



City of Monrovia
Department of Community Services

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS
PROPOSED RESOURCE MANAGEMENT
PLAN AND INITIAL STUDY/
MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION**

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1. *What is the Hillside Wilderness Preserve and Hillside Recreation Area Resource Management Plan (RMP)?*

The RMP is a proposed plan to guide the long term management of the Project Area. The purpose of the RMP is to: 1) document current natural and man made conditions within the Project Area; 2) evaluate challenges and opportunities offered by the Project Area; 3) provide a management plan that will guide the stewardship, protect important natural resources, and where appropriate, recommend passive recreational opportunities in the Project Area. See the RMP for full details.

2. *What is the Project Area?*

The Project Area is comprised of 1,366 acres of City-owned land which is zoned Hillside Wilderness Preserve (HWP) and Hillside Recreation (HR), one 40-acre parcel and the entire Clamshell Motorway. The Project Area is bounded by the Monrovia/Arcadia border to the west, Angeles National Forest to the north, the Monrovia/Bradbury border and the Angeles National Forest to the east, and residential hillside properties to the south.

3. *How was the RMP prepared?*

The City hired LSA, a consulting firm that professionally prepares resource management plans and environmental documents, to complete a draft Hillside Wilderness Preserve and Hillside Recreation Area Resource Management Plan and advise City staff on the appropriate CEQA documents and process. The documents have been reviewed by City staff and are now available to the public.

4. *What documents were prepared to comply with the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)?*

In accordance with the California Environmental Quality Act ("CEQA") and the State CEQA Guidelines, an Initial Study (IS) was prepared for the proposed project and after reviewing the Initial Study and applying mitigation measures to the project, City staff determined that this project will not have a significant effect on the environment. Accordingly, a MITIGATED NEGATIVE DECLARATION (MND) has been prepared. The environmental documents are available for public review. Public comments on the proposed Mitigated Negative Declaration will be received by the City beginning August 25, 2008 and ending on September 25, 2008.

5. *Where can I look at the documents?*

Copies of all relevant material including the RMP and Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) are available for review at the following locations:

- Monrovia Community Center -- 119 West Palm Avenue
- Monrovia City Hall at the Community Development Department and City Clerk Counters – 415 South Ivy Avenue
- Monrovia City Library – 843 East Olive Avenue
- City of Monrovia website www.cityofmonrovia.org (select the link [explain how to get to the page])

6. How can I obtain printed copies of the documents?

- If you'd like to have a printed copy made for you, Kinko's and Office Depot on Huntington Drive in Monrovia have copies of the documents and you can pay to have them printed.
- If you'd like to print the documents from your own computer, go to the City's website at www.cityofmonrovia.org and select the link [explain how to get to the page].

7. Is there a deadline by which public comments must be made on the IS/MND?

Yes. The public comment period for the proposed Initial Study and Mitigated Negative Declaration will begin on August 25, 2008 and end on September 25, 2008.

8. If I want to submit written comments on the IS/MND, where do I send them?

Public comments may be submitted in writing by e-mail to rmp@ci.monrovia.ca.us. Or public comments may be sent to April Soash, Community Services Department, 119 West Palm Avenue, Monrovia, CA 91016.

9. When will the public meetings be held and how can I make comments?

The Community Services Commission will hold a meeting on Tuesday, September 9, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia. At the meeting the Commission will accept written and oral public comments on the Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration (IS/MND) for the Resource Management Plan.

The Commission encourages written public comments in advance of the meeting. Written public comments that are received by the City by Wednesday, September 3 at 6:00 p.m. will be included in the advanced agenda packet that is delivered to the Commissioners. (See question 8 above for the addresses at which written comments may be submitted.)

If you are unable to submit written public comments prior to the meeting, or are unable to attend the meeting, the City will accept written public comments through September 25, 2008.

After the public comment period on the IS/MND has closed, the Community Services Commission will then review the RMP at its regularly scheduled meeting on Tuesday, October 14, 2008, 7:00 p.m. at the City Council Chambers, 415 South Ivy Avenue, Monrovia. The Commission is expected to make a recommendation on the RMP to the City Council at that meeting. The City Council is anticipated to hold a meeting to consider the RMP and IS/MND in November. Once the date is determined, the agenda for that City Council meeting will be posted in advance as required by state law.

10. What if I still have questions and need to contact a City staff person about the RMP or IS/MND?

Please contact April Soash, Director of Community Services at (626) 256-8234 if you have questions.