



Parks & Recreation System Master Plan

Park System Inventory Matrix - Description

The Cupertino Park & Facility Inventory Matrix (Table 1) provides an overview of park land resources in the City of Cupertino by site. It summarizes the site acreage--in some case breaking out acreage for smaller land parcels for planning purposes. It includes notations on the types of amenities, facilities and buildings found at each site.

The matrix is divided into two main sections: 1) City Parks and Facilities, and 2) Other Recreation Resources. The first category includes all parks and recreation facilities owned or managed by the City. The latter includes additional parks, recreation facilities and open space areas owned and managed and by other providers. These other resources include public recreation spaces or sites that play a significant role in meeting residents' needs in the City.

City Parks and Facilities - Classifications

To better understand the function and role of different parks, City park land is organized by park classification. While the City's General Plan (Community Vision 2015-2040) provides goals, policies and strategies to develop and maintain high-quality parks and services, it does not have a clear and consistent classification system or defined park typology.

To help evaluate the provision of park and recreation opportunities, six different park classes are proposed for the Parks and Recreation System Master Plan:

- **Community Park:** Community parks are larger parks (20+ acres) that provide unique recreation opportunities and serve the entire community. These parks consist of a single contiguous site or several functionally- and geographically-linked use areas that provide a variety of recreation facilities. They typically include specialized facilities and space for large group gatherings, programming and events. Examples include Memorial Park and the Stevens Creek Corridor.
- **Large Neighborhood Park:** Large neighborhood parks, varying between 4 acres and 13 acres in size, provide a range of passive and active recreation opportunities for surrounding neighborhoods. They typically include play areas, picnic areas, open lawn areas, and sports courts. Several also include programmable and reservable facilities, such as sports fields and small recreation centers. Examples of large neighborhood parks include Creekside Park, Jollyman Park, Monta Vista Park & Recreation Center, and Wilson Park.
- **Small Neighborhood Park:** Small neighborhood parks provide essential recreation opportunities for nearby neighbors. Typically less than 3 acres in size, these parks may include play areas, open lawn areas, and picnic tables/benches. Some include sports courts. Examples of small neighborhood parks include Little Rancho Park and Sterling Barnhart Park.

- **Special Use Site:** Special use sites support a unique recreation opportunity serving all or most of the Cupertino community. These single-purpose sites may include specialized recreation facilities not found elsewhere in the park system. Urban plazas, civic space, historic properties, dog parks and sports complexes (without other uses) are considered special use sites. Examples include Civic Center Plaza & Community Hall, Mary Avenue Dog Park, and Cupertino Sports Center.
- **Trail Corridors:** Trail corridors include trails and associated greenways that destinations in the community. These typically are single-purpose linear features not located within parks of other types. These trails may extend beyond Cupertino and connect to surrounding cities and regional trail systems. Examples of trail corridors include the Don Burnett Bicycle-Pedestrian Bridge (and E. Homestead Road to Mary Ave Trail), the Saratoga Creek Trail, and the Stevens Creek Trail.
- **School Sports Fields:** The City currently manages sports fields at nine school sites. These sports fields provide additional recreational opportunities to the community when not in use by the schools. Examples include sports fields at Collins Elementary and Kennedy Middle School.

Other Recreation Resources (Non-City)

In addition to the parks provided by the City of Cupertino, there are additional public-serving recreation resources owned or managed by other providers in the city. These are divided into two categories to distinguish local and regional resources.

- **Local Parks and Recreation Resources:** Ranging from 0.5 to approximately 50 acres in size, these parks and facilities help address community recreation needs. Most of the sites in this category support special uses, and in a few cases, the City has agreements in place that allow City staff to program these spaces. Examples of these recreation resources include Cali Mill Plaza, Cupertino City Center Park, Rancho Rinconada, and the Santa Clara Valley Water District Percolation Pond.
- **County Parks and Regional Open Space Preserves:** Within the city and/or Cupertino's sphere of influence are several large Santa Clara County parks and open space preserves that protect significant natural areas and provide recreation access for the entire region. Examples include: Rancho San Antonio County Park and Open Space Preserve, Stevens Creek County Park, and Fremont Older Open Space Preserve.