental agencies to secure funding to purchase and protect Blue Mountain. Friends of Blue Mountain hold meetings at 7 PM on the 3rd Tuesday of every month, except for December, at the Grand Terrace Senior Center, 22627 Grand Terrace Rd. just East of Mt. Vernon Ave.

## FRIENDS OF BLUE MOUNTAIN

22874 Pico Street, Grand Terrace, CA 92313 (909) 783-1664

Or E-mail us at [ralphsalisbury@att.net](mailto:ralphsalisbury@att.net)



### Membership Form Annual Membership Dues

- Individual \$25
- Family \$40
- Patron \$100
- Benefactor \$500
- Life \$1000

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ ST \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

Phone # (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail Address \_\_\_\_\_

*(Used for notification of monthly meetings and news updates)*



## SAN GORGONIO CHAPTER

4079 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside, CA 92501  
(951) 684-6203

*Regional Groups Serving Riverside and San Bernardino Counties: Big Bear,  
Los Serranos, Mojave, Moreno Valley, Mountains, Tahquitz, Santa Margarita*

September 29, 2016

G. Harold Duffey, City Manager  
City of Grand Terrace  
22795 Barton Road  
Grand Terrace, CA 92313

Dear Mr. Duffey,

The San Gorgonio Chapter of the Sierra Club strongly supports public access to Blue Mountain and the proposed Blue Mountain Nature Trail. Local recreational opportunities serve a valuable function both for exercise and connection with nature and public demand is very high. However population growth in the Inland Empire far outpaces regional development of new recreational possibilities.

The Sierra Club has promoted healthy activities and connections to nature for over 75 years in the Inland Empire and currently introduces the public to hundreds of walks and hikes every year. Demand is very high and particularly so with the many weekly walks we conduct locally whether on weekends or after work. Once exposed to local recreational opportunities, participants return on their own and introduce family and friends to these outdoor treasures.

Nowhere has the interest and participation been greater than on Blue Mountain. The San Gorgonio Chapter has assisted Friends of Blue Mountain annually with the March Walk on Blue Mountain and has witnessed this event grow to include over 800 participants.

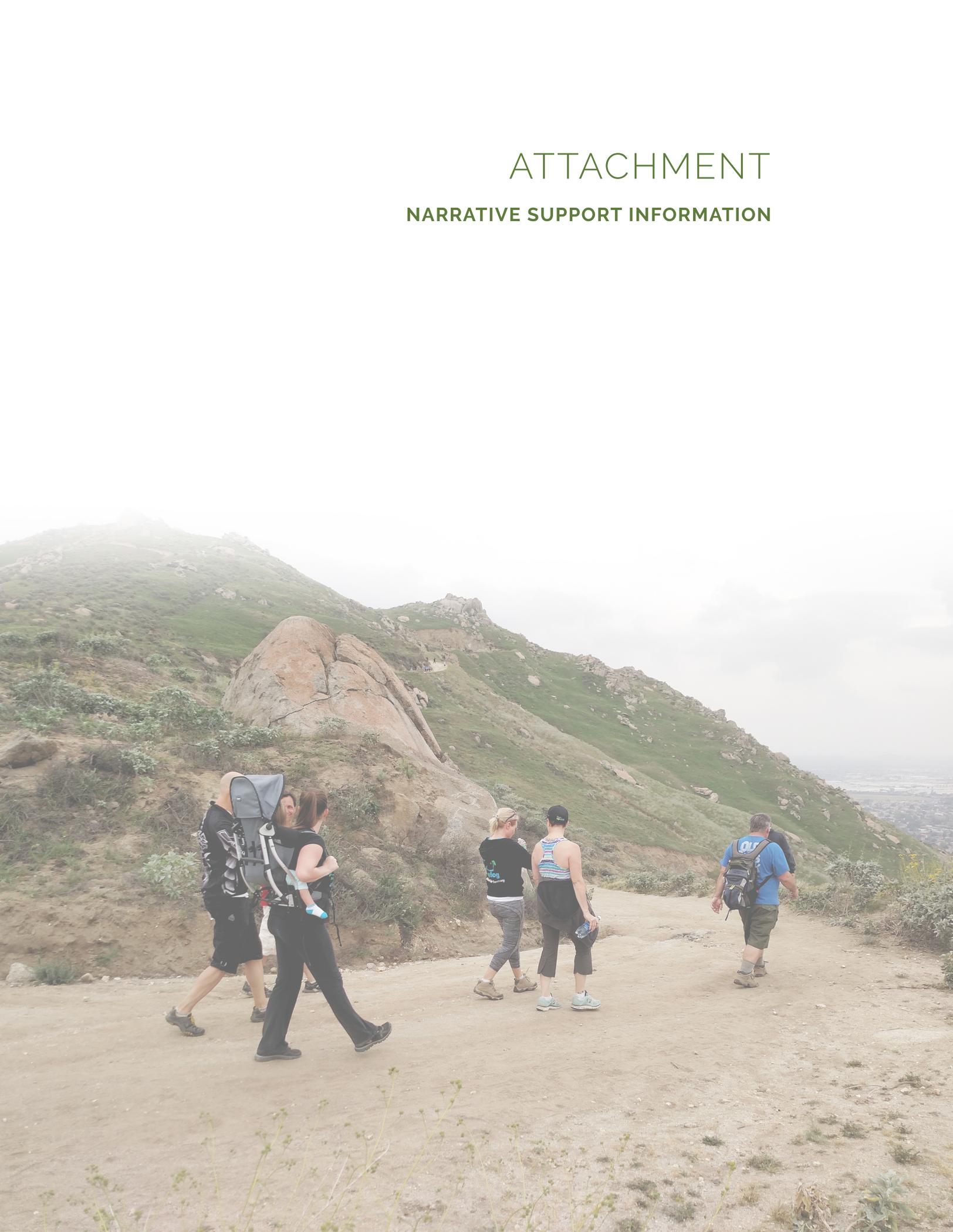
The Sierra Club applauds and strongly supports efforts by the City of Grand Terrace to develop the Blue Mountain Nature Trail.

Sincerely,

Mary Ann Ruiz, Chapter Chair  
Sierra Club, San Gorgonio Chapter

# ATTACHMENT

## NARRATIVE SUPPORT INFORMATION



# THE SUN

## Land conservation and preservation

### **Friends of Blue Mountain in Grand Terrace pushes drive to buy land**



“No Trespassing” sign is posted near a path, January 22, 2014 in Grand Terrace. Friends of Blue Mountain has been working since 2009 to raise money to purchase 10.5 acres of the mountain land. PHOTO BY MICAH ESCAMILLA

By [Canan Tasci](#), Inland Valley Daily Bulletin

Posted: 01/26/14, 6:36 PM PST | Updated: on 01/27/2014

[1 Comment](#)

GRAND TERRACE >> Denis Kidd wants Blue Mountain to be a place where everyone can hike whenever they want.

But he and lovers of the wilderness area in the hills above Grand Terrace have a literal and figurative roadblock in their way.

The mountain hills are private property, and until that changes those who trek there are trespassing.

And that has Kidd leading an effort to open up that wilderness to the public. He and his group are getting there, but success depends on money. And raising it is taking time, a little extra lately.

“We want to have a park so the mountain will be open 365 days out of the year, instead of a couple days a year,” said Kidd, who is also the president of the Friends of Blue Mountain, a group of like-minded residents from Grand Terrace, Colton and surrounding communities.

Some day, they’d like to see the entire Blue Mountain area — which is within the cities of Colton and Grand Terrace and a small part of Riverside County — preserved. Their proposed Blue Mountain Wilderness Park would encompass more than 500 acres.

But for now, the vision is slightly less ambitious but no less important to the group.

The nonprofit has been raising money since 2009 to purchase 10.5 acres of the land. The goal was to raise \$64,000 by Dec. 31.

So far they’ve received \$45,000 in donations and have extended the deadline to Jan. 31.

In the short term, 90 acres could be opened up, if you count the 10.5 the Friends are trying to buy.

“Our ultimate goal is to acquire the 500 acres, but if we can get \$19,000 by the end of the month we can get a private donation of 59 acres, and the city will lease us 20 acres,” said Kidd, whose family owns the 59 acres.

Grand Terrace officials said the 20-acre parcel the city owns has been identified in the General Plan for a park, and once the Friends of Blue Mountain have their land acquired, they’ll create a park plan.

The eastern portion of Grand Terrace is the slope of Blue Mountain, which is 2,417 feet high and about a mile and a half from the trail at Palm Avenue and Honey Hill Drive. There are expanses of green and grassy areas, with areas of dirt roads weaving through the hills.

“Because it’s a hillside it has links to different communities, and so if Denis is successful in getting this land assembled and the city is able to master plan it, it could be more than just those 90 acres in the long term,” said Sandra Molina, interim community development director for Grand Terrace.

And that long-term vision has city officials talking about connections to other cities, and more hiking and recreation for a lot more people.

“The hillside over the ridge is in the city of Colton, so perhaps there is this opportunity to connect hiking trails with Colton,” Molina said. “And if you go further south you’re into Riverside County, and there’s again the hillside, and so there is the potential for linkages, which opens up more hiking opportunities for the community.”

Ultimately, if the long-term goal is ever realized, according to the group’s website, trails on Blue Mountain could connect to Reche Canyon and Box Springs Mountain Reserve, providing access from Moreno Valley.

The trails are open to the public only twice a year, Kidd said – once for the city’s New Year’s Day hike and the annual Blue Mountain Hike scheduled for March 8.

If there’s any doubt about demand for the hikes, last year’s March event drew 800 people, and the year before 1,000, Kidd said.

If the Friends of Blue Mountain cannot reach its goal by the end of the month, it will continue to find ways to purchase the land, Kidd said.

“Grand Terrace calls themselves the Blue Mountain City, and we just thought it would be nice to preserve it,” he said, adding the mountain got its name because of the California bluebell flowers that bloom in the spring.

“We understand no one has extra money at this time,” he said, “but if we can get some kind of park established then maybe we can get some help from government agencies to get more land and reach our ultimate goal of 500 acres one day.”

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# 9TH ANNUAL Walk On Blue Mountain

SAT. MARCH 5TH AT 8AM



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