

Desert Trails Erosion Control General Obligation (GO) Bond Project

FAQs

What are the results of the Desert Trails survey?

The results will be considered when the Parks & Recreation Department updates the Desert Trails master plan. The master plan update process will begin after the erosion control GO Bond project is completed so any improvements made to the park based on that plan will not be damaged by erosion.

Can identified erosion problem areas be physically marked in the park so users of the park can know what to report to consultants?

The Public Works Department will find the best way to inform residents of areas already identified. Wooden stakes may not be the best way to do that. A map is available showing proposed improvements to eroded areas within the park.

What is the timeline for erosion control plan?

There is not a specific timeline yet, but the goal is for project to be completed before the monsoon season. Residents can go to the GO Bond project page in the City website to get project updates and other information. The link is www.las-cruces.org/GoBondProjects.

What is BLM's role in this project?

City of Las Cruces must submit plans to BLM for review and approval before work can be done. The consultant and City are aware of protocol that needs to be followed.

Will the park be open during the project?

The park will be repaired in sections and the area of the park not being worked on will be accessible. The Public Works Department will inform residents which section is being worked on beforehand. Notifications will be sent out through press releases and construction areas will be marked to designate the location being worked on.

Will wildlife be affected by work being done?

Efforts will be taken to assure wildlife habitats will not be disturbed. The type of repair being done is such that would most likely not disturb the type of wildlife that exists in the park.

How was the amount of GO Bond budget determined for this project?

The amount is based on engineer estimates based from similar projects. This project is a priority and all efforts were made to make sure enough funding was allocated for the repairs that are needed.

Is the same contractor that has done previous erosion repairs going to be used?

Prior to the GO Bond funding being acquired, the City was making "spot" repairs to maintain the park but did not have the funds needed to repair bigger problems that would stop erosion. Now the City has the funding to take care of the whole system within the park to improve areas to limit the type of erosion that continues to damage the trail.

Maintenance is also a part of the plan after the project has been completed. The City has a program called “Clean Sweep” that implements consistent maintenance to the entire City. A map on the City’s website shows when areas are scheduled and can be found at this link <http://www.las-cruces.org/1694/Our-Environment>. Look for Clean Sweep Schedule to access the map.

Will the pond drainage from the golf course be considered or does it have any effect on the park?

The consultant will assess whether the pond is a factor.

Will the properties flanking the park on the west side be a part of this project?

Property owners will be reminded that culverts adjacent to their properties, which need to be kept clear for water to drain properly, are the owners’ responsibility.

Can water fountains be labeled according to user i.e. adults, children, pets?

Yes, that can be done.