

AMERICA THE BEAUTIFUL 2020-2021 REPORT



GOAL: Manage 30% of open space and native habitat areas by 2030 using science-based land management actions to build resistant, resilient ecosystems in the Boise Foothills and along the Boise River.

BASELINE DATA:

- Foothills: 848 acres managed out of 5,868 total acres = 14.5%
- River: 79.3 acres managed out of 349 total river corridor acres= 22.7%
- Total 6,217 acres, 928 managed, 15.0%

IN 2021:

- Foothills: 962.6 acres managed out of 5,894 total acres = 16.3%.
- River: 173 acres managed out of 349 total river corridor acres= 49.6%
- Total 6,243 acres, 1,136 managed, 18.0%



PERCENTAGE OF CITY OF BOISE PROPERTY MANAGED

We added 3% to overall managed area in 2021

GOAL: Increase actively managed native habitat areas in improved park sites by 30% across Boise by 2030.

IN 2020:

 13.0% of park sites in Boise with natural habitat areas are actively managed

IN 2021:

 15.0% of park sites in Boise with natural habitat areas are actively managed

IMPROVE MANAGEMENT OF PARK SITES







GOAL: Raise a total of \$30 million by 2030 to protect more open space and clean water resources and enhance community restoration projects.

The City of Boise has preserved over 13,000 acres of wild land for habitat and recreation since the first levy passed in 2001. In 2020 and 2021 alone an additional 359 acres of open space has been acquired and protected.

Prior to 2020, the 2001 and 2015 levies had already raised \$20 million for protection of critical open space, native habitat and recreation.

As of December 31 of 2021, a balance of \$7.8 million is left in the 2015 Open Space and Clean Water Levy fund.

IN 2020:

• \$1.3 million was used to preserve open space in the foothills in Northwest Boise near Pierce Park

IN 2021:

 \$48,000 was approved for a partnership project with the Golden Eagle Audubon Society to improve habitat along the Boise River

\$30 MILLION FUNDRAISING GOAL



ENGAGEMENT AND GROWTH

GOAL: Grow our engagement opportunities by 30% to provide meaningful experiences for community members.

IN 2020:

 880 participants in Boise Parks and Recreation volunteer projects (data tracking changed to hours in 2021) = 1,589 hours

IN 2021:

- 1,629 participants, 14 new outreach events, total volunteer hours in Boise Parks and Recreation projects = 2,942 hours
- Open space programs (habitat restoration, Ridge to Rivers, Weed Warriors) = 1,723 hours
- Park resource programs (Adopt a Greenbelt, Adopt a Habitat, Pollinator Posse, Citizen Science) = 1,219 hours



GOAL: Through the City of Trees Challenge increase average tree canopy cover in Boise to 30%.

IN 2020:

• 2,100 trees planted.

IN 2021:

• 2,450 trees planted.



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