

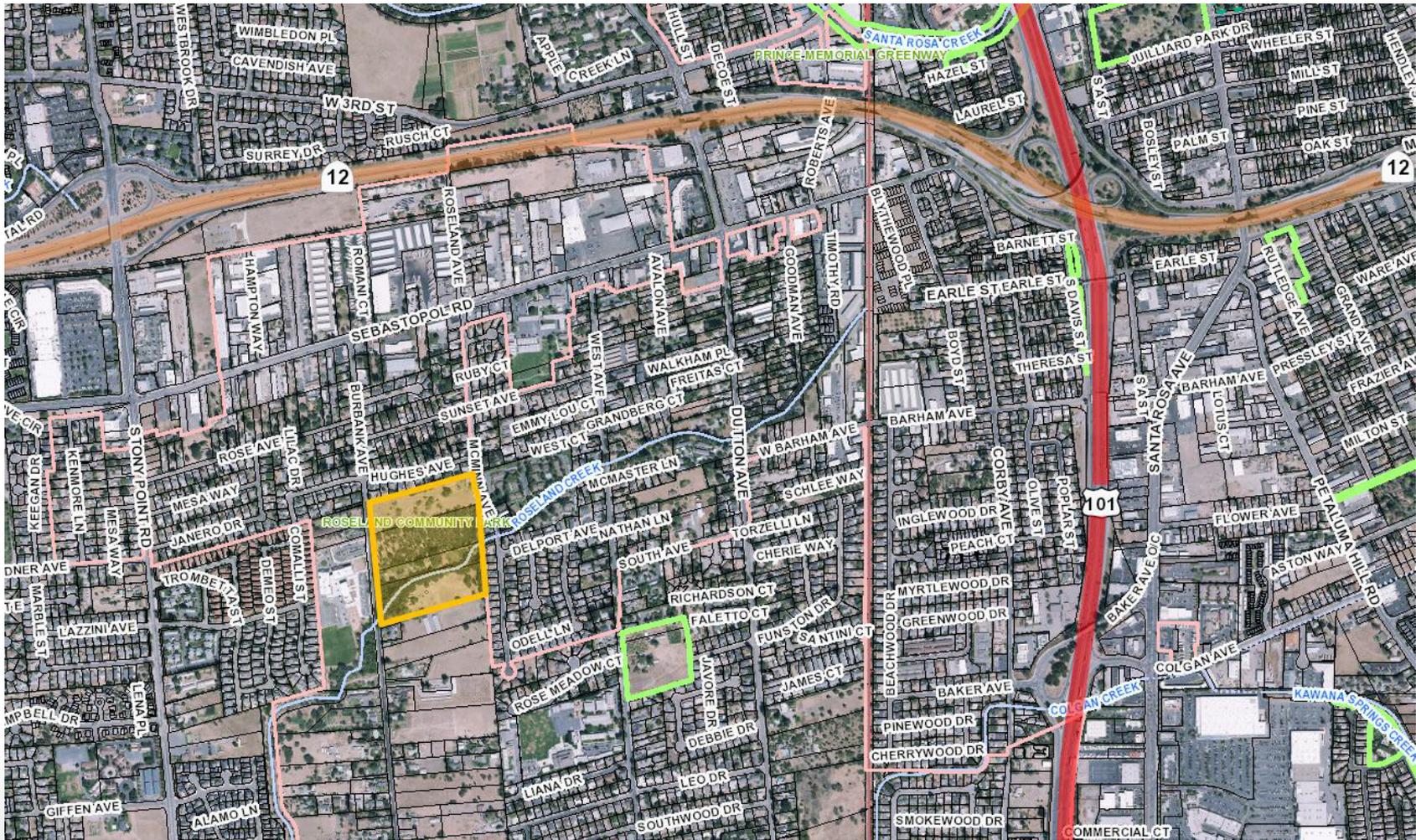


Roseland Creek Community Park Mitigated Negative Declaration and Master Plan Adoption

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Roseland Creek Community Park Location Map



Roseland Creek Community Park Property Map



1027 McMinn Avenue, 1360, 1370 & 1400 Burbank Avenue

Background

- 19.54 acres (4 parcels) total
- 2035 General Plan (community park)
- Conservation Easements
- SCAPOSD Acquisition Grant
- Citywide Creek Master Plan
- Citywide Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan
- Environmental Analysis



Roseland Creek Community Park Adjacencies



DATE: DECEMBER 2, 2017

SCALE: 1" = 1200' - 0"



Roseland Creek Community Park Community Outreach/Workshops

- 2009 – 2010: 5 Workshops
- February 10, 2010: Board of Community Services (BOCS)
- 2015: 4 Workshops
- July 22, 2015: BOCS
- August 26, 2015: BOCS
- September 16, 2017: Workshop
- October 7, 2017: Roseland Binational Health Fair
- December 2, 2017: Workshop
- February 28, 2018: BOCS
- March 28, 2018: BOCS

Roseland Creek Community Park Community Outreach/Workshops

- Summary Previous Meetings from 2009 - 2018:
 - 12 Community Workshops
 - 5 BOCS public meetings
 - Binational Health Fair
 - All Roseland Annexation and Specific Plan meetings
 - Community Advisory Board (CAB) Open House meetings
- 2019 Meetings:
 - March 22, 2019: Sheppard Elementary
 - April 17, 2019: Roseland Prep High School
 - May 5, 2019: Roseland Cinco de Mayo
 - June 6, 2019: Chelsea Gardens Senior Community
 - July 10, 2019: SW SR Health Action meeting
 - August 8, 2019: Land Paths Garden celebration

Roseland Creek Community Park Community Outreach Strategies

- Direct mail postcard to residents (9439) and property owners (2985) in the southeast quadrant of Santa Rosa
- Eblast to residents who attended 2015 Roseland planning meetings and opted to subscribe to Roseland notifications
- Eblast to Santa Rosa residents who subscribe to Recreation & Parks e-Newsletter
- Eblast to Neighborhood Services contact list
- Notification/advisory to local media contacts
- Facebook Event Page on Santa Rosa Recreation & Parks and Community Engagement Facebook page
- Featured in Rec & Parks e-newsletter
- News Flash on santarosarec.com and srcity.org
- Social media posts, including NextDoor, Facebook, Instagram, Twitter
- Calendar listings on local media outlets
- Flyer distribution at Roseland Community Center
- Onsite postings at future park property

Roseland Creek Community Park Tribal Nations

- Federated Indians of Graton Rancheria:
 - 2017 Graton Rancheria meeting
 - Not interested in “Pomo Village” nor “Pomo themed” concept shown on early versions of the master plan
 - Requested fire, water, picnicking, parking for elder access, proximity to restroom and identification of all native tree species along southern side of Roseland Creek
 - 2018 and 2019 – updated master plan concept and environmental review
- Lytton Rancheria of California:
 - 2017 Lytton review of draft concept plan
 - Not interested in consulting at that time
 - 2018 and 2019 – updated master plan concept and environmental review
- Dry Creek Pomo Rancheria:
 - Contacted in 2017 after local interest – no reply

February 25, 2010 Draft Master Plan

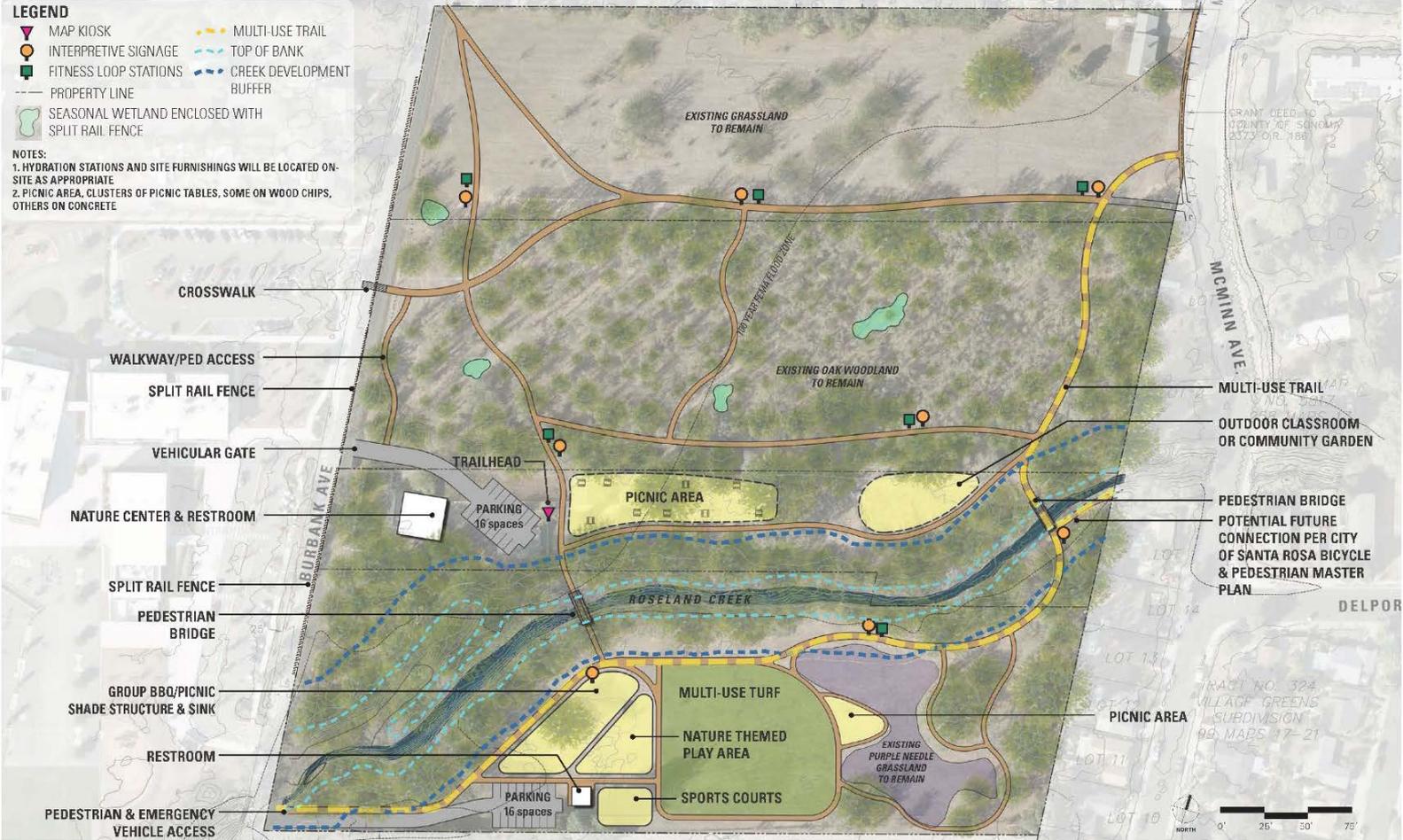


July 22, 2015 Draft Master Plan



April 6, 2018 Draft Master Plan

DRAFT MASTER PLAN CONCEPT



Environmental Study

- Recommendation of Master Plan approval at BOCS on March 28, 2018 begins the full Initial Study process
- Initial Study analyzes the potential environmental impacts of the master plan for Roseland Creek Community Park
- Environmental evaluation of the following;
 - Aesthetics, Agricultural and Forestry Resources, Air Quality, Biological Resources, Cultural Resources, Geology and Soils, Greenhouse Gas Emissions, Hazards and Hazardous Materials, Hydrology and Water Quality, Land Use Planning, Mineral Resources, Noise and Vibration, Population and Housing, Public Services, Recreation, Transportation/Traffic, Utilities and Service Systems, Mandatory Findings of Significance.

Environmental Study

- On November 18, 2019 a Notice of Intent (NOI) to Adopt a Mitigated Negative Declaration was submitted to the Sonoma County Clerk's Office. This began the 30-day public review and comment period for the Initial Study. All public comments and responses are made part of the Mitigated Negative Declaration (MND).
- The MND concludes that project impacts will be mitigated to a less-than-significant level through implementation of mitigation measures or through compliance with existing Municipal Code requirements and/or City standards.

Environmental Study

- Draft Biological Study identified 89 trees for removal and 270 tree impacted (trimmed)
- City worked with DJP arborist to significantly reduce impacts to trees; only 4 trees removed and 18 impacted
- Biologist also noted that it is not likely to have impacts from California Tiger Salamander (CTS) although the project will be required to mitigate per the California Department of Fish and Wildlife Services
- Mitigation required for areas disturbed by improvements – remainder of the park will not need mitigation
- Wetlands/vernal pools not identified on site
- Purple needlegrass and oak woodlands preserved

Environmental Declaration

- The Initial Study/Mitigated Negative Declaration has been prepared in consultation with local, state and trustee agencies, in accordance with Section 15063 of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) and will serve as the environmental compliance document required under CEQA for any subsequent phases of the project and for permits/approvals required by a responsible agency.
- Upon Council approval, a Notice of Determination (NOD) will be filed, which will be available for public inspection and posted within 24 hours of receipt at the County Clerk's Office for 30 days.

Roseland Creek Community Park Summary Comments

- The proposed Master Plan reflects a combination of all comments the City has collected from 2009 – 2019.
- In summary, the residents who live nearby the Park wish it to be left in a natural state, with little to no improvement except for trails, a nature center and associated parking.
- Other community comments generally include the request for amenities such as turf for general play, playground, group picnic and regular picnic, dog park, pump track, community garden, restrooms, parking, trails, fitness equipment, basketball, barbeques, outdoor sink and a teen center.

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Summary Comments

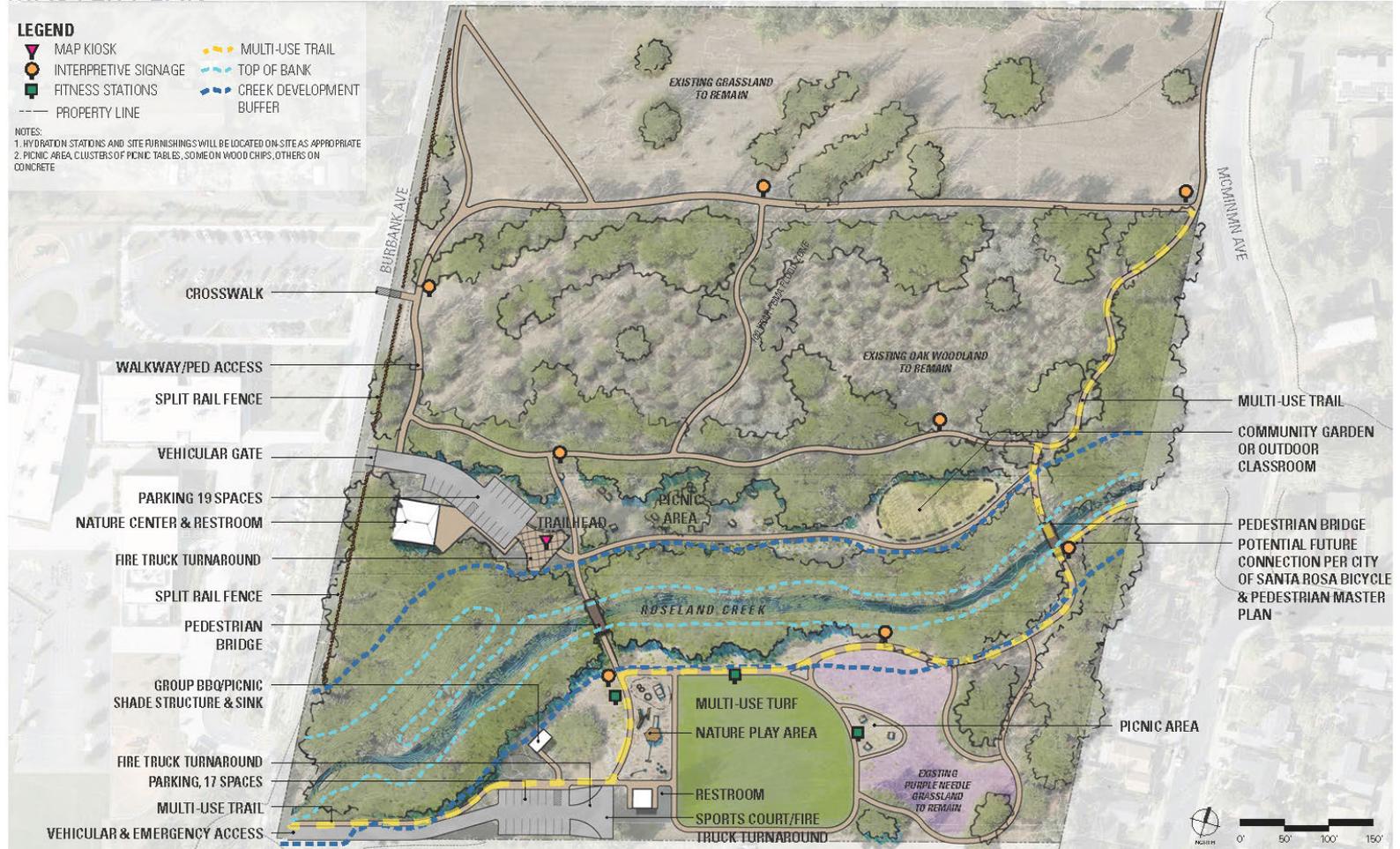
- There have also been requests for more development such as a bicycle velodrome, veterans center, regulation soccer and baseball fields and requests for absolutely no improvements.
- The Master Plan proposes to protect in place environments that are of special status such as purple needlegrass and oak woodlands.
- The Master Plan proposes that a majority of the site is left in a natural state while smaller portions are available for active use.
- The Master Plan reflects comments received over the last 11 years, well over 20 public meetings and eight updates to the draft plan.

Master Plan

MASTER PLAN

- LEGEND**
- ▼ MAP KIOSK
 - INTERPRETIVE SIGNAGE
 - FITNESS STATIONS
 - PROPERTY LINE
 - MULTI-USE TRAIL
 - TOP OF BANK
 - CREEK DEVELOPMENT BUFFER

NOTES:
 1. HYDRATION STATIONS AND SITE FURNISHINGS WILL BE LOCATED ON-SITE AS APPROPRIATE
 2. PICNIC AREA CLUSTERS OF PICNIC TABLES, SOME ON WOOD CHIPS, OTHERS ON CONCRETE



Recommendation

It is recommended by the Transportation and Public Works Department, Parks Division that the Council, by resolution, adopt the Mitigated Negative Declaration and Master Plan for Roseland Creek Community Park to include preservation of native grassland, oak woodland and purple needlegrass habitat in addition to community serving improvements including pedestrian and bicycle trails, community garden or outdoor classroom, nature center, picnic areas with barbeques and sink, parking, children's play areas for ages 2-5 and 5-12, restroom building, sport court, fitness stations, irrigated turf area, two pedestrian bridges, crosswalk, looped walking paths and interpretive signage.

Questions?