



**CITY OF MONROVIA
COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
AGENDA REPORT**

DEPARTMENT: Community Services

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

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AGENDA LOCATION: CC-2

TITLE: Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for September 2025.

OBJECTIVE: To provide an update on operations and programs for Canyon Park and activities related to Canyon Park and the Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) recorded for the month of September 2025.

BACKGROUND: For over a century, Canyon Park has served as a cherished recreational space for both visitors and Monrovia residents. Nestled in the scenic foothills, the park offers access to a wide range of natural resources that enhance the quality of life for our community providing clean air, wildlife habitat, and peaceful natural settings for relaxation and connection to the environment. These natural features contribute to the physical and mental well-being of residents while promoting environmental stewardship.

After a five-year closure caused by the 2020 Bobcat Fire and subsequent damage from heavy rainstorms, Canyon Park proudly reopened to the public on June 26, 2025. The park's diverse offerings include special events, naturalist-led night hikes, interpretive tours, a Nature Center, hiking trails, a waterfall, and panoramic views of the San Gabriel Valley. Our dedicated naturalists and volunteers work tirelessly to maintain the trail systems and park facilities.

ANALYSIS:

Canyon Park

Throughout September, essential maintenance and restoration efforts at Canyon Park continued, led by dedicated Canyon Park Volunteers and crews from Managed Career Solutions (MCS). These teams focused on improving trail safety and accessibility by removing overgrown vegetation, clearing fallen debris, and enhancing erosion control measures across multiple trail systems.

In addition to field operations, Canyon Park also reintroduced several community programs. The popular Family Hike and Campout welcomed families for an introductory experience in camping, outdoor recreation, and local wildlife education. Similarly, Kids' Craft in the Canyon provided a fun and educational opportunity for children to engage in nature-themed crafts while learning about the environment.

Hillside Wilderness Preserve

During September, both locations continued to experience consistent and robust visitor activity, as reflected in the eco-counter data. These strong numbers indicate sustained public engagement and effective use of the facilities.

The eco-counters show a continuation of the trends observed in previous months, though there has been a slight decrease in activity compared to the initial installation period. This decline is likely due to the recent reopening of Canyon Park, which has temporarily drawn some visitors away due to its popularity.

Staff remain actively engaged in patrolling the preserve and collecting observational data to supplement the eco-counter analytics. This combination of quantitative and qualitative data offers a more comprehensive understanding of visitor behavior, access patterns, and overall park utilization.

September 2025 Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Activity Log	
Canyon Park and HWP 258 hours of maintenance in September 2025	
September 1	Bill Cull and Overlook Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris along the trail.
September 3	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed an edge barrier along the trail to prevent trail erosion.
September 5	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed a tree that fell onto the trail.
September 8	Bill Cull, Overlook, and Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris along the trail.
September 10	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed a tree that fell along the trail.
September 12	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers removed a tree that fell along the trail.
September 15	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed an edge barrier along the trail to prevent trail erosion.
September 17	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed an edge barrier along the trail to prevent trail erosion.
September 19	Waterfall Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers installed an edge barrier along the trail to prevent trail erosion.
September 22	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers working on repair a portion of trail that was susceptible to trail erosion;
September 24	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers working on repair a portion of trail that was susceptible to trail erosion;
September 26	Ben Overturff Trail – Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris along the trail.
September 29	Bill Cull, Overlook, and Waterfall Trail - Canyon Park Volunteers cleared brush and debris along the trail.

September 2024/2025																						
PATROLS			ACTIVITY																			
	# of staff patrols 2024	# of staff patrols 2025	Pedestrians 2024	Pedestrians 2025	Vehicles 2024	Vehicles 2025	Cyclists 2024	Cyclists 2025	Pets 2024	Pets 2025	Public Service Calls 2024	Public Service Calls 2025	Smoking Ban Calls 2024	Smoking Ban Calls 2025	Wildlife Sightings 2024	Wildlife Sightings 2025	Unsecured Gate 2024	Unsecured Gate 2025	Citations 2024	Citations 2025	Activity Totals 2024	Activity Totals 2025
Sleepy Hollow																						
September 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 29-30	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	=	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Ridgeside																						
September 1-7	14	14	48	45	0	0	5	2	8	5	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	61	52
September 8-14	14	14	45	50	0	0	4	1	8	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	57	52
September 15-20	14	14	35	44	0	0	3	4	2	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	40	52
September 21-28	14	14	41	36	0	0	4	1	4	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	49	38
September 29-30	4	4	28	25	0	0	1	4	1	8	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	37
Total	=	60	60	197	200	0	0	17	12	23	19	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	237	231
Cloverleaf																						
September 1-7	14	14	35	12	0	0	5	2	5	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	45	16
September 8-14	14	14	15	25	0	0	4	4	9	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	28	30
September 15-20	14	14	25	31	0	0	4	1	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	30	36
September 21-28	14	14	30	25	0	0	4	5	5	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	39	31
September 29-30	4	4	19	20	0	0	2	4	4	3	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	25	27
Total	=	60	60	124	113	0	0	19	16	24	11	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	167	140
Highland																						
September 1-7	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 8-14	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 15-20	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 21-28	14	14	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September 29-30	4	4	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	=	60	60	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Grand Total	=	240	240	321	313	0	0	36	28	47	30	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	404	371

Eco - Counter September 2025					
Location	Total Counted	Daily Average	Weekday Average	Weekend Average	Busiest Day
Ridgeside	4,748	158	132	230	9/28/2025
Ridgeside In	2,621	87	72	129	9/28/2025
Ridgeside Out	2,127	71	60	101	9/28/2025
Cloverleaf	3,299	110	100	138	9/2/2025
Cloverleaf In	1,714	57	52	72	9/2/2025
Cloverleaf Out	1,585	53	48	66	9/2/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist In	157	5	5	6	9/9/2025
Cloverleaf Cyclist Out	309	10	10	12	9/12/2025

RECOMMENDATION: Staff recommends the Community Services Commission move to receive and file CC-3, Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for September 2025.

COMMISSION ACTION REQUIRED: If the Community Services Commission concurs, the appropriate action would be a motion to: Receive and file CC- Canyon Park and Hillside Wilderness Preserve Patrol Update for September 2025.

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