

<p align="center">Community Vision 2040 Recreation, Parks and Community Services Element</p>	<p align="center">Comments</p>
<p>NOTE: The Recreation, Parks and Community Services (RPC) Element is a newly added chapter to the Community Vision 2040 General Plan. The RPC Element includes new goals, policies and strategies listed at the end of the table as well as existing goals, policies and strategies that were moved from the 2005 General Plan Land Use Element. Refer to the Land Use and Community Design Table for specific comments.</p>	
<p>GOAL RPC-1: Create a full range of park and recreational resources and preserve natural resources</p>	<p align="center">See Land Use Table</p>
<p>Policy RPC-1.1: <u>Parks and Recreation Master Plan</u>. Prepare a citywide Parks and Recreation Master Plan that outlines policies and strategies to plan for the communities open space and recreational needs.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-1.1.1: <u>Stevens Creek Corridor Master Plan</u>. Prepare a master plan for the park and open space corridor along Stevens Creek including McClellan Ranch, McClellan Ranch West, Blackberry Farm, the Blackberry Farm golf course, Stocklmeir and Blesch properties and the Nathan Hall Tank House area. The plan should address a fiscally sustainable strategy that allows year-round community use of the park system, while preserving the areas natural resources and addressing neighborhood issues including connectivity and buffers.</p>	
<p>Policy RPC-1.2: <u>Parkland Standards</u>. Continue to implement a parkland acquisition and implementation program that provides a minimum of three acres per 1,000 residents.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-1.2.1: <u>Park Size</u>. Require target for parks based on function and activity supported as part of the Parks and Recreation Master Plan. While the preferred size for most neighborhood parks is about 3.5 acres for flexibility of use, smaller size parks may be considered based on opportunities and circumstances.</p>	
<p>GOAL RPC-2: Distribute parks and open space throughout the community and provide services, and safe and easy access, to all residents and workers</p>	

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<p>Policy RPC-2.1: <u>Parkland Acquisition</u>. The City's parkland acquisition strategy should be based upon three broad objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Distributing parks equitably throughout the City; • Connecting and providing access by providing paths, improved pedestrian and bike connectivity and signage; and • Retaining and restoring creeks and other natural open space areas. 	<p>See Land Use Table</p>
<p>Strategy RPC-2.1.1: <u>Dedication of Parkland</u>. New developments, in areas where parkland deficiencies have been identified, should be required to dedicate parkland rather than paying in-lieu fees.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-2.1.2: <u>Public Use of School Sites</u>. Zone all public school sites for public use to allow for the public to use sites, when not in use by schools, through shared arrangements.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-2.1.3: <u>Acquisition of Surplus Properties</u>. Explore acquisition of surplus school and agency properties for parkland. Take advantage of the Naylor Act to purchase surplus school sites.</p>	
<p>Policy RPC-2.2: <u>Private Open Space and Recreation Facilities</u>. Encourage the continued existence and profitability of private open space and recreation facilities through incentives and development controls.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-2.2.1: <u>Existing Facilities</u>. Encourage the continued existence of private recreational facilities through land use zoning and incentives.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-2.2.2: <u>New Facilities</u>. Require major developments to incorporate private open space and recreational facilities, and seek their cooperation in making the spaces publicly-accessible.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Where feasible, ensure park space is publicly-accessible (as opposed to private space). • Encourage active areas to serve community needs. However, a combination of active and passive areas can be provided based on the setting. • Integrate park facilities into the surroundings. • If public parkland is not dedicated, require park fees based on a formula that considers the extent to which the publicly-accessible facilities meet community need. 	

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<p>Policy RPC-2.3: <u>Parkland Distribution</u>. Strive for an equitable distribution of parks and recreational facilities throughout the city. Park acquisition should be based on the following priority list. Accessibility to parks should be a component of the acquisition plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • High Priority: Parks in neighborhoods or areas that have few or no park and recreational areas. • Medium Priority: Parks in neighborhoods that have other agency facilities such as school fields and district facilities, but no City parks. • Low Priority: Neighborhoods and areas that have park and recreational areas which may be slightly less than the adopted City’s parkland standard. • Private Development: Consider pocket parks in new and renovated projects to provide opportunities for publicly-accessible park areas. 	<p align="center">See Land Use Table</p>
<p>Policy RPC-2.4: <u>Connectivity and Access</u>. Ensure that each home is within a half-mile walk of a neighborhood park or community park with neighborhood facilities; ensure that walking and biking routes are reasonably free of physical barriers, including streets with heavy traffic; provide pedestrian links between parks, wherever possible; and provide adequate directional and site signage to identify public parks.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-2.4.1: <u>Pedestrian and Bike Planning</u>. Implement recommendations in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plans to link employment and special areas, and neighborhood to services including parks, schools and neighborhood shopping.</p>	
<p>Policy RPC-2.5: <u>Range of Park Amenities</u>. Provide parks and recreational facilities for a variety of recreational activities.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-2.5.1: <u>Special Needs</u>. Extend recreational opportunities for special needs groups (seniors, disabled, visually-challenged, etc.) by making improvements to existing facilities and trails.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-2.5.2: <u>Recreational Facilities</u>. Explore the possibility of providing additional access to existing facilities such as gymnasiums, swimming pools and tennis courts.</p>	
<p>GOAL RPC-3: Preserve and enhance access to parks that have significant natural resources</p>	
<p>Policy RPC-3.1: <u>Preservation of Natural Areas</u>. Design parks to utilize natural features and the topography of the site in order to protect natural features and keep maintenance costs low.</p>	

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<p>Strategy RPC-3.1.1: <u>Native Planting</u>. Maximize the use of native plants and drought-tolerant planting.</p>	<p>See Land Use Table</p>
<p>Strategy RPC-3.1.2: <u>Natural Habitat</u>. Where possible, restore and provide access to creeks and riparian habitat.</p>	
<p>GOAL RPC-4: Integrate parks and public facilities within neighborhoods and areas</p>	
<p>Policy RPC-4.1: <u>Recreational Intensity</u>. Design parks appropriately to address the facility and recreational programming required by each special area and neighborhood based on current and future plans for the areas.</p>	
<p>Policy RPC-4.2: <u>Park Safety</u>. Design parks to enhance public safety by providing visibility to the street and access for public safety responders.</p>	
<p>GOAL RPC-5: Create an interconnected system of multi-use trails and provide safe pedestrian and bicycle access through the city and connections to local nodes and destinations</p>	
<p>Policy RPC-5.1: <u>Open Space and Trail Linkages</u>. Dedicate or acquire open space land along creeks and utility through regional cooperation, grants and private development review.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-5.1.1: <u>Pedestrian and Bike Planning</u>. Implement recommendations in the Bicycle and Pedestrian Plan that link trails and open space to neighborhoods and special areas.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-5.1.2: <u>Trail Projects</u>. Implement trail projects described in this Element; evaluate any safety, security and privacy impacts and mitigations associated with trail development; and work with affected neighbors in locating trails to ensure that their concerns are appropriately addressed.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-5.1.3: <u>Dedicated Trail Easements</u>. Require dedication or easements for trails, as well as their implementation, as part of the development review process, where appropriate.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-5.1.4: <u>Joint Use Agreement</u>. Establish a Joint Use Agreement with the Santa Clara Valley Water District that allows cooperation on implementing the trail program with set standards and implementation measures for creek trails.</p>	

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<p>Policy RPC-5.2: <u>Pedestrian and Bicycle Paths</u>. Develop a citywide network of pedestrian and bicycle pathways to connect employment centers, shopping areas and neighborhoods to services including parks, schools and neighborhood centers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">See Land Use Table</p>
<p>GOAL RPC-6: Create and maintain a broad range of recreation programs and services that meet the needs of a diverse population</p>	
<p>Policy RPC-6.1: <u>Diverse Programs</u>. Ensure that the City continues to offer a wide range of programs to serve diverse populations of all ages and abilities.</p>	
<p>Policy RPC-6.2: <u>Partnerships</u>. Enhance the city’s recreational programs through partnerships with other agencies and non-profit organizations.</p>	
<p>Policy RPC-8.1: <u>School Districts</u>. Partner with school districts to allow community use of their sports fields and facilities.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-8.1.2: <u>School Expansion</u>. Encourage schools to meet their expansion needs without reducing the size of their sports fields.</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-8.1.3: <u>School Facility Needs</u>. Collaborate with schools on their facility needs through sharing of development information and partnerships through major development projects.</p>	
<p>NEW GOALS, POLICIES, AND STRATEGIES</p>	
<p>Strategy RPC-1.1.2: <u>Civic Center Master Plan</u>. Prepare a master plan that addresses the needs of the elements in the Civic Center area including City Hall, Community Hall, Library Field, Library programming, function and meeting space and community gathering space and parking needs.</p>	<p>Long term fiscal responsibility</p>
<p>Strategy RPC-1.2.2: <u>Amend Parkland Standard</u>. Explore increasing the parkland standard to five acres per 1,000 residents as part of the citywide Parks and Recreation Master Plan.</p>	<p>Allowing additional parkland for the community</p>
<p>Policy RPC-1.3: <u>Capital Improvement Program (CIP)</u>. Ensure that CIP projects reflect the goals and policies identified in Community Vision 2040, establishing a criteria for ranking CIP proposals for the highest and best selection of community projects.</p>	<p>Long term fiscal responsibility and sustainability</p>

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<p>Strategy RPC-2.4.2: <u>Signage</u>. Adopt and maintain a master signage plan for all public parks to ensure adequate and consistent signage is provided to identify public recreational areas.</p>	<p>Enhance community identity</p>
<p>Strategy RPC-3.1.3: <u>Nature Play Areas</u>. Where appropriate, consider establishing Nature Play Areas in lieu of the more conventional play equipment.</p>	<p>Sustainability</p>
<p>Policy RPC-6.3: <u>Art and Culture</u>. Utilize parks as locations of art and culture and to educate the community about the city's history, and explore the potential to use art in facilities and utilities when located in parks.</p>	<p>Enhance community identity</p>
<p>GOAL RPC-7: Provide high-quality, flexible and well-maintained community facilities that meet the changing needs of the community and are a source of community identity</p>	<p>Long term fiscal responsibility and sustainability</p>
<p>Policy RPC-7.1: <u>Sustainable Design</u>. Ensure that City facilities are sustainably designed to minimize impacts on the environment.</p>	<p>Sustainability</p>
<p>Policy RPC-7.2: <u>Flexibility</u>. Design facilities to be flexible to address changing community needs.</p>	<p>Long term fiscal responsibility and sustainability</p>
<p>Policy RPC-7.3: <u>Maintenance</u>. Design facilities to reduce maintenance, and ensure that facilities are maintained and upgraded adequately.</p>	<p>Long term fiscal responsibility and sustainability</p>
<p>GOAL RPC-8: Cooperate with school districts to share facilities and meet community needs</p>	<p>Added to create Goal to support existing policies</p>
<p>Strategy RPC-8.1.1: <u>Shared Facilities</u>. Maintain and enhance arrangements with schools for the use of sports fields, theaters, meeting spaces and other facilities through maintenance agreements and other partnerships.</p>	<p>Long term fiscal responsibility and sustainability</p>