

CANDELARIA NATURE PRESERVE

The City of Albuquerque is in the process of creating a resource management plan for the 167-acre Candelaria Nature Preserve located right in the middle of the city, and we are asking for your input!

The goals of this resource management plan are:

- Comply with City Council requirements by:
 - Providing reasonable public outdoor recreation access for nature study and wildlife habitat conservation, and;
 - Basing the Resource Management Plan on previous plans including the 1979 Predock Plan and the Resource Management Plan from 2004, and;
 - Develop feasible alternatives that are acceptable to OSD staff and OSAB, which can be implemented and financially maintained by the OSD.

How can you get involved?

- Visit <https://www.cabq.gov/candelaria-nature-preserve> to get the latest information on upcoming public meetings and discovery hikes in 2019.
- Email candelariafeedback@cabq.gov. We would like to hear your thoughts on the following questions:
 - What is the importance of the Candelaria Nature Preserve?
 - What management strategies do you suggest?
 - What do you think Candelaria Nature Preserve should look like in ten years, twenty years and beyond?
 - Who else should we interview or involve in the planning process?
- We would like to hear your thoughts on following issues:
 - Farming for Wildlife Management
 - Water Management and Water Rights
 - Native and Invasive Species Management
 - Outdoor Recreation and Preservation of Habitat
 - Climate Resilience
 - Funding and Phasing for Management Transitions

Public Outreach Schedule

- *Stakeholder Interviews – November and December 2018- Complete*
- Public Meeting #1 – Goals Establishment – Wednesday, January 30, 2019 from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park Education Building.
- Candelaria Nature Preserve Discovery Hikes – Two hikes on both February 23rd and March 23rd - 9- noon
- Public Meeting #2 – Option Consideration – Mid-June 2019
- Public Meeting #3 – Preferred Option Consideration – Mid-September 2019

A Brief History of the Candelaria Nature Preserve

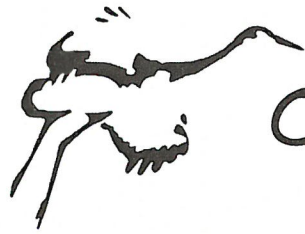
In 1977 the City of Albuquerque purchased approximately 167 acres in the north valley to create a nature preserve with an outdoor recreation component. The property was partially purchased with money from the Land and Water Conservation Fund. Since the property's purchase, Candelaria Nature Preserve has been operated and maintained by the City of Albuquerque Open Space Division and the Rio Grande Nature Center State Park as a part of a network of open spaces that:

- Preserves and protects natural features and cultural resources,
- Creates a sense of place for residents and visitors,
- Provides educational and recreational opportunities, and;
- Contributes to a network of Rio Grande migratory bird refuges along the Rio Grande.



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we are making plans and need your input!!



RESOURCE MANAGEMENT PLAN STUDY AREAS

-  Candelaria Nature Preserve
-  Rio Grande Nature Center state Park



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