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## **2020 Urban Grant Program**

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### **Bay Area Ridge Trail Council**

# **Ridge Trail Connection: Class I Trail Design along Bailey Ave**

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## **Project Description** [top](#)

### **Applicant Type**

#### **1. What type of organization is this?**

- Public Agency
- School or School District
- 501(c)3 Nonprofit
- Eligible organization acting as Fiscal Sponsor for another organization

#### **2. Does the application include a fiscal sponsor?**

*If the project includes a fiscal sponsor, the fiscal sponsor must be the applicant.*

- YES
- NO

### **Overview**

#### **3. Which type of grant are you requesting?**

- Small (\$10,000 - \$39,999)
- Large (\$40,000 - \$250,000)

**4. Grant category (check all that apply)**

- Environmental Stewardship and Restoration
- Parks, Trails, and Public Access
- Environmental Education
- Urban Agriculture / Food Systems

**5. Type of project (check all that apply)**

- Capital improvement (Large projects only)
- Planning
- Program

**6. Project Location: Address / Neighborhood**

*What is the physical location of the project? If there is no physical location, please enter "N/A." If the project will be in multiple locations, please list all. Note: project location(s) must be within the Authority's jurisdiction.*

The project is located in South San José, bounded between Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve (OSP) and the North Coyote Valley Conservation Area. The study area extends along Bailey Ave and Malech Road for approximately two miles connecting the IBM Campus and North Coyote Valley Conservation Area to the existing Coyote Creek Trail, crossing over Highway 101 and continuing on Malech Road to the Coyote Ridge OSP. See the project maps for more detail.

**7. Project Location: Open Space Authority District (check all that apply)**

*A detailed map of the Authority Districts can be found under the Library tab, or online at <https://www.openspaceauthority.org/public-information/board-of-directors.html>.*

- Authority District 1
- Authority District 2
- Authority District 3
- Authority District 4
- Authority District 5
- Authority District 6
- Authority District 7

**8. Who does the project serve? Please indicate which Open Space Authority Districts are served (check all that apply)**

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## 9. Project Abstract

*(Brief, 3-4 sentences)*

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council seeks to solve a complex trail crossing in North Coyote Valley between the Santa Cruz Mountains and western foothills of the Diablo Range. The project design—a Class I trail along Bailey Ave—will result in a traffic study, survey, and preliminary design. Addressing a critical link between park and open space lands, this project aligns with multiple regional partners and local agency priorities of recreation and land conservation.

## Project Planning (20 points)

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### 10. Describe the proposed project.

Imagine a network of trails and parks in the Coyote Valley where people and wildlife have the freedom to explore their natural surroundings safely and easily. The proposed trail crossing ties together a network of trails, parks and open spaces aligning with the priorities of multiple agencies and partners, including OSA and County Parks, and meeting goals for recreation, transportation and land conservation. The Ridge Trail is proposing to design a Class I trail along Bailey Ave to build a safe, central connector between the Santa Cruz Mountains and Diablo Range through North Coyote Valley.

This trail is an important planned link between Santa Teresa CP, Calero CP and Coyote Creek Parkway to Coyote Ridge OSP, and can be used as a commuter trail or for recreational access of hikers, bikers and equestrians. Without this key trail alignment, the region is left with a series of unsafe and disconnected trails and parks, with limited safe passage across Highway 101. Current access forces bicyclists to ride on high speed roads with limited-to-no shoulder, and narrow sidewalks that deter hikers. Alternative trail crossings are 7 miles north or 4 miles south.

This project plans to create a protected trail on the Bailey Ave overpass with safety barriers, landscaping, a pedestrian and bike path, and a gravel path for joggers and equestrians (by shifting car traffic). The Class I trail project focuses on the section of Bailey Ave between Santa Teresa Blvd and the 101 overpass. A Class I trail is defined as a shared-use path with exclusive right-of-way for bicyclists, pedestrians and equestrians, away from the roadway and with cross flows by motor traffic minimized. Additional conceptual trail designs will be created on either end of the project focus area starting at the IBM Campus and ending at Malech Rd/Coyote Ridge OSP. This passes through three jurisdictions: City of San José, Caltrans and Santa Clara County Roads.

The 2018-2020 Coyote Valley Ridge Trail Feasibility Study identified this route as the only viable and cost-effective means to connect Santa Teresa CP to Coyote Ridge OSP. All other routes were eliminated due to issues such as high speed rail, water resources, or wildlife crossings. The Study identified the Ridge Trail Council as the best project lead. The project's deliverables are: (1) Traffic evaluation and coordination with Caltrans; (2) Land survey of the project site; (3) Preliminary engineering and schematic design documents; and (4) Public outreach and community meetings.

The project will support North Coyote Valley Conservation Area (NCVCA) goals of enhancing wildlife habitat and movement corridors, protecting agriculture and water resources, and connecting people to open space. All planning and design will be in coordination with the City of San José, Caltrans and the Santa Clara County Roads and Airports, and is supported by the Santa Clara County Parks District.

### 11. Describe key project deliverables and estimated completion dates.

1. Project Management (Yr 1 - 3). Ridge Trail staff will oversee the lead consultant, BKF Engineers, and coordinate project deadlines and partner feedback.

2. Coordination with Project Partners (Yr 1 - 3). Ridge Trail Staff will coordinate with landowners and

stakeholders to review Study results. Includes 4-5 site visits and 4-5 virtual coordination meetings.

3. Coordination with the North Coyote Valley Conservation Area Master Plan Process (Yr 1 - 3). Synchronize the master plan with the proposed project to maximize public access opportunities.

4. Trail Design and Engineering Documents.

4a. Traffic Study (Yr 1) - Includes (1) microsimulation model of the study area including Monterey Road Conector and US 101 northbound and southbound ramps; (2) general plan coordination; (3) future year forecast models; (4) final technical memorandum to the City and Caltrans, documenting the analysis, results and preferred alternative.

4b. Survey (Yr 1) - Includes: (1) aerial survey; (2) supplemental topographic survey of areas under tree canopy; and (3) right-of-way mapping for project site from Santa Teresa Blvd to Hwy 101 overpass.

4c. Schematic Trail Design and Conceptual Plans (Year 2-3) - Final schematic designs for the Class I Trail between Santa Teresa Blvd and the Highway 101 overpass. Concept designs for the section between the IBM Campus and Santa Teresa Blvd (Sect. 1 on the Project Site Map) and Malech Road (Sect. 5).

5. Wildlife Biologists Design Review (Yr 2-3). Trail design will be reviewed by Pathways for Wildlife and OSA biologists and feedback will be incorporated. Design will seek to improve, accommodate, or reduce impacts to wildlife corridors and water resources in the region.

6. Transit Connections to Trails for Deep Engagement Communities (Yr 2). Ridge Trail Staff will analyze existing nearby parking and VTA transit connections in order to optimize use and reduce the need for new facilities in the North Coyote Valley Conservation Area.

7. Public Outreach and Feedback (Yr 2). Ridge Trail will host 1-2 community outreach meetings and distribute surveys for public review of the proposed designs. Design revisions will be made based on community feedback.

8. Support the Development of the Next Phase of Project (Yr 1-3). The next phase of work is anticipated to include: (1) surveys and hydrologic studies of section between IBM entrance and Santa Teresa Blvd. (2) preliminary design and construction documents for IBM to Santa Teresa and Highway 101 to Malech Rd Staging Area; (3) finalize construction documents for bid-ready package of Class I Trail between Santa Teresa and Highway 101; and (3) finalize and submit encroachment permit to Caltrans.

**12. Does this project require permission, permits, or other approvals? If so, please describe the status of these.**

The City of San José, the primary landowner, has been an integral part of the planning process and the previous feasibility study. City staff with the Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services and Department of Transportation have reviewed, guided and supported the alignment indicated in the prior 2018-2020 Ridge Trail Feasibility Study.

**13. What is the lifetime of this project? If applicable, describe plans for operating and maintaining the project in the future.**

n/a

**14. Describe the project's readiness for implementation.**

The proposed project is ready to commence upon award of funding. It is timely and essential to plan for viable regional trail connections in the proposed study area so that the public can access North Coyote Valley's open space for generations to come.

This project is well aligned with multiple regional projects, including two adjacent projects that are underway: the Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve (OSP) and North Coyote Valley Conservation Area projects. In addition, the proposed trail project aligns with County Park's work to connect Santa Teresa County Park to Calero County Park, as well as the broader region trail connection that is underway at

Highway 17, led by Midpeninsula Regional Open Space District (Midpen). When the Highway 17 regional trail crossing and the North Coyote Valley regional trail crossings are completed, there will be a continuous Ridge Trail connection from Russian Ridge OSP to Coyote Ridge OSP, a 75-mile continuous stretch with camping available (Sanborn, Castle Rock) and other overnight accommodations planned along the route.

## Project Budget (15 points)

### 15. Budget Summary - Grant Request

*This is a budget summary only; a detailed Project Budget must be submitted using the Documents Upload tab. Please enter dollar amount. Note: after the application is submitted, the software will automatically add a TOTAL.*

46047.80	Grant request: Personnel
150500	Grant request: Contracted Services
500	Grant request: Supplies / Materials
1000	Grant request: Other Direct Costs
3000	Grant request: Indirect Costs
201,047.80	<b>TOTAL</b>

### 16. Budget Summary - Matching Funds

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71047.80	Total Matching Funds
71,047.80	<b>TOTAL</b>

### 17. Budget Narrative

*Provide a brief budget narrative to explain the expenses listed in each of the budget categories (e.g. Personnel).*

The total budget to conduct the Ridge Trail Connection: Class I Trail Design along Bailey Ave project is \$201,047.80. The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council, along with commitments from funding partners, would provide \$71,047.80 in matching funds, well exceeding the minimum 25% matching funds requirement. Santa Clara County Parks has pledged \$25,000 (see partner letter for commitment) and the Ridge Trail will commit \$46,047.80. The remaining \$130,000 will be requested through this grant.

The largest costs associated with the project are for the contracted services at \$150,500.00. BKF Engineers, a firm with extensive background knowledge and experience with the project and project area will be the lead consultant for trail design. BKF Engineers and Ridge Trail Staff will manage additional subconsultants including a landscape architect, traffic engineers, surveyors and Pathways for Wildlife.

Contracted services will generate: (1) traffic study, (2) survey, (3) public-facing design documents, (4) schematic design documents for permits, (5) conceptual design documents for trail connections, and (6) design review.

Additional costs come from Bay Area Ridge Trail Council personnel costs, estimated at \$46,047.80, to cover project management and extensive partner and stakeholder coordination for the study. Ridge Trail Staff will also coordinate a transit to trails study for connecting communities with trails in North Coyote Valley. The staff includes Trail Program Director, Executive Director, Trail Planner, Trail Planner and Outreach Specialist, and extensive volunteer hours from Ridge Trail volunteers. Minimal indirect and direct costs for staff travel, and large-format map printing for public outreach (pending in-person meetings) are included in the overall project budget.

## Project Goals (15 points)

### 18. Describe the specific problems, issues, or unserved needs the project will address.

This trail design project seeks to solve a number of concerns with the current trail route section:

Create safe passage for all trail users.

The planned trail route between Santa Teresa CP and the Coyote Creek Parkway is problematic because of the current unsafe and uncomfortable conditions for bikes, pedestrians and equestrians. The new design of this 2-mile Class I trail section will improve safety and comfort for all users, as well as increase the overall connectivity from the Coyote Ridge in the Diablo Range to Mount Umunhum in the Santa Cruz Mountains along the Ridge Trail. The design will also prioritize wildlife movement through the natural environment in the area.

Facilitate multi-agency and stakeholder coordination, review and approval across all phases of the project planning.

The Ridge Trail Council has extensive experience in facilitating and solving complicated trail gaps with multiple land owners and stakeholders. This trail route passes through three jurisdictions: City of San José, Caltrans and Santa Clara County Roads. Additional stakeholders include: OSA, POST, SCCP, IBM, other neighboring residents, trail users and community stakeholders. All partners, including the City of San José; SC County and OSA, are in agreement that this trail connection is necessary to connect parks and open spaces in this region. No other entity besides the Ridge Trail identified themselves as being able to manage the planning and design phase of this critical project at this time.

Solve complex highway and rail crossings.

This 2-mile trail segment crosses three high-traffic roads and interchanges, along with planned and existing rail corridors. This project will address the traffic and rail conflicts through the design and permitting process, working with the City, Caltrans and the County to result in a schematic design to support environmental and stakeholder review.

Build Trail Connections along the Ridge Trail, Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail, and regional parks and open spaces.

The proposed project design will close a key gap in the broader regional trail network, improving access to nearby parks and open space and providing needed connections between these natural areas, as well as providing safe road and highway crossings for all user groups. This trail segment has a shared trail alignment with both the Ridge Trail and de Anza Trail along Bailey Ave. This project aligns with SCCP's goals to connect Coyote Creek Parkway to Santa Teresa CP and Calero CP, and by connecting Coyote Ridge OSP to NCVCA will serve as the spine for future regional trail connections throughout Coyote Valley. This is 1 of 2 remaining gaps in the Ridge Trail that links the chain of open space from Sierra Azul to Almaden/Quicksilver to Santa Teresa CP to Coyote Ridge OSP. The completion of this trail is another connection in future access to a 550-mile continuous Ridge Trail network encircling the San Francisco Bay ridge lines.

### 19. How does this project serve the community?

*These metrics are required for all projects. Project-specific metrics can be added under Question 20 below. Note: after the application is submitted, the software will automatically add a TOTAL that will not be used.*

14000000	Number of people served
330000	Number of youth served (under 18 years)
	Number of programs provided
14,330,000.00	<b>TOTAL</b>

**20. In what other ways does the project serve the community? Please list the project-specific goals (both social and environmental).**

*Please list any additional goals and how they will be measured (e.g. surveys, field measurements, attendance sheets, etc.).*

Increase public engagement.

The Ridge Trail staff will initiate public outreach for community input by hosting 1 to 2 virtual public meetings to share the project scope and proposed design, and receive community feedback. In addition, staff will conduct online surveys to gather input from the broader community. Success would be measured on the number of meeting participants and survey respondents.

Increase safety and reduce bike and pedestrian accidents.

The proposed project design's use of a Class I trail will provide the highest standard for bike and pedestrian safety. A Class I trail is defined as a shared-use path with exclusive right-of-way for bicyclists, pedestrians and equestrians, away from the roadway and with cross flows by motor traffic minimized. This Class I design will support San José's Vision Zero goals to prioritize street safety.

Improve Access to Parks & Open Space for Deep Engagement Communities.

The extension of the Coyote Creek Parkway into the Coyote Valley region will create increased trail connections from the Deep Engagement Communities along Coyote Creek Trail (both planned and existing trails) of San José and Morgan Hill. The project's traffic study will also examine transit-to-trail options to provide better access to regional parks with existing transit lines.

## **Impact (15 points)**

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**21. Describe the lasting impact of the project.**

Investment in this segment of the Ridge Trail will enable future generations to connect to open space and nature right in their backyard, throughout the Santa Clara Valley region or anywhere along a 550-mile ridgeline loop, providing opportunities to hike, cycle, or ride a horse while creating lasting impact in the following ways:

Leverage investment in the North Coyote Valley region. This public access capital project can act as a northern gateway to the Coyote Valley, and encourage additional land conservation, parks and recreation in the region. Creating the schematic trail design and taking steps towards completing the project permitting gets this trail connection much closer to construction, which is important in an area where extensive public funds have recently been invested. Benefits for the community and county include: building and strengthening a constituency of supporters who can help maintain, steward, and advocate for critical park, open space, and trail networks.

Increase Health, Wellness and Recreation Options. The proposed trail design will lay the groundwork to increase community connections to nature-based recreation and fitness options for generations to come, and provide safe and protected access for trail users of all abilities to access North Coyote Valley. Benefits for individuals include access to nature, exercise and recreation, which lead to stress reduction; renewal of body, mind, spirit; and opportunities to connect to and learn about the natural world.

Enhances natural resources and wildlife corridor connections. The trail design will incorporate wildlife corridor design considerations including native plantings, appropriately placed fencing and other innovative design features for animals and insects crossing over Hwy 101 along the Class I trail connection from NCVCA to Coyote Ridge. Furthermore, the Ridge Trail is designated as a "Priority Conservation Area" in Plan Bay Area because it helps protect natural resources, scenic, recreational, and/or ecological values and ecosystem functions.

Significant Progress of the Ridge Trail Extension in the South Bay. The completion of this Ridge Trail gap will

provide residents safe access between the Coyote Creek Parkway to some of the nearest open spaces, including NCVCA, Santa Teresa CP and Coyote Ridge OSP. Closing this key gap will also mean the Ridge Trail is nearly complete between Lexington Reservoir/Hwy 17 and Kelley Park in San José. Additionally, this trail connection will provide access to future regional trail connections planned to Calero CP, Coyote Valley OSP and beyond. This builds on the work of Midpen at the Hwy 17 wildlife and regional trail crossing, working towards closing two of the most complex trail and wildlife crossings from the Santa Cruz Mountains to the Diablo Range.

Once complete, this design will serve as a model for other complex trail planning projects that require multi-layered, cross-agency participation and collaboration.

## **Community Engagement / Stakeholder Support (10 points)**

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### **22. Describe the community support and/or community engagement process.**

*Please submit letters using the Documents Upload tab.*

Building on the momentum established from the 2018-2020 Ridge Trail Feasibility Study in the project area, this trail route design project has broad support from the region's community and agency partners.

The proposed trail design will align with the following studies: The Coyote Valley Landscape Linkage Report (2017), the City of San José Fisher Creek Trail Alignment Study (2016), City of San José Greenprint (2017) and Santa Clara County Park's Coyote Creek Parkway Integrated Natural Resources Management Plan & Master Plan (2007), and designated as 'Areas Essential to Conservation Goals' by the Conservation Lands Network 2.0 Report (2019). Bailey Ave is also called out as a Rural Scenic Corridor in the Envision San José 2040 General Plan (2016) and a planned Class II bike lane in the San José Bike Plan 2020.

Partner and stakeholder input will be incorporated comprehensively into all phases of the project planning. The Ridge Trail Council has extensive experience in facilitating trail planning projects with multiple land owners and stakeholders. Regional partners and stakeholders include: City of San José, Caltrans, Santa Clara County Roads, OSA, POST, SCCP, and IBM.

Community input will include outreach to neighboring residents, trail users and other community stakeholders, with plans to conduct 1 to 2 virtual community meetings and online surveys to share the proposed design and project scope for broader community feedback and buy-in.

## **Leadership & Innovation (10 points)**

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### **23. Describe how this project employs innovative approaches or encourages collaboration and partnerships.**

*If there are project partners, please upload partner letters on the Documents Upload tab.*

The Ridge Trail runs through nine Bay Area counties and connects more than 75 parks and open spaces, making strategic collaboration and partnership integral to completing the Ridge Trail. The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council inspires public, private and nonprofit collaborative partnerships to achieve regional goals in recreation and land conservation. The Ridge Trail works in close partnership with agencies, local governments, parks, land trusts, and other stakeholders to achieve our mission.

The partners for this design project include, but are not limited to, the City of San José (multiple departments), SCVOSA, POST, Santa Clara County Parks and the Juan Bautista de Anza National Historic Trail. The Ridge Trail has been working in the South Bay and Santa Clara County for over 20 years and has trusted relationships with our regional partners.

Over the past 30 years, the Ridge Trail has built a niche tackling complex, multi-jurisdictional projects that may be too difficult for any one agency to handle. Our collaborative approach focuses on open



communication channels that include regularly scheduled partner updates. The design process will provide opportunities for assessment and feedback at key phases. The Ridge Trail staff will facilitate cross-agency and partner meetings to ensure transparency, and address the multi-benefit goals of the partners within the area.

## Organizational Capacity (15 points)

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### **24. Briefly describe the organization and its ability to successfully implement this project. This might include successful past projects, key staff qualifications, financial resources, etc.**

*If the applicant is a Fiscal Sponsor, please describe both the Fiscal Sponsor and the sponsored organization.*

The Bay Area Ridge Trail Council (Ridge Trail) is a 30 year old nonprofit with the mission to plan, promote and sustain a connected hiking, cycling and equestrian trail on the ridgelines around San Francisco Bay—linking people, parks and open space for today and future generations. Currently 383 of 550 miles are complete, and in Santa Clara County 88 of 212 planned trail miles are complete.

The Ridge Trail is financially secure with renewed multi-year grant funding from the State Coastal Conservancy, a donor base of over 3,500 members, and an annual budget of just over \$1,000,000. Our current staffing level consists of seven full or part-time staff.

The Ridge Trail has extensive experience in leading and coordinating trail feasibility, planning, and design projects. A recent multi-partner project with the Bay Trail, California Delta Trail, Water Trail, City of Benicia, Contra Costa County, and National Park Service resulted in a Vision Plan for the Carquinez Strait Scenic Loop Trail. The Ridge Trail's integral role resulted in new trail openings and funding partnerships for Class I trail construction as a part of that project.

Ridge Trail staff served on the Technical Advisory Committee to Santa Clara CP, providing trail design and use management proposals to assist the County with a new Trails Master Plan for Sanborn CP (resulting in 3 new miles and improvement to 6 additional miles of Ridge Trail).

Ridge Trail will be contracting with BKF Engineers [www.bkf.com](http://www.bkf.com) and Randy Anderson at TrailPeople [www.trailpeople.net](http://www.trailpeople.net). Both firms worked on the Feasibility Study and conceptual design, and have extensive knowledge of the study area.

#### Key Ridge Trail Staff:

Janet McBride, Executive Director, has 30 years of experience in urban and environmental planning and policy, and worked extensively with public agencies, districts, elected officials, nonprofits and advocates to advance long-distance multi-use trails. She has a Masters Degree in Urban Planning and Policy. She was Director of the SF Bay Trail Project and Planning Director of the Association of Bay Area Governments.

Liz Westbrook, Trail Program Director, brings experience in trail planning and project management. She has a Masters Degree in Landscape Architecture from University of Michigan. Previously, she was Peninsula Open Space Trust's Regional Trails Project Manager and Campbell Grading's Trail and Restoration Project Manager.

Simone Nageon de Lestang, Trail Planner, brings experience in habitat restoration and environmental education. Simone has a Masters Degree in Environmental Planning from Florida State University where she worked for the U.S. Forest Service National Scenic Trail Program and the Florida Trail.

## BONUS POINTS: Underserved Communities (10 points)

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**25. Describe how the project addresses open space needs for sensitive populations such as residents of park-poor neighborhoods, underserved or disadvantaged communities, youth, seniors, persons with disabilities, or is located within a Deep Engagement Community (DEC).**

*This question is optional; please answer if applicable, otherwise enter "N/A." A map of the DECs can be found by clicking on "Apply" at <https://www.openspaceauthority.org/urban>.*

Through the safety improvements of the Class I trail design, this project will provide a protected and safe trail route for people of all ages and varied abilities, including youth and seniors. When complete, the new trail will most directly improve access to open space for the residents of Deep Engagement Communities (DEC) 3, 4 and 6. The residents of DEC 3 and 4 in Central San José have limited access to small parks in their immediate vicinity, with Alum Rock Park close by. The Ridge Trail provides the residents of DEC 6 in Morgan Hill with a longer distance trail connection and improved access to open space in the central part of Santa Clara County.

The proposed trail area is situated midway between DEC 3 and 4, and DEC 6 and the Ridge Trail will connect residents in and between these areas to more trails, parks and open spaces. By closing this trail gap, we will provide greater opportunities for exploration for DECs 3 and 4 into Santa Teresa County Park, Almaden Quicksilver County Park, Coyote Ridge Open Space Preserve and Motorcycle County Park.

In addition, the project will review and assess transportation and transit options, including bus lines from all DEC areas. One goal for the proposed trail project would be to extend all DEC resident's the ability to explore further into the natural spaces around the region by providing safe and accessible trail connections to Coyote Valley from the Coyote Creek Parkway and Trail.

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**BONUS POINTS: Community Building (10 points)**

**26. Describe how this project actively encourages community building by engaging or accommodating local residents in novel and creative ways.**

*This question is optional; please answer if applicable, otherwise enter "N/A."*

The Ridge Trail seeks to involve a variety of community groups to provide input and support for this project. Outreach for this project will include, but not be limited to: the agricultural community, local residents, conservation organizations, and multi-use recreational groups.

Possible formats for this engagement may include interactive presentations at local or virtual group meetings, post-meeting surveys and in-person or virtual guided route walks.

In addition, the development of the Bailey Ave and Malech Road Trail Design project itself would aid in community building, as it will serve as an important trail connection for North Coyote Valley and for the broader San José and Morgan Hill communities.

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**BONUS POINTS: Climate Resilience (5 points)**

**27. How does this project enhance and/or raise awareness about climate resilience?**

*This question is optional; please answer if applicable, otherwise enter "N/A."*

This project enhances climate resilience by promoting carbon-free transportation to parks and open spaces. The Bay Area Greenprint Project identifies the project location in an area of medium-to-high potential for carbon storage. In addition, this location provides at least moderate benefits to biodiversity, water resource protection and agricultural protection, all contributing to greater climate resilience.

The project will study transit connections to open spaces including connections to the Santa Teresa VTA Station and the Berryessa BART station via the Coyote Creek Trail, which is actively being addressed in the Ridge Trail Program of Work. The trail will promote bike/ped transportation options to link residents with

natural open space destinations and will help to reduce carbon emissions due to reduced vehicle traffic. The trail will become part of a network of bike and pedestrian infrastructure which connects communities from Morgan Hill to San José, and the greater Bay Area.

Furthermore, the project includes green infrastructure including a vegetative buffer zone and would contribute to broader community health, and nature-based recreation goals, as outlined in the North Coyote Valley Conservation Area Plan.

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