

Arana Gulch Funding Program

The City has leveraged a variety of funds from different sources to carry out the Arana Gulch Master Plan - including tarplant and other habitat management, elimination and consolidation of trails, development of the interpretive elements and building the multi-use trails. The City has been successful in obtaining over \$4 million in federal and local funds to construct an all-weather accessible multi-use trail as included in the Arana Gulch Master Plan. These funds are critical to enabling the City to implement the habitat restoration and monitoring programs, and the physical improvements such as the cattle fencing, seasonal wetland protection, interpretive displays and overlooks proposed in the Arana Gulch Master Plan. The federal Transportation Enhancement (TE) funds are commonly used in this type of setting and purpose; to develop pedestrian, bicycle and accessible trails. These funds will also be used to provide habitat enhancement for the project for up to 3 years.



Local city and county funds are also being used for implementation and long term funding of the Santa Cruz Tarplant Adaptive Management Program at Arana Gulch. The local funds come from the County of Santa Cruz and from the sale of City property between Frederick Street and Arana Gulch adjacent to the open space. This property is valued at over \$1.0 million. Of these funds, approximately half is identified in the Santa Cruz County Regional Transportation Plan as a local match to the grants for design and construction of the multi-use trail. The other portion is to be placed in an Arana Gulch Master Plan specific subaccount of the City's Trust Fund and will be designated to restore and manage habitat in the long term.