

INCREASE OPEN SPACE

City-Wide Priority 1

Acquire open space for a community park north of Central Expressway and south of Highway 101.

City-Wide Priority 2

Acquire open space throughout the City for neighborhood parks and mini-parks, especially in neighborhoods deemed most deficient in open space.

Planning Area Priorities

a. **San Antonio**

Acquire land in the midsection of the San Antonio Planning Area for the development of a mini-park, preferably on the north side of California Street, between Showers Drive, Central Expressway, and Rengstorff Avenue.

b. **San Antonio**

Acquire land for the development of a mini-park bordered by El Camino Real, Del Medio Avenue, Fayette Drive, and San Antonio Road.

c. **Sylvan-Dale**

Acquire land ~~in the Dale neighborhood~~ for the development of a mini-park.

d. **Rengstorff**

Acquire land in the area bounded by Highway 101, Rengstorff Avenue, San Antonio Road, and Middlefield Road (preferably adjacent to the City-owned parcel at the corner of Wyandotte Street and Reinert Road) for the development of a mini-park.

e. **Stierlin**

Acquire land in the area bounded by Central Expressway, Moffett Boulevard, Middlefield Road, and Highway 85 for the development of a mini-park.

~~f. **Thompson**~~

~~As part of the Mayfield Mall development process, acquire land for the development of a neighborhood park.~~

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Acquire land for the development of a mini-park.

g. **Whisman**

Acquire land for development of a neighborhood park ~~As part of the South Whisman development process, acquire land for development of a neighborhood park.~~

h. **Miramonte**

Acquire land in the Saint Francis Acres neighborhood for the development of a mini-park to serve the residents between the borders of Hollingsworth Drive and Gilmore Street and El Monte Avenue/Springer Road and Mountain View Avenue.

City-Wide Priority 3

Work with owners of open space not currently available for acquisition to enable shared use of these resources (by means of joint use, easements, or other cooperative mechanisms).

~~i. Explore possible open space uses for the County Vector site and the Caltrans property adjacent to Highway 101 if the site proves unsuitable for gateway/retail purposes.~~

i. Explore the feasibility of acquiring land adjacent to the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way, Stevens Creek Trail, and Permanente Creek Trail.

INCREASE OPEN SPACE

City-Wide Priority 4

Acquire a portion or all of Mountain View's agricultural lands, if they become available, in an effort to preserve the City's agricultural heritage.

- i. Acquire land for a garden space that is available to the public. Consider various types of gardens (e.g., urban gardens, demonstration gardens, edible landscaping, etc.).

City-Wide Priority 5

Acquire land adjacent to trails and rights of way.

- i. Acquire land adjacent to Hetch Hetchy right-of-way, Stevens Creek Trail, and Permanente Creek Trail.

IMPROVE EXISTING OPEN SPACE

City-Wide Priority 1

Develop open space as parks for community use, especially in neighborhoods deemed deficient in open space. Encourage maximum community input in all stages of development.

Planning Area Priorities

a. ~~San Antonio~~

~~Develop the Del Medio site as a mini park.~~

b. ~~Central~~

~~Develop the Mariposa Avenue/West Dana Street site as a mini park.~~

c. ~~Miramonte~~

~~Design and construct Cuesta Park Annex consistent with the approved Master Plan.~~

a. Central

Design and construct a public restroom at Castro School/Park.

b. Miramonte

Design and construct a public restroom at Landels School/Park.

c. Grant

Design and construct a public restroom at Huff School/Park.

d. North Bayshore

~~Explore development of athletic fields.~~ Design and construct the Shoreline Sports Complex at Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park.

City-Wide Priority 2

Enhance the City's urban forest and canopy. ~~Evaluate current street tree vacancies and set up a program for replanting. Update City street tree planting list.~~

i. Review and update the Urban Forestry Management Plan.

ii. All Develop public spaces ~~should function~~ as visual open space (e.g., through landscaping of parking lots, vacant lots, street medians, etc.).

City-Wide Priority 3

Improve and renovate existing parks. Be creative in the design of park elements and play structures.

Planning Area Priorities

a. San Antonio

Continue the renovation of Rengstorff Park consistent with the Rengstorff Park Master Plan.

b. Stierlin

Work with the Mountain View Whisman School District and Youth Sports Organizations to explore the possibility of converting ~~Callahan and~~ Crittenden Fields to synthetic turf.

c. Miramonte

~~Work with youth sports organizations to explore the possibility of converting McKelvey field to synthetic turf.~~ Continue to work with the Santa Clara Valley Water District on the development of McKelvey Field as part of the Permanente Creek flood protection project.

d. North Bayshore

~~Complete the landscape element of the Vista Slope open space area and adjacent section of~~ Permanente Creek Trail.

IMPROVE EXISTING OPEN SPACE

City-Wide Priority 4

Look for opportunities to add garden space to existing open space.

- i. Explore alternative public garden models, such as demonstration gardens, edible landscape, and youth/school gardens.

City-Wide Priority 5

Look for opportunities to add off-leash dog areas to existing open space. Explore a variety of options, including fenced and unfenced areas.

PRESERVE EXISTING OPEN SPACE

City-Wide Priority 1

Work with school districts, utility companies, private owners, governmental agencies, etc., to ensure that no current open space is lost. To accomplish this, the City should:

- i. Strengthen existing and future City/school joint use agreements to provide additional methods to ensure preservation of school open space areas.
- ii. Continue to maintain all joint use agreements with the school district for use of open space at public middle and elementary schools.
- iii. Develop new joint use agreements where they currently do not exist.
- iv. [Explore the possibility of developing an agreement with the school district for joint use of garden space as a shared community benefit.](#)

Planning Area Priorities

- a. **Miramonte**
[Explore the possibility of developing an agreement with the Los Altos School District for joint use of open space for public use at Springer Elementary School and future school developments in Mountain View.](#)
- b. **Grant**
Explore the possibility of developing an agreement with the Mountain View Los Altos Union High School District for joint use of open space for public use at Mountain View High School.
- v. Strengthen and formalize current partnerships to provide safe custodianship of land in Mountain View that is owned by other agencies, such as the San Francisco ~~Water District~~[Public Utilities Commission](#) (Hetch Hetchy), Santa Clara County Water District, Santa Clara County, and PG&E.

~~Planning Area Priority~~

- ~~a. **Grant**
Preserve open space at Sleeper and Franklin Avenue.~~

City-Wide Priority 2

Preserve the City's urban forest [and canopy in accordance with the City's Urban Forestry Management Plan](#) in order to retain neighborhood character and ensure the greening of the increasingly urbanized environment.

Planning Area Priorities

- a. **Central**
~~[Develop a conceptual use plan for development of](#) Retain the City-owned parcels on South Shoreline Boulevard and California Street. ~~as visual open space and develop a conceptual plan for landscaping the parcels.~~~~

City-Wide Priority 3

Support efforts by other agencies, private organizations and/or nonprofits to preserve a portion or all of Mountain View's agricultural lands as permanent open space, if they become available.

City-Wide Priority 4

Work with other agencies to preserve all bay-front land.

PRESERVE EXISTING OPEN SPACE

Planning Area Priorities

a. North Bayshore

Maintain Charleston Slough and creeks within Shoreline at Mountain View Regional Park.

PROVIDE ACCESS TO OPEN SPACE

City-Wide Priority 1

Work cooperatively within the City and with other governmental agencies to ensure that access to open space resources is enhanced (e.g., traffic safety, attractiveness to users, etc.). Evaluate all City parks to ensure safe crossings.

Planning Area Priorities

a. **San Antonio**

~~Provide a safer and improved crossing at Rengstorff Avenue to increase the accessibility of Rengstorff Park to those persons living on the west side of Rengstorff Avenue, north of California Street.~~ Improve pedestrian and bicycle access to Rengstorff Park consistent with the Rengstorff Park Master Plan.

~~b. **San Antonio**~~

~~Improve access to new parks at the Mayfield Mall site through construction of an under-crossing at Central Expressway.~~

~~c. **Sylvan Dale**~~

~~Provide access to the City owned open space located across Highway 85 along Stevens Creek by means of a pedestrian crossing.~~

b. **Rengstorff**

Improve access to Thaddeus Park through safe street crossings and other techniques.

c. **Rengstorff**

Improve access across Central Expressway to Rengstorff Park from the Rengstorff Planning Area.

d. **Central**

Improve access to Mariposa Park through safe street crossings and other techniques.

e. **Miramonte**

Collaborate with the Mountain View Whisman School District to provide safe access ~~across Castro Street~~ to Graham Middle School from the residential area bordered by El Camino Real, Castro Street, ~~and~~ Miramonte Avenue, ~~and~~ Hans Avenue.

~~f. **Grant**~~

~~Provide access to the City owned open space located along Stevens Creek.~~

f. **Grant**

Provide a safe and convenient crossing on Phyllis Avenue to allow access to Bubb School/ Park from the small residential area located on the east side of Phyllis Avenue.

City-Wide Priority 2

Work cooperatively within the City to build mini-trails to facilitate pedestrian and bicycle access to trails from neighborhoods, especially from neighborhoods that are underserved in open space.

Trail System Priorities

Identify locations where new or improved access to trails and bicycle routes would improve safe, continuous non-auto routes throughout the City. Implementation of such improvements should be given priority in those planning areas that are underserved by park and open space resources.

a. Explore the feasibility of a trail along the Permanente Creek right-of-way across Central Expressway connecting Crisanto Avenue and Escuela Avenue with the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way.

DEVELOP TRAIL SYSTEMS

City-Wide Priority 1

Continue developing a City-wide network of ~~pedestrian and bicycle~~trails and pathways to connect neighborhoods to each other and to open space resources and trails.

- i. Explore the possibility of connecting the Steven Creek, Permanente Creek, and Hetch Hetchy Trails to each other via trails and rights of way.
- ii. Look for opportunities to add hydration systems and drinking fountains along trails and pathways.

Trail System Priorities

a. **Stevens Creek**

Continue development of Stevens Creek Trail for biking, hiking, ~~and~~ wildlife preservation, and other recreational opportunities.

- Continue construction of Stevens Creek Trail from Dale/Heatherstone to Mountain View High School.
- Explore the feasibility of improving the Stevens Creek Trail access point at Crittenden Lane to establish a more accessible and formal trailhead.

b. **Hetch Hetchy**

Develop the Hetch Hetchy Corridor for biking, hiking, and other recreational opportunities.

- Improve the landscaping at Bonny/Beatrice Streets along the Hetch Hetchy corridor.
- Develop the Hetch Hetchy corridor from El Camino Real to Fayette Drive.
- Explore the feasibility of maintaining the Hetch Hetchy right-of-way as pedestrian-accessible open space.
- Update the Hetch Hetchy Trail feasibility study.

c. **Permanente Creek Trail**

- ~~Construct a pedestrian/bicycle bridge from the south end of the Permanente Creek Trail across Highway 101.~~
- Explore the possibility of a safer ~~pedestrian~~ crossing (potentially underground) at Charleston Road.
- Work with the Mountain View Whisman School District to extend the Permanente Creek Trail from Rock Street to West Middlefield Road.
- Explore the feasibility of maintaining the Permanente Creek right-of-way as a trail.
- Conduct a feasibility study for extending the Permanente Creek Trail to the southern border of Mountain View.

d. **Charleston Retention Basin**

- ~~Preserve and improve the public trail around the Charleston Retention Basin and improve access to Stevens Creek Trail.~~
- Explore the feasibility of connecting the Charleston Retention Basin to the Stevens Creek Trail.

e. **Caltrain Corridor**

Explore the feasibility of an east-west trail corridor from Sunnyvale to Palo Alto, south of Central Expressway and north of El Camino Real, to include consideration of the Caltrain corridor as a possible option.

DEVELOP TRAIL SYSTEMS

f. Bay Trail

Explore the feasibility of improving the Bay Trail connection between the western and eastern sides of the Stevens Creek Trail.

City-Wide Priority 2

Work with other cities and governmental agencies to develop regional trails connecting Mountain View with other regional trails and open spaces.

Trail System Priorities

- ~~a. Continue to support development of the Bay Trail, particularly around Moffett Field to the Sunnyvale Baylands.~~
- a. Explore all opportunities to connect the City's regional open space areas to the former Cargill Salt Ponds as they are returned to their natural state.
- b. Work with other cities and agencies to develop Stevens Creek Trail and the Bay Trail for the purpose of developing a regional network of interlinked trail systems.