

# ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF HIPCAMP PROPERTIES

## Land conservation through camping on private land

 RIVERSIDE COUNTY, CALIFORNIA

### NATURAL LANDS

Nearly 900 acres of Riverside County's natural lands are listed on Hipcamp.

### ECOSYSTEM FUNCTION

These lands provide ecosystem goods and services that support livelihoods, wellbeing, and a sense of place.

### BENEFITS TO COMMUNITIES

The average Hipcamp property in Riverside County provides over \$122,000 in benefits, every year.

### HIPCAMP ECOSYSTEMS



**GRASSLANDS**  
178 ACRES



**SHRUBLANDS**  
474 ACRES



**WETLANDS**  
3 ACRES



**DEVELOPED OPEN SPACE**  
88 ACRES



**FORESTS**  
13 ACRES



**ALL OTHER LANDS**  
127 ACRES

Local landowners in Riverside County partner with Hipcamp to make their properties available for camping and other outdoor experiences in natural grasslands, rangelands, open green spaces, forests, and wetlands. These properties range from 20-acre ranches and family-owned permaculture farms to 100-acre estates and reforested preserves bordering national forest. The nearly 900 acres currently listed on Hipcamp provide multiple benefits to Riverside County communities, such as cleaning the air and water and providing habitat for wildlife. It is estimated that Hipcamp properties generate over \$8.2 million in benefits each year—that's \$9,300 per acre, every year.

# \$8.2 MILLION

THE ANNUAL VALUE OF ECOSYSTEM GOODS AND SERVICES PROVIDED BY LOCAL HIPCAMP PROPERTIES





# NATURE'S SERVICES SUPPORT RESILIENT COMMUNITIES AND HUMAN WELLBEING

Ecosystems produce goods and services we depend on everyday—from clean water and air, to thriving fisheries, protection from storms, beautiful views, and recreational opportunities. Identifying the economic value of these goods and services can highlight the importance of natural capital to our communities.

## SOME ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS OF HIPCAMP PROPERTIES



**AESTHETIC QUALITY** Hipcamp properties in Riverside contribute to the county's beautiful landscapes—views that are inspiring to campers and others who visit and appreciate these aesthetic qualities. **These services have been valued at \$380 an acre, totaling \$337,000 per year in the county.**



**AIR QUALITY** Plants can clean the air, removing particulate matter that is harmful to human health, and producing the oxygen we breathe. **Air quality services provided by Riverside Hipcamp properties are valued at \$1.64 per acre, accumulating to \$1,450 per year.**



**CARBON SEQUESTRATION** Ecosystems help regulate local and global climate stability, capturing and storing carbon in plants and soils. Forests, grasslands, and wetlands play critical roles, absorbing carbon and mitigating climate change damages. **Hipcamp properties in Riverside County sequester \$70,000 of atmospheric carbon each year, an average of \$80 an acre per year.**



**RECREATION** Beautiful landscapes, clean water, and thriving wildlife are central to outdoor recreational experiences. Camping, swimming, birdwatching, and picnicking are all enhanced by healthy natural capital. **The recreational benefits Hipcamp properties provide to visitors—beyond what they pay out of pocket—are estimated at \$3,800 per acre in the county, totaling \$3.4 million each year in nonmarket value.**



**WATER SUPPLY** Vegetation captures precipitation, recharging groundwater and surface waters for a wide range of uses, including municipal, agricultural, and industrial needs. **The benefits of natural water supply that Hipcamp properties provide to Riverside County communities are estimated at \$8 per acre, or a total of \$7,100 per year.**