

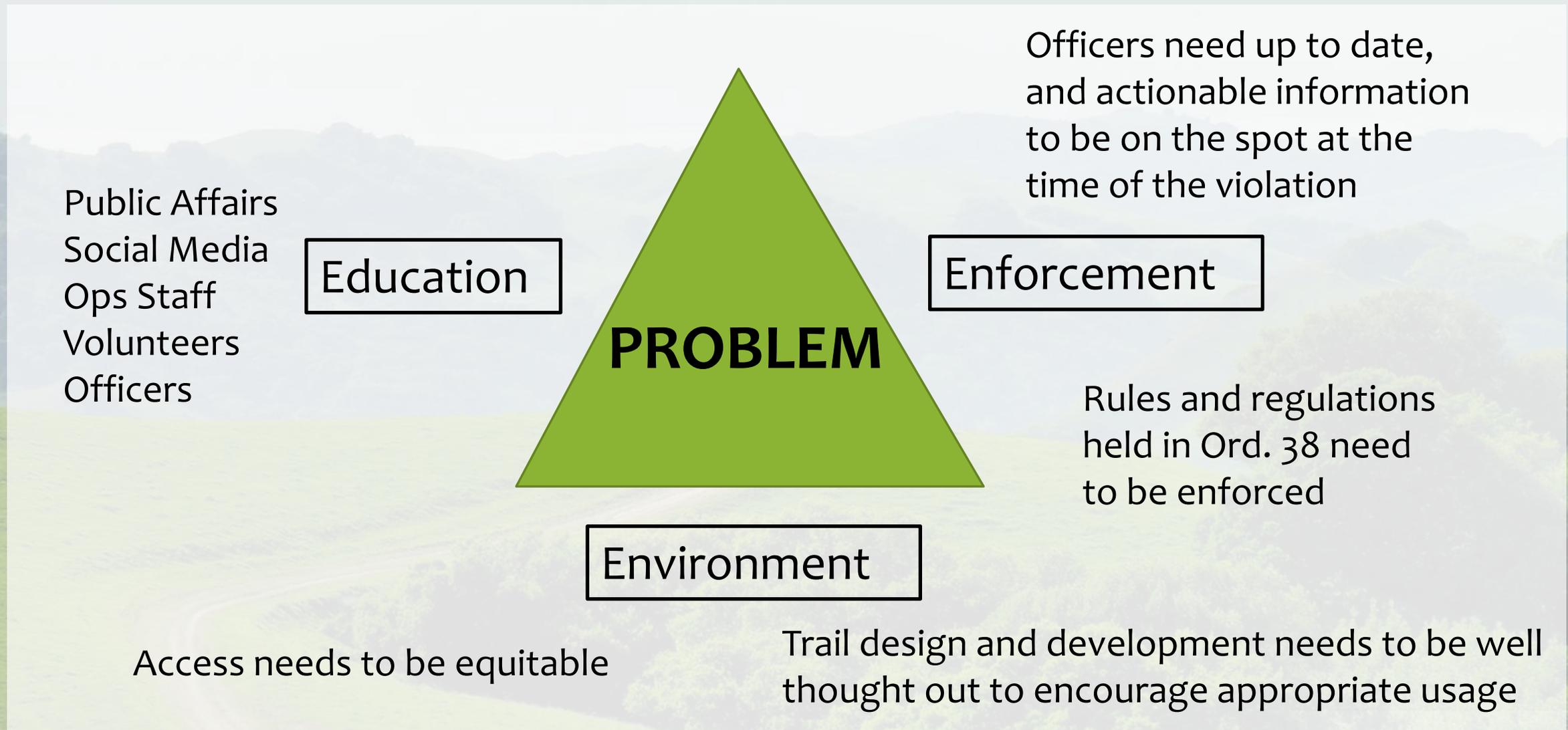
Trail Management and Public Safety Overview

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The Problem Triangle



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EBRPD Public Safety Response Model

Patrol Priority:
a request for a directed patrol for a defined issue, at a defined location

Patrol priorities are created in multiple ways:

- Reports from the public
 - Park Watch Reports, calls to Dispatch, Officer detail, etc.
- Reports from Park Staff
 - Unit meetings, Officer to Ranger information sharing
- Officer observations

2023 Patrol Priorities – Bicycle Related

- 78 separate patrol priorities relating to bicycle related issues
 - Briones Trail Pilot Project (99 hours)
 - Speed
 - Illicit trail use (single track, restricted area, etc.)
- Officers spent 127 hours in directed patrols for these patrol priorities.

Patrol Priorities can last from a week to multiple months based on the specific issue that is being addressed.

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EBRPD Public Safety Response Model

Patrol Officers

- 24/7 – 3 shifts a day
 - 5 regular patrol beats

Responds to active calls for service, conducts proactive patrols of district properties, and will address patrol priorities when possible.

The Special Enforcement Unit (8 personnel)

- 2 Sergeants, 2 Equestrian Officers, 2 Marine Officers, and 2 Dual-Sport Motorcycle Officers
- Focused on specific directed patrol that will make an impact on identified issue. Capable of alternative modes of patrol and are less tied to day to day calls for service.

Volunteer Trail Safety Patrol - VTSP

- 151 Volunteers (Hike, Bike, Equestrian, Companion Dog)
 - 6,300 hours of patrol in 2023
 - 167 hours spent specifically at the Briones Trail Pilot Project

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Bicycle Incidents and Enforcement Statistics

Total Incidents: 21,473

Total Bicycle/E-Bike Incidents: 145

- The total bicycle incidents accounted for 0.67% of total incidents in 2023
 - Of those 145 total bicycle incidents 42 (29%) involved E-bikes and 103 involved regular bicycles.

Total Cases: 1483

Total Bicycle/E-Bike Cases: 41

- The total bicycle cases accounted for 2.7% of total cases in 2023
 - **E-bikes**
 - Cases: 4 (1 BPP)
 - (all accident related)
 - **Bicycle**
 - Cases: 37 (2 BPP)
 - (35 accident related & 2 for illegal trail construction)

Total Bicycle Citations: 23 (22 BPP)



Thank You

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Discussion Topics

- a. What is your biggest concern regarding Park District trails?
- b. Which of the three elements (Development, Maintenance, or Management) should the Park District invest in most?