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# Regnart Creek Trail

- Concerned Cupertino Residents

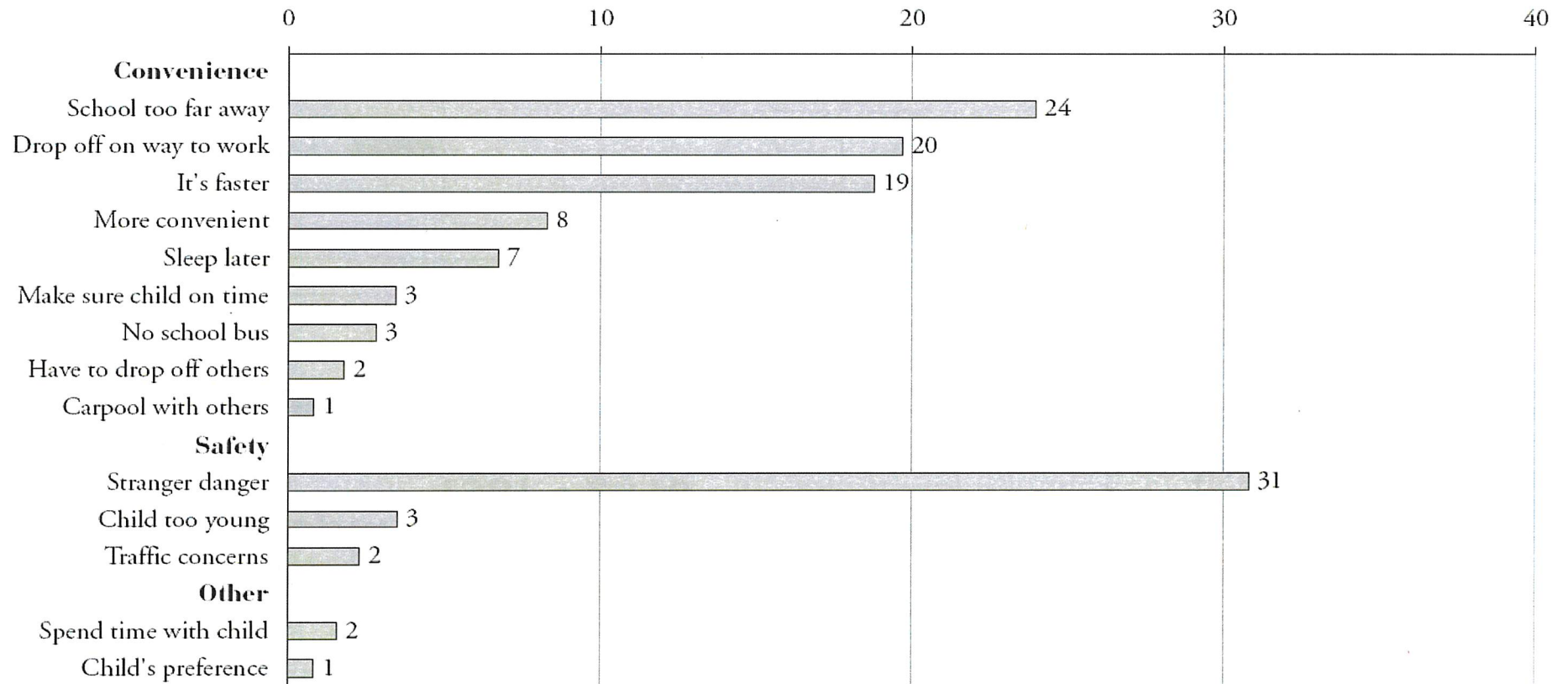
# !/\$ Analysis

- Problem - Safe route to schools for kids??? Eaton Elementary, Cupertino High
  - No Reported bike accidents on the current path in the past 5 years
- Implications - Kids need to walk/bike on roads with cars on it
- Work arounds
  - **Alternate 4** exists. Fix it to make it safer for biking (Designated bike lanes etc.). **Cost - \$100000**
- Cost of proposed fix - **\$2.4 million**
- Risks of proposed fix
  - **Safety - No railings – Risky for kids – may not get used for school**
  - **Security – Neighbors along the trail worried about burglaries/privacy/unintended uses after hours**
- Ways to reduce risk
  - Add safety railing on the creek side
  - Close gates from dusk to dawn
  - Add security cameras that could record 24/7 at entry and exit of trails

## Why Parents drop children to school (Age 10-14)

- Source: <https://www.tandfonline.com/doi/full/10.1080/01944360902988794>
- Studied children between the ages of 10 and 14 living in the San Francisco Bay Area by surveying their parents.
- We chose this age group because **previous research found that children in the United States begin to travel independently around the age of 10, meaning children of this age might be allowed to walk or bike to school** ([Matthews, 1992](#) Matthews, M. 1992. *Making sense of place: Children's understanding of large-scale environments*, Savage, MD: Barnes & Noble Books. [\[Google Scholar\]](#)).

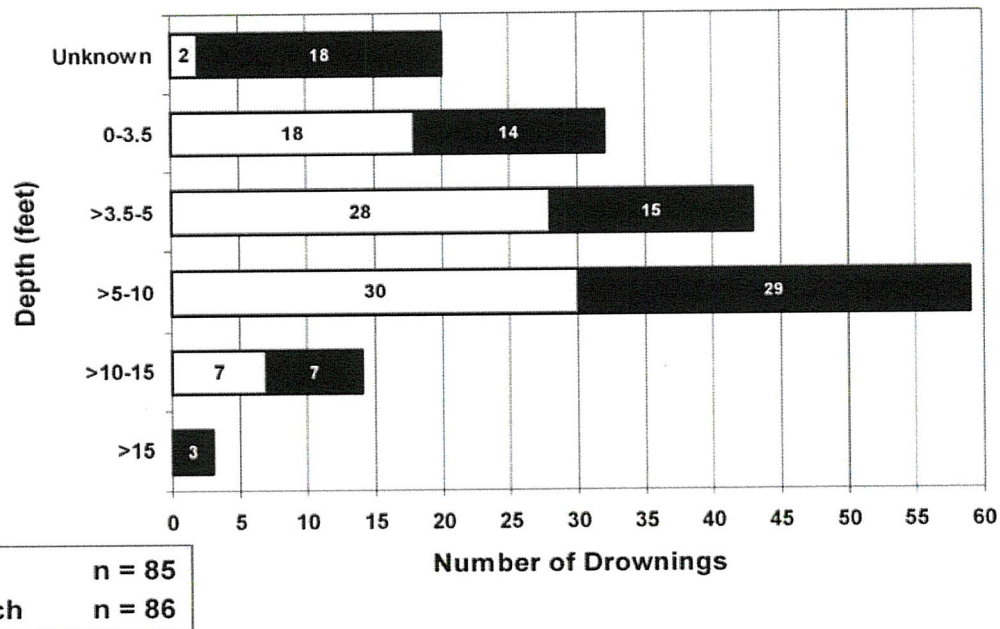
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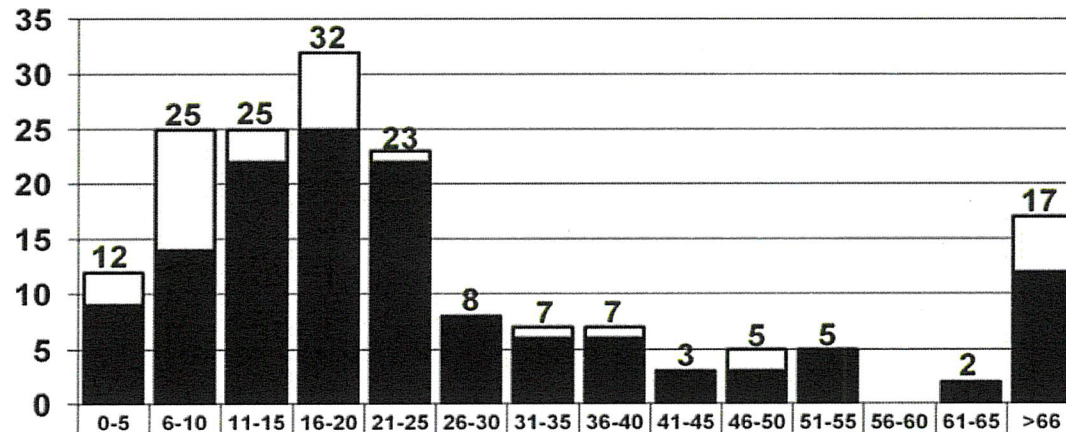
## DROWNINGS at REGULATED FACILITIES Water Depth at Location of Submersion 1987 - 2010



- Just 2 inches of water is needed to drown
- Most drownings happen in water < 5ft

Source: [https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/swimming/docs/drowning\\_statistics.pdf](https://www.health.ny.gov/environmental/outdoors/swimming/docs/drowning_statistics.pdf)

## DROWNINGS at REGULATED FACILITIES Age and Sex of Victim 1987 - 2010



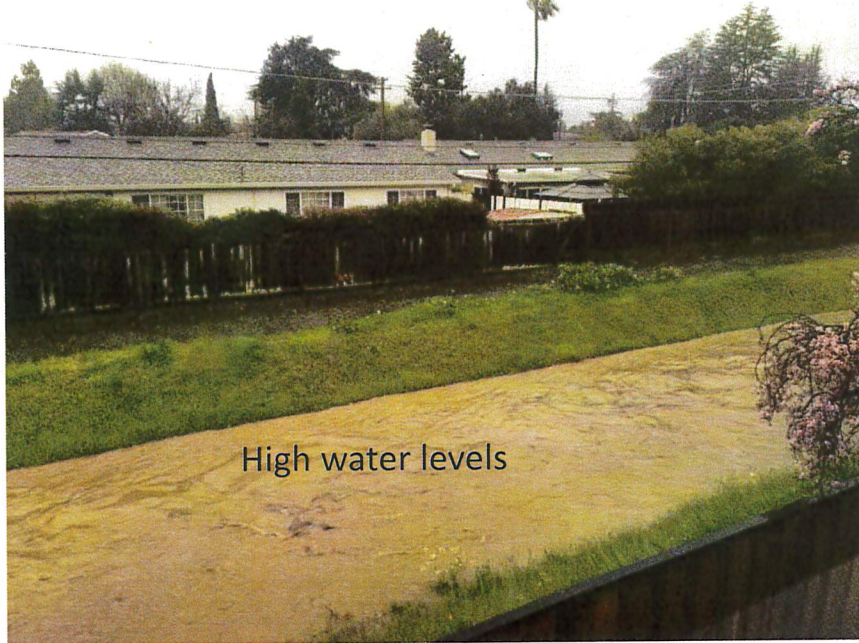
n = 34

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- School age kids are the most at risk of drowning!!
- How many school months will the trail be practically open?
- Donate money to other school programs instead?

# With Water – Heavy rain/Moderate rain



# No water – Steep with rocks





Source: <https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/hb9411.pdf>

## TABLE 6

### Households that experienced completed burglary, by household structural characteristics, 2004–2011

	Average annual number
<b>Direct outside access</b>	
Yes	2,732,600
No	175,500
Don't know	1,500
<b>Gated/walled community</b>	
Yes	164,400
No	2,751,200
<b>Restricted access</b>	
Yes	200,800
No	2,712,000

- Direct outside access and Removing restricted access ==>>> **15x** more burglaries

## 4 points real burglars consider when targeting a home

1. The presence of a home security system
2. Possible witnesses – *None after hours*
3. Visibility of the home – *Home is isolated from trail side*

### **4. Multiple escape routes**

Source: <https://www.vivint.com/resources/article/4-points-real-burglars-consider-when-targeting-a-home>

## Regnart creek trail website – Myths – used to gather support

- **Myth: The City Staff has not asked for input from the local residents**
  - There has been a very large amount of outreach to the community. Four public meetings were held prior to the Feasibility Study City council vote to solicit both oral and written feedback from residents, including one held while walking the trail and a focused meeting with the Lozano Lane residents. Since the approval of the study in August 2018, an additional public outreach meeting was held in December 2018, and another community meeting will be held March 30, 2019 on the trail.
  - At all times during the planning process, residents have discussed their concerns in one-on-one discussions with City Staff, at Bicycle-Pedestrian Commission Meetings, in independent conversations and at Oral Communications at City Council. **The Trail Concepts and the Feasibility Study include this feedback.** During March and April of this year, one-on-one individual meetings with each neighbor adjacent to the trail and City Staff will be held which will influence design direction.
- **Myth: The trail will be unfenced against a steep slope of the creek bed**
  - The feasibility plan for the trail **includes a fence that will run along the edge of the creek.** Residents, including children, will not be able to fall accidentally into the creek.
- **Myth: It will be too narrow to for cyclists and walkers to pass**
  - The trail will be **10 feet wide, with a 2 foot shoulder.** This will allow pedestrians and cyclists to easily pass each other.

Source: <https://www.regnartcreek.com/myths-about-the-trail>

TO: City of Cupertino Council Members and Staff

From: Cathy Helgerson – 408-253-0490 – [cathyhelger@gmail.com](mailto:cathyhelger@gmail.com)

Subject: Agenda Item 20 – Change to the Order of Oral Communication

I would first like to mention what happened at the last City Council Meeting when this item the Order of Oral Communication was also left to the last item on the agenda. The Council Meeting lasted until around 12:00 o'clock midnight in which most of the public had left the meeting and so the council decided to postpone the item for the April 2, 2019 council meeting. I left early and I was upset as it was to see this item left last on the agenda and could not wait until that hour to speak on the subject. There are many elderly people, people that work, children that attend school that cannot stay till late hours.

I am now very upset about this April 2, 2019 council meeting that has again left the Change to the Order of Oral Communication until item 20 on the agenda second from the last. What is the public supposed to do about this lack of consideration I can only imagine what the public felt when the item was postponed after they waited all night to speak on the subject. The public should be outraged by this behavior and the disregard for the public's views on subjects that are not on the agenda and mentioned at Oral Communication that can have great value, and should be put on the agenda for future study and review but they are never considered. It is extremely difficult to get items put on the agenda so Oral Communication gives the public a chance to at least voice they views. I ask the Council why take this privilege away from the public moving the time is unfair the public only gets 3 minutes and sometimes less to address you.

It seems that the City is more concerned about reducing staff overtime and consultant time and they seem to think that moving Oral Communication will extend courtesy and respect to other applicants already scheduled. I am sure that the people that were fortunate enough to get their item put on the agenda need to consider how lucky they really are, and they should be willing to give others who cannot get their items on the agenda heard. The City Council needs to hear what the public thinks not just on agenda items and there is a great deal of information that the City could benefit from. I would like to remind them that the public the people that voted them into office should all be respected.

I would like to make a suggestion to the City Council that maybe Oral Communication can be heard at the beginning of the meeting and also at the end this would give everyone a chance to speak. I would further like to suggest that there are meetings that can be conducted as open forum so that there can be an open exchange of information. The public would like their suggestions used and their questions answered and it seems many times this is not taking place. The way the meetings are conducted seems limited, unfair and very old fashion it is time for change the public wants change but not at the expense of the Oral Communication's agenda slot asking us to wait till the end of long Reports by Council and Staff is counterproductive and many people come to the meetings for Oral Communication only.

I ask that the Cupertino City Council to please leave Oral Communication as is like so many other Cities and Santa Clara County conduct their business.

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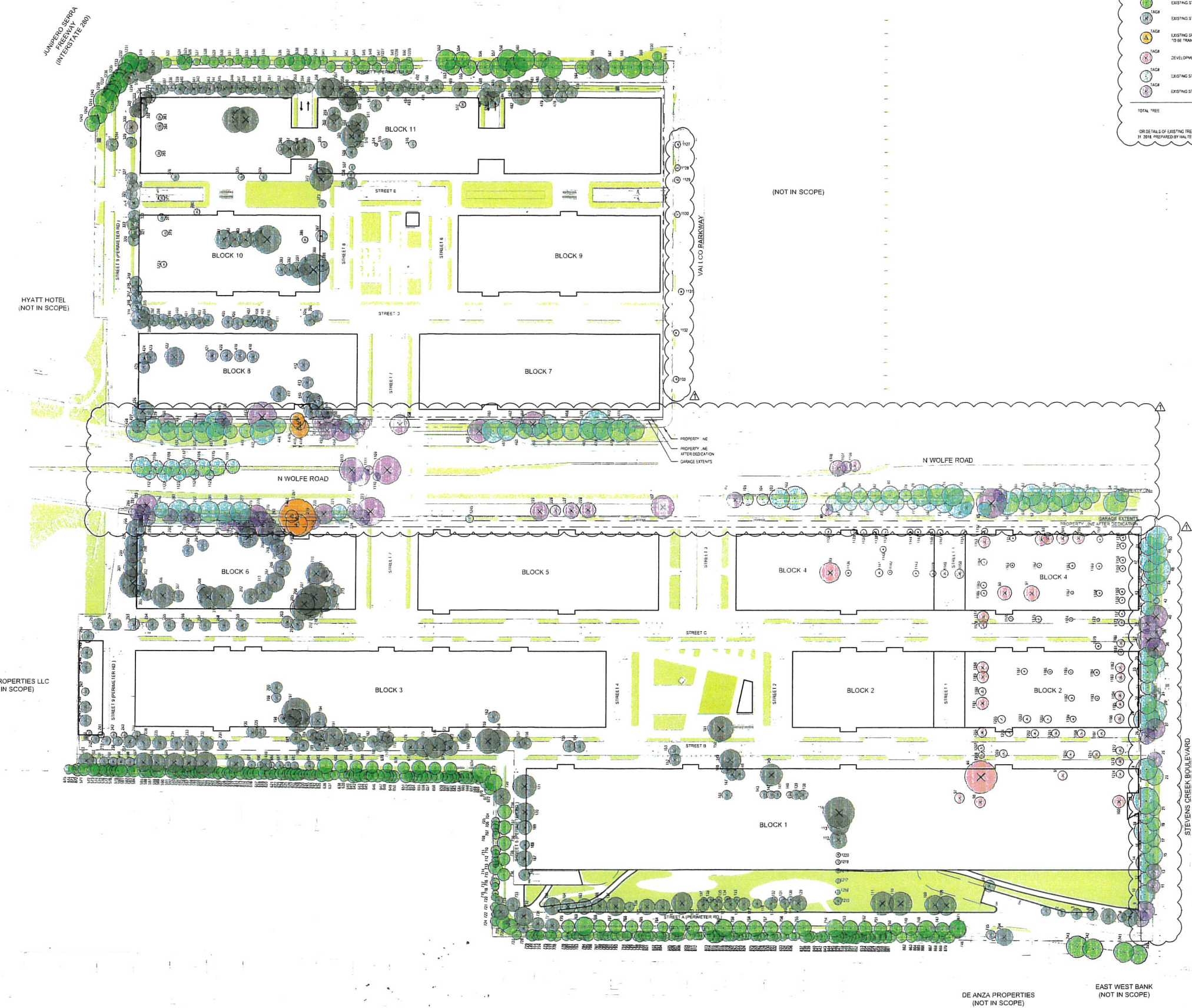
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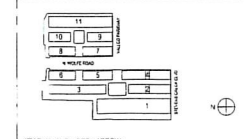
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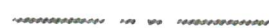


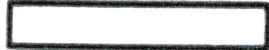

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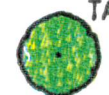





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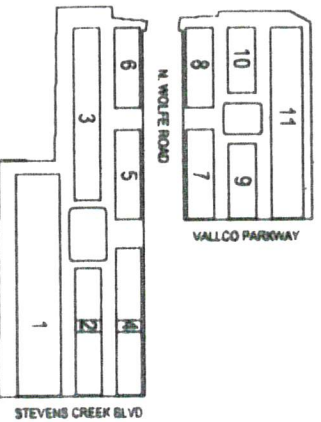
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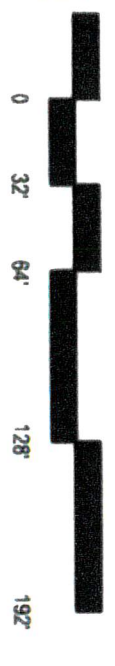


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