

Dear Carmel Mission Area Neighbor,

You may have heard of a proposed project that will create a nature preserve on land between the Carmel Mission and the Carmel River, a pedestrian path between Rio Road and Mission Ranch, and a historic bridge at the center of it all—providing safe passage to schools, parklands, and beaches.

The Bridge to Everywhere project, spearheaded by the Carmel Area Wastewater District, is building momentum, and this vision is close to becoming a reality. It requires coordination between CAWD, the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, the Diocese of Monterey, and the Monterey Regional Parks District.

Perhaps most importantly, this project needs the support of neighbors like you, who will one day benefit from the network of trails it will provide—including access to the banks of the Carmel River, a shortcut to and from River School, and a walking route to Palo Corona Park and the Carmel Meadows Trail.

In partnership with the City of Carmel-by-the-Sea, we can transform Rio Park, currently a makeshift city maintenance yard, into Rio Preserve. This seven-acre area will be left wild and undeveloped—no parking spaces, crowds, or additional traffic—just a meadow and a trail meandering through the sycamores and oaks.

And, in partnership with the Diocese of Monterey, we can reconnect the historic Carmel Mission to the Carmel River, the reason it was founded there. A proposed path along the eastern edge of Larson Field would create a safer route to River School while also linking Mission Trail to the bridge and preserve.

Lastly, with the support of the Monterey Regional Parks District, the California Coastal Commission, and other agencies and citizens like you, we can retrofit the existing suspension bridge that crosses the Carmel River to open new routes to recreational pursuits further south.

We hope you'll consider the merits of this project and possibly even lend your support to it. You can learn more about the Bridge to Everywhere at [URL TBD].

The Bridge to Everywhere Committee