

CITY OF
AMERICAN
CANYON



**GENERAL PLAN PARKS AND
RECREATION ELEMENT**

PRESENTATION OUTLINE

1. Vision, Mission, Values
2. Exercise
3. Current Parks and Recreation System Overview
4. Future Planning



CITY VISION STATEMENT

HOME to a diverse and engaged community;
DESTINATION for outdoor recreation and natural beauty;
HUB of economic vitality and opportunity.



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT VISION

(What we hope to accomplish)

**We inspire fun;
together we create community!**



PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT MISSION

(What we do – our core purpose)

Committed to supporting healthy lifestyles by creating enjoyable experiences through outstanding events, programs, and facilities.



DEPARTMENT VALUES

(How we do our jobs; most important first)

- *CAN-DO CREW*
- *COMMUNITY*
- *INCLUSIVE*
- *BE CREATIVE AND DARING*
- *PROVIDING FUN IS FUN*
- *HELPING PEOPLE WELL*
- *FOCUS ON QUALITY*
- *SUPPORTING HEALTHY LIFESTYLES*



WHY PARKS (AND REC) MATTER?

**Parks
Make
Life
Better!**SM



WHY PARKS AND RECREATION IS IMPORTANT TO A COMMUNITY?

- What do you think?
- What do our residents think?
 - Primary Benefits
 - Parks, recreation, and open space makes our city a more livable place (88%)
 - Provide safe, clean, and green parks and landscape areas for residents to enjoy (83%)
 - Preserves open space and protects the environment (83%)
 - Secondary Benefits
 - Help reduce crime by providing programs and events (77%)
 - Improves physical fitness and health of residents (77%)
 - Improves mental health and reduces stress (72%)
 - Provides positive social interactions (72%)



RECREATION AND EVENTS – WHAT WE DO?

Events

- Spring Celebration
- Memorial Day Ceremony
- Fourth of July
- S'mores and Meteors
- Veterans Day
- Tree Lighting
- Snow Day!
- May the Fourth be with YOU!
- Recognition Ball

Recreation Programs Areas

- Seniors – classes, social time, field trips
- Sports – Junior Warriors, Tennis, Kidz Love Soccer, Futsal
- Classes – Dance, Fitness, Martial Arts,
- Youth and Teen –
 - Summer Camps
 - Volunteer opportunities
 - Middle school sports
- Environmental and Outdoor Recreation
- Community Events Committee



AQUATICS – WHAT WE DO?

Primary Programs

- Fitness swim
- Water aerobics
- Open swim
- Lifeguard Training/WSI
- Jr. Lifeguard Training
- Private lessons
- Pool space – AHI
- Events/Rentals
- Phillip West Water Carnival
- School functions

Learn-to-Swim Continuum

- Parent and Pollywog
- Parent and Perch
- Guppies
- Goldfish
- Mini Rays
- Starfish
- Seahorses
- Turtles
- Stingrays
- Otters
- Dolphins
- Seals, Sharks, and Orcas
- Adult and teen lessons
- Adult Coached Swim



ADMINISTRATION – WHAT WE DO?

Reservations

- Community Gym
- Senior Center
- Recreation Center
- Aquatics Center
- Parks
 - Picnic areas
 - Sports Fields

Other stuff

- Program Registration
- Scholarship Program
- Fee Waiver Policy
- Inflatable Play Equipment Policy
- Taxi-script
- Bus Passes
- Rental Event Insurance
- Community Grant Program
- Coordinate with partners: schools, youth sports, service clubs
- Committee management



COMMUNITY RESOURCES

- Advocate and encourage community services for American Canyon residents
 - Mentis
 - ParentsCAN
 - On the Move
 - Healthy Aging
- Support community services during disasters
 - Charging stations
 - Sheltering assistance
 - Vaccine site support
 - Food needs facilitation
 - Connect residents to services



NATURAL RESOURCES/ PROJECT COORDINATION

Natural Resources Management

- Sites – Newell Open Space Preserve, Wetlands, Clarke Ranch
- Conservation easement monitoring, mitigation projects, habitat restoration
- Maintenance and programs coordination
- Land management coordination – neighbors and leases

Capital Project Planning and Coordination

- Public Facilities Renovation Program
- Clarke Ranch Master Plan
 - 24 acres undeveloped
- Newell Open Space Trails
- Grant research, writing, and management
- Trails Implementation and Regional Coordination – Vine Trail, Bay Trail, River to Ridge

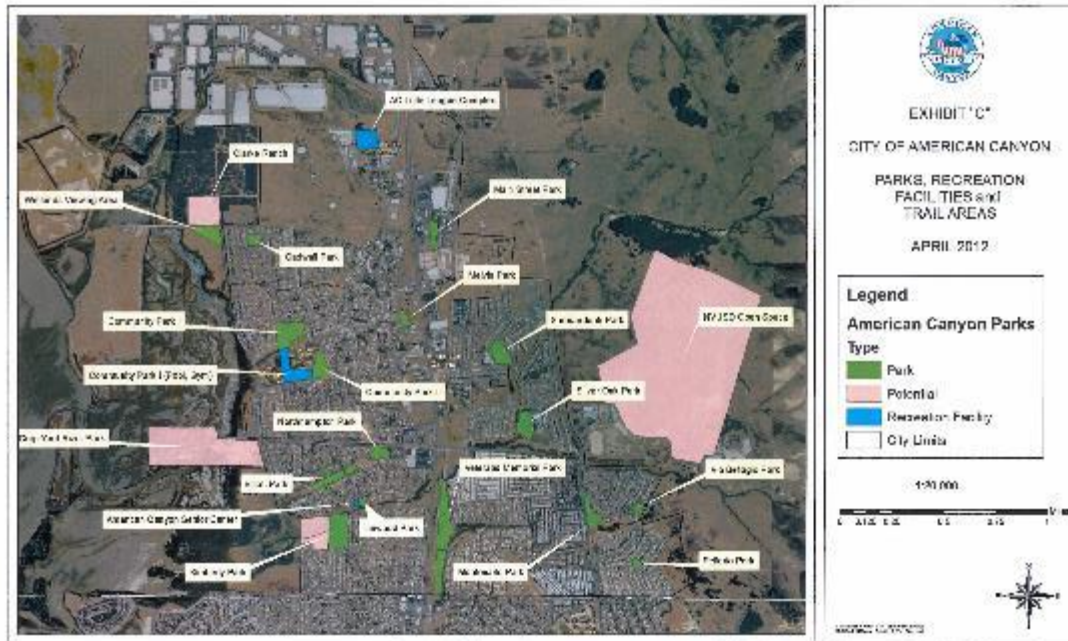


PARKS – ABOUT US

- Developed Areas – 79 acres
 - 22 Park Sites – 69 acres
 - 14 Landscapes/right-of-ways – 10 acres
- Undeveloped
 - Undeveloped/drainage areas – 31 acres
 - Clarke Ranch – 24 acres
 - Trails – 12.2 miles
 - Open Spaces –
 - Newell Open Space – 642 acres
 - Wetlands – 513 acres protected



PARKS MAP



PARKS – WHAT WE DO?

Parks

- **Safe** – playgrounds, inspections
- **Clean** – restrooms, trash, weed control
- **Green** – irrigation, mow, trim, fertilize, aerate

Open Space and Trails

- Trail maintenance – shoulders, fire safety



LLAD

Manage three maintenance contracts:

- Zone 1 – La Vigne
- Zone 2 – Vintage Ranch
- Zone 3 – Napa Junction

Pool Maintenance

- Inspections, maintenance, repair/replacement
- Dome install/remove

AMERICAN COMMUNITY AND PARKS FOUNDATION

Enhancing parks, programs, and play in American Canyon

- Independent non-profit fundraising arm for parks and recreation and other community services
- Water fountain at Wetlands
- Trail Improvements at Newell
- Exercise equipment at Wetlands



ACCPF

American Canyon
Community & Parks Foundation



PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE



GENERAL PLAN VS MASTER PLAN

General Plan Purpose - A general plan is each local government's blueprint for meeting the community's long-term vision for the future. It is land-use based.

Parks and Community Services Master Plan - The goal of the Master Plan is to provide clear guidance on how to meet the demands for future recreation and community services, programming, environmental, and maintenance needs, as well as to establish priorities for facility improvements, and future park development.



BROAD STRUCTURE

Vision

Set a broad future view of the parks, recreation, community services, open spaces, and trails

Guiding Principles

Broad philosophy that encompass system-wide values and guide the organization.

Goals and Objectives

Goal – broad direction or strategy
Objective – focused desired outcome

Policies

Identify methods under control of the City to achieve goals.

Implementation Programs

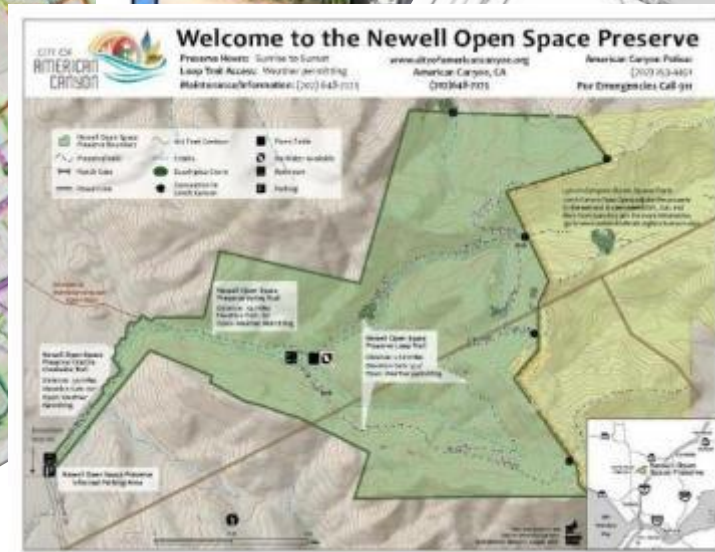
Establish administrative procedures to make policies happen.

General Plan

Builds upon->

PCS Master Plan

SUPPORTIVE DOCUMENTS



Supportive Documents

- [Parks Planning Process](#)
- [Clarke Ranch Master Planning Process](#)
- [Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment 2015](#)
- [Parks and Community Services Master Plan 2012](#)
- [General Plan Parks and Recreation Element](#)
- [NVTA Pedestrian Plan](#)
- [NVTA Bike Plan](#)
- [Newell Open Space Management Plan 2001](#)
- [Broadway District Plan](#)
- [Watson Ranch Specific Plan](#)



PRE Project Approach



- Finalize with Community

- Study alternatives
- Settle on preferred
- Confirm with community



SCHEDULE AND TIMELINE

- Monthly Meetings - Break during the month of July
 - Next meeting date – set regular meeting day/time.
 - We may need to meet more or less frequently once we establish the community outreach points and dates.
- Timeline – 6-8 months
- Community Engagement and Input - We will need input (aside from normal approval process) at least two points through the project:
 - 1. Formalize Issue Identification, and
 - 2. determining preferred alternatives.
- Review and Approval Process -
 - OSAC/PCS Joint Meeting
 - Planning
 - Council



TENTATIVE TIMELINE

May – Vision,

August –
Issues – 1-6

October –
Develop
Goals,
Objectives,
Policies

June – Audit,
Issue
Prioritization,

- Outreach
Opportunity –
confirm issues

September –
Issues 7-13

- Outreach
Opportunity –
confirm
preferred alts

November –
Joint
OSAC/PCS



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QUESTIONS

QUIZ

Discussion: Why do parks make your life better?

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