

**Genesee Foundation
Community Update Meeting
Fire Mitigation and Potential Emergency
Access Route**

September 27, 2022, 6:30-8:00pm

Introduction & Meeting Objectives

- Genesee Foundation & Genesee Fire District Mitigation Efforts to Date
- Summary - Genesee Board EAR Working Group Efforts to Date & Forward Plans
- Genesee Community Questions

Meeting Agenda

- Genesee Foundation and Fire Protection District Mitigation Efforts To Date (Jason Puffett/Dorie Dalton & Brian Maillet for questions)
- Summary of Genesee Foundation Fire & Safety Committee Priorities & Possible EAR Routes (Rick Sarg)
- Genesee Board Working Group Work to Date & Forward Plans (Diane Davies)
- Questions from Residents

Genesee Fire Protection District Mitigation Efforts To Date

- Wildfire Prepared Home Assessments ~ 110 District Wide
- WiRē Rapid Assessments ~ 1340 District Wide
- Slash/Chipping Events ~ District Wide (Filled 4 30-yard roll offs & 3 chip dumps)
- Community Mitigation Education & Outreach
 - CWPP Presentation
 - Forest Steward's Guild Neighborhood Walk
 - Stakeholder Working Group
 - Ambassador Program started
 - Plan Unit Presentations ~ 13 District Wide
 - WiRē Data Presentation
 - Neighborhood Walks ~ 18 walks representing roughly 225 homes
 - Genesee Foundation – Outdoor Day
 - Genesee Village – Community BBQ
 - GFR Open House

Genesee Foundation Open Space Wildfire Mitigation Actions

Since 2020

- 50 acres of forest restoration thinning
- Secured \$280,000 in grant funding for wildfire mitigation to be spent 2020 – 2025
- 100+ defensible space site visits with Genesee Foundation residents
- Annual slash pick up for Genesee Foundation residents
 - *Estimated 700 cubic yards of slash picked up in 2022*
- 12 Plan Unit presentations for Genesee Foundation neighborhoods
 - *Delivered customized presentations based on 2021 Community Wildfire Protection Plan*

Genesee Foundation Open Space Wildfire Mitigation Actions

Upcoming Projects *(Genesee Foundation owned property and priority within the 2021 CWPP)*

- 20 acres of roadside thinning to improve evacuation route for GF residents to be completed by September 2023
 - Additional 20 acres identified for 2024-2025
- 23 acres of forest restoration on Open Space completed by July 2023
 - Chokecherry Treatment area near Chokecherry Lane & Genesee Vista Road
 - Juniper Treatment area on western border of GF
- 40 acres of forest restoration on Open Space completed by December 2025
 - Streamside Trail and Miner's Mile Trail areas

Genesee Foundation Fire & Safety Committee Priorities

Mitigation Priorities (Top 3):

1. Improve survivability along existing routes through fuel reduction
2. Additional emergency access routes
3. Coordinate with local law enforcement to understand evacuation procedures

Emergency Access Route

Emergency Access Route (EAR) – A route that allows access to emergency vehicles for the purpose of emergency response ingress into a community, allows evacuation of residents from a community, and can be a tool for fire fighting (e.g., fire break)

Potential EAR's (Emergency Access Route):

1. F&S Committee and Fire Experts Rated Area between Daisy Lane & Bitterroot, & Montane & Highway 74
 - *Highest evacuation value*
 - *Highest fire protection value*
 - *Highest chance of success (i.e., least easement & private land mitigation issues)*
2. Additional possible routes Evaluated in Western, Eastern, & Southern directions

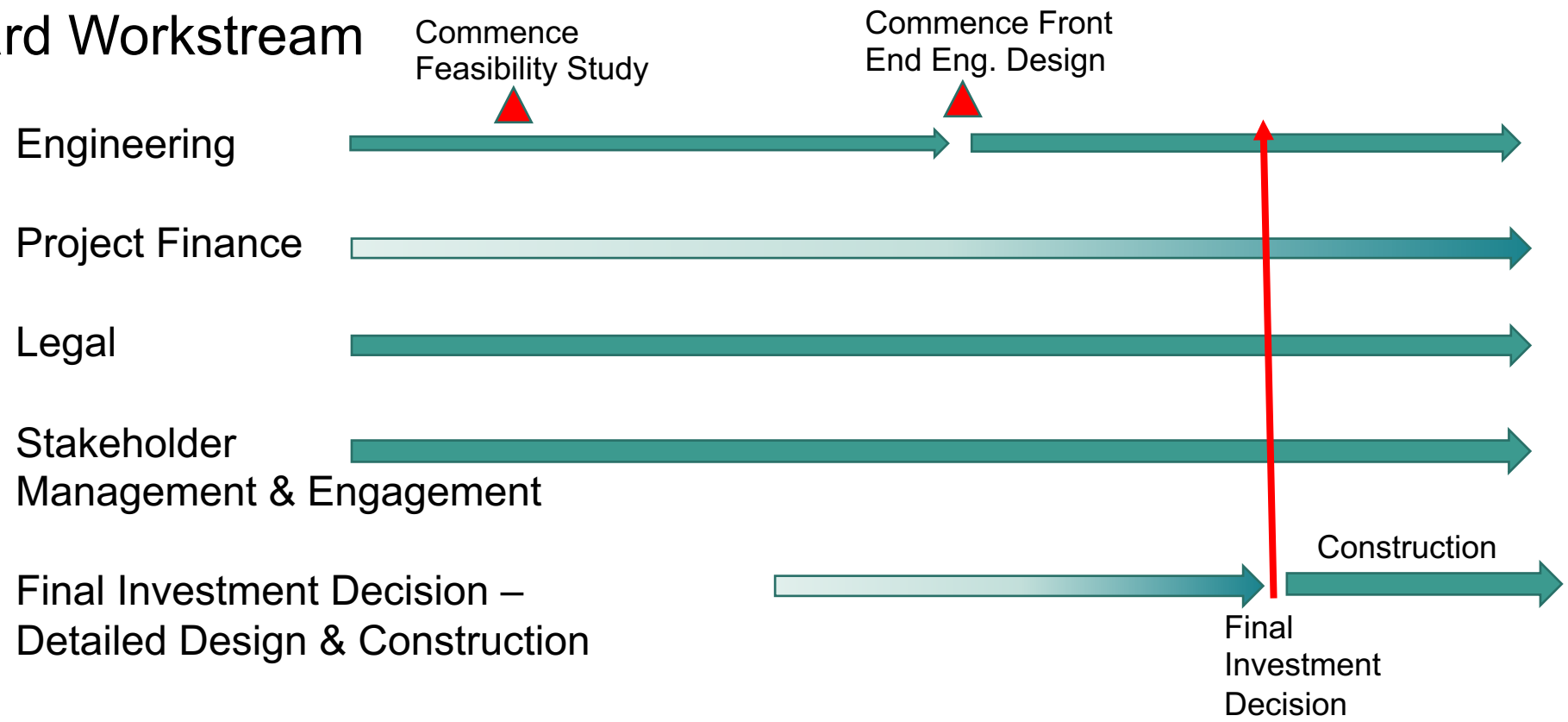
Board Working Group

Big Picture Goal: Investigate and facilitate the design, construction, and financing of a Southern EAR, designed to be safely navigated by passenger vehicles, law enforcement vehicles, and fire apparatus during a fire emergency.

- Preliminary Engineering Study
- Detailed Engineering Design
- Operating Agreement with GFD and 3rd Party landowners (if applicable)
- Business and Financing Plan
- Bid Process and Contract Negotiation

Genesee Board Working Group Forward Workstream

Forward Workstream



Community Questions

GENESEE FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT

JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF

GENESEE FOUNDATION BOARD REPRESENTATIVE(S)

GENESEE OPEN SPACE