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## City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission Agenda

San Ramon City Hall  
Council Chamber  
7000 Bollinger Canyon Road

May 13, 2026  
7:00 PM  
Regular 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. Recognition of Student Commissioner

*Presentation by Parks and Community Services Commission Vice Chair Kyle Levy*

3.3. Teen Council Recognition

*Presentation by Parks and Community Services Commission Vice Chair Kyle Levy, and Teen Council Chair Varsha Jonnalagadda*

3.4. Temporary Employee of the Month for April 2026

*Introduction by Recreation Coordinator Edwin Tse*

3.5. Special Announcements

### 4. Public Comment

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## 5. Commission Business

### 5.1. Minutes of the Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting - April 8, 2026

Recommendation: Accept Minutes

### 5.2. 2025-2026 Teen Council Annual Report

Recommendation: Receive the report, provide feedback, approve the Teen Council Annual Report for 2025/26, and forward it to the City Council for consideration.

*Introduction by Recreation Supervisor Jessica Reaber, presentation by Teen Council Chair Varsha Jonnalagadda*

### 5.3. San Ramon Trails Master Plan Update

Recommendation: Receive and approve the San Ramon Trails Master Plan and recommend it be forwarded to the City Council for final approval and adoption.

*Presentation by Program Manager Keith Haase*

## 6. Director's Report

### 6.1. Monthly Activity Report - April 2026

## 7. Commissioner Reports and Announcements

## 8. Adjournment

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**Parks and Community Services Commission Staff Report  
Item No. 3.4.**

**Date: May 13, 2026**

**To: San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission**

**From: Henry Perezalonso, Department Director  
Edwin Tse, Recreation Coordinator**

**Subject: Temporary Employee of the Month for April 2026**

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**Executive Summary:**

The Parks and Community Services Department recognizes temporary employees monthly for their hard work and dedication to the community. Imara Okere has been selected as the temporary employee of April 2026 in recognition of her excellent work in Youth and Teen programs.

**Recommendation:**

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

**Background:**

The City of San Ramon Parks and Community Services Department is pleased to recognize Imara Okere, Recreation Leader II, in the Teens Division, as the Temporary Employee of the Month for April 2026. Imara first started working for Teen Centers in May of 2019. Since that time, she has been one of the most reliable and consistent staff members, often volunteering to cover shifts when others are unavailable. She is well-liked by the participants for her sense of humor, engaging personality, and her ability to teach knitting. Imara is currently pursuing her Bachelor of Science in Child Psychology and aspires to become a Fashion Brand Owner and a Child & Young Adult Psychologist.

Most recently, Imara was one of the lead staff members for the Spring Break Nature Day Camp at Forest Home Farms. This was her third year with the camp, and she enthusiastically took on a leadership role at the program. Her experience ensured the camp ran smoothly and that campers had a great time while staying safe. Imara also provided guidance and support to new staff to ensure the best experience for campers and parents.

The Parks and Community Services Department sincerely thanks Imara for her dedication and professionalism. Her contributions to both youth and teen programs have a significant,

meaningful impact on the lives of participants and her fellow staff.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**Alternative Option(s):**

No alternative options are presented, as this report is informational in nature.

**Next Steps:**

There are no next steps with this report.

**Attachment(s):**

None

**Minutes of the  
City of San Ramon  
Parks and Community Services Commission Regular Meeting  
April 8, 2026**

**1. Call to Order/Roll Call**

The meeting was called to order at 7:19 PM.

Present:

Commissioner Terry Koehne  
Commissioner Steve Bried  
Commissioner Vasanth Shetty  
Commissioner Julia Oseland  
Commissioner Will Doerlich  
Commissioner Kyle Levy

Absent:

Commissioner Partha Mitra  
Student Commissioner Varsha Jonnalagadda

Also in attendance: Parks and Community Services Director Henry Perezalonso, Division Manager Brad Morris, Program Manager Keith Haase, Recreation Supervisor Adam Chow, Recreation Coordinators James Spielvogel and Ri Thomas, Administrative Coordinator Kathy Schiller, and Office Specialist Stacy Munsell.

**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 March 2026

Recreation Coordinator James Spielvogel introduced Damon Wellman. Chair Bried and Parks and Community Services Director Henry Perezalonso presented the award.

**4. Public Comment**

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No Public comment was received.

## 5. Commission Business

### 5.1. Minutes of the Parks & Community Service Commission Meeting - March 18, 2026

Recommendation: Accept Minutes

Commissioners commented on the formatting of the minutes to include the subject matter and timestamps when Public Comment is received.

Commissioner Doerlich's motion to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2026, meeting was seconded by Commissioner Levy. The motion passed 6-0-1-0.

<b>Result:</b>	<b>Passed [ 6-0-1-0 ]</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Commissioner Will Doerlich
<b>Second:</b>	Commissioner Kyle Levy
<b>Ayes:</b>	Terry Koehne, Steve Bried, Vasanth Shetty, Julia Oseland, Will Doerlich, Kyle Levy
<b>Nays:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None
<b>Absences:</b>	Partha Mitra

### 5.2. 5-Year Cultural Arts Plan 2026-2030

Recommendation: Receive the staff report, provide feedback, and approve the 5-Year Cultural Arts Plan 2026-2030.

Recreation Supervisor Adam Chow presented the report.

Public comment was received from Ranjini Venkatachari.

Commissioner Doerlich's motion to approve the 5-Year Cultural Arts Plan 2026-2030 was seconded by Commissioner Shetty. The motion passed 6-0-1-0.

<b>Result:</b>	<b>Passed [ 6-0-1-0 ]</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Commissioner Will Doerlich
<b>Second:</b>	Commissioner Vasanth Shetty
<b>Ayes:</b>	Terry Koehne, Steve Bried, Vasanth Shetty, Julia Oseland, Will Doerlich, Kyle Levy
<b>Nays:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None
<b>Absences:</b>	Partha Mitra

### 5.3. 2026/27 Teen Council Appointment Recommendations

Recommendation: Forward to the City Council the Recommendation of Selected Candidates for Appointment to the 2026/27 Teen Council.

Commissioner Doerlich's motion to approve and forward to the City Council the recommendation of selected candidates for appointment to the 2026/27 Teen Council was seconded by Commissioner Oseland. The motion passed 6-0-1-0.

<b>Result:</b>	<b>Passed [ 6-0-1-0 ]</b>
<b>Mover:</b>	Commissioner Will Doerlich
<b>Second:</b>	Commissioner Julia Oseland
<b>Ayes:</b>	Terry Koehne, Steve Bried, Vasanth Shetty, Julia Oseland, Will Doerlich, Kyle Levy
<b>Nays:</b>	None
<b>Abstentions:</b>	None
<b>Absences:</b>	Partha Mitra

## 6. Director's Report

### 6.1. Monthly Activity Report - March 2026

Receive Report

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

## 7. Commissioner Reports and Announcements

## **8. Adjournment**

Chair Bried adjourned the meeting at 8:44 PM.



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

**Date: May 13, 2026**

**To: San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission**

**From: Henry Perezalonso, Department Director  
Jessica Reaber, Recreation Supervisor**

**Subject: 2025-2026 Teen Council Annual Report**

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**Executive Summary:**

The 2025-2026 Teen Council has prepared its annual report to update the Parks and Community Services Commission and City Council on accomplishments this school year and proposed goals for the upcoming year.

**Recommendation:**

It is recommended that the Parks & Community Services Commission receive the report, provide feedback, approve the Teen Council Annual Report for 2025/26, and forward it to the City Council for consideration.

**Background:**

The City Council adopted a procedure for all City committees whereby each committee would provide an annual report to the City Council on its operations, accomplishments, and work plans.

This report was prepared by the Teen Council, with input from staff, and was approved by the Teen Council at its April 21, 2026, meeting. The report is scheduled for presentation to the City Council on May 26, 2026.

**Fiscal Impact:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

**Alternative Option(s):**

No alternative options are presented, as this report is informational in nature.

**Next Steps:**

Commission action on the recommendation will be forwarded to the City Council for consideration.

**Attachment(s):**

- A. 2025-2026 Teen Council Annual Report

2025-2026 Annual Report to the City Council  
San Ramon Teen Council  
Scheduled to Present to the Parks Commission – May 13, 2026  
Scheduled to Present to the City Council – May 26, 2026

**I. Charge of the Teen Council**

1. Advise and inform the Parks and Community Services Commission and staff on the various issues relating to teens, outlining the needs of the population.
2. Provide recommendations to the staff and Parks and Community Services Commission on teen programs and policies relating to teen recreation services.
3. Appoint appropriate subcommittees as necessary to further the work of the teen program mission and the efforts of the department and the Teen Council.
4. Receive input from the teen population in San Ramon as well as other organizations and individuals on issues relevant to the teen population.
5. Act as a liaison for teen issues to governmental and private organizations.
6. Advocate for teen issues within the entire community.
7. Identify problems of teen services and recommend appropriate solutions.
8. Be a channel of communication between the staff and the teen population.
9. Provide feedback to the staff on the assessment of current and future needs of the teen population for the purpose of program planning.

**II. History of the Committee**

The Teen Council was established by the City Council on August 23, 1994, pursuant to a recommendation by the Parks and Community Services Commission. Currently, the Teen Council consists of 17 members and 2 alternates, in grades 9-12 from California High School, Dougherty Valley High School, and The Quarry Lane School. There were five appointed Ad Hoc Committees this year including the Wellness Ad Hoc Committee, Outstanding Teen Citizenship Award Ad Hoc Committee, Senior Technology Day Ad Hoc Committee, and the Ambassador Program Ad Hoc Committee.

**III. Review of 25/26 Committee Accomplishments and Projects**

1. Teen Wellness Ad Hoc Committee

The Wellness Ad Hoc Committee focused on identifying critical barriers to student engagement with mental health resources, specifically addressing the underutilization

of campus wellness centers and the need for more relatable outreach. After a comprehensive review of existing support systems, the committee developed an approved 2026-2027 work plan designed to personalize teen wellness initiatives. Key strategies include a peer-led transition program for middle school students entering high school, integrating student speakers into psychologist-led mental health presentations, and a collaborative story-to-art program to provide creative outlets for students' experiences. By establishing these frameworks and drafting specialized student-focused surveys, the committee has developed a clear, strategic vision for making San Ramon's wellness resources more accessible, relatable, and responsive to the teen population.

## 2. Outstanding Teen Citizenship Award (OTCA) Ad Hoc Committee

The Outstanding Teen Citizenship Award was established in 2011 and was first awarded in the 2012–13 term. Since then, the Teen Council has been proud to present this award to several qualified applicants in San Ramon. This year, the OTCA Ad Hoc Committee sought to find an applicant who had made a significant contribution toward enhancing the quality of life for San Ramon residents. This year, the OTCA Ad Hoc committee received five applications, each revealing unique contributions made to our community by gifted teens. After careful review from the OTCA Ad Hoc committee members, Danya Prakash was chosen as the nominee for this award. Danya raised funds for her non-profit "Humanities in Focus" and started a podcast to raise awareness. She is also an advocate against drug abuse and acts as a youth ambassador for the National Coalition Against Prescription Drug Abuse. Danya was recognized at the Chamber Annual Business & Community Awards for winning this award.

## 3. Senior Technology Day Ad Hoc Committee

The Senior Technology Day Ad Hoc committee worked to assist seniors in San Ramon to help make them feel more comfortable using their electronic devices. This year, the Committee organized and executed three Senior Technology Days at the Alcosta Senior & Community Center. During Senior Tech Days, volunteers worked with seniors to answer questions about their devices and to show them new tricks to make tech use easier. These events were both informative and fun for the volunteers and seniors who participated, and they should be continued by subsequent committees.

Through Senior Tech Days, the committee sees value in incorporating more intergenerational opportunities by introducing a Senior Game Day or Night as a more informal and approachable way for seniors to engage with technology. While Tech Days have been successful, some seniors may feel hesitant or intimidated asking for help in a

structured setting. A game night environment, with activities like pool and card games, as well as digital games, would create a relaxed, social atmosphere where seniors can explore technology more discreetly and comfortably. This approach would encourage learning through play and reduce the social pressure of needing help. By blending technology with entertainment, tech becomes more accessible and less intimidating, ultimately increasing participation and satisfaction among seniors.

#### 4. Ambassador Program Ad Hoc Committee

The Teen Council Ambassador Ad Hoc serves to expand the Teen Council's outreach to the school districts, especially to middle schools that are not represented on the council. The Teen Council interviewed applicants and selected prospective ambassadors who were believed to be able to gather the most peer input and be able to work as leaders within their community. The Ad Hoc chose ambassadors from a multitude of schools, such as Dougherty Valley High School, California High School, Windermere Ranch Middle School, Gale Ranch Middle School, Quarry Lane School, The Athenian School, Dorris Eaton School, and Pine Valley Middle School. There was a total of 50 applications, and 19 ambassadors were selected from the top 37 applicants.

The ambassadors were tasked with creating a presentation about what they believed was the most important problem within the San Ramon community and to brainstorm solutions from January to March 2026. Their selections included topical problems such as financial literacy among youth, addressing insecurity in public speaking skills, environmental issues, the youth mental health crisis, and difficulties deciding on a career and navigating life beyond school. The Teen Council's Ambassador Ad Hoc Committee was tasked with mentoring the ambassadors and helping them create their presentations around these issues. Ambassadors voted on what they believed was the best solution and that presentation would be shared with the Teen Council. The ideas selected to move forward were basic financial literacy presentations for the teen population and creating a career hub to help with career guidance. These topics help to inform the goals and suggestions for next year's board.

#### **IV. Volunteer Activities**

Teen Council members are required to commit to eight hours of volunteer work each month that supports the activities and goals of the Council. This requirement ensures active membership in the community and encourages their peers to volunteer. Teen Council members were able to remain active by participating in a variety of events including Senior Technology Days, Teen Job Fair, and Tri-Valley YAC Roundtable, and Arbor Day at Forest Home Farms.

## **V. Representation in City Government**

The Teen Council has liaisons for the Arts Advisory Committee, Library Advisory Committee, Planning Commission, Senior Advisory Committee, Transportation Advisory Committee, Parks and Community Services Commission, and City Council. Teen Council members attend meetings and report back to the Teen Council to consider various aspects of other committees' work when making suggestions.

## **VI. Programs of the 25/26 Term**

- Community outreach and engagement through San Ramon Teen Council's Instagram page, through various prompts with themes surrounding Unity Day, gratitude posts around the holidays, and managing stress during finals week.
- Further development and purpose of the Teen Council Ambassador program
- Networking with local youth advisory committees in Danville, Livermore, Dublin, and Pleasanton
- Serving seniors in person by hosting Senior Technology Days at the Alcosta Senior and Community Center
- Reviewed applications and awarded the Outstanding Teen Citizenship Award in partnership with the San Ramon Chamber of Commerce and Realty One. Recognized the winner at a Parks and Community Services Commission Meeting.
- Participation in events such as the Teen Job Fair and Tri-Valley YAC Roundtable.

## **VII. Suggestions for the 2026-2027 Term**

1. Review the San Ramon Teen Council Bylaws to ensure alignment with existing City goals, and the board's ability to make meaningful impact in addressing teen needs within the City of San Ramon.
2. Strengthen and expand partnerships with local organizations, businesses, advisory committees, and staff to support teen wellness, mental health, recreation, and resource sharing, while leveraging community spaces, and intergenerational opportunities such as Senior Tech Days.
3. Recognize and celebrate teen achievements by continuing and enhancing programs like the Outstanding Teen Citizenship Award and partnering with other programs or platforms that highlight youth contributions and community impact.
4. Increase engagement with the middle school population through the ambassador program and work with staff to connect with the correct agencies to advance

initiatives for high school students to connect with peers and middle school students in a mentorship capacity, teaching specific technical skills.

5. Enhance Teen Council's outreach, visibility, and communication efforts by developing a coordinated strategy that includes social media expansion, community partnerships, and increased promotion of programs, events, applications, and opportunities.
6. Continue to establish necessary Ad Hoc committees to support the Teen Council's effort to appropriately represent teens in San Ramon and continue to build upon successes in addressing mental health, intergenerational opportunities, mentorship, and skill-building opportunities, and helping connect San Ramon teens to resources.



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

**Date: May 13, 2026**

**To: San Ramon Parks and Community Services Commission**

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

**Subject: San Ramon Trails Master Plan Update**

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**Executive Summary:**

At the March 18, 2026, meeting, the Parks and Community Services Commission reviewed the San Ramon Trails Master Plan and provided feedback to Design Workshop and staff to refine the document and requested the revised version be brought back to the Commission for further review prior to approval.

Staff made the recommended changes, and the revised Trails Master Plan reflects the Commission's input and is being presented for approval.

**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 and adoption.

**Background:**

At the March 18, 2026, commission meeting, the Parks and Community Services Commission reviewed the San Ramon Trails Master Plan. The Commission provided direction to staff and Design Workshop to revise the document and requested that an updated version be presented prior to final approval.

The following summarizes the revisions made to address the Commission's feedback:

- Condensed the Executive Summary, renamed it a Plan Summary and relocated it to precede the Table of Contents.
- Reorganized document structure and flow, positioning Community Needs Assessment and Trail System Assessment sections ahead of the plan recommendations.
- Relocated relevant reference materials, including Previous Planning Efforts, Case

Studies, and Comparable Communities, to the appendices.

- Added Appendix D to describe the purpose and potential benefits of “Friends of” groups, including examples of existing organizations.
- Updated conservation easement mapping using data provided by the city’s Engineering Department.
- Revised the project’s community engagement timeline to reflect the extended schedule and inclusion of an additional Commission presentation.
- Implemented minor revisions to text, picture captions and map legends, including:
  - Added captions to provide context for selected pictures.
  - Updated the Capital Improvement Projects section:
    - Clarified all cost estimates are presented in 2026 dollars and are subject to change.
    - Renamed “Operational and Staffing Implications” to “Maintenance Implications”.
    - Replaced “Short-term, Mid-term, Long-term” with “0-5 years, 6-10 years, 11-20 years” to better define recommended project timeframes.

**Fiscal Impact:**

Upon adoption of the Trails Master Plan, all recommended projects and improvements will be reviewed, prioritized, and submitted for approval 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 that the San Ramon Trails Master Plan be forwarded to the City Council with suggested changes.

The Parks and Community Services Commission may ask staff for additional revisions to the document and bring it back at another Commission Meeting for approval.

**Next Steps:**

The final version of the plan will be presented to the City Council for approval and adoption.

**Attachment(s):**

- A. San Ramon Trails Master Plan

# SAN RAMON TRAILS MASTER PLAN

Prepared for the City of San Ramon  
April 29, 2026



Prepared by:  
**DESIGNWORKSHOP**

# PLAN 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.**

## COMMUNITY-DRIVEN PROCESS

Developed through a collaborative and community-driven process, the Trails Master Plan reflects extensive public input and directly responds to the needs, interests, and priorities of San Ramon residents.

Community members participated in a broad range of outreach activities including:

- Online and in-person surveys
- Tabling at community events
- Community workshops
- Stakeholder interviews and workshops
- Staff interviews

## 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.

## ENGAGEMENT BY THE NUMBERS

8

**AGENCIES & PARTNERS INTERVIEWED**

7+

**IN-PERSON EVENTS**

824

**ONLINE & IN-PERSON SURVEY RESPONSES**

10+

**STAFF INTERVIEWS**

## CALL TO ACTION

Realizing this vision will require commitment, coordination, and community partnership. By aligning priorities with available funding, moving high-priority projects into design and construction, fostering stewardship through a “friends of” group, and maintaining ongoing collaboration with residents and partners, San Ramon can create a meaningful trail network that connects people, places, and nature.

# PLAN SUMMARY

## STRATEGIC DIRECTIONS

### 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.

### 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.

### 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 and the County to enhance this section of trail.

### 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 work to upgrade trails to meet standards.

### 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.

## NEXT STEPS

- 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

# 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

San Ramon Parks & Community Services Department

Design Workshop

Fehr & Peers

Cover Photo: The City of San Ramon from Dougherty Hills Open Space

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## Community Needs Assessment



HOMES IN SAN RAMON BACKING TO OPEN SPACE, WITH MOUNT DIABLO IN THE BACKGROUND

# 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.

# 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.

## 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 Open Space Advisory Committee. In January, stakeholders and several City departments reviewed and provided comment on the draft plan.

## PARKS & COMMUNITY SERVICES COMMISSION (PCSC)

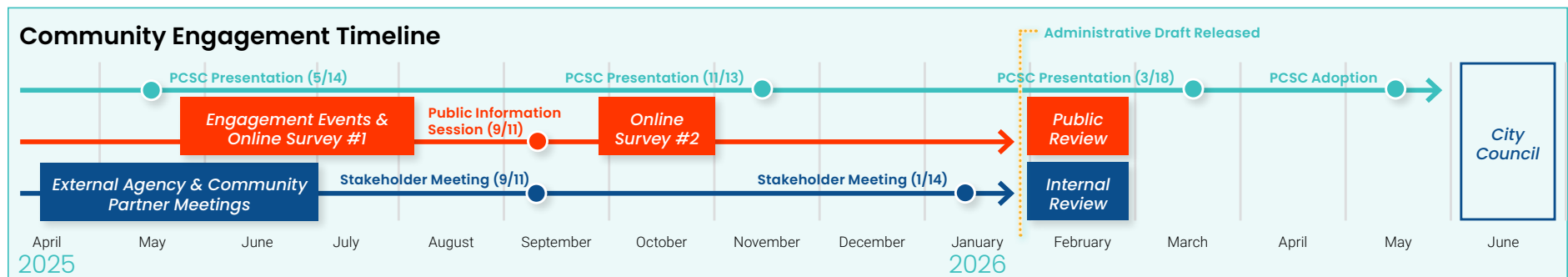
In May and November 2025, presentations were given to PCSC describing and requesting feedback on the project's initial findings and later the plan's preliminary recommendations.

## FIRST PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT WINDOW

To allow for broad representation and input, public engagement efforts focused on meeting people where they were gathering and providing accessible online engagement opportunities. An online survey collected 499



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



# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT SUMMARY



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 previous participants of guided trail hikes and annual trails challenges.

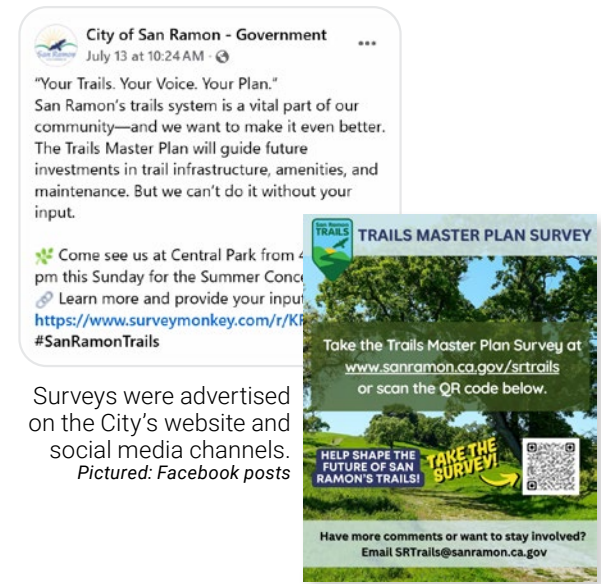
Several events were used as opportunities to engage with the general public, inform the community about the master plan, and boost survey participation. Approximately 160 people interacted with printed maps and activities which contributed to overall survey responses. City staff attended the following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

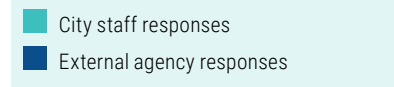
### EMERGING THEMES

- 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.

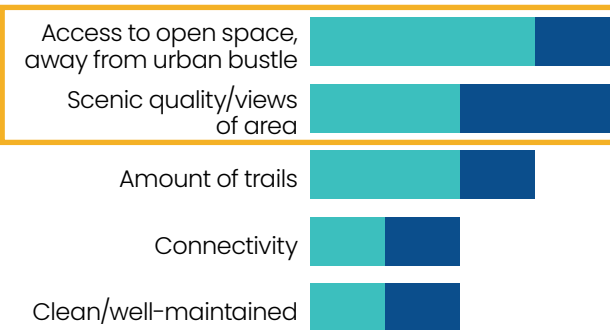
# WHAT WE HEARD

## STAKEHOLDER INPUT

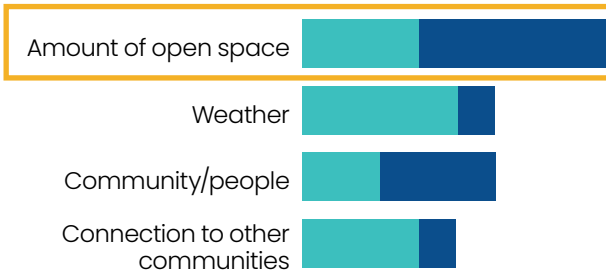
At project kickoff meetings, City staff and representatives of external agencies participated in online surveys and in-person activities to determine the existing trail system’s issues and opportunities. The top responses are shown on the following pages.



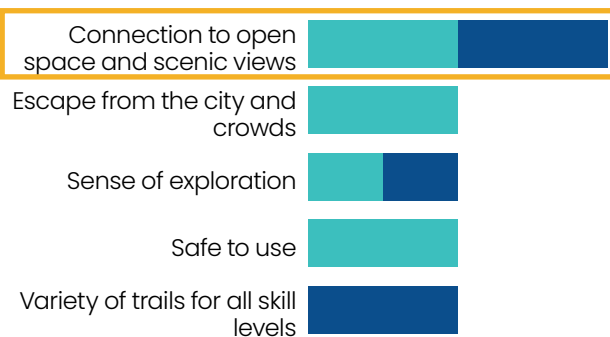
### What makes San Ramon trails special?



### 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 City of Dublin and Town of Danville
- Connection to Pleasanton Ridge Trail (long-term)
- Connection between Sunset Drive and Chevron Property
- San Ramon to EBRPD Sycamore South Space South
- Future EBRPD Borel Agricultural Park
- Identify trail loops
- Increase access to open space for multiple communities

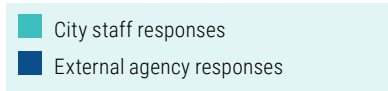


Trail in open space behind homes in San Ramon

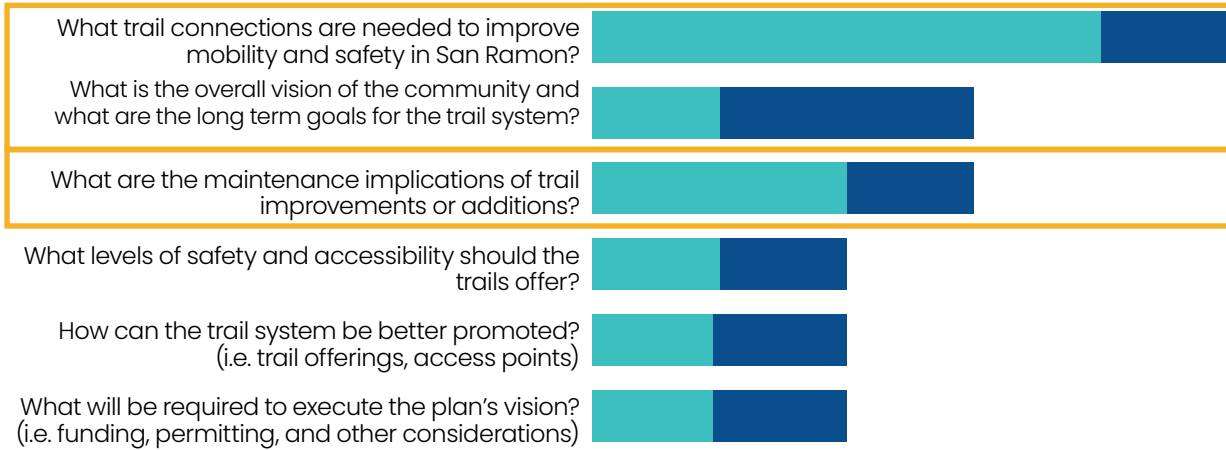
### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- **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.

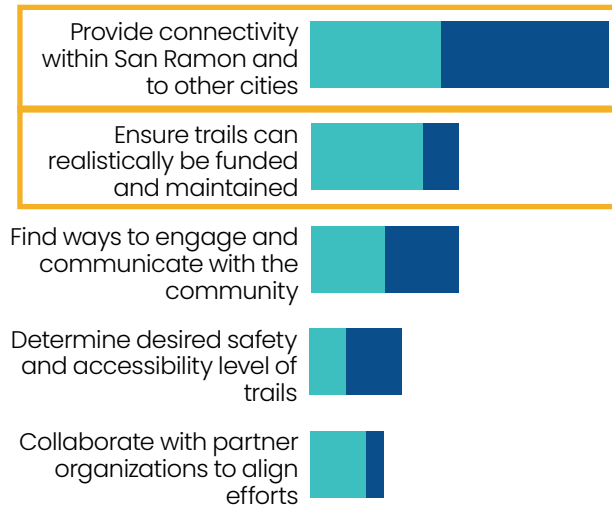
# WHAT WE HEARD



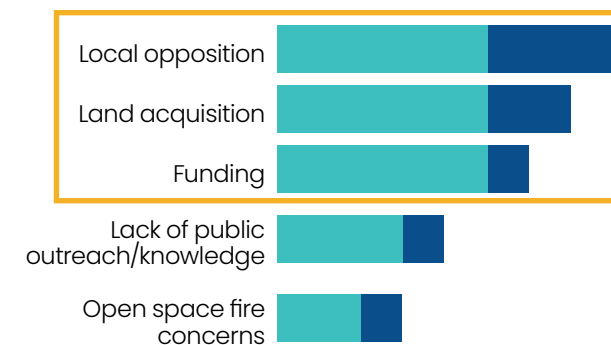
## What are the questions that need to be answered in this trails master plan?



## 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.

# WHAT WE HEARD

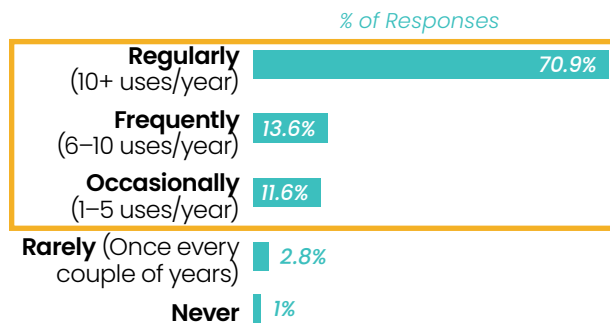
## COMMUNITY INPUT

### FIRST ONLINE SURVEY

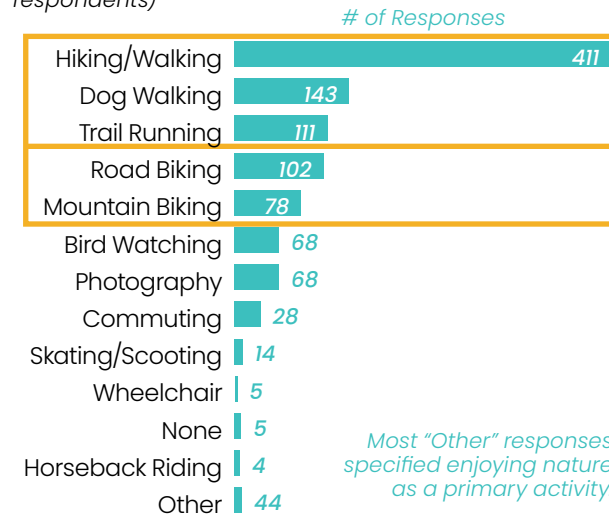
An online survey collected 499 responses from the general public regarding San Ramon's existing trail system and desires for the future. The survey received 160 additional responses at in-person events.

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.

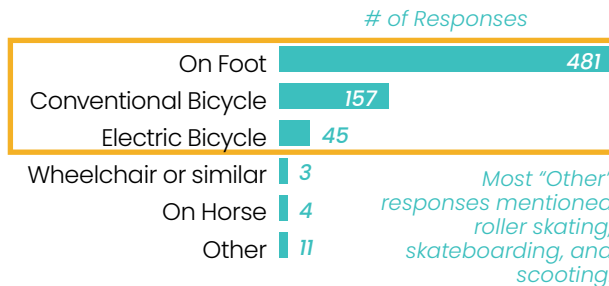
### How often do you use the San Ramon trail system? (499 respondents)



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

### The Vision:



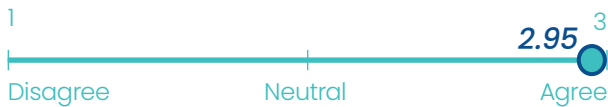
Wide trails allow different user groups to interact with fewer conflicts. The majority of survey respondents use trails for hiking, walking, dog walking, and trail running. *Image: Moncus Park, Lafayette, LA*

# 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)

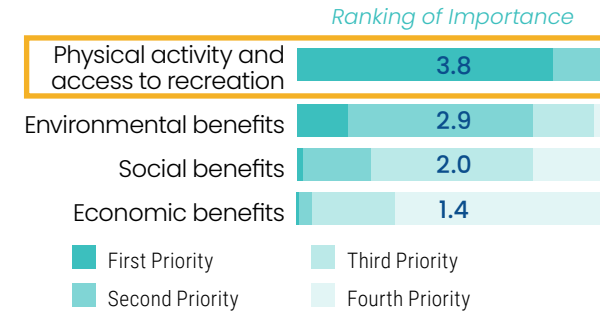


**San Ramon should utilize green spaces between neighborhoods to enhance connectivity to existing and future trails.** (444 respondents)

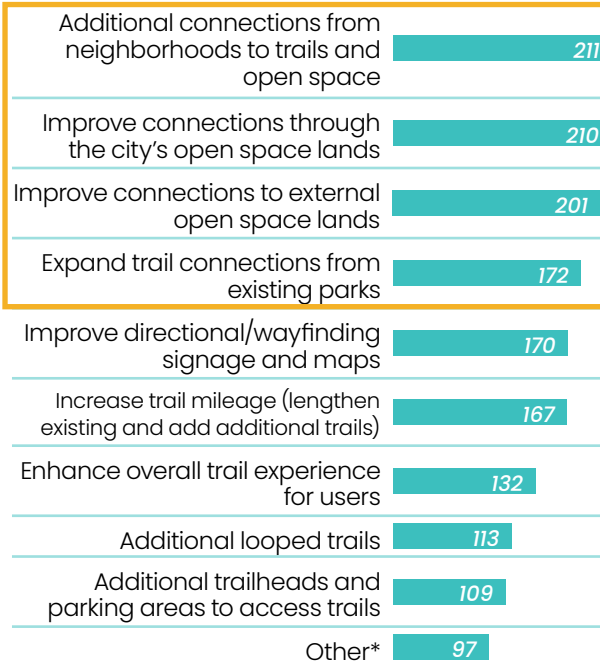


*Note: Strong support for trails is not the case in all communities, as there is a small number of people in opposition to creating more trails in San Ramon.*

**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.

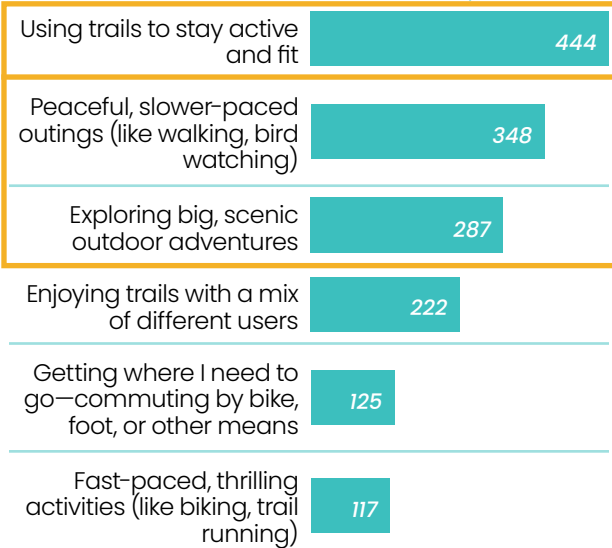
**The Vision:**



Survey results show that community members desire commuter connections. This trail connects a neighborhood to recreation and commercial areas. *Image: Harrison Avenue Streetscape, South Lake Tahoe, CA*

# WHAT WE HEARD

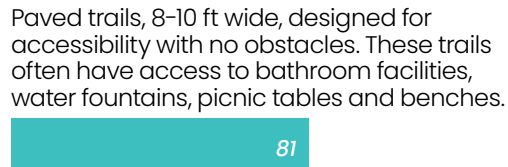
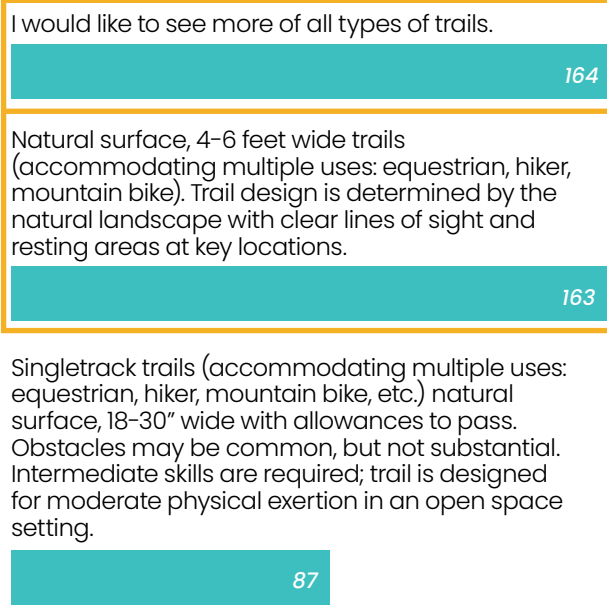
**In general, what kinds of trail experiences are you most interested in?** (Check all that apply.) (498 respondents) # of Responses



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



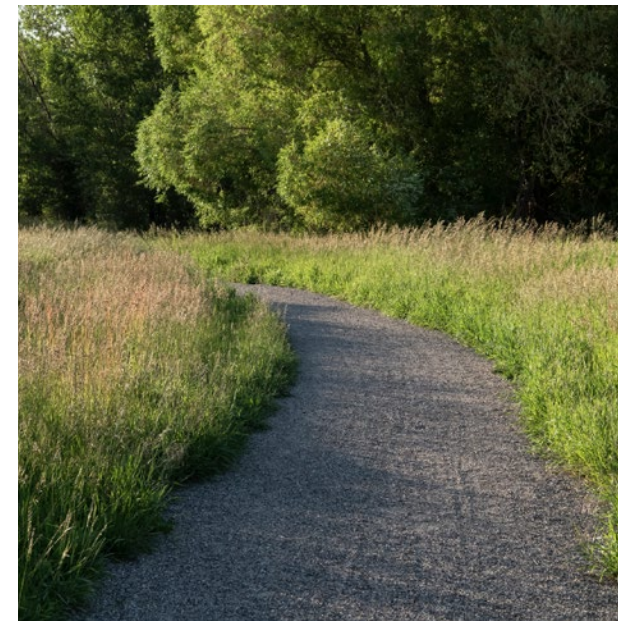
**Please describe which type of trails interest you the most.** (495 respondents) # of Responses



## 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**.

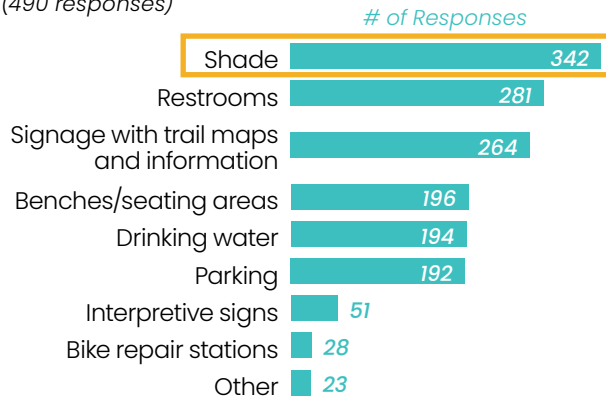
### The Vision:



San Ramon residents want more of all types of trails, especially natural surface trails like this one.  
Image: Story Mill Community Park, Bozeman, MT

# 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 and recycling receptacles.

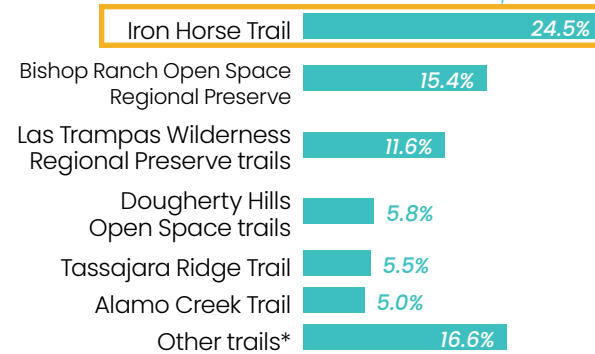
## The Vision:



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.

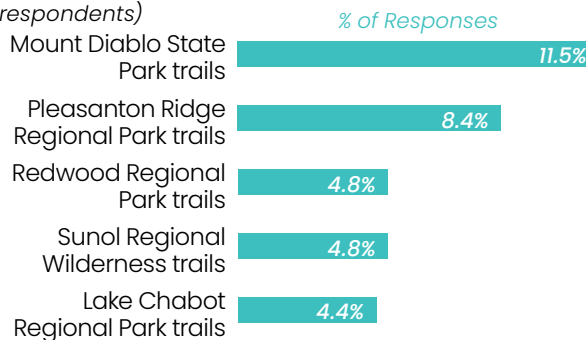
Image: Section of the Iron Horse Trail through Danville.

**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)



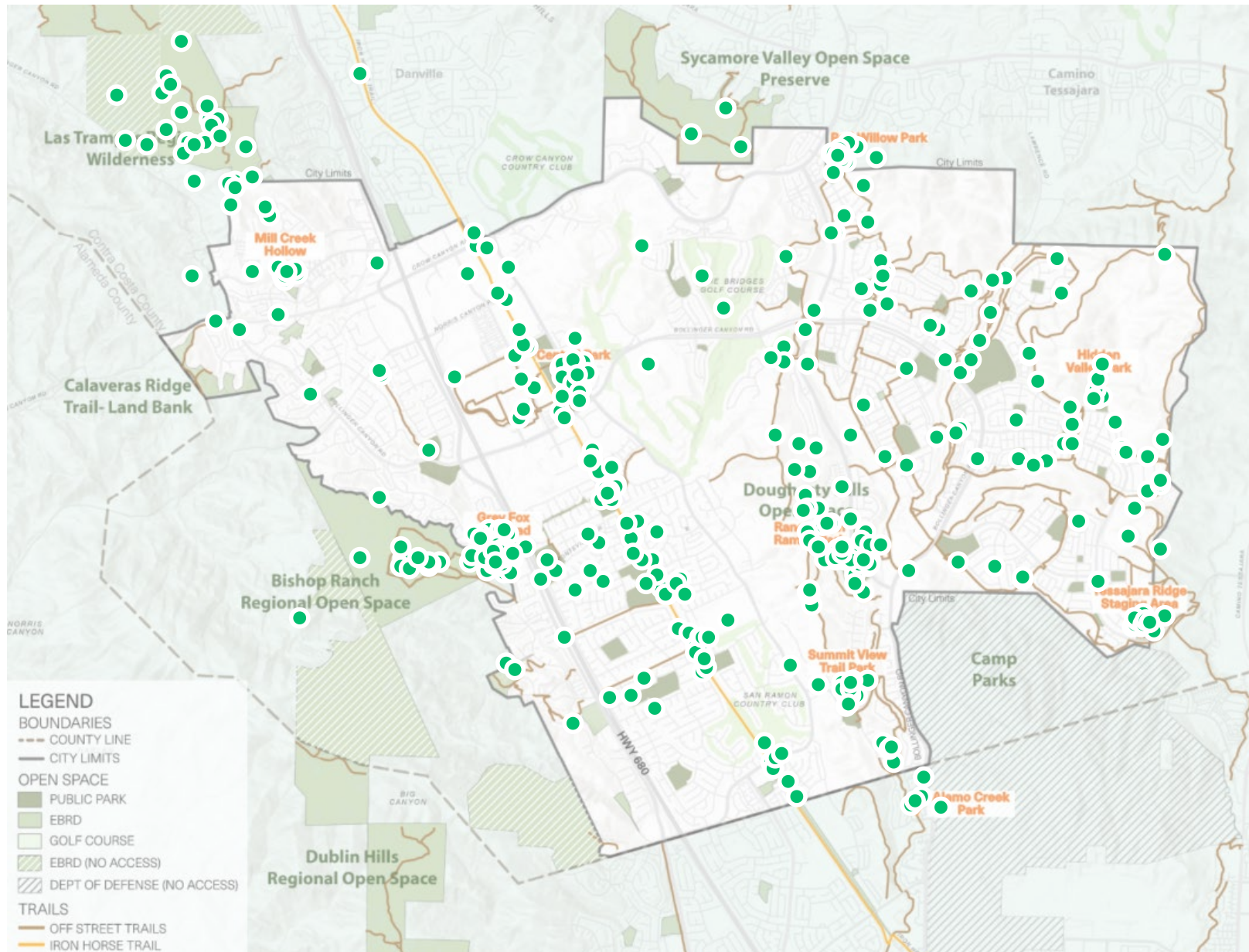
Among the many trails listed by survey respondents, other favorites include Martin Canyon, Lafayette Reserve, and Shell Ridge.

## 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

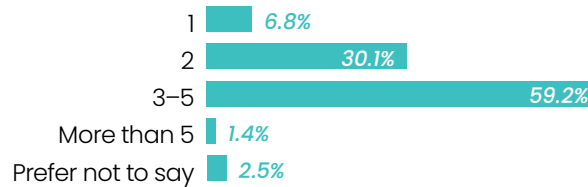
## SURVEY 1 DEMOGRAPHICS

- 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.

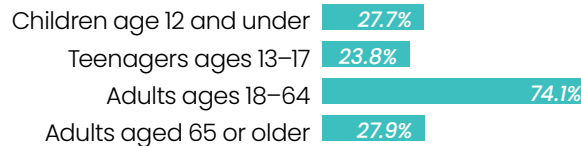
### How would you rate your current fitness level? (480 responses)



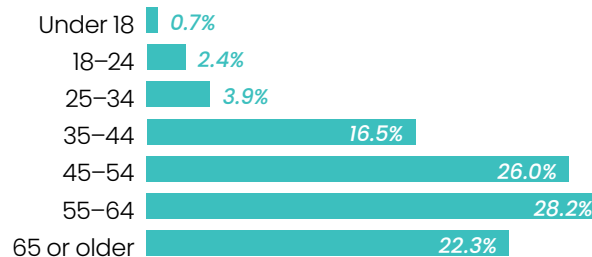
### Counting yourself, how many people live in your household? (488 responses)



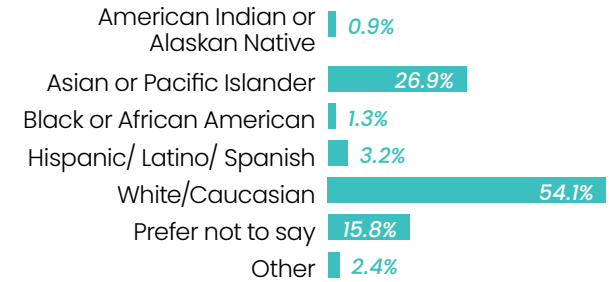
### Do any of the following live in your household? (459 responses)



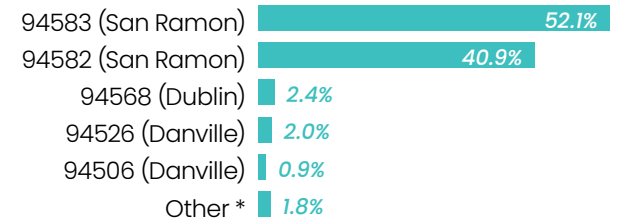
### Which of the following best describes your age? (461 responses)



### 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

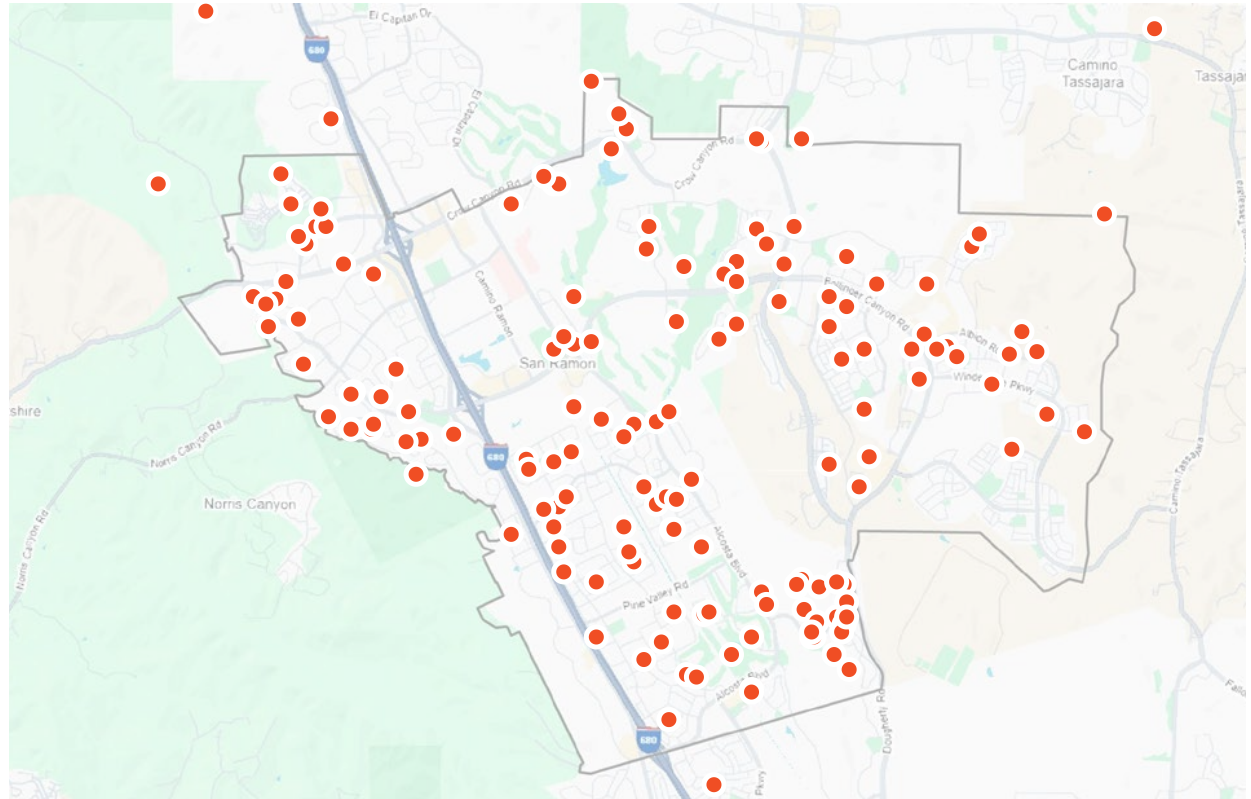
The second online survey asked specific questions relating to the plan's preliminary recommendations. City staff reviewed write-in responses from 165 community members who provided input for the second online survey. Key takeaways are summarized in the following pages and write-in responses can be found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

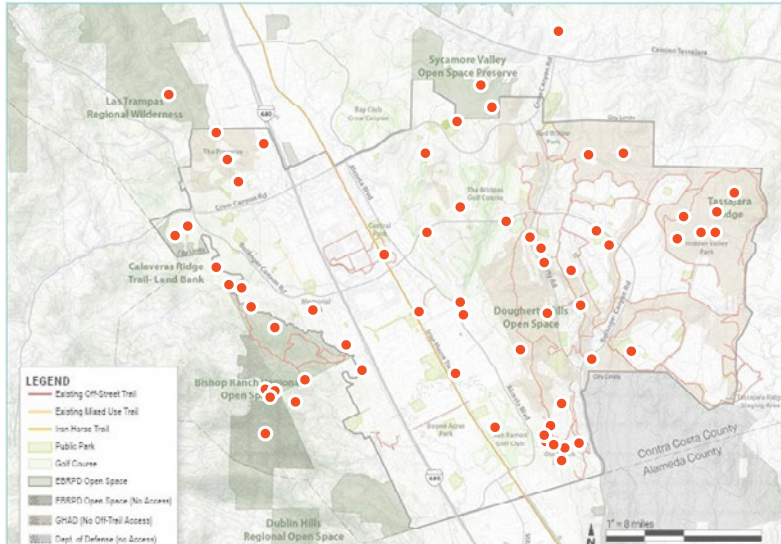
### KEY TAKEAWAYS

- 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

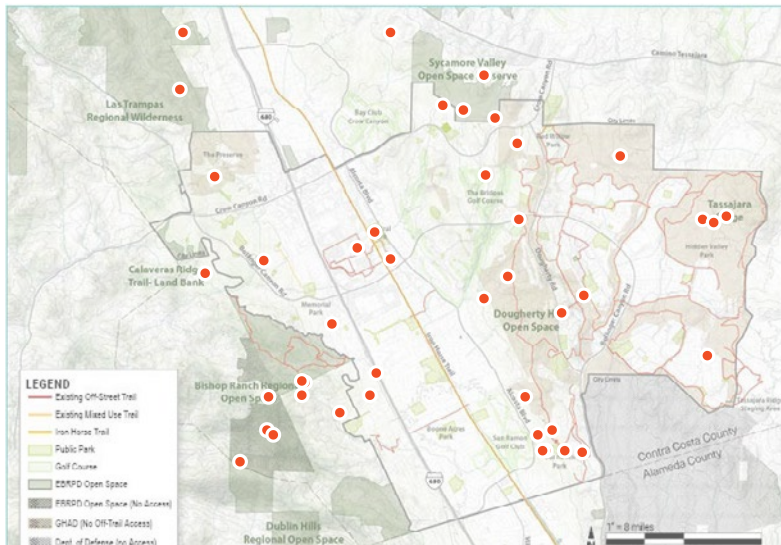
Which do you feel is the highest priority trail access point to create?

(64 respondents)

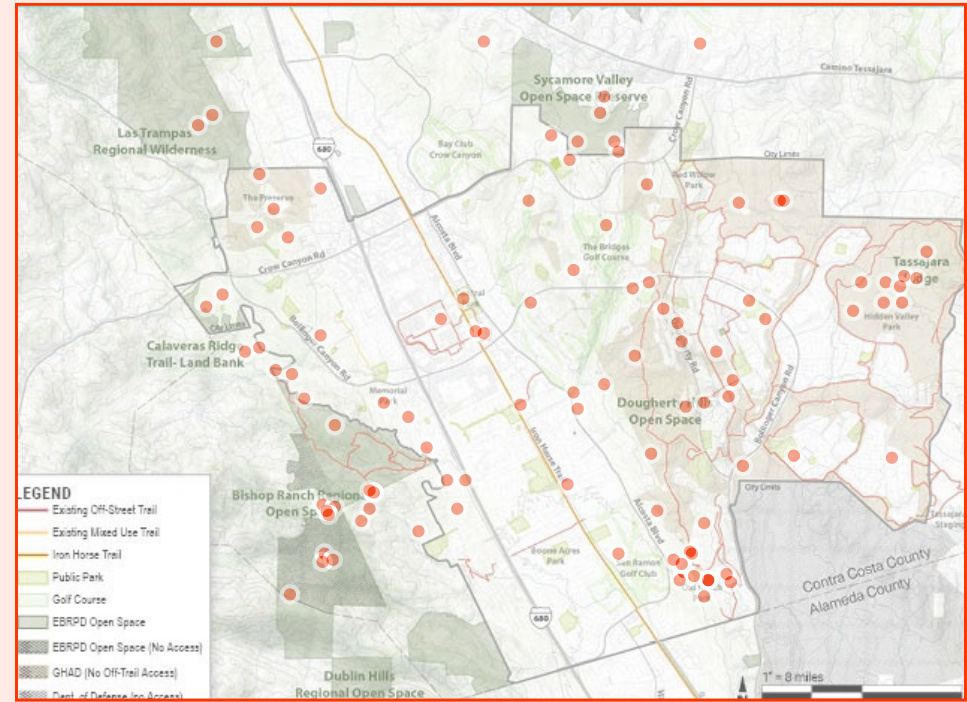


Which do you feel is the highest priority trail connection to create?

(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 FROM WRITE-IN RESPONSES

- 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 trash/recycling 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. This represents 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 development<sup>1</sup>. 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.

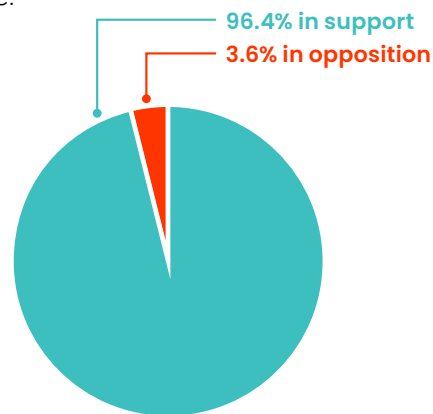
Similar to the “eyes on the street” theory, people using trails provide natural surveillance and can deter criminals who want to avoid being witnessed or reported. The more people using the trails, the safer they are. Additionally, having multiple and more frequent access points help users avoid isolated,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

<sup>1</sup> 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 A-11.

To combat safety concerns, CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) measures such as lighting, fencing, and security cameras can be incorporated along trails or at trailheads as needed. Community events, volunteer “trail watches,” and other programming can further activate the trails. A “Friends of” group can be a valuable resource for these types of programs.

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.



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

## 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 “Appendix C: Previous Plan Alignment” on page A-12).

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 64) identify appropriate buffer distances between trails and homes which will apply to the design of all future trails.

# WHAT WE HEARD



On-street parking at the Bishop Ranch Open Space

## 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.



Trash can along the Iron Horse Trail

## WASTE

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

Locating additional trash/recycling 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.



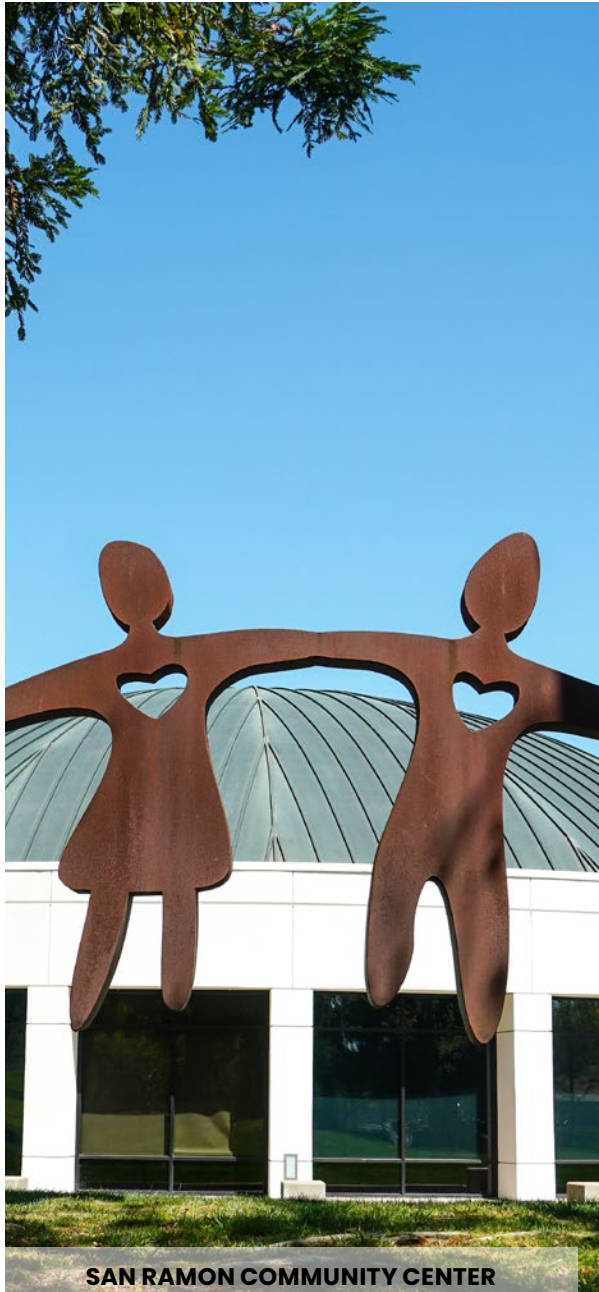
Class 1 E-bike Sign. *Image: East Bay Bike Path, WPRI*

## 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



## OPTIONS FOR ADDRESSING COMMUNITY CONCERNS

Although survey results show support for trail development among a large majority San Ramon residents, a few loud voices in opposition can impede progress or entirely halt a project. The following are strategies to either validate or mitigate the concerns we have heard throughout the planning process.

- Track and monitor injuries and crimes along trails, reviewing periodically to identify problem areas and/or city-wide concerns that should be addressed.
- Utilize 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.
- Evaluate the impact of past trails and/or trailhead construction projects on crime rates in San Ramon.
- 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 trash, recycling, and pet waste receptacles, ensuring that they are regularly serviced by a maintenance crew.

A case study from the Rails to Trails Conservancy helps describe how expectations differed from the actual positive impacts of a trail being constructed in a neighborhood (see “Case Study: Former Rail-Trail Opponent Has Different Views Today” on page A-11).



**VIEW FROM SUNRISE RIDGE PARK**



# 2

# 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.

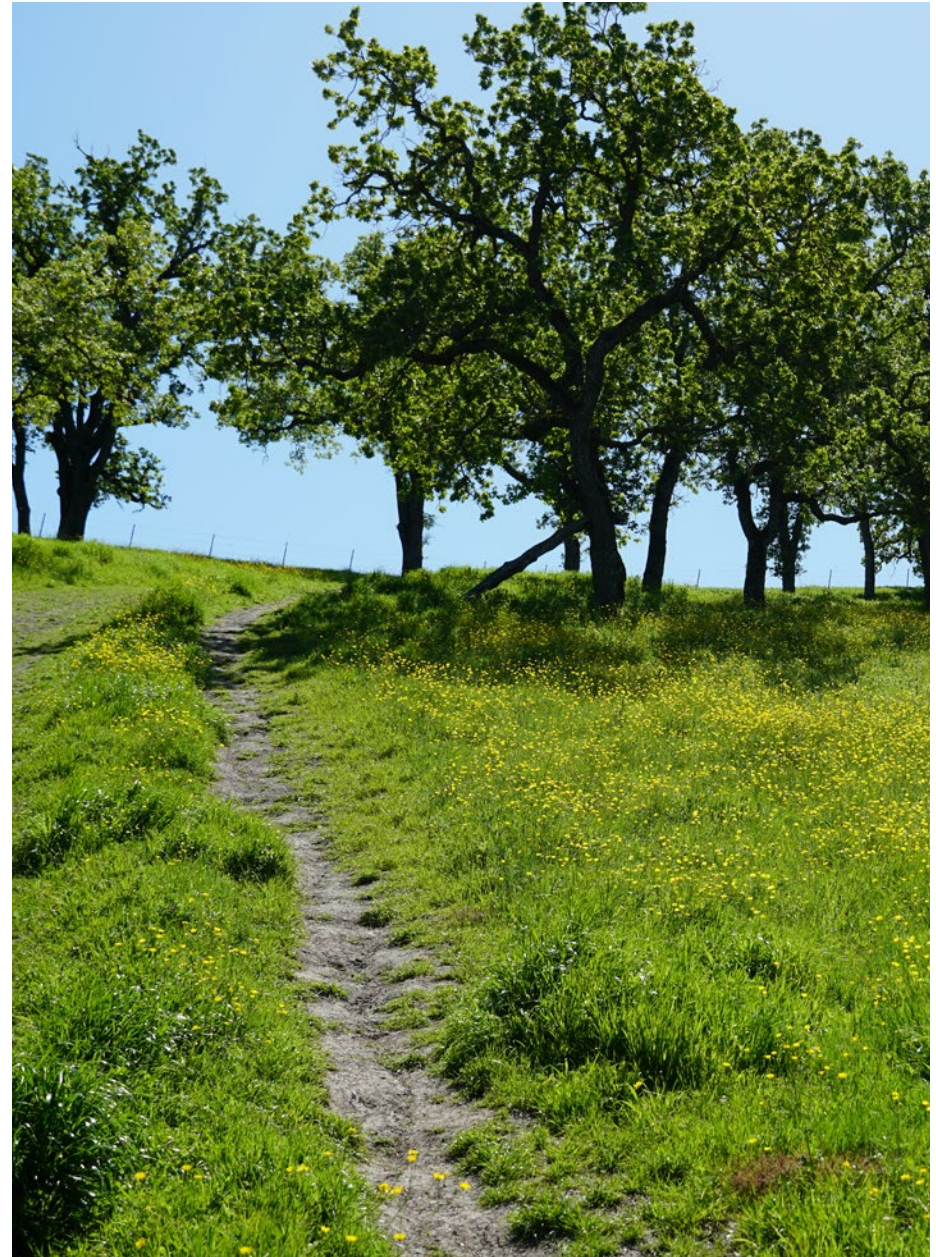
# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## 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 plan 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.

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, City of Dublin, and Town of Danville
- Alignment with the goals and strategies of previous plans
- Research on comparable communities and case studies (see "Appendix B: Comparable Communities & Case Studies" on page A-6)

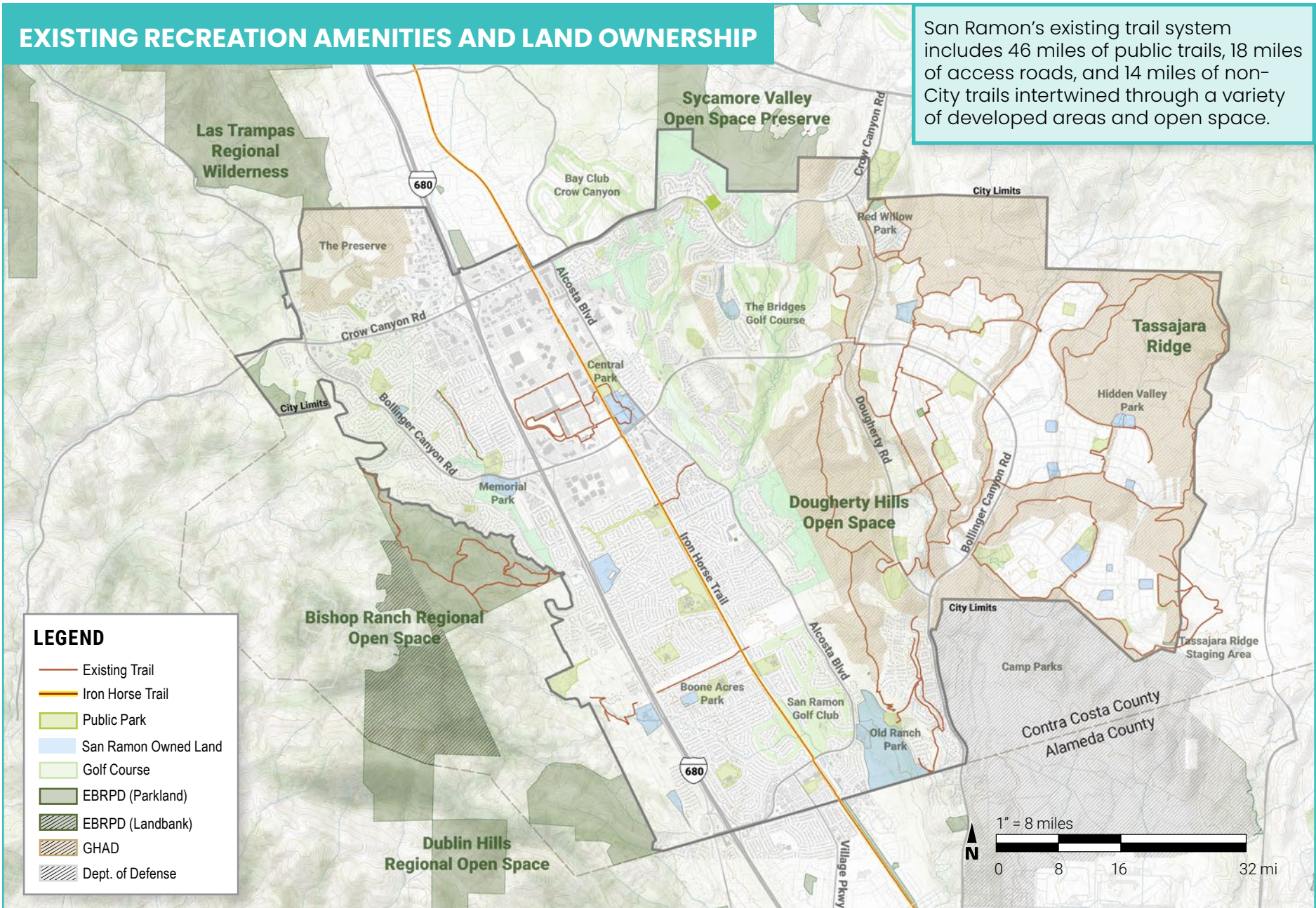


Grey Fox Trail from San Ramon to Bishop Ranch Regional Open Space

# 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.

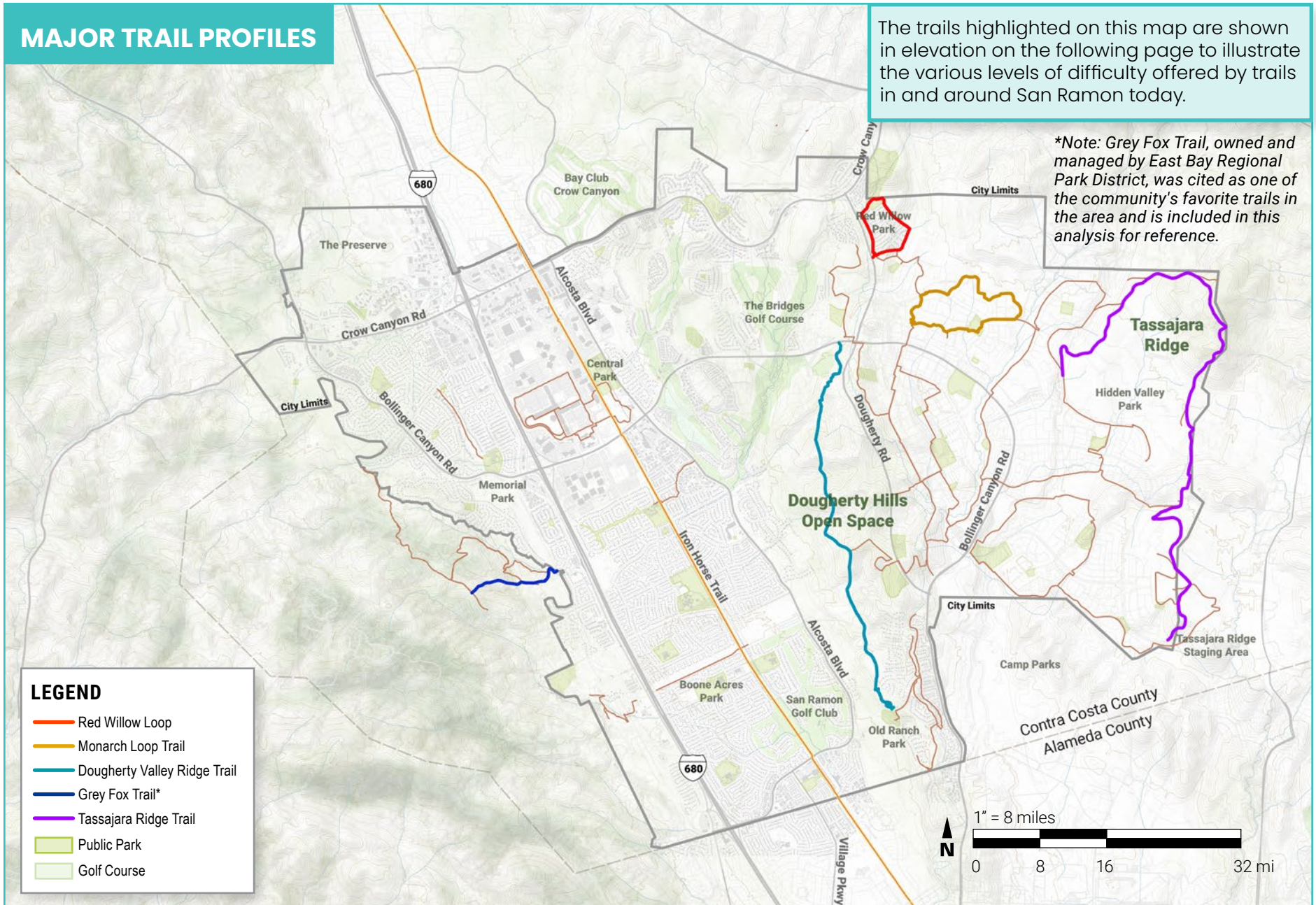


# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## MAJOR TRAIL PROFILES

The trails highlighted on this map are shown in elevation on the following page to illustrate the various levels of difficulty offered by trails in and around San Ramon today.

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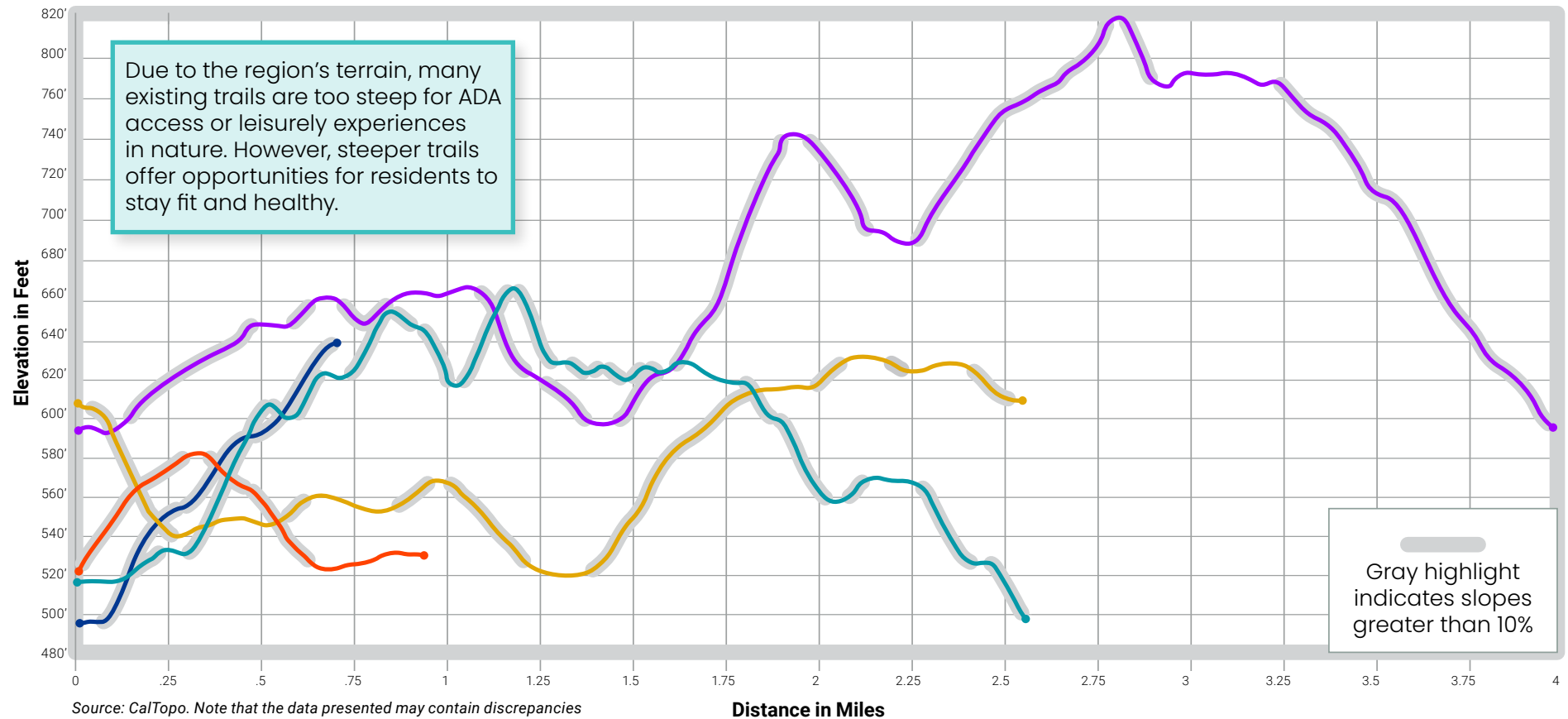


### LEGEND

- Red Willow Loop
- Monarch Loop Trail
- Dougherty Valley Ridge Trail
- Grey Fox Trail\*
- Tassajara Ridge Trail
- Public Park
- Golf Course

# 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%

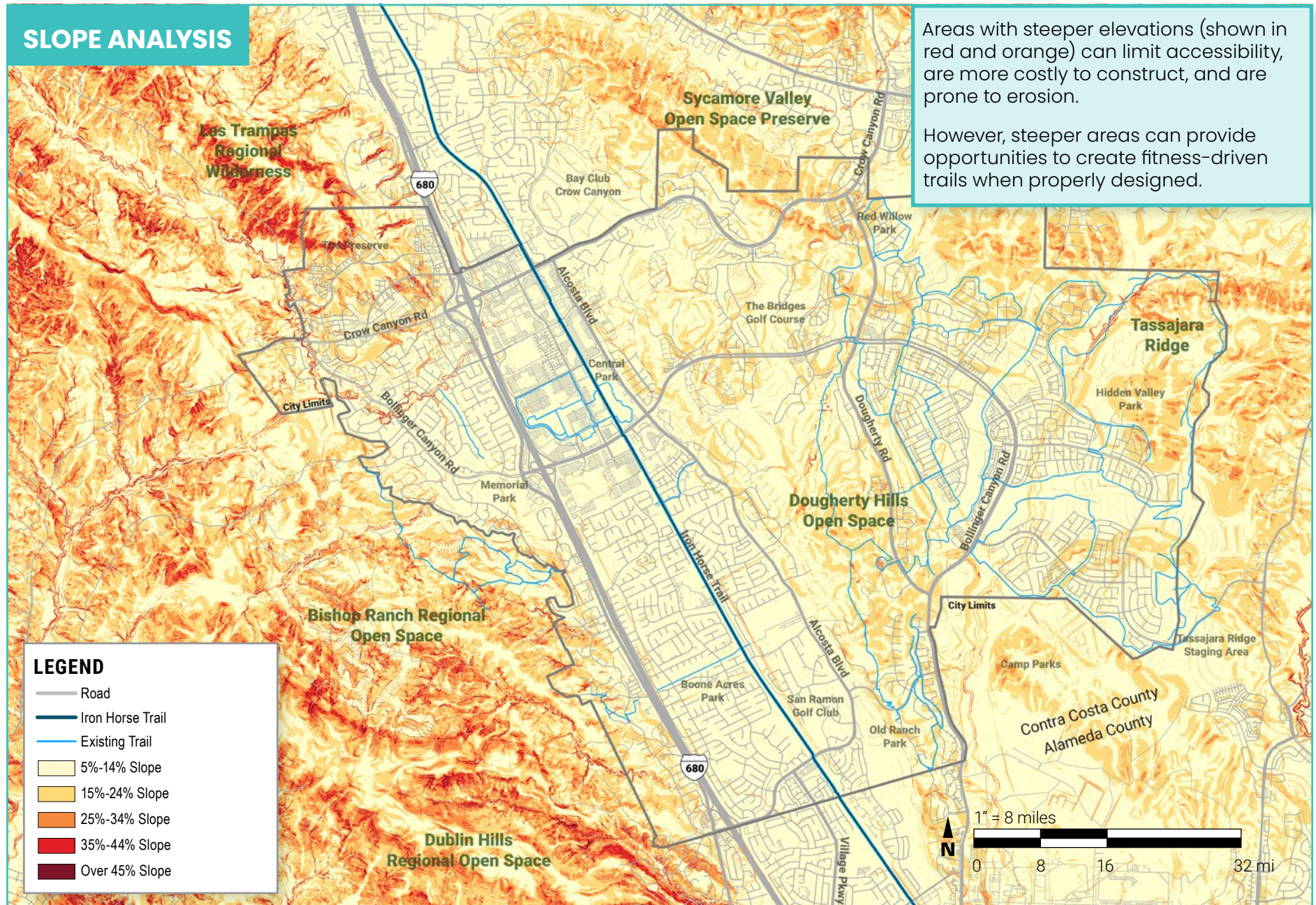
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### TASSAJARA RIDGE TRAIL

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

# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## SLOPE ANALYSIS



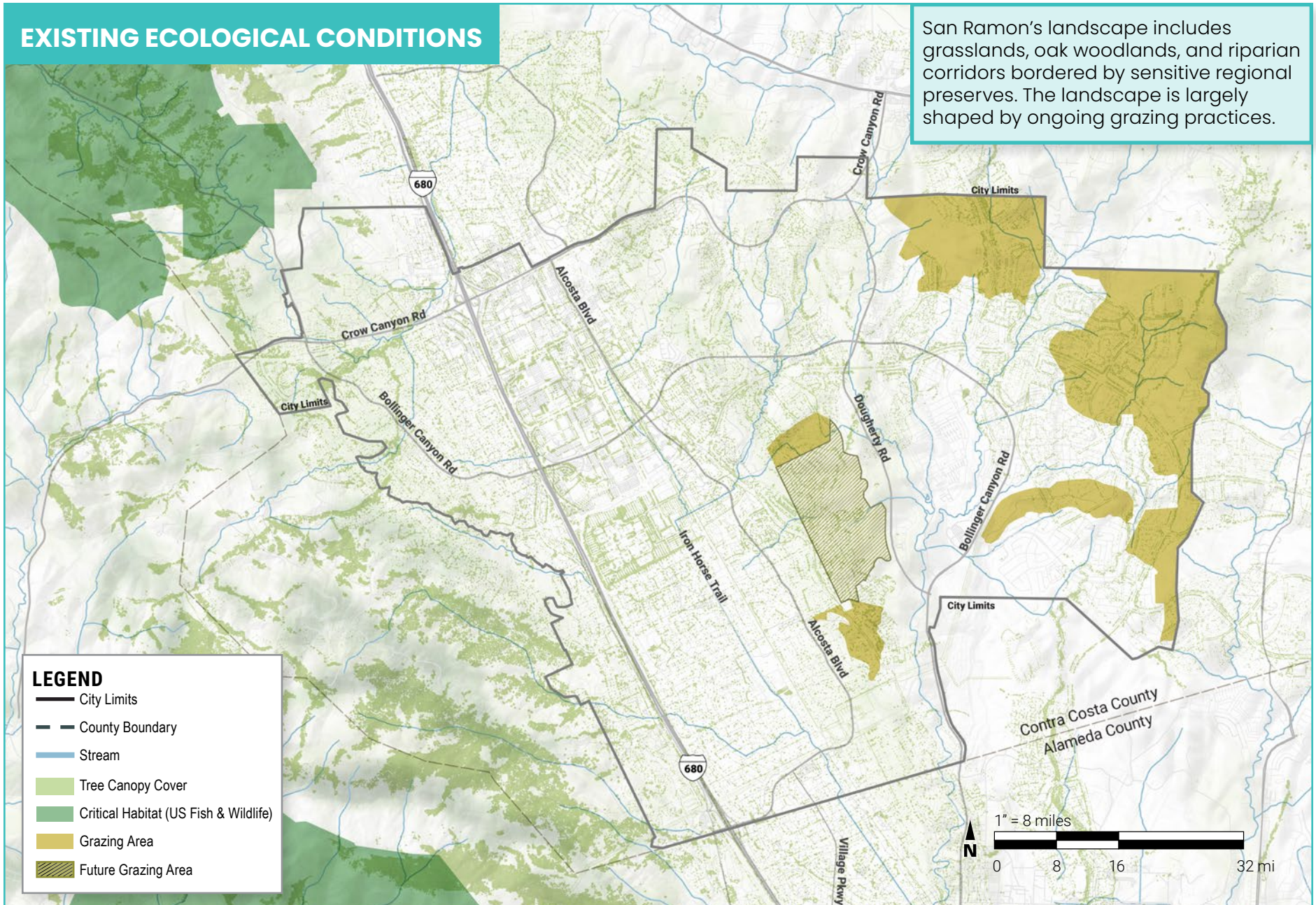
Areas with steeper elevations (shown in red and orange) can limit accessibility, are more costly to construct, and are prone to erosion.

However, steeper areas can provide opportunities to create fitness-driven trails when properly designed.

# EXISTING CONDITIONS

## EXISTING ECOLOGICAL CONDITIONS

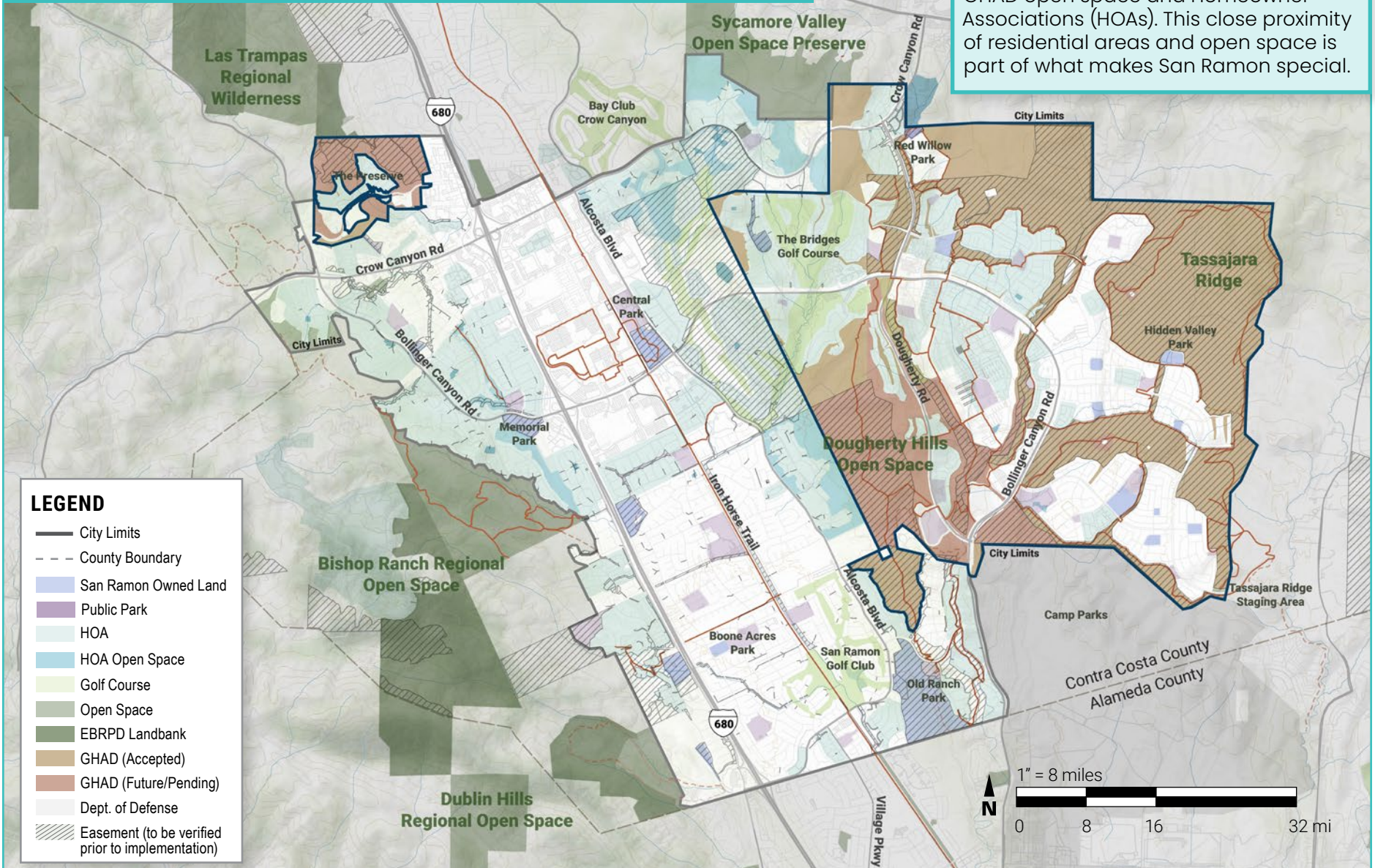
San Ramon's landscape includes grasslands, oak woodlands, and riparian corridors bordered by sensitive regional preserves. The landscape is largely shaped by ongoing grazing practices.



# 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.



Example of geologic mitigation and repair work

# GEOLOGIC HAZARD ABATEMENT DISTRICTS

## DOUGHERTY VALLEY

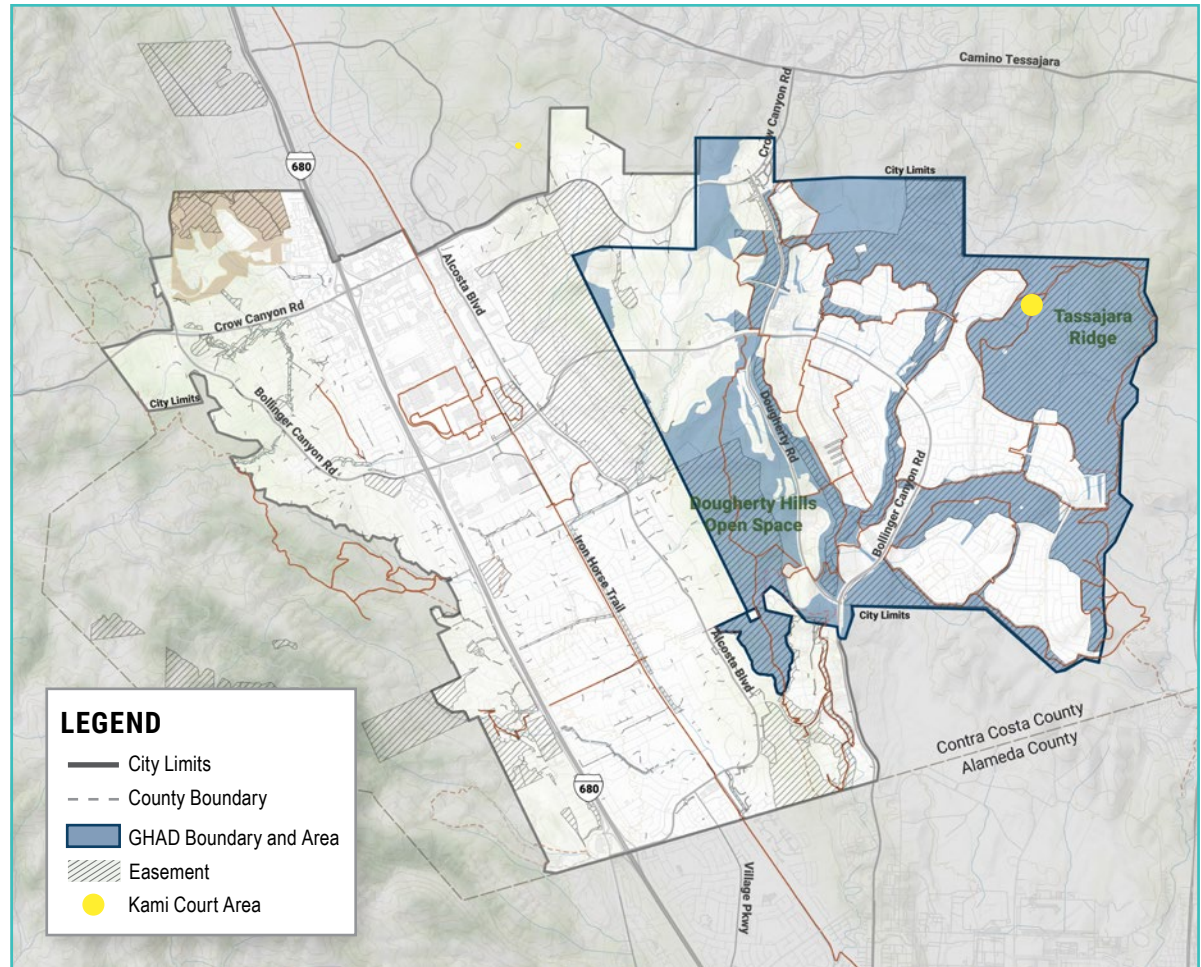
The West Branch area, located at Crow Canyon Road and Dougherty Road, Old Ranch Summit, and the Dougherty Valley is comprised of 2,767 acres of open space within the city's boundary. This GHAD is managed by the City of San Ramon, and city council members serve as the GHAD board of directors.

## 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 Federal Emergency Management Agency (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 aforementioned 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:

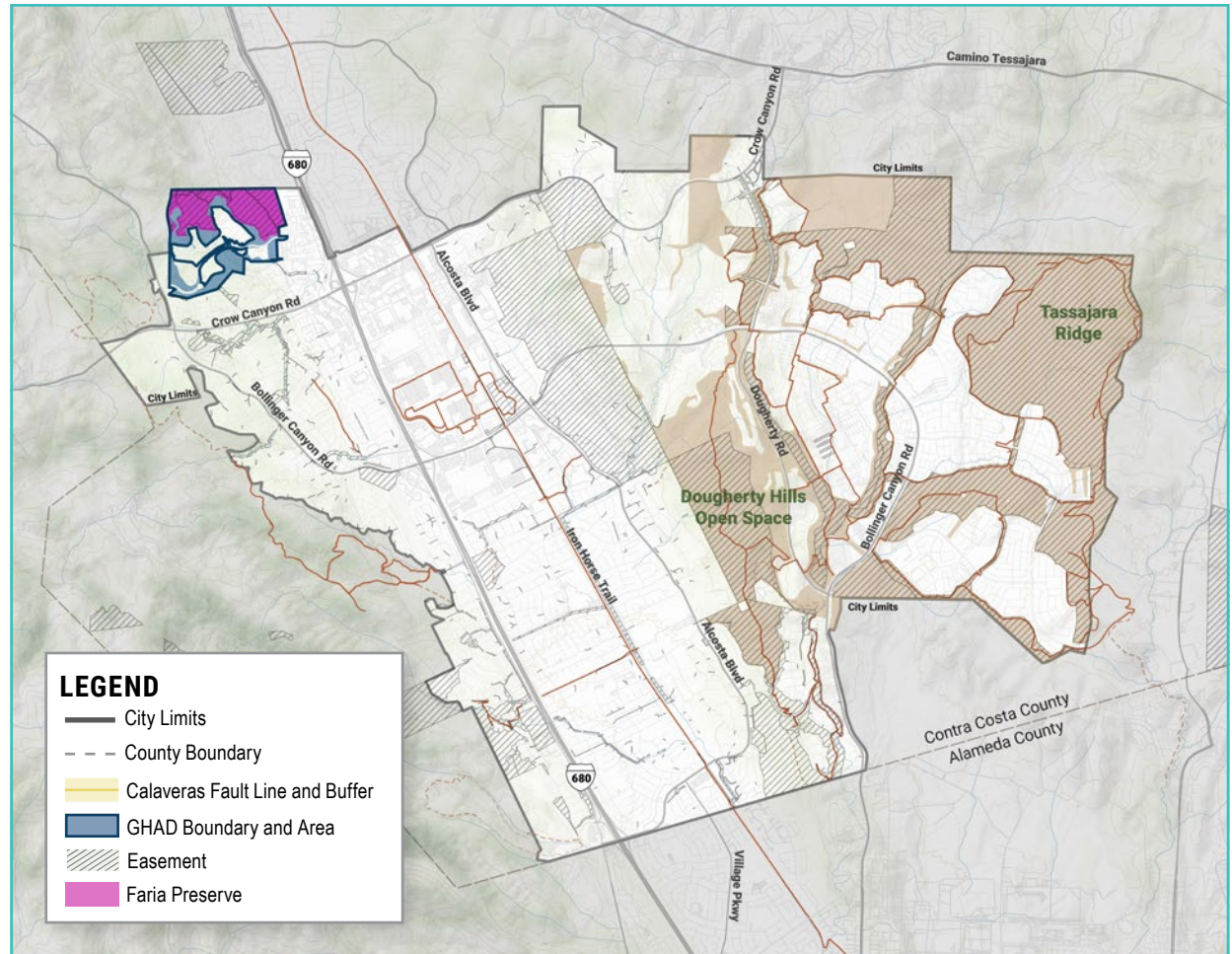
- A 103-acre parcel covered by a conservation easement adjacent to the project area which will be owned by the GHAD.
- A 141-acre area (136 acres of which is covered by the conservation easement) will be owned by the East Bay Regional Park District (EBRPD).

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

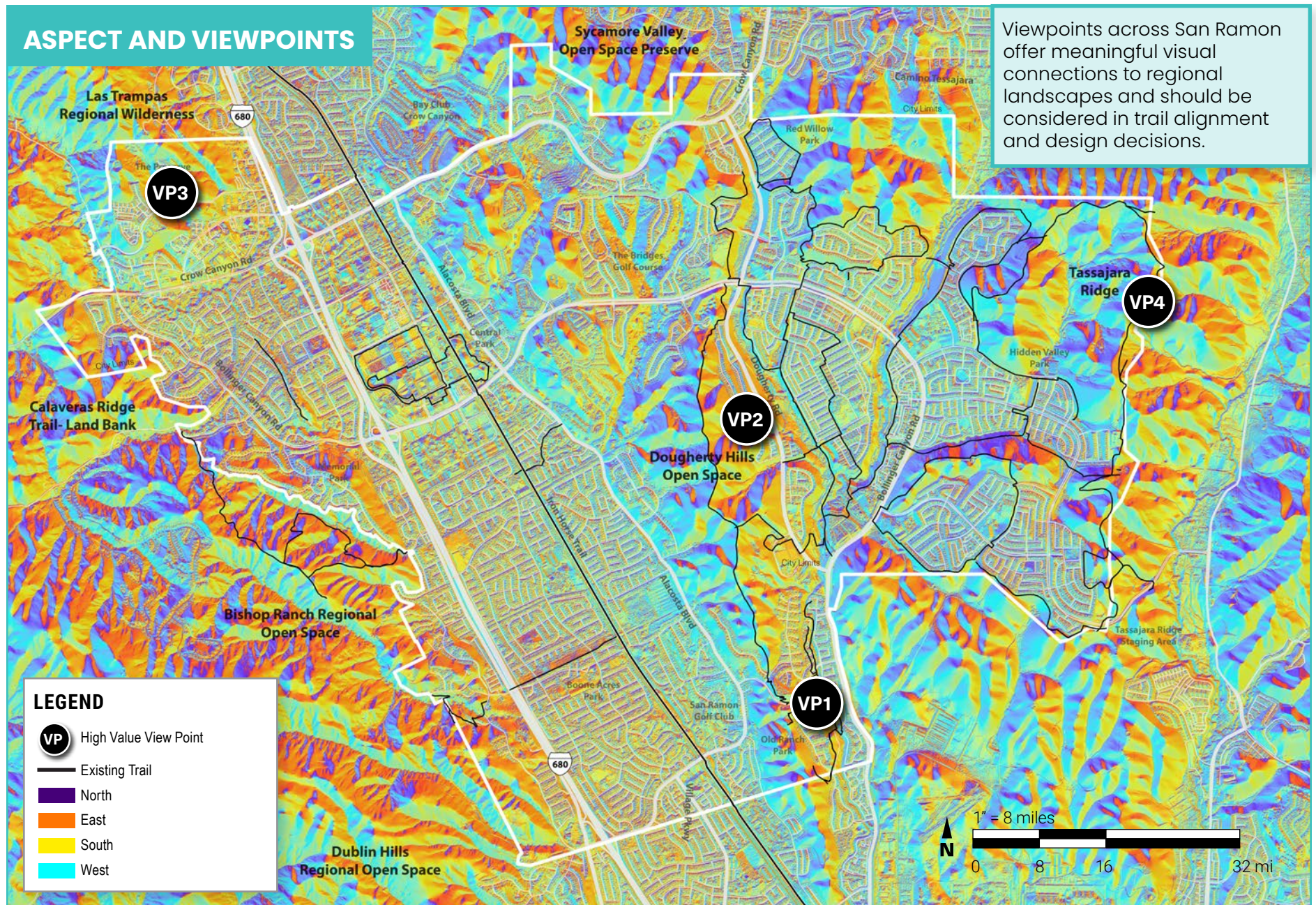


compatible with GHAD's existing maintenance (e.g., avoiding designs that increase erosion, obstruct drainage, or require frequent repairs).

The Calaveras fault crosses the area 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



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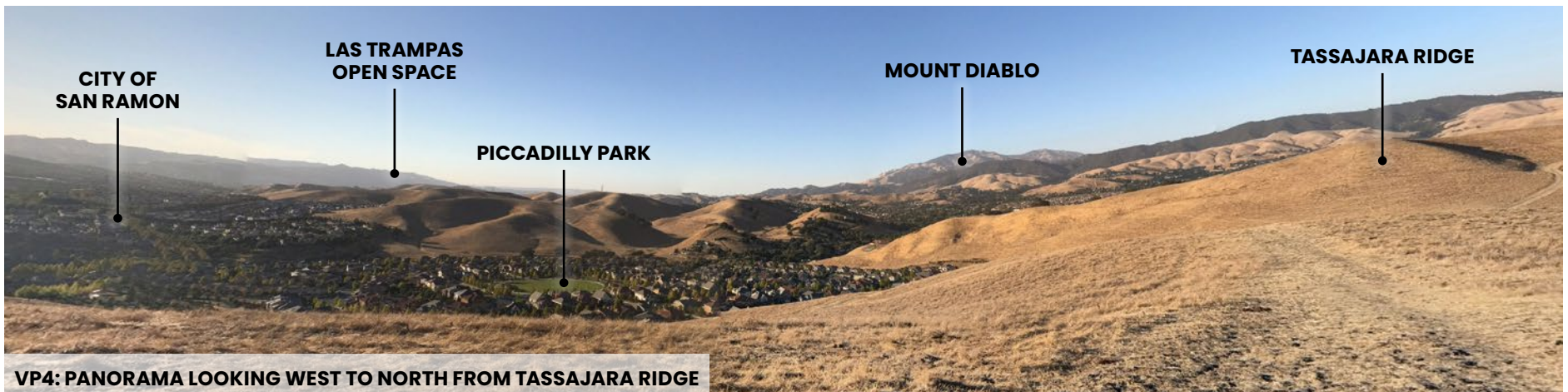
**VP1: OLD RANCH PARK LOOKING SOUTH**



**VP2: DOUGHERTY HILLS LOOKING WEST**



**VP3: VIEW TOWARD LAS TRAMPAS OPEN SPACE FROM THE PRESERVE**



**VP4: PANORAMA LOOKING WEST TO NORTH FROM TASSAJARA RIDGE**

# 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.

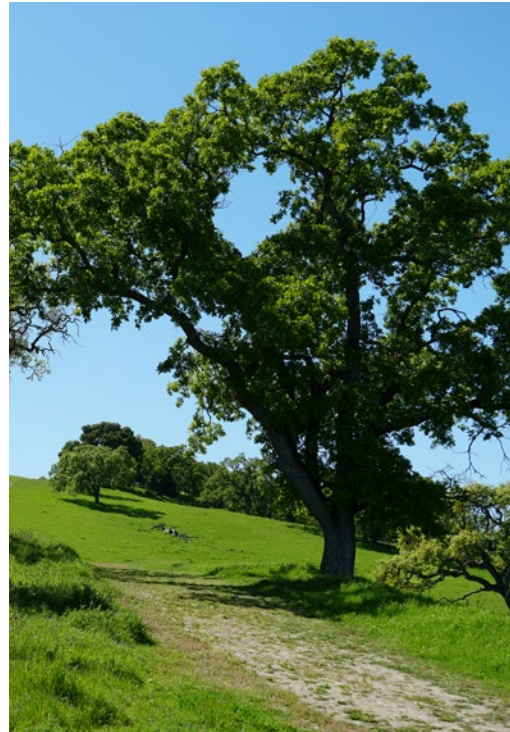
### ON-SITE OBSERVATIONS

**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.  
*Image: Existing access point at The Preserve (in The Meadows at the end of Via Vicenza)*



## COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES AND CASE STUDIES

Case studies are real-world examples of how management strategies perform in practice and offer insights into what works and what doesn't. This research considers a broader range of strategies to encourage more innovative and non-traditional approaches.

Comparable communities are used to benchmark best practices and understand how similar communities operate and address challenges.

See "Appendix B: Comparable Communities & Case Studies" on page A-6 for more.



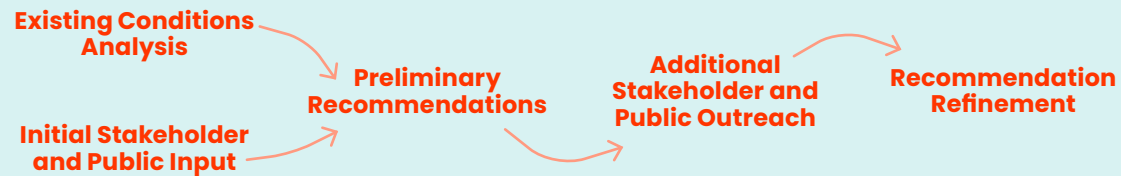
**BIKE RIDER ON A CATTLE TRAIL IN DOUGHERTY HILLS OPEN SPACE**

## Recommendations

# 3

# Recommendations

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.



# 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 NEIGHBORHOODS & OPEN SPACE

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ENHANCE EXISTING TRAILS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

PROVIDE NEW AND ENHANCED TRAILHEADS & NAVIGATION

## GENERAL RECOMMENDATIONS

In addition to the five Focus Areas, the following are general recommendations to compliment the potential projects and enhance the overall trail system.

**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:** Evaluate opportunities to reduce user conflict and limit damage to trail surfaces due to cattle grazing. Management of open spaces should consider grazing's impact on public trails, while also respecting grazing as a vital function of the area's landscape.

**Recommendation G3:** Use easements to provide connections through linear corridors, utility corridors, HOAs, etc. Providing thoughtful easements and land management partnerships.

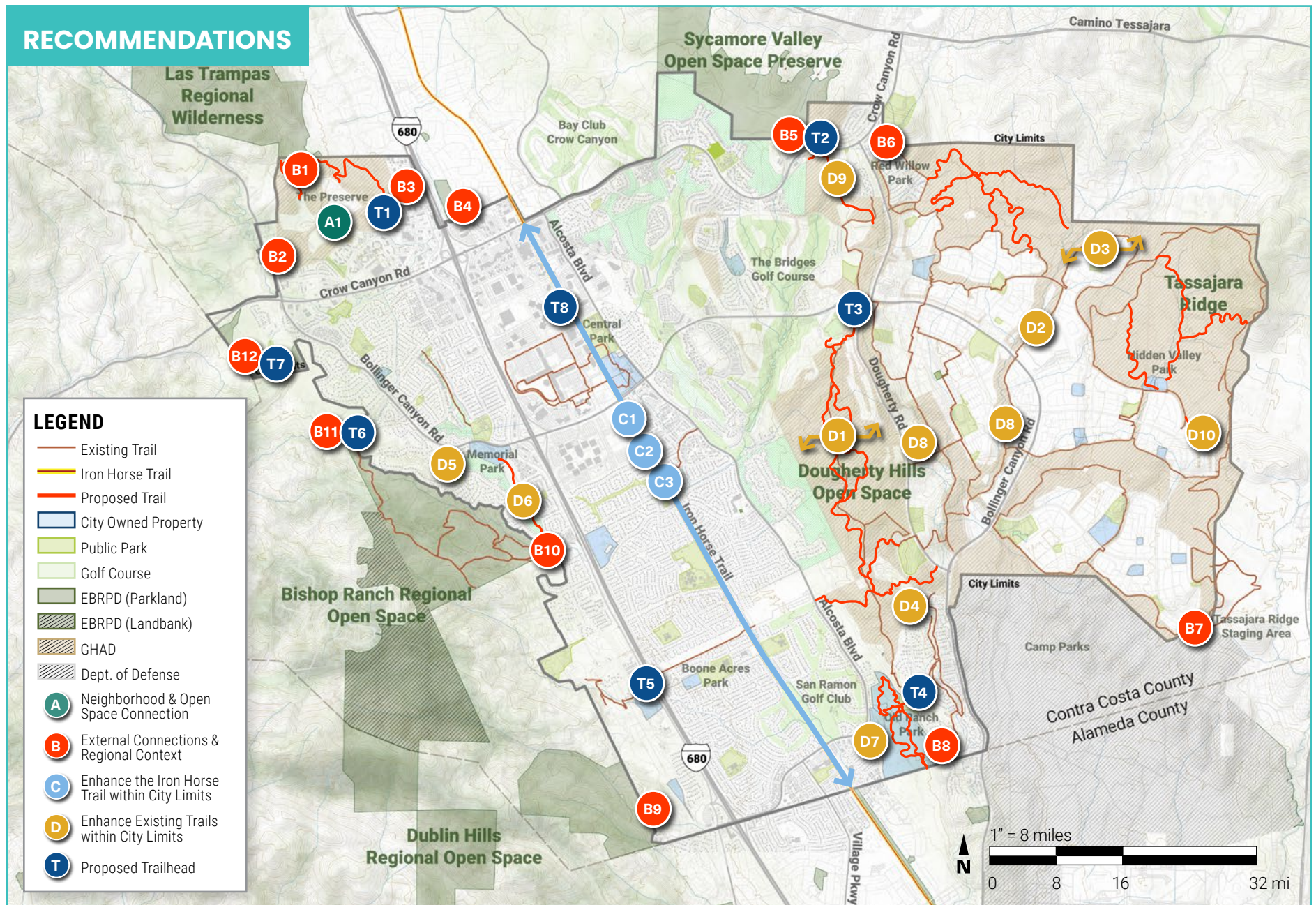
**Recommendation G4:** Amend GHAD land conservation easements to allow new trail alignments that show environmental benefits, such as reduced erosion.

**Recommendation G5:** Implement a citywide wayfinding signage plan for the trail system.

**Recommendation G6:** Develop a hierarchy of trailheads (access points, parking areas, parks) and associated amenities. Ensure that trailheads directly interfacing with roadways are designed to provide appropriate safety treatments.

**Recommendation G7:** The City should and foster a partner with a "friends of group" for nonprofit support of trail constuction, maintenance, and education by developing a collaborative volunteer agreement (see "Appendix D: "Friends of" Group Purpose and Opportunities" on page A-22).

# RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY



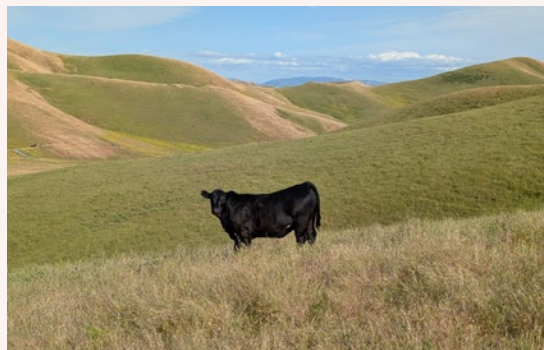
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The projects and policies listed in this table correspond to the Master Plan Recommendations map on the previous page. Improvements to existing facilities are denoted with a yellow arrow (») while additions to the trail system are noted with a blue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

### 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”



The existing trail system is heavily shaped by cattle grazing

### 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

#### The Vision:



Example of a trail network that is easily accessible from residential areas  
Image: Metzler Ranch Community Park, Castle Rock, CO

### 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 Agricultural 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

# RECOMMENDATIONS SUMMARY

## 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

### The Vision:



Example of a striped and semi-shaded shared use path  
Image: Sun Valley, ID

## 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
D8	» Use floodplain service roads along Alamo Creek and West Alamo Creek as trails during dry months
D9	+ Trail from the future Crow Canyon Staging Area to West Alamo Creek Trail
D10	+ Trail between Tassajara Ridge Trail and Hidden Valley Trail

### The Vision:



Example of seating along a natural surface trail  
Image: Story Mill Community Park, Bozeman, MT

## PROVIDE NEW AND ENHANCED TRAILHEADS & NAVIGATION

ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION
T1	» Faria Preserve Parkway Trailhead improvements
T2	+ Crow Canyon Staging Area Trailhead
T3	» Dougherty Valley Ridge Trail North Trailhead improvements
T4	+ Old Ranch Park & Alcosta Community & Senior Center Trailheads
T5	+ Forest Home Farms Trailhead
T6	» Paddock Drive/Redtail Hawk Trailhead improvements
T7	+ Cobblestone Neighborhood Park Trailhead
T8	+ San Ramon Transit Center Trailhead

### The Vision:



Example of a trailhead  
Image: Cherry Creek Valley Ecological Park, Centennial, CO

# NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS

## CREATE CONNECTIONS BETWEEN NEIGHBORHOODS & OPEN SPACE

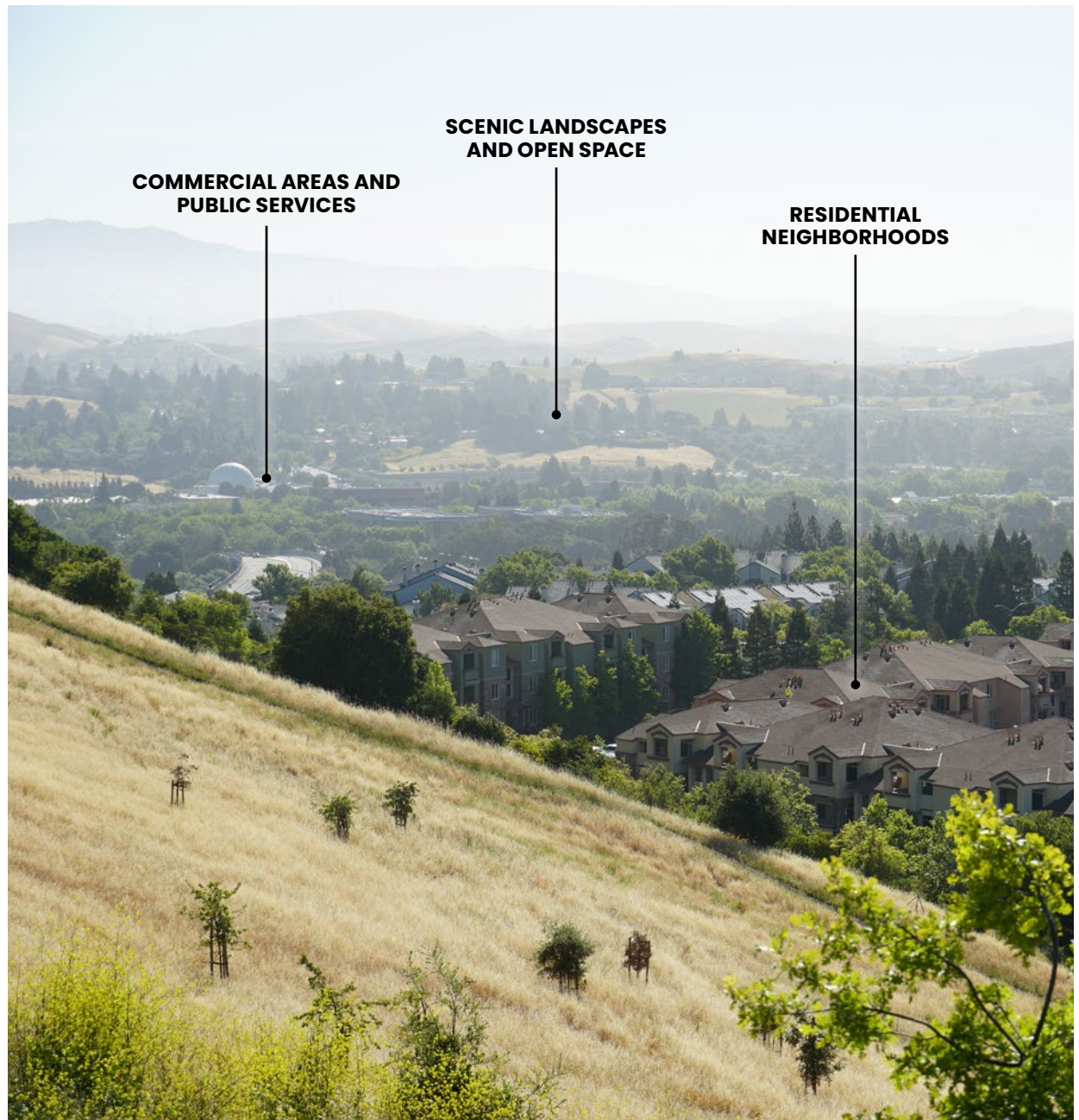
Residents and community leaders in San Ramon highly value trails that are conveniently accessible from their homes and nearly 90% of residents are most interested in using trails to stay active and fit.

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

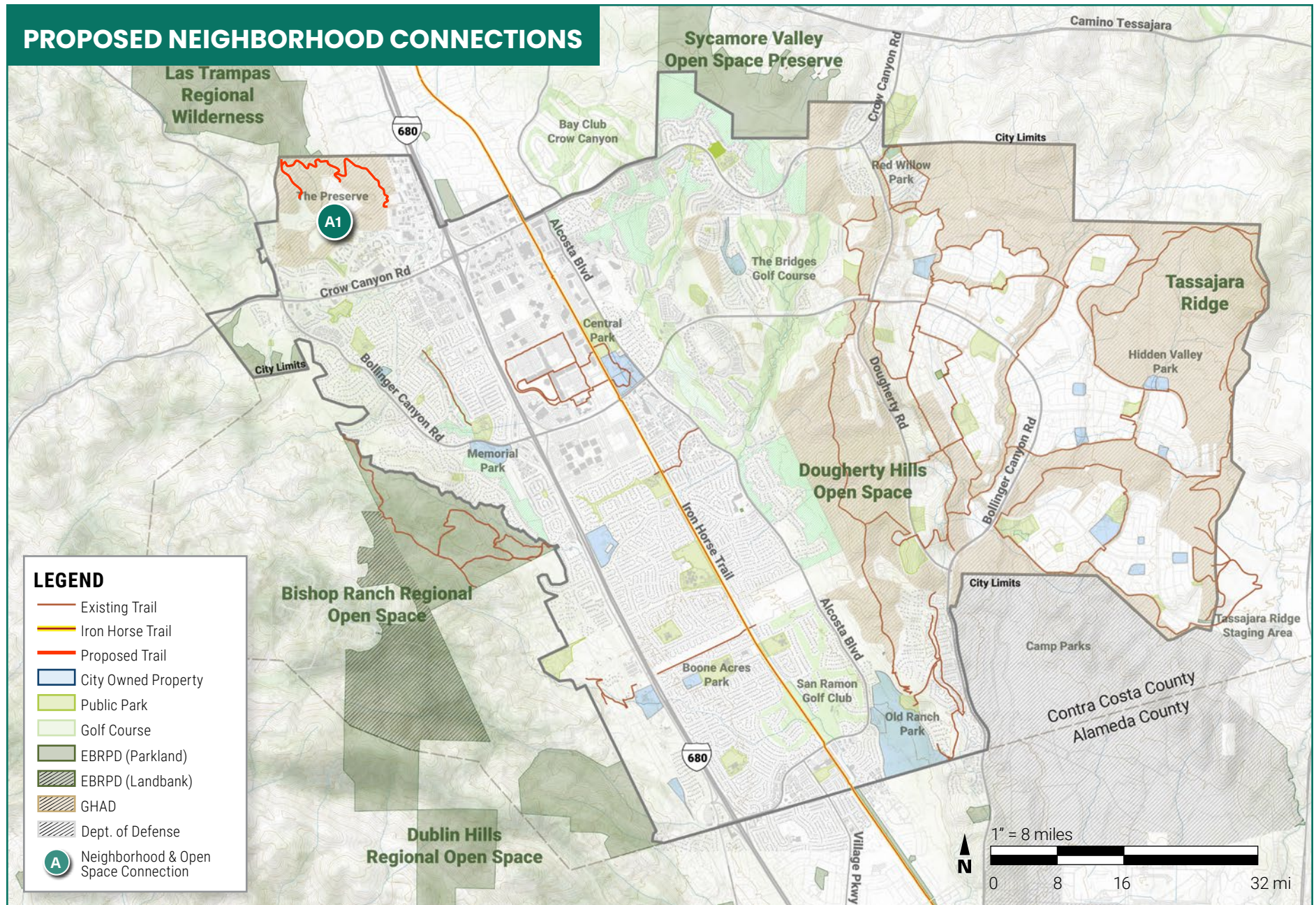
These potential projects correspond to map labels on the following page.

**A1 Project A1:** Provide a new stacked loop trail system in the open space between The Preserve Project and Las Trampas Regional Preserve to create shorter loops for community members and provide regional connectivity to EBRPD's Parkland.

**A2 Project 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.)



# NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTIONS



# 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.

These potential projects correspond to map labels on the following page. For projects with an asterisk (\*), refer to Appendix B for intersection improvement recommendations.

- B1** **Project 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.
- B2** **\*Project B2:** Provide an access point to future west side EBRPD open space off Bollinger Canyon Road from The Preserve Project.
- B3** **Project 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.
- B4** **\*Project 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.

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

**B6** **Project B6:** Improve trail connections from Red Willow Park in San Ramon to Diablo Vista Park in Danville.

**B7** **\*Project 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.

**B8** **\*Project 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.

**B9** **\*Project 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).

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

**B11** **Project B11:** Improve trail connection and access point from Paddock Drive to EBRPD open space & Redtail Hawk Trail (low priority by EBRPD).

**B12** **Project B12:** Improve trail connection and access point from Cobblestone Park/Thomas Ranch to EBRPD open space (low priority by EBRPD).



GREY FOX TRAIL (EBRPD)



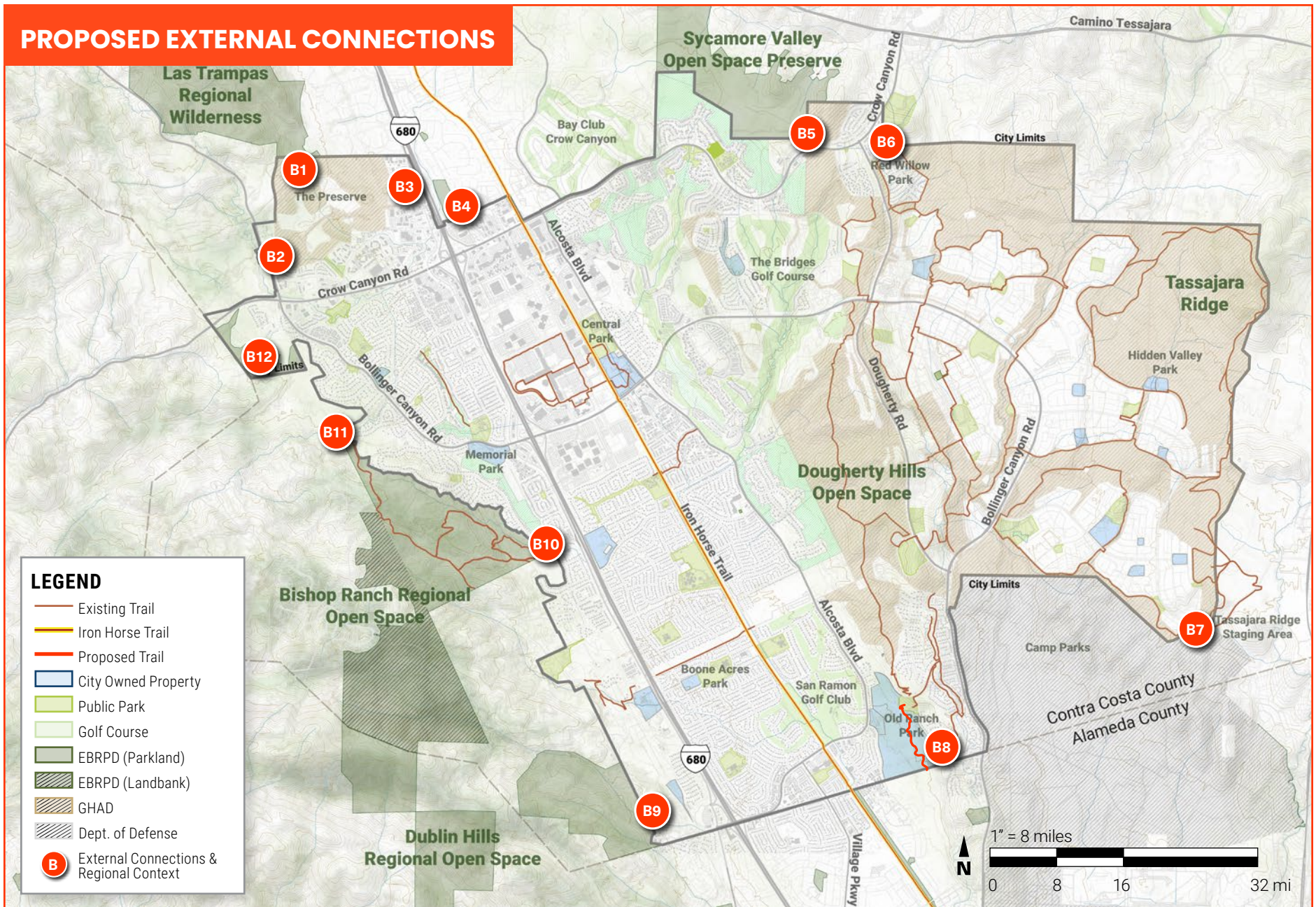
VIEW TOWARD MOUNT DIABLO

## 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



# 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 and the County to enhance this section of trail.

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

**C1 Project 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.

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

**C3 Project 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).



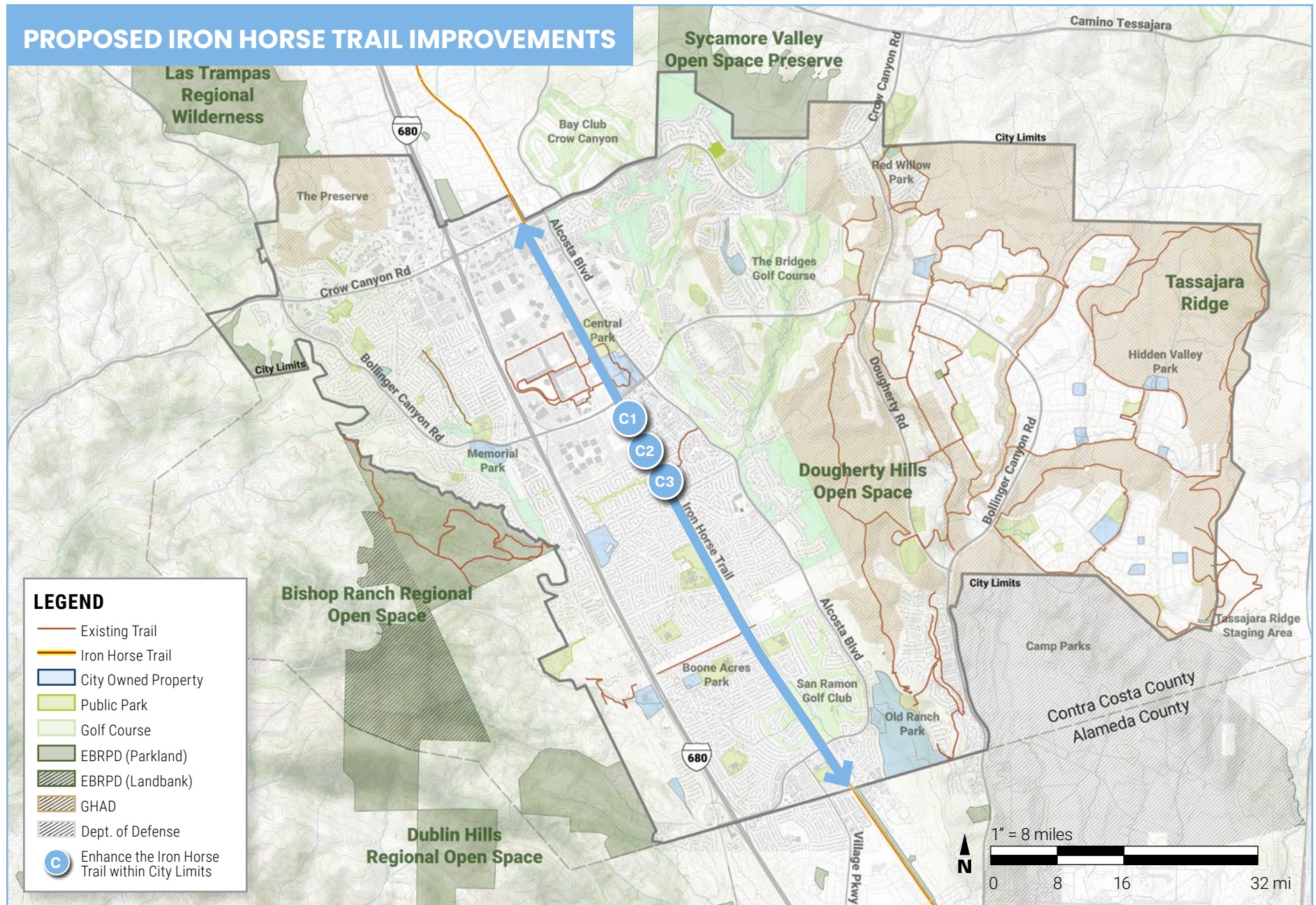
IRON HORSE TRAIL LOOKING SOUTH TOWARD DUBLIN

## 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



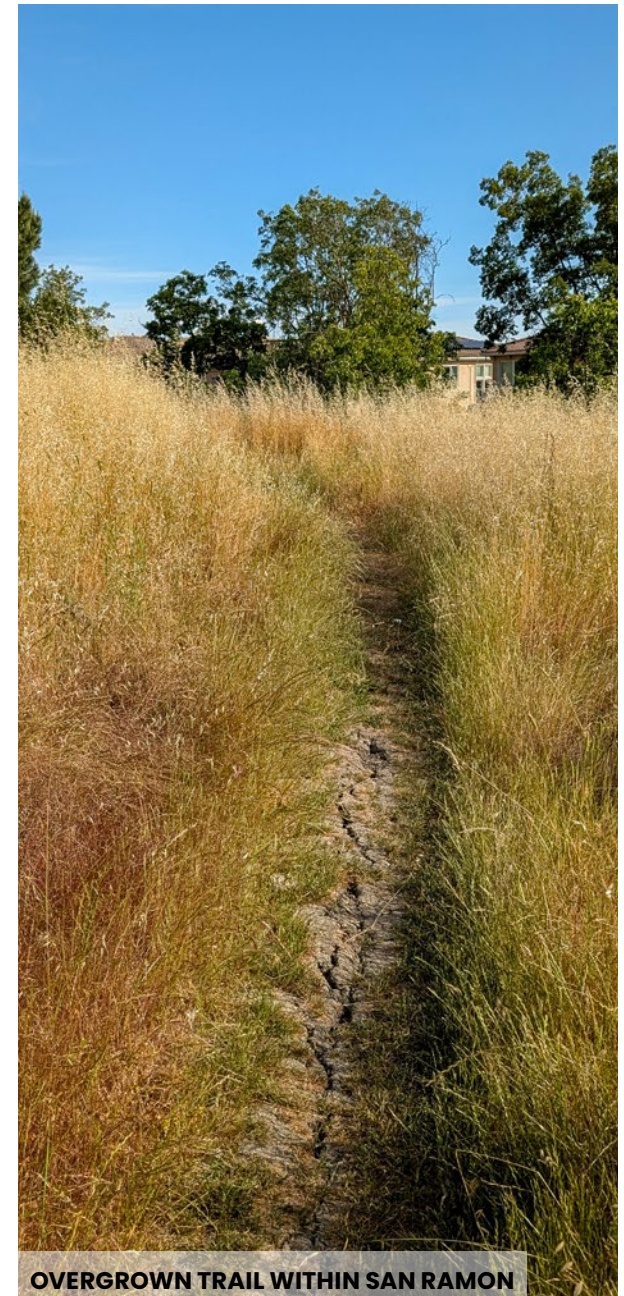
# EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK ENHANCEMENTS

## 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 work to upgrade trails to meet standards.

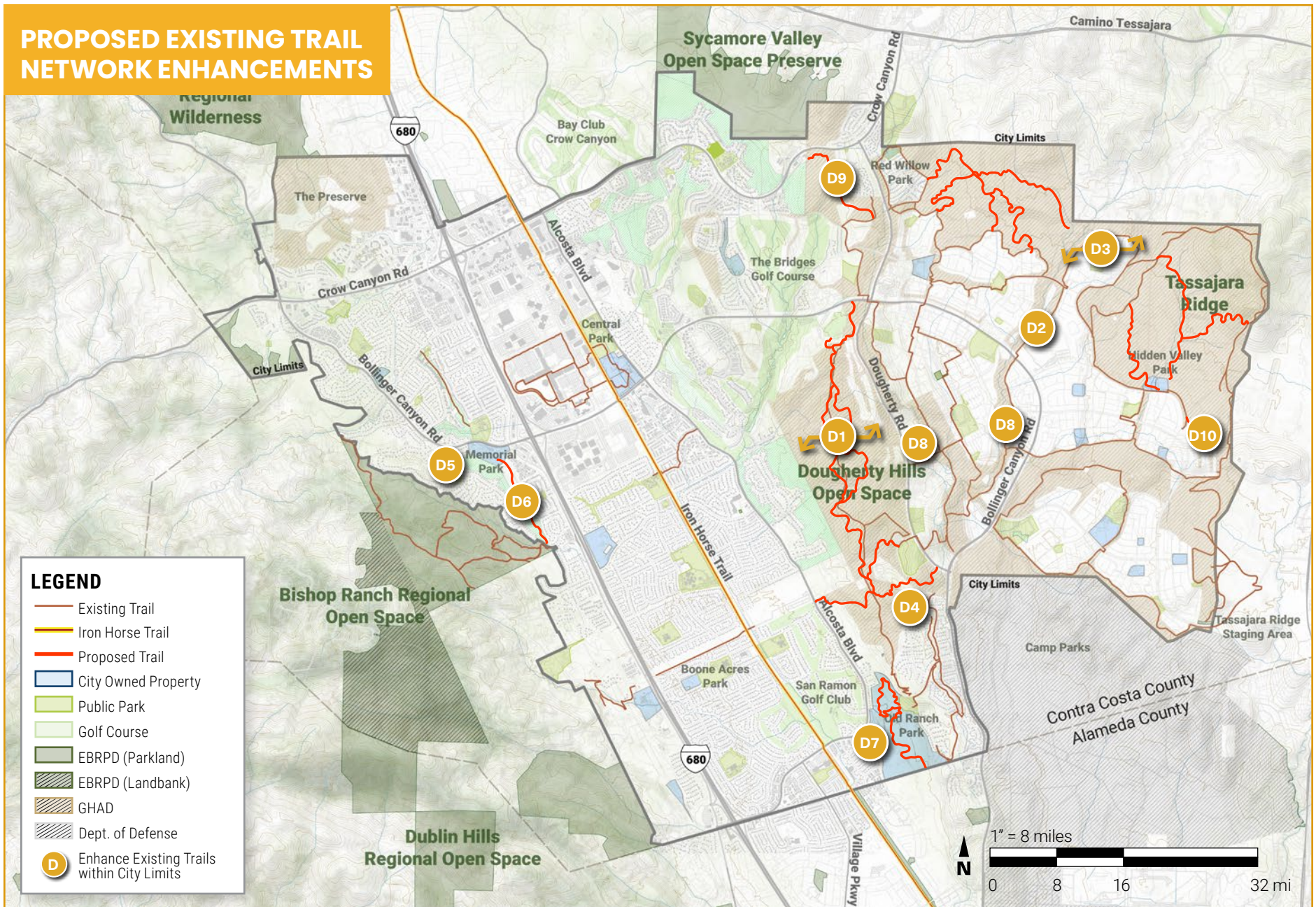
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- D1 Project D1:** Provide a stacked loop trail system in the Dougherty Hills Open Space connecting to neighborhoods along Alcosta Blvd. to the west and Dougherty Road and Rancho San Ramon Park to the east.
- D2 Project D2:** Provide a trail along Alamo Creek, utilizing shade from existing vegetation and highlighting the riparian corridor. Potential to work with the adjacent high school for cross country meets.
- D3 Project D3:** Provide stacked loop trails through Tassajara Ridge better connecting the neighborhoods on the east side of the city to open space.
- D4 \*Project D4:** Provide a connection from Iron Horse Trail to Dougherty Hills utilizing existing utility corridors.
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- D6 Project D6:** Add a connection from Morgan Drive to connect to Memorial Park using HOA green space.
- D7 \*Project D7:** Provide a trail from Alcosta Senior and Community Center to Old Ranch Park.
- D8 Project D8:** Explore using floodplain service roads along Alamo Creek and West Alamo Creek as trails during the dry months.
- D9 Project D9:** Provide a connection from the future Crow Canyon Staging Area to the West Alamo Creek Trail.
- D10 Project D10:** Provide a connection between Tassajara Ridge Trail to Hidden Valley Trail using the existing water quality control pond gravel trail.



OVERGROWN TRAIL WITHIN SAN RAMON

# EXISTING TRAIL NETWORK ENHANCEMENTS



# TRAILHEADS AND NAVIGATION

## PROVIDE NEW AND ENHANCED TRAILHEADS & NAVIGATION

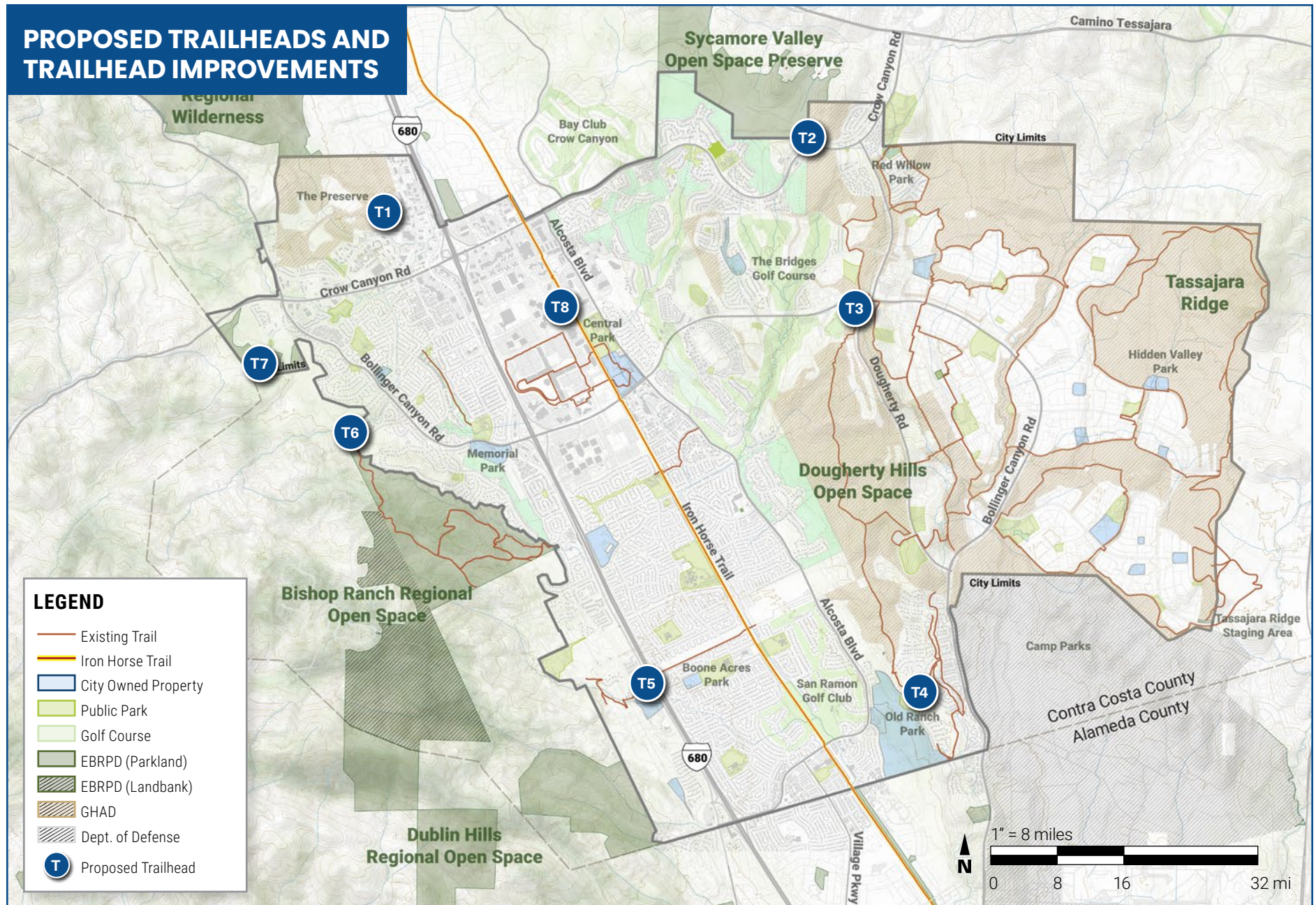
Public engagement results show that 22% of survey respondents identified a need for more trailheads and parking areas. Additional trailheads would improve access, navigation, and reduce crowding while connecting more neighborhoods to San Ramon's open spaces. Well-designed trailheads can offer clear signage, 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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- T1** \***Trailhead 1:** Improve trailhead located along Faria Preserve Parkway to serve the proposed stacked loop system in The Preserve Project's open space.
- T2** \***Trailhead 2:** New Crow Canyon Staging Area trail to provide connections into Sycamore Valley Open Space and West Alamo Creek Trail.
- T3** \***Trailhead 3:** Improve trailhead at north end of Dougherty Hills Open Space that connects to West Alamo Creek Trail.
- T4** \***Trailhead 4:** 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.
- T5** **Trailhead 5:** New trailhead at Forest Home Farms to provide east-west connection with future enhancement of the I-680 underpass and a connection to the Starkweather Trail.
- T6** **Trailhead 6:** Improve trailhead at Paddock Drive to the Redtail Hawk Trail.
- T7** **Trailhead 7:** New trailhead at Cobblestone Neighborhood Park providing a connection to the Pleasant Ridge/Las Trampas Trail.
- T8** **Trailhead 8:** New trailhead at San Ramon Transit Center connecting to the Iron Horse Trail for multimodal connection.



# TRAILHEADS AND NAVIGATION



# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

## PROJECT PRIORITIZATION AND PHASING

The phasing plan identifies which potential projects should be considered and incorporated into a 5-year, 10-year, and 20-year capital improvement program. The Prioritization Matrix on the following pages lists potential projects from highest to lowest priority and includes information such as time frame and estimated costs for each project. Estimated capital and ongoing maintenance costs are presented in 2026 dollars and will fluctuate with inflation.

### 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%)

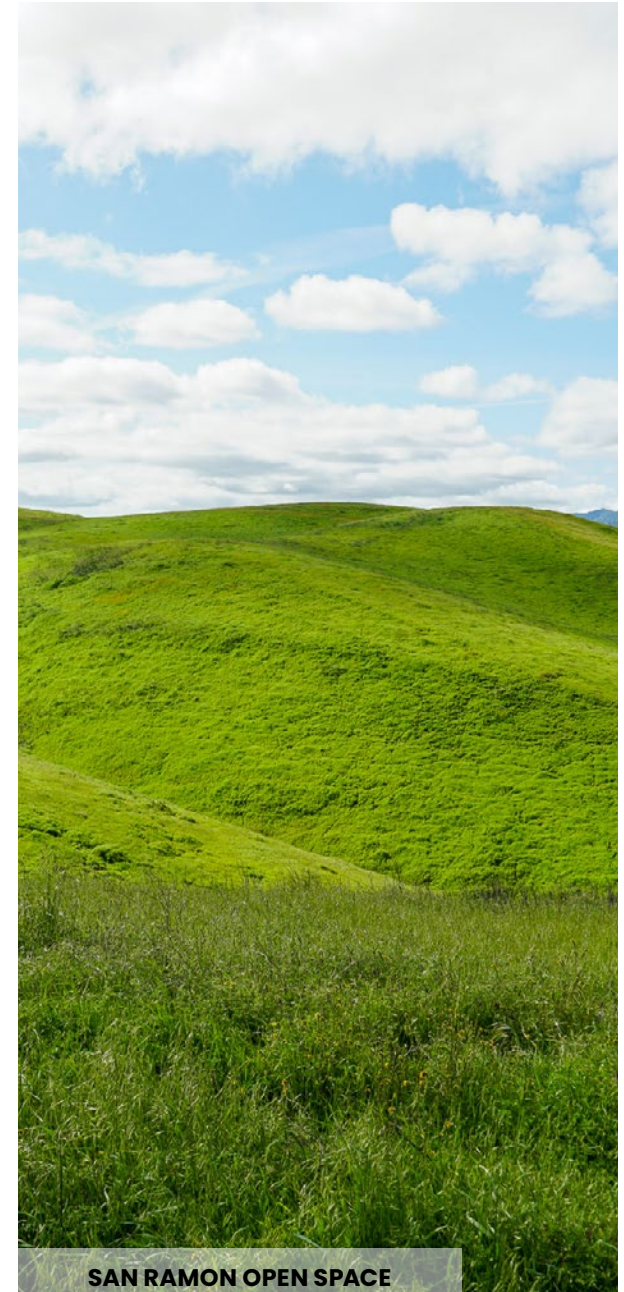
Assesses whether the project supports and advances the city's long-term goals, adopted plans, and policy direction. Considers other criteria associated with the Trails Master Plan purpose.

#### 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

**Table 1:** Prioritization Matrix—General Recommendations

RECOMMENDATIONS MATRIX					
ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	TIME FRAME	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	MAINTENANCE IMPLICATIONS
G3	Use easements to provide connections through linear corridors, utility corridors, HOAs, etc. Providing thoughtful easements and land management partnerships.	Medium	Ongoing	-	-
G4	Amend GHAD land conservation easements to allow new trail alignments that show environmental benefits, such as reduced erosion.	Medium	0-5 years	-	-
G5	Implement a citywide wayfinding signage plan for the trail system.	Low	0-5 years	-	-
G2	Evaluate opportunities to reduce user conflict and limit damage to trail surfaces due to cattle grazing. Management of open spaces should consider grazing's impact on public trails, while also respecting grazing as a vital function of the area's landscape.	Low	Ongoing	-	-
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	0-5 years	-	-
G1	Provide more dirt-to-dirt trail connections. Current loops identified on public maps bring users onto the streets, providing a convoluted experience.	Low	11-20 years	-	-

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

**Table 2:** Prioritization Matrix—Proposed Projects

RECOMMENDATIONS MATRIX					
ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	TIME FRAME	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	MAINTENANCE 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	0-5 years	\$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 the I-680 underpass and a connection to the Starkweather Trail.	High	6-10 years <sup>1</sup>	\$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	0-5 years	\$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	0-5 years	\$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	6-10 years <sup>2</sup>	\$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	0-5 years	\$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	0-5 years	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly

<sup>1</sup> To be coordinated with I-680 underpass recommendation in the Bike Master Plan Update.

<sup>2</sup> Dependent on when EBRPD land bank open space will be open to public.

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

## RECOMMENDATIONS MATRIX

ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	TIME FRAME	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	MAINTENANCE IMPLICATIONS
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	0-5 years	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
A1	Provide a new stacked loop trail system in the open space between The Preserve Project and Las Trampas Regional Preserve to create shorter loops for community members and provide regional connectivity to EBRPD's Parkland.	Medium	0-5 years <sup>3</sup>	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
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.	Medium	6-10 years <sup>4</sup>	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
T6	Improve trailhead at Paddock Drive to the Redtail Hawk Trail.	Medium	6-10 years		Yes, minimal time for maintenance
B6	Improve trail connections from Red Willow Park in San Ramon to Diablo Vista Park in Danville.	Medium	6-10 years	\$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	0-5 years <sup>5</sup>	\$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	6-10 years	\$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	0-5 years <sup>6</sup>	See Iron Horse Trail Active Transportation Corridor Study	No

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

<sup>4</sup> Coordinate with EBRPD's timeline for anticipated opening of Borel Agricultural Park.

<sup>5</sup> Concurrent with projects A1 and B3.

<sup>6</sup> 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

## RECOMMENDATIONS MATRIX

ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	TIME FRAME	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	MAINTENANCE IMPLICATIONS
T3	Improve trailhead at north end of Dougherty Hills Open Space that connects to West Alamo Creek Trail.	Medium	6-10 years	\$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 <sup>7</sup>	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	11-20 years <sup>8</sup>	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly
D8	Explore using floodplain service roads along Alamo Creek and West Alamo Creek as trails during the dry months.	Medium	0-5 years	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	0-5 years	\$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	0-5 years <sup>9</sup>	\$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	6-10 years	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly

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

<sup>8</sup> Coordinate with EBRPD timeline for public access.

<sup>9</sup> To expand on projects T4 and D7.

# CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS

## RECOMMENDATIONS MATRIX

ID	PROJECT DESCRIPTION	PRIORITY	TIME FRAME	CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT BUDGET IMPLICATIONS	MAINTENANCE IMPLICATIONS
B10	Improve trail connections and access point from Morgan Drive to EBRPD's Bishop Ranch Regional Open Space.	Medium	6-10 years	\$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	11-20 years	\$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 connection to the Pleasant Ridge/Las Trampas Trail.	Low	6-10 years	\$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 & Redtail Hawk Trail (low priority by EBRPD).	Low	11-20 years	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	11-20 years	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	11-20 years	\$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	11-20 years	\$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	11-20 years	\$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	11-20 years	\$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	6-10 years	\$50,000–\$75,000 per 1 mile of unpaved trail	\$1,000 per mile of dirt trail yearly

# FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES

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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.



Example of naming rights

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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.



Trail building and maintenance equipment owned by the Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship nonprofit organization.

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- **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 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.

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- **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.

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**TASSAJARA RIDGE ON THE EAST SIDE OF SAN RAMON**



## Maintenance and Open Space Impact Reduction

# 4

# Maintenance and Open Space Impact Reduction

This chapter describes construction and maintenance standards, CEQA compliance considerations, and strategies for mitigating environmental impacts associated with trails.

# 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 States 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, California.

While there are no specific federal or state quotas for trail accessibility, providing inclusive trail experiences is a widely accepted best practice.

## 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.



**Outdoor Recreation Access Route Trail**



**Open Space Trail**



**Backcountry Trail**

# 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 manual, tool based 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 Indigenous Peoples 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.

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# 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.

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## 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

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## 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: COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES & CASE STUDIES

## PURPOSE

Case studies are real-world examples of how management strategies perform in practice and offer insights into what works and what doesn't. They can also encourage more innovative and non-traditional approaches by exposing planners to a broader range of strategies.

Comparable communities are used to benchmark best practices and understand how similar communities address challenges.

## 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.

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## 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.

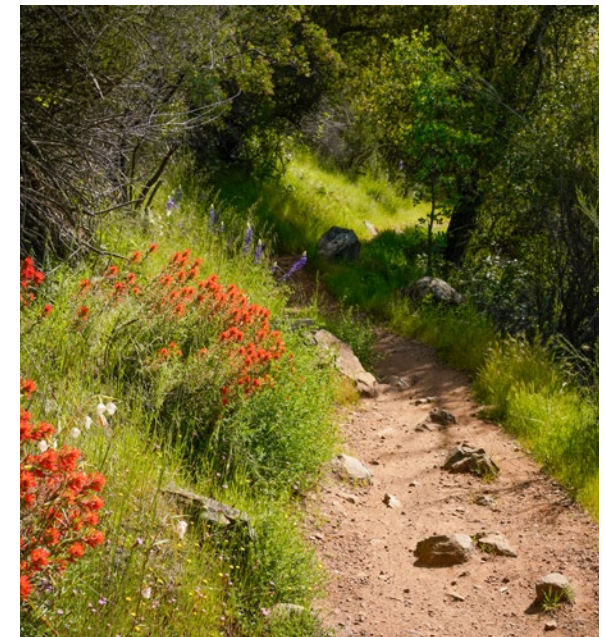
For San Ramon, this example demonstrates the value of blending urban Class I corridors with natural trail access, leveraging volunteer stewardship, and aligning with regional trail networks. Folsom's use of long-range trail planning and coordinated implementation across city and state levels offers a 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, California  
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## 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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# APPENDIX B: COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES & CASE STUDIES

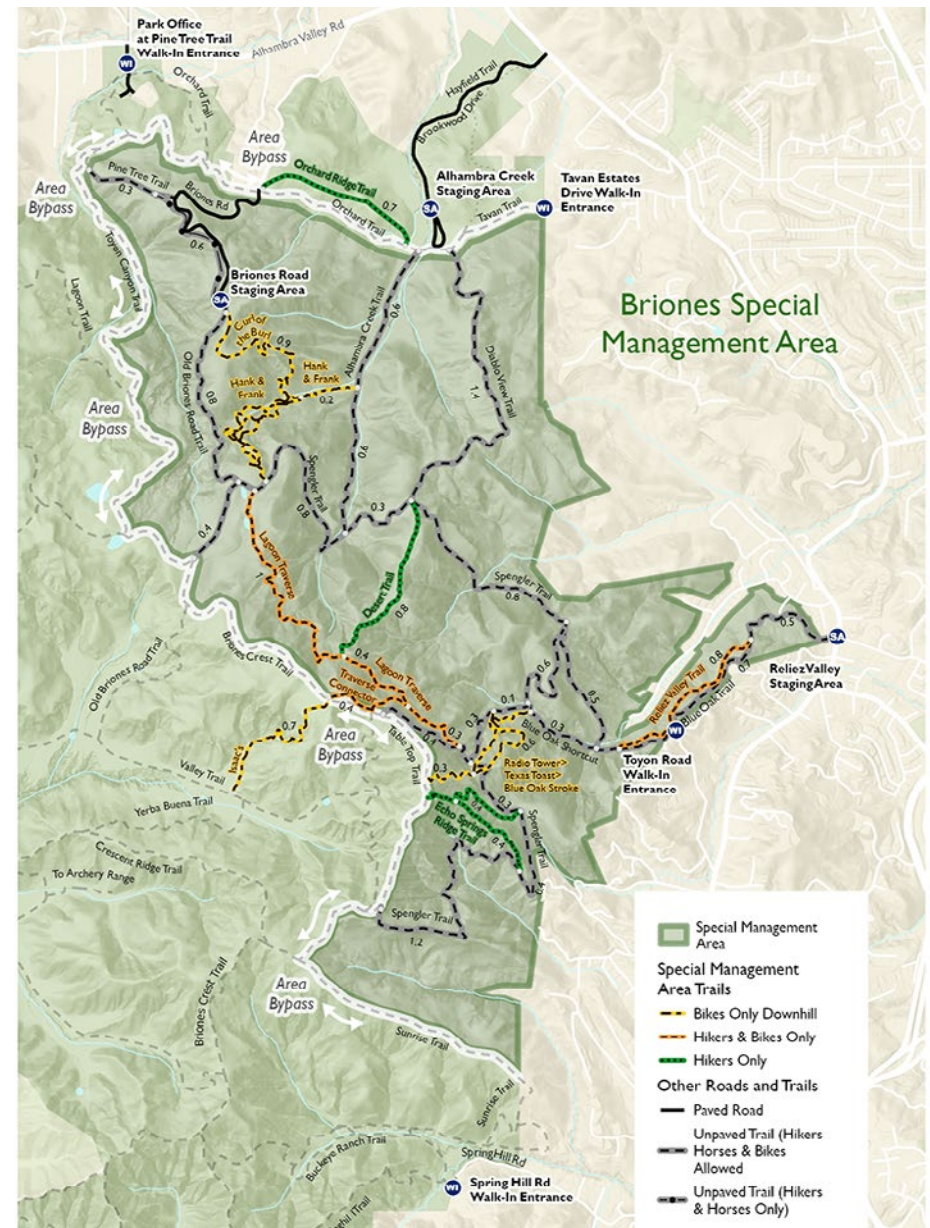
## BRIONES SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA

The Briones Special Management Area (SMA) is a 1,600 acre zone within Briones Regional Park (Contra Costa County, California) 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.  
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# APPENDIX B: COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES & CASE STUDIES

## BRIONES SPECIAL MANAGEMENT AREA (CONT'D)

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.



# APPENDIX B: COMPARABLE COMMUNITIES & CASE STUDIES

## 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)



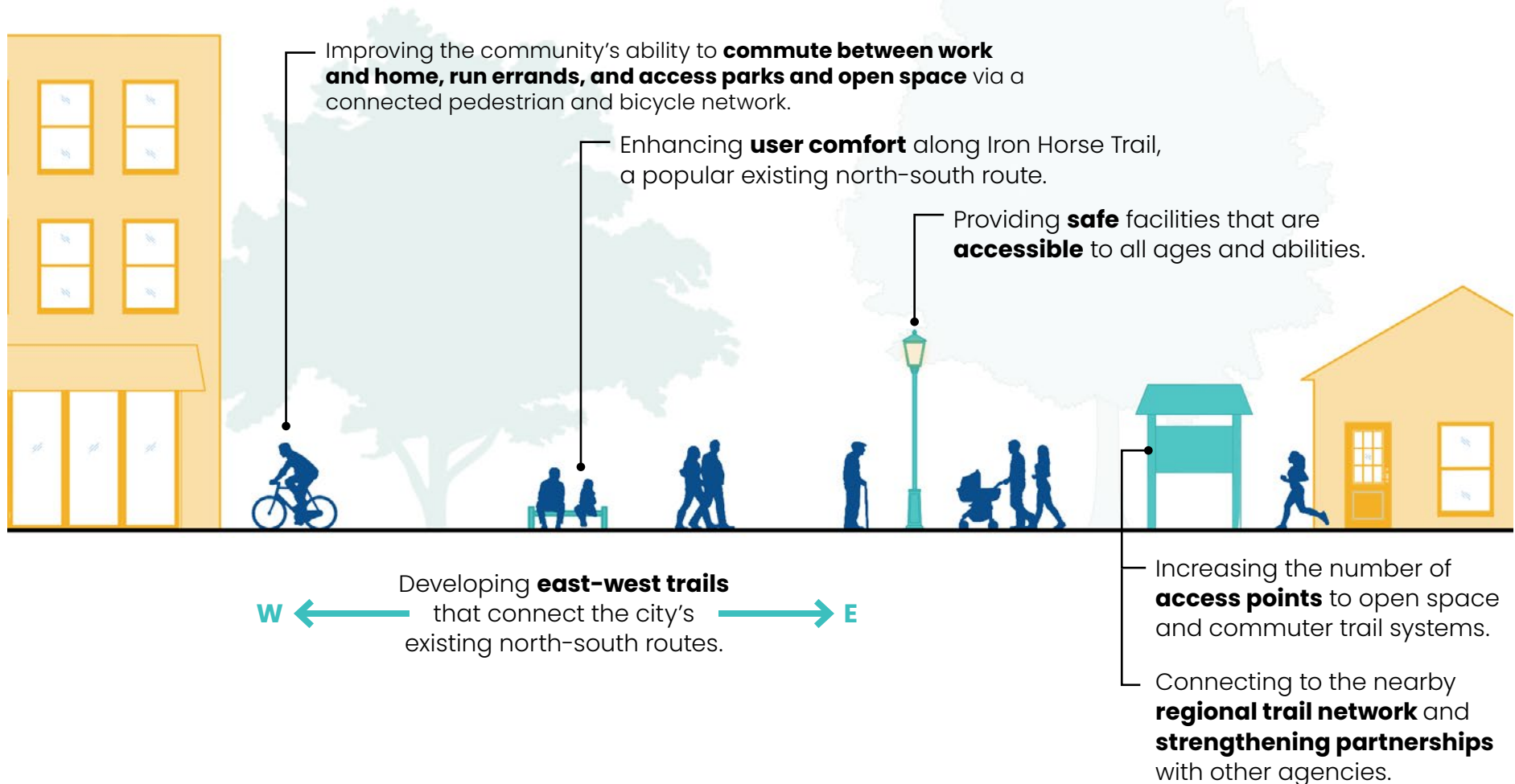
**BENCH IN DOUGHERTY HILLS OPEN SPACE**

# APPENDIX C: 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



# APPENDIX C: 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 "Appendix C: Previous Plan Alignment" on page A-12 represent various goals and policies that have been previously adopted. While some relate directly to this plan's Recommendations, others tie more closely to Funding Opportunities or Trail Construction Standards.

## 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.

# APPENDIX C: PREVIOUS PLAN ALIGNMENT

## 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 Master 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.

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## 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.

# APPENDIX C: PREVIOUS PLAN ALIGNMENT

## 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

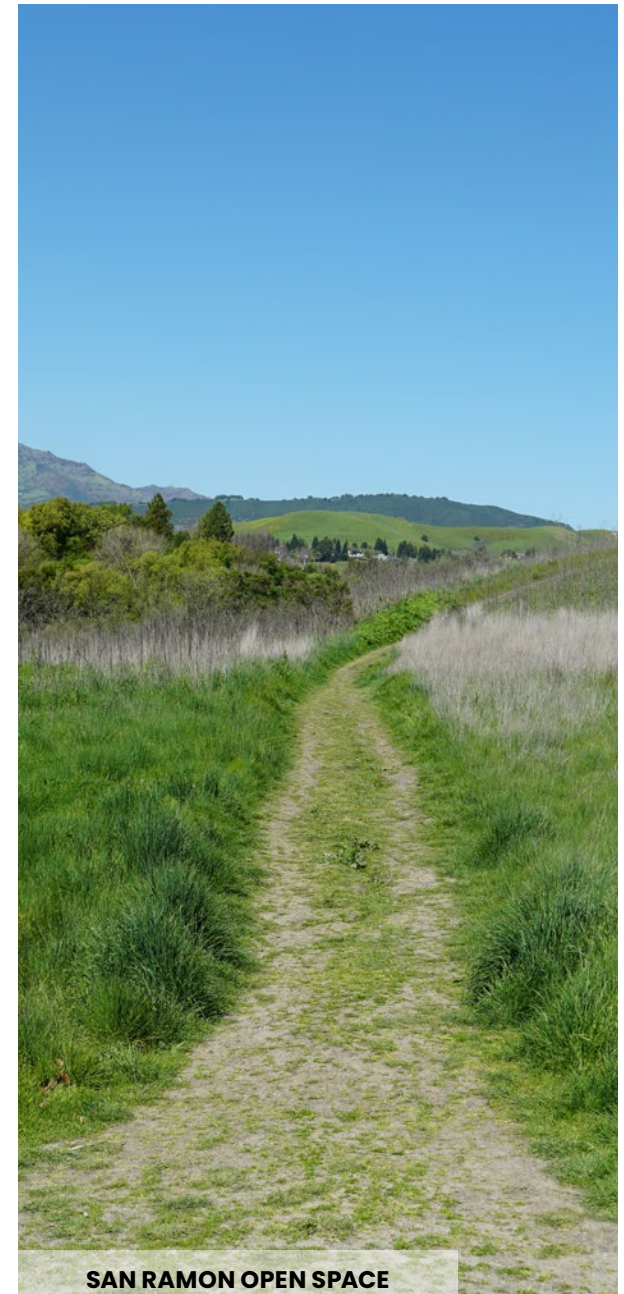


**SAN RAMON OPEN SPACE**

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## 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.			●	



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# APPENDIX C: PREVIOUS PLAN ALIGNMENT

## 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.

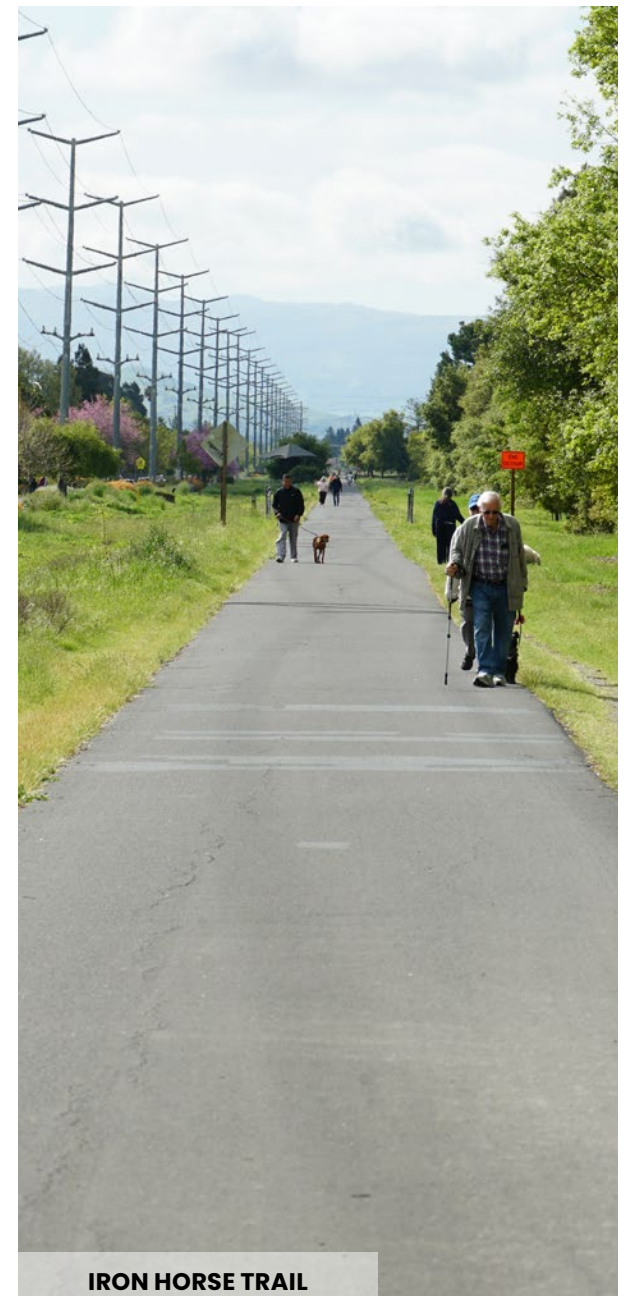
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Implement the San Ramon Valley Iron Horse Trail Corridor Concept Plan by refining the design alternatives and pursue funding through grants, public/private partnerships and other funding sources as appropriate.

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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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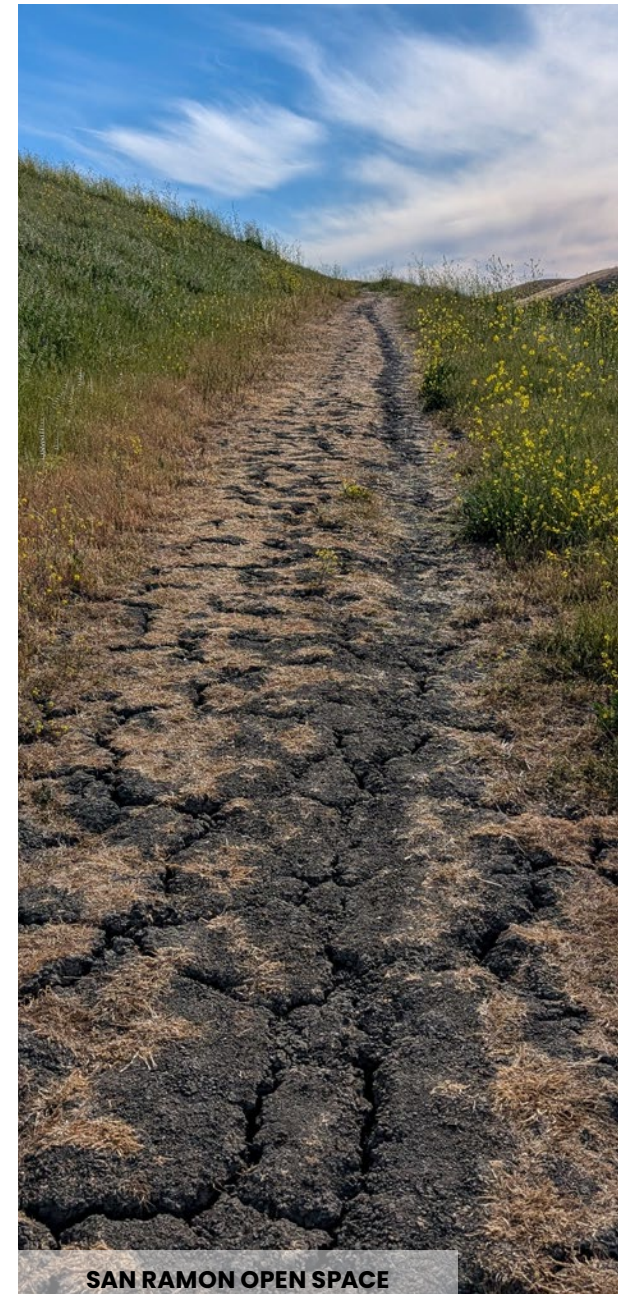


IRON HORSE TRAIL

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## 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.		●		



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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.			●	●



**TRAIL SIGN IN SAN RAMON OPEN SPACE**

# APPENDIX C: PREVIOUS PLAN ALIGNMENT

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.				●

# APPENDIX D: "FRIENDS OF" GROUP PURPOSE AND OPPORTUNITIES

## PURPOSE

"Friends of" trail organizations fill gaps when public agencies don't have capacity or funding to address issues or improvements on their own. These volunteer-led organizations allow community members to become stewards of the trails and give a sense of communal ownership of the trail system.

"Friends of" groups can be viewed as implementation partners that extend the City's capabilities, bring in outside funding, and build long-term community ownership of the trail system.

## STRUCTURE

"Friends of" trail organizations are typically 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations which are led by a volunteer board of directors and often supported by specific committees (fundraising, stewardship, etc). They are sometimes staffed by an executive director or program managers if they grow large enough. These groups operate through a formal partnership with a public agency with clearly defined roles for each party. While agencies retain ownership, liability, and major capital responsibilities, "friends of" groups provide volunteer labor, fundraising, and community advocacy.

## WHAT THEY DO

### Build New Trails

- Partner with cities, counties, or land trusts to deliver new trail segments
- Organize and lead volunteer trail-building days
- Advocate for trail projects during the annual capital improvement planning process and support implementation of master plans

### Maintain Existing Trails

- Coordinate ongoing maintenance crews (vegetation management, signage upkeep, etc)
- Report hazards, vandalism, or more complicated maintenance needs
- Promote responsible trail use (trail etiquette, habitat protection, grazing practices)

### Fundraise

- Raise funds for projects through memberships, donations, grants, and events
- Sponsor amenities like benches, signage, trailheads, and interpretive elements
- Leverage private funding to match public grants, giving a competitive advantage
- Assist with grant applications and other funding opportunities

### Engage with the Community

- Host volunteer days, guided hikes and bike rides, and educational events
- Conduct community outreach to ensure trail development project represent the community's evolving desires
- Act as liason between the public and agencies to elevate community priorities

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## EXAMPLE "FRIENDS OF" GROUPS

### Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship

Founded in 1997, the Santa Cruz Mountains Trail Stewardship has grown from a special interest advocacy group into a professional trail stewardship organization with deep trails expertise, a full roster of field and office staff, extensive community and volunteer engagement, and strong relationships with local land managers. They are instrumental in the construction and maintenance of trails throughout Santa Cruz, San Mateo, and Santa Clara Counties, connecting trail users to open spaces through public and private volunteer trail work events. The organization is also a licensed CA contractor.

### Marin County Bicycle Coalition (MCBC)

The MCBC has been instrumental in expanding multi-use paths across Marin County, California. The Coalition provides advocacy, education, and project delivery support. They have played key roles in advancing segments of trails such as the Great Redwood Trail by providing technical input during planning phases, conducting outreach and funding campaigns, and influencing policy by advocating for trail improvements through involvement in General Plans, Capital Improvement Programs, and environmental review documents.

### Bicycle Trails Council East Bay (BTCEB)

Bicycle Trails Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization that was founded in 1987 by a dedicated group of volunteers who successfully fought the impending closure of almost all mountain bike trails in the East Bay. They are the oldest mountain bike advocacy group in the United States and one of the founding clubs of the International Mountain Biking Association (IMBA). Their trail crews help maintain trails in local parks and their members and partners have volunteered countless hours to build new trails and improve existing ones.

### Stewards of Briones

The Stewards of Briones have long been the invisible trail caretakers of Briones Regional Park until entering a formal agreement with the East Bay Regional Parks District with the introduction of the Briones Pilot Program. In 2023 they formed a stewardship organization to legally maintain the existing trails, and advocate for equitable trail access and development of new trails. Between July 2023 and February 2026, they have contributed over 4,700 hours of volunteer trail work.



Community volunteers with the Stewards of Briones  
Image Source: [stewardsofbriones.org](http://stewardsofbriones.org)



Volunteers prepare for a trail building day  
Image Source: [Marin County Bicycle Coalition](http://Marin County Bicycle Coalition)



Volunteers celebrate a successful clean-up day  
Image Source: [American River Parkway Foundation](http://American River Parkway Foundation)

# APPENDIX E: 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 Parkway and Bollinger Canyon Road. 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 Road 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 Lane or Foster Drive.

**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 Drive), 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 Iron Horse Trail 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.

# APPENDIX E: INTERSECTION AND ROAD SAFETY CONSIDERATIONS

## ENHANCE EXISTING TRAILS WITHIN CITY LIMITS

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

- 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 Boulevard 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 Boulevard 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 Road at the Talavera Drive 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 Drive 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 Parkway 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 Road and Dougherty Road, and there is not a practical way to create another crossing of Bollinger Canyon Road here. It may be that the only improvement possible is signage directing users to the crossing at Dougherty Road.

**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 Road 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.

# **SAN RAMON TRAILS MASTER PLAN**



# ACTIVITY REPORT

April 2026



City of San Ramon  
Parks & Community Services

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# PROVIDE RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES

## Spring Break Camps



Parks & Community Services offered a number of Spring Break camps to provide a variety of recreation experiences: Youth Enrichment, Sports, and Nature Camps.

Enrichment camps featured Cooking Camp and Minecraft Coding Camp. Activities included learning culinary and kitchen safety skills and exploring computer coding concepts through Minecraft projects. The week was a great success, with campers filling San Ramon Community Center and Coder School with laughter, smiles, and curiosity.

San Ramon youth got active and immersed themselves in the sports of their choosing through half-day Sports Camps. The always-popular Crazy 4 Sports camp allowed campers to try new sports each day, including traditional sports and popular schoolyard games like kickball, basketball, and dodgeball. From rallying at table tennis, dribbling down the court in basketball, developing their smash shots in badminton, or dropping in on their skateboards, specialty camps provided experienced instruction to help the youth learn the sports and progress their skills.

Forest Home Farms hosted Spring Break Nature Camp, where children enjoyed educational, fun activities such as animal tracking, wild plant identification, insect hunts, creek studies, tractor rides, water filtration, making pinecone ink, and much more! Campers spent one special day with volunteers from Treadles to Threads, a local Wool Spinning Guild. Participants learned from these experts how to card, spin, and work with miniature looms.

# PROVIDE RECREATIONAL EXPERIENCES



## **Band Practice at Amador Rancho Community Center**

The Facilities team established weekly rehearsal reservations for the Danville Community Band at Amador Rancho Community Center. Several band members also participate in the San Ramon Symphonic Band, which rehearses in a separate room within the same facility. This shared location supports coordination between the two groups, maintains dedicated rehearsal spaces, and offers a convenient location for members traveling from surrounding areas. In collaboration with the Arts Supervisor, the Facilities team used existing on-site equipment to support the band's needs, creating an efficient, functional setup for this valued community group.

## **San Ramon Valley Aquatics Swim Meet at Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center**

San Ramon Valley Aquatics, one of the City's Athletic Facilities Co-Sponsored groups, hosted a regional long-course swim meet at Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center. The event welcomed hundreds of swimmers from across the Tri-Valley for two days of competition. By hosting events like this, parks and recreation facilities provide valuable recreational experiences that bring people together and make life better for our community.



# FOSTER HUMAN DEVELOPMENT



## Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps at San Ramon Olympic Pool

Parks & Community Services Aquatics staff worked with an Army Junior Reserve Officers' Training Corps group from Washoe County, Nevada, to conduct a three-day in-water training at the San Ramon Olympic Pool, highlighting how parks support meaningful, skill-building experiences. Six groups of 45 cadets completed water-based exercises testing physical and mental endurance, including blindfolded entries, underwater retrievals, and team challenges.



## Gathering Spaces at Alcosta Senior and Community Center

The Page Turners met to discuss the April book of the month, *Tell Me Everything*, followed by a lively discussion. The senior-based book group has grown over the past few years, and approximately 25-30 participants continue to gather each month.

The Meet & Greet Friendship Group continues to make new connections and meets for activities, conversation, and walks on the Iron Horse Trail. The center also hosted two Personal Emergency Preparedness presentations to bring emergency preparedness into practice.

Rounding out the month was the first Canine Comfort Pet Assisted Therapy session, where four-legged friends Chipper, Luna, and Peach greeted participants and brought cheer and comfort to seniors at the center.

# FOSTER HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

## Forest Home Farms Historic Park Education Programs

Forest Home Farms Historic Park hosted nearly 500 students for Education Programs in April. Third graders enjoyed the farm through hands-on activities such as darning socks, squeezing fresh orange juice, drilling holes in wood planks, and learning how to preserve fruit.

The Glass House Museum welcomed 150 second graders to the sounds of Victrola music, followed by an etiquette lesson and a dress-up session in period-inspired clothing. They also tried their hands at typical Victorian-era chores like rug beating and wool carding, followed by old-fashioned games like Jacob's Ladder and Graces.

Over 100 Transitional Kindergarteners explored their Five Senses on a special tour tailored for young students. They tasted fresh mint lemonade in the farm's organic garden, shaped clay pinch pots by the creek, listened to stories, smelled lavender and lilac blossoms, and made wool balls by the sheep pasture.

Across all three programs, these activities give a glimpse of life on a historic farm while engaging students in fun ways.



# FOSTER HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

## Leaders in Training Kickoff

With summer approaching fast, the Leaders in Training (LIT) program kicked off on April 30. This annual program for San Ramon teens develops leadership skills, teaches how to work with children, and provides experience in summer camp operations. One of the highlights of the program is the volunteer opportunities provided to teens who complete the five classroom sessions.

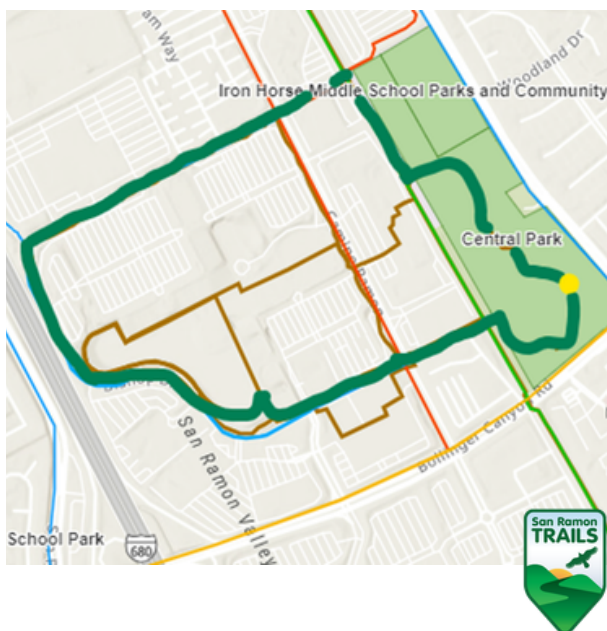
During the summer, LITs volunteer at a variety of summer camps offered through the P&CS Department. This year, additional opportunities in Aquatics expanded the program's capacity, allowing 65 San Ramon teens to participate. This crew includes 43 new LITs and 22 returning Senior LITs.



# PROMOTE HEALTH AND WELLNESS

## San Ramon Trails Walk

Fourteen hikers joined the most recent San Ramon Trails Walk, Explore San Ramon's Hidden Lake. Staff led the group on a scenic two-mile loop featuring Annabel Lake, the Iron Horse Trail, and Central Park. The walk offered a great opportunity for community members to discover some of the City's hidden gems. One participant shared that it was his first visit to Annabel Lake and that he enjoyed it so much that he plans to add it to his regular weekly walks. Another hiker, who recently moved from the Midwest, said the event was a wonderful way to get to know San Ramon.



# INCREASE CULTURAL UNITY

## Arts, Culture & Creativity Month

April in California marked Arts, Culture & Creativity Month, a statewide recognition of the vital role arts and culture play in community life. During this time, cities such as San Ramon host exhibitions, performances, and events that highlight local talent and cultural programs. San Ramon City Council presented local leaders Ranjani Venkatachari of Visual Arts Society of San Ramon and James Daly of San Ramon Academy of Music with the proclamation.

The City partners with dedicated educators to present hundreds of student artworks across multiple gallery locations. These exhibits showcase not only the creativity of young artists but also the guidance of teachers who inspire innovation and wellness. Through a wide range of subjects, including still life, landscapes, and portraits, students express their identities, experiences, and perspectives, offering a unique glimpse into how they see the world. Staff invite the community to experience these perspectives through a child's eyes.



### April Galleries & Events

#### Gallery at Alcosta Senior and Community Center

Happy Valley Youth Art Group  
Artist Reception: April 2

#### Lindsay Dirx Brown Gallery

Dublin San Ramon Women's Club Student Art Contest  
Artist Reception: April 26

#### Gallery at City Hall

SRVUSD High School Student Art  
Artist Reception: April 21

#### Dougherty Station Community Arts Center Gallery

SRVUSD Middle School Student Art  
Artist Reception: April 21

#### San Ramon Library Gallery

SRVUSD Elementary School Student Art



# FACILITATE COMMUNITY PROBLEM SOLVING



## April at Café Costa

On average, 34 seniors attended lunch daily during April at Café Costa. On Wednesday, April 15, Café Costa celebrated the monthly birthday participants with festive cake and birthday goody bags from two Senior Outreach Sponsors, Horizon Elder Law, and Angel's Heart.

## Tax Preparation Assistance

Alcosta Senior and Community Center hosted free tax preparation provided by AARP Foundation Tax-Aide. Each Wednesday, from February through April 15, AARP provided trained, certified IRS counselors to prepare income tax returns at the Center. Counselors prepare and file tax returns electronically, optimizing accuracy and ensuring tax payment arrangements happen quickly. The program serves taxpayers of any age, with special attention given to seniors, ages 50+. Tax-Aide does not have an income limit but focuses on those with low to moderate incomes. Throughout the season, staff worked to register participants, make reminder calls, and fill in cancellations with waitlisted seniors. As usual, demand for this service was strong, and over the season, AARP served over 500 taxpayers.

**AARP Foundation**  
**Tax-Aide**

# STRENGTHEN SAFETY AND SECURITY

## Walt Disney Elementary School Track Repaving Project

A City contractor, All American Paving, repaved the track at Walt Disney Elementary School during spring break. The team coordinated with Engineering to complete a full 2-inch mill-and-fill rehabilitation of 1,300 linear feet of track. Irrigation systems that conflicted with the work were temporarily removed and reinstalled after completion. The crew completed the project in just two days, restoring a heavily used amenity for both the school and the surrounding community.



## Gale Ranch Middle School Artificial Turf Replacement

Public Works staff recently completed modifications to the cricket pitch at Gale Ranch Middle School. Due to heavy use of the cricket pitch, the artificial turf had become worn and unsightly. During spring break, staff removed and replaced the turf and added much-needed material to the run-ups. This project was funded by the Cricket Field Installation Project (CIP 500002).



# STRENGTHEN SAFETY AND SECURITY



## San Ramon Olympic Pool Play Pool CO<sub>2</sub> Installation

The Public Services Aquatics team closely monitors four key chemical levels to ensure pool safety: chlorine, pH, alkalinity, and calcium hardness. These factors are interrelated and adjusting one impacts the others, with the Play Pool, in particular, requiring frequent balancing. Staff adds sodium bicarbonate to increase alkalinity, raising pH and requiring acid to bring it back down, creating a continuous adjustment cycle to stabilize pH.

To reduce this cycle and maintain more stable water conditions throughout the day, the Aquatics team added a CO<sub>2</sub> (carbon dioxide) injection system to the circulation system. CO<sub>2</sub> lowers pH without significantly reducing alkalinity, allowing for more precise control of water chemistry. This improvement will help maintain consistent chemical levels and minimize pool closures.



## Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center Pump and Motor Replacement

The Aquatics and Facilities team replaced the circulation pump, motor assembly, and strainer basket in the Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center play pool without disruption to pool operations or user group schedules. The new equipment reduces maintenance time, improves electrical efficiency, and ensures compliance with Contra Costa County Health standards. This project was completed as part of the Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center Equipment Replacement Project (CIP 925574).



# STRENGTHEN SAFETY AND SECURITY

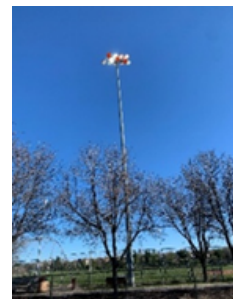
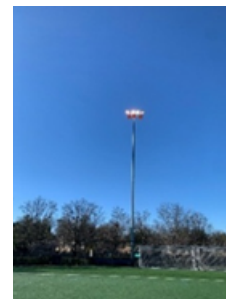


## Dougherty Station Community Arts Center Backflow Replacement

During the most recent test of backflow prevention devices at the Dougherty Station Community Arts Center, a check valve failed, necessitating the replacement of the entire backflow assembly after multiple unsuccessful repair attempts. Public Services staff obtained a Limited Construction Permit from the Dublin San Ramon Services District and installed a new 4-inch concrete pad over a 6-inch aggregate base. Certified backflow testers and a crane operator completed the backflow replacement under the supervision of a DSRSD inspector on-site. The new assembly passed testing, is fully operational, and continues to ensure the protection of the potable water system.

## Tiffany Roberts Sports Field Lighting Maintenance

Musco Sports Lighting, a City contractor, replaced 14 burnt-out bulbs at Tiffany Roberts Field. Before the contractor's arrival, in-house maintenance staff inspected and confirmed that all ballasts were functioning properly. Technicians utilized a 100-foot aerial lift to access the fixtures and replace the failed bulbs. Replacing the failed bulbs will improve field lighting conditions, reducing glare, eliminating dark spots, and providing more even lighting coverage, creating better overall visibility for evening games.



# STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY IMAGE AND SENSE OF PLACE



## San Ramon Historic Foundation Sheep Shearing Fundraiser

The San Ramon Historic Foundation's annual Sheep Shearing fundraiser proved a resounding success and drew a large crowd of over 1,000 attendees to Forest Home Farms Historic Park.

Guests enjoyed a wide range of activities, including live sheep shearing demonstrations, sheep herding dog performances, tractor rides, wool spinners, and a traditional blacksmith demonstration that added historical context to the event. Olympia Fields Brass provided live music throughout the day, contributing to a lively and welcoming atmosphere. Families and children participated in sheep-themed crafts, while on-site food options included kettle corn and hot dog lunches.

The event exceeded expectations with both turnout and visitor satisfaction. With thanks to volunteers, staff, and community partners, the broader public enjoyed another memorable and successful event.



# STRENGTHEN COMMUNITY IMAGE AND SENSE OF PLACE



## Senior Volunteer Appreciation Lunch

The Senior Volunteer Appreciation Lunch recognized more than 85 volunteers from Senior Programs this spring. Volunteers enjoyed a light lunch provided by Kinder's BBQ and a variety of cookies for dessert. Longtime volunteer, Mike Thelen, provided musical entertainment. Parks & Community Services Commissioners, and members of the Senior Advisory Committee and Senior Center Foundation were on hand to provide remarks and words of appreciation for the many hours of work and effort given for Senior Programs throughout the past year. Volunteers received a wooden planter box kit with everything needed to grow mint or lavender as a token of appreciation. All the many senior programs and events at Alcosta Senior and Community Center would not be possible without all the amazing volunteers, their time, and effort!



# PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER



## Parks Make Life Better at Forest Home Farms Historic Park

More than 40 volunteers celebrated Arbor Day in a very special way with a Parks Make Life Better event at Forest Home Farms Historic Park. Participants helped City staff from Public Services and Parks & Community Services complete various projects, including raking and pulling weeds around the park. Volunteers also spread 23 yards of mulch around the Tractor Museum and cleaned the Walnut Barn from top to bottom. After a short break and a presentation from West Coast Arborists on the importance of trees, the group planted a 5-gallon Navel orange tree near the Garden.



# PARKS MAKE LIFE BETTER



## Tennis Tournament

One of the City's tennis instructors, Bonasera Tennis, hosted the first recreational tournament in recent years at California High School tennis courts. The tournament drew 80 participants aged 7 to 18, offering age-appropriate divisions and a supportive, competitive environment.

The weekend culminated in a final match between two best friends. Featuring an extraordinary 7-minute, 42-second rally for the championship point, the competition drew loud applause and highlighted the event's fun, community-focused spirit. Building on the momentum of the tournament, a second tournament takes place May 16-17.





# UPCOMING EVENTS

May 9 & 16	Recreation Swim at San Ramon Olympic Pool
May 14	All About Bees at Forest Home Farms
May 15-24	Mean Girls: High School Edition Performances at Front Row Theater
May 16	San Ramon Symphonic Band Concert at Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center
May 16-17	Youth Recreational Tennis Tournament at Cal High Tennis Courts
May 21	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday Arts and Eats at Dougherty Station Community Arts Center
May 23-25	Memorial Day Recreation Swim at San Ramon Olympic Pool
May 24-25	Art & Wind Festival at Central Park
May 30	Tea Traditions at Forest Home Farms
June 2	County Connection Mobile Lobby at Alcosta Senior and Community Center
June 3	Lunch with Law Enforcement at Alcosta Senior and Community Center
June 8	Recreation Swim at San Ramon Olympic Pool & Dougherty Valley Aquatic Center
June 8 & 11	Whose Live Anyway? at Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center
June 10	Bruce Hornsby & The Noisemakers at Dougherty Valley Performing Arts Center

# 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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