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**OPPORTUNITY RECOMMENDATION HIGHLIGHTS**

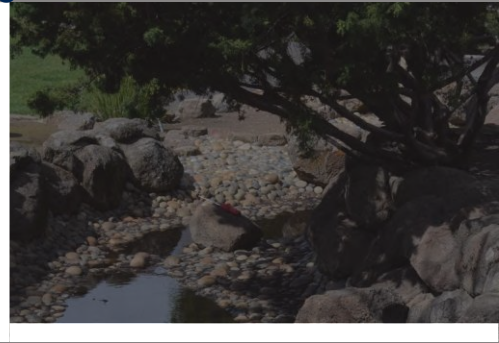
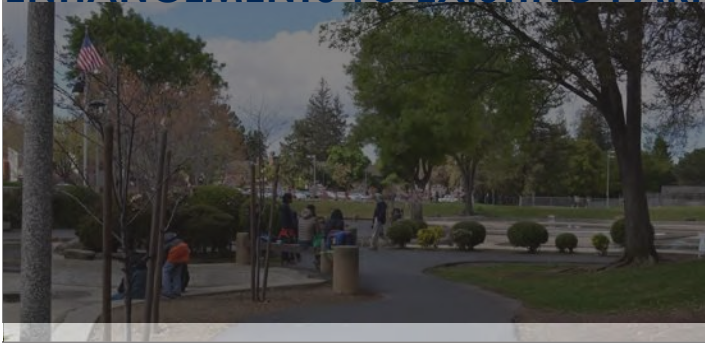
The systemwide objectives and actions provide strong guidance for park renovation and facility development. Cupertino's park system of the future will include new parks and trails, major new facilities and renovations to the City's most beloved park sites to enhance recreation opportunities, the quality of parks for all residents, and the protection of Cupertino's natural resources.

This chapter highlights selected park and facility **opportunities** recommendations that will be key for enhancing and transforming the park and recreation system. **They** Recommendations are divided into these categories, based on the types and scale of the projects:

- Enhancements to existing parks
- Enhancements to existing trails
- Potential joint use opportunities
- New acquisitions
- Potential major new facilities
- Expanded services
- Added recreation elements
- Natural vegetation enhancements

More detailed **opportunities** recommendations for existing City parks, new parks and major facilities, and added recreation elements are presented in **Appendix E**. Project recommendations supplement Master Plan goals, objectives, and actions by guiding future planning, decisions on site selection and features, and project phasing. Chapter XX contains summary pages for City park sites that provide another overview of potential short and longer term enhancements.

## ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS



MEMORIAL PARK

### POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENTS

#### Immediate

- Master Plan/Design Process
- Assets Sustained/Replaced

#### Short Term

- Potential Added Recreation Facilities
- Potential Natural Vegetation Enhancement

#### Longer Term

- Potential Major Facility Development
- Major Reinvestment

### memorial park opportunities recommendations

Enhance site as a community hub and multi-use, civic-focused event space.

#### SELECTED ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

##### Immediate

- Engage the public in developing a site master plan

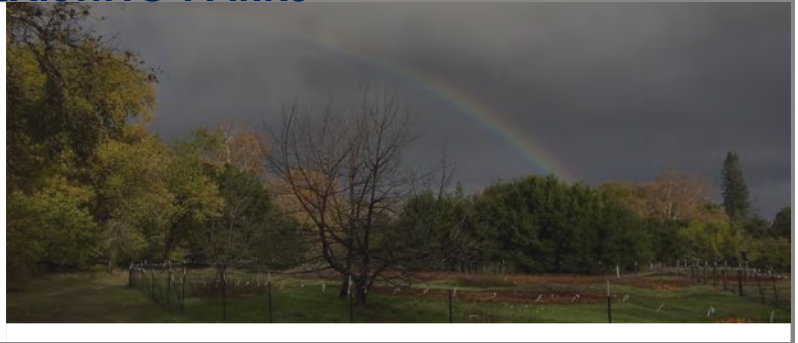
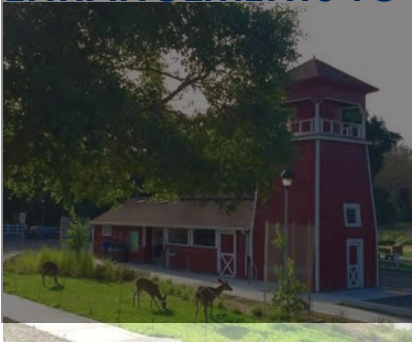
##### Short term

- Improve the amphitheater area
- Repurpose the inactive pond area
- Consider a playable water feature
- Add looped walking paths
- Enhance shade, ADA accessibility, and seating
- Enhance the tree canopy and natural features

##### Longer term

- Phase in additional improvements
- Expand and enhance event space
- Develop any major new facilities as per site master plan
- Add recreation elements supporting active/healthy recreation and play
- Connect to proposed trails, bike lanes and bike routes

## ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS



### STEVENS CREEK CORRIDOR

#### POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENTS

##### Immediate

- Master Plan/Design Process
- Assets Sustained/Replaced

##### Short Term

- Potential Added Recreation Facilities
- Potential Natural Vegetation Enhancement

##### Longer Term

- Potential Major Facility Development
- Major Reinvestment

#### stevens creek corridor

#### opportunities recommendations

Enhance the entire corridor as a community-focused natural area supporting environmental education, outdoor activity and recreation consistent with the site’s wildlife and habitat value

#### SELECTED ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

##### Immediate

- Complete the Stevens Creek Corridor Master Plan
- Pursue improving pedestrian/bicycle access to Blackberry Farm Park at San Fernando Ave.
- Evaluate options to improve Blackberry Farm Golf Course

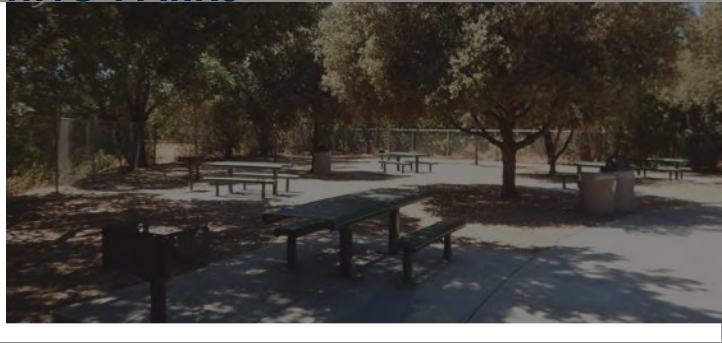
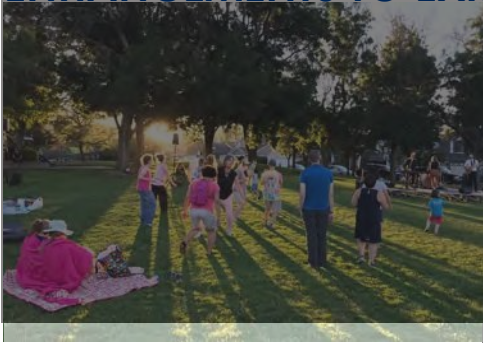
##### Short term

- Enhance natural/habitat areas
- Implement selected actions for golf course
- Stabilize east creek bank near Stevens Creek Blvd.
- Improve environmental education facilities
- Connect to nearby bikeways
- Provide trailhead amenities

##### Longer term

- Implement site master plan recommendations for Stocklmeir Ranch, Blackberry Farm Golf Course, Blackberry Farm Park, and/ or McClellan Ranch Preserve and West

## ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS



CREEKSIDE PARK

### POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENTS

#### Short Term

- Assets Sustained/Replaced

#### Longer Term

- Master Plan/Design Process
- Potential Added Recreation Facilities
- Potential Natural Vegetation Enhancement
- Potential Major Facility Development
- Major Reinvestment

### creekside park opportunities recommendations

Renovate site as a neighborhood recreation and sports hub.

#### SELECTED ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

##### Short term

- Sustain existing park uses
- Evaluate long-term opportunities to enhance expand the recreation building and reactivate or repurpose the concession area

##### Longer term

- Coordinate with Public Works to implement recreation building recommendations
- Develop site master plan and evaluate options to increase sports playing capacity
- Consider artificial turf sport fields
- Add full basketball court if space allows
- Add diverse recreation elements that support active uses
- Add nature play and/or inclusive play elements to existing play area
- Provide trailhead amenities
- Connect via trails and bike lane network to Cupertino High, Wilson Park and Civic Center/Library

## ENHANCEMENTS TO EXISTING PARKS



JOLLYMAN PARK

### POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENTS

#### Short Term

- Master Plan/Design Process
- Potential Added Recreation Facilities
- Potential Natural Vegetation Enhancement
- Minor Reinvestment

#### Longer Term

- Potential Major Facility Development
- Potential Added Recreation Facilities
- Major Reinvestment

### jollyman park opportunities recommendations

Enhance park as a neighborhood and community hub for recreation programs, activities and sports.

#### SELECTED ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

##### Short term

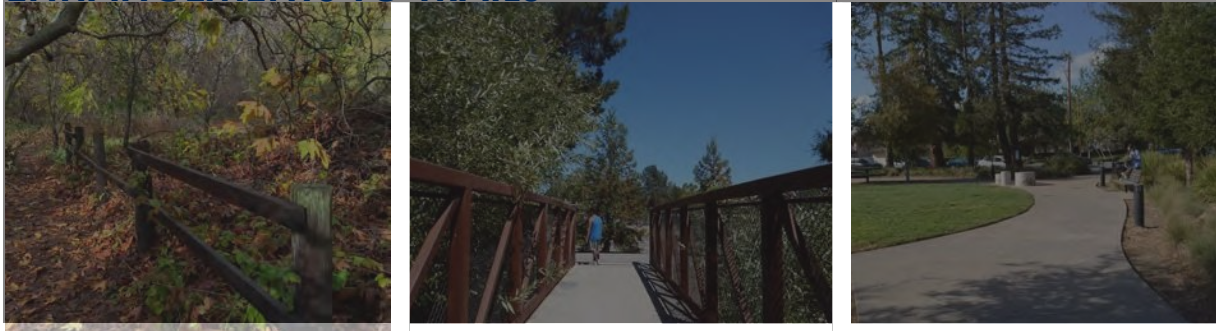
- Sustain existing uses
- Pursue Consider adding an all-inclusive, destination play area
- Add a picnic shelter and group seating
- Provide all-weather loop path
- Add neighborhood-serving event infrastructure and utilities
- Consider community request for trial off-leash dog area

##### Longer term

- Consider adding diverse amenities, such as outdoor fitness equipment/parcourse, full-size basketball court, or other feature
- Consider development of other new facilities
- Provide inviting connection to bikeway



## ENHANCEMENTS TO TRAILS



### VARIOUS TRAIL CORRIDORS

#### POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENTS

##### Short and Longer Term

- Potential Trail Development
- Potential Added Recreation Facilities
- Potential Natural Vegetation Enhancement
- Minor Reinvestment

#### trail opportunities recommendations

Expand and enhance existing trails as part of a larger effort to prioritize and implement priority recommendations noted in the Bicycle Transportation Plan, Pedestrian Transportation Plan, Cupertino General Plan, and Countywide Trails Master Plan. Support riparian corridor protection, nature integration and improved park access.

#### SELECTED ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

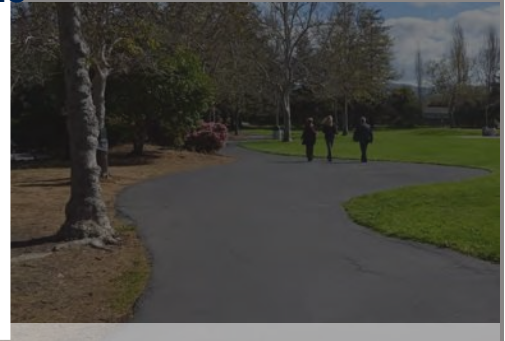
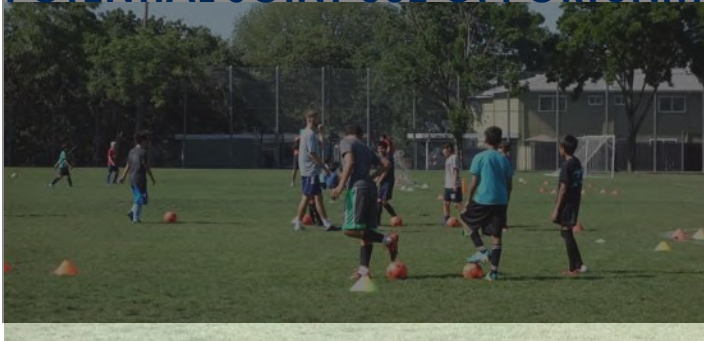
##### Short and Longer term

- *Don Burnett Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge & Trail:* Encourage connections between school, parks, and regional destinations. Consider improved habitat plantings on property north and south of the bridge that provide year-round beauty

and seasonal interest. Evaluate off-street trail extension southward to Stevens Creek Blvd.

- *Creekside Park and Connection to Regnart Creek Trail:* Consider adding trail amenities, enhancing and protecting the riparian corridor, and adding green infrastructure. Encourage connections between school, parks and trail.
- *Saratoga Creek Trail:* Consider adding trail amenities, enhancing and protecting the riparian corridor, and adding green infrastructure. Encourage connections northward to Stevens Creek Blvd. and to regional destinations.
- *Stevens Creek Trail:* Consider adding trail amenities and adding green infrastructure. Encourage pedestrian and bike connections between trail, City parks, County parks and nearby schools. Work with the County to implement a pedestrian-bicycle access to Rancho San Antonio from Stevens Creek Blvd. with parking / trailhead amenities per the adopted Joint Cities Coordinated Stevens Creek Trail Feasibility Study. Continue to implement habitat restoration and to protect the riparian corridor. Install interpretive signage including for historical resources.
- *Linda Vista Park to McClellan Ranch Preserve Trail:* Evaluate former 'haul road' and pursue steps to support property acquisition and trail implementation.
- *Other Potential Trails, such as Junipero Serra Trail or Historic De Anza Trail:* Complete feasibility analysis and develop multi-use trails if feasible.

## POTENTIAL JOINT USE OPPORTUNITIES



### SCHOOL PARTNERSHIPS

#### POTENTIAL ENHANCEMENTS

##### *Short and Longer Term*

- Potential Added Recreation Facilities (with Public Access)
- Minor Reinvestment
- Assets Sustained/Replaced

- Facilitate connections between schools and any proposed nearby bikeways and trails.
- Pursue partnerships with School District to improve public access to recreation facilities at Garden Gate Elementary School or to add and enhance recreation facilities to address nearby needs.
- Pursue partnerships with the School District at Hyde Middle and/or nearby Sedgewick Elementary to improve public access to recreation opportunities or to add and enhance recreation facilities.
- Encourage connections between Kennedy Middle School, proposed trail and nearby parks. Pursue partnerships with School District to improve public access or to add or enhance recreation facilities.
- Encourage connections between Regnart Elementary School, proposed trail and nearby parks. Pursue partnerships with School District to improve public access or to add or enhance recreation facilities.
- Encourage connections and shared uses between Stevens Creek Elementary School and Varian Park.

### school joint use opportunities recommendations

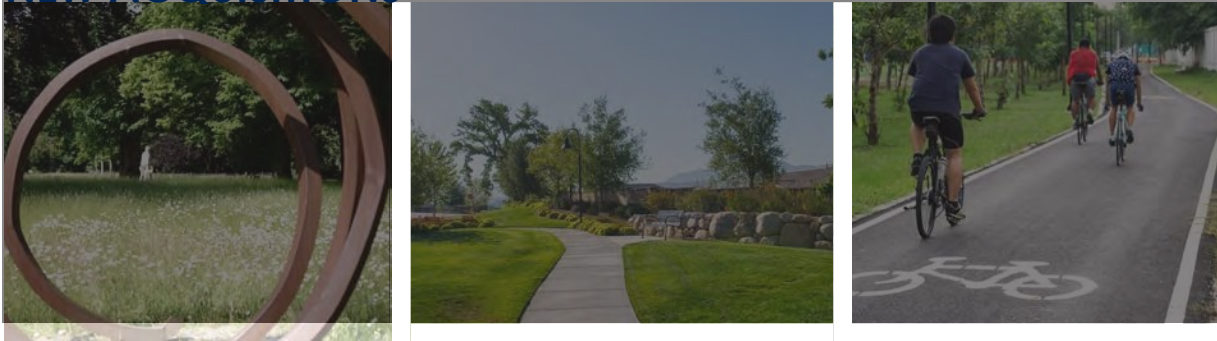
Coordinate with the School Districts and other potential partners to enhance access to community sports fields and recreation facilities. Improve park/school connections and trail/school access.

#### SELECTED ENHANCEMENT OPPORTUNITIES

##### **Short and Longer term**

- Continue joint-use agreement for sport field uses at all existing joint use sites.
- Explore options to broaden sharing of indoor and outdoor recreation facilities as appropriate at existing sites and potentially at added additional schools.

## NEW ACQUISITIONS



### NEIGHBORHOOD PARKS AND TRAILS

#### POTENTIAL PARK ELEMENTS

- play opportunities
- seating
- green space/open lawn
- small picnic area
- looped walking path
- game space
- active-use courts
- neighborhood-serving amenities
- landscaping/native plantings

#### POTENTIAL TRAIL ELEMENTS

- accessible multi-use trails
- signage
- wayfinding
- distance/mileage markers
- information kiosks
- crossings
- seating
- interpretive elements or art
- outdoor fitness equipment
- adjacent jogging trail
- green infrastructure
- greenspace protection or riparian/ habitat enhancement

#### park opportunities recommendations

If opportunities arise, acquire and develop new neighborhood parks especially in targeted underserved areas.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

- New acquisitions especially in north and east Cupertino
- Joint-use sites at schools
- Public-private partnerships if opportunities arise

#### trail opportunities recommendations

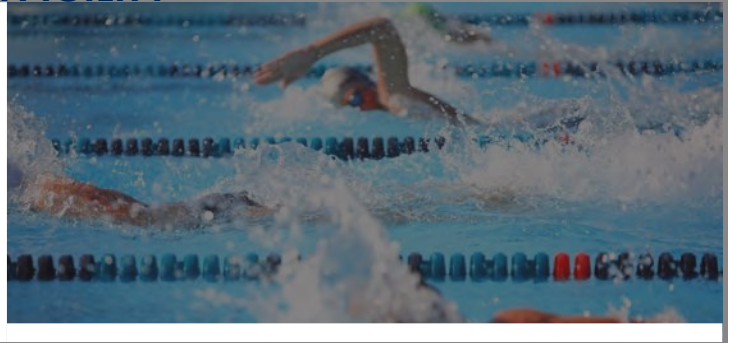
Coordinate to develop trails from the Bicycle Transportation Plan, Pedestrian Transportation Plan, the Countywide Trails Master Plan and this Master Plan that support multi-use recreation, park access and connectivity to community destinations.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

- New corridors as identified in City pedestrian, bicycle, and transportation plans
- Regional trails in cooperation with other agencies and jurisdictions
- Enhanced trails in community parks and large neighborhood parks



## POTENTIAL MAJOR NEW FACILITY



### AQUATICS FACILITY

#### POTENTIAL ELEMENTS

- lap pool
- warm water instructional pool
- recreation pool
- hot tub
- zero depth entry
- lazy river
- water play features
- lifeguard/office space
- locker rooms
- family changing rooms
- outdoor showers
- lounge
- spectator areas
- birthday party rooms
- concessions
- rental features
- nearby parking

#### aquatics facility opportunities recommendations

Pursue opportunities to partner with existing aquatics providers including schools. Pursue partnership with Rancho Rinconada Park & Recreation District. If a new city facility is desired, perform a market analysis and business plan. If a new aquatics facility is warranted and pursued, consider providing a year-round swimming facility designed for recreation and instructional swimming, aquatic exercise, lap swimming, and pool events.

#### SITE SELECTION AND DISTRIBUTION

If pursued, develop one facility in an accessible location, considering sites in central and east Cupertino or opportunities to co-develop with another new or existing centralized City facility such as the Sports Center.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Memorial Park
- Creekside Park
- Jollyman Park
- Wilson Park
- Potential new site
- Public-private partnership
- Public-district partnership

## POTENTIAL MAJOR NEW FACILITY



### PERFORMING & FINE ARTS CENTER

#### POTENTIAL ELEMENTS

- industry-standard theater
- pull-down screen
- dressing rooms
- backstage storage
- box office/lobby
- concessions
- smaller theater/rehearsal space
- dance studio/floor
- recording & television studio
- arts wing for programming
- arts/crafts/ceramics spaces
- music instruction rooms
- reservable multi-purpose room
- dance studio
- maker/incubator space
- catering kitchen
- indoor/outdoor event space
- art plaza
- ceramics/crafts/art spaces

#### arts facility opportunities recommendations

Pursue opportunities to partner with existing performing or fine arts venues. Develop a pilot program. If a new city facility is desired, perform a market analysis and business plan. If a new facility is warranted and pursued, consider developing a community auditorium or fine and performing arts center to house community-scale performances and support daytime arts and recreation programs as well as evening programs and events.

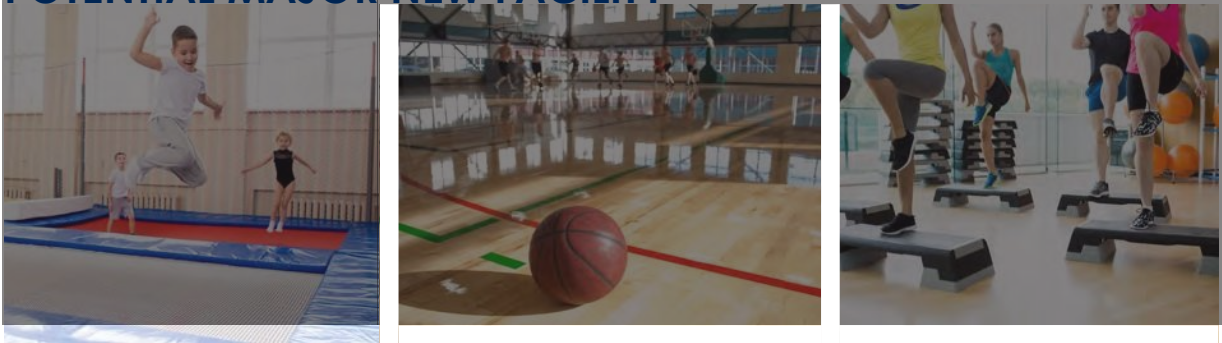
#### SITE SELECTION AND DISTRIBUTION

If pursued, develop one facility in a centralized location near businesses, restaurants and/or attractions. Consider space near potential partners, Cupertino's civic center, or nightlife-oriented downtown areas.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Memorial Park
- Civic Center/Library Field
- Potential new site
- Public-private partnership
- Other/repurposed building
- Joint use facility

## POTENTIAL MAJOR NEW FACILITY



### GYMNASIUM COMPLEX AND MULTI-USE RECREATION CENTER

#### POTENTIAL ELEMENTS

- full size basketball court(s) with bleachers and dividing walls
- volleyball, badminton, pickleball
- fitness studios
- gymnastics space
- multipurpose rooms
- smaller court
- senior fitness room
- multi-purpose rooms (reservable)
- meeting rooms
- program space
- social space/coffee kiosk
- teen room
- childcare room
- climbing wall
- track
- locker rooms
- family changing rooms
- lobby/front desk/reception
- equipment room

#### gym and multi-use recreation center opportunities recommendations

Pursue opportunities to partner with existing gymnasium venues. If a new city facility is desired, perform a market analysis and business plan. If a new facility is warranted and pursued, consider providing a multi-generational gymnasium complex and recreation center to provide sports court spaces and support other activities.

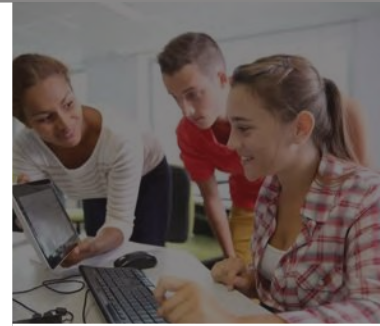
#### SITE SELECTION AND DISTRIBUTION

If pursued, develop one centrally located facility. Consider co-locating the or combining it with another major facility such as the Sports Center, or with an aquatics center or a teen space.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Memorial Park
- Creekside Park
- Jollyman Park
- Wilson Park
- Potential new site
- Public-private partnership
- Joint use facility

## EXPANDED SERVICES



### SPACE FOR SENIORS AND TEENS

#### **POTENTIAL SENIOR CENTER ELEMENTS**

- exercise rooms
- half-court gym/ fitness space
- programming space
- arts & crafts room
- music rooms
- additional classrooms
- meeting rooms
- private consultation/health room
- front desk/reception area
- accessible parking and drop off
- outdoor low impact game space, gardens, and activity areas

#### **POTENTIAL TEEN SPACE ELEMENTS**

- study room
- kitchen and/or café
- computer lab
- game room
- meeting/ program space
- maker space/ creative space
- open gym
- basketball hoop
- mobile programs and activities

#### senior center opportunities recommendations

Provide additional recreation space for older adults, and both fit and frail seniors. Evaluate opportunities to provide senior services at other locations; explore locations based on results and develop pilot activities. Explore partnerships. If additional space at the Senior Center is desired, conduct a study to evaluate renovations that would enhance the function, capacity and financial sustainability of the Senior Center and assess demand. If an addition is warranted and pursued, expand. Consider expanding the Senior Center for increased senior population. Include senior-friendly space at new or existing recreation/ community or fine arts centers or gyms.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

- Memorial Park
- Potential acquisition
- Public-private partnerships if opportunities arise

#### teen center opportunities recommendations

Pursue opportunities to partner with existing teen services providers (such as schools or library). Continue hosting activities at locations besides the Teen Center. Coordinate with school district on the middle school pilot program. Consider a trial project at Creekside Park.

Create a unique teen space or activities that may include student union-style gathering and program space and active indoor uses for teens.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/ OPPORTUNITIES

- Creekside Park
- Civic Center/Library Field
- Wilson Park
- Special Use Site
- Schools (mobile activities)



## ADDED RECREATION ELEMENTS



### DIVERSE PLAY AREAS

#### POTENTIAL ELEMENTS

- Logs, stumps, boulders
- water features
- sand, mud, rocks
- movable pieces
- plants and trees

#### nature play opportunities recommendations

Provide nature play elements in parks to connect people to nature and support experiential play.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Memorial Park
- Creekside Park
- Wilson Park
- Linda Vista Park; Varian Park
- Other neighborhood parks
- Trail corridors

#### POTENTIAL ELEMENTS

- playable water channel
- spray play areas
- splash pads
- sand play area

#### water play opportunities recommendations

Integrate a variety of water play opportunities at existing parks.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Memorial Park
- Other large neighborhood or community parks

#### POTENTIAL ELEMENTS

- variety of inclusive play features
- sensory stimulation
- parallel play/challenge elements
- diverse seating arrangements
- shade

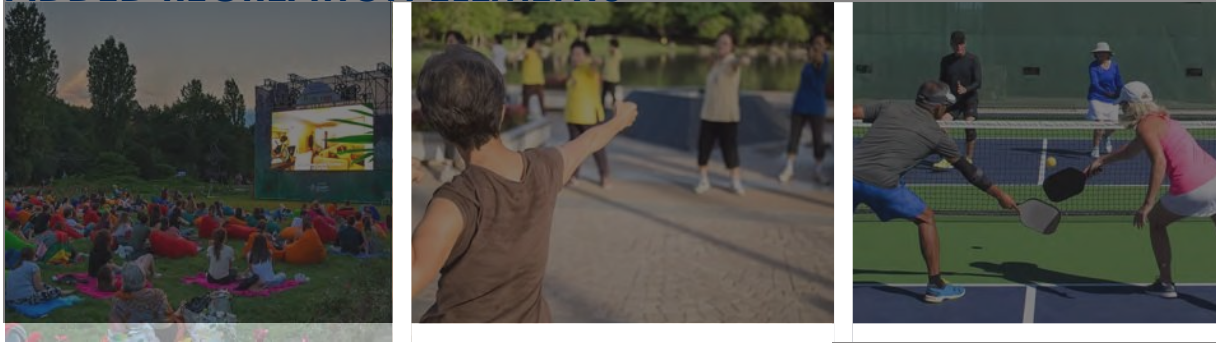
#### universal play opportunities recommendations

Support inclusive play by providing a destination all-inclusive play area, and by incorporating inclusive play elements at existing play areas.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Memorial Park
- Jollyman Park
- Creekside Park; Monta Vista Park
- Existing play areas in other large neighborhood parks

## ADDED RECREATION ELEMENTS



### UNIQUE RECREATION FEATURES

#### POTENTIAL ELEMENTS

- stage
- portable screen
- pavilion
- outdoor classroom
- lawn area

neighborhood event space opportunities recommendations

Provide space to support small group events, programs and outdoor classes.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Creekside Park
- Jollyman Park
- Existing areas in other large neighborhood parks

#### POTENTIAL ELEMENTS

- outdoor fitness equipment
- outdoor chess
- tai chi
- disc golf
- climbing spire
- outdoor table tennis
- badminton
- bocce/lawn bowling

diverse features opportunities recommendations

Add facilities which appeal to Cupertino’s diverse population and reflect Cupertino’s unique character. See Table E-3 for more ideas.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

- All suitable City parks

#### POTENTIAL ELEMENTS

- full-size basketball courts
- pickleball courts
- community-size cricket field
- multi-use rectangular fields

sports facility opportunities recommendations

Diversify recreation and sports opportunities.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

- Sport-oriented City parks
- School fields
- Other partnerships
- Indoor gym space in local schools if available

## NATURAL VEGETATION ENHANCEMENTS



### INTEGRATED NATURAL ELEMENTS

#### POTENTIAL ELEMENTS

- native plantings
- natural area restoration
- habitat enhancements
- bioswales
- invasive plant removal
- park forests
- orchards
- successional tree plantings
- pollinator patches, gardens and corridors
- bee hives
- bird habitat, baths and houses
- riparian enhancements
- lawn reduction

#### natural vegetation opportunities recommendations

Integrate natural plantings, and reduce turf areas where not actively used for recreation.

#### POTENTIAL LOCATIONS/OPPORTUNITIES

- City parks with natural features
- All other suitable City parks
- Trails
- Median/street right-of-way landscaping