

# Workshop 1 Summary

This meeting was conducted on August 6, 2016 (10 am - noon) at Montgomery High School in Santa Rosa, CA.

### MEETING PURPOSE AND OVERVIEW

On Saturday, August 6, 2016 approximately 200 community members attended the first community workshop for the Southeast Greenway General Plan Amendment process. The primary purpose of the meeting was to describe the amendment process to the community and hear their vision for the Southeast Greenway, understand their concerns, and hear what land uses they consider appropriate for the property. Lisa Kranz, Supervising Planner at the City of Santa Rosa welcomed everyone and introduced the partners involved in this planning effort, and the City staff in attendance. Bruce Brubaker, Principal at PlaceWorks, provided an overview of the Southeast Greenway property and the year-long planning process. After his brief presentation attendees worked in small groups to discuss their vision and concerns for the property and discuss what land uses they consider appropriate for the property. The small groups were facilitated by City and County staff and members of the consultant team. Each group identified where each land use should be located along the 1.9-mile long Caltrans-owned site. After an hour, participants regrouped to report back and share with all of the other participants which land uses they determined are appropriate; these summaries are listed on the following pages.

### SUMMARY OF VISION AND CONCERNS

When participants signed into the workshop, they received two cards to fill out. The first card stated "I envision the Southeast Greenway as..." and the second card stated "My concerns for the Southeast Greenway are..." Participants wrote down their ideas before the presentation began. They then shared their responses to these statements in their small groups. Their statements are categorized and quantified on the following pages.

#### **VISION**

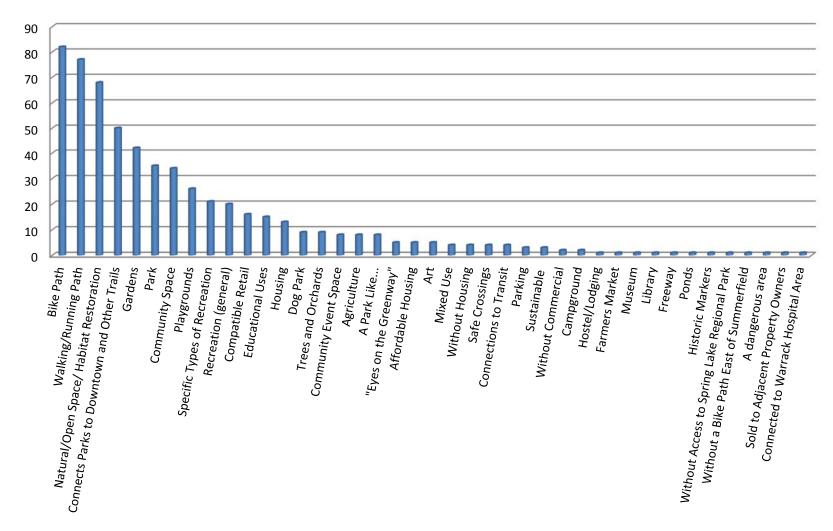
The following summarizes the vision statements completed by workshop participants.

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- 1. Bike paths (with benches, water source) (non-motorized) (82)
- 2. Walking/running paths (with benches/resting areas) (safe routes to school)(77)
- 3. Natural resource areas/open space/habitat restoration/wildlife area (oak woodland, wetlands, creek) (east of Summerfield Road) (68)
- Entryway/gateway/ connection from Spring Lake Regional Park, Trione-Annadel State Park, and Howarth Park to central/downtown Santa Rosa (and beyond to Prince Memorial Greenway and Joe Rodota trail) (Sonoma) (non-motorized) (50)
- 5. Gardens (community)(native plants)(flowers)(sustainable) (42)
- 6. Park (with lawn areas)(picnic areas) (linear) (restrooms) (bike racks) (trash receptacles) (drought-resistant) (native species)(beautiful) (35)
- 7. Community space/resource that is accessible (active) (welcoming to all) (including homeless )(34)
- 8. Playgrounds and kid-, family-friendly, fun areas (26)
- 9. Recreation in the form of:
  - soccer/sports field (5)
  - public swimming pool/aquatic center (saline) (5)
  - fitness areas/parcourse (3)
  - bocce ball court (3)
  - skate park
  - disc golf
  - dirt race track
  - basketball courts
  - pickleball courts
- 10. Recreation (general) (20)
- 11. Retail/shopping/cafés/bike shop/food vendors (limited)(compatible) (16)
- 12. Educational uses/school facilities (environmental education)(center) (15)
- 13. Housing (multi-family) (in nodes) (tiny)(limited)(near Yulupa)(13)
- 14. Dog park (dog friendly) (9)
- 15. Trees (shade) (restored orchards) (native) (9)
- 16. Community event space/center (amphitheater) (8)
- 17. Agriculture (8)

- 18. A park like...
  - Rose Fitzgerald Kennedy Greenway (in Boston)(2)
  - Golden Gate Park (in San Francisco)(2)
  - Strand Lake
  - Central Park (in New York)
  - Mall (in Washington DC)
  - Presidio (in San Francisco)
- 19. "Eyes on the Greenway" with housing or development facing the greenway (corridor plan)(5)
- 20. Affordable housing (for seniors and families)(for teachers, public servants) (5)
- 21. Sculptures/art (natural art) (5)
- 22. Mixed use (limited)(live/work) (4)
- 23. No housing (4)
- 24. Safe crossings (bridges over roads) (4)
- 25. Connected to transit (train) (4)
- 26. Parking (on Summerfield) (3)
- 27. Sustainable/environmentally sound (3)
- 28. No commercial (2)
- 29. Campground (2)
- 30. Hostel/lodging
- 31. Farmers market
- 32. Museum
- 33. Library
- 34. Freeway
- 35. Ponds
- 36. Historic markers/exhibits
- 37. No Spring Lake Regional Park entrance
- 38. No bike path east of Summerfield
- 39. A dangerous area
- 40. Sold to property owners adjacent to greenway
- 41. Connected to a renovated Warrack Hospital area

### I envision the Southeast Greenway...



### **CONCERNS**

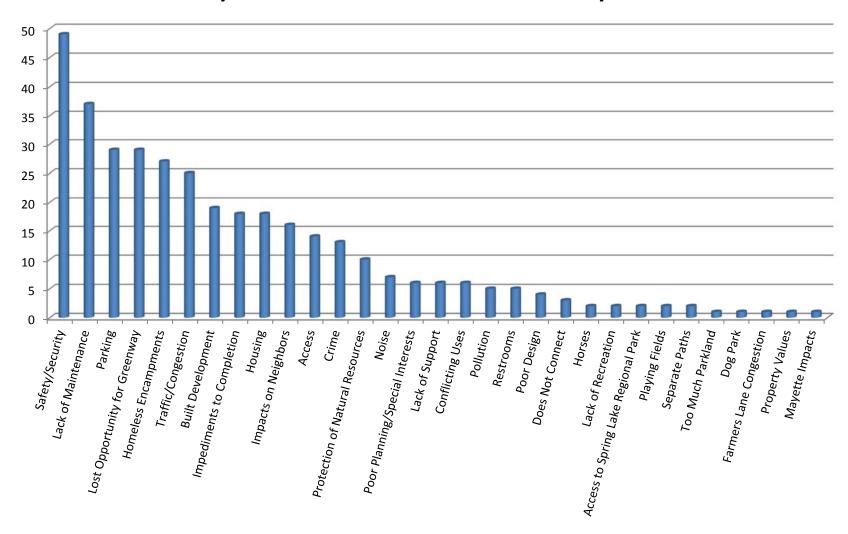
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- 1. Safety/security (crossing streets) (at night) (49)
- 2. Lack of maintenance (funding) (stewardship) resulting in trash, litter, vandalism, waste, wear and tear (37)
- 3. Parking (impact on neighborhoods)(providing enough) (design) (29)
- 4. Losing opportunity to have one continuous greenway (natural open space) by over developing it (29)
- 5. Homeless encampments (27)
- 6. Traffic/congestion (25)
- 7. Buildings, development, or commercialization on property (franchises) (19)
- 8. Cost to get it purchased/built/completed and it is not happening (18)
- 9. Housing (high density) (affordable) (near Franquette)(East of Summerfield) (18)
- 10. Negatively impacting neighbors / Not integrated with surrounding uses (privacy)(noise)(flooding) (access)(connectivity)(no eyes on greenway) (16)
- 11. Access/inaccessible to all (public)(disabled) (ages) (from other neighborhoods)(14)
- 12. Crime/gang activity/vagrancy/graffiti (13)
- 13. Not protecting natural resources (during construction)(walnut orchards) (wildlife) (10)
- 14. Noise (7)
- 15. Lack of vision and coordination or small thinking (special interests) (by government and civic leaders) (6)
- 16. Lack of community support /voice (6)
- 17. Conflicting uses (6)
- 18. Pollution (5)
- 19. Restrooms (clean) (adequate)(5)
- 20. Ugly development/poor design (4)
- 21. Fails to connect the regional parks to downtown and other greenways (3)
- 22. Horses (2)
- 23. Not enough recreational opportunities (2)
- 24. Opening up access to Spring Lake Regional Park (and adding parking) (2)
- 25. Large playing fields (2)
- 26. Keeping bike and walking paths separate (2)
- 27. Redundant park land and bike path that goes unused

- 28. Dog park
- 29. Farmers Lane intersection congestion
- 30. Impact on property values
- 31. What happens to Mayette between Elkhorn and Kodiak Courts

### My concerns for the Southeast Greenway are...



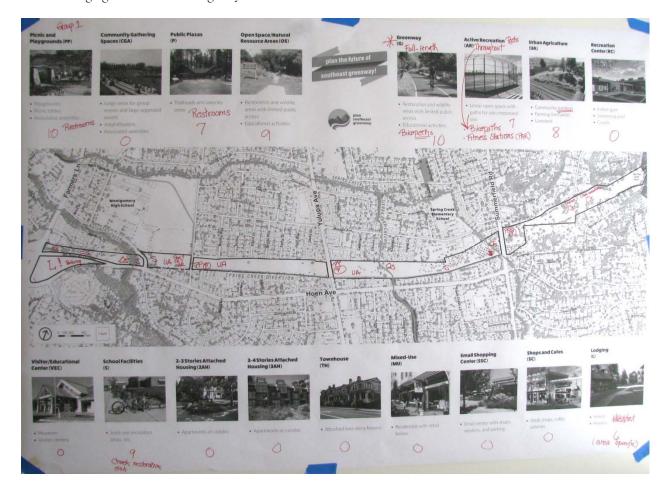
### **SMALL GROUP EXERCISE**

Following the initial exercise, community members split into 20 groups. Each group considered what types of land uses they consider appropriate in the greenway that address the City Council direction and the group's visions and concerns, and show where they think they should be located on a map. The purpose of the activity was to help assess what types of land uses the community considers appropriate for the Southeast Greenway and help develop the three land use alternatives. After the exercise the groups reconvened and heard a report back from all of the groups.

The map below synthesizes land use ideas from all of the groups' maps. The following pages summarize each group's report back and include photos of each group's map.



- One complete linear space not broken up
- Picnic areas and playgrounds with trailheads nearby
- Restoration near creeks
- Urban agriculture near apartments east of Yulupa
- School facilities near Montgomery High, Matanzas Elementary, Spring Creek Elementary
- Lodging near the end of Highway 12



### **GROUP 2**

- Greenway with bike and pedestrian trails
- Park nodes with playgrounds
- An entrance to Spring Lake Regional Park at Summerfield
- Mixed use or housing near Farmers Lane if necessary, but rather improve housing around greenway
- Restoration of wildlife habitat
- Non-structural school facilities
- Mixed use areas with coffee, refreshments, ice cream near Yulupa and Summerfield

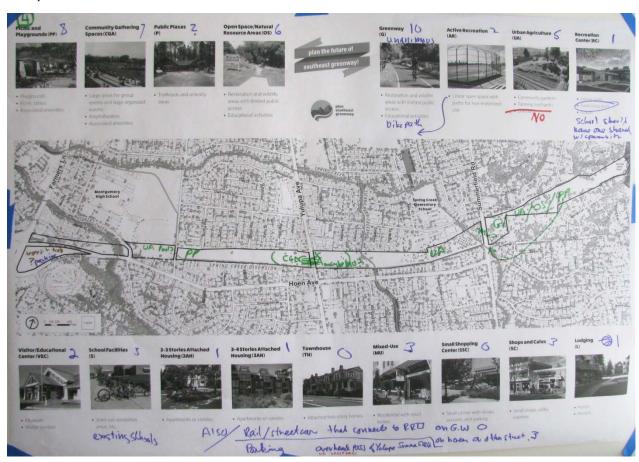


- Greenway
- Gardens
- Housing to put on eyes on the greenway near Yulupa and Farmers Lane
- Uses that respect existing neighbors; give them access to greenway

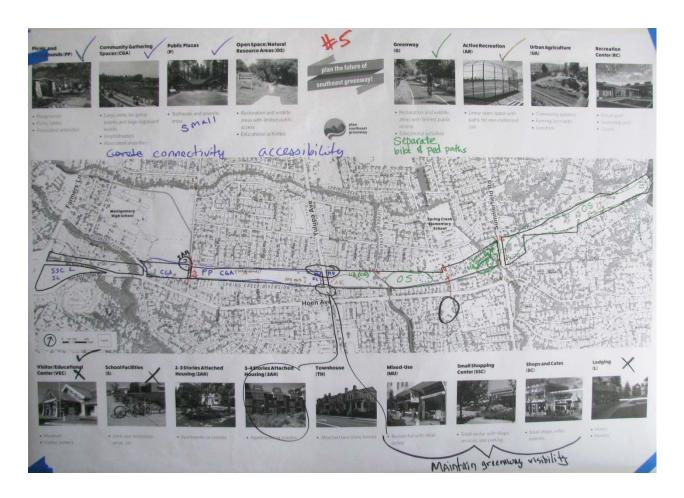


### **GROUP 4**

- Picnic play areas
- Places for community gatherings
- Greenway
- Bike path
- Urban agriculture located by Montgomery High and to the east
- School facilities
- Mixed use
- Shops and cafés

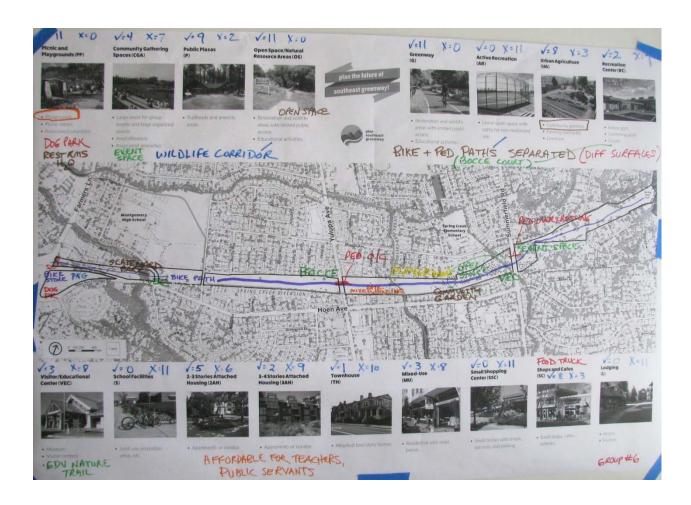


- Greenway that connects
- Transitional nodes with paths through
- Separate bike and pedestrian path
- Camping area with bathrooms and services for homeless

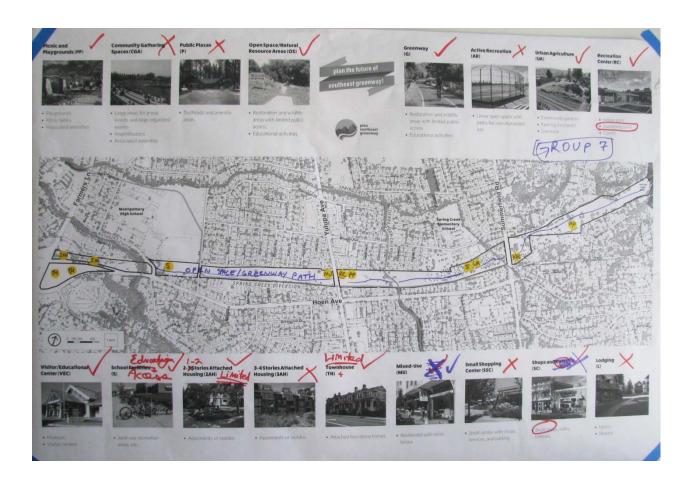


### **GROUP 6**

- Greenway
- 2-story housing for public servants (Police and Fire) with eyes on the greenway to discourage loitering with retail on the ground
- Food truck areas (for temporary use with little impact)
- Wildlife corridor with open sight lines
- Small courts for bocce ball, chess, etc.

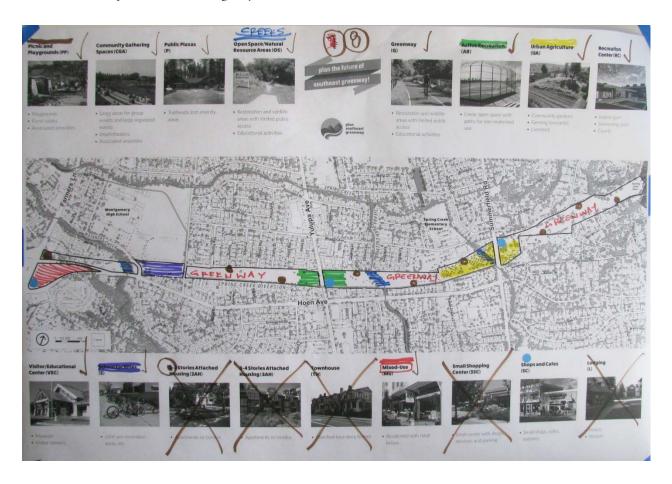


- Continuous greenway
- Housing near Farmers Lane
- Mixed-use on Yulupa
- School facilities near Montgomery High School and Spring Creek Elementary School
- Picnic and playgrounds with neighborhood access
- Recreation and swim area next to Yulupa

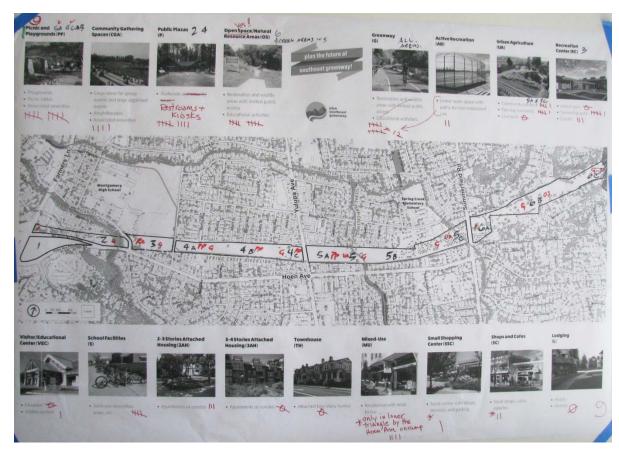


## **GROUP 8**

- Creek restoration
- Entryway to regional parks
- Bike and pedestrian trail that is accessible to all with neighborhood access points
- Benches, playgrounds
- Education center
- Recreation center
- Mixed-use and shops and cafés near Highway 12

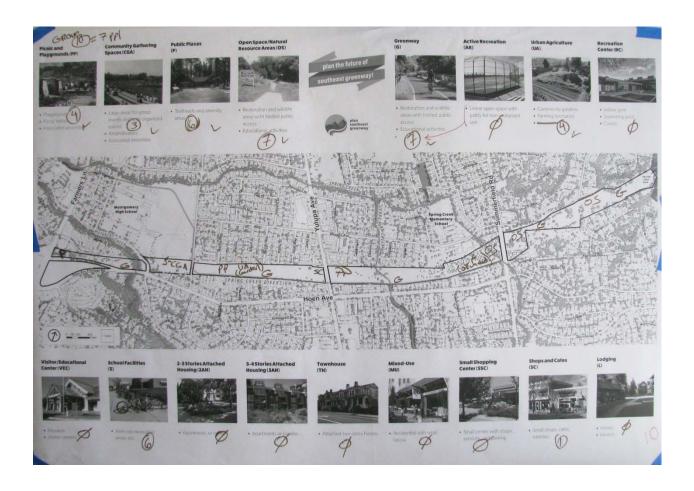


- Informal landscape
- Community gardens
- Swimming pool near Montgomery High
- Commercial development near Farmers Lane that complements the greenway
- Picnic areas
- Trailheads
- Development that faces the greenway for safety
- Creek restoration and habitat restoration east of Summerfield

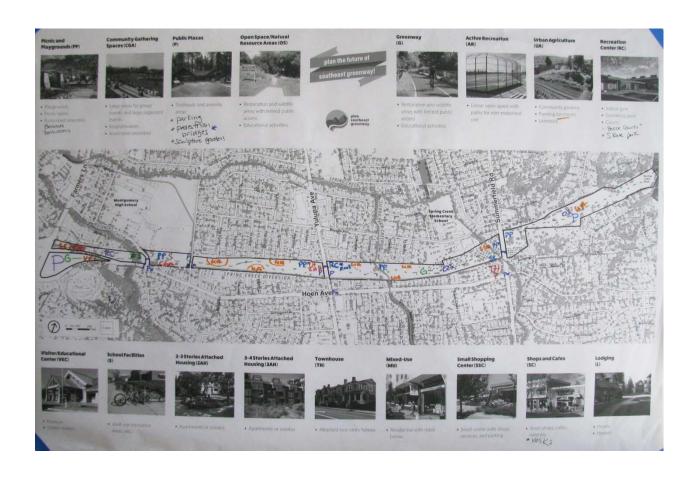


## **GROUP 10**

- Greenway
- Wildlife east of Summerfield
- Bike and wheelchair accessible path
- Pedestrian path
- Keep parking and activities near roadways
- City could run the cafés, services to generate income

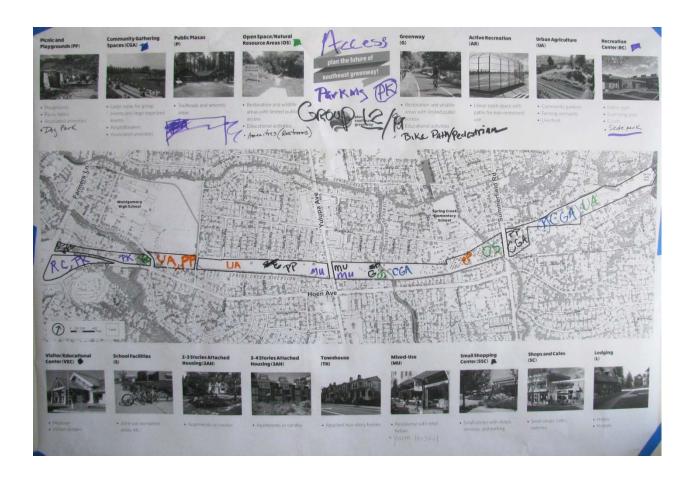


- Greenway with continuous flow
- Natural
- Access for all
- Pedestrian bridges at streets
- Possibly townhouses



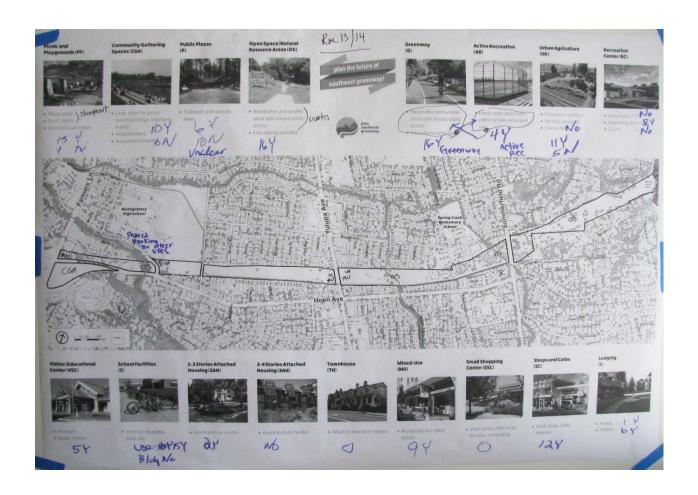
# **GROUP 12**

- Bike paths
- Playground
- Walking path
- Natural areas
- Horses near Summerfield



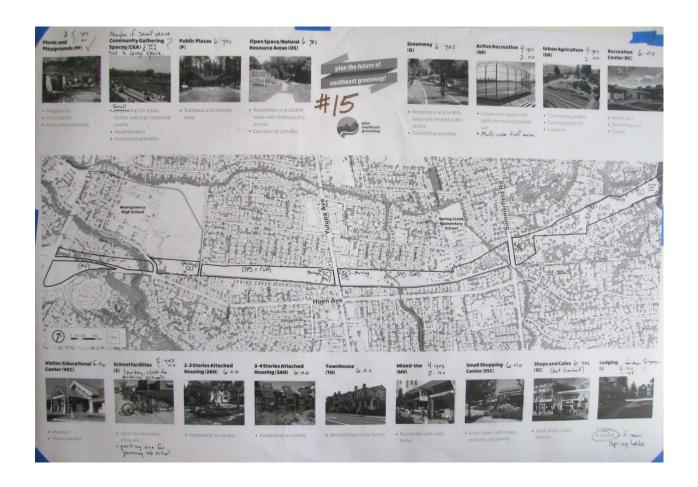
## **GROUPS 13 – 14** (These groups merged)

- Greenway
- Joint school facilities
- Shared parking with Montgomery High
- Hostel or lodging at lower price

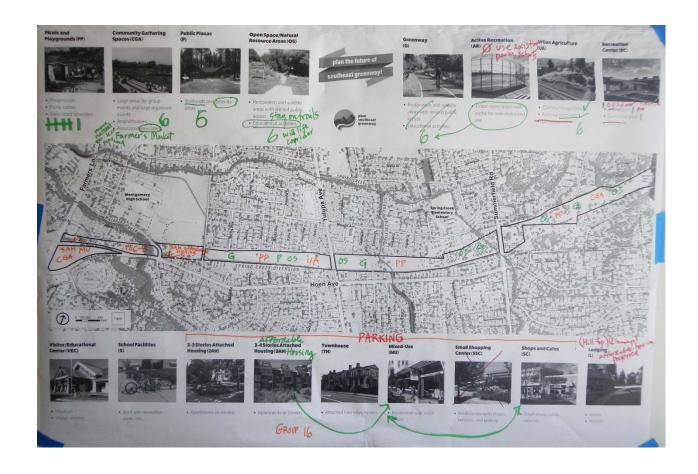


## **GROUP 15**

- Continuous, well-designed greenway
- Public plaza near Yulupa
- Shared parking with Montgomery High
- Bike/pedestrian underpass or over pass at Yulupa

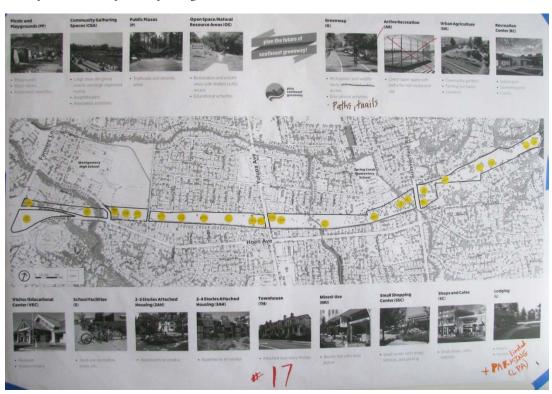


- Housing for public servants (emergency workers, etc.)
- Farmers market
- Educational center



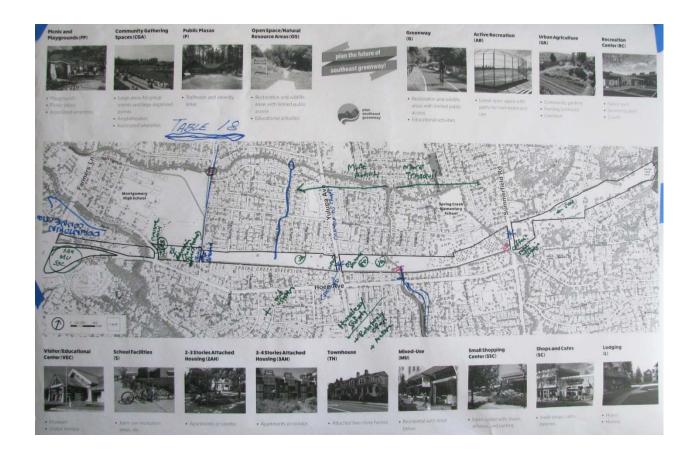
### **GROUP 17**

- Greenway with open space
- If housing is required, it should be near Highway 12
- Community-engaging uses and community gathering space
- Urban agriculture near Yulupa
- School facilities
- Amphitheater
- Picnic tables/bar-b-ques
- Open space in the middle section
- Little parking lots
- Creek restoration
- Public plaza near Yulupa with parking and bathrooms



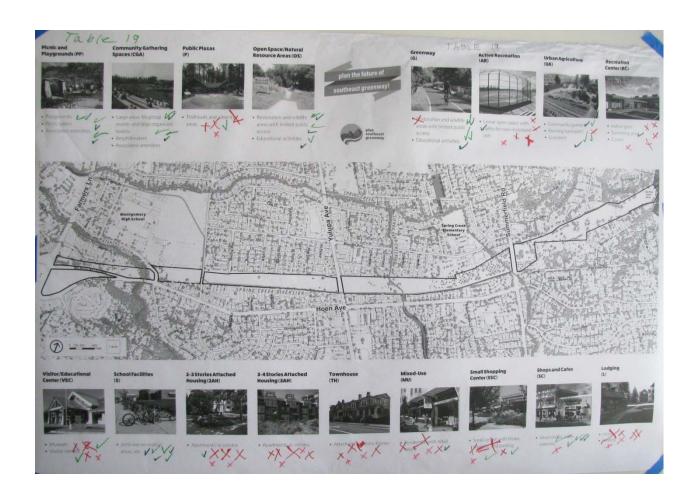
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- Continuous trail all the way
- Mixed-use retail and residential uses near Farmers Lane
- Picnic areas
- Community gardens
- Parking at Yulupa with coffee shop and bike rental shop
- Natural habitat and trails east of Summerfield



## **GROUP 19**

- Community gardens
- Urban agriculture
- Shops near Yulupa
- Separate bike and pedestrian path
- Access to schools within a half-mile



- Keep it open
- Amphitheater
- Bike and walking trail
- Area near Spring Lake Regional Park should be open space and wildlife

