

Sanborn County Park Master Plan Project Description

The Sanborn County Park Master Plan (Plan) documents the vision and long-term direction in accordance with the mission and vision of the County Parks Department (Department), including opportunities for partnerships, reuse of historic buildings, and opening property of the Park to the public. The Plan examines the existing conditions of the Park, including its current use and functions, and assesses the feasibility of a variety of potential changes and improvements. The Plan provides recommendations for the future development of the Park. The recommendations consider additional visitor-serving amenities and revenue generating facilities, as appropriate, and prioritizes infrastructure improvements to support those uses.

The Plan focuses on four areas within the Park, including the former Christmas tree farm property, the Sanborn Park Core Use Area (location of the historic Dyer House), the Welch-Hurst Area, and the Former Nursery Area (location of the former Christensen Nursery).

The four focus areas and design recommendations are described below:

Former Christmas Tree Farm Property

Design recommendations for the Former Christmas Tree Farm Property include:

- No development of this site for recreational purposes. No bike park, trails, public parking, or other public access will be developed as part of the Project.
- West Valley College's Park Management Program would continue to manage vegetation through an ongoing partnership.

Sanborn Core Use Area

The Project includes the following potential improvements to the Sanborn Core Use Area:

- Use of Dyer House as a visitor center;
- Addition of staff offices in Dyer House;
- Continued use for a non-profit partner, such as Youth Science Institute, in Dyer House or existing ranger station;
- Existing ranger station repurposed for Park staff use or use associated with the Peterson Grove Group Area;
- Continued use of day use areas for picnic and reservable events at Peterson Grove Area;
- Continued use of barn and amphitheater by Silicon Valley Shakespeare;
- Install pump track and/or skills area small in scale and primarily for use by children;
- Relocate 15 existing RV campsites to Former Nursery Area; and
- Relocate existing 23 upper walk-in campsites to Former Nursery Area and retain 10 existing lower walk-in campsites.

Former Nursery Area

The Project includes the following potential improvements to the Former Nursery Area:

- Construct cabins or other structured camping in combination with future partnership;
- Install up to 30 RV campsites (15 RV spaces will be relocated from the Sanborn Core Use Area);
- Install up to 30 tent campsites, including group camp areas (23 campsites relocated from Sanborn Core Use Area);
- Construct amphitheater to support ranger programs;
- Use primarily as a campground operated either by the Department or other entity;
- Construct approximately 80 parking spaces for campsites and 40 parking spaces for day-use / overnight overflow;
- Use of ponds, including fishing in the smaller pond and septic system / leach field placement to support camping use in the larger pond; and
- Develop pump track and/or skills area small in scale and primarily for use by children.

Welch-Hurst Area

The Project includes the following potential improvements to the Welch-Hurst Area:

- Reuse of the Welch-Hurst Area in combination with future partnership;
- Continue stabilization of Welch-Hurst House to protect from further deterioration;
- Reuse of the Welch-Hurst House and ancillary buildings as future reservable area in conjunction with partnership;
- Reuse of the landscaped grounds as reservable outdoor area;
- Reuse cottage as support building for park use or partnership opportunity;
- Develop shared parking agreement with future partnership to accommodate use.