

Annie's Amendments

Park Purpose/Goal: Maintain Annie Bidwell's requirements as noted in the Deed of Conveyance as a primary consideration in all decision making related to Bidwell Park, and observe the commitment made by the City to preserve the Park's natural resources for the enjoyment of the public, in perpetuity.

Objectives:

1. Preserve Bidwell Park's native ecology and natural aesthetic beauty
2. Include consideration of the conditions found in the Deed of Conveyance in all decision making related to Bidwell Park.
3. Include the historical purpose intended for Bidwell Park in Park educational materials.
4. Allow managed infrastructure for research, education, and non-intensive recreation. Do not allow new facilities for intensive recreation, except within the existing footprints of areas already dedicated to such facilities.

Implementation Strategies:

1. The City shall weigh all decisions affecting Bidwell Park against the goal of preserving the natural values of the Park for future generations.
2. City staff shall be instructed to advocate for the preservation of Bidwell Park's natural, aesthetic, and historical values, in their role as trustees of a public resource.
3. The City shall provide a consistent educational message that emphasizes the historic purpose of Bidwell Park and informs the public of the formally protected status of the Park's natural features.
4. The City shall annually monitor the Park for unauthorized developments.
5. City staff shall enforce closure of unauthorized developments, and rehabilitate areas degraded by such unauthorized developments.
6. The City shall clearly identify existing authorized Park developments for non-intensive and intensive use including, but not limited to: trails, bike paths, roads and facilities for intensive recreation, and record these on a mapped database.
7. The City shall conduct a Park-wide inventory/assessment/monitoring program for natural resources, using qualified persons, using the management methods outlined by the document " Designing Monitoring Programs in an Adaptive Management Context for Regional Multiple Species Conservation Plans ", published by the USGS in 2004. Special emphasis should be placed on rare, sensitive species and the habitat that sustains them.