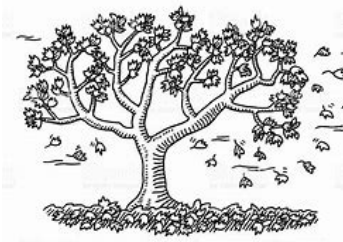


Welcome to Protect Rural Placer



This is a place where longtime residents and newcomers to Placer County work together to preserve our agricultural heritage, abundant wildlife, and rural lifestyle.

Our current project is to stop the Hidden Falls expansion, which includes:

The \$1.12M purchase of 50 acres of prime Ag land at 5345 Bell Road in Auburn that will be paved over to create:

- a parking lot for 100 cars & 40 truck and trailer rigs
- commercial facilities for private vendors
- horse boarding facilities

Two additional parking lots at Curtola Ranch Road (AVCC), and another at Garden Bar Road in Lincoln.

With its urban recreation and commercial focus, the HFRP project will shatter a serene, safe, rural community.

Please join us to discover why residents of Placer County **need to stand up to creeping urbanization and destruction of our fragile landscape, wildlife, and agriculture lifestyle.**

How can I help?

Contact your Placer County representatives today!

You can reach our Placer County Board of Supervisors at **BOS@placer.ca.gov** or write them at 175 Fulweiler Ave, Auburn CA 95603.

- Bonnie Gore, District 1
- Robert Weygandt, District 2
- Jim Holmes, District 3
- Kirk Uhler, District 4
- Cindy Gustafson, District 5

Use Our Website

- Get more information
- View HFRP expansion project map
- Sign our petition
- Take our survey
- Follow us on Facebook
- Attend County meetings
- Email **ProtectRuralPlacer@gmail.com** to volunteer or with any questions about our organization

HFRP expansion violates the homeowners' rights to keep their home, property, family and community safe and secure.

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Impact to Ag and Ranching

Placer County continues to pave over and urbanize rich agricultural land.

Once it is gone we can't get it back.

The HFRP project would turn agricultural land, that has been used for cattle grazing since the 1860s, into trails and a public recreation area.

Local ranching families will be impacted by the loss of grazing leases.

This project **undermines the sustainability of agriculture** for farming families and future generations of farmers and ranchers.

Increased Traffic

Bell, Cramer, Lone Star and Garden Bar roads are narrow and hilly with multiple blind curves, not meant for **the addition of hundreds of vehicle trips daily**. This action will impact road safety for residents, cyclists, and visitors of the park.

Endangerment by Wildfires

CalFire states that 95% of all wildfires are caused by humans and can travel up to 14 miles in one hour.

The proposed trail expansion covers extremely combustible dry oak woodlands and heavily wooded/brushy gorges.

The expansion project increases the danger for wildland fires to thousands of residents within and surrounding the 3,700 acres.

The likelihood of illegal camping by hikers and homeless will increase the potential for wildland fires from campfires, as well as from combustible trash, bottles and cigarettes.

Increased Crime

This expansion creates a massive invasion of privacy and increases vulnerability to family and homes **when hundreds of people visit daily, 365 days a year, from dawn till dusk.**

Residents will experience an upsurge in trespassing, theft, vandalism, loitering, and altercations on private property.

Impact to the Environment

The expansion area includes critical lands in the Racoon Creek and Bear River watersheds, the largest remaining oak woodlands in Placer County, which are protected from development, and one of the last relatively wild areas in western Placer County.

Opening up this area to hundreds of people daily will:

- **endanger woodland and riparian plant and animal habitats**
- **pollute wetlands, streams and NID canal water**

Fiscal Impact

With \$10M already spent, the HFRP expansion is projected to be an additional tax burden of \$18M to Placer County residents.

Only 36% of current Hidden Falls visitors are from Placer County.

Ongoing costs for maintenance, staffing, law enforcement, and fire mitigation which have not been budgeted.

No economic benefit will be realized by Placer County from this project.