Invest in the Future

2.7 Miles to the Mountain Crest
Phase III

With widespread support from the community we are reclaiming a 2.7 mile portion of the 8 mile long Franklin Trail. This section cuts through mountainous chaparral offering panoramic views of the islands, coastline and valley floor, as well as the crest of the Santa Ynez Mountains.

The Challenge
Complete the historic trail along its original route to the crest of the Santa Ynez Mountains through dense chaparral and across steep terrain.

The Need
Beyond the cost of the physical labor to re-open the trail we must fund the cost to comply with environmental regulations, which require extensive research and reports. With approvals in place, the trail can be rebuilt the trail across a 2.7 miles of the Los Padres National Forest with an elevation gain of 2000 feet.

The Outcome
- Reclaim historic trail that has been closed for over 40 years.
- Expand free outdoor gym for health, fitness and overall wellness.
- Add 2.7 miles of trail to enjoy nature-based recreation.
- Provide trail users with a direct route to the Santa Ynez River.
- Increase recreational opportunities for the whole community.

The Budget
The trail restoration project is divided into phases that will require approximately $110,000 to complete:
- Environmental Reports/Review: $26,400
- Trail Planning/Review: $4,300
- Construct 2.7 Mile Long Trail: $74,800
- Fundraising: $4,500

GRAND TOTAL: $110,000

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