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City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission Agenda

San Ramon City Hall
Council Chamber
7000 Bollinger Canyon Road

March 18, 2026
7:00 PM
Special Meeting

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1. Call to Order/Roll Call

2. Pledge of Allegiance

3. Announcements

3.1. Changes and Additions to the Agenda

3.2. Special Announcements

3.3. Temporary Employee of the Month for February 2026

4. Public Comment

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- Items that are **not** on the agenda and are within the Parks and Community Services Commission's jurisdiction.

5. Commission Business

5.1. Minutes of the Parks & Community Service Commission Meeting - February 11, 2026

Recommendation: Accept Minutes

5.2. San Ramon Trails Master Plan

Recommendation: Receive Report and Approve the San Ramon Trails Master Plan and Recommend it be Forwarded to the City Council for Final Approval.

5.3. Arts Advisory Committee Recommendation

Recommendation: Forward to the City Council the Recommendation of Selected Candidates for Appointment to the Arts Advisory Committee.

5.4. Library Advisory Committee Recommendation

Recommendation: Forward to the City Council the Recommendation of Selected Candidates for Appointment to the Library Advisory Committee.

5.5. Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Recommendation

Recommendation: Forward to the City Council the Recommendation of Selected Candidates for Appointment to the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

6. Director's Report

6.1. Monthly Activity Report - February 2026

Recommendation: Receive Report

7. Commissioner Reports and Announcements

8. Adjournment

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**Parks and Community Services Commission Staff Report
Item No. 3.3.**

Date: March 18, 2026

To: San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission

From: Henry Perezalonso, Department Director

Subject: Temporary Employee of the Month for February 2026

Executive Summary:

The Parks and Community Services Department recognizes temporary employees monthly for their hard work and dedication to the community. Derek Meonske has been selected as the temporary employee of the month of February 2026 in recognition of his outstanding work with the Adult Volleyball League.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends that the San Ramon Parks Commission receive the Temporary Employee of the Month report for February 2026.

Background:

The City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department would like to acknowledge Derek Meonske, Activity Manager in the Sports Division as the Temporary Employee of the month for February 2026. Derek joined the City of San Ramon Sports staff in September 2023 as an Assistant Activity Manager and was later promoted to Activity Manager. Throughout his time, Derek has immersed himself in the City's sports operation and has made real connections through different programs. He has worked in every sports program that the City offers, from our Youth Hoops basketball league and Open Gym to Adult Volleyball and Softball Leagues. Derek has always been in tune with sports, not just as an athlete himself, but also supporting his two children in their various sporting endeavors.

Recently, Derek was working the Adult Volleyball League when the official was unable to show up due to a medical issue. Derek jumped in without hesitation to officiate the evening matches, ensuring a successful night of volleyball. The teams appreciated his knowledge of the game and ability to fill in and officiate fairly. This recent event is just an example of how Derek goes about each shift he works for the City of San Ramon, making sure the programs are running well and putting in extra effort for the community.

Derek previously worked in the technology field, but ultimately chose to leave it behind to pursue his passion for serving the community. After his time at Open Heart Kitchen, Derek discovered the City of San Ramon, where he has been able to nurture his passion for community service while also embracing his love for sports. San Ramon is fortunate to have someone like him on the team.

The City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department would like to take this opportunity to recognize and thank Derek for his outstanding service and dedicated contributions to the sports programs. His commitment, leadership and drive to serve the community continues to make a difference.

Thank you, Derek for all that you do and for being such a dedicated member of our team!

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact with this report.

Alternative Option(s):

There are no alternative options with this report.

Next Steps:

There are no next steps with this report.

Attachment(s):

None

**MINUTES OF THE
CITY OF SAN RAMON PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION
February 11, 2026**

1. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by Chair Bried at 7:00 PM.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. ROLL CALL

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Steve Bried	Chair	Present	7:00 PM
Kyle Levy	Vice Chair	Present	7:00 PM
Will Doerlich	Commissioner	Present	7:00 PM
Partha Mitra	Commissioner	Present	7:00 PM
Vasanth Shetty	Commissioner	Present	7:00 PM
Julia Oseland	Commissioner	Present	7:00 PM
Terry Koehne	Commissioner	Absent	
Varsha Jonnalagadda	Student Commissioner	Present	7:00 PM

Also in Attendance: Parks and Community Services: Director Henry Perezalonso, Division Manager Brad Morris, Program Managers Becky Adams and Jennifer Gault, Recreation Supervisors Kevin Boggs, Steve Cox, Jessica Reaber, and Amanda Tugwell, Recreation Coordinator Ri Thomas, and Administrative Coordinator Kathy Schiller.

4. SPECIAL ITEMS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

4.1 Changes to the Order of the Agenda

4.2 Temporary Employee of the Month for January 2026

Recreation Supervisor Amanda Tugwell introduced Ryan Voigt, the January 2026 Employee of the Month. Chair Bried and Director Henry Perazalonso presented the award.

4.3 Special Announcements

5. PUBLIC COMMENT OR WRITTEN COMMUNICATION

At this time, members of the public are encouraged to address the Parks & Community Services Commission on any item not already included in tonight's agenda. Comments should not exceed three (3) minutes. During public comment, members of the public are permitted to address the Commission on items that are not on the agenda and are within the Commission's jurisdiction.

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6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

6.1 Parks & Community Services Commission - Regular Meeting - Jan 14, 2026 7:00 PM

Commissioner Doerlich's motion to approve the minutes of the January 14, 2026, regular meeting was seconded by Commissioner Mitra. The motion passed 6-0-1-0. Commissioner Koehne was absent.

RESULT:	ACCEPTED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Will Doerlich, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Partha Mitra, Commissioner
AYES:	Bried, Levy, Doerlich, Mitra, Shetty, Oseland
ABSENT:	Koehne

7. COMMISSION BUSINESS

7.1 Selection of Advisory Committee Interview Panel

Recommendation: Approve the Formation of Ad Hoc Committees

Administrative Coordinator Kathy provided the presentation. Ad Hoc Committees were formed to conduct interviews for open positions for the Arts Advisory Committee, the Library Advisory Committee, and the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee.

7.2 Library Advisory Committee Annual Report

Recommendation: Receive the Report and Provide Feedback. Approve and Recommend the Report be Forwarded to the City Council for Consideration

Recreation Supervisor Steve Cox introduced Cindy Alpert, Library Advisory Committee Chair, who provided the presentation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Kyle Levy, Vice Chair
SECONDER:	Will Doerlich, Commissioner
AYES:	Bried, Levy, Doerlich, Mitra, Shetty, Oseland
ABSENT:	Koehne

7.3 Senior Citizens Advisory Committee 2025/2026 Annual Report

Recommendation: Receive the Report and Provide Feedback. Approve and Recommend the Report be Forwarded to the City Council for Consideration

Recreation Supervisor Steve Cox introduced Udaya Rajbhandari, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Chair, who provided the presentation.

RESULT:	APPROVED [UNANIMOUS]
MOVER:	Vasanth Shetty, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Will Doerlich, Commissioner
AYES:	Bried, Levy, Doerlich, Mitra, Shetty, Oseland
ABSENT:	Koehne

7.4 Forest Home Farms Historic Park Update

Recommendation: Receive Report

Recreation Supervisor Jessica Reaber provided the presentation.

8. DIRECTOR'S REPORT

8.1 Monthly Activity Report for January 2026

Parks and Community Services Director Henry Perezalonso provided special announcements and presented the January Monthly Activity Report

9. COMMISSION LIAISON REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

10. ADJOURNMENT

Chair Bried adjourned the meeting at 9:22 PM.



**Parks and Community Services Commission Staff Report
Item No. 5.2.**

Date: March 18, 2026

To: San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission

**From: Henry Perezalonso, Department Director
Keith Haase, Program Manager**

Subject: San Ramon Trails Master Plan

Executive Summary:

The San Ramon Parks, Open Space, Trails, and Recreation Master Plan 2020 identified two key themes, Interconnectedness and Conservation, and recommended expanding responsible access to open space and natural areas to support residents' emotional and physical well-being. The plan also called for improvements to the City's trail system, including expanded trail connectivity, additional shade and seating, and removal of barriers to encourage walking and bicycling between parks, open space areas, and neighborhoods.

Building on these goals, the San Ramon General Plan 2040, adopted by the City Council in December 2023, directed the development and implementation of a citywide Trails Master Plan to identify existing, future, and proposed trail connections.

Development of the San Ramon Trails Master Plan began in April 2025. The plan establishes a long-term vision for the City's trail network and provides specific recommendations to guide trail development and improve access to open space throughout San Ramon over the next 20 years.

Recommendation:

The Parks and Community Services Commission should approve the San Ramon Trails Master Plan and recommend it be forwarded to the City Council for final approval.

Background:

At the November 13, 2025, commission meeting, the Parks and Community Services Commission was presented with preliminary recommendations for the San Ramon Trails Master Plan. The Commission provided feedback to staff and Design Workshop which guided refinement of the plan's preliminary recommendations and additional chapters.

Since November, a meeting was held on January 14, 2026, at the San Ramon Community

Center to gather feedback from stakeholders on the preliminary recommendations, project prioritization, and next steps for approval and implementation. On January 29, an Administrative Draft of the master plan document was distributed to city departments and posted publicly on the City's website for a two-week review and comment period. The community was notified of the updated draft document through social media, an email blast and information posted on the city website.

The plan establishes the need for:

- Approximately 15 miles of new and improved dirt trails.
- New regional trail connections to open spaces extending beyond city limits.
- New and enhanced access points to the city trail system.
- Management recommendations for shade, wayfinding signage, maintenance, and funding.

The San Ramon Trails Master Plan recommendations were further refined based on input and feedback from the following sources:

- The Parks Commission meeting on November 13, 2025,
- A stakeholder meeting held in January 2026,
- A two-week public review period,
- Fehr & Peers, the consultant who produced the city's Bicycle Master Plan,
- City departments including Transportation, Planning, Traffic/Engineering, Public Services, and Parks and Community Services
- The Geologic Hazard Abatement District Manager

Since the November Commission meeting and approval of the preliminary recommendations, the following content has been added to the plan.

- Feedback from the January stakeholder meeting,
- New trail alignments,
- Prioritization criteria,
- A capital improvement project prioritization matrix,
- Trail design guidelines and mitigation strategies, and
- Funding opportunities.

The plan's recommendations are grounded in the community's vision for the future of the San Ramon trail system. Engagement windows 1 and 2 collected 824 survey responses, resulting in survey data that is statistically reliable with the findings expected to be within $\pm 3\%$ margin of error, 95% of the time.[1] Findings from the extensive engagement efforts show strong community support for enhancing the current trail system, which aligns with many of the city's other planning goals.

The planning team used the following methods to gather information from the community to best understand its needs:

- 824 online and in-person survey responses
- Interviews with 8 agencies and partner organizations
- 7 in-person outreach events
- More than 10 staff interviews
- 3 stakeholder meetings
- 1 Open Space Advisory Committee presentation
- 2 Parks and Community Services Commission presentations

[1] Public surveys typically aim for a $\pm 5\%$ margin of error at 95% confidence.

Fiscal Impact:

Upon adoption of the Trails Master Plan, all recommended projects and improvements will be reviewed, prioritized, and funded through the City’s annual budget and Capital Improvement Program (CIP) processes.

Alternative Option(s):

The Parks and Community Services Commission may provide additional feedback and recommend the San Ramon Trails Master Plan is forwarded to the City Council with suggested changes.

Next Steps:

The final version of the plan will be presented to the City Council on April 14, 2026, for approval and adoption.

Attachment(s):

- A. San Ramon Trails Master Plan

SAN RAMON TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Prepared for the City of San Ramon
March 6, 2026



Prepared by:
DESIGNWORKSHOP

San Ramon Trails Master Plan



ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The City of San Ramon gratefully acknowledges the contributions of the following organizations in development of the Master Plan.

City of Dublin
Contra Costa County
East Bay Regional Park District
San Ramon Open Space Advisory Committee
San Ramon Parks & Community Services Commission
San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District
San Ramon Valley Unified School District
Save Mount Diablo
Town Of Danville

DEVELOPMENT TEAM

The City of San Ramon Parks & Community Services
Department
Design Workshop

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Executive Summary

San Ramon Trails Master Plan

Executive Summary

This section summarizes the planning process that guided development of the San Ramon Trails Master Plan and introduces the plan's recommended projects and policies.

This plan establishes the need for:

- Approximately 15 miles of new and improved dirt trails
- Up to 10 new regional trail connections to open space extending beyond city limits
- Up to 8 new and enhanced access points to the city trail system
- Management recommendations for shade, wayfinding signage, maintenance, and funding

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

PLAN PURPOSE

Located in the San Ramon Valley of Contra Costa County, California, the City of San Ramon has long been one of the most desirable communities in the Bay Area. Nestled among rolling hills, San Ramon is cherished by residents and visitors for its scenic beauty and access to open space. The City is committed to creating and maintaining a system of trails and open space that uplifts the community and creates opportunities for recreational access.

The San Ramon General Plan 2040, adopted by City Council in December 2023, called for the development and implementation of a Trails Master Plan to identify current, future, and proposed citywide trails and trail connections. In April 2025, development of the San Ramon Trails Master Plan (this document) was launched. **The plan establishes a long-term vision for the City's trail network and provides specific recommendations that will guide trail development in San Ramon over the next 20 years.**

TRAIL SYSTEM VISION

San Ramon's trail system will be a safe, inclusive, and interconnected network that enhances the quality of life for all residents. The City's trails will link neighborhoods, parks, schools, and employment centers. Working with adjacent agencies, the trail system will extend beyond city boundaries to connect with regional trails and open spaces. Designed to support recreation, active transportation, environmental stewardship, and community well-being, the trail system will celebrate San Ramon's natural setting and foster lifelong access to nature for current and future generations.

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MASTER PLAN PROCESS

The Trails Master Plan was developed under the leadership and guidance the City of San Ramon's Parks & Community Service Department and Commission. Three major steps contributed to overall plan development:

TRAIL SYSTEM ASSESSMENT



An assessment of the existing trail system was conducted using data from GIS mapping, on-site reconnaissance, and in-depth research on land easement opportunities, previous plans, and comparable communities. The trail system assessment identifies gaps within the current trail network, establishes environmental constraints, and presents known opportunities for trail system improvements (see "Trail System Assessment" on page 39).

COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT



Understanding not only how the trail system is used today, but also how community members envision using the trail system in the future, is a critical component of developing a successful trail system. A number of in-person and online engagement tools were used with stakeholders and the public to establish a clear vision for the trail system that reflects the culture of San Ramon and desires of the community. Documentation of the public engagement process and findings can be found in the "Community Needs Assessment" on page 67.

RECOMMENDATIONS, IMPLEMENTATION, AND IMPACT REDUCTION

- Preliminary recommendations were developed based on conversations with stakeholders, feedback from community surveys, industry best practices, and professional expertise. In November 2025, the plan's preliminary recommendations were reviewed and confirmed by the City's Parks & Community Services Commission. Details of the plan's recommendations and implementation strategy can be found in "Recommendations" on page 1. Trail construction and maintenance standards, as well as strategies for mitigating environmental impacts associated with trails, can be found in "Maintenance and Open Space Impact Reduction" on page 31.

DOCUMENT STRUCTURE

MASTER PLAN

CHAPTER 1: TRAIL SYSTEM RECOMMENDATIONS

- Lists potential trail projects and system-wide recommendations
- Prioritizes projects based on feasibility and potential benefits
- Describes funding opportunities

CHAPTER 2: MAINTENANCE AND OPEN SPACE IMPACT REDUCTION

- Provides construction and maintenance standards for future trail development
- Recommends strategies for mitigating the environmental impacts resulting from trail development and use
- Describes CEQA process and requirements

CHAPTER 3: TRAIL SYSTEM ASSESSMENT

- Documents the existing conditions analysis and research that established opportunities and constraints for the trail system

CHAPTER 4: COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT

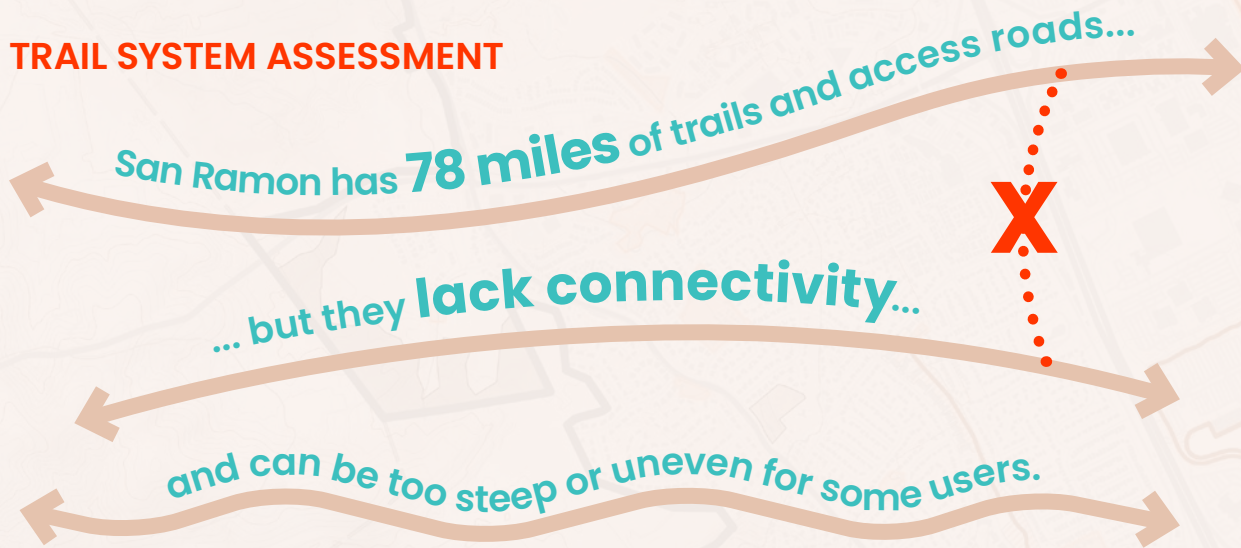
- Describes engagement efforts and feedback from both stakeholders and the public

APPENDICES

- **Appendix A:** Write-in survey responses
- **Appendix B:** Initial intersection and road safety recommendations for select projects

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TRAIL SYSTEM ASSESSMENT



This plan proposes connections that fill gaps in the existing trail network and standards for trail construction and maintenance that define minimum requirements for accessibility, safety, and user experience.



STEEP, NARROW, AND UNEVEN TRAILS LIMIT ACCESSIBILITY

Many existing trails have an uneven surface and are narrow, limiting accessibility and increasing the possibility of user conflicts.



MAINTENANCE AND UPGRADES ARE NEEDED IN SOME AREAS

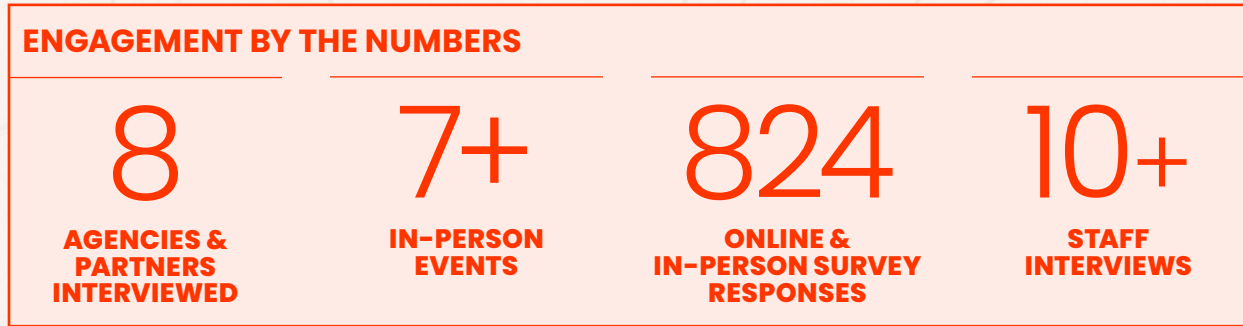
Improvements and ongoing maintenance are needed in some areas to provide a high-quality recreation experience.

TRAIL SYSTEM ASSESSMENT KEY FINDINGS

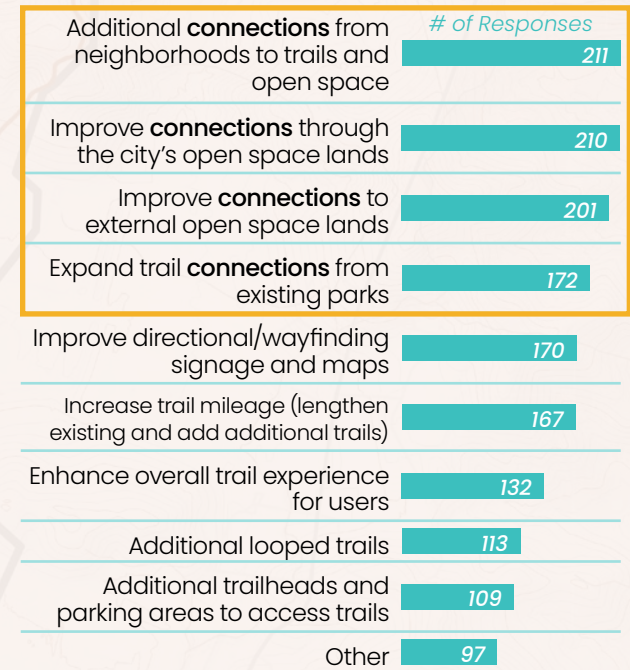
- Residents cherish the city's extensive trail system, but **gaps in the network** make it difficult to commute or navigate the community without a car.
- San Ramon's existing trail system has long been shaped by **historic ranch roads and fire roads**, which were not designed for recreational uses.
- The landscape is largely shaped by ongoing **livestock grazing** practices.
- Connecting to the nearby **regional trail network** and **collaborating with partner organizations** was identified as a primary objective.
- Land in the city is largely held by **Geologic Hazard Abatement District (GHAD) open space** and **Homeowner Associations (HOAs)**. Trail development on these properties will require collaboration with land owners/managers and stakeholders.
- The slope of many existing trails exceeds what is considered accessible or comfortable (5%).

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COMMUNITY NEEDS ASSESSMENT



What improvements do you think are most needed for the trail system? (489 respondents)



WHAT WE HEARD

Public Feedback

- Access to trails and recreation is incredibly important to the lifestyle of San Ramon residents, with 96% of survey respondents using the trail system at least once per year.
- Providing **additional connections** both within the city and to other destinations is a top priority for community members.
- **Peaceful and scenic trail experiences** are the most appealing among respondents.
- Residents across the city are generally supportive of trail development, with **no specific area** where opposition is stronger than in others.
- Create **trails within open space** and **convert existing ranch roads** to proper trails to improve accessibility, reduce user conflicts, and prevent damage to natural resources.
- Enhance the **Iron Horse Trail** to support its current function as the **major north-south route** for non-vehicular commuters.
- Provide **amenities** such as shade, seating, restrooms, and informational signage to **enhance user comfort** along existing and future trails.

Stakeholder Feedback

- **Convenient access to open space** allows community members to escape the urban bustle and appreciate the area's scenic quality.
- Connections to **Las Trampas Wilderness Preserve, Danville, and Dublin** are highly desired.



San Ramon community members providing input at the Art and Wind Festival

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MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS

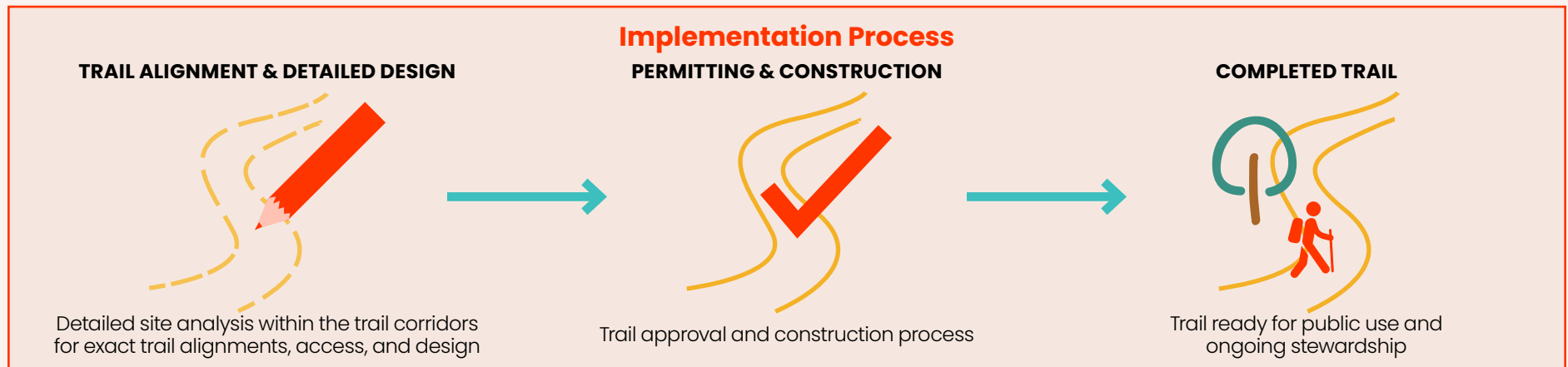
The recommendations on the following map show potential improvements to the San Ramon trail system. These recommendations are to be used as a resource for future development and redevelopment of the trails, trailheads, access points, and amenities associated with the trail system.

Throughout the trail planning process several methods were used to craft the proposed projects and preliminary alignments shown. Methods included:

- On-site reconnaissance of the existing trail system, trailheads, access points, gaps, and potential connections
- Drone photography
- Online mapping, including ArcGIS and mobile apps such as CalTopo
- Heat maps and user-aggregated data from Strava and Trailforks
- Community and stakeholder survey results
- Input from partner agencies such as East Bay Regional Parks and the Towns of Dublin and Danville
- Alignment with the goals and strategies of previous plans

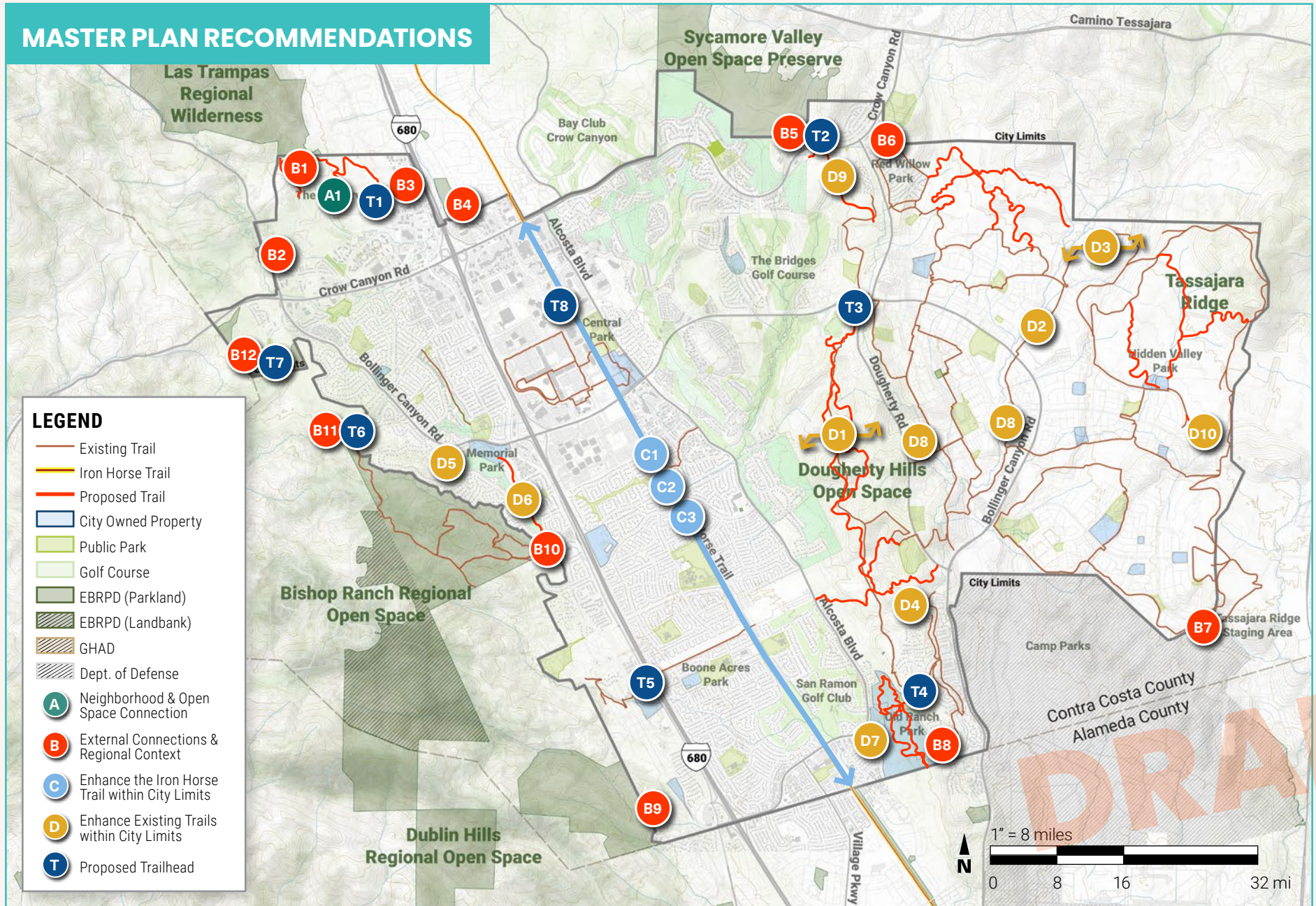
NEXT STEPS FOLLOWING ADOPTION OF THIS PLAN

- » Align potential projects based on priority and with the annual budget process
- » Initiate design and engineering phases on high-priority, funded projects
- » Establish a "Friends of" group for stewardship of the city's trail system
- » Identify and initiate easement acquisitions and landowner agreements based on project priorities
- » Coordinate with utility providers to understand future improvement plans and timelines
- » Provide regular updates to city residents on progress implementing this Trails Master Plan
- » Continue community outreach and external agency coordination



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MASTER PLAN RECOMMENDATIONS



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RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

The projects and policies listed in this table correspond to the Master Plan Recommendations map on the previous page. Improvements to existing facilities are denoted with a yellow arrow (») while additions to the trail system are noted with a blue plus sign (+). Detailed descriptions of each improvement can be found in "Table 1: Master Plan Recommendations" on page 4.

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS	
ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
G1	+ Provide more dirt-to-dirt trail connections
G2	» Manage grazing areas to reduce impacts to developed trails
G3	+ Acquire trail easements through utility corridors, HOAs, etc.
G4	» Amend GHAD easements for trails
G5	+ Create and implement a wayfinding signage plan for trails
G6	+ Develop a hierarchy of trailheads and associated amenities
G7	+ Establish a "friends of group"



CREATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOODS & OPEN SPACE	
ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
A1	+ Stacked loop trails in the Preserve open space
A2	+ Trail connections through participating HOA properties that connect neighborhoods to the on- and off-street trail network



COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS FOR REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
B1	+ Trail from The Preserve to Las Trampas North
B2	+ Access point at the Las Trampas West (future)
B3	+ Access point at San Ramon Valley Blvd. + Trail from San Ramon Valley Blvd. to Las Trampas
B4	+ Access point at Fostoria Way and Camino Ramon + Trail from Borel Park to Danville
B5	+ Trail from Crow Canyon Rd to Sycamore Valley Open Space (via Public Services and Maintenance property)
B6	» Improve trails between Red Willow Park and Diablo Vista Park in Danville
B7	+ Trail from Tassajara Ridge Trail to Dublin (through Camp Parks easement)
B8	+ Trail from Old Ranch Park to Dublin open space (through Dougherty Hills Open Space)
B9	+ Access point at/near Centennial Park + Trail from Westside Dr to Bishop Ranch South
B10	» Improve access point at Morgan Dr near Hawkins Dr » Improve trails between Morgan Dr and Bishop Ranch
B11	» Improve access point at Paddock Dr » Improve trails between Paddock Dr and Bishop Ranch Open Space
B12	» Improve access point at Cobblestone Park » Improve trails between Thomas Ranch neighborhood and Las Trampas–Pleasant Ridge

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ENHANCE THE IRON HORSE TRAIL WITHIN CITY LIMITS

ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
C1	» Shade Iron Horse Trail with tree planting and shade structures
C2	» Wayfinding signage at existing and new Iron Horse Trail access points
C3	» Widen and stripe Iron Horse Trail



ENHANCE EXISTING TRAILS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
D1	+ Stacked loop trails in Dougherty Hills
D2	+ New trail along Alamo Creek
D3	+ Stacked loop trails in Tassajara Ridge
D4	+ Trail from Iron Horse Trail to Dougherty Hills Open Space
D5	+ Trails connecting neighborhoods and schools throughout the city to the existing bike park at Memorial Park (or relocate bike park to a more convenient location)
D6	+ Trail from Morgan Drive to Memorial Park
D7	+ Trail from Alcosta Senior and Community Center to Old Ranch Park
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PROVIDE NEW AND ENHANCED TRAILHEADS & NAVIGATION

ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
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T4	+ Old Ranch Park & Alcosta Community & Senior Center Trailheads
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T6	» Paddock Drive/Redtail Hawk Trailhead improvements
T7	+ Cobblestone Neighborhood Park Trailhead
T8	+ San Ramon Transit Center Trailhead



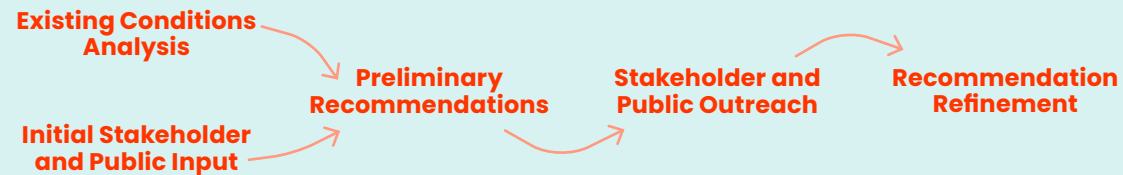


Recommendations

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This chapter shows and describes the initial recommendations based on key takeaways and themes from the engagement process. Once approved, they will be finalized as part of the document.



RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

RECOMMENDATIONS

Initial recommendations for the San Ramon trail system were developed based on existing conditions analysis, previously identified opportunities, and extensive feedback from stakeholders and community members. The recommendations presented on the following pages will be further developed with more detail as they move into design and construction phases.

Based on key findings from the engagement process, the plan's recommendations are aligned with the five Focus Areas below.

CREATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN
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GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to the five Focus Areas, the following general recommendations should be included in the plan.

Recommendation G1: Provide more dirt-to-dirt trail connections. Current loops identified on public maps bring users onto the streets, providing a convoluted experience.

Recommendation G2: Regulate and manage cattle grazing to reduce user conflicts and limit damage to trail surfaces. Management of open spaces should potentially limit grazing in areas with public trails, meanwhile respecting grazing as a vital function of the area's landscape.

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Table 1: Master Plan Recommendations

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

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CREATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOODS & OPEN SPACE

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COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS FOR REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

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RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

ENHANCE THE IRON HORSE TRAIL WITHIN CITY LIMITS

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C1	Provide shade along the Iron Horse Trail with a combination of tree planting and shade structures. Trees will take time to mature and provide benefits into the future while shade structures will cost more and provide immediate shade.
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ENHANCE EXISTING TRAILS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

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PROVIDE NEW AND ENHANCED TRAILHEADS & NAVIGATION

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NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

CREATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOODS & OPEN SPACE

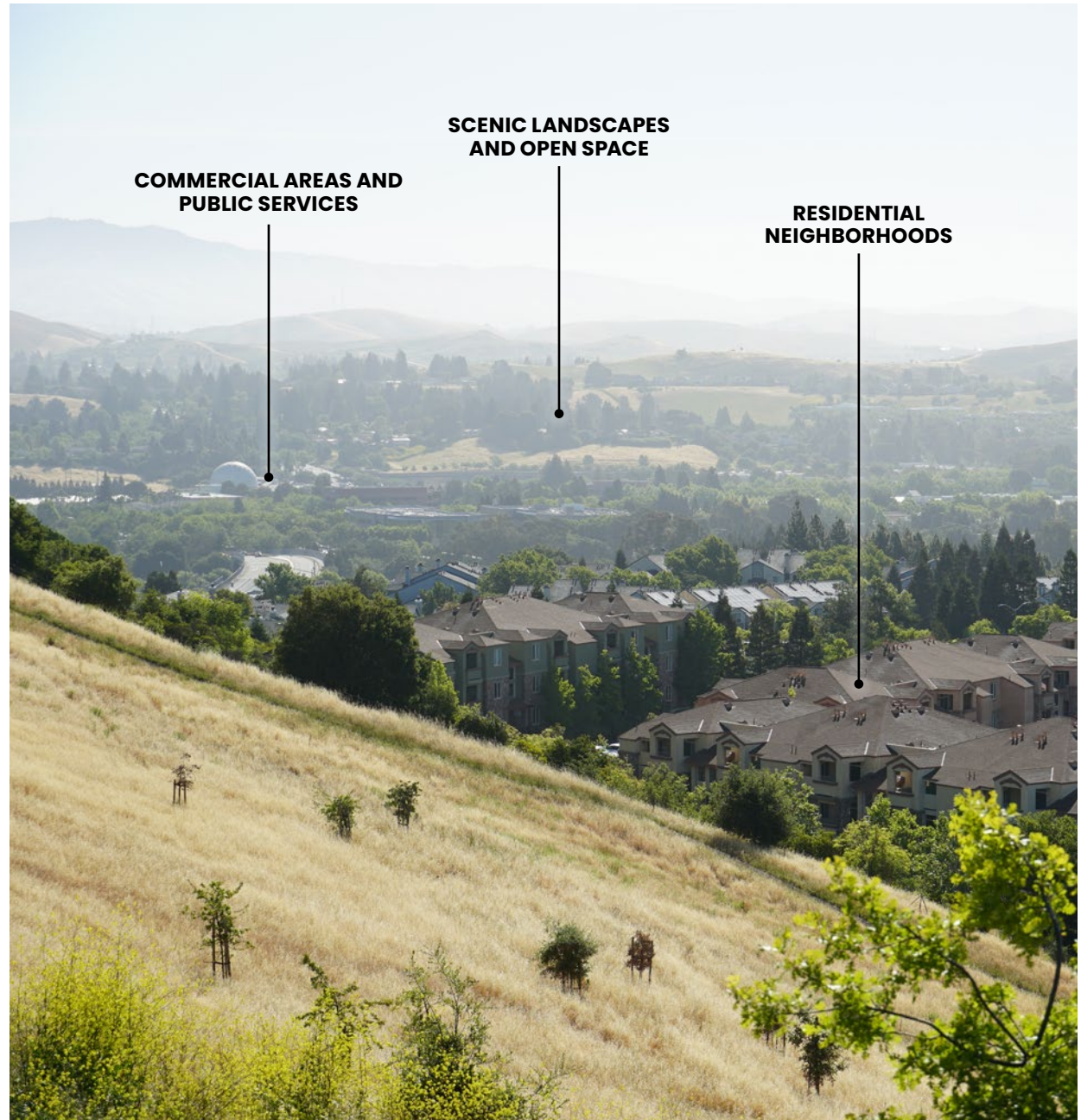
Residents and community leaders in San Ramon highly value trails that are conveniently accessible from their homes and nearly 90% of residents are most interested in using trails to stay active and fit.

With open space and GHAD land spread through the city limits, there are opportunities to provide more trails and improve existing trails.

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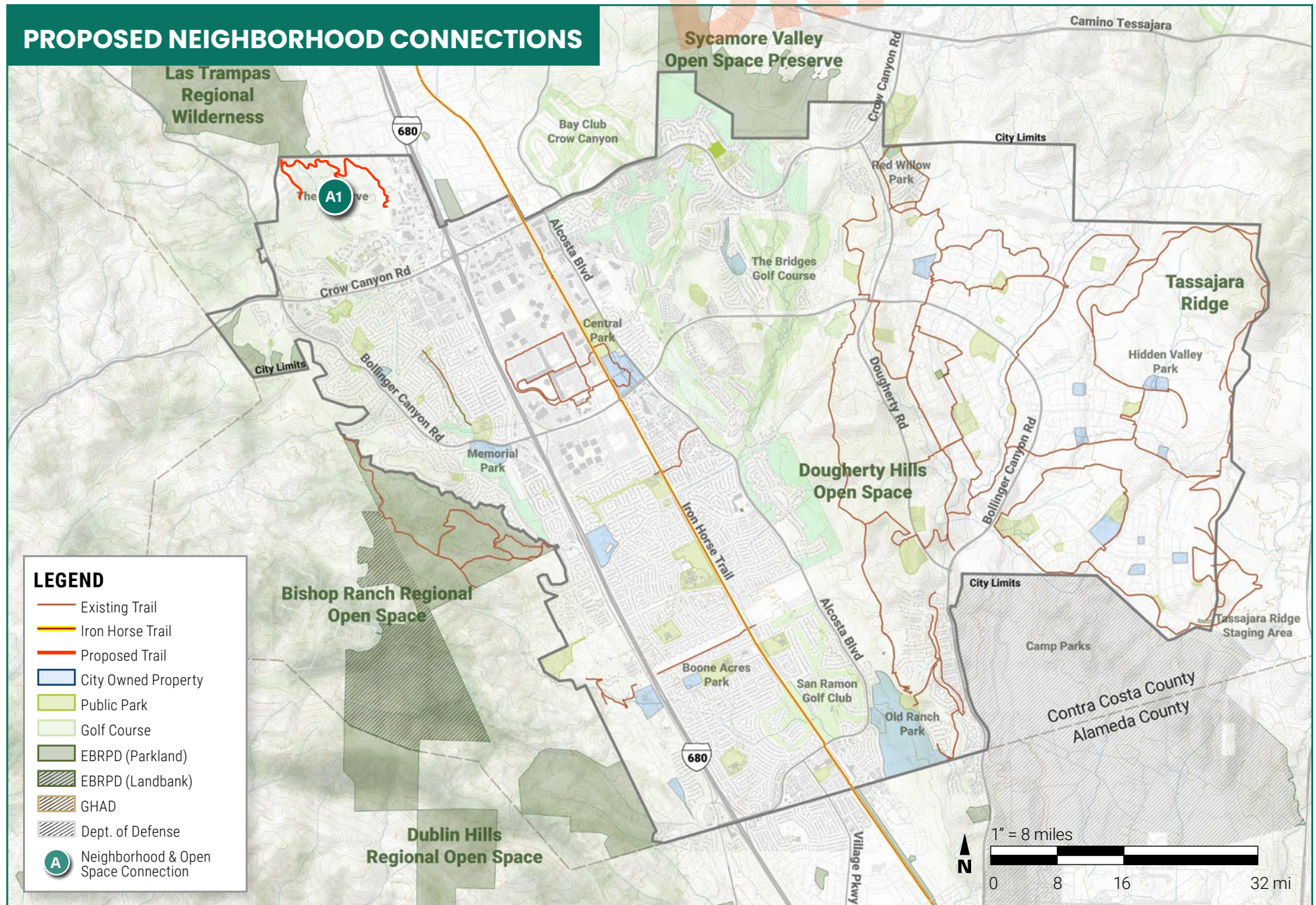
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NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

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EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS

COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS FOR REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

San Ramon has the potential to have one of the best metro trail systems in California, with EBRPD Open Space Lands adjacent to city boundaries, Mount Diablo State Park to the north, and the Iron Horse Trail acting as a spine through the center of the city. Connecting to these regional assets is a focus of the plan.

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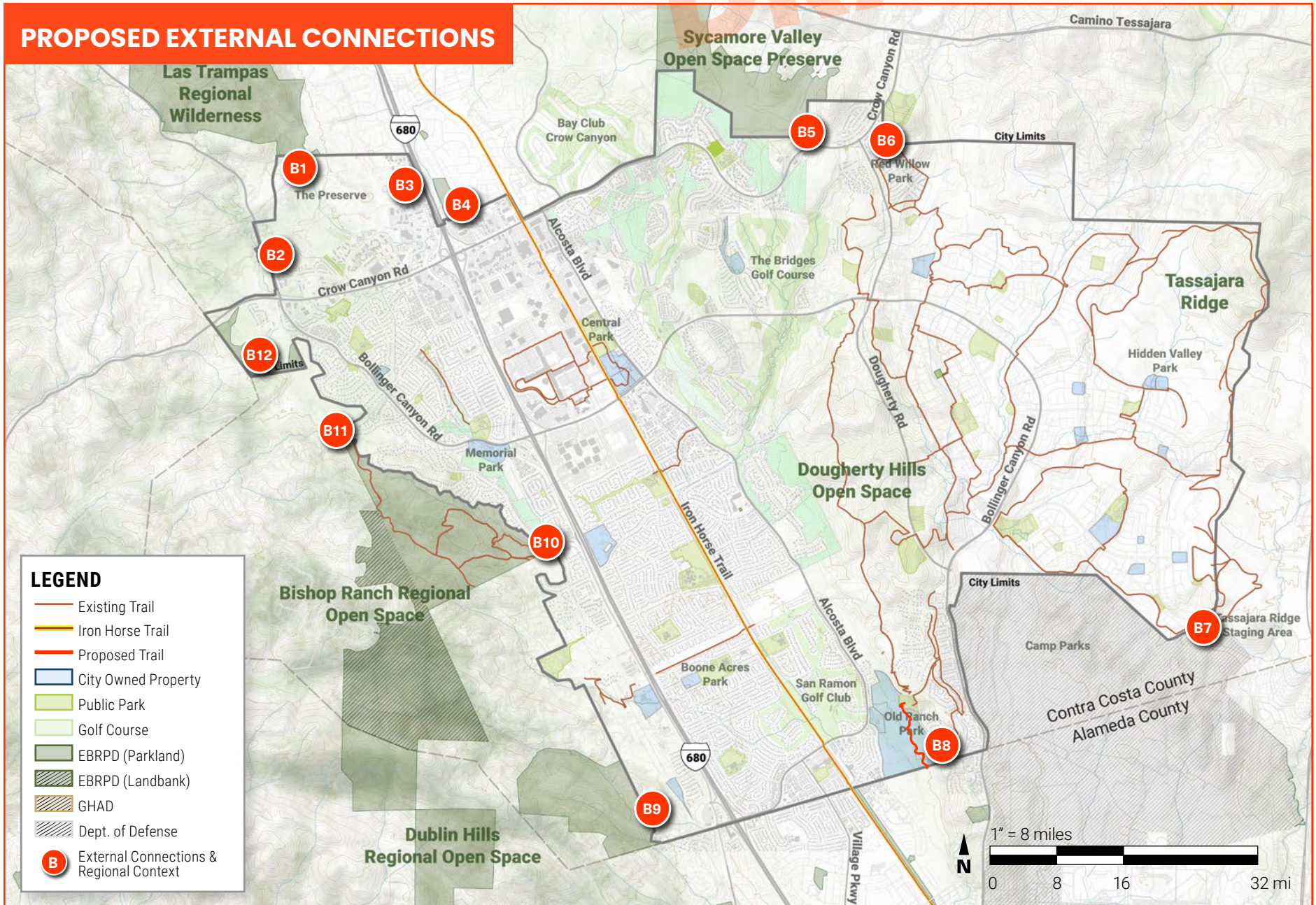
THE POWER OF PARTNERSHIPS

Partnerships with outside agencies can be beneficial for gaining easements on privately owned lands.

Collaborative partnerships with outside agencies can elevate low-priority recommendations or result in low-priority projects being accomplished more easily.

EXTERNAL CONNECTIONS

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IRON HORSE TRAIL

ENHANCE THE IRON HORSE TRAIL WITHIN CITY LIMITS

The Iron Horse Trail extends 4.24 miles through the length of San Ramon (the full trail runs from Pleasanton to Concord).

Nearly 25% of residents said the Iron Horse Trail is their favorite trail within city limits, almost five times higher than any other trail within the city. Opportunities exist for the city to partner with EBRPD to enhance this section of trail.

These potential projects are general and do not directly correspond to point locations on the following page.

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IRON HORSE TRAIL LOOKING SOUTH TOWARD DUBLIN

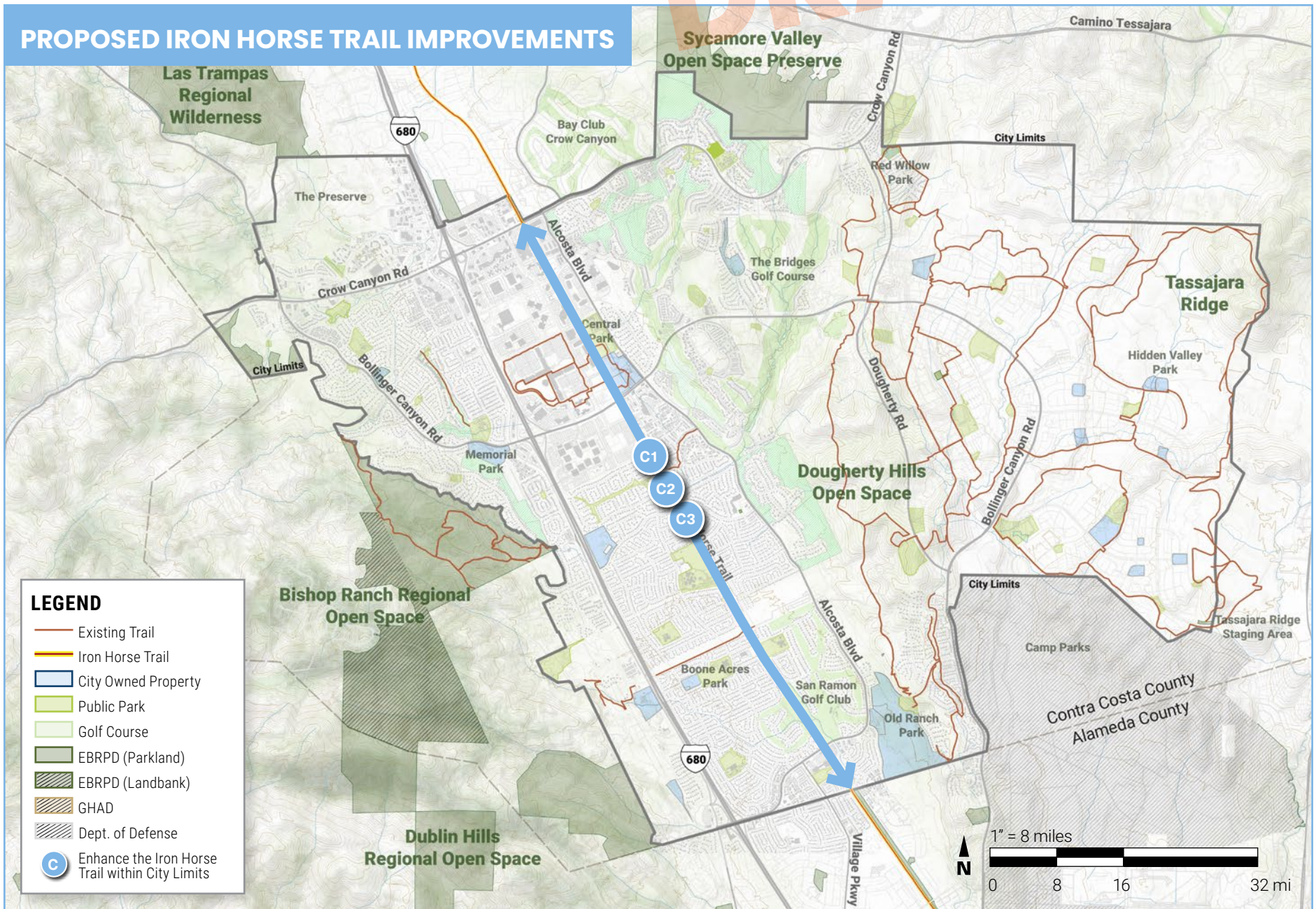
OWNERSHIP AND MANAGEMENT OF THE IRON HORSE TRAIL

Contra Costa County owns the trail corridor and manages aspects of it including permitting, landscaping guidelines, and utility easements.

Under agreements with the county, East Bay Regional Park District maintains and operates the Iron Horse Regional Trail surface itself, including paving, signage, and public safety.

IRON HORSE TRAIL

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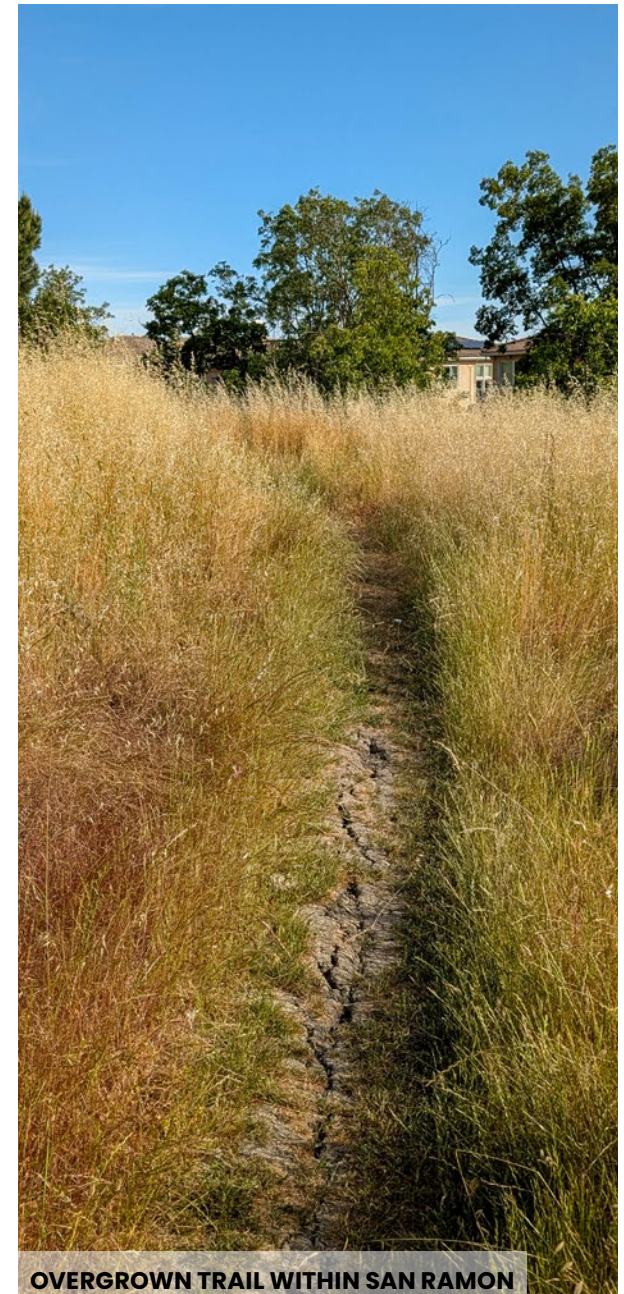
EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK ENHANCEMENTS

ENHANCE EXISTING TRAILS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

Existing dirt trails within the city are primarily inherited ranch roads and do not meet trail standards. They are generally steep, fall-line trails and not user friendly. It is suggested to adopt trail standards within this document and upgrade trails to meet standards.

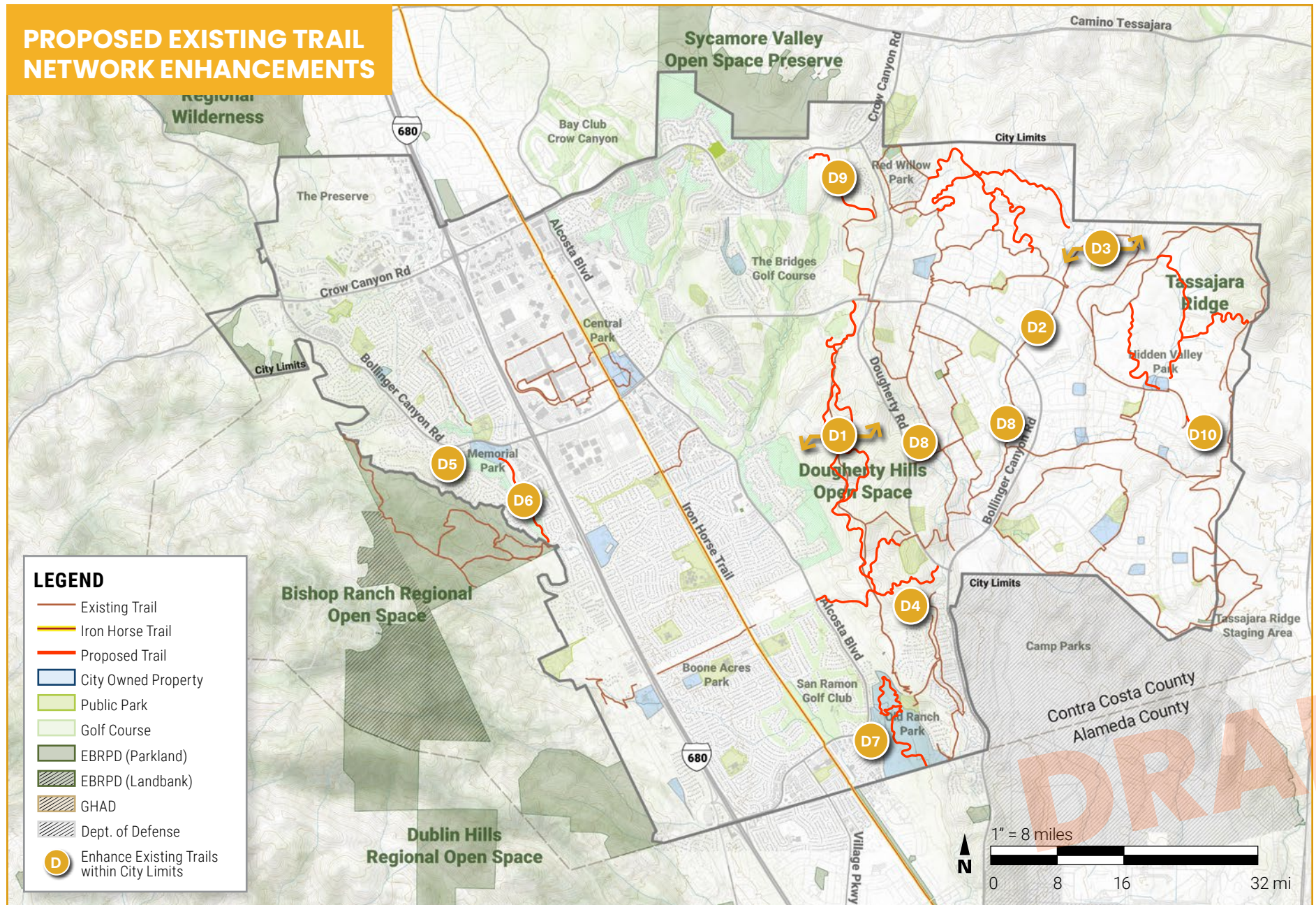
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OVERGROWN TRAIL WITHIN SAN RAMON

EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK ENHANCEMENTS



TRAILHEADS AND NAVIGATION

PROVIDE NEW AND ENHANCED TRAILHEADS & NAVIGATION

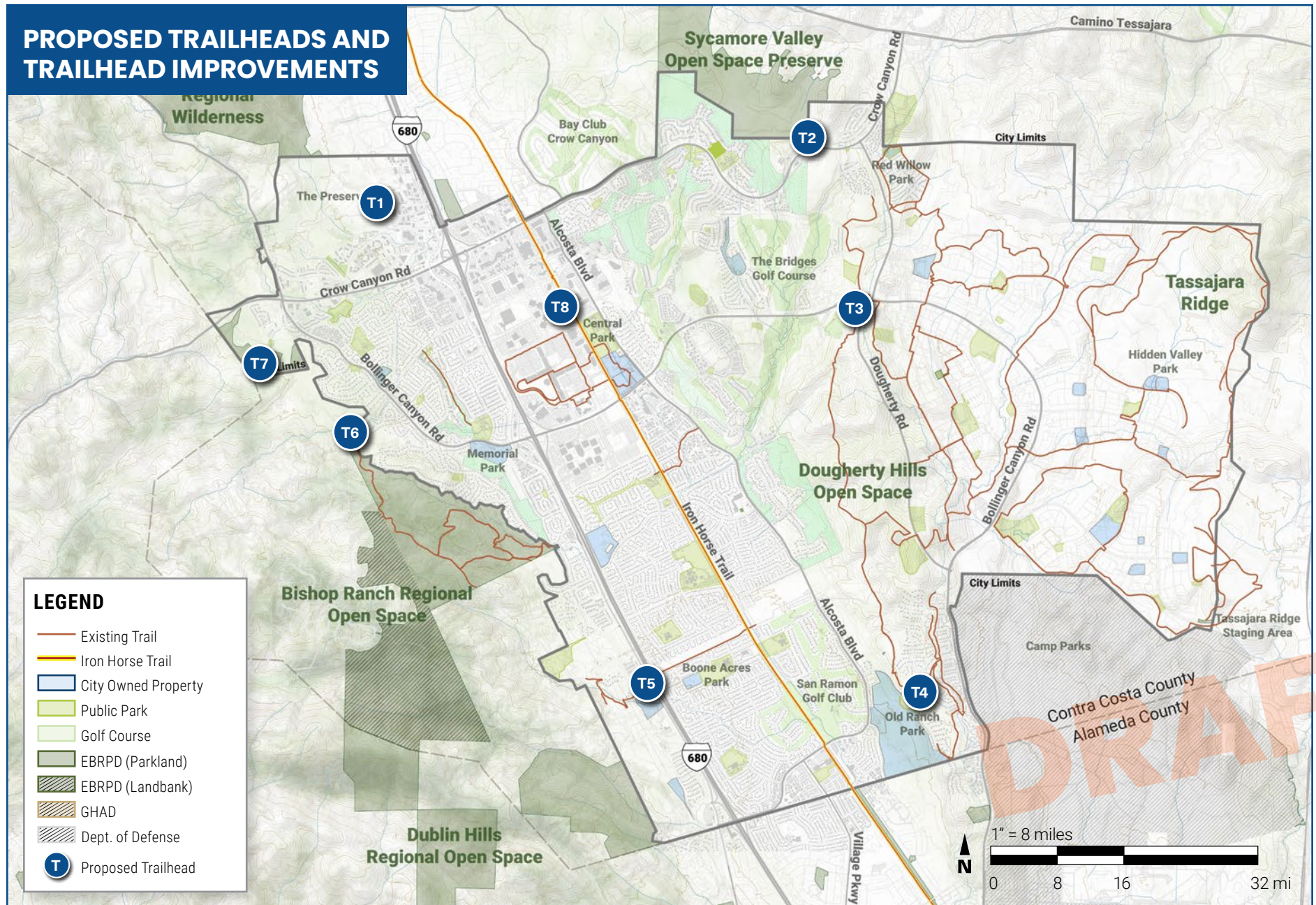
Public engagement results show that 22% of survey respondents identified a need for more trailheads and parking areas. Additional trailheads would improve access, navigation, and reduce crowding while connecting more neighborhoods to San Ramon's open spaces. Well-designed trailheads can offer clear signage, maps, and amenities, making it easier for users to orient themselves, plan routes, and enjoy a safer, more welcoming trail experience.

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TRAILHEADS AND NAVIGATION



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND PHASING

The phasing plan identifies which potential projects should be considered and incorporated into a short-term (5 year), mid-term (10 year) and long-term (20 year) capital improvement program. The Recommendations Matrix on the following pages lists the priority (high, medium, or low) and time frame (short-, mid-, or long-term) for each potential project.

PRIORITIZATION CRITERIA

Recommended projects were evaluated based on the following criteria.

CAPITAL AND FUTURE INVESTMENT (30%)

Considers whether funding or known funding sources for the potential project have been identified. Estimates the long-term financial implications of potential projects.

EASE OF IMPLEMENTATION (30%)

Examines the complexity of implementation when considering land ownership, potential easement acquisition, and ability to implement independently (without close collaboration or dependencies on other organizations).

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT (20%)

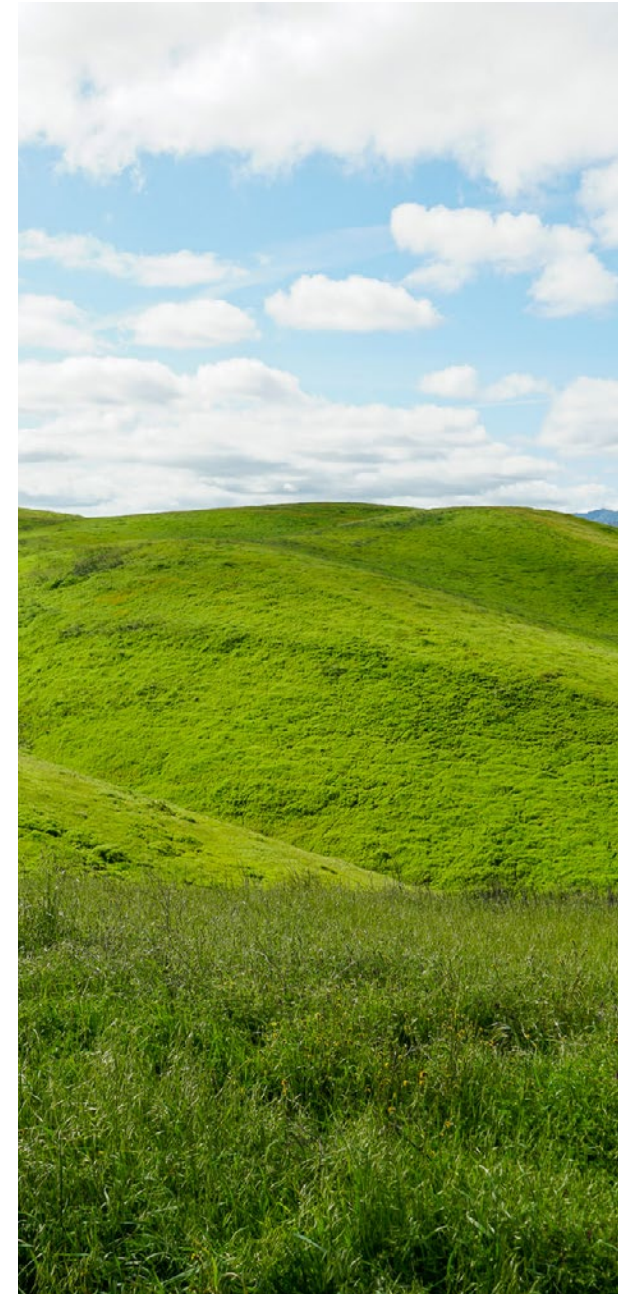
Assesses whether the project supports and advances the city's long-term goals, adopted plans, and policy direction. Considers other criteria associated with the Trails Master Plan purpose.

STAKEHOLDER PRIORITIES (10%)

Assesses whether the potential project supports stakeholder priorities.

COMMUNITY DEMAND (10%)

Assesses whether the potential project supports community recreation preferences.



CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Short-term: 0-5 years
 Mid-term: 6-10 years
 Long-term: 11-20 years

Table 2: Prioritization Matrix—General Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS MATRIX					
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G4	Amend GHAD land conservation easements to allow new trail alignments that show environmental benefits, such as reduced erosion.	Medium	Short-term	-	-
G5	Implement a citywide wayfinding signage plan for the trail system.	Low	Short-term	-	-
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G7	The City should partner with a “friends of group” for nonprofit support of maintenance and education by developing a volunteer agreement and incentives.	Low	Ongoing	-	-
G6	Develop a hierarchy of trailheads (access points, parking areas, parks) and associated amenities. Ensuring trailheads that directly interface with roadways are designed to provide appropriate safety treatments.	Low	Short-term	-	-
G1	Provide more dirt-to-dirt trail connections. Current loops identified on public maps bring users onto the streets, providing a convoluted experience.	Low	Long-term	-	-

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Table 3: Prioritization Matrix—Proposed Projects

RECOMMENDATIONS MATRIX					
ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	TIME FRAME	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	OPERATIONAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS
C2	Improve connections from parks and access points with clear wayfinding signage and enhanced trails linking parks, schools, neighborhoods, and commercial areas.	High	Ongoing	\$500–\$5,000 per sign & kiosk	< \$25,000/yr
T4	New trailheads at Old Ranch Park and Alcosta Senior & Community Center to service future trails in the city owned open space between the park and the senior center.	High	Short-term	\$100,000–\$300,000 depending on desired amenities	Yes, minimal time for maintenance
T5	New trailhead at Forest Home Farms to provide east-west connection with future enhancement of 680 underpass and a connection to the Starkweather Trail.	High	Mid-term ¹	\$100,000–\$300,000 depending on desired amenities	Yes, minimal time for maintenance
D7	Provide a trail from Alcosta Senior and Community Center to Old Ranch Park.	High	Short-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
B1	Provide a trail connection and access point to Las Trampas Regional Preserve from The Preserve Project. A new trail is being constructed by EBRPD in 2026 extending south from the Las Trampas Ridge Trail that the City can partner on.	High	Short-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
B2	Provide an access point to future west side EBRPD open space off Bollinger Canyon Road from The Preserve Project.	High	Mid-term ²	\$10,000+ for each new access point w/o parking	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
T8	New trailhead at San Ramon Transit Center connecting to the Iron Horse Trail for multimodal connection.	High	Short-term	\$50,000–\$300,000 depending on desired amenities	Yes, minimal time for maintenance
B7	Connect Tassajara Ridge Trail to Dublin through Camp Parks. EBRPD is currently working on an agreement with Camp Parks to have a trail easement that San Ramon can support.	High	Short-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly

¹ To be coordinated with 680 underpass recommendation in the Bike Master Plan Update.

² Dependent on when EBRPD land bank open space will be open to public.

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RECOMMENDATIONS MATRIX

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B3	Provide a trail connection and access point to Las Trampas through The Preserve Project's open space near San Ramon Valley Blvd. to provide trail access from an urban part of the city.	High	Short-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
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B6	Improve trail connections from Red Willow Park in San Ramon to Diablo Vista Park in Danville.	Medium	Mid-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	No
T1	Improve trailhead located along Faria Preserve Parkway to serve the proposed stacked loop system in The Preserve Project's open space.	Medium	Short-term ⁵	\$5,000–\$15,000	Yes, minimal time for maintenance
D5	Provide bike and pedestrian connections to the existing bike park at Memorial Park and/or locate a bike park in a more accessible location to youth.	Medium	Mid-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	Yes, minimal time for maintenance
C3	Widen the trail and stripe to create separate lanes for fast and slow traffic, in line with recommendations from the County's corridor study (2020) and double tracking plan (in progress).	Medium	Short-term ⁶	See Iron Horse Trail Active Transportation Corridor Study	No

³ Coordinate with EBRPD's plans on extending the Las Trampas trail system south.

⁴ Coordinate with EBRPD's timeline for anticipated opening of Borel Park.

⁵ Concurrent with projects A1 and B3.

⁶ Identified in Contra Costa County's 2020 Active Transportation Corridor Study. Improvements throughout Segment 14 (from Fostoria to Montevideo) were highly ranked.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

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RECOMMENDATIONS MATRIX

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T3	Improve trailhead at north end of Dougherty Hills Open Space that connects to West Alamo Creek Trail.	Medium	Mid-term	\$20,000+ depending on desired amenities	Yes, minimal time for maintenance
C1	Provide shade along the Iron Horse Trail with a combination of tree planting and shade structures. Trees will take time to mature and provide benefits into the future while shade structures will cost more and provide immediate shade.	Medium ⁷	Ongoing	\$250,000–\$750,000 per mile (varies depending on trees or structures)	Yes, minimal time for maintenance
A2	Work with HOAs to identify connector trails between neighborhoods and open space access points and set dedicated public easements. (Note: Not mapped. Exact locations to be coordinated between City and HOAs that want to provide trail access for their members.)	Medium	Ongoing	N/A	< \$25,000 (staff time)
B9	Provide a trail connection and access point from Westside Drive near Centennial Park to EBRPD open space through easements around the Laborers property (low priority by EBRPD).	Medium	Long-term ⁸	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
D8	Explore using flood plain service roads along Alamo Creek and West Alamo Creek as trails during the dry months.	Medium	Short-term	N/A	N/A
T2	New Crow Canyon Staging Area trail to provide connections into Sycamore Valley Open Space and West Alamo Creek Trail.	Medium	Short-term	\$100,000–\$300,000 depending on desired amenities	Yes, minimal time for maintenance
B8	Provide a trail connection from Old Ranch Park to Dublin open space through Dougherty Hills. The trail alignment should use the open space and not be located within the viewshed of existing residences.	Medium	Short-term ⁹	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
D6	Add a connection from Morgan Drive to connect to Memorial Park using HOA green space.	Medium	Mid-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly

⁷ Increasing shade along the Iron Horse Trail was identified as a high-priority project in the Parks, Trails, Open Space, and Recreation Master Plan.

⁸ Coordinate with EBRPD timeline for public access.

⁹ To expand on projects T4 and D7.

CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

Short-term: 0-5 years
 Mid-term: 6-10 years
 Long-term: 11-20 years

RECOMMENDATIONS MATRIX

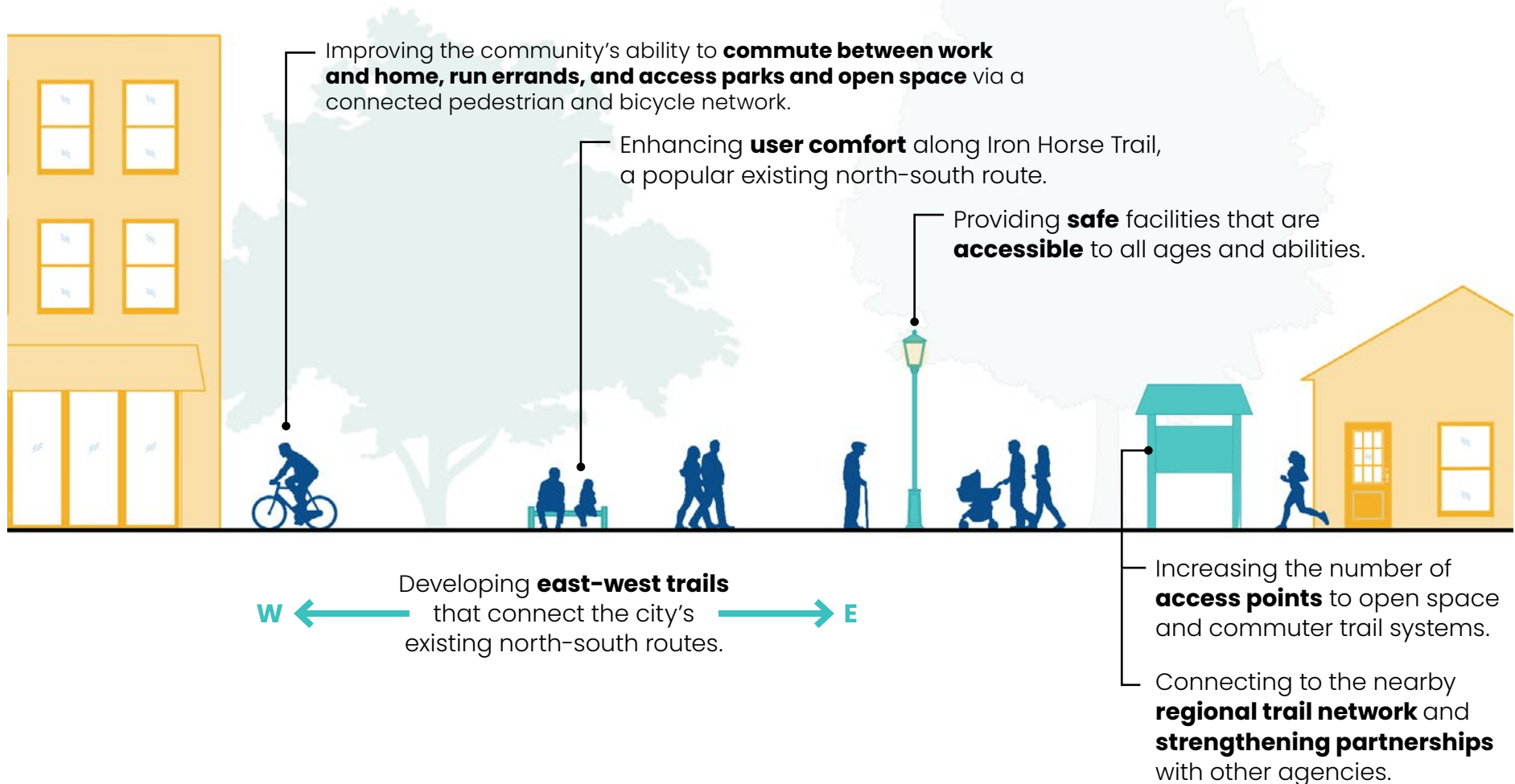
ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	TIME FRAME	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	OPERATIONAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS
B10	Improve trail connections and access point from Morgan Drive to EBRPD's Bishop Ranch Regional Open Space.	Medium	Mid-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
D4	Provide a connection from Iron Horse Trail to Dougherty Hills utilizing existing utility corridors.	Low	Long-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
T7	New trailhead at Cobblestone Neighborhood Park providing a connections to the Pleasanton Ridge to Las Trampas Trail.	Low	Mid-term	\$100,000–\$300,000 depending on desired amenities	Yes, minimal time for maintenance
B11	Improve trail connection and access point from Paddock Drive to EBRPD open space & Red Hawk Trail (low priority by EBRPD).	Low	Long-term	Unknown at this time	-
B12	Improve trail connection and access point from Cobblestone Park/ Thomas Ranch to EBRPD open space (low priority by EBRPD).	Low	Long-term	Unknown at this time	-
D2	Provide a trail along Alamo Creek, utilizing shade from existing vegetation and highlighting the riparian corridor. Potential to work with the adjacent high school for cross country meets.	Low	Long-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
B5	Provide a trail connection to EBRPD Sycamore Valley Open Space from Crow Canyon Road through the San Ramon Service Center.	Low	Long-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
D9	Provide a connection from the future Crow Canyon Staging Area to the West Alamo Creek Trail.	Low	Long-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
D1	Provide a stacked loop trail system in the Dougherty Hills Open Space connecting to neighborhoods along Alcosta Blvd. to the west and Dougherty Road and Rancho San Ramon Park to the east.	Low	Long-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
D3	Provide stacked loop trails through Tassajara Ridge better connecting the neighborhoods on the east side of the city to open space.	Low	Mid-term	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly

PREVIOUS PLAN ALIGNMENT

Relevant planning documents were reviewed to ensure that the recommendations in this plan align with and build upon the policies and projects identified in previous planning efforts. **The recommendations from previous plans are organized on the following pages according to the Trails Master Plan's five focus areas.**

Plans produced by the City's various departments paint a vision for the city's future that supports a culture of **environmental stewardship** and promotes a **healthy community**. While the goals and content of each plan varies, common themes related to trail development are shown in the graphic below.

COMMON PLANNING THEMES IN SAN RAMON



PREVIOUS PLAN ALIGNMENT

MASTER PLAN ALIGNMENT

Review of earlier planning documents helps inform the Trails Master Plan not only by describing the community's vision for the present and future, but also by identifying areas of overlap which allow trails to provide multiple benefits and potential funding opportunities. For example:

- If used by the community, construction of commuter trails can ultimately **reduce vehicular emissions** and improve overall air quality.
- Providing trash and recycling receptacles along trails can help achieve the General Plan and Climate Action Plan's **waste reduction** goals.
- Upgrading existing dirt trails to paved trails can **improve accessibility** for all residents.
- Appropriate landscaping standards associated with trails can improve scenic quality while **reducing water consumption** and **fire risk**.

The recommendations listed in "Previous Planning Efforts" on page 52 represent various goals and policies that have been previously adopted. While some relate directly to this plan's Recommendations (page 2), others tie more closely to Funding Opportunities (page 24) or Trail Construction Standards (page 32).

Relevant Climate Action Plan Goals



Measure C-1: Conserve and manage the existing open spaces, natural lands, and trail system in San Ramon to reinforce the community's defining characteristics and increase carbon sequestration on these lands.



Measure T-1: Implement and regularly update the Bicycle Master Plan and Walking District Master Plan as needed to reduce vehicle miles traveled and achieve an active transportation mode share of 3% by 2030 and 8% by 2045.



Measure T-2: Promote active transportation mode shift by enhancing 37 miles of vehicle roadways into active transportation corridors by 2040 that extend safe active transportation routes from residential areas into the downtown core.

OPPORTUNITIES ASSOCIATED WITH TRAIL DEVELOPMENT

While a strong trail network is primarily viewed as a recreation asset, trails can serve a number of functions. Further development of the trail system can help advance several of San Ramon's other planning goals, such as:

- **Air Quality:** Reduce the number of vehicle miles traveled by providing safe, comfortable facilities for alternate modes of transportation.
- **Open Space Preservation:** Acquire, preserve, and maintain open space and its natural resources for future generations.
- **Fire Prevention and Wildlife Habitat:** Low-maintenance, drought tolerant native landscaping reduces fire risk and environmental impacts while connecting wildlife habitat areas within parks and open spaces.
- **Environmental Stewardship:** Educate residents on the linkage between land use, transportation, water and energy use and air pollution.
- **Partnership Strategy:** Form a strong relationship between the City, trail advocates, and resident to strengthen San Ramon's trail culture and stewardship opportunities.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

This section lists federal, state, local, and private funding sources that can be accessed to fund construction and maintenance of trails in San Ramon. It will be important to actively pursue funding and implement the plan's proposed projects in a timely fashion, building excitement and momentum in the community. Note that because these are only some of the known funding sources at the time of plan adoption (2026), city staff should regularly monitor existing and new funding sources for additional opportunities.

CAPITAL FUNDING SOURCES

TAX SOURCES

City of San Ramon

The City will be the primary funding agent for many of the plan's capital improvement projects. Funding sources the City may access for design and construction phases of trail development or improvements include:

- **General Fund:** Using the City's existing tax dollars for projects often comes from the City's annual Capital Improvement Program budget process. The General Fund can be a primary source for shade structures, lighting and landscaping, paving and intersection safety improvements, and other similar projects.
- **General Obligation Bond:** Voter-passed tax initiatives like Measure N can fund trail projects through increases in property or sales tax. This is a relatively common method of funding for many cities and towns. Because Measure N's 1.0% sales tax recently passed with 56% voter approval, the community may be hesitant to approve another.
 - **Measure N (Transactions and Use Tax):** A ballot measure proposing a 1.0% sales tax in San Ramon for 10 years was passed in November 2024. Analysis estimates that this could generate more than \$15 million per year to support City services and facilities including road safety, recreation services, park maintenance, youth,

senior, and cultural programs, and more. Because it expires in 2035, setting aside Measure N dollars will be important for short-term (0-5 years) and medium-term (6-10 years) projects. These funds will be a good source when grants require a match of some percent.

- **Special Assessment Districts:** These districts fund park and recreation projects within a defined area, with contributions based on assessment of real property. The formation of these districts requires approval of property owners.
 - **Landscape and Lighting Assessment District:** A form of a Special Assessment District, these funds can be used for the development and operation of parks and open space. This also requires voter approval. Example: The Preserve Landscaping and Lighting Assessment District.
- **Community Facilities Districts (CFD):** Often associated with new subdivisions and infrastructure, CFDs are similar to Special Assessment Districts in that they create annual revenue streams that can be used to fund capital improvements and/or maintenance of recreation facilities. The adoption of this property tax requires a two-thirds majority vote among residents of the proposed District. As a result, this can be difficult to put into place as a realistic funding source. The only existing CFD in San Ramon, CFD 2014-1 encompasses Acres, The Preserve, Deerwood, Aspenwood, and Promenade.
- **Quimby Act Dedication and Fees:** The Quimby Act authorizes cities and counties to require a residential developer to dedicate parkland or a payment of a comparable fee in-lieu of. This can only be used for capital funding for the renovation of existing parks/facilities or the construction of new ones that serve the new development, but these in-lieu fees can be a good source as match funding for grants. Depending on the level of residential development, this can be a small or significant method for developing new parks and facilities. The rate of contribution must be set based on prior standards.

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- **Development Impact Fees:** These fees are paid by a developer at the time of issuing a building permit for a new development (commercial and or residential rentals). This is usually a per unit or per square foot fee. There must be a direct benefit to the new development to justify the utilization of the fees for new facilities. Again, the level of funding can vary and the fees must be established as part of a general standard.
- **Special Sales Tax:** There are limited opportunities for the use of this tax. It requires two thirds voter approval and state legislative approval, but the proceeds can be used for special projects.
- **Special Fees or Taxes:** This could include earmarking revenues from the establishment of new fees or increasing existing fees associated with items such as business licenses, utility fees, parcel tax, real estate transfer tax, transient occupancy tax (bed tax), etc. These are often difficult to establish or increase and do not always generate significant revenues. Some of these funding sources require voter approval (parcel tax).
- **Certificates of Participation:** This is a form of a lease that only obligates the city to a payment on a yearly basis to cover the cost of financing the project over a set term. This form of payment does not count against the city's indebtedness and does not require a vote of the people. The facility is in effect purchased from a third party and it may also be constructed by them as well.

Regional/County

- **Contra Costa Transportation Authority Measure J:** Since 2009, Measure J funds have been used to fund transportation projects across Contra Costa County. Recent projects funded by Measure J include bicycle and pedestrian overpasses in Brentwood and San Ramon and several Complete Street improvement projects.
- **Contra Costa County Measure X:** A portion of the county's 0.5% Measure X tax allocates funds to essential county services including trail and active transportation projects or maintenance.

State of California

Grants are administered through a variety of departments in state government, however there is often competition for this funding.

- **California Active Transportation Program:** A California Transportation Commission (CTC) program funding trail projects that serve transportation and safety goals. These funds are good for design and construction. These funds may be especially useful in trailhead development and creating off-street commuter connections.
- **Proposition 68:** The California Department of Parks and Recreation's Regional Park Program (more commonly known as Prop 68) offers grant funding for projects that create, expand, or improve regional park facilities. Because these funds are available to Regional Park Districts and Regional Open Space Districts, they will be useful for many of the projects which connect regional open spaces.
- **Clean California Local Grant Program:** Offered by the California Department of Transportation (Caltrans), Clean California funds can be used to beautify and improve public pathways by completing projects that reduce litter, beautify public spaces, improve public health, and foster place-making in underserved communities. While this may apply in some specific areas of the city, San Ramon is generally not economically underserved.

Federal Government

There are a variety of funding sources available for different projects and programs through such programs as the Land & Water Conservation Fund, trails, environmental, and social service based (Community Development Block Grant) funding.

- **Transportation Alternatives Program (TAP):** A Federal Highway Administration program that provides funding for generally smaller-scale transportation projects such as pedestrian and bicycle facilities, construction of overlooks and viewing areas, environmental mitigation, recreational trails, safe routes to school projects, and

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more. These funds are administered through the State of California's Active Transportation Program.

- **Recreational Trails Program (RTP):** A Federal Highway Administration grant program administered through the California Department of Parks and Recreation, RTP funds can be used for the development, construction, restoration, and maintenance of trails and related amenities. These projects typically require a local match of about 12-20%, which can come from the General Fund or other local funding sources.

NON-TAX SOURCES

Beyond the more traditional government funding sources that have been identified above, there are a variety of non-tax sources that are increasingly being called upon to help finance projects and programs. Some of these are listed below.

- **Partnerships:** There is the potential of developing equity partners for specific projects. These could include other neighboring cities, the County, the school district, private companies, and health care providers. There is often a limit on the number of these types of partnerships that can be established for a project due to potential competing interests. Partnership dollars received from other organizations could be significant. A detailed partnership assessment will be necessary to determine a realistic level of funding for any project.
- **Fundraising:** A possible source of capital funding could come from a comprehensive fundraising campaign in San Ramon. Contributions from local businesses, private individuals and service organizations could be included in the outreach effort. To maximize this form of funding, a private fundraising consultant may be necessary. Generally, this is a relatively low level of capital funding for most projects.
- **Foundations:** There are foundations in the greater Bay Area or nationally that could be capital funders for certain parks and facilities. Reaching out to these foundations to determine their level of

interest, the key amenities that they would support, and other project requirements for possible funding is important. It should be expected that there will be a relatively low level of funding through foundations.

- **Grants:** It is possible to fund parks, open space, and other facilities from grant sources, but applying for these grants can be time consuming and must fit within their funding cycle. Key aspects of parks and recreation projects that could be targeted for grants is anything related to youth, teens, seniors, people with disabilities, families, and lower income households. There may also be grant opportunities for environmental projects, energy conservation, and green building initiatives. Major funding from this source is unlikely but still could be beneficial.
- **Naming Rights and Sponsorships:** Although not nearly as lucrative as for large stadiums and other similar facilities, the sale of naming rights and long-term sponsorships could be a source of some capital funding as well. It will probably be necessary to hire a specialist in selling naming rights and sponsorships if this revenue source is to be maximized to its fullest potential. No lifetime naming rights should be sold. The industry standard is 20 years maximum. Determining the level of financial contribution necessary to gain a naming right will be crucial.



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OPERATIONS FUNDING SOURCES

As important as financing capital projects is, the ability to fund ongoing operations and maintenance for parks and recreation is critical. There are a number of possible funding options that are noted below.

VOLUNTEER/SERVICE GROUPS

Establishing a "Friends of" group (such as "Friends of San Ramon Trails" or "San Ramon Green Guardians") ... and gives community members a sense of ownership.

TAX SOURCES

- **City of San Ramon:** It is anticipated that most of the responsibility for operations and maintenance funding will continue to fall on the City. However, the City will need to identify how the anticipated increase in operations and maintenance will be handled and what sources the funding will come from. Many of the same funding options for capital projects are also possibilities for operations.
- **General Fund:** The use of existing tax dollars for operations and maintenance is common. However, if there are going to be significant increases this usually cannot be funded entirely with existing tax sources.
- **Charges for Services:** Increasing the fees charged for parks and recreation programs and services as well as the rental of parks facilities can help with the generation of revenue to off-set operations costs. Having a well-defined fee policy to guide this process is essential.
- **Special Sales Tax:** In addition to funding capital, this source can also be utilized for the operations of certain special facilities or amenities. The limits of this funding source have been identified in the capital funding section.
- **Special Fees or Taxes:** These sources could provide a dedicated funding source for facilities maintenance or programs. Again, revenue could be generated from sources such as business licenses, utility



TRAIL BUILDING AND MAINTENANCE EQUIPMENT, OWNED BY THE SANTA CRUZ TRAIL STEWARDSHIP NONPROFIT ORGANIZATION

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fees, parcel tax, real estate transfer tax, transient occupancy tax (bed tax), etc.

- **Operating Levy:** Establishing a tax levy specifically for the maintenance and operation of parks and recreation facilities and programs has become more common. These most always require voter approval and often require renewal on a regular basis for continued use. These can either be property tax based or sales tax generated.
- **Special Benefit Assessment:** A special assessment district within a city can also be used to fund operations and maintenance of parks and recreation facilities through an assessment on real property. This requires approval of the property owners.
- **Landscape and Lighting Assessment District:** This allows for the funding of operations and maintenance of parks and open space as well as capital construction. This does require voter approval.
- **Community Facilities Districts:** A district can be formed to fund both the operations of new parks and recreation facilities in addition to capital construction. This is a property tax and requires a two-thirds majority vote.
- **State of California:** It is far more difficult to fund operations and maintenance of parks and recreation resources through normal state sources. There have been some state grants for certain specialized programs, however.
- **Federal Government:** There are limited options for funding operations and maintenance from this source but there have been grant opportunities for some special needs, environmental, youth, and senior programs and services.

NON-TAX SOURCES

- **Partnerships:** Finding operational partners can be a challenge at times but there are opportunities for program and service partners in the public, private, and non-profit sector. Capital partners often have an operational commitment as well. A carefully worded partnership agreement will be necessary to confirm and guarantee the level of funding that is possible and the length of time that it should be expected.
- **Endowment Fund:** This would require additional funding from foundations and/or fundraising to establish an operational endowment that could fund basic maintenance, capital replacement, and improvements at parks and facilities. Fundraising for operational endowments can be very challenging and the level of funding often needs to be very high to generate enough dollars.
- **Sponsorships:** The establishment of sponsorships for different programs and services as well as funding for different aspects of a park or facility's operation is possible. In most cases however, this provides a relatively low revenue stream for funding day to day operating costs.
- **Grants:** There are grants for programs and services that serve the disadvantaged, youth, teens, and seniors. It may be possible to acquire funding for specific programs from this source. Many grants are only for a set period of time (1 to 3) years which could mean the loss of the program if other funding cannot be found to replace the grant.

Determining a sustainable source of funding for operations and maintenance of new or renovated facilities is critically important as is the ability to fund programs and services for the community on an ongoing basis.

FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES



TASSAJARA RIDGE ON THE EAST SIDE OF SAN RAMON



Maintenance and Open Space Impact Reduction

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Maintenance and Open Space Impact Reduction

This chapter presents recommended trail design and maintenance standards as well as CEQA compliance considerations.

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

TRAIL DESIGN GUIDELINES

For the purposes of this plan it is recommended that San Ramon use the national trail standards set forth by the United State Forest Service (USFS). Although there is no land managed by the USFS, their trail design standards are accepted at the high levels of trail design and maintenance around the country.

The USFS categorizes trails by their level of development and intended user experience. Classifications range from minimally developed backcountry routes to fully constructed and highly accessible trails. These classes communicate the expected design approach, intended use, and long-term maintenance needs for each trail. The three trail types listed on the following pages are for unpaved off-street trails only, for on-street trails, see the City's Bicycle Master Plan. Example photos are from the recently completed Cotoni-Coast Dairies trail system in Davenport, CA.



Outdoor Recreation Access Route Trail



Open Space Trail



Backcountry Trail

TRAIL AMENITIES

Trail amenities should be included at access points and along trails as determined in each project's design and construction phases of implementation.

Typical trail amenities include informational and/or wayfinding signage, trash and recycling receptacles, bicycle parking, vehicular parking, lighting, restrooms, water fountains, seating, shade structures, and more.

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

OUTDOOR RECREATION ACCESS ROUTE (ORAR)

TREAD AND TRAFFIC FLOW

- Tread wide, firm, stable, and generally uniform
- Single lane, with frequent turnouts where traffic volumes are low to moderate
- Double lane where traffic volumes are moderate to high
- Commonly hardened with asphalt or other imported material

OBSTACLES

- Obstacles not present
- Grades typically < 8%

CONSTRUCTED FEATURES AND TRAIL ELEMENTS

- Structures frequent or continuous; typically constructed of imported materials
- May include bridges, boardwalks, curbs, handrails, trailside amenities, and similar features

ORAR STATUS

- ORAR status ensures that the trail segment meets federal accessibility standards, providing access for people with mobility impairments.

CLASS 5 TRAIL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

Tread Width	Wilderness	N/A
	Non-Wilderness (Single Lane)	36–72"
	Non-Wilderness (Double Lane)	72–120"
	Structures	36"
Surface	Type	Likely imported material, and routine grading Uniform, firm, and stable
	Protrusions	No protrusions
	Obstacles	No obstacles
Grade	Target Grade	2%–5%
	Short-Pitch Maximum	5% FSTAG: 5%–12%
	Maximum Pitch Density	0%–5% of trail
Cross Slope	Target Cross Slope	2%–3% or crowned
	Maximum Cross Slope	3%
Clearing	Height	8–10'
	Width	60–72"
	Shoulder Clearance	12–24"
Turn	Radius	6–8'



TRAIL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

OPEN SPACE TRAIL

TREAD AND TRAFFIC FLOW

- Tread wide and relatively smooth with few irregularities
- Single lane, with allowances constructed for passing where required by traffic volumes in areas with no reasonable passing opportunities available
- Double lane where traffic volumes are high and passing is frequent
- Native or imported materials
- May be hardened

OBSTACLES

- Obstacles infrequent and insubstantial
- Vegetation cleared outside of trailway

CONSTRUCTED FEATURES AND TRAIL ELEMENTS

- Structures frequent and substantial; typically constructed of imported materials
- Constructed or natural fords
- Bridges as needed for resource protection and user convenience
- Trailside amenities may be present



CLASS 4 TRAIL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

Tread Width	Wilderness	18–24" Exception: may be 36–48" at steep side slopes
	Non-Wilderness (Single Lane)	24–60"
	Non-Wilderness (Double Lane)	48–72"
	Structures	36"
Surface	Type	Native with improved sections of borrow or imported material, and routine grading. Minor roughness
	Protrusions	≤ 3" Uncommon, not continuous
	Obstacles	8"
Grade	Target Grade	2–10%
	Short-Pitch Maximum	15%
	Maximum Pitch Density	5–20% of trail
Cross Slope	Target Cross Slope	3–7%
	Maximum Cross Slope	10%
Clearing	Height	8–10'
	Width	48–72"
	Shoulder Clearance	12–18"
Turn	Radius	4–8'

TRAIL CONSTRUCTION & MAINTENANCE STANDARDS

BACKCOUNTRY TRAIL

TREAD AND TRAFFIC FLOW

- Tread continuous and obvious
- Single lane, with allowances constructed for passing where required by traffic volumes in areas with no reasonable passing opportunities available
- Native or imported materials

OBSTACLES

- Obstacles may be common, but not substantial or intended to provide challenge
- Vegetation cleared outside of trailway

CONSTRUCTED FEATURES AND TRAIL ELEMENTS

- Structures may be common and substantial; constructed of imported or native materials
- Natural or constructed fords
- Bridges as needed for resource protection and appropriate access



CLASS 3 TRAIL DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

Tread Width	Wilderness	12–24" Exception: may be 36–48" at steep side slopes
	Non-Wilderness (Single Lane)	18–36"
	Non-Wilderness (Double Lane)	36–60"
	Structures	18"
Surface	Type	Native, with some on site borrowed or imported material where needed for stabilization and occasional grading
	Protrusions	≤ 3" May be common, not continuous
	Obstacles	10"
Grade	Target Grade	3–12%
	Short-Pitch Maximum	25%
	Maximum Pitch Density	10–20% of trail
Cross Slope	Target Cross Slope	5–10%
	Maximum Cross Slope	15%
Clearing	Height	7–8'
	Width	36–60"
	Shoulder Clearance	12–18"
Turn	Radius	3–6'

TRAIL USE MITIGATION STRATEGIES

There are potential impacts of trail use in open spaces, that include disruption to natural resources, flora and fauna habitat, cattle grazing impacts, along with noise and visual concerns. The following strategies can help remedy these impacts.



POTENTIAL IMPACTS

Habitat and Wildlife

Habitat fragmentation, displacement, reduced feeding and breeding due to stress, and altered movement patterns for wildlife. These impacts are higher in sensitive riparian zones.

Soil and Water

Erosion from heavy use in steep fall line routed trails and from users creating shortcuts or unauthorized trails. This leads to a degraded user experience and increased sediment runoff into waterways.

Vegetation

Loss of native plants, spread of invasive weeds especially on unauthorized trails and areas with disturbed soil, and impacts from trampling of native vegetation.

Cattle Grazing

Since many of the open space areas have cattle grazing, it should be noted that overgrazing damages riparian areas, increases stream bank erosion, and nutrient loads, and can introduce invasive weeds. However, managed grazing can control fuels and weeds while maintaining the character in San Ramon.

User Conflicts

Although it was not major topic during the public engagement for this plan, conflicts between hikers, bikers, equestrians, and dogs are common in some popular trail systems that are not actively managed.

MITIGATION STRATEGIES

Sustainable Design

Build durable trails using national standards as noted in this document with proper drainage and gentle slopes. Limit trail density in sensitive areas and GHAD land.

Habitat Protection

Close and restore unauthorized trails. Limit recreational access to sensitive habitats.

Weed and Fire Management

Use conservation grazing and mechanized fuels reduction projects to reduce weeds and fuel loads, balancing with ecological health.

Monitoring and Adaptive Management

Regularly assess trail conditions, user trends and management effectiveness yearly to adapt management strategies.

User Management and Education

Promote trail stewardship making sure trail users stay on designated trails. Enforce leash laws and other regulations. Educate users on impacts to the natural environment. Use Leave No Trace messaging at trailheads, staging areas, and access points.

CEQA COMPLIANCE

Related to CEQA (California Environmental Quality Act), the projects outlined in this trails master plan are considered discretionary activities conducted by a public agency. However, as of 2025, several new and existing exemptions can bypass this requirement.

It is recommended that a CEQA expert within city staff or external consultant review each specific project before implementing any project.

KEY 2025 CHANGES (AB 130 & SB 131)

A significant new CEQA exemption was created for public parks and non-motorized recreational trails, covering planning, construction, and maintenance, particularly if they receive Proposition 4 funds. These reforms aim to streamline environmental review for infrastructure, including trails, aligning with housing and climate goals. Under the CEQA Guidelines Section 15304, the Class 4 categorical exemption applies to "minor public or private alterations in the condition of land, water, and/or vegetation" that do not involve the removal of healthy, mature, scenic trees. Examples of trail-related projects that typically fall under this class in 2025 include:

- New Trails in Existing Rights-of-Way: The creation of bicycle or hiking trails within existing public rights-of-way such as a road or utility corridor.

- Grading for a trail on land with a slope of less than 10%, provided it is not in a sensitive area like a wetland or officially designated scenic area.
- Minor alterations to existing trails, such as adding wayfinding signage, installing benches or bike racks, or upgrading pedestrian lighting.
- Vegetation management for public access including and-tool removal of non-native vegetation or thinning of small trees, typically less than 8 inches in diameter, to clear or maintain a trail viewshed or pathway.
- Filling previously excavated land with compatible soil to level a trail surface or minor trenching for trail-related drainage/utilities where the surface is restored.
- Bicycle lane creation including designation or creation of new bicycle lanes on existing paved surfaces.

WHEN CEQA IS REQUIRED

The city might be required to prepare a full Environmental Impact Report (EIR) if there is "substantial evidence" that a trail project may result in a significant environmental impact that cannot be fully mitigated. While most projects will be handled through exemptions as noted above or through Mitigated Negative

Declarations (MNDs), the following types of projects typically trigger a full EIR:

Projects with Significant Unavoidable Impacts

An EIR is mandatory when a project has environmental effects that cannot be reduced to "less than significant" levels through standard mitigation.

Large-Scale or Regional "Program" Projects

A city may prepare a Program EIR for a comprehensive citywide trail master plan rather than individual project-level reviews.

Projects in Highly Sensitive or Hazardous Areas including high wildfire risk zones with new trails in high-fire-threat areas that could increase ignition risks or interfere with evacuation routes. Trails proposed on land with known significant archaeological sites or areas of high cultural value to Native American tribes that cannot be avoided. Trails on steep, unstable slopes where construction might trigger significant erosion, landslides, or downstream flooding.

Projects Facing Strong Public or Agency Controversy

If there is a "fair argument" supported by substantial evidence—even if conflicting evidence exists—that the trail will have a significant impact, a full EIR is legally required to ensure transparency and public disclosure.



Trail System Assessment

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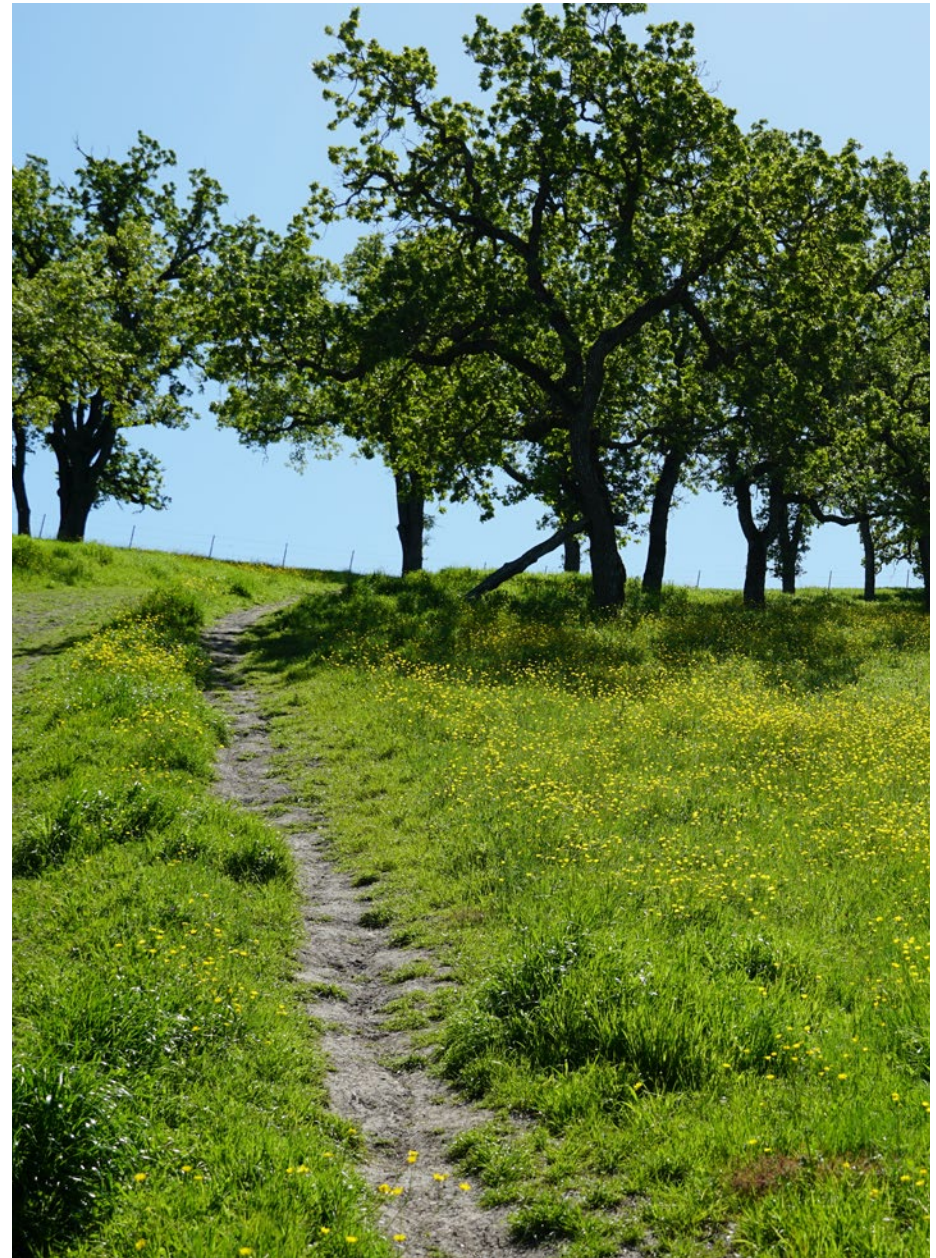
Trail System Assessment

This chapter displays geographic analysis of the existing trail system, summarizes relevant previous planning efforts, and describes trail systems of comparable communities. This research is the foundation for the recommendations proposed in "Recommendations" on page 1.

EXISTING CONDITIONS

BACKGROUND

San Ramon has long been shaped by its unique blend of rolling open spaces, historic ranch roads, and regional trail corridors, including fire-road networks that now form much of the existing system. In response to evolving community expectations and the need to create a connected trail system (especially east-west trail connections) across the city, the San Ramon Trails Master Plan builds upon legacy trails like the Iron Horse and Tassajara Ridge corridors. This advances San Ramon's shift toward prioritizing open space, filling trail gaps, and creating a more integrated network that enhances recreational access, active transportation, and environmental stewardship.

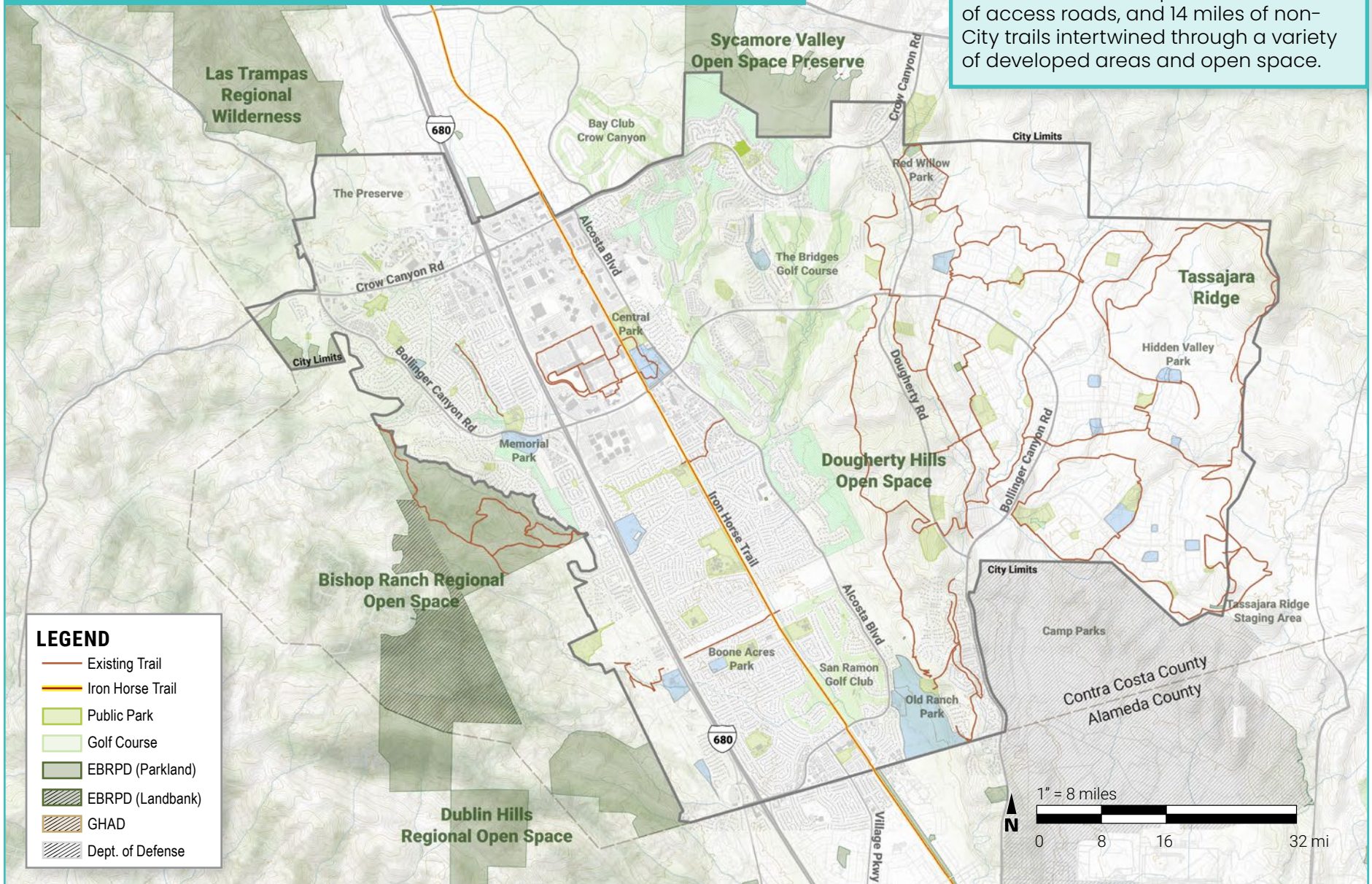


Grey Fox Trail from San Ramon to Bishop Ranch Regional Open Space

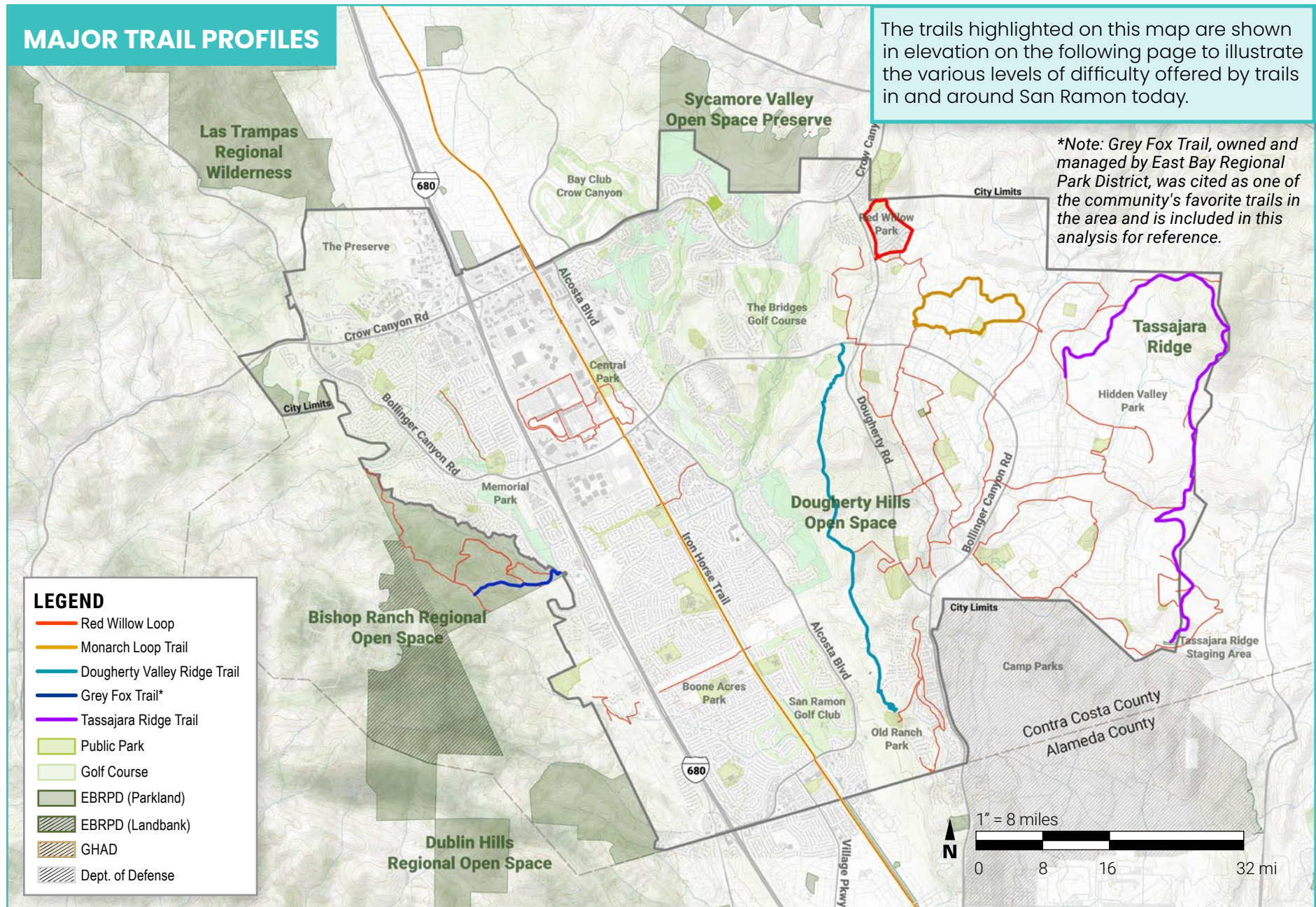
EXISTING CONDITIONS

EXISTING RECREATION AMENITIES AND LAND OWNERSHIP

San Ramon's existing trail system includes 46 miles of public trails, 18 miles of access roads, and 14 miles of non-City trails intertwined through a variety of developed areas and open space.

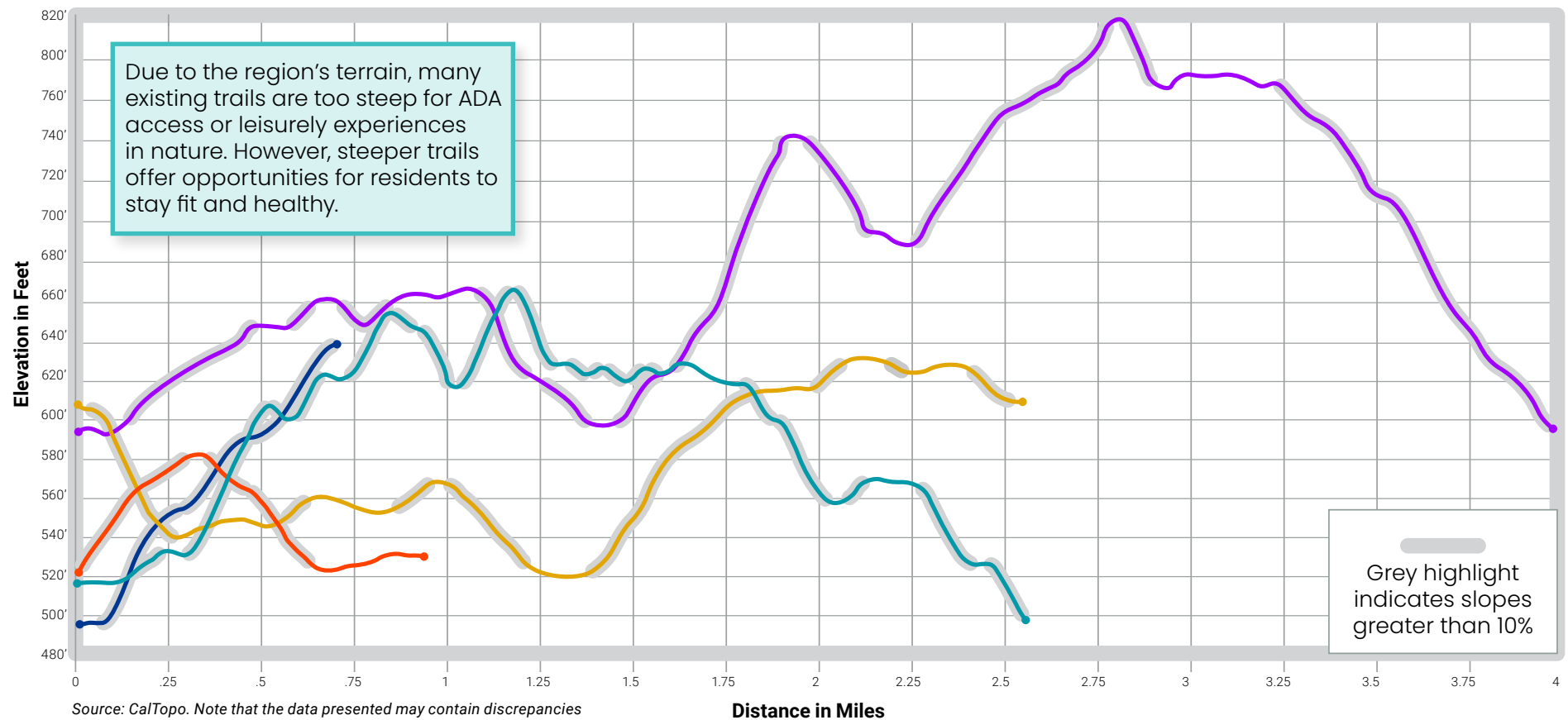


EXISTING CONDITIONS



EXISTING CONDITIONS

TRAIL PROFILE GRAPH



RED WILLOW LOOP

- Elevation
 - Min: 651'
 - Max: 600'
 - Delta: 88'
- Slope
 - Min: 0%
 - Avg: 7%
 - Max: 18%

MONARCH LOOP TRAIL

- Elevation
 - Min: 571'
 - Max: 743'
 - Delta: 172'
- Slope
 - Min: 1%
 - Avg: 6%
 - Max: 17%

DOUGHERTY VALLEY RIDGE TRAIL

- Elevation
 - Min: 509'
 - Max: 854'
 - Delta: 345'
- Slope
 - Min: 1%
 - Avg: 7%
 - Max: 19%

GREY FOX TRAIL*

- Elevation
 - Min: 485'
 - Max: 959'
 - Delta: 474'
- Slope
 - Min: 1%
 - Avg: 11%
 - Max: 12%

*Note: Grey Fox Trail, owned and managed by East Bay Regional Park District, was cited as one of the community's favorite trails in the area and is included in this analysis for reference.

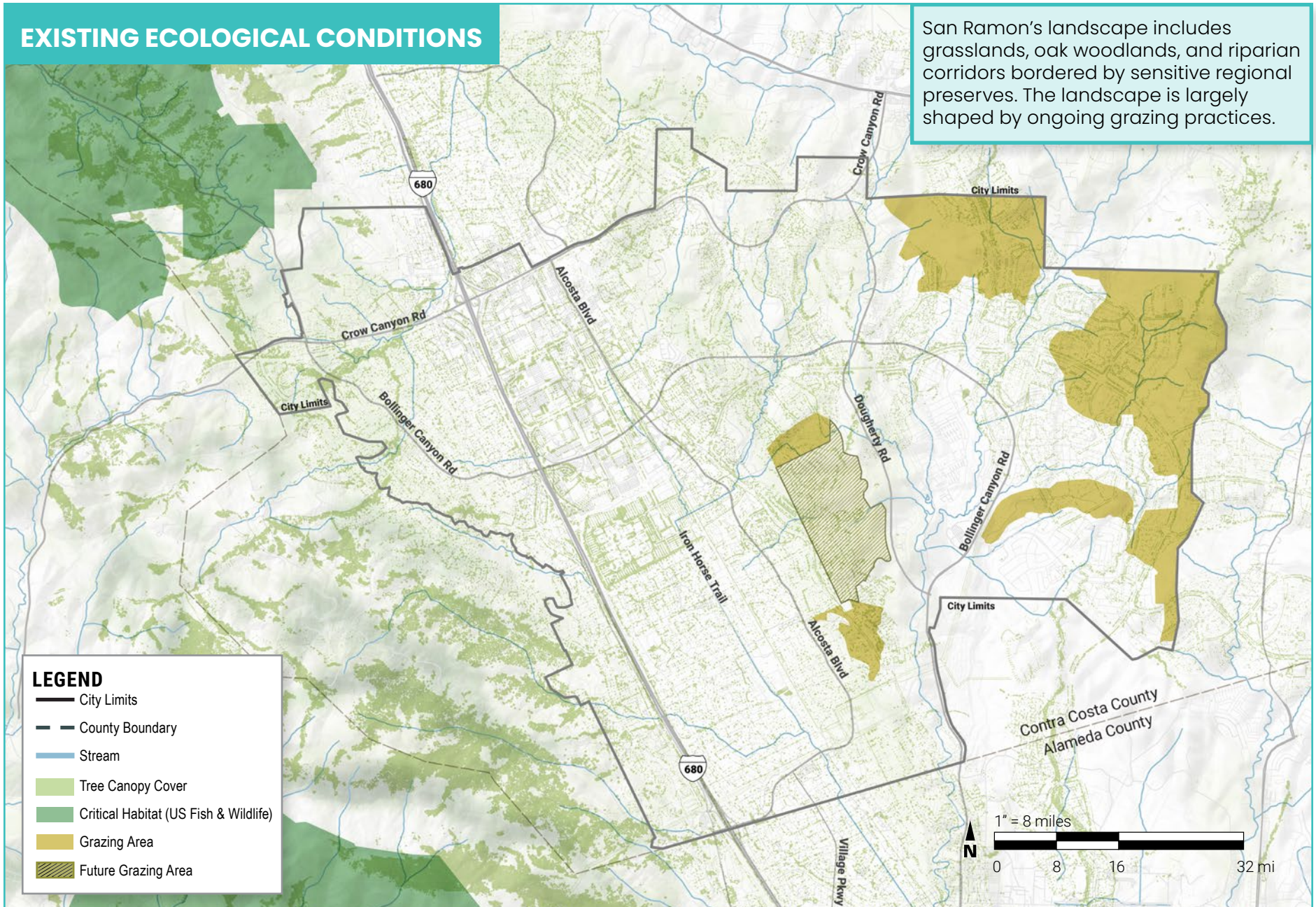
TASSAJARA RIDGE TRAIL

- Elevation
 - Min: 509'
 - Max: 854'
 - Delta: 400'
- Slope
 - Min: 1%
 - Avg: 10%
 - Max: 19%

EXISTING CONDITIONS

EXISTING ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS

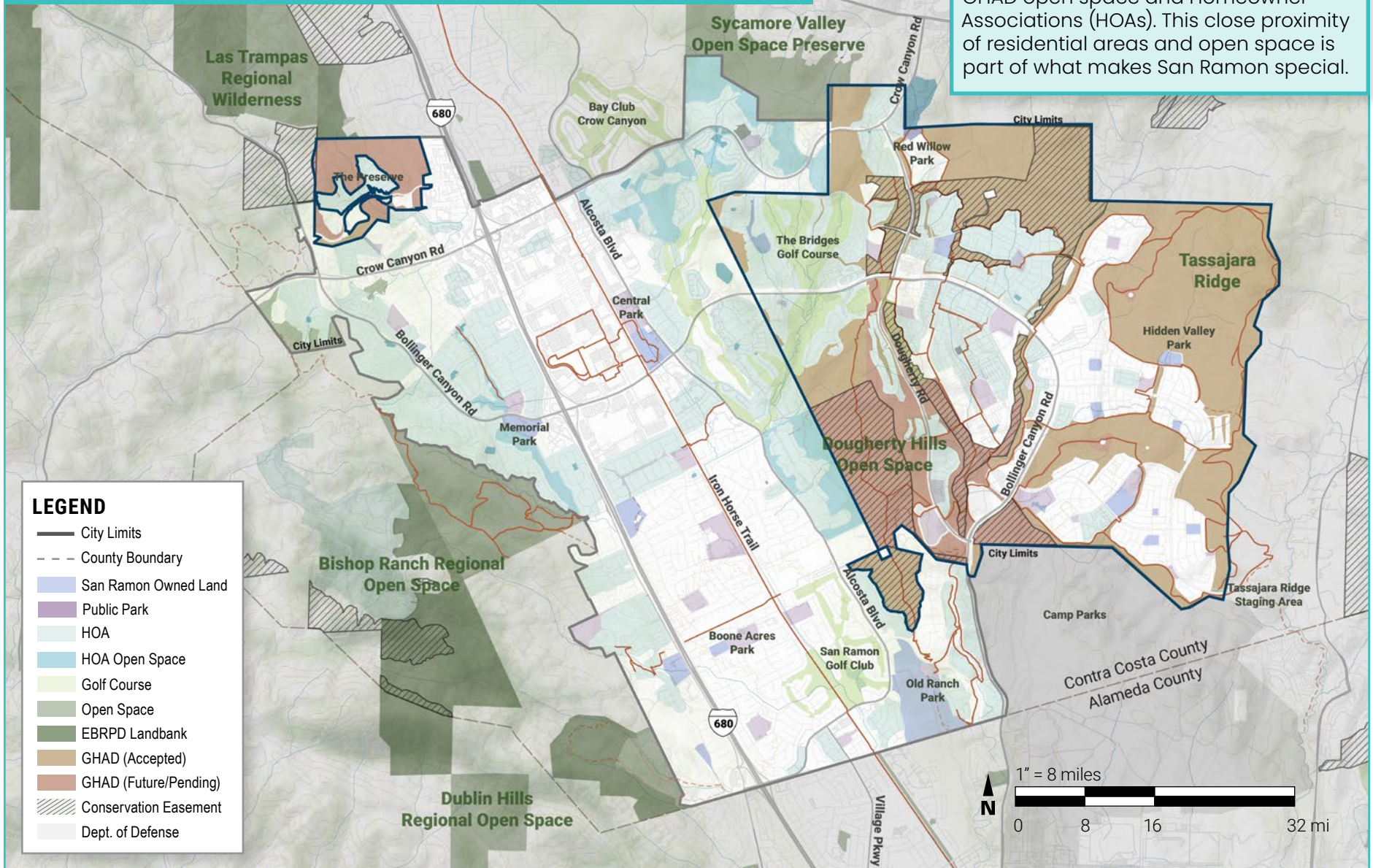
San Ramon's landscape includes grasslands, oak woodlands, and riparian corridors bordered by sensitive regional preserves. The landscape is largely shaped by ongoing grazing practices.



EXISTING CONDITIONS

PARKS AND OPEN SPACE OWNERSHIP

The City of San Ramon has diverse ownership largely comprised of GHAD open space and Homeowner Associations (HOAs). This close proximity of residential areas and open space is part of what makes San Ramon special.



GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICTS

OVERVIEW

Geologic Hazard Abatement Districts (GHADs) are state-level public agencies that oversee geologic hazard prevention, mitigation, abatement, and control on public or private land. GHADs are authorized to acquire, construct, operate, manage, or maintain improvements including roads, sidewalks, paths, utilities, improved trails, and geologic stabilization features.

GHADS IN SAN RAMON

Dougherty Valley GHAD

- 2,767 acres
- Managed by City of San Ramon

Northwest San Ramon GHAD

- 103 acres
- Managed by City of San Ramon and other private entities

OPPORTUNITIES

GHADs act to prevent damage resulting from fault activity by identifying and monitoring potential geologic hazards and undertaking improvements as appropriate.

With governance, annual budgets, and reserves for monitoring and repairs, partnering with these Districts may lead to coordinated funding for trail projects.

While GHAD parcels may have varied ownerships and management hierarchies, San Ramon GHADs encompass substantial acreage which could host low-impact, resilient trail corridors if routed to match stable ground and engineered crossings.

Where GHAD stabilization work is already planned, there is an opportunity to explore the addition of trail amenities (lookouts, interpretive panels, hardened tread, etc.).

CONSTRAINTS

GHADs exist to limit earthwork, preventing some activity associated with extending trail systems. This designation often requires additional reviews, permits, and engineering mitigation, for allowing trails within boundaries.

Some areas within GHADs simply aren't feasible for trail infrastructure.

GHAD land within private developments or HOAs may face easement, liability, and other challenges.

Proposed trails through GHADs may require geotechnical review and mitigation plans and monitoring programs for approval.

Ongoing maintenance and monitoring is therefore assumed with trail infrastructure in GHAD land, with varied liability in private vs. public spaces.



GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICTS

DOUGHERTY VALLEY

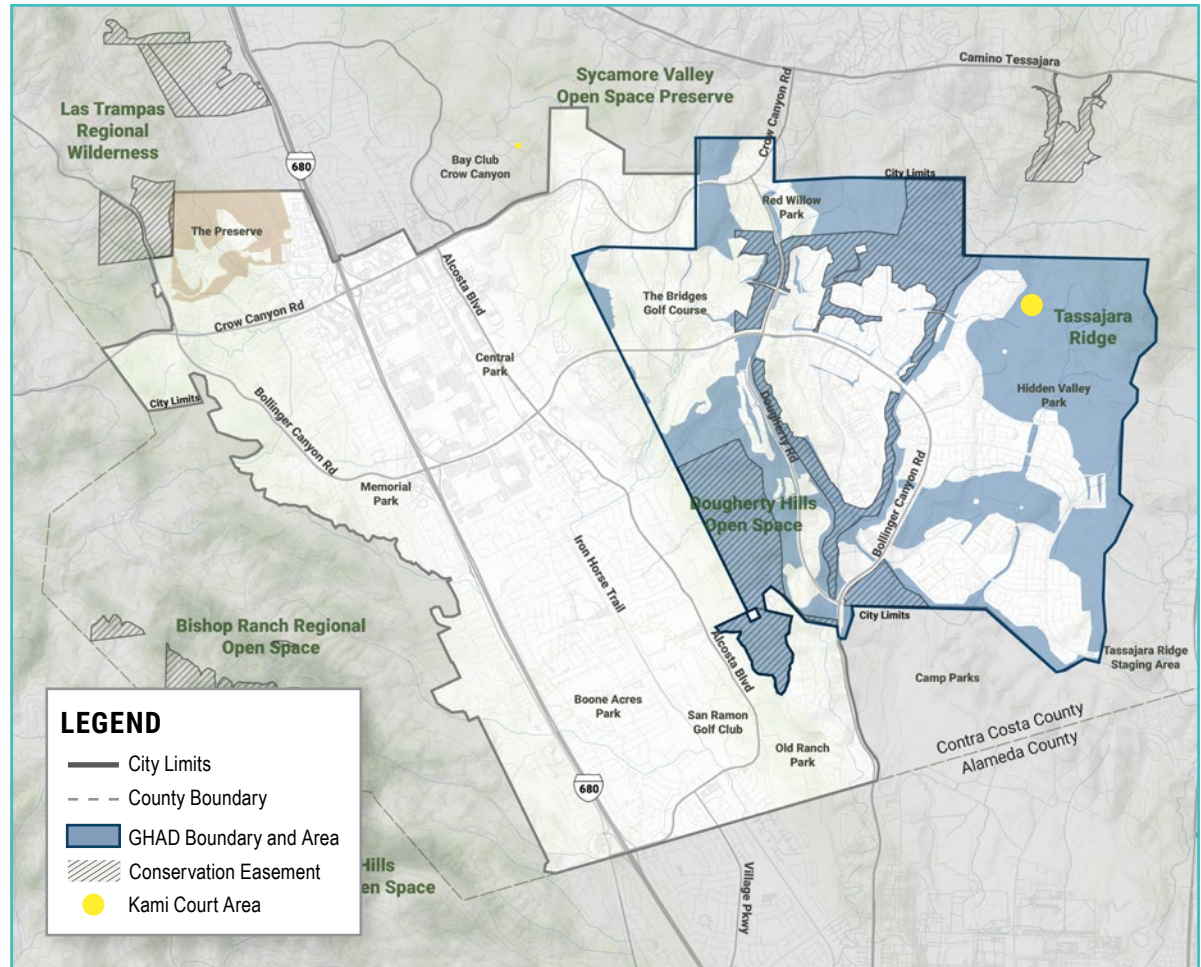
The West Branch area, located at Crow Canyon Road and Dougherty Road, Old Ranch Summit, and the Dougherty Valley is comprised of 2,767 acres of open space within the city's boundary. This GHAD is managed by the City of San Ramon, and city council members serve as the GHAD board of directors.

RECENT ACTIONS

In the 2023-24 Fiscal Year Engineer's Report, it is noted that the Dougherty Valley GHAD was significantly impacted by storm-related damage, including landslides and heavy rainfall, causing slope and trail erosion. Assistance from FEMA was requested, however with FEMA's purview limited to man-made facilities, some or all the landslide repairs may be ineligible for funding. It is worth noting that public facilities such as trails are covered under FEMA's Public Assistance Program.

The Dougherty Valley GHAD actively monitors instruments in the area to check for any on-going movement.

Kami Court, a slow moving landslide, has been under repair by the Dougherty Valley GHAD since 2019. Phase 1 removed over 100,000 cubic yards of landslide material. Most of this was relocated to become buttress fill at the base of the landslide. Phase 2 actions responded to the need of further stabilization, removing another 27,000 cubic yards. With



aftermentioned storms, the GHAD has been actively monitoring this site to understand further movement.

GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICTS

NORTHWEST SAN RAMON

Some of the open space within the Northwest San Ramon GHAD is included within a conservation easement. The trail activities in GHAD-owned open space outside of this easement are maintained and funded by both developers and the GHAD.

The Faria Preserve is 239 acres of easement-covered open space composed of two parcels:

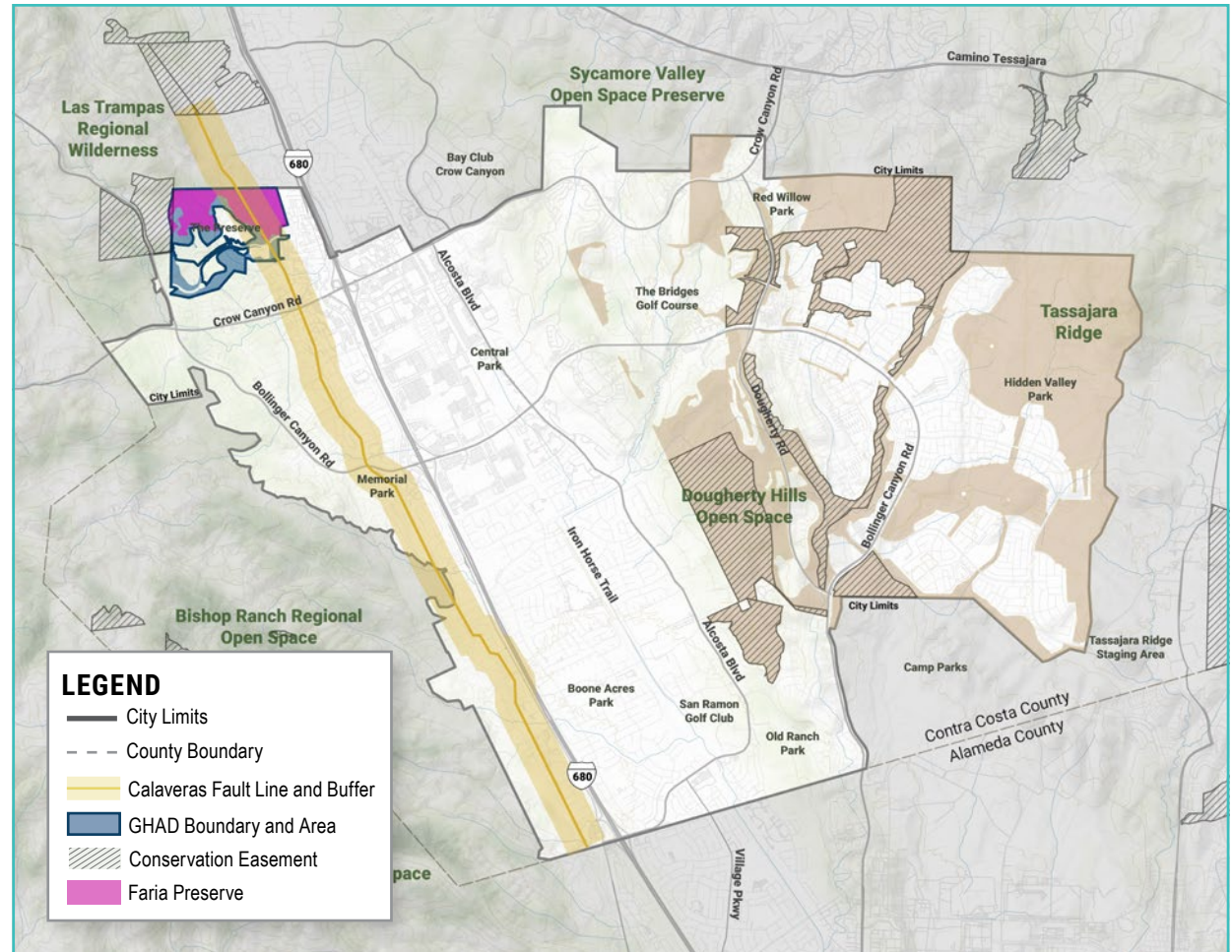
- A 103-acre parcel covered by a conservation easement adjacent to the project area which will be owned by the GHAD.
- A 141-acre area (136 acres of which is covered by the conservation easement) will be owned by the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD).

Both entities will manage the Faria Preserve consistent with the long-term goals and objectives of the Northwest San Ramon GHAD's Plan of Control (published 2017).

IMPORTANT ITEMS

In the 2023-24 Fiscal Year Engineer's Report, the budgets include allocations for trails in open space as part of hazard abatement (only outside of conservation easements).

The GHAD assumes permanent monitoring and maintenance of open space improvements: detention basins, drains, retaining walls, and fencing. Trails should be planned as low-maintenance facilities

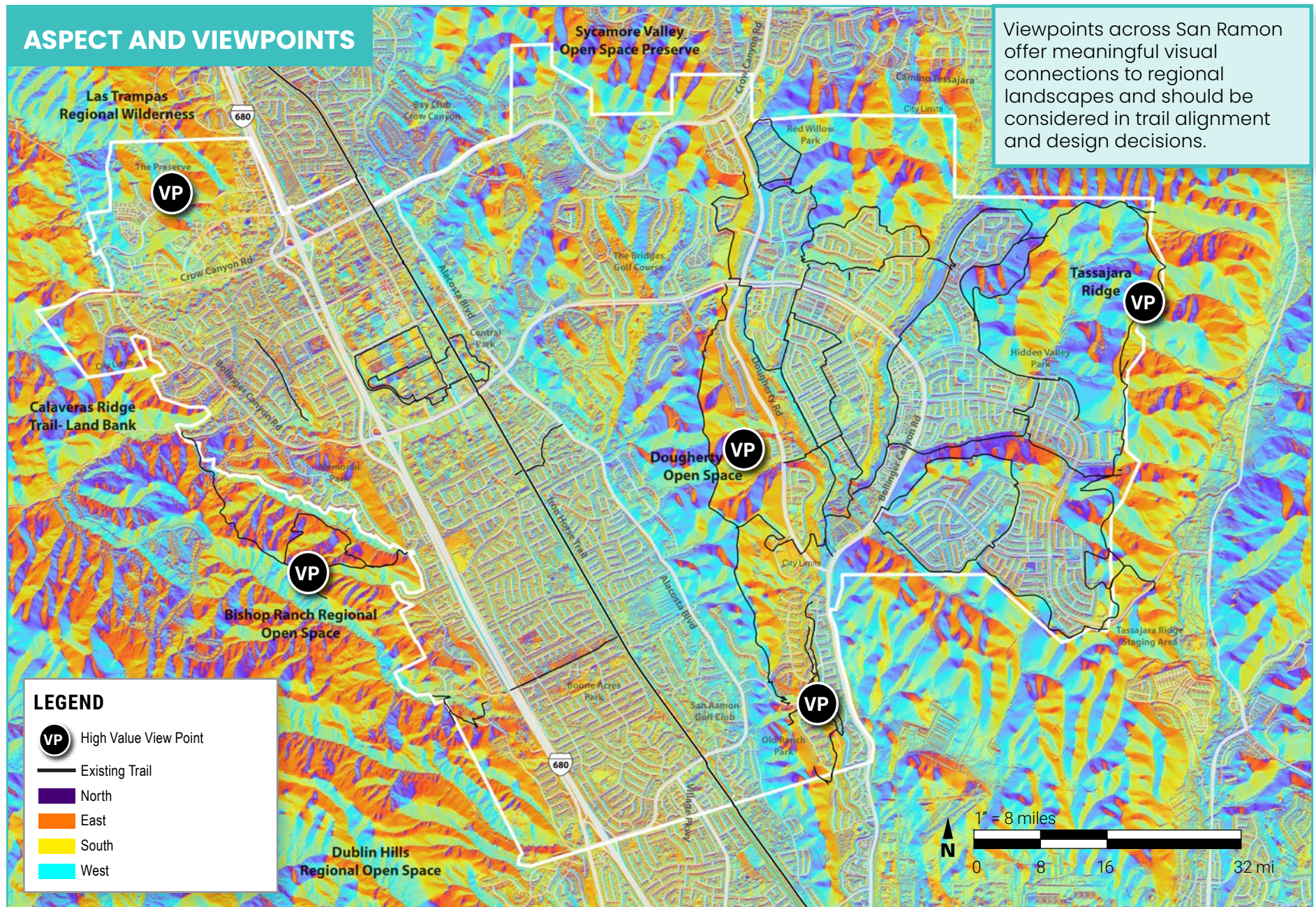


compatible with GHAD's existing maintenance (e.g., avoiding designs that increase erosion, obstruct drainage, or require frequent repairs).

The Calaveras fault crosses the site from northwest to southeast. Geotechnical recommendation reports suggest a fault setback for structures for human occupancy.

The San Ramon General Plan includes key measures to mitigate seismic hazards here such as limiting cut-fill slopes to 3:1.

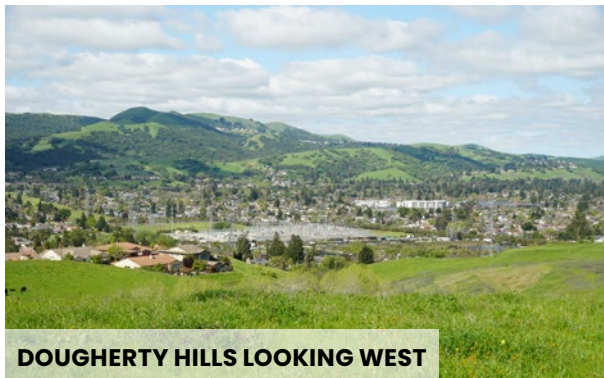
POINTS OF INTEREST



POINTS OF INTEREST



OLD RANCH PARK LOOKING WEST



DOUGHERTY HILLS LOOKING WEST



VIEW TOWARD LAS TRAMPAS OPEN SPACE FROM BOLLINGER CANYON ROAD



PANORAMA LOOKING WEST TO NORTH FROM TASSAJARA RIDGE

PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

PREVIOUS PLAN SUMMARY

San Ramon is home to a number of agencies and organizations that have embarked on their own planning efforts in the past. Several relevant plans were reviewed to ensure that the goals and recommendations of the Trails Plan align with work and outreach that has already occurred. The plans reviewed focus on topics such as recreation, transportation, geologic hazard abatement, and more.

The plans summarized on this page represent those most relevant to this Trails Master Plan. Additional plans which guided the development of trail recommendations or generally support the development of trails, such as the San Ramon Climate Action Plan (updated 2025), are noted throughout the document.

Specific goals and policies from *City-led* plans (the Bicycle Master Plan; the City's General Plan; the Parks, Trails, Open Space, and Recreation Master Plan; and the Walking District Plan) that are carried forward by the Trails Master Plan are listed on the following pages.



City of San Ramon Bicycle Master Plan

2026 Draft Update • City of San Ramon

The plan is designed to create a community where bicycling is a practical and safe option, accessible to people of all ages and abilities, that connects residents for commuting, errands, and recreation. The proposal outlines an 81-mile network of low-stress bicycle facilities, such as separated bike lanes and shared-use paths. The on-street bicycle network will be complemented by off-street trails. The network will be supported by policies and programs related to education, enforcement, and encouragement.



City of San Ramon General Plan Update

2023 • City of San Ramon

The General Plan update sets policies for land use, transportation, open space, conservation, and community services. It emphasizes sustainable growth, hillside and ridgeline protection, and balanced development that enhances quality of life. Transportation goals call for a safe, multimodal system with expanded pedestrian and bicycle networks. The plan supports trail development for recreation and mobility, linking neighborhoods with jobs, schools, and regional systems.



San Ramon Parks, Trails, Open Space, and Recreation Master Plan

2020 • City of San Ramon

This 10-year plan sets goals for enhancing parks, trails, open space, and recreation facilities. It emphasizes four guiding principles: interconnected systems, conservation and connection to nature, inclusivity, and balancing quality with quantity. Key actions include improving the Iron Horse Trail, creating east-west trail connections, preserving open space, adding shade and seating, and expanding nature-based amenities. Community input drove priorities such as connectivity, access to nature, and serving diverse and aging populations.



San Ramon Walking District Plan

2022 • City of San Ramon

The plan creates a vision for walkable, mixed-use districts that connect residents, businesses, and open spaces. It identifies priority pedestrian corridors, enhanced crossings, and safer intersections to reduce barriers for people walking. Design strategies include wider sidewalks, shaded seating, public art, wayfinding, and traffic calming. The plan highlights connections to transit and regional trails while encouraging mixed-use development that supports walking as a primary mode. Its focus on safe, connected pedestrian networks complements the Trails Master Plan.

PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS



Iron Horse Trail Active Transportation Corridor Study

2020 • Contra Costa County

This plan identifies current and future needs of the Iron Horse Trail Corridor in Contra Costa County. It outlines a vision for a safe, accessible, and connected corridor that serves people walking, bicycling, and using shared mobility devices. The plan breaks up the Iron Horse Trail into fifteen segments; two in San Ramon. In the San Ramon sections, sufficient road right-of-way for widening is identified. Opportunities for trail corridor, intersections, and access projects are listed in each segment review.

Doubletracking on the Iron Horse Trail

In-progress Construction Documents • Contra Costa County

Focused on the Iron Horse Trail between Bollinger Bridge and Crow Canyon, this plan will describe a toolbox of design elements that will direct how bike and pedestrian traffic will be physically separated on the Iron Horse Trail and beyond. These tools will be used throughout the East Bay Regional Park District trail system for doubletracking. This is a major strategy in managing the impacts of new mobility modes such as e-bikes on the trail and improving comfort for pedestrians.



Southern Las Trampas Wilderness Regional Preserve

2023 • East Bay Regional Park District

The primary goal for this land use plan amendment is to provide a framework for the natural resource management and associated public staging/access and trails needed to maintain a balance between conserving significant resources and providing the public and staff with improved access and facilities and increased opportunities for low-intensity recreational use and interpretation within the project area. The Preserve development has connections to this project area via existing and proposed EBRPD trails.



Northwest Specific Plan

2006, Revised 2017 • City of San Ramon

The Northwest Specific Plan area encompasses over 350 acres of land adjacent to the existing City limits on the east and west sides of Bollinger Canyon Road. The 50 acre area to the west of Bollinger Canyon Road is within the County of Contra Costa's Urban Limit Line (where new urban land uses can be designated) as well. This area's existing and proposed trail network should be referenced to ensure coordinated access to the rest of San Ramon. Understanding future plans for the development's expansion and GHAD Plan of Control can highlight recreation opportunities in this area.



East Bay Regional Park District The District Plan

In-progress Draft • East Bay Regional Park District

The District Plan is high-level document that guides the Park District into its next century. Access to parks via expanded and improved trail networks was included in the themes of the first phase of community engagement. The desired improvements for trails include separated mobility types, accessible trails, multilingual wayfinding, and developing trails for commuting and other non-recreational travel to and from transit, residential, and commercial areas.

HOW THE TRAILS PLAN FITS WITH PREVIOUS PLANS

This plan provides guidance for developing the **off-road trail network**, which builds upon the existing trail system and complements the on-road pedestrian and bicycle network. These on- and off-road trail systems should work together to improve safety and connectivity for cyclists and pedestrians throughout San Ramon.

PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

CREATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOODS & OPEN SPACE

PREVIOUS PLAN RECOMMENDATION	BMP	GP	PTOSR	WDP
Build and maintain a network of on- and off-street bicycle facilities that seamlessly connects neighborhoods to commercial and employment centers, schools, parks, existing trails, transit centers, and public facilities to increase use for commute, recreational, or other trips.	●	●	●	
Develop looped trail systems in open spaces and the Walking District. Provide non-slip surfaces, seating, and shade.			●	●
Provide stronger east-west connections via low-stress bicycle facilities on Crow Canyon Road, Norris Canyon Road, Bollinger Canyon Road, Old Ranch Road, Montevideo Drive, and Alcosta Boulevard.	●		●	
Increase the number of defined access points to open space trails systems and the Iron Horse Trail through land acquisition, licensing agreements with Contra Costa County, and incentives for dedication and improvement of land for trailhead parks and walkways.		●	●	
Focus on creating more Class 1 (shared use paths) and Class 4 (cycle track) facilities.	●		●	
Prioritize bicycle network improvements in the core area of San Ramon, including construction of new facilities and actions to remove barriers to cycling as identified in the San Ramon Bicycle Master Plan (2018), in order to support development in the City's Priority Development Areas (PDAs).	●	●		
Create bicycle connections within Bishop Ranch Business Park/other employment centers, commercial districts, and neighborhoods to enhance connectivity.	●			

ABBREVIATIONS

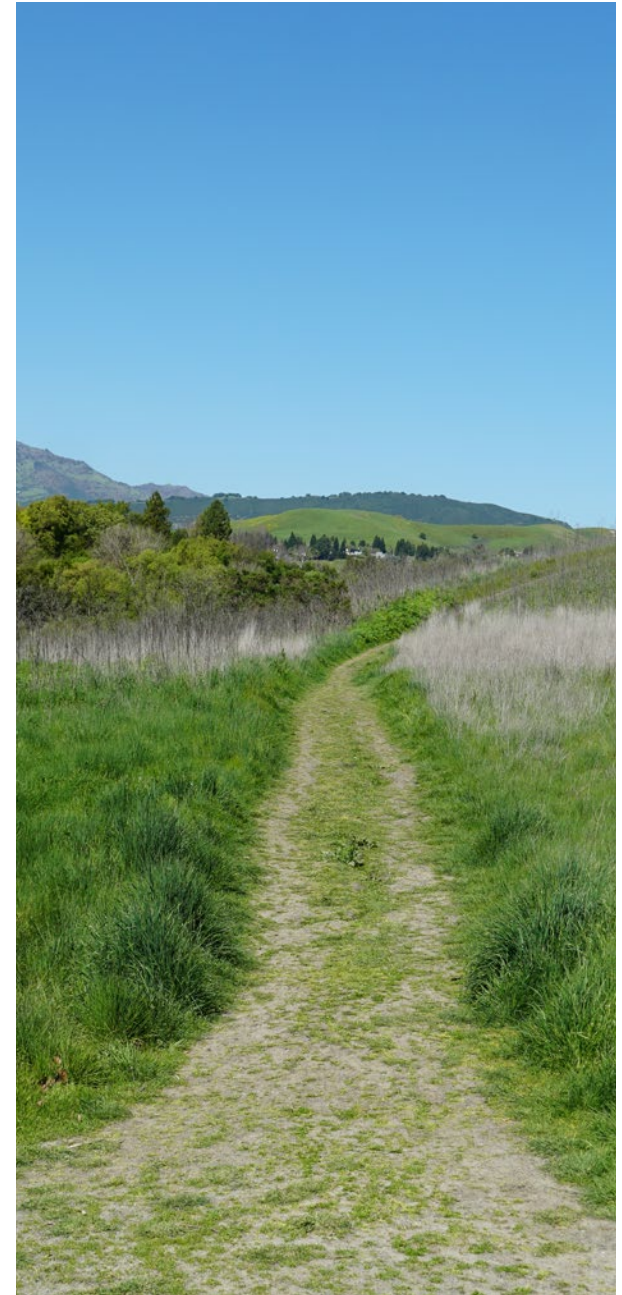
- **BMP:** Bicycle Master Plan (2026 Draft Update)
- **GP:** General Plan 2035
- **PTOSR:** Parks, Trails, Open Space, and Recreation Master Plan
- **WDP:** Walking District Plan



PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS FOR REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

PREVIOUS PLAN RECOMMENDATION	BMP	GP	PTOSR	WDP
Coordinate with local and regional agencies to create a bicycle system that extends beyond the City's limits and provides access to regional employment centers, shopping centers, public facilities, transit centers, schools, and parks.	●	●		
Support the development of an unpaved and paved trail system in Faria's open space and Preserve Park.			●	
Work with the East Bay Regional Park District and private landowners to form a connected trail network that increases pedestrian and bicycle trail accessibility citywide that provides connectivity between parks, schools and open space lands. Support EBRPD's development of additional unpaved, multi-use trail loops and trailheads.		●	●	
Strengthen the City's partnership with East Bay Regional Parks District, Contra Costa County, and other jurisdictions and private organizations. Work with neighboring jurisdictions to ensure that continuity in bicycle and pedestrian networks is provided at jurisdictional boundaries.		●	●	
Work with the Contra Costa Transportation Authority (CCTA) and Caltrans to program improvements into appropriate planning documents and coordinate enhancements with existing planned projects.			●	



PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

ENHANCE THE IRON HORSE TRAIL WITHIN CITY LIMITS

PREVIOUS PLAN RECOMMENDATION

BMP GP PTOSR WDP

Continue to emphasize the Iron Horse Trail as a major north-south route for non-motorized modes of transportation by improving connectivity and enhancing amenities for these modes. Minimize conflicts between vehicles and pedestrians/cyclists on the Iron Horse Trail by widening and separating "rolling" uses from "walking and running" uses.

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Make Iron Horse Trail more inviting and comfortable in all seasons and for all abilities of users. Provide shade and seating along the trail.

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Increase accessibility and connectivity to the Iron Horse Trail and the regional/city trail network, including the possibility of bicycle/pedestrian overcrossing(s) described in the San Ramon Valley Iron Horse Trail Corridor Concept Plan.

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Promote urban forestry projects that shade buildings, homes, streets, pedestrian walkways, and urban core areas to reduce surface and ambient temperatures and reduce energy required for cooling.

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Consider opportunities for solar powered lighting and the installation of solar parking shade structures.

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Develop Iron Horse Trail overcrossing of Bollinger Canyon Road.

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Develop Iron Horse Trail overcrossing of Crow Canyon Road.

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Continue to explore opportunities to underground existing overhead utility lines with available funding to allow the growth of shade trees. Continue to explore alternate sources of funding in addition to PG&E monies available under Rule 20(a), to underground overhead lines.

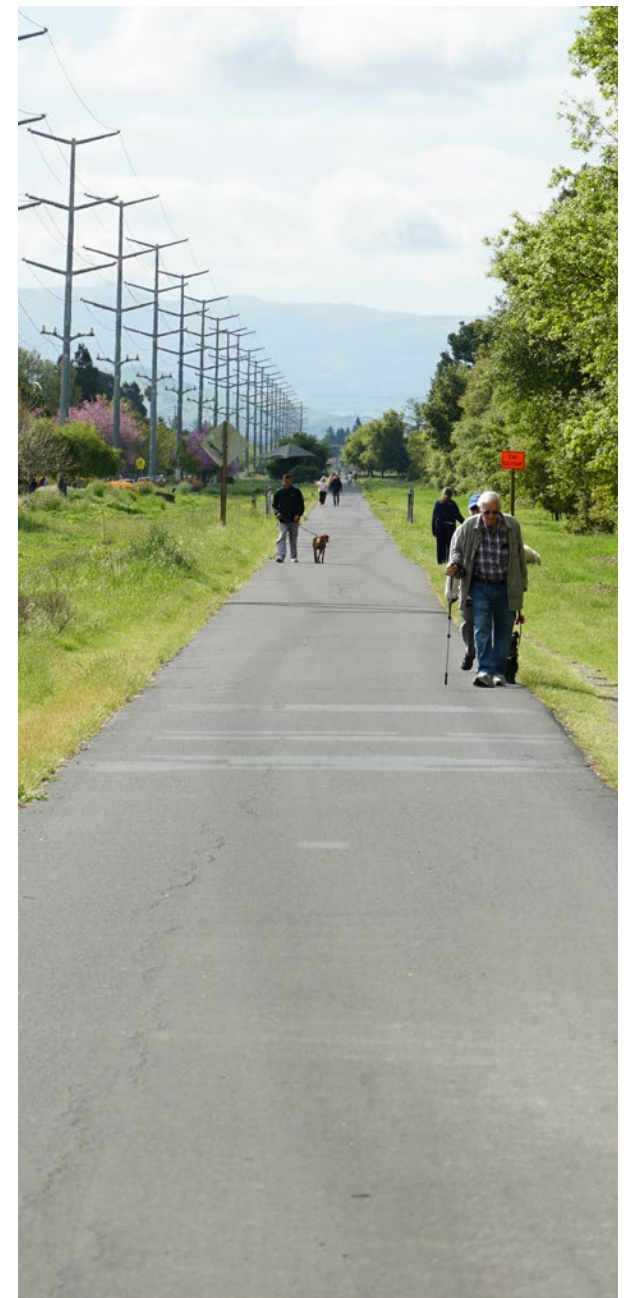
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Implement the San Ramon Valley Iron Horse Trail Corridor Concept Plan by refining the design alternatives and pursue funding through grants, public/private partnerships and other funding sources as appropriate.

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Expand the City's partnership with multiple partners, such as East Bay Regional Parks District, Contra Costa County, SRVUSD, Bishop Ranch, and PG&E, to facilitate the implementation of Iron Horse Trail improvements and coordinate roles and responsibilities.

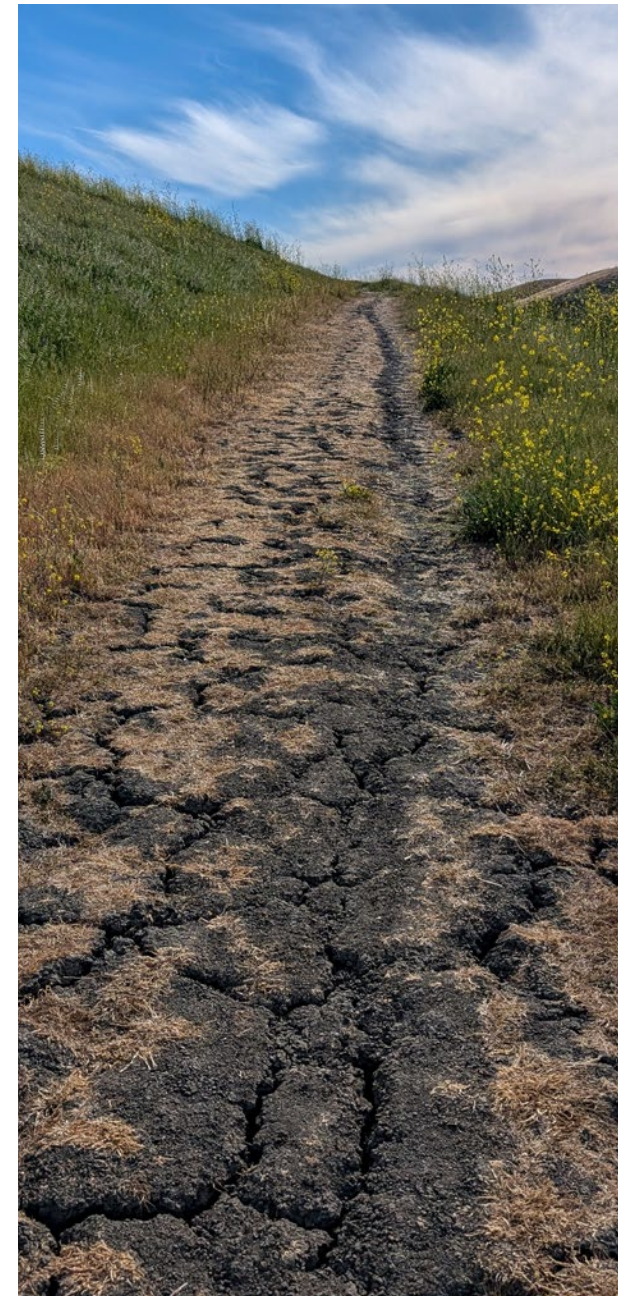
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PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

ENHANCE EXISTING TRAILS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

PREVIOUS PLAN RECOMMENDATION	BMP	GP	PTOSR	WDP
Maintain and support a comprehensive vision for future trails within and around San Ramon.			●	
Provide high quality public facilities, services, and other amenities within close proximity to residents.		●		
For the creation and maintenance of unpaved trail systems, utilize industry standard trail guidelines or those set forth in the San Ramon Walking District Plan.			●	●
Provide secure bike parking at parks and recreation facilities.	●		●	
Incorporate art, nature, education, and culture into parks and trails to create distinction between facilities and enhance place-making.			●	●
Seek partnership opportunities with the private sector and with other public agencies through the Parks & Community Services Department's established Partnership Program to enhance park facilities and provide leisure time activities.		●		
Encourage future development along the trail corridor to provide connection points and amenities such as benches, landscaping, and signage as appropriate.		●		
Replace existing unprotected bike facilities with separated facilities, which are preferred by San Ramon residents.	●			
Provide passive recreational amenities within the City's parks to meet the needs of citizens of all ages and interests.		●		
Provide and promote opportunities to reduce waste. Ensure that solid waste programs effectively address community needs and issues.		●		
Provide convenient recycling opportunities.		●		



PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

PROVIDE NEW AND ENHANCED TRAILHEADS & NAVIGATION

PREVIOUS PLAN RECOMMENDATION	BMP	GP	PTOSR	WDP
Maintain and continually update website and app-based trail planning. Reflect low-stress bicycle routes within mapping.	●		●	●
Maintain attractive and distinctive street identification signs for all areas of the City.		●		
Create a pedestrian and bicyclist signage plan.	●		●	
Install trail directional signage, especially at trailheads and intersections. Incorporate signage on City properties and right-of-way.			●	●



PREVIOUS PLANNING EFFORTS

GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS				
PREVIOUS PLAN RECOMMENDATION	BMP	GP	PTOSR	WDP
Create a safe and comfortable bicycle network that can be enjoyed by residents, students, commuters, and visitors of all ages and abilities.	●			
Provide varied recreational opportunities accessible to all City residents.		●		
Improve safety for cyclists at intersections through traffic signal modifications, pavement markings, curb extensions, and other strategies.	●			
Seek input from the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District to ensure that fire protection measures are identified.		●		
Ensure crime-reduction and public safety features are incorporated into the design of new development projects through the Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design program (CPTED).		●		
Encourage the formation of Business Improvement Districts or other funding mechanisms to facilitate construction/provision of amenities and other activities such as a coordinated wayfinding program, signage, branding, or event promotion.		●		
Partner with EBRPD and other nature-based organizations to increase access to and offerings of other outdoor education programs.			●	
Support the development of more specialized, science-based programming by partner agencies and organizations.			●	
Hold events that promote and celebrate bicycling and encourage participation from neighborhoods throughout the city. This could include Open Streets events in which a roadway is closed to motorized traffic on a pre-determined day to allow people to walk, bike, and roll on a street free of motor vehicles.	●			
Continue to provide broad-based outdoor education programming such as guided trail hikes.			●	
Leverage volunteers from local cycling groups, mountain bike clubs, hiking organizations, and open space groups to create and maintain trails and to lead guided hikes.			●	
Program walking events in the Walking District.				●

FIELD REVIEW

SITE RECONNAISSANCE

The design team conducted site visits in Spring and Fall of 2025 to assess current trail conditions and explore opportunities for improvements. Site visits included exploration of a variety of trails and trailheads to better understand the existing trail network.

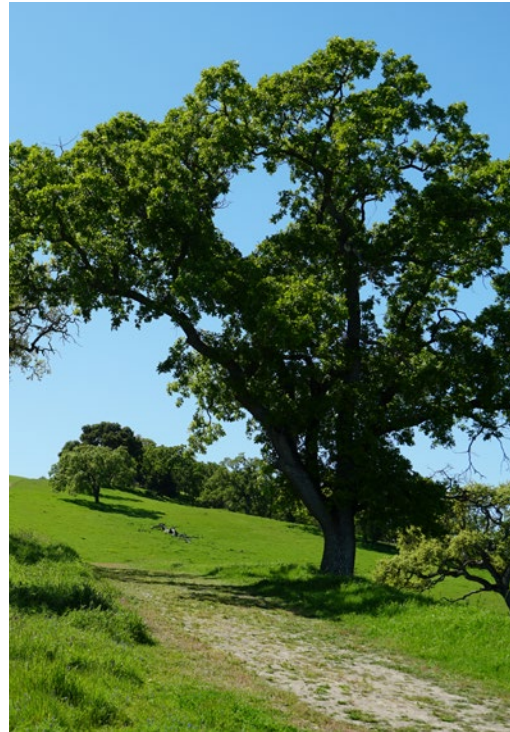
ON-SITE OBSERVATIONS

Trail Quality: While the city has an extensive trail network, many segments are remnants of historic ranching roads that were not designed with recreational access, safety, or modern trail standards in mind.

Navigational Challenges: There is limited clarity regarding which trails are publicly accessible, creating confusion for users seeking safe and legal access.

High Scenic Quality: San Ramon’s strong scenic and community character is a defining asset. The trail system should be designed to highlight and enhance this unique value through thoughtful alignment, design, and user experience.

Existing Trail System: Surrounding parks and open spaces feature a wide variety of trails. Prioritizing clear, seamless linkages to these regional assets should be a key focus of future trail planning.



Adjacent EBRPD open spaces offer substantial recreational resources that are not clearly connected to the San Ramon trail system.



Open space within City limits allows for easy access to recreation and connections to nature.



The area features high visual and environmental quality, characterized by scenic views, diverse habitats, and intact natural landscapes.



The absence of clear access points and signage outlining proper trail etiquette hinders user navigation and may lead to under-utilization or public unawareness of certain recreation opportunities.

COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES

COTONI-COAST DAIRIES, CA

The Cotoni-Coast Dairies property is a coastal landscape located north of Davenport in Santa Cruz County, California. Spanning approximately 5,800 acres, the site encompasses a rich mix of coastal terraces, grasslands, redwood forests, and riparian canyons. It is part of the California Coastal National Monument and is managed by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM).

Historically used for dairy ranching, the property has recently allowed public access for recreation. Public access was first established in 2025 after extensive planning and community engagement. The site now features a growing network of multi-use trails,

designed to support hiking, mountain biking, and nature observation, while preserving sensitive ecological and cultural resources.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

The Cotoni-Coast Dairies trail system offers a strong precedent for environmentally sensitive, phased trail planning. The project emphasizes strategic trailhead placement, loop-based trail design for varying ability levels, and low-impact construction techniques. It also integrates clear wayfinding, protects sensitive habitats, and uses innovative practices like virtual cattle fencing (which controls the movement of livestock with auditory and electrical rather

than physical barriers) to balance land use and conservation. The trail network was developed in collaboration with federal agencies, local volunteers, and Indigenous stakeholders, highlighting the value of inclusive, community-driven planning.

For San Ramon, this model reinforces the importance of a trail hierarchy, access clarity, phased development, and regional coordination such as the EBRPD. Cotoni's approach to signage, user etiquette, habitat protection, and stewardship offers strategies to address many of the existing challenges within San Ramon's trail system.



Cotoni-Coast Dairies features a 9 mile multi-use stacked loop trail system with the easiest loop trail closest to the trailhead. The landscape combines modern grazing practices with public access through dedicated trails built sustainably for erosion control and low maintenance.

COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES

FOLSOM AREA TRAIL SYSTEM, CA

The Folsom Area Trail System spans both urban areas of Folsom and the adjacent natural areas such as Folsom Lake State Recreation Area and Lake Natoma. The system includes over 120 miles of trails, blending paved Class I commuter routes with natural-surface recreational trails.

Trail planning in Folsom balances urban connectivity with environmental protection. Through a combination of local city-led planning and regional/state collaboration, the area has developed a highly used trail system supported by infrastructure, community stewardship, and long-range vision.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

The Folsom Area Trail System exemplifies a highly integrated, multi-agency trail planning model. It includes a diverse mix of trail types, with emphasis on commuter and recreational connections. Its success stems from strategic expansions through capital investment and active stewardship programs like Adopt-A-Trail. Signage, accessibility, and maintenance are supported through community involvement and public-private partnerships.

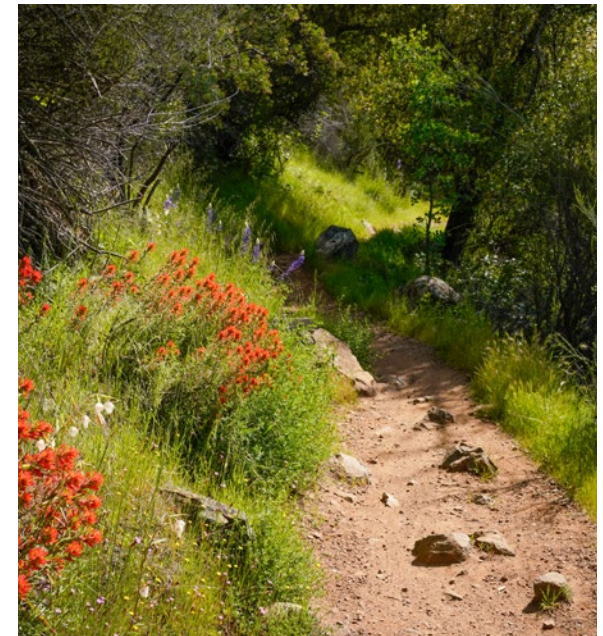
For San Ramon, this example demonstrates the value of blending urban Class I corridors with natural trail access, leveraging volunteer stewardship, and aligning with regional trail networks. Folsom's use of long-range trail planning and coordinated implementation across city and state levels offers a model for balancing trail quality, user diversity, and ecological management.



Johnny Cash Trail, Folsom, California
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Darrington Trail at Folsom Lake, California
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Darrington Trail near Folsom Lake
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COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES

BOULDER OPEN SPACE & MOUNTAIN PARKS, CO

Boulder Open Space & Mountain Parks manages over 35,000 acres of protected lands surrounding the City of Boulder, Colorado. The landscape includes a mix of grasslands, foothills, forested canyons, and rocky outcrops offering both landscape diversity and proximity to urban areas. Planning is guided by a comprehensive 2019 Master Plan focused on ecological protection, inclusive access, and community-driven stewardship.

The system includes a wide-range of multi-use trails, natural area access points, and restored habitats. Trails are planned and managed through ecologically informed Best Management Practices and new trail projects emphasize durability, habitat protection, accessibility, and phased implementation.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

The Boulder trail system serves as a precedent for ecologically grounded trail planning with a strong emphasis on long-term stewardship and community involvement. Their use of detailed ecological BMPs ensures that trail alignments, construction methods, and maintenance practices are tailored to protect sensitive resources. Planning is executed through Integrated Site Projects allowing phased, small-scale improvements aligned with broader management goals.

For San Ramon, Boulder's model demonstrates the value of pairing trail access with environmental protection. Lessons include the integration of volunteer programs, trail realignments for inclusive access, and strategic trailhead upgrades to improve user navigation.






Boulder, Colorado's Flatirons are an emblem of the city
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MANAGEMENT AREA CASE STUDY

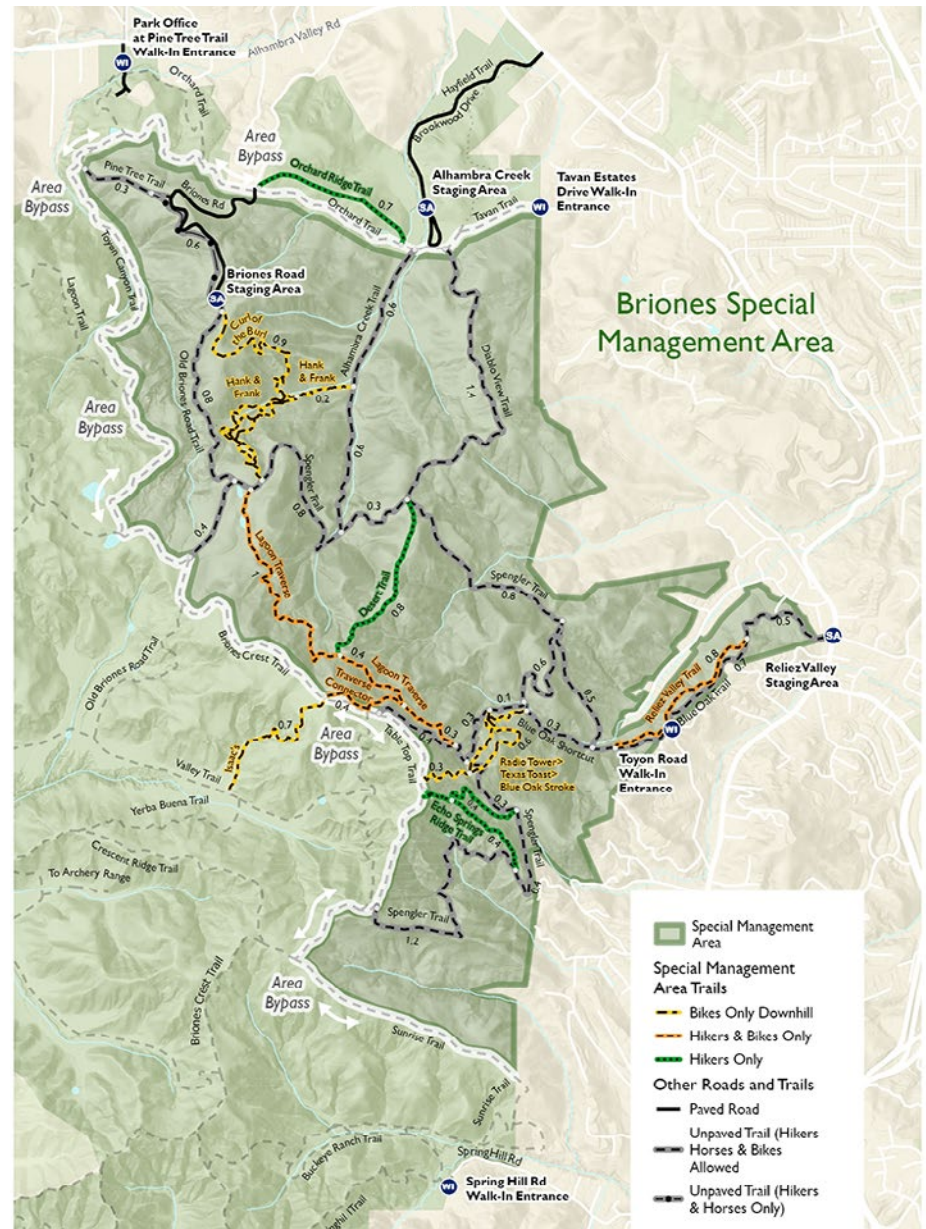
BRIONES SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

The Briones Special Management Area (SMA) is a 1,600 acre zone within Briones Regional Park that uses various trail management strategies that balance habitat, wildlife, and watershed protection with recreational uses. The most notable of these strategies separates bikers, hikers, and equestrians using alternating access days, one-way trails, and designating trails for specific uses to reduce user conflicts and human impacts on the natural environment.

The Briones SMA had experienced an increase in illegal “social trails” traversing through sensitive habitats and landscapes. In 2023, a two-year pilot program was introduced to test a variety of trail management strategies. Today, the SMA continues to strictly regulate trail uses by designating trails for specific user groups and by alternating certain trails between bicyclists and equestrians according to day of the week.

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Separation of uses by day of the week allows multiple user groups to access the site while improving safety and reducing the likelihood of user conflicts.
 Image Source: East Bay Regional Park District



Map of Briones Special Management Area showing the various trail designations used.
 Image Source: East Bay Regional Park District

MANAGEMENT AREA CASE STUDY

In a community survey, 93% of respondents reported a positive experience with the pilot program and trail collection data showed approximately 80% compliance among trail users.

TRAIL DESIGNATIONS

The following trail types are used at Briones Special Management Area:

- Bikes Only (Downhill)
- Hikers Only
- Hikers & Bikes Only
- Unpaved Trail (Hikers, Horses, & Bikes Allowed)
- Unpaved Trail (Hikers & Horses Only)

On weekdays, bikes and horses must remain on their designated trails. On odd numbered weekend dates, horses are not permitted within the zone and on even numbered weekend dates, bikes are not permitted within the zone. This system allows the restoration and protection of environmental and biological resources while maintaining recreational access through the area. This is a good example of how purpose built trails can accommodate a full range of users and fill the void for mountain bike trails in the region.





Community Needs Assessment

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Community Needs Assessment

This chapter describes the extensive outreach efforts that helped the planning team understand community desires and how San Ramon's trail system can best serve the community. Key takeaways are presented throughout the chapter.

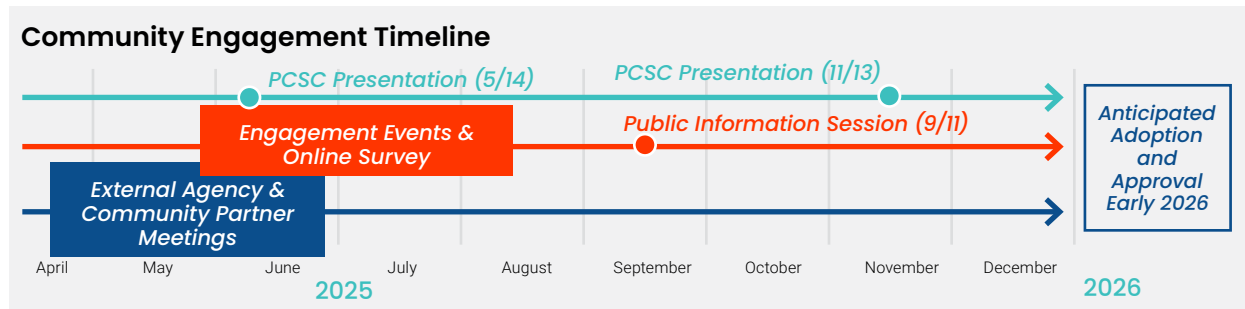
COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY

OVERVIEW

In April 2025, the master planning process began robust community engagement efforts to understand local outdoor recreation needs and interests. Engagement efforts included a workshop with City staff, interviews with external agencies and community partners, an open participation online survey, and various community events. The Parks & Community Services Commission and Open Space Advisory Committee also advised the planning team.



San Ramon community members providing input at the Art and Wind Festival



STAKEHOLDER ENGAGEMENT

Engagement efforts began at the project kickoff meeting, where City staff were asked a series of questions regarding known issues throughout the trail system and opportunities for improvement. External agencies were asked the same questions to understand current plans and in-progress initiatives and outline potential partnerships and trail connections. Participants included representatives from the City of Dublin, Town of Danville, East Bay Regional Park District, and San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District.

Interviews were conducted with community partners to understand desires and initiatives that may align with the Trails Master Plan. Additional feedback was collected from the and Open Space Advisory Committee. In January, stakeholders and several City departments reviewed and provided comment on the draft plan.

PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION (PCSC)

In May and November 2025, presentations were given to PCSC describing and requesting feedback on the project's initial findings and later the plan's preliminary recommendations.

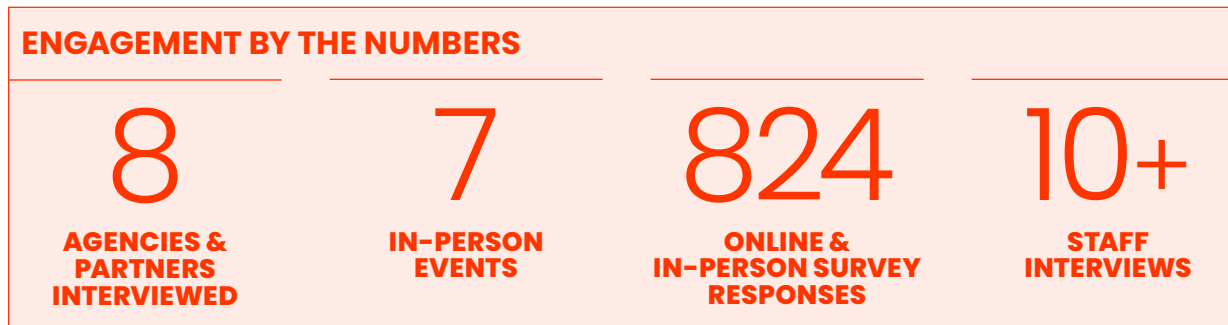
PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

The extensive engagement efforts described below underscore the City's commitment to providing quality trails that align with community desires.

FIRST ENGAGEMENT WINDOW

To allow for broad representation and input, public engagement efforts focused on meeting people where they were gathering and providing online engagement opportunities. An online survey collected 499 responses from the general public regarding San Ramon's existing trail system and the community's desires for the future. The survey was open May 28 through July 15, 2025 and was advertised through several channels including social media, the City's website, local businesses, signage at 14 locations along San Ramon's trails and direct email to over 500

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY



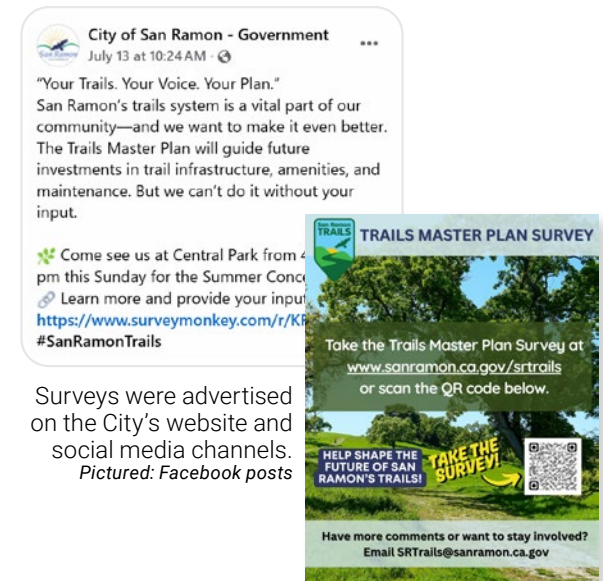
previous participants of guided trail hikes and annual trails challenges.

Several events were used as opportunities to engage with the general public, inform the community about the master plan, and boost survey participation. Approximately 160 people interacted with printed maps and activities which contributed to overall survey responses. City staff attended the following events:

- San Ramon Trails Challenge Kickoff (Outreach)
- Art and Wind Festival (May 25–26)
- Run San Ramon (July 4)
- Independence Day Celebration Concert (July 4)
- San Ramon Farmer’s Market (June 28 and July 12)
- Dive In Movie (July 11)
- Summer Concert Series (July 13)

SECOND ENGAGEMENT WINDOW

165 community members provided input for the second online survey, which was open from October 1 to October 24, 2025 and was advertised using social media announcements and signage placed in pertinent locations. This survey asked for specific feedback relating to the plan’s initial recommendations. Commonly seen with more technical surveys, the survey had a lower completion rate (44%), indicating that survey respondents do not have strong opinions on the topic or defer to other community members or planning professionals. Subsequent surveys can also receive fewer responses because community members feel they’ve provided ample input on the subject.



Surveys were advertised on the City’s website and social media channels.
Pictured: Facebook posts

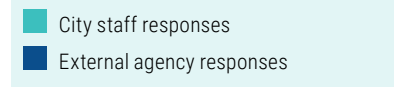
EMERGING THEMES

- San Ramon residents highly value trails that are **conveniently accessible** from their homes.
- Creating **connections between neighborhoods and open space** is a priority for both community members and leaders.
- Regardless of past opposition, the **community largely supports** the future development and improvement of existing trails.

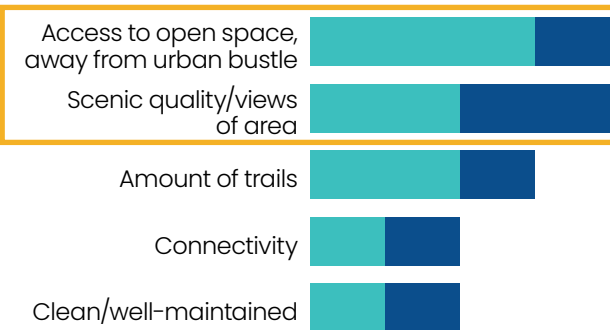
WHAT WE HEARD

STAKEHOLDER INPUT

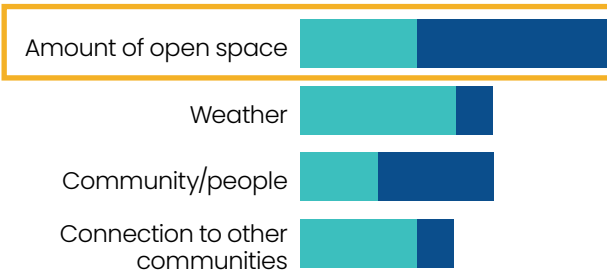
At project kickoff meetings, City staff and representatives of external agencies participated in online surveys and in-person activities to determine the existing trail system's issues and opportunities. The top responses are shown on the following pages.



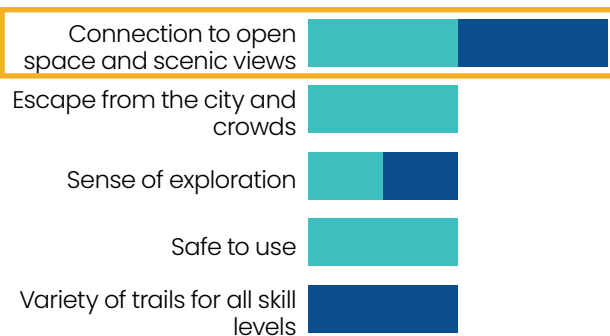
What makes San Ramon trails special?



What are your favorite things about this region?



What are your favorite things about San Ramon's trails?



What opportunities exist for regional trail connections?

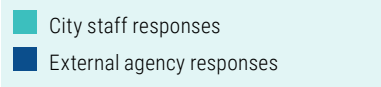
- Connection to Las Trampas Wilderness Reserve & Sunset Ridge Park (and partnership with East Bay Regional Park District)
- Connections to (and partnerships with) the Cities of Danville and Dublin
- Connection to Pleasanton Ridge Trail (long-term)
- Connection between Sunset Drive and Chevron Property
- San Ramon to EBRPD Sycamore South Space South
- Future EBRPD Boreal Agricultural Park
- Identify trail loops
- Increase access to open space for multiple communities



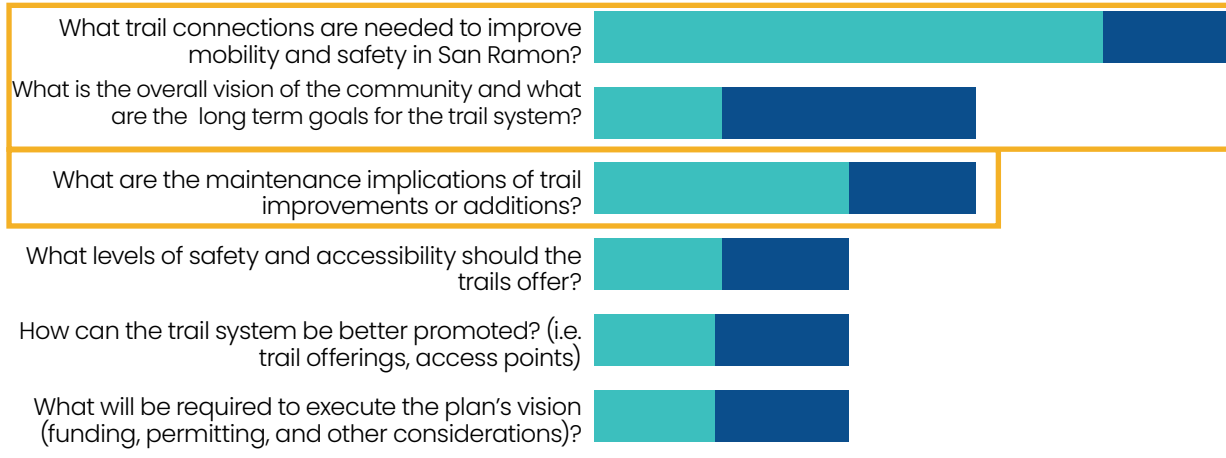
KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Convenient access** to open space allows community members to **escape** the urban bustle and appreciate the area's **scenic quality**.
- Connections to **Las Trampas Wilderness Preserve, Danville, and Dublin** are highly desired.

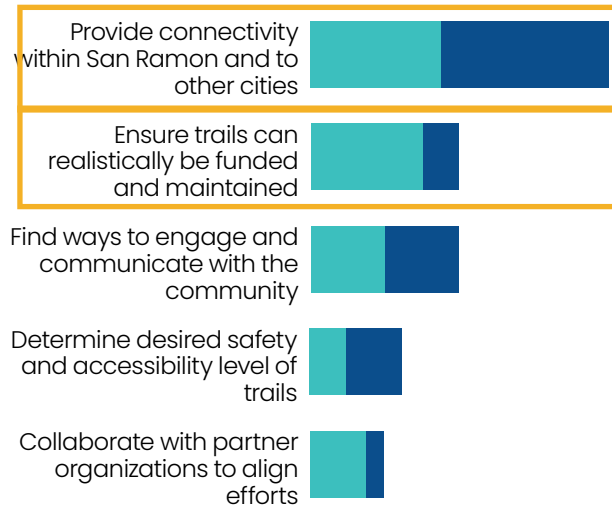
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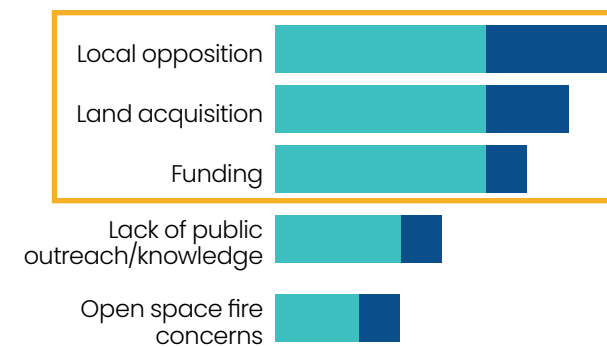
What are the questions that need to be answered in this trails master plan?



What are the top three items this plan needs to address?



What issues has the city run into in prior trails planning efforts?



Are there any trail planning efforts we should be aware of?

Trail planning efforts listed include Iron Horse Trail improvements in Dublin (three phases), City Center improvement plans, Chevron and Borel properties, and Diablo Road Trail in Danville.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Understanding **which connections** are needed to create a **functional network** of trails is a primary focus of the master plan.
- Defining the trail system's **long-term goals** is key to developing the framework for achieving them.
- The plan must consider **funding** and **maintenance requirements** when proposing trail improvements or additions.
- **Local opposition**, acquiring **easements**, and identifying **funding sources** have been challenges or barriers in previous trail planning efforts.

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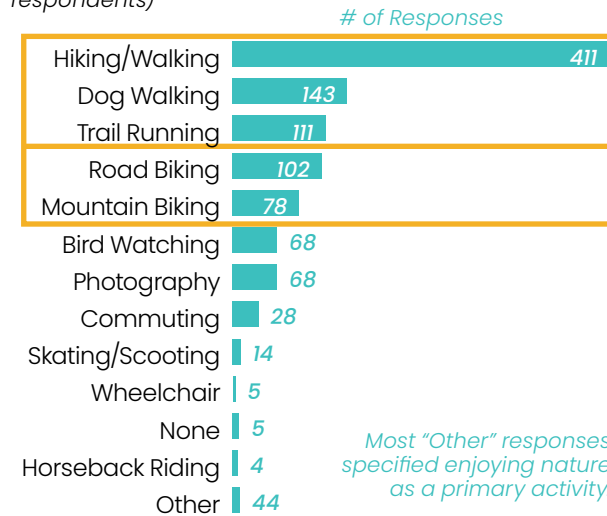
COMMUNITY INPUT

FIRST ONLINE SURVEY

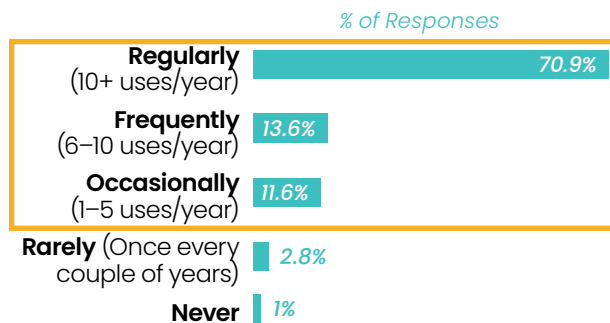
An online survey collected 499 responses from the general public regarding San Ramon's existing trail system and desires for the future. The survey received 160 additional responses at in-person events.

Understanding each community's specific wants and needs is key to developing a successful trail system. Key takeaways from the first survey period are presented in the following pages.

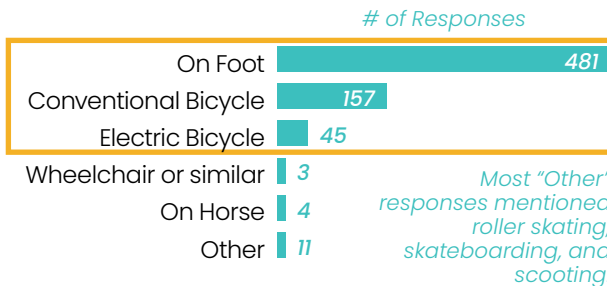
What are your primary activities when using the San Ramon trail system in the past 12 months? (Check all that apply.) (499 respondents)



How often do you use the San Ramon trail system? (499 respondents)

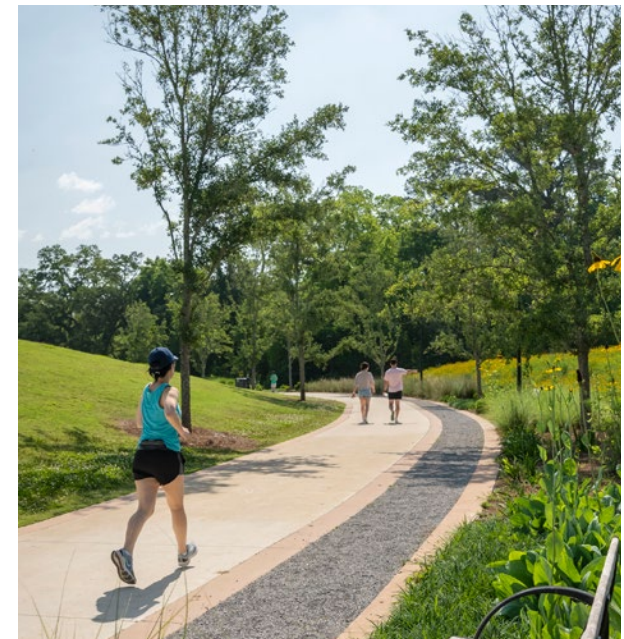


In the past 12 months, how have you used San Ramon's trails? (Check all that apply.) (494 respondents)



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **96%** of survey respondents **use the San Ramon trail system** at least once per year.
- Travel by **foot** and by **bicycle** are seen most commonly.
- Trail design and management strategies should consider the rising popularity of **electric bikes and scooters** and potential conflicts with other user groups.



San Ramon's trails see a variety of user types.

WHAT WE HEARD

How important do you feel trails are to San Ramon? (464 respondents)



Access to the San Ramon trail system adds value to my home and community. (476 respondents)



Trails improve the overall quality of life in San Ramon. (487 respondents)



A well thought out trail system contributes to health and safety in San Ramon. (479 respondents)

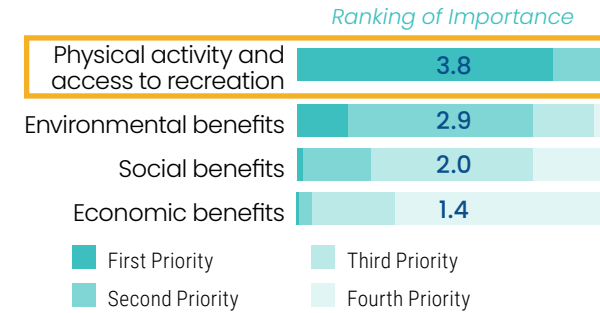


San Ramon should utilize green spaces between neighborhoods to enhance connectivity to existing and future trails. (444 respondents)

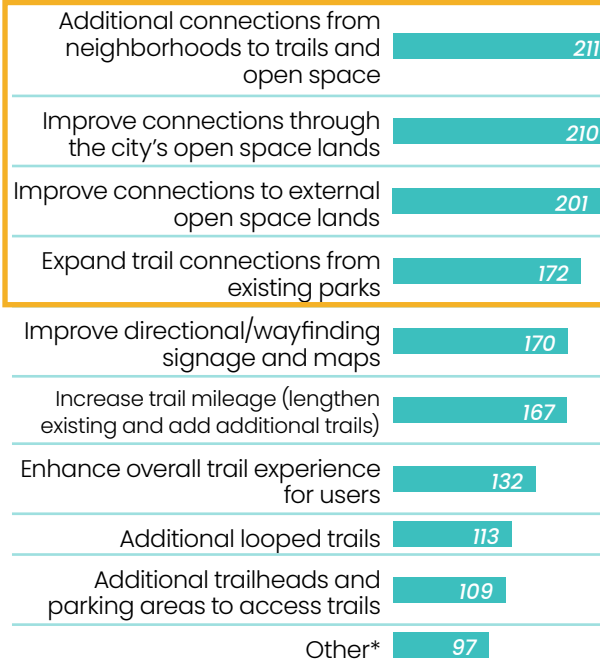


Note: Strong support for trails is not the case in all communities, as there is a small number of people in opposition to creating more trails in San Ramon.

Please rank the following benefits of trails in terms of their importance to San Ramon: (465 respondents)



What improvements do you think are most needed for the trail system? (Select the top three that apply.) (489 respondents) # of Responses



**The three most common write-in responses were related to creating shade along trails, providing restrooms or water fountains, and maintaining existing trails.*

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Access to trails and recreation** is **incredibly important** to the lifestyle of San Ramon residents.
- Providing **additional connections** both within the city and to other destinations is a top priority for community members.



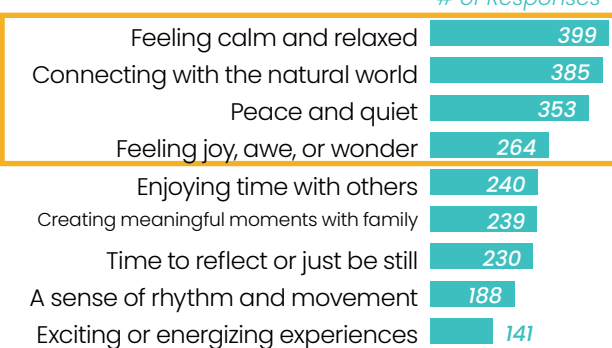
This paved trail connects neighborhoods to recreation and commercial areas.

WHAT WE HEARD

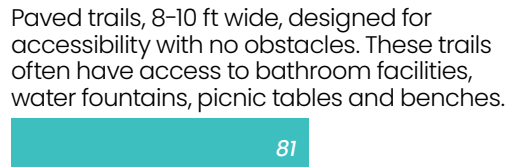
In general, what kinds of trail experiences are you most interested in? (Check all that apply.) (498 respondents)



In general, when you spend time in nature, what do you look forward to enjoy? (Check all that apply.) (494 respondents)

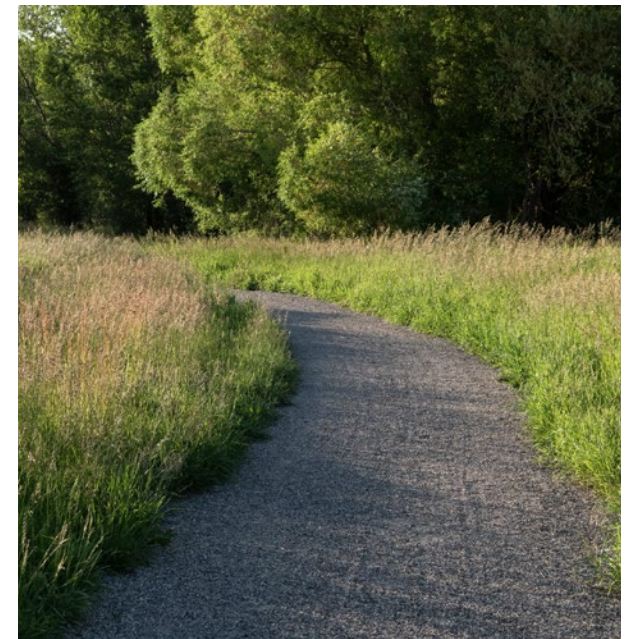


Please describe which type of trails interest you the most. (495 respondents)



KEY TAKEAWAYS

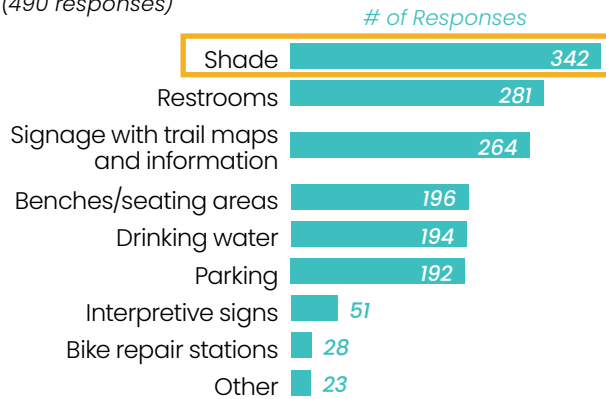
- The majority of survey respondents want to use trails to **stay active and fit**.
- **Peaceful** and **scenic** trail experiences are the most appealing among respondents.
- While all types of trails are desired, there is high interest in 4-6 foot wide **natural surface trails**.



Natural surface trail

WHAT WE HEARD

What types of trail amenities would you like to see? (Select the top three that apply.) (490 responses)

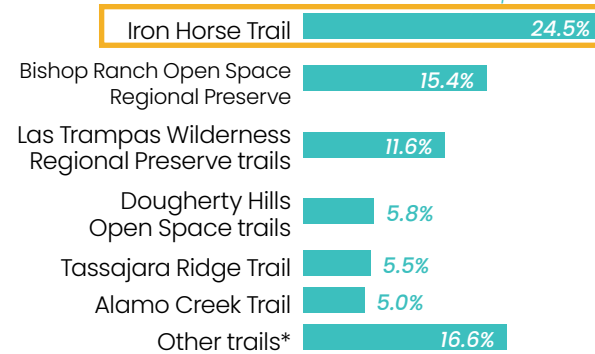


*Other trail amenities largely focused around the need for additional trash receptacles.



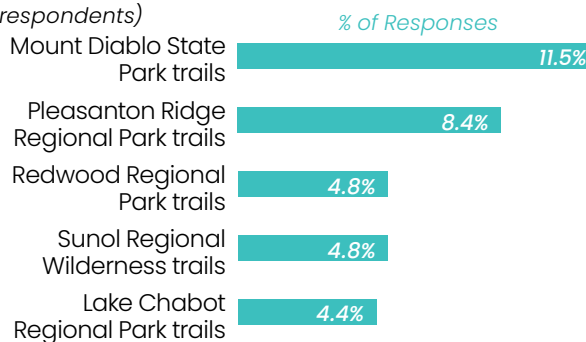
Pathways in shade or part shade provide a more comfortable user experience. When planting trees, consideration must be given to water consumption and fire concerns.

What is your favorite trail you visit within the city limits of San Ramon? (Write-in response.) (380 respondents)



*Other favorite trails listed by survey respondents accounting for more than 1% but less than 5% of total responses include Annabel, Bollinger Canyon, Central Park, Hidden Valley Park, Monarch Loop, Morgan Territory Regional Preserve Loop, and Summit View trails.

What is your favorite trail you visit outside of San Ramon? (Write-in response.) (333 respondents)



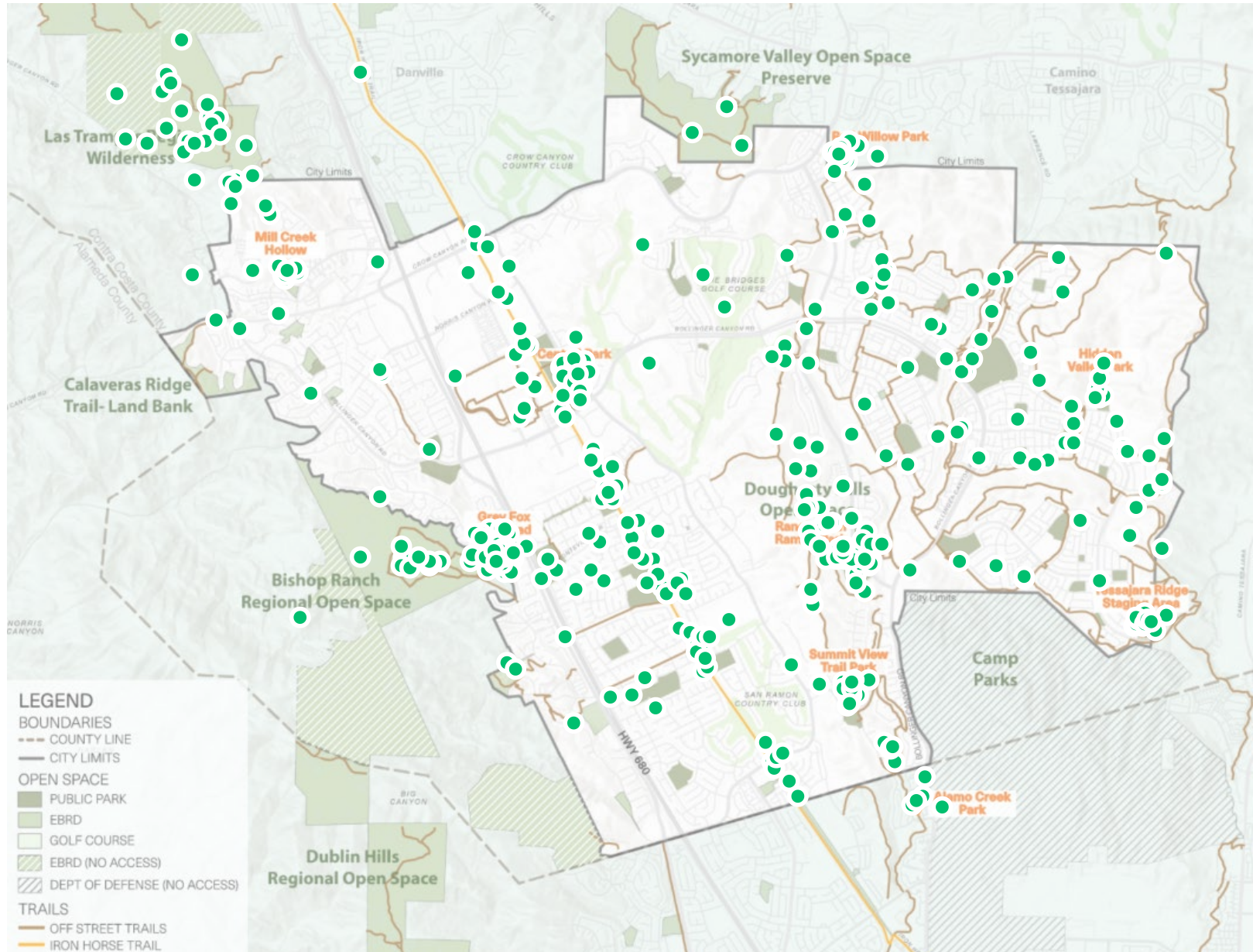
Among the many trails listed by survey respondents, other favorites include Martin Canyon, Lafayette Reserve, and Shell Ridge.

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **Shade trees, restrooms, and informational signage** are the most requested trail amenities.
- The two most popular trails among survey respondents are **Iron Horse Regional Trail** and trails within **Las Trampas Wilderness Regional Preserve**, however they are valued by residents for different reasons, indicating a need for a **range of trail types and experiences**.
- Called “the highway of the trail system” by one survey respondent, Iron Horse Trail is favored for its proximity to residential areas and connections to commercial areas and other towns. Additional “roads” from residential and commercial areas to the so-called highway can help increase connectivity.
- Conversely, respondents enjoy trails within Las Trampas Wilderness Preserve for the convenient access, scenic beauty, and variety of hike lengths and difficulties.

WHAT WE HEARD

Please place a pin on the map below where you typically access the San Ramon area trails. (435 responses)



WHO WE HEARD FROM

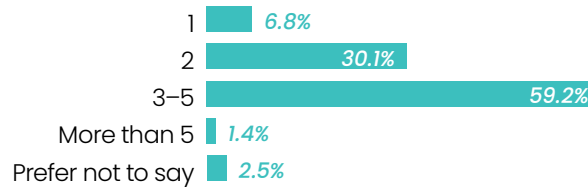
SURVEY 1 DEMOGRAPHICS

- Approximately half of survey respondents have children or teenagers living in their home, showing good representation of families among survey respondents.
- The majority of survey respondents were adults age 35 and up.
- 93% of survey respondents were residents of San Ramon, while the remaining 7% were from neighboring areas.

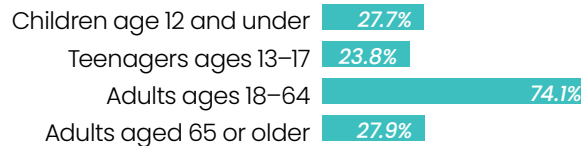
How would you rate your current fitness level? (480 responses)



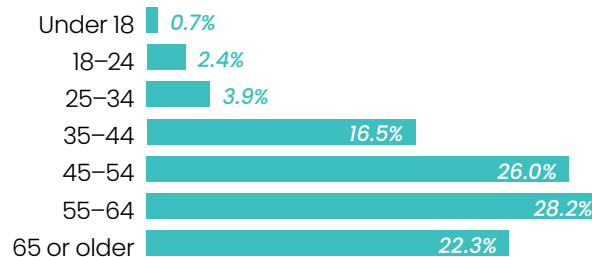
Counting yourself, how many people live in your household? (488 responses)



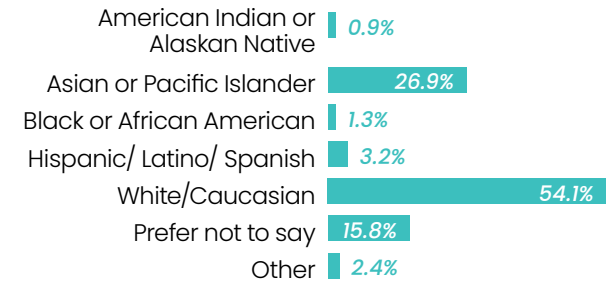
Do any of the following live in your household? (459 responses)



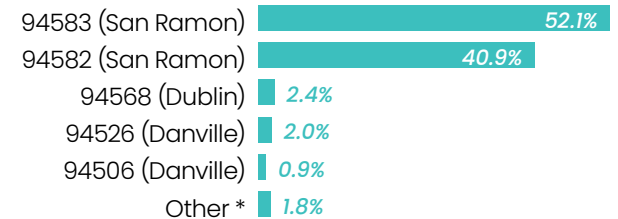
Which of the following best describes your age? (461 responses)



What is your race/ethnicity? (468 responses)



What is the zip code of your primary residence? (455 responses)



*Survey responses were also collected from residents of the following areas in California: Alamo, Pleasanton, Lafayette, Livermore, Castro Valley, and Twain Harte.

WHAT WE HEARD

SECOND ONLINE SURVEY

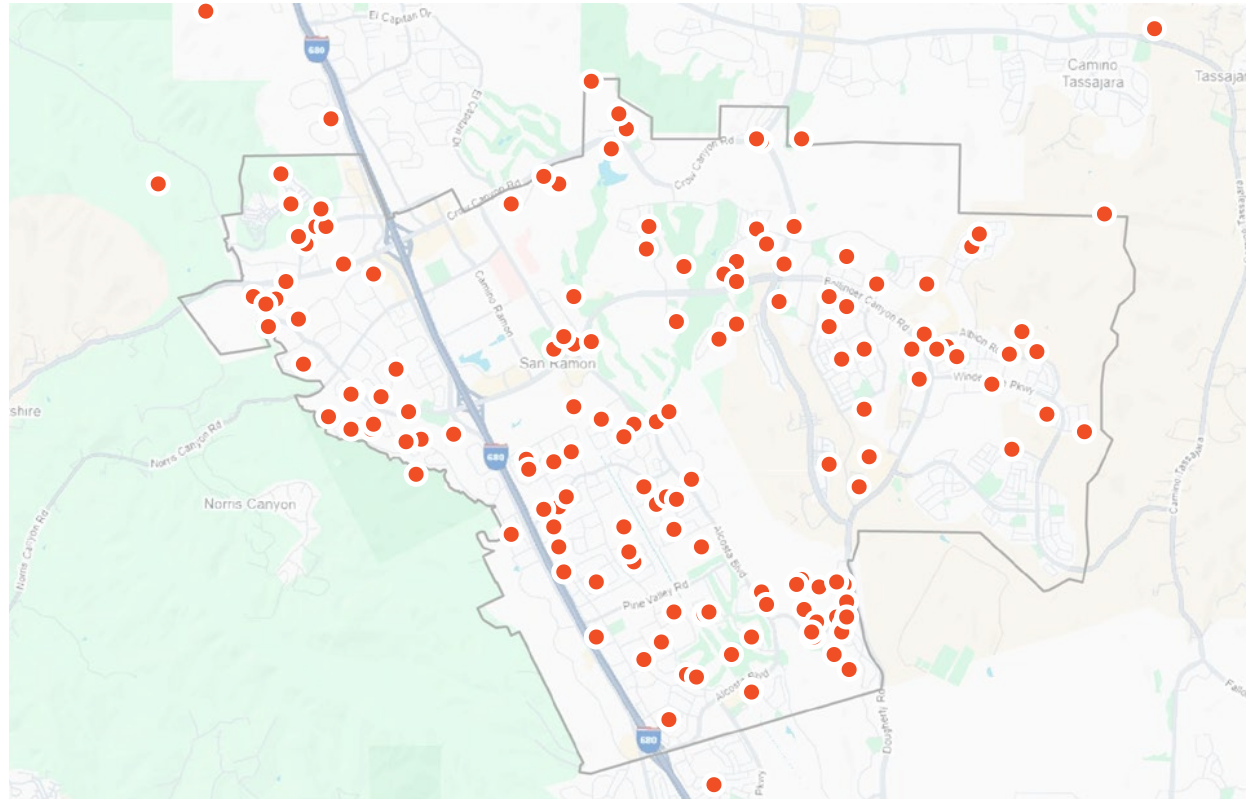
The second online survey asked specific questions relating to the plan's preliminary recommendations. City staff reviewed write-in responses from 165 community members who provided input for the second online survey. Key takeaways are summarized in the following pages and write-in responses can be found in "Appendix A: Write-in Survey Responses" on page A-2.

Notably, only six of the 165 survey respondents (3.6% of respondents) opposed the development of trails in San Ramon, with the remaining 96.4% of survey respondents were supportive of trail system development.



Signage was placed in prominent locations to promote the second online survey

In order to understand opinions at a neighborhood level, please mark approximately where you live on the map. (Skip this question if you do not live in the map area.)
(154 respondents)



Note: The intent of asking this question was to determine areas or neighborhoods which more strongly oppose the development of trails, however only two of the six respondents who expressed opposition provided their approximate home location.

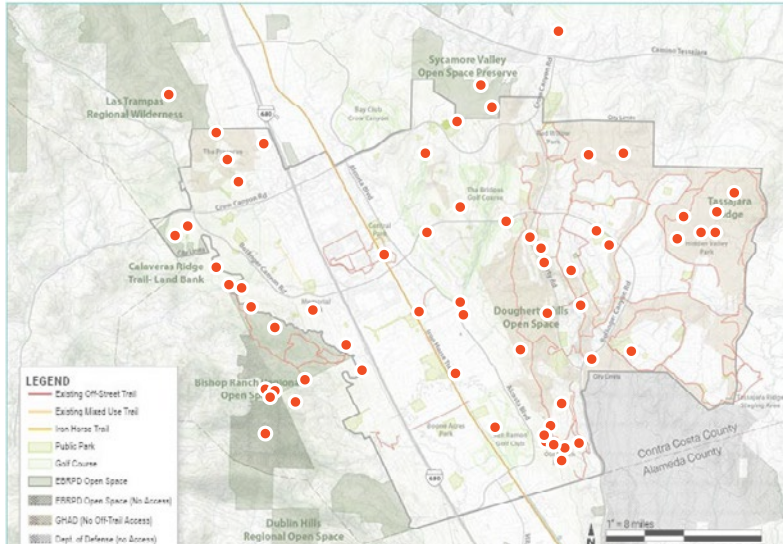
KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Residents across the city are **generally supportive** of trail development.
- There is not a specific area where opposition is stronger than other areas.

WHAT WE HEARD

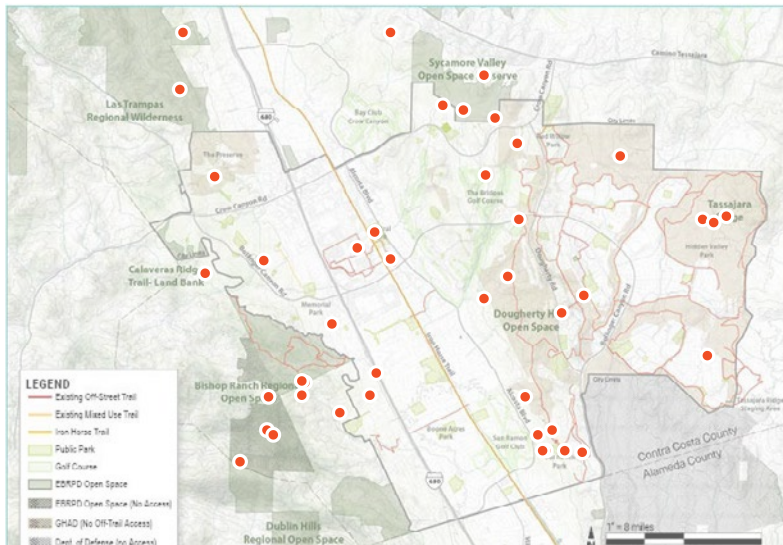
Which do you feel is the highest priority trail access point to create?

(64 respondents)

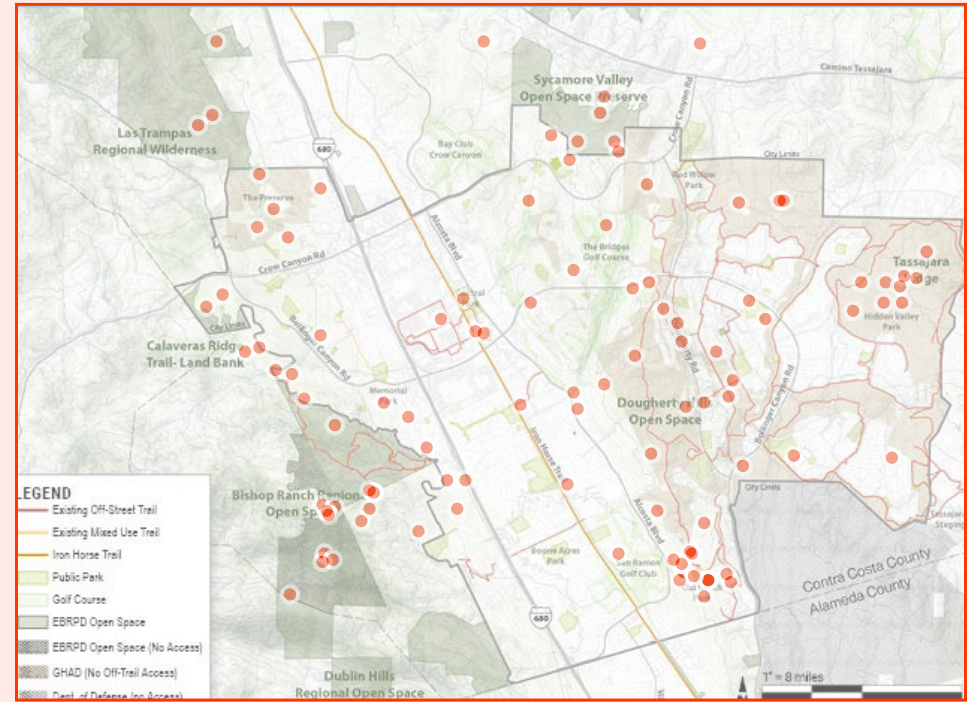


Which do you feel is the highest priority trail connection to create?

(43 respondents)



When overlaid, the two maps show concentrations of pin points representing the community's priority areas for improving access and creating new trails.



KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Create more trails within open space.
- Convert existing ranch roads to proper trails to improve accessibility, reduce user conflicts, and prevent damage to natural resources.
- Connect residential and commercial areas to one another.
- Enhance the Iron Horse Trail to support its current function as the major north-south route for non-vehicular commuters.
- Provide amenities to enhance user comfort, such as benches and waste receptacles.

WHAT WE HEARD

ADDRESSING CONCERNS

Despite high support for trail development from San Ramon’s residents, the City has faced roadblocks in the past. Understanding residents’ concerns allows the City to design a trail system that addresses or alleviates these concerns and build consensus among community members.

HOME SECURITY

In write-in responses from the second survey, a few property owners expressed concerns about security and privacy. There seems to be a misconception that trails and trail access points inherently lead to higher crime, however studies show no consistent correlation between trail development and increased property crime. In fact, numerous examples show reductions in crime associated with trail or greenway development¹. Creating trails in areas with pre-existing crime may not automatically lead to crime reductions, however in low-crime or well-monitored neighborhoods the effect tends to be positive.

Similar to the “eyes on the street” theory, people using trails provide natural surveillance and can deter criminals who want to avoid being witnessed or reported. The more people using the trails, the safer they are. Additionally, having multiple and more frequent access points help users avoid isolated, hidden trail

¹ Sources include “Rail-Trails and Safe Communities: The Experience on 372 Trails” (Rails to Trails Conservancy, National Park Service, 1998), “Do Urban Greenways Reduce Crime? A Quasi-Experimental Study of the Atlanta Beltline” (Georgia Southern University, 2025), and “Middlesex Greenway Access Plan Health Impact Assessment” (New Jersey Health Impact Collaborative, 2014).

segments. This sentiment is expressed in “Case Study: Former Rail-Trail Opponent Has Different Views Today” on page 81.

To combat safety concerns, CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) measures such as lighting and fencing can be incorporated along trails or at trailheads as needed. Community events, volunteer “trail watches,” and other programming can further activate the trails.

With 96% of survey respondents using the trails at least once a year and the city’s generally low crime rate, a significant increase in crime is not expected as trails are developed, especially near open space areas. Nevertheless, the design of trailheads and inclusion of security measures such as lighting, fencing, landscaping, or security cameras may be warranted in areas of the city where there are more frequent occurrences of property crime.

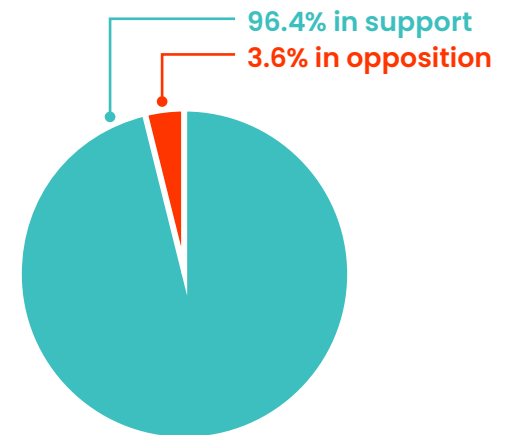
PROXIMITY TO RESIDENCES

Some responses indicate dissatisfaction with the master plan’s goal of connecting residential areas to open space. This goal is a direct result of extensive stakeholder and community engagement. The desire to connect residential areas to open space has been a recurring theme in San Ramon, and is recommended in several of the City’s previous planning efforts (see “Previous Plan Alignment” on page 22).

National trends show a growing preference for conveniently accessible trails, which is mirrored by community engagement responses. The National Association of

Realtors (NAR) reports that trails are among the most desired community amenities, ranking higher than golf courses or tennis courts. The NAR also reports that homebuyers are often willing to pay more for proximity to walking and biking trails.

Due to the City’s existing layout and land uses, it would be nearly impossible to develop any trail without passing behind residential homes. The plan’s trail design standards (see “Trail Construction & Maintenance Standards” on page 32) identify appropriate buffer distances between trails and homes which will apply to the design of all future trails.



Above: Support and Opposition of Trail Development by Percent of Survey Respondents

WHAT WE HEARD

CASE STUDY: FORMER RAIL-TRAIL OPPONENT HAS DIFFERENT VIEWS TODAY

“About 10 years ago, Arden Hills Parks and Recreation wanted to put in an 8-foot wide blacktop trail cutting through several blocks of residential area in my neighborhood. I openly opposed this trail as I voiced my opinion with neighbors, the Mayor, and at the City Council Meeting. Since this trail would be next to my back yard and I had no personal use for it, I felt it was a bad thing to have. I envisioned all sorts of horrible things happening to take away from the pleasant backyard I had come to love... [T]he City Council opted not to implement the voices of naysayers... They voted to build a paved trail.

Without this trail, my son would not have learned to inline skate at such an early age, nor bicycled on his own over to his grandmother’s house, who lives near the other end of the trail. Without this trail my neighbor and I wouldn’t have taken up our early morning walks. Without this trail people wouldn’t be able to link up as quickly or easily or safely with other trails in communities next

to ours. Every day of the week and almost every hour of daylight, someone is right at the edge of my yard behind my house as they use this paved trail – walking, running, jogging, inline skating, bicycling, pulling a wagon, pushing a stroller, or walking a pet. Because of this friendly sort of ‘traffic,’ numerous eyes are watching my house whether we are home or not; that’s old fashioned neighborhood security that money can’t buy.

There’s been no problem with litter, noise or window peepers, and no damage to the trail or my property. There’s been plenty of smiles on my face, though, as I’ve watched from my kitchen window or my deck the families sharing time together on bikes and trikes, groups of kids with beach towels or fishing poles in their wagons heading for the lake, early risers getting in their aerobic exercise, or couples catching the last rays of a sunset as they stroll along after dinner.”

– Kristine Poelzer, Minnesota (TrailTalk)



WHAT WE HEARD



Image: East Bay Bike Path, WPRI

PARKING

Two comments mention the burden of extra traffic or the loss of street parking as new access points are developed. The creation of new access points is intended to provide access to trails via walking or biking from residential areas, distributing trail users to multiple access points and thereby alleviating strain on existing ones.

Where feasible, off-street parking could be provided where on-street parking spaces are regularly used by residents.

WASTE

Comments in both the first and second rounds of engagement mentioned overflowing trash cans, litter, and pet waste. Increasing the pick-up frequency will help reduce excess waste on the trails.

Locating additional waste bins and dog waste stations along trails and at access points will allow trail users to properly dispose of waste, especially when coupled with stewardship messaging and natural surveillance by other trail users.

ELECTRIC BIKES AND SCOOTERS

In both survey periods, community members described conflicts with e-bike and electric scooter users. This indicates a need for different trail design standards (such as wider trails) or management policies (such as prohibiting e-bikes and scooters on dirt trails or establishing speed limits). Appendix D of the San Ramon Bicycle Master Plan Update describes state-level laws that govern access for micromobility devices and electric bicycles.

In summary, it is important to address these potential concerns at the planning and design phases of development while recognizing the proven benefits of trails for the greater good of the community.

WHAT WE HEARD



POTENTIAL STRATEGIES FOR ADDRESSING COMMUNITY CONCERNS

- Track and monitor injuries and crimes along trails, reviewing periodically for problem areas and/or city-wide concerns that should be addressed.
- Conduct a study to determine the true impact of trails on crime rates in San Ramon.
- Develop trail design standards that incorporate CPTED principles such as lighting, fencing, security cameras, or other measures.
- Promote the efficiency of natural surveillance (“eyes on the trail”). Include security cameras and lighting where appropriate to increase trail users’ sense of security.
- Work with the San Ramon Police Department to understand existing concerns and opportunities to improve safety and security along trails.
- Include additional safety measures in areas with higher pre-existing crime rates.
- Provide off-street parking at access points where higher use is anticipated or observed, especially in residential neighborhoods.
- Increase the number of waste bins and pet waste receptacles, ensuring that they are regularly serviced by a maintenance crew.



Appendices

APPENDIX A: WRITE-IN SURVEY RESPONSES

Where do you see opportunities to create specific access points connecting residential areas and open space?

(53 respondents)

- No input (3 responses)
- Old Ranch Park / Senior Center
- In Bent Creek
- Connection between the trail near the water reservoir, and Rancho San Ramon Park.
- Old Ranch better connected to Iron Horse heading north
- make sure dogs poop is picked up as trails are gross filled with poop plus pet owners walking dogs without leashes
- It'd be great to figure out more ways into Las Trampas and into Tassajara Ridge.
- Adequate access points to all trails in my area.
- Different parts of Iron Horse Trail. For example, Montevideo and the trail.
- Need to extend Bishop ranch open space by adding city park/trails, going south from this, and ideally to top of ridge also
- Is there a way to expand areas in the hills up between SR and Tassajara? Its a nice open space.
- Near Las Trampas also Bollinger Canyon and Norris Cyn
- I don't really know enough to say where. Just trying to connect open spaces already on existence
- Expand Bishop Ranch Open Space into Geldermann area. Provide a staging area with parking at Redtail Hawk Trail Entrance at the end of Paddock Dr., or Norris Canyon.
- The parts I use do not go past neighborhoods, just businesses.
- Why do you want to connect residential areas and open space? There are plenty of available trails without the need to add more. Adding trails in residential areas only adds more burden to residents to clean up hikers trash, worry about safety and prevent theft, and also the extra burden of loss of parking and extra traffic.
- Add Iron Horse trail connections to open space trailheads and neighborhoods in the Bollinger Canyon Area.
- Open up Critter Crossroads park for access. Access to a trail from Blackhawk Plaza area
- It is such an invasion when the trail is connected to a neighborhood taking trail users past peoples houses. Please don't do that. So no area that picks up within a contained neighborhood is desirable.
- At the top of Derby Drive is a gated entrance to Bishop Ranch Open Space that is controlled by a private residence but also allows access to EBMUD and ranchers using the open space. It's a pity that there's no walk-in entrance there.
- Anywhere, but majorly connecting big areas to each other and make them bike worthy
- Bishop Ranch open space behind Westside drive Rancho San Ramon Park
- East side of Summit View trail
- Rancho san ramon park, tall mountain near bollinger canyon dhougerty valley intersection
- Access north of the Monarch area of Gale Ridge
- Extend trail access further into the existing open space
- Bishop Ranch Open Space
- Cross valley connector to Windermere
- From Faria Preserve to Las Trampas regional park
- East to west, especially over the PGE property. Networking open spaces between residential neighborhood, like Countryview and Csynon Lakes
- 1. Walk Trail and Safe crossing from Souyen Park/ Critter Park to GRMS with a flashing cross walk
- 2. Dog park next to Tennis Court at Souyen Park or at Critter Park
- 3. Trail head at Hidden Valley Open Space Park
- The Preserve & Las Trampas; Memorial Park and Bishop Ranch Regional Open Space
- We walk from home so don't require staging areas.
- Sorry I don't have many ideas about the question, but please allow me to let you know that I really enjoy the open space/trails on the both sides of the Old Ranch Road. I've been living in SR for 20 years, they are my daily place where I embrace the nature. I feel I can't live without it. Thank you for everything! Really appreciated!! We are so lucky to live in San Ramon.
- Iron horse trail often has no connection to surrounding neighborhoods for a couple miles, just creek and long fences
- Camp parks area, iron horse
- Terra Alta and Alcosta area
- Tassajara Ridge area
- everything is fine now, no need to add more, everything is well connected
- Neil Armstrong & bishop ranch regional open space
- I got Hit and Run accidents by E-bicycle in the evening on 10/19/2025 when I walked my dog on the Iron horse Trail near Montevideo school park, two kids speeding over 40 mile/per hours without light, who will take care the issue about this? if you can't take a safety walk in your community, what's the point to create the open space, please prioritize people's safety first, thank you for your attention.
- According to Google earth there is a trail behind my house,at [address redacted]. If so, clearing up the poison oak, and trimming the Oak tree, so it doesn't crash through my bedroom window. That'd be great.
- Improve conditions at the Memorial Dog park.
- All trails should connect to Ironhorse somehow
- Acosta to Diablo View Trail near Pine Valley
- Old Ranch Park (Dougherty Ridge Trail Extended to Dublin's Dougherty Hill Trail) [1]
- Alcosta Community & Senior Center (to Dougherty Ridgetrail Extended) [1]
- Centennial Park (for floating trail easement granted by Laborers Union) [2]
- Alcosta Boulevard (connections along power lines west to Cross Valley Trail & east along existing service road to the Dougherty Ridge Trail) [3]
- Forest Home Farms Historic Park (to Starkweather Trail) [2]
- Establish a trail from Winding Creek Way across the proposed Henry Ranch Park to Westside Drive using undeveloped existing easements prior to full development of the proposed park [4]

APPENDIX A: WRITE-IN SURVEY RESPONSES

(Continued) Where do you see opportunities to create specific access points connecting residential areas and open space?

(53 respondents)

Terra Alta Drive at Athens Drive & the end of Canyon Green Place connecting to the Coyote Canyon Trail [3]
Morgan Drive opposite EBRPD's Grey Fox Trail staging area to Memorial Park [4]

Planned connection from The Orchards (Chevron Park) development to the Inverness Park Trail [1]

Bollinger Canyon Road at Norris Canyon Road upstream & downstream along San Catanio Creek to the undeveloped Woodlot Park [5]

Create entrance from Crow Canyon Road to EBRPD's Pleasant Ridge to Las Trampas Trail [1]

End of Estancia Court to EBRPD's Pleasant Ridge to Las Trampas Trail [3]

Bollinger Canyon Road to Lilac Ridge Road [5]

Canyon Lakes Drive to Crow Canyon Road [5]

Crow Canyon Road south to the West Alamo Creek Trail & north to the Harvest Trail on EBRPD's Sycamore Valley Regional Open Space Preserve [4]

Several planned access points in the Faria Preserve development to EBRPD's Las Trampas Regional Wilderness to the north & Bollinger Canyon Road to the southwest [1]

Priorities (1 highest, 5 lowest) for establishing each access point &/or trail is in brackets at the end of each item listed. Those priorities are based on the level of feasibility & amount of trail accessed.

Only one potential access point &/or trail can be placed on the maps at a time.

- Create a connecting sidewalk on Stoney creek drive on the side bordering Alamo creek
- There are plenty of unofficial--though legal, i.e. no barrier--access points to the open spaces in my area; this is not a concern for me.
- existing connections are sufficient
- Need more trails on the West side of town. Morgan drive (and the neighborhoods north of there) can serve as good access points to BR regional and calaveras trails
- I enjoy mountain biking but my friends and I find that trails on the bishop ranch regional open space is lacking fun and exciting trails to ride. I'd like to see an

improvement to make a set of trails spanning various sizes based on the terrain to make for different challenges when riding. For example like small beginner level jumps and berms then intermediate level challenges to make the trail feel more alive than dead and to be more inclusive to all participants no matter their level in riding.

Now for the locations I would brach the trails off of already existing trails to preserve the habitat of the animals living on bishop ranch. The beginner trails would be made on less steeper terrain connecting to trails than the trails further up the hill that way each set of trails can be accessed by the rider who has the skills to navigate the trails without making the process difficult for either intermediate or beginner rider.

- The neighborhood directly south of Sycamore Valley Open Space South nearly has a connection at Rio Grande Pl to the open space, but the gate is locked and there's a very small gap in pathing there. It is probably less than 200 meters of distance but would greatly increase access to that space. Also, a better east-west connection near crow canyon to the iron horse trail would be greatly useful to get away from loud and sometimes aggressive traffic. Working with Danville to open a pedestrian path that connects from El Capitan to Fostoria Way to get to the Iron Horse Trail would be very useful - Local residents frequently tend to just cut through the parking lot and slide around the gate which shows a clear demand for this connection.

APPENDIX A: WRITE-IN SURVEY RESPONSES

Where do you see opportunities to create new trails within City limits?

(39 respondents)

- No input (4 responses)
- From Old Ranch Park to Dublin boarder and Senior Center
- The hills south of Windermere Parkway and east of Dougherty Blvd..
- Bent Creek
- Old Ranch to Iron Horse trail
- none
 - let nature be nature
 - wild be wild
 - human footprints are eroding top soil
 - think about all living beings just not humans
 - at end of life you will regret your actions
- I would like a trail that connects the Bishop Ranch Open space (which my husband and I use nearly every day) to the Dublin Hills Regional open space.
- Is there a way to get from behind Hawkins Drive to Bishop Ranch Open Space? And from there to Norris Canyon Estates? Those could be great new trails.
- Anywhere that is close to various shopping areas like the Marketplace or City Center.
- Connect Bishop ranch trails to ridgeline and also heading south
- Trail from the Crow Canyon Gardens
- In existing parks like sycamore valley and mount Diablo.
- Connect all the parks together within the City that can be accessed from the Iron Horse trail rather than City Streets.
- Over Quail Ridge to connect west to Bishop Ranch (from Dougherty Valley area). There are no trails, paved or otherwise to connect over the ridge, so you have to take the busy road/sidewalk of Bollinger to get to Iron Horse. I think it prohibits folks from walking or riding to amenities and city services/Central Park, so they drive.
- There's long been talk of connecting Bishop Ranch Open Space to a trail to the south but nothing has been done. Maybe this is an EBRPD issue instead though.
- Anywhere same reason as before
- South of Bishop Ranch open space behind West Side. Probably need permission from private land owner
- Enhance Quail run trail
- Northeast of Bridges golf course, east of red willow park
- Sycamore Valley Open Space
- Connection to Dougherty hills open space from Terra Alta Dr
- Bishop ranch open space-connect to Dublin hills
- See previous answer
- A connector trail from Windemere to Iron Horse Trail
- Hills between Crow Canyon and and Diablo specifically southern access to Sycamore Valley Open Space.
- West san ramon
- Las Trampas Area
- no need to add more trails, there are plenty
- Bishop ranch regional open space
- I only see the danger of death on the trails.
- I don't
- Connecting the trail ending near old Ranch Rd with IronHorse
- More clearing could be done along the fire-roads which form a buffer between houses and open spaces in my area, but official trails are not necessary.
- we need to maintain the trails we have, we don't need new trails
- In between the developments on the west hills where BR regional and Calaveras trails are. We definitely need more trails on the west side of San Ramon!
- As mentioned before, just south of Sycamore Valley Open Space Preserve

APPENDIX A: WRITE-IN SURVEY RESPONSES

Do you have any additional feedback to share regarding recommendations that have not already been captured in this survey?

(30 respondents)

- No input (6 responses)
- I love the Iron Horse Trail, especially between Alcosta Blvd. and Bollinger Canyon Rd, because of the ground squirrels and bunnies. Please don't harm their habitat.
- San Ramon's trails have wildly improved over the past couple of decades, bringing more of our community together outdoors. We love to see it! This is exactly the kind of quality of life our tax dollars pay for, and we are grateful.
- Could also extend Bishop ranch trails northward more toward Las Trampas to make continuous trails from Las Trampas to Dublin Hills (and separately to Pleasanton ridge, but EB Parks)
- Residents would benefit from an overhaul of Iron Horse trail. With the recent popularity of e-scooters and e-bikes safety is a concern on Iron Horse trail for pedestrians. Widening of the trail would improve safety allowing a dedicated Lane specifically for e-scooters and e-bikes. This would improve safety dramatically. Also, posting of speed limit signs along the trail would help as well.
- We need more mountain bike trails in wooded areas. Clean out all the rattle snakes in Las Trampas to make it safe there. Add gravel to all the trails and fire roads to make them more usable during winter. The clay is really bad in the winter.
- Yes there are places on the trail that have stair access to business. I am in a Powerchair. Make ramps instead of stairs or make both. It makes people who use Powerchairs have to go past where they might want to go
- Create trails in the surrounding hills for hiking and mountain bike riding.
- Love our trails and parks. More connections so I can spend less time in the car with my family is a priority.
- Does the city have sufficient staff to care and maintain the existing trails? I do not see enough trash bins available and the garbage cans are always full, especially after the weekends in the city parks. I also have seen an increase in the number of ground squirrels in the area and they have been very destructive on the trails which is a dangerous situation for many hikers who have existing health concerns.
- Please consider when adding trails or advertising existing trails on the website that run through neighborhoods to plan for parking in lots not in front of peoples houses.
- This is a great project. Good luck with it!
- Make the trails more lively (access to benches chairs) view points etc
- Really looking forward to new trails!
- More greenscape parks are needed without building parking lots at new parks in walkable neighborhood. Classic example is Critters park where the concrete space and parking is more than the green space.
- Encourage invasive plant removal, i.e. mustard, thistles, native wildflower introduction, and trash receptacles to reduce littering.
- No more e bikes on trail or specified e bike trails and areas.
- Sorry I don't have many ideas about these questions, but please allow me to let you know that I really enjoy the open space/trails on the both sides of the Old Ranch Road. I've been living in SR for 20 years, they are my daily place where I embrace the nature. I feel I can't live without it. Thank you for everything! Really appreciated!! We are so lucky to live in San Ramon!
- please limite the E-bicycle on the trail road, we don't want the racing trail.
- Accessible trails are wonderful, but not if it puts are homes at risk for an invasion of privacy, or more accessible to thieves.
- Trail signage as well as strategies & actions for avoiding & managing trail conflicts need much greater attention.
- Thank you for polling the residents!
- #1 Priority should be making it easy for people to find and follow the trails with clear and easy directions. That means:
 1. Better signage! Trailheads must be clearly marked otherwise people can't find them! We have so many "hidden" trails simply because there's no signage at all.
 2. Better trail list! Each trail should include clear directions to the trailhead and an easy-to-understand map that people can screenshot and follow.
- maintenance is not kept up in most areas and if there's any funding it should be spent on fixing what's broken.
- Add trees on trails. Particularly open spaces in trails hidden hills and others connecting to Piccadilly park area. Trees adds shade and increase trails utilization.

APPENDIX B: INTERSECTION AND ROAD SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

Although the Trails Master Plan focuses on San Ramon's off-road trail network, there are inevitably and intentionally situations where trails will intersect with the city's street network. The notes in this appendix were provided by Fehr & Peers, the consultant who prepared the city's Bicycle Master Plan. Refer to the Bicycle Master Plan's Intersection Treatment Guidelines (Appendix C) for detailed recommendations for where off-road trails intersect with roadways.

COLLABORATE WITH PARTNERS FOR REGIONAL CONNECTIVITY

B2: Provide an access point to future west side EBRPD open space off Bollinger Canyon Road from The Preserve Project.

- There is currently no crossing of Bollinger at Faria Preserve Pkwy and Bollinger Canyon Rd. There should be crosswalks and crossbikes on both legs. Given that Faria has bike lanes, this should be treated as a major crossing and either get all-way stops or a beacon.

B4: Provide a trail connection and access point along San Ramon Creek at Fostoria Way and Camino Ramon into the Town of Danville. This will provide a connection to the future Borel Agricultural Park by EBRPD.

- Trailhead could be located at the intersection of Fostoria Way and Camino Ramon.
- If the access point is further up Camino Ramon, locate the trailhead at either Camino Ramon Place or the more northern of the two Costco driveways, and provide a

crosswalk with either a beacon or a stop sign.

B5: Provide a trail connection to EBRPD Sycamore Valley Open Space from Crow Canyon Road through the San Ramon Service Center.

- To allow northbound cyclists and pedestrians safe crossing to this access point, protected crosswalk(s) and a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon or full signal.

B7: Connect Tassajara Ridge Trail to Dublin through Camp Parks. EBRPD is currently working on an agreement with Camp Parks to have a trail easement that San Ramon can support.

- There will be demand for thru-bike movements as this trail would bypass Tassajara Road.
- Include crosswalks and crossbikes across Windmere at the Tassajara Ridge Staging Area if the trail will be located on the south side.

B8: Provide a trail connection from Old Ranch Park to Dublin open space through Dougherty Hills. The trail alignment should use the open space and not be located within the viewshed of existing residences.

- Put in a crosswalk across Old Ranch Rd on the west side of the intersection with Vista Monte (park side).
- Add at least one crosswalk on Vista Monte at one of the two park driveways.

B9: Provide a trail connection and access point from Westside Drive near Centennial Park to EBRPD open space through easements around the Laborers property (low priority by EBRPD).

- Access point should be co-located with the existing crosswalk at Brewlin Ln or Foster Dr.

B10: Improve trail connections and access point from Morgan Drive to EBRPD's Bishop Ranch Regional Open Space.

- The proposed trailhead location is on a residential street and of less concern from a safety perspective, but can still use a crosswalk installation at the closest intersection (Hawkins Dr), where there is currently none.

ENHANCE THE IRON HORSE TRAIL WITHIN CITY LIMITS

C2: Improve connections from parks and access points with clear wayfinding signage and enhanced trails linking parks, schools, neighborhoods, and commercial areas.

- Study all IHT crossings not due for a bridge crossing to include improvements including, but not limited to, the addition of all-way stop control, beacons, and the straightening or realigning of crosswalks and crossbikes.

ENHANCE EXISTING TRAILS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

D4: Provide a connection from Iron Horse Trail to Dougherty Hills utilizing existing utility corridors.

APPENDIX B: INTERSECTION AND ROAD SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

- This one concerns the Cross Valley Trail and potential extensions thereto. This one is of high importance on the on-street/off-street network connectivity and augmentation front because it is one of the only viable east-west connections in these parts, and that importance should be emphasized.
 - There should be a connection of some sort (whether it be an off-street path or on street lanes/markings), using the Pine Valley underpass, between San Ramon Valley Blvd and the existing west end of the Cross Valley Trail. There should also be something (markings or more) to designate a bike path of travel from the existing end of the trail to that connection across the intersection with Tareyton.
 - Along the existing path of the Cross Valley Trail, there should be enhancements to the crossings with Davona, Broadmoor, and Del Mar, likely with RRFB beacons that bicyclists can operate.
 - An eastern extension of the trail's connection to, and crossing of, Alcosta Blvd needs to be either an all-way stop, signalized, or controlled by a PHB beacon.
- D5:** Provide bike and pedestrian connections to the existing bike park at Memorial Park and/or locate a bike park in a more accessible location to youth.
- At Memorial Park, it may be beneficial to add the missing eastern crosswalk leg across Bollinger Canyon Rd at the Talavera Dr intersection.

D7: Provide a trail from Alcosta Senior and Community Center to Old Ranch Park.

- If the Senior Center is to be used as a trailhead, the missing southern crosswalk leg across Alcosta at the intersection with Olympia Fields Dr needs to be added, as that is the side of the driveway where the sidewalk is.

PROVIDE NEW AND ENHANCED TRAILHEADS & NAVIGATION

T1: Improve trailhead located along Faria Preserve Parkway to serve the proposed stacked loop system in The Preserve Project's open space.

- The proposed trailhead would be located on a stretch of Faria Preserve Pkwy with no crossings for a half-mile. There likely would need to be a crossing provided as part of this trailhead.

T2: New Crow Canyon Staging Area trail to provide connections into Sycamore Valley Open Space and West Alamo Creek Trail.

- To allow northbound cyclists and pedestrians safe crossing to this access point, protected crosswalk(s) and a Pedestrian Hybrid Beacon or full signal.

T3: Improve trailhead at north end of Dougherty Hills Open Space that connects to West Alamo Creek Trail.

- Because the location is offset from the intersection of Bollinger Canyon Rd and Dougherty Rd, and there is not a practical

way to create another crossing of Bollinger Canyon Rd here. It may be that the only improvement possible is signage directing users to the crossing at Dougherty Rd.

T4: New trailhead at Old Ranch Park to service future trails and city owned open space between the park and the senior center.

- Put in a crosswalk across Old Ranch Rd on the west side of the intersection with Vista Monte (park side).
- Add at least one crosswalk on Vista Monte at one of the two park driveways.

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Parks and Community Services Commission Staff Report Item No. 5.3.

Date: March 18, 2026

To: San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission

**From: Henry Perezalonso, Department Director
Bradley Morris, Division Manager**

Subject: Arts Advisory Committee Recommendation

Executive Summary:

The City Clerk listed the vacancies on the City's website and social media accounts and solicited applicants. There are currently four vacancies: three regular positions and one alternate position on this committee. Six applications were received for consideration: Robert Bickel, Diana Iliaiev, Saravanan Murugiah, Andre Nguyen, Dan Shim, and Ranjini Venkatachari. One of the six applicants was unavailable for interviews. A seventh application was submitted but was ineligible due to the residency requirement.

An Ad Hoc Committee of the Parks and Community Services Commission, consisting of Commissioners Doerlich and Mitra, interviewed the applicants on Monday, March 9, 2026, and Tuesday, March 10, 2026. The Ad Hoc committee recommended the appointment of Robert Bickel, Andre Nguyen, and Ranjini Venkatachari to serve as regular members of the Arts Advisory Committee, with terms expiring in March 2028. The Ad Hoc Committee recommended that Diana Iliaiev serve as an alternate member with a term expiring March 2028.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Parks and Community Services Commission forward to the City Council the recommendation to appoint Robert Bickel, Andre Nguyen, and Ranjini Venkatachari to serve as regular members of the Arts Advisory Committee, with terms expiring March 2028, and Diana Iliaiev to serve as an alternate member, with a term expiring March 2028.

Background:

The Arts Advisory Committee consists of seven regular committee members and two alternate members, each serving a two-year term. Appointments are made by the City Council in March, and terms commence with the first meeting in April of each year.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact on the acceptance of Committee members.

Alternative Option(s):

Discuss the item.

Next Steps:

Commission action on the recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for appointment on March 24, 2026.

Attachment(s):

- A. Arts Advisory Committee Applications

ATTACHMENT A

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experience	Realtor (Compass) 2021-Present Finance & Business Intelligence Director (Safeway/Sports Authority/Office Depot, Juniper Networks) - 1995-2020
occupation	Realtor
companyname	Robert Bickel Estates
busown	Yes
position	Realtor
availability	Good availability
edu-exp	BA - Finance (U of Miami) MBA - Finance (FAU)

purposegoals	Purpose: To advise the City Council and Parks & Community Services Department on arts-related matters and help shape the future of San Ramon's performing arts offerings. Goal: To enrich San Ramon's cultural life and community experience by ensuring the arts are part of city planning, events, and public spaces. What The Committee Does: -Recommends arts programs and events -Guides public art policy -Supports local artists and arts organizations -Advises on funding and grants
interest	My interest in serving on the Arts Advisory Committee is based on my belief that the arts are the cultural glue that creates community in San Ramon and I want to ensure that the arts remain a centerpiece of San Ramon's community.
contribution	The most important contribution I can make as a Committee member is bringing a strategic, data-driven lens to advancing the arts in San Ramon while staying grounded in community connection. With my background in finance and analytics, I understand how to evaluate programs not just creatively, but also in terms of long-term sustainability, return on investment, and community impact. I can help ensure that arts initiatives are thoughtfully planned, fiscally responsible, and aligned with the city's broader goals. At the same time, as a 25-year resident raising a family here, I deeply value how the arts enhance community identity, civic pride, and quality of life. I would focus on initiatives that activate public spaces, engage families and youth, and create experiences that bring neighbors together. Ultimately, I see the arts not as an isolated program, but as a powerful tool for placemaking, economic vitality, and strengthening San Ramon's sense of belonging.
participation	Community Experience: Mustang Soccer Coach (Former) CYO Basketball Coach (Former) Alamo Improvement Association Board (Former) Measure N Chair Leadership San Ramon San Ramon Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors (Current)

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Gender	female
city	San Ramon
state	CA
zip	94583
years18	yes
policeacademy	
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gov101	
none	none
experience	Board Member, Gallery Da Vinci (Pleasanton, CA) Supporting exhibitions, community art programs, and gallery initiatives.
occupation	Art teacher
companyname	MIR School
busown	No
position	Digital and traditional Art teacher
availability	flexible
	Master's Degree in Computer Science Master's Degree in Project Manager

edu-exp	Course at the European Art Academy SVOT: Contemporary Art, Galleries, and Auctions
purposegoals	I see the purpose of this Advisory Body as supporting the art community by sharing ideas, experience, and different points of view. Its goal is to help make thoughtful decisions, support artists and programs, and ensure that activities reflect the values and needs of the community.
interest	I am interested in serving on the Advisory Body because I care about supporting the art community and contributing my experience and perspective. I enjoy working with artists, students, and cultural programs, and I would like to help develop initiatives that are meaningful, inclusive, and beneficial to the community.
contribution	I believe my most important contribution as a Committee member would be offering a thoughtful, practical perspective and helping support artists and programs through collaboration and clear communication. I can contribute by listening, sharing ideas, and helping ensure decisions are inclusive and grounded in real community needs.
participation	I have participated in community and civic activities through volunteering, supporting local art events, and working with students in educational and cultural programs. I have helped with event coordination, exhibitions, and community outreach, and I value contributing my time and experience to initiatives that support arts and education.

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Gender	male
city	San Ramon
state	CA
zip	94582
years18	yes
policeacademy	
planacademy	
gov101	
none	none
experience	I have more than 10 years of serving the Bay area communities in an executive board capacity and been a San Ramon Resident for more than 17 years.
occupation	Consultant
companyname	
busown	No
position	
availability	Open all year

edu-exp	BS Engg PGD Marketing Management
purposegoals	The purpose of the Arts Advisory Committee is to provide ongoing input to the City of San Ramon on the provision and delivery of cultural arts programs and services in San Ramon. Make recommendations to the staff, Parks and Community Services Commission and City Council on the delivery of various cultural arts programs, facilities, activities, services and policies. Appoint Policy, Program, and Facility, standing sub-committees and other sub-committees as necessary to provide preliminary review and comment of recommendations prior to being presented to full Committee.
interest	Receive and evaluate input from the community, including input from other individuals and organizations on issues relevant to cultural arts programming. Act as a liaison for cultural arts issues to other governmental, non-profit and private organizations.
contribution	Serve as a resource and advocate to the City on a wide range of visual and performing arts mediums; work with public to promote arts in the community.
participation	I have more than 10 years of serving the Bay area communities in an executive board capacity and been a San Ramon Resident for more than 17 years.

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address2	
Gender	male
city	San Ramon
state	CA
zip	94582
years18	yes
policeacademy	
planacademy	
gov101	
none	none
experience	Administrative Analyst II (Operations and Process) for the City of Oakland's Housing and Community Development Department
occupation	Administrative Analyst II (Operations and Process)
companyname	City of Oakland's Housing and Community Development Department
busown	Yes
position	
availability	Mondays through Fridays after 6:00PM
	Education: A.A. in Liberal Arts, De Anza College B.A. in Political Science

edu-exp	& Asian American Studies, University of California, Berkeley M.B.A., Quantic School of Business and Technology Experience: See below
purposegoals	My understanding is that members of the San Ramon Arts Advisory Committee act as a bridge between San Ramon's residents and local government, ensuring the arts remain an accessible, celebrated, and growing part of our city. The advisory committee provides City staff and elected leadership recommendations on the best ways to weave the arts into everyday life, guiding decisions on cultural programs, facilities, and arts policies. Whether they are curating public art projects and gallery exhibits, reviewing community grants, and/or gathering public input at each meeting, the committee ensures that a diverse mix of visual and performing arts continues to thrive within our city, while also continuously updating/developing the City's five-year cultural plan.
interest	As a parent of young children in San Ramon, I'm so grateful for how much the City's classes and events have enriched my family's life. Serving on the Art Advisory Commission is my way of giving back to a community that has given us so much, while bringing my professional and volunteer background to the table. Art has always played a massive role in my life. For over two decades, I've worked as a professional visual artist and photographer. Over the years, my work has been published in local newspapers, magazines, and used in a PBS documentary that aired nationally. My work has also been used on official social media accounts from notable Fortune 500 companies such as Meta, Instagram, X (fka Twitter), Roblox, Lyft, Intuit, Square, and more. Fundamentally, I believe art is about empowering people to tell their own stories and bridging cultural gaps. That core belief is what drives my civic and volunteer work. Years ago, I organized a Regional Congressional Art Competition for the former Congressional District CA-15, which included outreaching to students and partnering with high schools across Cupertino, Fremont, Newark, San Jose, Sunnyvale, Santa Clara, and Milpitas. I worked closely with school officials throughout the district to celebrate their students' talent, which we sent the winning pieces to the U.S. Capitol. Separately, I spent half a decade as a member and student trainer with the Far East Dragons Lion Dance group, providing cultural arts performances and education throughout the Bay Area.
contribution	I believe my most important contribution would be bridging the gap between artistic vision and making recommendations and suggestions for practical execution. It's one thing to have great ideas for cultural programs, but it's another to bring them to life successfully. Having spent over two decades as a professional visual artist while also managing large-scale creative projects and teams, I know how to balance big ideas with budgets, logistics, and timelines, while making recommendations and reports. Beyond the logistics, I bring a deep commitment to making art accessible. Whether I'm partnering with local schools, City leaders, public/private organizations, or working with youth in underserved communities, my focus has always been on empowering people to tell their own stories. I would use this blend of real-world project management and community passion to ensure San Ramon's arts initiatives are not only beautifully envisioned but also successfully brought to life for everyone in our community to enjoy.
	My background combines hands-on local government experience with a

participation	deep passion for arts advocacy. In my work for the City of Oakland, I regularly make recommendations to City leadership and develop and implement citywide plans and reports, which this experience directly aligns with the Committee’s work on San Ramon's five-year cultural plan. In my volunteer life, my focus has always been on community empowerment. Locally, I organized the CA-15 Congressional Art Competition across seven cities to champion high school talent, and spent five years performing with the Far East Dragons Lion Dance group. Globally, I partnered with Non-Government Organizations in Malaysia to teach photography to marginalized youth, which culminated in a beautiful community-wide art exhibit. As an active San Ramon parent whose family loves participating in our City's events, I would be thrilled to bring this mix of municipal planning experience and creative passion to the Commission.
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Gender	male
city	San Ramon
state	CA
zip	94583
years18	yes
policeacademy	
planacademy	
gov101	
none	
experience	Volunteer at Neil Armstrong Elementary at Pine Valley, supporting school programs and family engagement. Youth coach at San Ramon Football Club. Volunteer at the San Ramon senior center. Founder of JinCha Kimchi, a Korean fermented foods business serving Bay Area farmers markets. Previously Head of Marketing, Communications & Partnerships at DispatchTrack; Senior Director of Industry Marketing & GTM at Salesforce; Senior Product Manager at Avery Dennison. Adjunct Professor of Marketing at San Francisco Bay University.
occupation	Founder/Marketing Executive

companyname	Mill Foxcroft LLC
busown	Yes
position	Founder
availability	Weekdays business hours/post business hours
edu-exp	MBA from MIT Sloan School of Management. BS in Business Administration from UC Berkeley, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa. Over 15 years leading marketing, communications, and go-to-market strategy at Salesforce (Senior Director, Industry Marketing & GTM), DispatchTrack (Head of Marketing, Communications & Partnerships), and Avery Dennison (Senior Product Manager, Innovation & RFID Solutions). Adjunct Professor of Marketing at San Francisco Bay University, designing and teaching curriculum for undergraduate and MBA students. Founder of JinCha Kimchi, a Korean fermented foods business launching at Bay Area farmers markets.
purposegoals	The Arts Advisory Committee works to enrich the cultural life of San Ramon by advising the City Council on public art, arts programming, and creative initiatives that reflect the diversity of our community. The committee helps guide decisions around public art installations, cultural events, arts education, and partnerships with local artists and organizations. Its purpose is to make sure the arts remain accessible, visible, and valued across the city so that San Ramon continues to be a vibrant and inspiring place to live.
interest	I believe the arts are essential to building a strong community identity, and San Ramon deserves a cultural scene that reflects the richness of its residents. As the founder of JinCha Kimchi, I've seen firsthand how food, design, and storytelling come together to celebrate cultural heritage and bring people together. My career has been rooted in brand building, creative direction, and visual communication, from leading design and brand strategy at DispatchTrack to shaping corporate narrative at Salesforce. I want to bring that creative and strategic perspective to support arts programming that resonates with our diverse community.
contribution	I bring professional expertise in brand, design, and creative strategy that translates directly to how a city presents and promotes its arts initiatives. Over 15 years of leading marketing and communications has given me a strong eye for visual storytelling, audience engagement, and building programs that people actually connect with. As a volunteer at Neil Armstrong Elementary at Pine Valley, a youth coach at San Ramon Football Club, and a volunteer at the senior center, I understand the different communities within our city and can advocate for arts programming that reaches families, young people, and older adults.
participation	I volunteer at Neil Armstrong Elementary at Pine Valley, supporting school programs and family engagement. I coach youth athletes at the San Ramon Football Club. I volunteer at the San Ramon senior center. I'm also the founder of JinCha Kimchi, a Korean fermented foods business launching at Bay Area farmers markets that celebrates Korean culinary traditions and cultural heritage. I served as an Adjunct Professor of Marketing at San Francisco Bay University, where I designed and taught curriculum covering branding, positioning, and creative strategy.

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address2	San Ramon
Gender	female
city	City
state	CA
zip	94583
years18	yes
policeacademy	
planacademy	
gov101	
none	none
experience	I am a practicing fine artist and arts educator deeply committed to fostering creative engagement within the community. I run three schools in the City of San Ramon. I look forward to contributing my artistic experience and community-focused perspective to the Arts Advisory Committee.
occupation	Artist , Educator and Entrepreneur
companyname	Genius Kids San Ramon
busown	Yes
position	Owner

availability	Weekday evenings
edu-exp	For the past four years, I have served on the AAC, contributing to initiatives that support arts access, cultural programming, and creating connections between artists and residents. I am also a professional Fine artist , who works in several mediums and display my work through galleries in the Bay area.
purposegoals	The Arts Advisory Committee’s purpose is to provide ongoing input to the City of San Ramon on the provision and delivery of cultural art programs and services in San Ramon. Also to provide Staff feedback on cultural programs , five-year growth plans and grants.
interest	My main reason for wanting to serve on this board is to help strengthen the role of the arts as an essential part of community life in San Ramon. I would also like to residents to have more access & insights into all forms of arts and the learn about all the art programs the City has to offer.
contribution	I believe my most important contribution would be serving as a bridge between artists, educators, and the broader community in San Ramon. As both a practicing artist and an arts organizer, I bring an understanding of what creatives need to thrive, along with experience developing programs that make the arts approachable and meaningful for the public.
participation	My civic and community involvement is rooted in building collaboration and visibility for the arts across the Tri-Valley. I founded Visual Art Society of San Ramon (VASS) to support local artists and expand community engagement in San Ramon. I also actively work with Dublin Arts Collective, Pleasanton Art League, and Livermore Art Association to foster regional partnerships. In addition, I organize the Tri-Valley Artist Studio Tour (TVAST) presence in San Ramon, helping place Dougherty Arts Center on the TVAST map and serving as a liaison among the Tri-Valley cities to encourage shared programming.

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**Parks and Community Services Commission Staff Report
Item No. 5.4.**

Date: March 18, 2026

To: San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission

From: Henry Perezalonso, Department Director
Bradley Morris, Division Manager

Subject: Library Advisory Committee Recommendation

Executive Summary:

The City Clerk listed the vacancies on the City’s website and social media accounts, soliciting applicants. There are currently three vacancies: two regular positions and one alternate position on this committee. Two applications were received for consideration: Cindy Alpert and Dan Shim.

An Ad Hoc Committee of the Parks and Community Services Commission, consisting of Vice Chair Levy and Commissioner Shetty, interviewed the applicants on Monday, March 9, 2026. The Ad Hoc committee recommended the appointment of Cindy Alpert and Dan Shim to serve as regular members of the Library Advisory Committee, with terms expiring in March 2028.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Parks and Community Services Commission forward to the City Council the recommendation to appoint Cindy Alpert and Dan Shim as regular members of the Library Advisory Committee, with terms expiring in March 2028.

Background:

The Library Advisory Committee consists of five regular community members and two alternate members, each serving a two-year term. Appointments are made by the City Council in March, and terms commence with the first meeting in April of each year.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact on the acceptance of Committee members.

Alternative Option(s):

Discuss the item.

Next Steps:

Commission action on the recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for appointment on March 24, 2026.

Attachment(s):

- A. Library Advisory Committee Applications

ATTACHMENT A

From: notification@sanramon.ca.gov
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Gender	female
city	San Ramon
state	CA
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experience	Current Chair of the Library Advisory Committee Treasurer and Bookstore Director on the San Ramon Library Foundation Volunteer at Forest Home Farms Officer of AAUW San Ramon
occupation	Retired
companyname	
busown	No
position	
availability	Afternoons and evenings

edu-exp	San Diego State University, BS Finance Golden Gate University, MBA Management Prior work experience focused on accounting and overseeing various financial system implementations.
purposegoals	My understanding of the purpose of the Library Advisory Committee is to serve as a liaison between the community, county library, local libraries and City staff to ensure the libraries meet the needs of the residents in San Ramon. The committee members receive updates and information from all these entities and make recommendations to enhance the programs, activities, and facilities for the two libraries in San Ramon. Our role is to listen and advise, ensuring the needs of the community are met in positive, productive ways.
interest	I would like to continue serving on the Library Advisory Committee to share my knowledge and experiences from serving on the Library Foundation and being a volunteer at the Library. Libraries have been an important part of my life for many years and I enjoy learning more about how they serve the community in an ever changing environment.
contribution	The most important contribution I can make is to be a conduit of information between the Library Foundation and the Library Advisory Committee to collaborate on matters related to the libraries in San Ramon. Through my connections within the Foundation, I want to bring ideas to the Library Advisory Committee on how we can work together to provide our libraries with the resources they need to bring fun and interesting programs and activities to all age groups.
participation	I have participated in numerous activities within our community throughout the 40 years I have lived in San Ramon. Our children were raised here and participated in many activities where I served as a volunteer. My volunteer experience has now grown to support more areas within the City - Forest Home Farms, both Libraries, Summer Concerts, Art & Wind Festival. I enjoy sharing my time and giving back to this great community.

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Gender	male
city	San Ramon
state	CA
zip	94583
years18	yes
policeacademy	
planacademy	
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none	
experience	Marketing executive with over 15 years of experience at Salesforce, DispatchTrack, and Avery Dennison, leading product marketing, communications, partnerships, and go-to-market strategy. MBA from MIT Sloan; BS from UC Berkeley (Summa Cum Laude). Adjunct Professor of Marketing at San Francisco Bay University. Founder of JinCha Kimchi, a Korean fermented foods business. Active community volunteer at Neil Armstrong Elementary at Pine Valley, youth coach at San Ramon Football Club, and volunteer at the San Ramon senior center.
occupation	Founder/Marketing Executive

companyname	Mill Foxcroft LLC
busown	Yes
position	Founder
availability	Weekdays business hours/post business hours
edu-exp	MBA from MIT Sloan School of Management. BS in Business Administration from UC Berkeley, Summa Cum Laude, Phi Beta Kappa. Over 15 years leading marketing, communications, and go-to-market strategy at Salesforce (Senior Director, Industry Marketing & GTM), DispatchTrack (Head of Marketing, Communications & Partnerships), and Avery Dennison (Senior Product Manager, Innovation & RFID Solutions). Adjunct Professor of Marketing at San Francisco Bay University, designing and teaching curriculum for undergraduate and MBA students. Founder of JinCha Kimchi, a Korean fermented foods business launching at Bay Area farmers markets.
purposegoals	The Library Advisory Committee serves as a bridge between San Ramon residents and the library system, helping ensure that library programs, services, and resources reflect the evolving needs of our community. The committee advises the City Council on library-related matters including programming priorities, community outreach, and long-term planning. Its goal is to keep the library relevant, accessible, and vibrant as a cornerstone of civic life in San Ramon — supporting literacy, lifelong learning, digital access, and cultural enrichment for residents of all ages and backgrounds.
interest	As a San Ramon resident and small business owner, I see firsthand how the library serves as a vital community hub — not just for books, but for learning, connection, and opportunity. I'm passionate about making sure our library continues to grow alongside our community's needs, particularly in areas like digital literacy, small business resources, and multicultural programming. I want to contribute my energy and perspective to help the library remain a welcoming, forward-thinking space for all San Ramon residents.
contribution	I bring a unique combination of strategic expertise and deep community roots. With over 15 years leading marketing, communications, and go-to-market initiatives at organizations like Salesforce and DispatchTrack, I know how to develop programs that resonate with diverse audiences, communicate effectively, and drive engagement. As a volunteer at Neil Armstrong Elementary at Pine Valley, a coach with the San Ramon Football Club, and a volunteer at the senior center, I interact with families, young people, and older adults across our city every week. That ground-level perspective — paired with strategic and communications experience — would help me advocate effectively for library programs that serve our entire community.
participation	I am an active volunteer at Neil Armstrong Elementary at Pine Valley, where I support school programs and engage with families in our neighborhood. I coach youth athletes at the San Ramon Football Club, helping develop teamwork and character in our city's young people. I also volunteer at the San Ramon senior center, contributing to programming and services for older residents. Beyond volunteering, I am the founder of JinCha Kimchi, a Korean fermented foods business launching at Bay Area farmers markets, which reflects my commitment to cultural community building and

supporting local food traditions. I also served as an Adjunct Professor of Marketing at San Francisco Bay University, where I designed and taught coursework to undergraduate and MBA students.

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**Parks and Community Services Commission Staff Report
Item No. 5.5.**

Date: March 18, 2026

To: San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission

**From: Henry Perezalonso, Department Director
Bradley Morris, Division Manager**

Subject: Senior Citizens Advisory Committee Recommendation

Executive Summary:

The City Clerk listed the vacancies on the City's website and social media accounts, soliciting applicants. There are currently five vacancies, consisting of three regular positions and two alternate positions on this committee. Five applications were received for consideration: Colette Clark, Don Downey, Waheeha Kahn, Sherri Muller, and Noreen Rodenhurst. A sixth application was submitted but was ineligible due to the age requirement.

An Ad Hoc Committee of the Parks and Community Services Commission, consisting of Vice Chair Levy and Commissioner Koehne, interviewed the applicants on Tuesday, March 10, 2026. The Ad Hoc committee recommended the appointment of Colette Clark, Wajeeha Khan, and Noreen Rodenhurst as regular members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, with terms expiring in March 2028. The Ad Hoc Committee recommended that Sherri Muller and Don Downey serve as alternate members with terms expiring March 2027 and March 2028, respectively.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Parks and Community Services Commission forward to the City Council the recommendation to appoint Colette Clark, Wajeeha Khan, and Noreen Rodenhurst to serve as regular members of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee with terms expiring March 2028. The Parks and Sherri Muller and Don Downey serve as alternate members with terms expiring March 2027 and March 2028 respectively.

Background:

The Senior Citizens Advisory Committee consists of seven regular community members and two alternate members, each serving a two-year term. Appointments are made by the City Council in March, and terms commence with the first meeting in April of each year.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact on the acceptance of Committee members.

Alternative Option(s):

Discuss the item.

Next Steps:

Commission action on the recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for appointment on March 24, 2026.

Attachment(s):

- A. Senior Advisory Committee Applications

From: notification@sanramon.ca.gov
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experience	Previous Senior Advisory member Chair person, Senior Advisory committee 3 years
occupation	retired
companyname	
busown	No
position	Senior Citizens Advisory Committee member
availability	immediately and as needed
	Bachelors of Science, University of California, Santa Barbara Three terms on

edu-exp	the Senior Advisory Committee Numerous hours and titles volunteering for school programs.
purposegoals	The senior advisory committee is a liaison between the people who use the Senior center and the staff. We also communicate with the Senior Center Foundation. We look after the needs of the seniors, advising on everything from classes and the facilities. We advise to make the senior Center welcoming to all participants.
interest	I see that the Advisory Body can use people who use the community center and would like to see it continue in positive ways.
contribution	Most importantly, the advisors listen to the community and staff. We use that information for feedback to the city of San Ramon. I think that I am a good advocate for the senior center, a place that I truly like to be.
participation	I have been on the Senior advisory committee for three terms. I will willingly give up my position if there are people who want to be on the committee. However, right now we have been having trouble getting the volunteers. at this time. I feel that the committee is doing good things. We started the Ted Talks, Have helped expand many of the programs that are offered. We have increased our outreach to the San Ramon retirement communities. And we have requested and gotten some of the weekly specialty talks. My future hope is that we can get a hiking/walking group started again.

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state	CA
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experience	Attending Government 101 2026 class. Official Video Historian for the Sons and Daughters of the Pearl Harbor Survivors Chapter 5, Contra Costa County. Creator of the WWII Veterans History Fund 501c3 charity. We have interviewed many WWII Veterans and child survivors of war and digitized their scrapbooks, editing and publishing their autobiographies and uploading their videos to YouTube/dondowney.
occupation	Petroleum Geologist (retired)
companyname	Chevron Overseas Petroleum, Inc.

	service projects benefiting the local community. These experiences have instilled in me a strong sense of civic responsibility, collaboration, and long-term community investment.
occupation	Operations
companyname	Kaiser permanente
busown	No
position	Senior operations & performance lead
availability	Flexible
edu-exp	I studied Healthcare Administration at the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign, where I built a strong foundation in healthcare systems, finance, and policy. Before joining Kaiser, I worked as an Operations Lead at R1 RCM, supporting hospitals and health systems with revenue cycle operations. A big part of my role involved working through healthcare policy and regulatory changes and helping teams adapt their processes accordingly. Now at Kaiser, I continue to work in healthcare operations and finance, focusing on improving efficiency and supporting strategic planning. Overall, my education and experience have given me a practical understanding of how healthcare systems operate and how policy decisions impact communities.
purposegoals	My understanding is that the purpose of the Senior Citizens Advisory Board is to serve as a bridge between older adults in San Ramon and the City, ensuring their voices are heard in local decision making. The board helps identify the needs, concerns, and priorities of senior residents and provides recommendations that support their safety, well being, and overall quality of life. I see the goal as not only advising on programs and services, but also helping the City plan proactively for a growing senior population by fostering inclusion, engagement, and community connection.
interest	I'm proud to be part of the San Ramon community, and I recognize that maintaining a high quality of life takes thoughtful planning and active engagement. Public data shows that while seniors currently make up a little over one in ten residents, there is a large group of residents approaching retirement age, meaning the senior population is likely to grow in the coming years. With that growth comes important considerations around housing affordability, accessibility, transportation, and opportunities for connection. I want to serve on this Advisory Board because I believe in being proactive about those needs. I also have elderly family members, which gives me a personal appreciation for the importance of programs and policies that support independence, dignity, and community for older adults. With my background in healthcare operations and policy, I bring analytical and strategic skills that can help evaluate programs, anticipate challenges, and contribute meaningfully to decisions that keep San Ramon a great place to live for residents of all ages.
	The most important contribution I can make is bringing a data-driven and practical approach to decision making. In my professional role, I regularly evaluate complex information and develop strategic solutions that are actionable. I believe that same approach can help the Advisory Board thoughtfully assess community needs and recommend programs that are sustainable and impactful. In addition, my healthcare background gives me

contribution	direct insight into the challenges many older adults face. I work closely with elderly patients and understand how factors like access to services, mobility, affordability, and social support directly affect their quality of life. Combining analytical skills with real-world exposure to the senior population allows me to contribute both strategic perspective and grounded, community-centered insight.
participation	I have been actively involved in community service through both personal and professional initiatives. Through my workplace, I regularly volunteer with Habitat for Humanity and participate in local soup kitchen efforts supporting vulnerable members of the community. I am also an Eagle Scout and led multiple service projects that benefited the local area.

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experience	San Ramon Chamber of Commerce Board Private Practice, Well Mind Therapy (Mental Health) located in BR 1 Cal High School Academic Boosters Board Alameda County Crisis Support Services (Friendly Visitors Program/Aging Community) Clinic Director of Community Based Org. (La Familia, TVHC, Abode, Pathways)
occupation	Founder/Clinic Director LMFT
companyname	Well Mind Therapy
busown	Yes

position	Owner
availability	Flexible
edu-exp	B.A. Psychology M.S. Counseling LMFT PhD Org Leadership ABD
purposegoals	My understanding of the purpose of being on the Advisory Body is to be a bridge for the aging community in San Ramon and Parks/Rec. I feel that it is a good opportunity to be the eyes and ears of what makes a better community for the our sweet elders that are needing specific kinds of support.
interest	As a therapist in the community, and a daughter of two beautiful parents, Dad is 87 years old (Dementia/Parkinson's), and Mom is 84 (high anxiety and diabetes), I have a vested interested in helping make their lives enriched with safety and social support. I see many clients, in my practice, that are concerned about the lack of social support, and fear isolation. I see many clients that have anxiety (aging individuals and caretakers of the elderly community). I want to be a part of a team that is compassionate, and supportive when it comes to building social structures that hone in on specific communities (that have specific needs).
contribution	I can be a part of a team that makes decisions to support the community with social opportunities. I want to connect and network to bring people together to provide the respect and love the elderly deserve. I want to bring cultural awareness to the forefront, and help in anyway I can to provide support.
participation	As a board member of San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, and a member, I have been meeting wonderful people in San Ramon that have one thing in common.....building a safe, loving, and respectful community. My children have grown up in this city, and now, my aging parents are living in San Ramon. I am "the sandwich" generation, that supports and guides my adult kids and supports my aging parents. I am involved in the community as a mental health healer and educator. I take pride in doing pro bono work to support families and communities to learn about healthy living. I am very proud to be where I am and the things I do as a community member. I will continue to support the people of San Ramon because this is my home and I am accountable.

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experience	
occupation	Retired
companyname	
busown	No
position	
availability	I am available as needed
edu-exp	Graduated high school in Castro Valley. Lived in San Ramon for 23 years. Recently retired. Worked for Visa in the corporate world for the last 27

	years. Spent most of those years traveling for work.
purposegoals	My understanding is that its part of an advisory committee to make decisions for the Sr. community, stay within budget, participate in meetings, offer suggestions and decisions.
interest	I have recently retired and would like to spend some of my time getting to know the community better and contribute.
contribution	My experience. I've managed large numbers of staff, traveled the world, managed a large budget and I've always received positive feedback on my leadership skills
participation	This is my first step. I also plan to look into volunteering for the Red Cross

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experience	Volunteer front desk at Alcosta Senior and Community Center since 2022
occupation	retired
companyname	
busown	No
position	
availability	I am available most weekdays.
edu-exp	Bachelor of Science degree FAA as an Air Traffic Controller for 25 years

purposegoals	To be a liaison between San Ramon seniors and the City of San Ramon. To help make our senior center a fun and supportive place for our seniors.
interest	I want to help make the senior center a welcoming and enjoyable place for the seniors in our community.
contribution	Listening to our patrons and bringing what I've learned from them to the right people who can help.
participation	I've been volunteering with the city of San Ramon for almost 4 years both at the Alcosta Senior Center and at DV Performing Arts Center as an usher. I also did a little volunteering at Forest Home Farms. I try to attend events just as a resident - Run for Education and Bah Humbug! 5K and concerts at DVHS and foreign films at the Dougherty Station Community Arts Center.

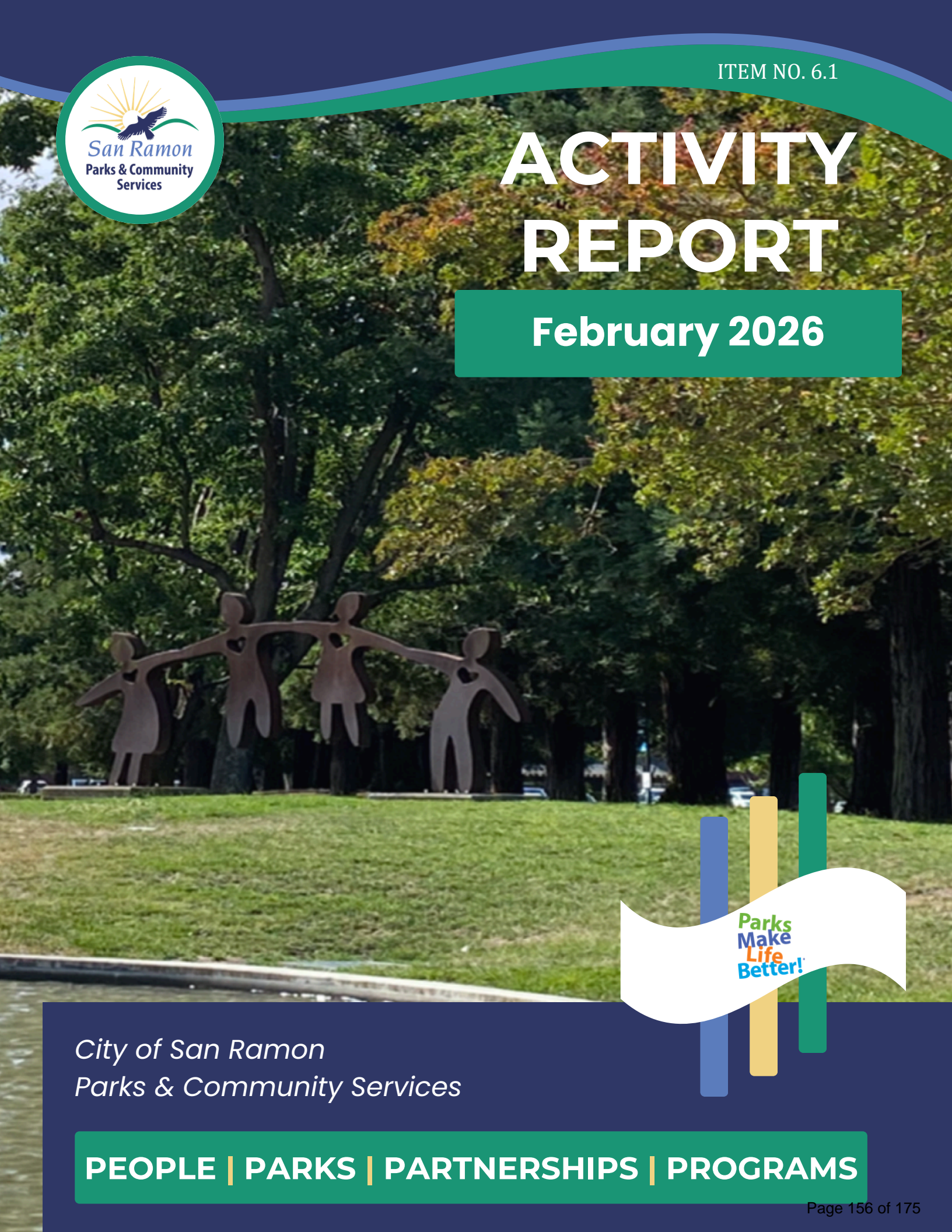
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ACTIVITY REPORT

February 2026



*City of San Ramon
Parks & Community Services*

PEOPLE | PARKS | PARTNERSHIPS | PROGRAMS

PROVIDE RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES



San Ramon Rec Showcase

Central Park hosted the first-ever San Ramon Rec Showcase. The event allowed attendees to experience 35 program booths packed with San Ramon Parks & Community Services programs. These programs served infants to seniors, showcasing the full gamut of recreational opportunities the department offers. The event's theme, A Kaleidoscope of Opportunities, was well received. Booths spread across Central Park, allowing families to explore the park while meeting class instructors, staff, and volunteers. Children created kaleidoscopes from pieces collected at each booth, then gathered to assemble and decorate their creations inside the Terrace Room. In between visiting booths, families enjoyed six different interactive demonstrations on the Amphitheater stage. These demonstrations brought families on stage to play music, fly drones, learn East Asian Brush Painting, and much more. Throughout the day, the park filled with laughter, bubbles, the smell of cotton candy, joy, learning, and a bit of curiosity. A great way to kick off the increased recreational opportunities the Spring and Summer provide!



PROVIDE RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES



Lunch Bunch Trips

Senior participants headed out on two Lunch Bunch Trips during February. First, participants enjoyed the beautiful weather on a coastal trip to Capitola with a stop at Gayle's Bakery. Later in the month, participants enjoyed walking in Muir Woods, followed by lunch in downtown Mill Valley. Upcoming trips include Stanford Shopping Center and The Ferry Building Marketplace in San Francisco & beyond!



Fun on the Farm Saturdays Return

After a winter break, Fun on the Farm Saturdays returned to Forest Home Farms with 154 people attending in February. Each week's theme highlights a craft, activity, or practice of the past, focusing on Victorian Era themes as well as those related to the agricultural history of the San Ramon Valley. Themes kicked off with Victorian Valentine and Vinegar Cards, Mystery Gadgets, and Tin Punching.

FOSTER HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Aquatics Promotional Interviews



The Aquatics promotion process supports staff development by creating leadership pathways and opportunities for professional growth. Staff conducted 32 interviews for Lifeguard II, Senior Lifeguard, Assistant Pool Manager, and Pool Manager positions, then led candidates through scenario-based assessments designed to strengthen critical thinking and communication skills. Selected employees attend comprehensive training to prepare for their new responsibilities and support a safe, well-managed pool environment throughout the summer season.



Teen Enrichment - Bright Beginnings Babysitting Class

Bright Beginnings Babysitting Class, held at the San Ramon Community Center, taught teens the skills they need to become trusted, responsible babysitters. Teens learned about the developmental stages of childhood, managing bedtime routines, and using positive redirection techniques. The class also explored creative ways to keep babysitting engaging for both the sitter and the children. Attendees received instruction in basic safety and care, diaper changing, and emergency response.

FOSTER HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



Winter Nature Storytime

Winter Nature Storytime brought children to Forest Home Farms to sing songs, immerse themselves in nature, engage in nature-based sensory activities, and, of course, listen to stories. Each week offered a different theme: Oak Trees, Woodpeckers, Horses, and Sheep. Highlights included jumping in a pile of fallen leaves before learning about the life cycle of an oak tree and the many animals that depend on oaks for food and shelter; meeting the farm horse, Royal; making horse puppets and sitting in a real Western saddle; and meeting and feeding the farm sheep after listening to a story about counting sheep.

Farm Education Programs



Forest Home Farms welcomed a group of homeschoolers from East Palo Alto for a special farm tour. The students made fresh butter and compared salted vs unsalted butter in a taste test, squeezed oranges from the farm's tree to make orange juice, learned how tractors shift gears, and much more. Though the ages spanned 9 – 16 with several English language learners in the group, everyone enjoyed themselves while learning through hands-on activities. The Spring semester of educational field trips at the farm began on February 24.

FOSTER HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

Gathering Points



The Meet & Greet Friendship Group gathered for the second time at Alcosta Senior and Community Center. At the request of a San Ramon senior, the group is creating new connections and plans to meet at the center for future activities. The Page Turners, a senior-based book discussion group, met to talk about the book of the month, *Beautiful Ugly*. This reading discussion group has grown over the past few years and typically will see between 20 to 25 participants each month.

PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Mindfulness Workshop

Sewa International hosted a Mindfulness Workshop at Alcosta Senior and Community Center. After enjoying a guided meditation, seniors participated in “crafting for a cause” by painting mandalas on tote bags. Sewa International will fill the painted tote bags with personal hygiene items and hand them out to people in need, along with a freshly made meal, at locations throughout the Bay Area. Seniors enjoyed both aspects of the workshop and loved giving back in an approachable, easy way.



PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS

Cal High Badminton at Iron Horse Gym

Cal High partnered with the City to provide an alternative space for badminton team tryouts when the school gymnasium was unavailable due to other athletic programs. To ensure students could still participate without disruption, the department opened Iron Horse Gymnasium for two days of tryouts.

More than 120 student-athletes attended the tryouts, but due to size limitations, only around 45 students will make the final team. The additional space provided by the City ensured the tryout process remained equitable, organized, and safe despite the high turnout. This partnership highlights the City's ongoing commitment to working with the schools and school district to support the community at large.



High School Beach Volleyball

San Ramon's parks continue to offer opportunities for the community to play, gather, and exercise in nature. From February through May, Dougherty Valley High, California High, and Monte Vista High School beach volleyball teams will utilize the amazing beach volleyball pits located at Central Park, Boone Acres, and Bellingham Square Parks for their 2025/26 season. The high school teams will host weekly practices along with matches as the season continues. This collaboration enables teenage athletes to participate in a growing sport and stay active.

INCREASE CULTURAL UNITY

Culture in the Community Celebration

Dougherty Station Community Arts Center served as the site for the 2026 Culture in the Community Celebration. The Tri-Valley Native American Center participated for the first time, offering a land acknowledgment and sharing cultural information and artifacts representing local Indigenous communities. The event featured 38 performance groups presenting music, dance, and martial arts from around the world, along with cultural information tables representing an additional 12 cultures.

Artwork by Seongmin Yoo, the February featured gallery artist, served as a visual centerpiece throughout the festival, engaging visitors of all ages. Community art workshops further highlighted cultural expression and included Chinese Spring Festival crafts with Wei Ting Chuang, a Gond Art workshop with Vidhi Gupta, Indian Classical Dance with Ushanjali School of Dance, Indian Mirror Art with Manjusha Gupta, geometric Middle Eastern art with Aqsa Shakil, and a poetry workshop led by Poet Laureate Jaz Sufi.



INCREASE CULTURAL UNITY



February Galleries

February's exhibitions offered vibrant contributions to community culture, creating welcoming spaces for reflection and connection.

At Dougherty Station Community Arts Center, Guillermo Navarrete Davis presented luminous oil portraits highlighting the stories of marginalized individuals, accompanied by a community reception on February 7. Brian Hite's "A Sketch a Day..." at City Hall celebrated daily mark-making as a universal creative act, with strong attendance at the February 6 reception. At Lindsay Dirkx Brown Gallery, John Accurso's two- and three-dimensional works explored structure and material, paired with a poetry reading on February 22. Shweta Agrawal's exhibition at Alcosta Senior and Community Center offered meditative landscapes and drawings inviting reflection on place and memory.

Collectively, these exhibitions engaged residents in storytelling, dialogue, and personal connection to the arts, reinforcing the vital role of creativity in community life.



FACILITATE COMMUNITY PROBLEM SOLVING



Teen Council at Tri-Valley Youth Advisory Committee Workshop

San Ramon Teen Council members attended the annual Tri-Valley Youth Advisory Committee Workshop in Dublin, bringing together high school students from Livermore, Pleasanton, Dublin, Danville, and San Ramon to learn about each committee's history, responsibilities, and goals. Through interactive activities and breakout sessions, teens from across the Tri-Valley gained valuable insight into key issues affecting their peers, including Youth Voices & Civic Engagement, Mental Health & Student Well-Being, and Community Building & Inclusion. Teens expressed how beneficial they found the roundtable to be for discussing current trends, potential future collaborations, and building greater engagement in serving their peers.



Cafe Costa

On average, 29 seniors attended lunch at Café Costa daily in February. In addition to a meal, participants enjoyed several festive lunchtime events throughout the month. Love was in the air for a sweet Valentine's Day party with heart-shaped decorations and treats. The Happy Group singers provided entertainment marking the Lunar New Year, then passed out lucky red envelopes to seniors. Café Costa's monthly birthday celebration offered festive cake and birthday goody bags from two Senior Outreach Sponsors, Horizon Elder Law, and Angel's Heart. The Café also celebrated Black History Month with a discussion and special quotes from a variety of Black Americans.



FACILITATE COMMUNITY PROBLEM SOLVING



Congressman DeSaulnier Town Hall and Resource Fair

Dougherty Station Community Arts Center hosted Congressman Mark DeSaulnier's town hall and resource fair for local veterans, service organizations, and community partners. Attendees heard updates on federal services, asked questions directly to the congressman, and connected one-on-one with multiple resources. The event demonstrated a strong commitment to ensuring veterans have access to the resources and advocacy they deserve.



STRENGTHEN SAFETY AND SECURITY

San Ramon Valley Earthquake Swarm Education

The San Ramon Chamber of Commerce, in conjunction with the San Ramon Valley Fire Protection District (SRVFPD), hosted a town hall event to discuss the recent seismic swarms near San Ramon. Registration for the event, held in the Fountain Room, surpassed 350 participants. SRVFPD Chief Jonas Aguilar and Dr. Angie Lux, a seismologist and Project Scientist at the Berkeley Seismology Lab, shared information and answered questions from community members. County Supervisor Candace Andersen, San Ramon Mayor Mark Armstrong, and Danville Mayor Newell Arnerich also provided special remarks.



STRENGTHEN SAFETY AND SECURITY

Baseball Fields Ready for Opening Day

Parks Maintenance staff completed annual winter maintenance on over 25 skinned baseball infields. A skinned infield has a dirt-only surface across the entire infield, whereas a turf infield uses natural or synthetic grass. This essential off-season work included tractor-mounted shatter-tining to break up compacted infield material, improving surface leveling and drainage in preparation for the upcoming season. In addition to grading, Parks staff rebuilt pitchers' mounds and batters' boxes to regulation standards and clearly marked all base plugs in preparation for the upcoming season.



Walt Disney School Park Fibar Installation

Parks Maintenance staff installed and leveled 25 cubic yards of Fibar surfacing at Walt Disney School Park. Fibar is a brand of engineered wood fiber used as a safety surfacing material in playgrounds. This improvement ensures the play area meets safety compliance standards and provides a playable, durable playground environment.

STRENGTHEN SAFETY AND SECURITY



Twin Creeks School Park Pump Repair

During pre-season irrigation inspections, Parks Maintenance staff identified a leak in the booster pump at Twin Creeks School Park. After obtaining the required motor seal kit from a vendor, staff disassembled the unit, removed the failed seal, and cleaned all internal components. The pump was then reassembled, pressurized, and tested, with no leaks detected. This critical repair ensures the irrigation system maintains proper water pressure, delivering even and efficient irrigation to the turf and landscaping.

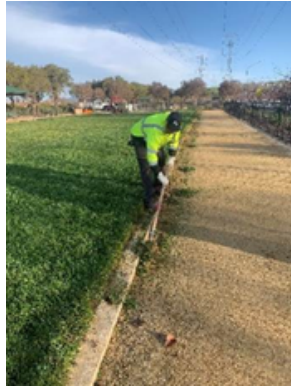
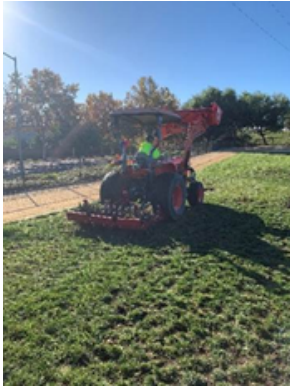


Alamo Creek Trail Utility Hole Repair & Trail Improvements

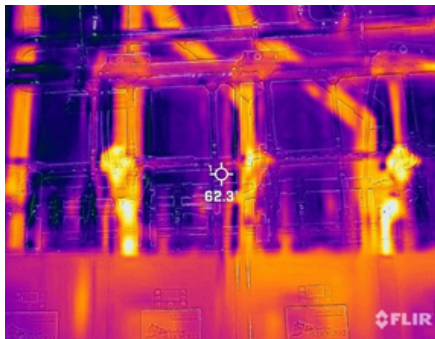
Public Works completed repairs to the Alamo Creek Trail behind Creekside Park, addressing a raised utility hole and an uplifted concrete section. The work began with a joint site review by Public Services and Engineering Services to determine the appropriate repair approach. Staff then coordinated with the Central Contra Costa Sanitary District to lower the utility hole to grade. After completing the utility work, a City contractor poured new concrete to remove the trip hazards. The trail has reopened to the public.

STRENGTHEN SAFETY AND SECURITY

Bark & Ride Park Annual Turf Renovation



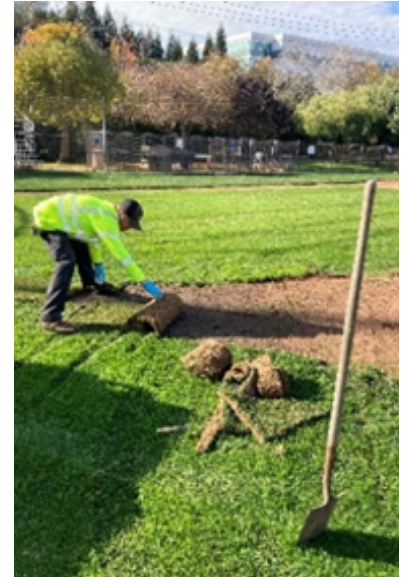
Parks Maintenance staff completed final preparations to reopen the large turf dog park at Bark & Ride Park, marking the conclusion of the annual turf renovation process that began in early November. To promote a healthy, resilient turf surface, staff performed two-directional core aeration, followed by seeding and topdressing. Staff installed temporary fencing to maintain public access to the gravel perimeter path, allowing patrons and their dogs to continue using the area throughout the closure. Final work included installing seed blankets to support germination and protect new growth. Staff will continue to maintain the turf year-round to provide a safe, durable, and enjoyable environment for park users and their dogs.



San Ramon Olympic Pool and Aquatic Park Shower Heaters

The locker room shower heaters at San Ramon Olympic Pool and Aquatic Park were not providing adequate heat to the showers and sinks. Aquatics staff identified two issues: one of the four heaters was not firing, and the hot water loop recirculation pump failed. San Jose Boiler Works serviced the heaters and replaced the recirculation pump. The system now maintains 106°F at rest and properly increases to the setpoint temperature of 115°F during periods of demand. After completing repairs, numerous patrons expressed appreciation for the restored hot water.

STRENGTHEN SAFETY AND SECURITY



Opening of City Sports Fields

Public Services staff worked diligently during the winter months to renovate and prepare fields for Opening Day, March 1. Their efforts included seeding, sodding, aerating, fertilizing, adding infield material, rebuilding worn-out pitching mounds, and replacing pitching rubbers and home plates. Additionally, staff completed renovations of the cricket pitches at Windemere Ranch Middle School and Quail Run Elementary School. Staff will continue performing weekly maintenance to ensure the fields remain in top condition throughout the season.



STRENGTHEN SAFETY AND SECURITY

San Ramon Community Center Terrace Patio Shade Structure Update



San Ramon Community Center is getting an upgrade to its patio area: a new shade structure. Construction is nearing the finish line, with all structural posts set, crossbeams installed, and restoration work around the posts underway. The custom shade tarp is in production, and once delivered, the final installation should take just one day.



Early in construction, the project team encountered several unforeseen underground utility conflicts during drilling operations, including storm drain lines, surface drains, and a 3-inch water main that serves the Community Center building. The column locations could not be relocated, so crews worked through these challenges by safely re-routing the affected utilities. Some of the shade structure columns were drilled to depths of up to 15 feet to meet structural requirements, highlighting the complexity of the installation and the effort taken to ensure long-term durability. This patio renovation is funded through the San Ramon Community Center Renovation project and will provide a lasting improvement that enhances comfort and usability for community center patrons.



STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY IMAGE AND SENSE OF PLACE

Forest Home Farms Fencing Upgrade



The sheep pasture fence at Forest Home Farms Historic Park received a much-needed upgrade as part of an ongoing effort to improve the site's appearance, extend the life of the fencing, and enhance safety for both visitors and the animals. Last year, staff rebuilt the perimeter fence using CIP beautification funds, and more recently, the San Ramon Historic Foundation secured a grant from County Supervisor Andersen's office to rebuild key internal sections of the pasture fencing. The project improves public access and increases operational efficiency during education programs and community events, including a sheep shearing space with a large vehicle gate. Public Services staff completed the work in advance of Sheep Shearing Day on April 25.



Rotary Community Service Event

In collaboration with Dougherty Valley San Ramon Rotary, the City of San Ramon proudly hosted another impactful quarterly community service event at Amador Rancho Community Center. More than 80 youth and adults filled the Bella Vista Room with energy and purpose, including Rotarians, Interact members, scouts, and residents who learned about the opportunity through social media. Working side by side, volunteers created no-sew fleece blankets and cat scratch boxes for the East Bay SPCA, highlighting meaningful community collaboration and a shared commitment to giving back.

STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY IMAGE AND SENSE OF PLACE



Angela Cotton Receives CPRS Outstanding Volunteer Award

Angela Cotton received the Outstanding Volunteer Award from California Park & Recreation Society (CPRS) District 3 in recognition of her exceptional service to San Ramon's senior community. Through her leadership with the San Ramon Senior Center Foundation at Alcosta Senior and Community Center, Angela dedicated countless volunteer hours to strengthening recreation programs and services. Rising from Secretary to President of the Foundation, she helped preserve the beloved Holiday Boutique fundraiser and secured funding for fitness equipment, facility improvements, and support for senior meals, ensuring San Ramon seniors continue to benefit from welcoming spaces, essential services, and meaningful recreation opportunities.

PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER



Athletic Facility Co-Sponsorship Policy Update

Staff recently updated the Athletic Facilities Co-Sponsorship Policy to define parameters for new organizations, clarify the prioritization of Tier 1 and Tier 2 allocations, and establish facility thresholds for adding new organizations.

Staff presented the policy to the City Council on February 24, then shared updates with Co-Sponsorship organizations on February 25. There are currently 14 organizations approved for Athletic Facilities Co-Sponsorship that provide services to the San Ramon community and are not otherwise offered directly by the City. Collectively, these organizations serve approximately 5,700 participants, including 4,000 San Ramon residents.





UPCOMING EVENTS

- March 7 – 8** SRVA Swim Meet at San Ramon Olympic Pool
- March 10** County Connection Mobile Lobby at Alcosta Senior and Community Center
- March 13** San Ramon Community Chorus St. Patrick’s Day Concert at Front Row Theater
- March 21** International Day of Forests at Forest Home Farms
- March 22** Ronstadt Revival – A Tribute to Linda Ronstadt at Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center
- March 26** San Ramon Library Foundation Spring Book Sale at San Ramon Library
- March 28** Yarn Art at Forest Home Farms

DEPARTMENT MISSION



- Provide Recreational Experiences
- Foster Human Development
- Promote Health and Wellness
- Increase Cultural Unity
- Facilitate Community Problem Solving
- Strengthen Safety and Security
- Strengthen Community Image and Sense of Place
- Support Economic Development

These items reflect how Parks Make Life Better!

Parks and Recreation make lives and communities better now and in the future by providing access to nature, outdoor space to play and exercise, free-time fun in positive spaces, and socializing and learning in a gathering place.

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