

**Community Focus Statement A:** Restore, preserve, and enhance the rural characteristics of Homestead Valley

**Action Statement A.3:** Protect open space areas in Homestead Valley by acquiring land or conservation easements, and limiting the use of these spaces to low-impact recreation such as hiking and trail biking.\*

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**Benchmark:** Two new open space trails are developed for low-impact development.

**Champion:** Volunteer group or person or can be identified by the community

**Estimated Cost:** \$10,000–\$50,000, plus land acquisition and annual maintenance costs.

Action	Action Leader	Timeline	Resources
1. Hold a Meeting to create a Resource Conservation Committee.	Champion	Months 1	Inland Empire Resource Conservation District <a href="https://www.iercd.org/">https://www.iercd.org/</a>
2. Meet with the Inland Empire Resource Conservation District (IERCD) to learn about past conservation efforts, discuss future demand for mitigation lands, and explore potential for partnering.	Resource Conservation Committee	Months 1–3	California Department of Fish and Wildlife <a href="https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Explore/Organization/HCPB">https://www.wildlife.ca.gov/Explore/Organization/HCPB</a>
3. Identify and prioritize land protection and restoration activities, in coordination with public input.	Resource Conservation Committee, with assistance from IERCD	Months 4–6	California Department of Conservation, Resource Conservation District, Resource Library
4. Secure funding for land protection, restoration, and maintenance activities and consider partnering with a land trust.	Resource Conservation Committee	Months 6–12	<a href="http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/RCD/Pages/RCDResourceLibrary.aspx">http://www.conservation.ca.gov/dlrp/RCD/Pages/RCDResourceLibrary.aspx</a>
5. Recruit volunteers for land maintenance, tours, and other activities.	Resource Conservation Committee	Months 10–12	Land Trust Alliance <a href="http://www.landtrustalliance.org">http://www.landtrustalliance.org</a>
6. Conduct land protection, restoration, and maintenance activities.	Resource Conservation Committee, with assistance from IERCD	Month 13, on-going	
7. Revisit priorities for remaining activities, and prioritize new activities as opportunities arise.	Resource Conservation Committee	Month 25, on-going	

\*Community already coordinates with BLM such as the Giant Rock cleanup.