



# Carson River Master Plan Amendment

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CWSD Board Meeting

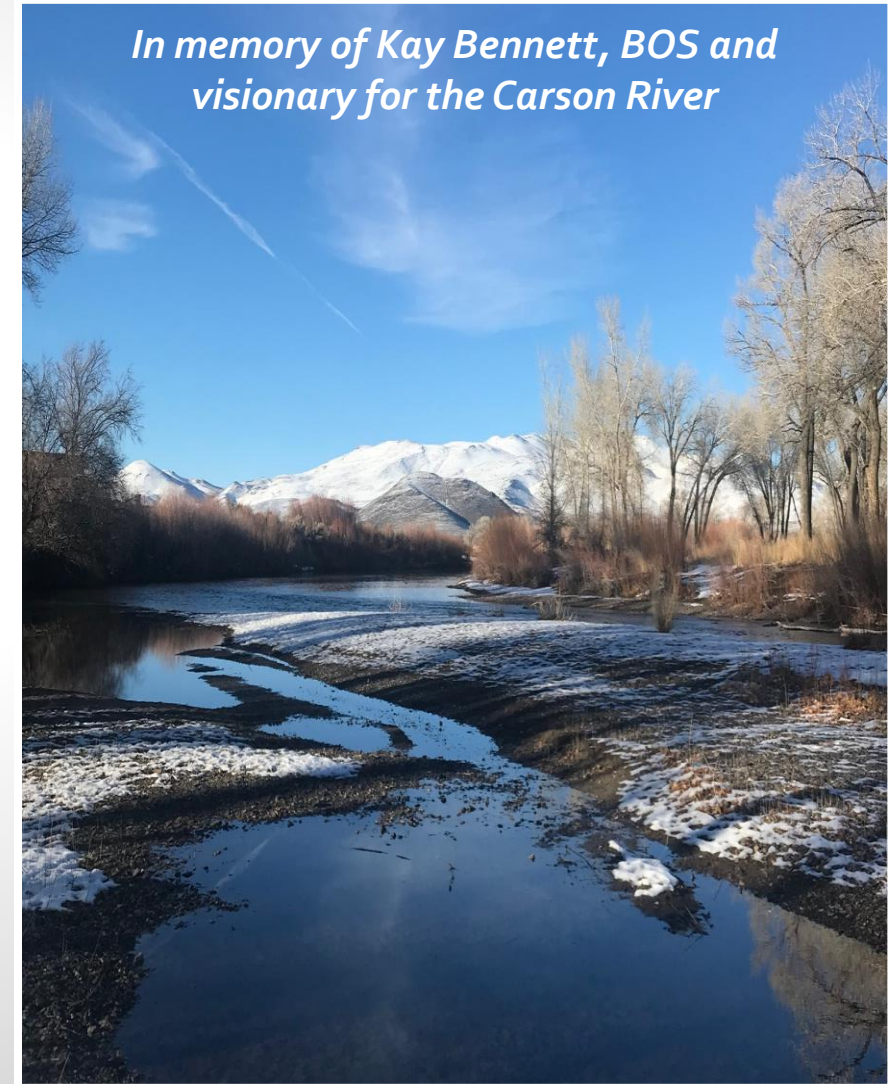
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# History – “Carson River Corridor”

## Planning

- 1993 - Proposed by a Carson City Board of Supervisor (BOS)
  - 13-member steering committee
  - Theme: public access to River
- 1994 - Carson River Workshop
  - Over 100 attendees
- April 7, 1994 - BOS adopted *A Resolution of Support of Planning for the Future of the Carson River*
  - Led to the creation of the Carson River Advisory Committee.





# History – “Carson River Corridor” cont’d



## Planning

- 1996 – Passage of Question 18 – Quality of Life Initiative
- 1994-2013 – Carson River Advisory Committee
- 1996 – Carson River Master Plan (CRAC)
- 1996 – Carson River Master Plan written
- 2000-2025 – land acquisitions in Carson City
  - 11 miles of river corridor protected
  - Approx. 5,000 acres in the river corridor
- 2022 - Carson City seeks to update the Carson River Master Plan

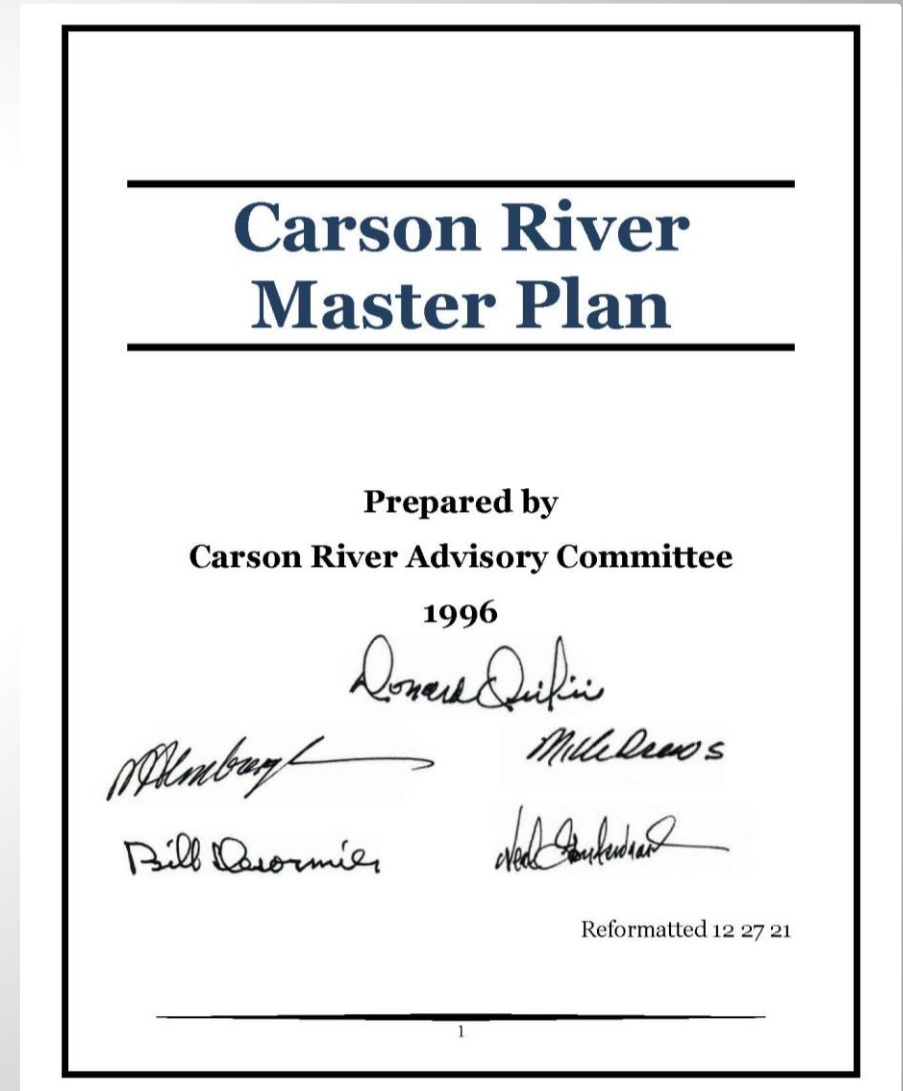


# Carson River Master Plan (1996)



## Original Goals

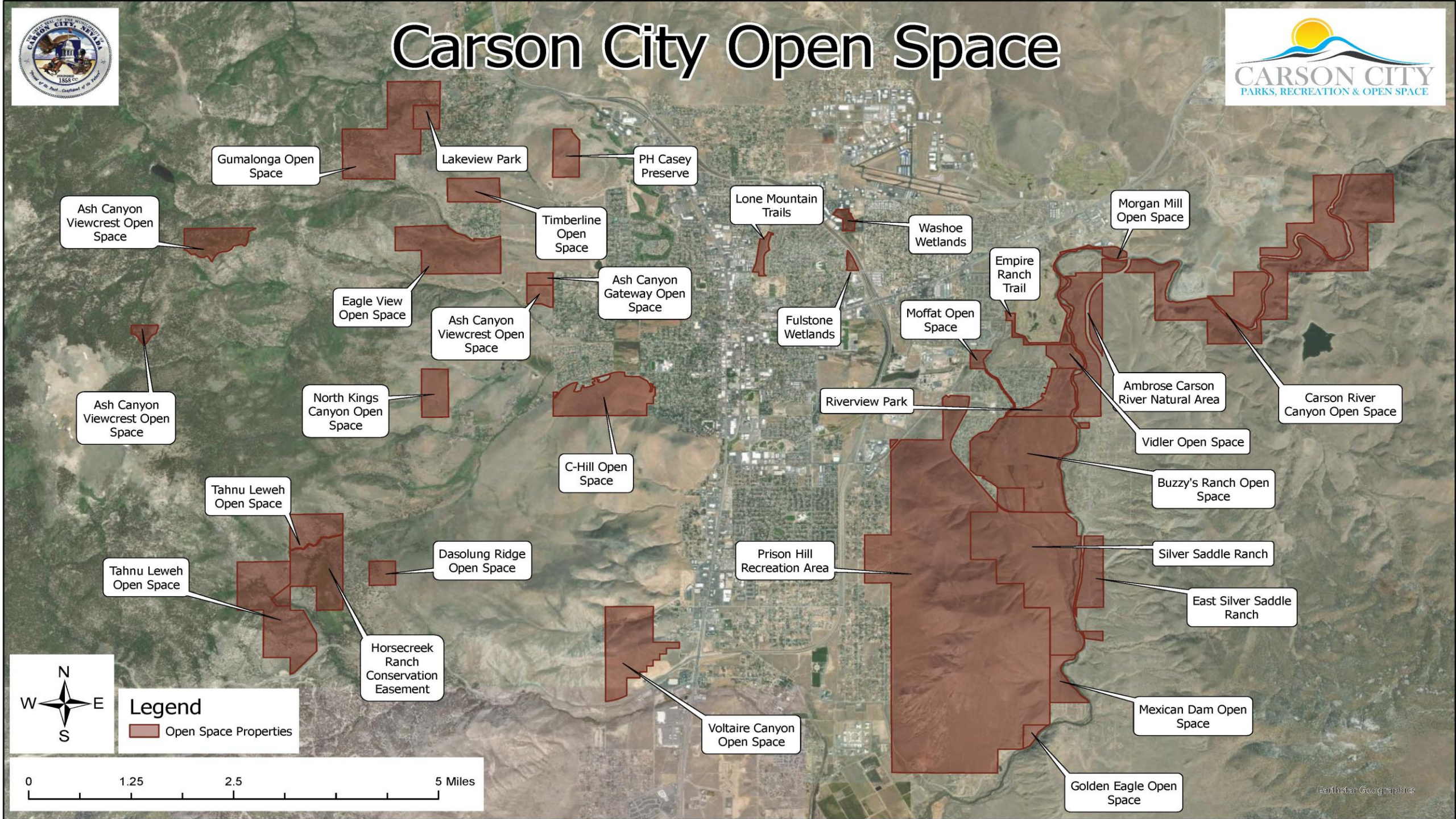
- Develop a “Carson River Corridor”
  - Public access
  - Land acquisitions → Open Space program
- ID wildlife conservation opportunities
- Balance recreation with natural/cultural resources conservation
- Minimize impacts to water quality/river health from urbanization
- Environmental education opportunities







# Carson City Open Space





# Carson River Master Plan (1996)

## Positive Impacts





# Carson River Master Plan Update



## **Elements identified to add to updated Carson River Master Plan:**

- Current condition of river;
- Areas for restoration;
- Current recreation uses & demand;
- How public concerns from 1996 workshop have been addressed; and
- How environmental, natural and cultural resource concerns identified in 1996 plan have been addressed.



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## **National Park Service - Rivers, Trails Conservation Assistance Program**

Supports locally-led conservation and outdoor recreation projects across the United States. NPS-RTCA assists communities and public land managers in developing or restoring parks, conservation areas, rivers, and wildlife habitats, as well as creating outdoor recreation opportunities and programs that engage future generations in the outdoors.





# Project Area Map

## Carson River Master Plan Update



~ 5,300 acres of Open Space near Carson River.

~ 11 miles of river protection.

- LEGEND**
- River Trails
  - Carson River
  - County Line
  - Carson City Open Space

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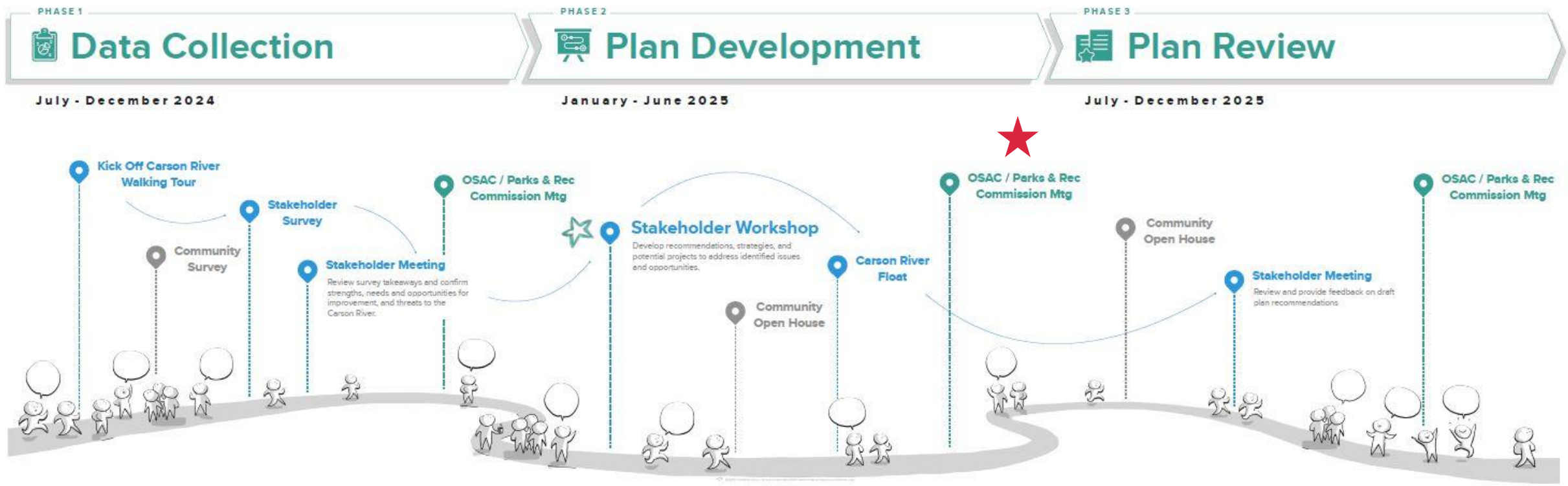
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## ENGAGEMENT ROADMAP





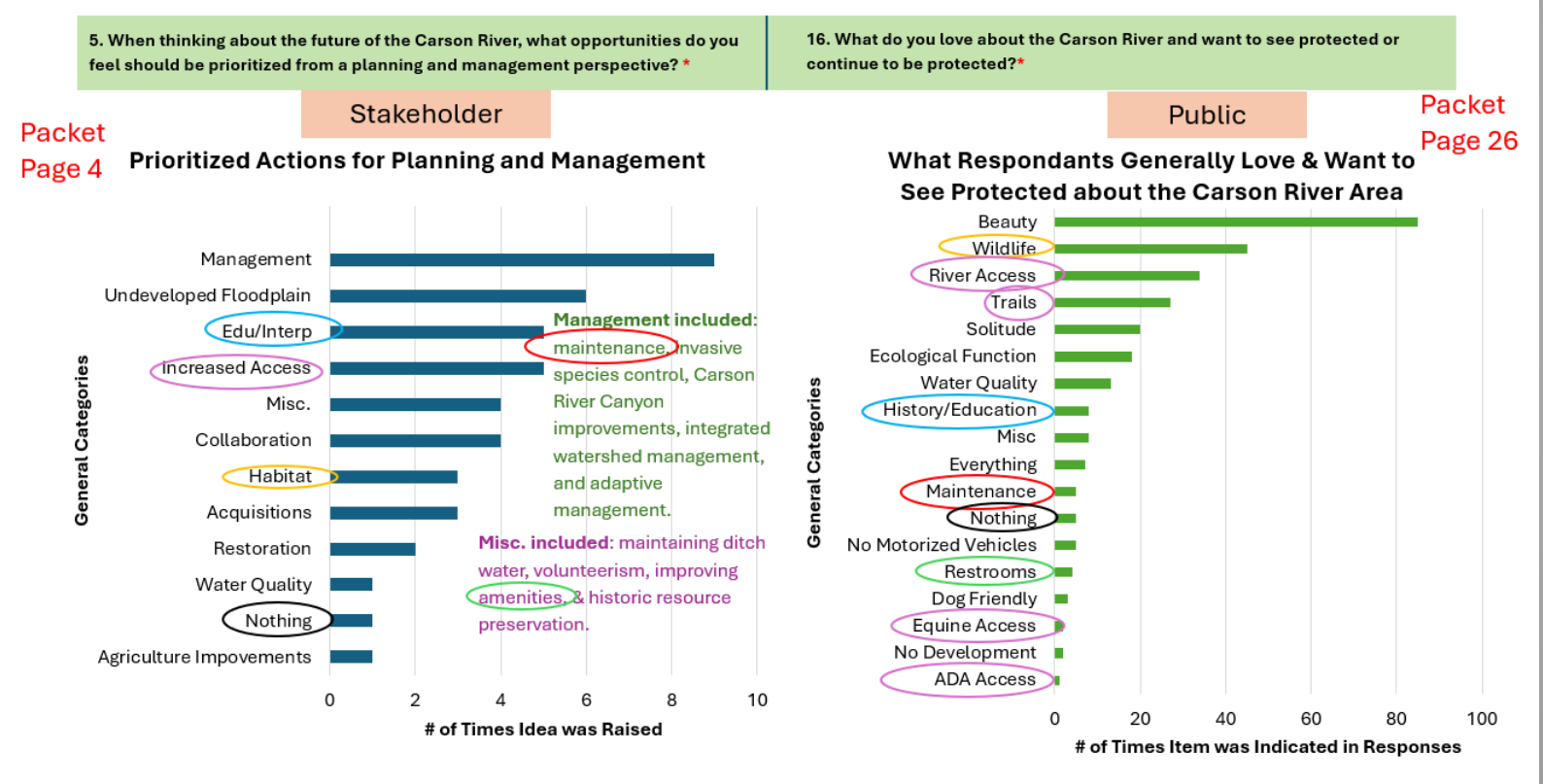
# Carson River Master Plan

## Community & Stakeholder Surveys – Fall 2024



### CARSON RIVER MASTER PLAN User Experience Survey

We want to hear from you!





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## Stakeholder Tour – Sept. 2024





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## Stakeholder Meeting, Nov. 2024





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## Stakeholder Workshop, March 2025





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## Carson River Open House, April 2025





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## Carson River Open House, April 2025





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## Stakeholder Float, May 2025





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## Next Steps...



- Currently working to compile all the feedback received into a comprehensive document.
- Guiding Principles
- 5 main themes:
  - Outdoor Recreation
  - Stewardship
  - Education & Outreach
  - Water
  - Collaboration and Partnership
- Plan Goals
- Recommended Actions

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# Questions?



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