

Stanford Foothills

Beginning in 2017, the responsibility of leading the Foothills Management Group has been transferred between LBRE departments, from Land Use and Environmental Planning (LUEP) to Zone Management. Jovan Solis has taken over the responsibilities of Foothills Program Manager. She also manages the BGM maintenance budget at Hopkins Marine Station and Stanford's Planned Shutdown Program, both good training for her new role.

Geographically, the Foothills contain 2300 acres of land and three bodies of water, including Lagunita Lake, Felt Reservoir, and Matadero Creek. Heavily trafficked public streets, Page Mill Road, Alpine Road, as well as Interstate 280, surround this multiuse area. Public Trails including "The Dish" Trail, Matadero/Deer Creek Trail (S1), and Stanford Perimeter Trail (SPT) are also located within the boundaries of the Foothills.



Managing the Foothills includes the coordination of the Foothills Management Group, meeting quarterly; facilitating issues that are brought to the Group; governing Foothills Use Permitting; administering Unmanned Flying Vehicle (Drone) Policy (UFV); and maintaining all shared resources.



There are many groups across campus that collaborate to ensure that the Foothills are maintained properly. The Foothills Management Group includes Building and Grounds Maintenance (BGM), EH&S Fire Management, General Affairs and Community Relations, Heritage Services, LUEP, the Department of Public Safety, Real Estate, Sustainable Energy Management, Student Affairs, and the University Architect and Planning Office.

With the majority of the Foothills off campus, it really does "take a village" to ensure that the land and is well managed. The challenges include that this area is both an educational and public space, as well as a wild space for habitat. The California Tiger Salamander, a federally protected endangered species, and other wildlife must be safeguarded. Trails bring the Stanford community and the public to this open space. In 2000, there were 50,000 visitors at the Foothills, now over 600,000 use and enjoy this area.

The goal of the Foothills Management Group is to uphold the academic standards of Stanford University for conservation, the environment and recreation in this important and well-loved area.

See next page for Foothills boundary map.



