



Goal #3

Build an engaged community that protects and cares for the Truckee River

Objectives:

1. Promote awareness and education of the river's natural, cultural and recreational resources and the important role the river plays in our community
2. Increase student education and participation in river activities
3. Enhance opportunities for place-based activities and programs for the entire community
4. Inspire a culture of river stewardship
5. Ensure easy access to river information and appropriate activities



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Goal #4

Ensure the sustainable and collaborative management of the Truckee River

Objectives:

1. Create a sustainable organizational model to ensure the successful oversight and implementation of the OTR Management Plan
2. Develop partnerships and raise awareness of the OTR initiative and its achievements
3. Recruit and leverage funding and resources for the OTR initiative
4. Improve understanding of the current state of the river



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Mission

One Truckee River works to ensure a healthy, thriving, sustainable river connected to the hearts and minds of its community.

Vision

One Truckee River is a collaboration of public and private partners working together to realize a Truckee River that flows clear and clean, quenches our thirst, sustains the river's natural ecology and wildlife, serves as a cultural resource, and connects residents and visitors to unparalleled opportunities for recreation and regeneration.

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Goal #1

Promote and protect water quality and ecosystem health in the Truckee River

Objectives:

1. Assure that storm drains are delivering the cleanest water into the river
2. Assure effective watershed management on the river and its tributaries
3. Mitigate human impacts that adversely impact water quality on the river
4. Create a rich and diverse vegetative ecosystem
5. Improve wildlife habitat continuity, connectivity and integrity
6. Improve river function and flood water management



Goal #2

Create and sustain a safe, beautiful and accessible river connecting people and places

Objectives:

1. Increase appropriate use and discourage illegal activities along the river
2. Promote consistency in planning, maintenance and management between jurisdictions
3. Increase and enhance safe public access to and along the river
4. Ensure adequate public amenities along the river
5. Improve aesthetics along the river corridor
6. Provide resources and alternatives for people living on the river



Photo: Brid Anna Weldon



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ONE TRUCKEE RIVER APP

- Develop an app that integrates educational, recreational and cultural activities and resources
- Include a game element where people can earn virtual badges for stewardship
- Geo locater would let user know which activities or points of interest are nearest, including restrooms and hydration stations
- Calendar would alert user to upcoming river events



ONE TRUCKEE RIVER COALITION

- Develop a framework for long-term sustainable management of the river
- Ensure collaborative implementation of the One Truckee River Plan



Photo: Alex Hoff



Photo: Lynda Nelson



Photo: Truckee Meadows Park Foundation



Photo: Taylor Gipe

ONE TRUCKEE RIVER STEWARDS

- Develop a One Truckee River Steward program to engage kids and adults with cleanup efforts, waste/run off education and general river advocacy
- Junior Ranger program targeted at kids with various levels for advancement based on river knowledge and river-friendly activities
- Extend the "Take Care" campaign from Lake Tahoe downriver
- Encourage community members to take the pledge to protect rivers and water quality



Photo: Simon Williams



Photo: Truckee Meadows Beautiful



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Photo: Alex Hoff



Photo: Taylor Gipe



Photo: Kelsey Fitzgerald



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ONE TRUCKEE RIVER GREENBELT PARK

- Designate the region around the river as a regional park from West McCarran to Sparks Boulevard
- Park would have consistent management, maintenance, regulation and oversight
- Increase amenities along river, including: benches, bike repair stations, bike racks, pet waste stations, restrooms, life jacket stations along river



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ARTS & CULTURE

- Curate art and solicit art creation for public installations along the river
- Include art installations in greenbelt maps, kiosks and interactive mobile app
- Promote art and culture activities that reflect our historical, cultural and natural environment
- Develop a coordinated celebration of the Truckee River from Lake Tahoe to Pyramid Lake



Photo: Nevada Rock Art Foundation



Photo: Alex Hoff

ONE TRUCKEE RIVER VISITOR CENTER

- Build a One Truckee River Visitor Center along the river, providing information on watershed education, activities and events, water etiquette, maps, trail connections, cultural and historic education, and parking access
- Develop a system of kiosks located at regular intervals along the river with maps, mileage counters and relevant educational, cultural and recreational information about the specific location
- Develop a self-guided watershed River tour using kiosks and an app



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ONE TRUCKEE RIVER OUTREACH

- Coordinate and support efforts to provide resources and alternatives for people living along the river
- Implement a "Healthy River, Healthy People" campaign that encourages health and wellness in connection with river activity



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In order to succeed, we need a plan.

The One Truckee River Management Plan will help our community accomplish the ambitious objectives laid out here. It is the first overarching management plan for the river which includes quality of life, recreation, water quality, invasive species management, stewardship and protection, environmental education, social service elements, cultural resources and restoration.

We have the ability to make the Truckee River the shining centerpiece of our community. With a shared vision — and all of us working together — we can ensure the Truckee River's health and vitality for generations to come.



Water Quality

85 percent of the community's drinking water comes from the Truckee River. People, animals and plants in our region depend on the river as a vital resource. Current policies leave room for improvement in the way we manage what gets into the river. These problems will be exacerbated as the community grows. It is critical that we, as a community, keep the water in the Truckee River clean and healthy for all those who depend on it.



Social Issues

The Truckee River is the backdrop for serious challenges facing our community — among them, providing support and services to those suffering from homelessness, substance abuse and mental health conditions. While these issues can create barriers to those recreating and using the river, the social issues are not just Truckee River problems — they impact the entire community. We must find ways to help these at-risk populations.



Stewardship

To ensure that the Truckee River continues to be an accessible, inviting destination, it must be managed by faithful stewards. Currently, many groups play a role in protecting and maintaining the river, including federal, state and local jurisdictions, non-profits, businesses and community organizations. Continued collaboration with a common vision is essential for the river's success.



Ecosystem

The health of the Truckee River is an indicator of the health of the surrounding community. Overall health includes both physical, geographic features and living, biological features, and is influenced by water quantity, quality and timing of delivery. The river ecosystem faces challenges from drought, flooding, climate change, development, invasive species and other sources that we must acknowledge and address.



Quality of Life

The Truckee River plays a tremendous role in our cultural heritage, and it continues to enhance the lives of local residents and visitors. However, many people are not aware of the opportunities the river presents, and are not fully taking advantage of what it has to offer. To ensure quality of life for all of us, we must continue to make the community aware of all the ways that the river can enhance our lives.



Public Safety

The Truckee River presents many opportunities that enhance our region's quality of life. However, it also presents threats. Threats can come from flooding, debris, general water hazards and crime that takes place near the river. Public safety concerns require us to identify threats and create solutions to mitigate them. In doing so, we enhance the community's enjoyment of the river.



Funding

Implementation of the One Truckee River Management Plan will require funding. A strategy to support the long-term effectiveness of the One Truckee River Coalition and fund the implementation of priorities and initiatives must be identified to ensure that our goals are met. Opportunities exist to leverage precious public and private dollars through strong coordination and collaboration.



Recreation

The Truckee River offers recreational opportunities vital to the health and well-being of our community, including swimming, fishing, kayaking, biking and walking. However, there are opportunities to improve access, usability and quality of existing facilities and resources, in addition to providing new facilities. Barriers to river access and enjoyment must be identified and then rectified.



Education

For our community to truly become stewards of the Truckee River, we must understand the river's central role in our environment, history, and culture. The river is a wonderful resource that can be used in the teaching of biology, geology, history, and other subjects in K-12 curricula and in programs for adult learners.



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