# Parks and Recreation, Planning, and Bicycle Pedestrian Commissions

## Special Joint Meeting

## June 13, 2022

## Presentations

### Item 1

Consider an update to the Joint Commission on the status of the Environmental Summary Report, public outreach process, and next steps for the Lawrence-Mitty Master Plan project.

# LAWRENCE-MITTY
## PARK AND TRAIL MASTER PLAN

## Joint Commission Meeting

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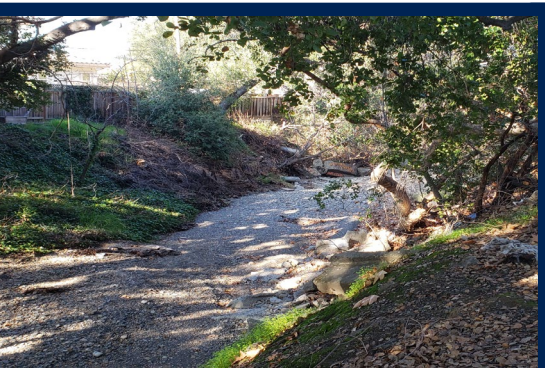
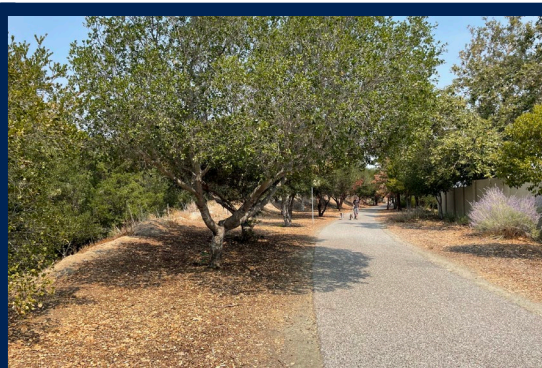
# Lawrence-Mitty Project Team

City of Cupertino

- Capital Improvement Project Team
- Parks and Recreation Department

MIG (Design Consultant)





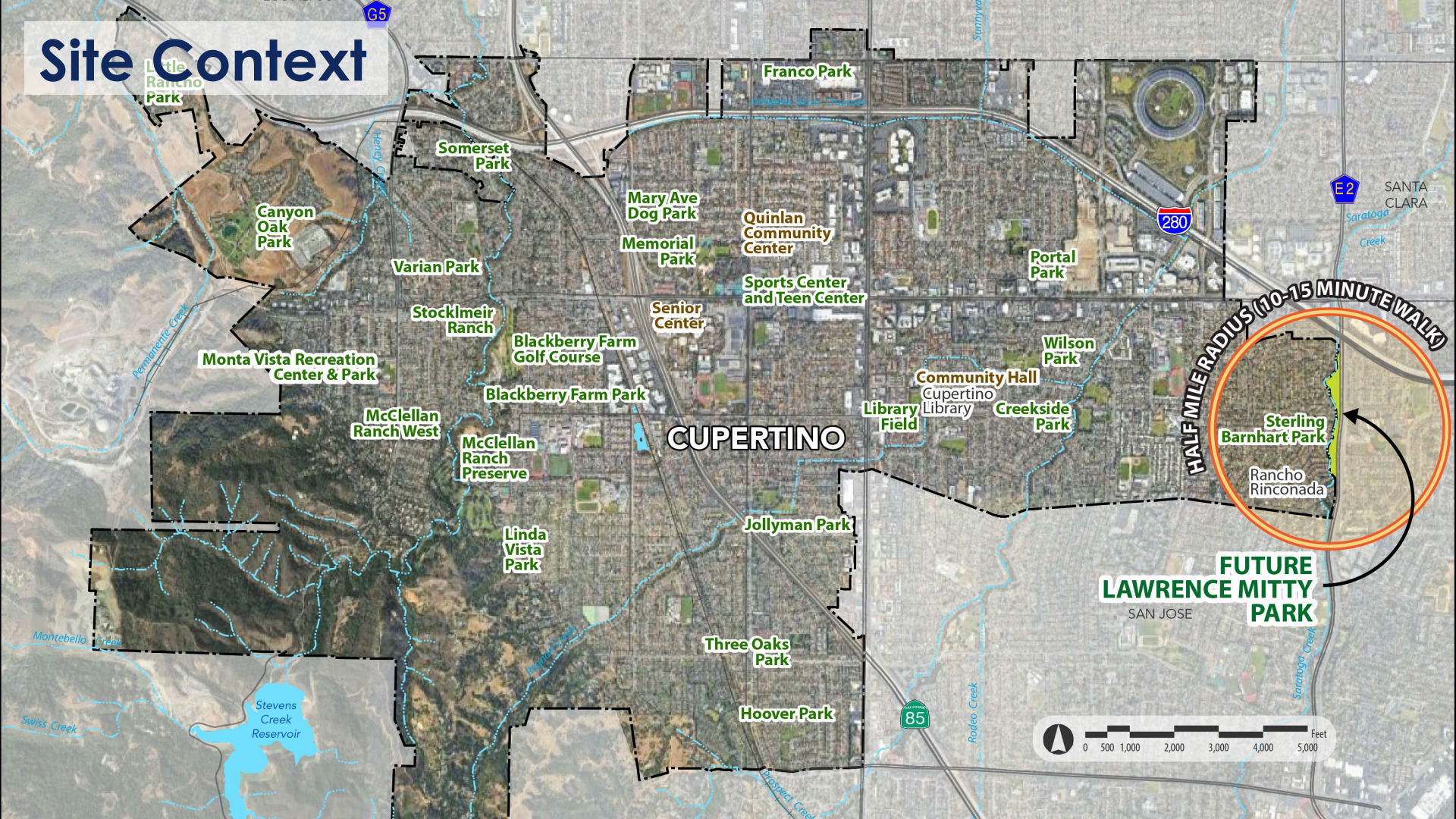
# Today's Agenda

- Project Overview
- Environmental Summary
- Community Outreach Summary
- What's Next?
- Discussion

# Project Phases



# Site Context



# PROJECT OVERVIEW

# Existing Conditions



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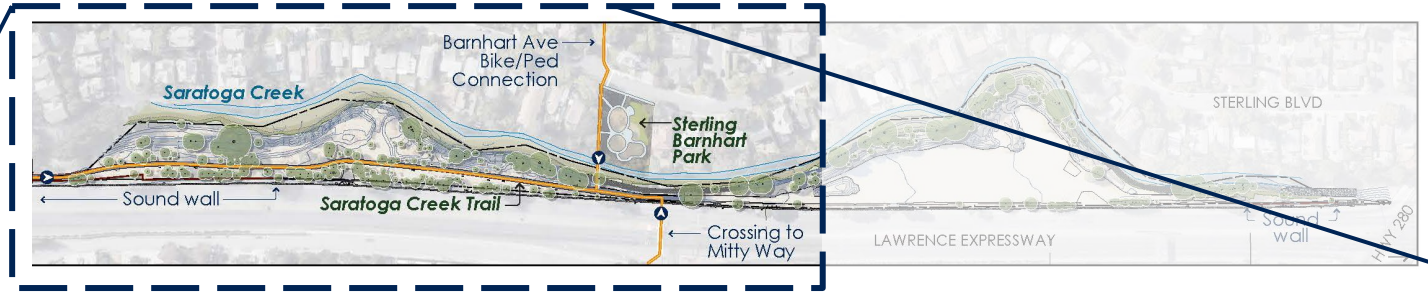
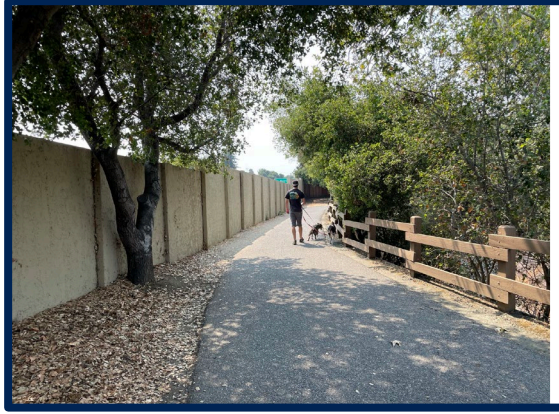


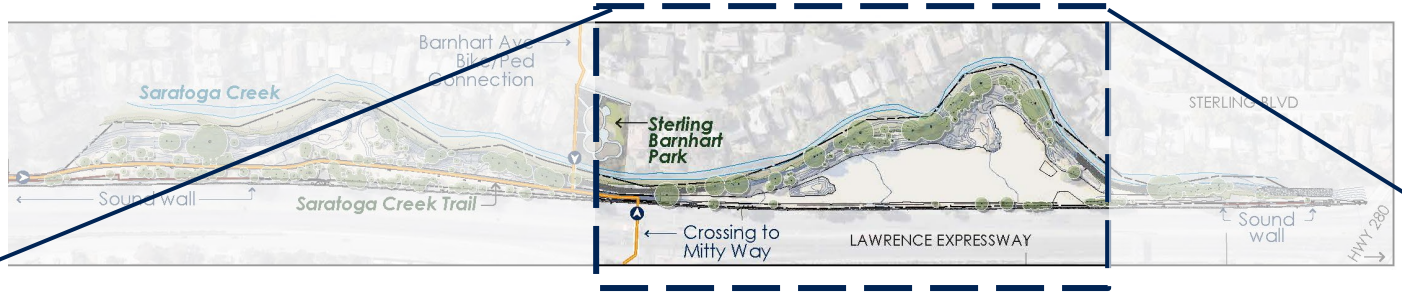



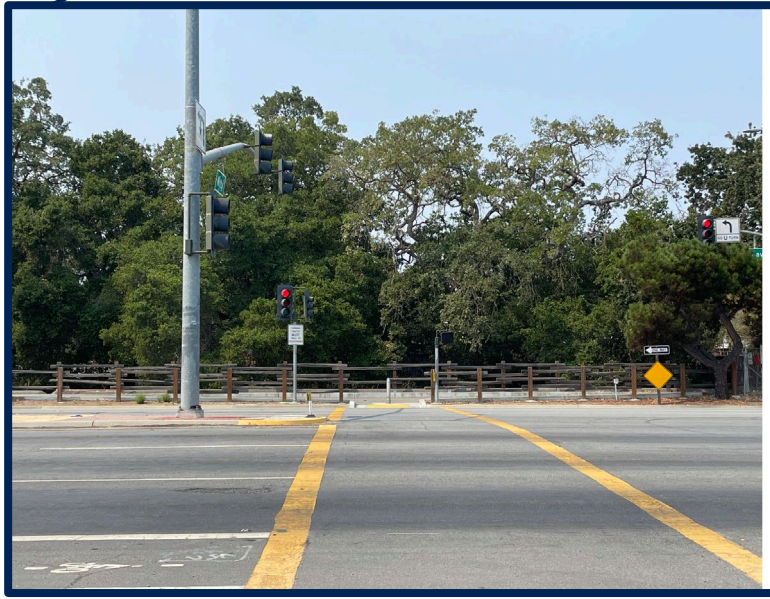


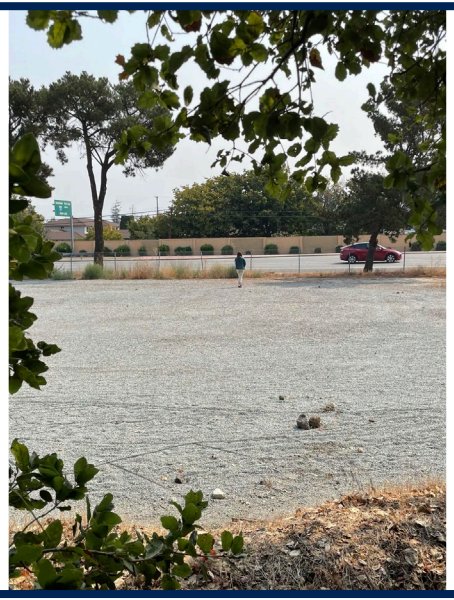


# Existing Conditions

# North Open Space







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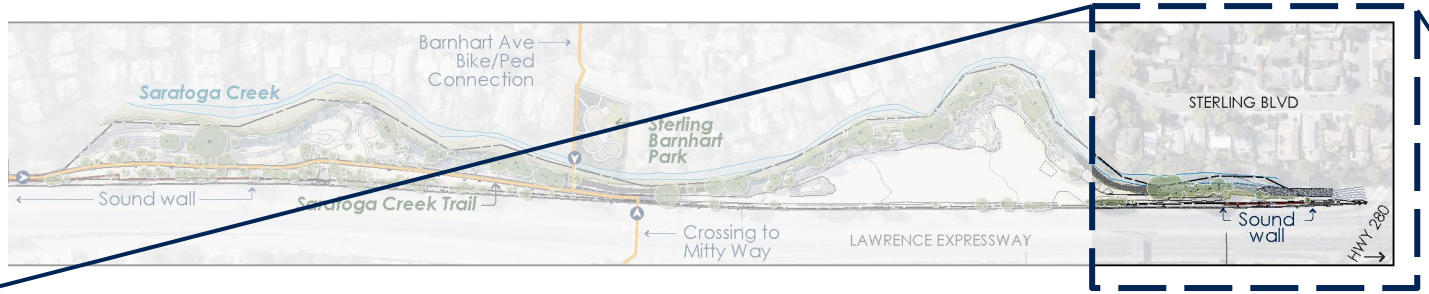
# North End Terminus










# ENVIRONMENTAL SUMMARY

# Understanding the Site

## Technical Site Analysis

- Citywide Goals and Regulations
- Topographic Survey
- Circulation and Access
- Noise Reduction
- Existing Utilities, Easements, and Setbacks
- Soil Assessment
- Stormwater and Hydrology
- Biological Resources
- Trees and Planting

## Opportunities and Constraints

# Site Constraints

## ACCESS AND RECREATION

- Limited parking (on-street only)
- No current bike/pedestrian connection north

## CREEK

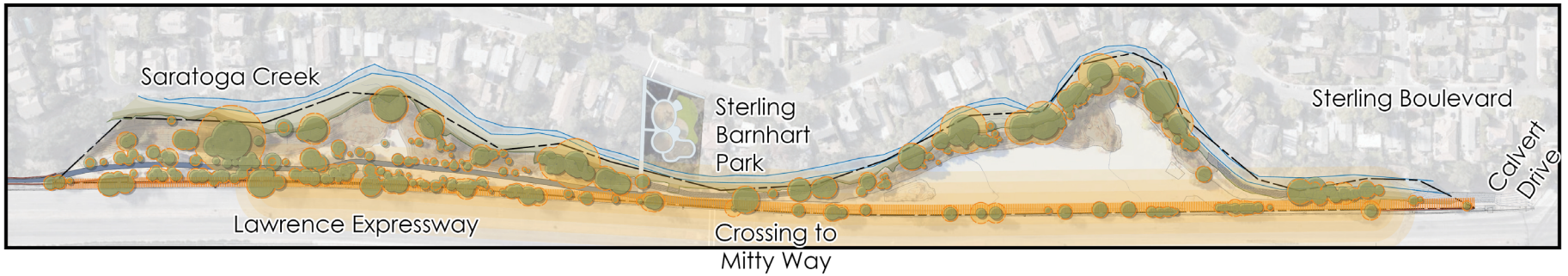
- Saratoga Creek constraints: environmental agency regulations, no development below top of bank, limited tree removal
- Utility coordination required with San Jose (water, sewer, stormwater)
- Remnant impervious surface negatively impacts creek health
- Steep creek edge with stepped gabions

## NOISE

- Limited visibility at sound walls
- Maintenance/emergency access points from expressway impact potential noise mitigation
- Road noise and visibility of Expressway
- Highway noise from I-280

## SOIL

- Remnant soil piles (construction debris)
- Elevated levels of lead in soil adjacent to expressway
- Remnant berms with mature tree roots limit removal



# Site Opportunities

## RECREATION

- (South) Small open spaces for passive recreation or creek overlooks
- Existing trail and park amenities
- Existing small neighborhood park with play area and pedestrian bridge
- (North) Large open space for a range of recreation opportunities
- Connections to existing trail, Sterling Barnhart Park, Rancho Rinconada Pool, nearby schools

## CREEK

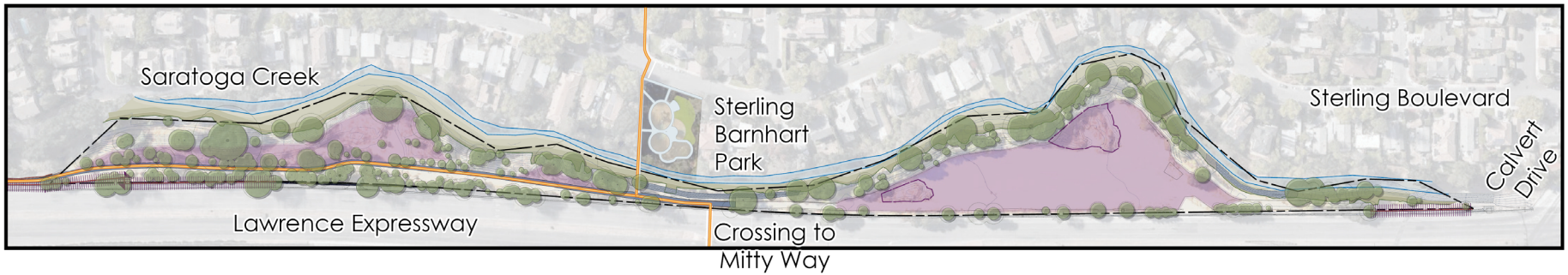
- Views to the creek possible with berm and soil pile removals
- Potential collaboration with schools for environmental education opportunities

## NOISE

- Reduced noise level at sound walls
- Lower noise levels far from expressway

## SOIL

- Removal of soil piles (construction debris)
- Reduction of impervious surface, improving creek health



# Technical Site Analysis: Key Considerations

- **Sound mitigation** – options, visibility and safety
- **Soils at Expressway Edge**– remain as is, cap, remove
- **North connection** to Stevens Creek Blvd – interim design solution, long term connection
- **Site access** – maintenance, emergency, accessibility

# COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENTS

~60 participants

## Input Themes

- Play & Climbing features
- Separated Nature Trails
- Picnic areas
- Basketball, sports courts
- Flex lawn space
- Small performance space
- Shade trees and native plants
- Dog park

# Pop-Up Events

Bunny Run 5K

Saturday Soccer at Creekside Park



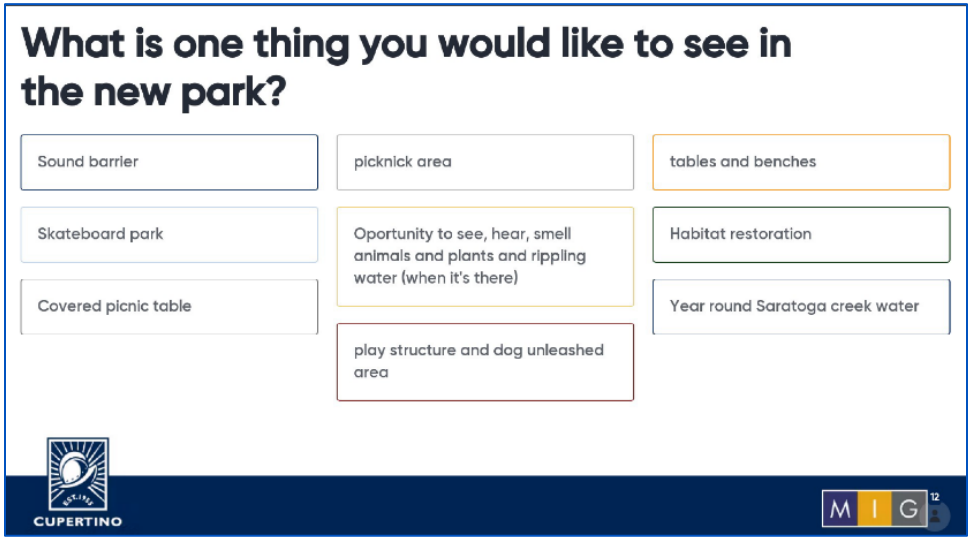


15 participants

## Q&A Themes

- Connection to Stevens Creek Blvd
- Safety/Visibility
- Habitat restoration, creek health, wildlife protection
- Access
- Housing option, encampment concerns

# Virtual Community Meeting



# Site Tour at Lawrence-Mitty

~60 participants

## Input Themes

- Creek access/overlook
- Dog park
- Sound wall
- Trees
- Safety, visibility
- Trails
- Picnic tables, benches
- Play for all ages
- Sports courts
- Environmental education












# Online Survey

**563** responses

**50%** live within ½ mile of the trail

**84%** are Cupertino residents

**30%** live within the Rancho Rinconada neighborhood

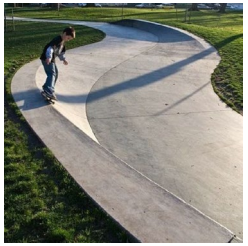
**16%** live within the Monta Vista neighborhood

**12%** live within the West San Jose neighborhood














# Online Survey Summary

Overall Desired Recreation and Park Features in East Cupertino


Trail
Park
Walk
Bike
Area
Dog
Nature
Place
Playground
Path
Picnic
Safe
Kid
Play
Court
Shade
Space
Green
Native
Plant
Bird
Water
Creek
Exercise
Leash
Pedestrian
Access
Structure
Lot
Pave
Hikes
Nice
Bench
Trees
Open
Use
Run
Sit
Basketball
Tennis
Garden
Relax
Family
Bicycle
Cupertino
Environment
Habitat
Wildlife
Flower
Children
Small
Ride
Art
Need
Lane
Enjoy
Active
Car
Local
School
High
Many
Offer
Available
Joggling
Cycling
Route
Fence
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Bay
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Landscape
Magical
Tables
Toilets
Farm
Group
Lake
Saratoga
Etc
Near
Station
State
Key
Mini
Adult
Around
Lawn
Climb
Bmx
Want
Less
Enough
Ideal
Fit
Take
Friendly
Big
Pets
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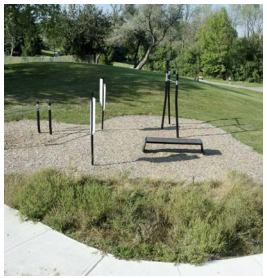
Wild

# Online Survey Summary

Top 3 Recreation Features

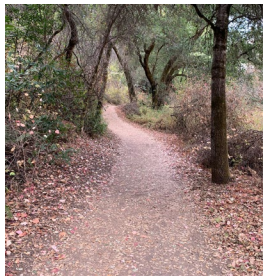
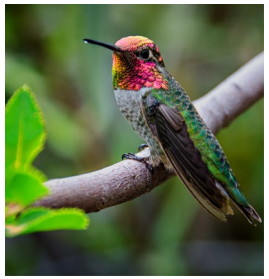
- **Nature Play**
- **Things to Climb**
- **Fitness Equipment**





Top 3 Wildlife, Nature, and Education Features

- **Nature Trails**
- **Native Plants to Enhance Wildlife**
- **Creek Overlook**

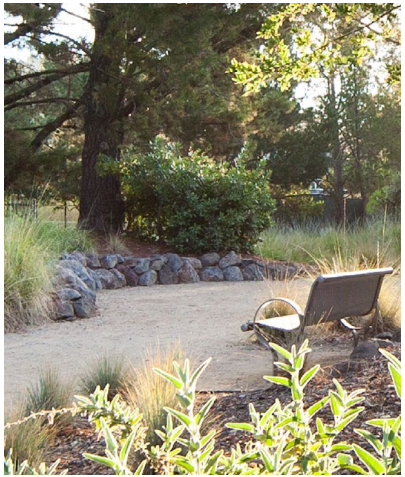

# Online Survey Summary

Top Community and Comfort Features

- **Shaded Areas**
- **Walking Paths**
- **Restroom**
- **Seating**







# Online Survey Summary

**Current trail use:**

- **70%** walking
- **35%** biking (adults)
- **20%** biking with kids
- **17%** dog walking

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- **31%** once/few times year
- **12%** most days

**Would use the trail more if…**

- Destination, park experience
- Attractive natural area
- Quieter, buffered from road
- Shaded

**Would add features to the trail…**

- Creek overlook, viewpoint
- Separated nature/soft trails
- Restroom

# Community Input: Key Considerations

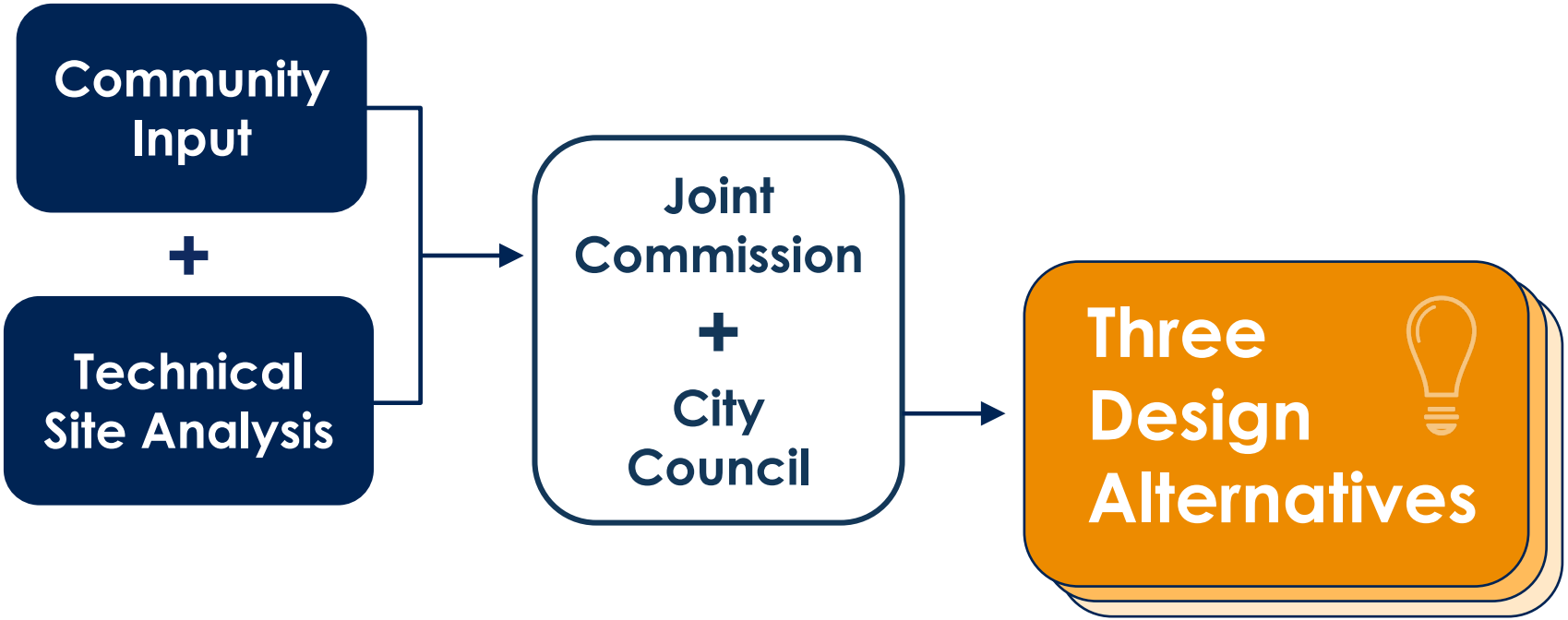
- Wildlife, nature, and education features
- Bike trail extension and separated walking paths
- Nature play features
- Shade trees and native plants for habitat enhancement
- Reduction of onsite noise levels
- Considerations for site safety
- Comfort features: restrooms, seating
- Dogs in the park
- Complete the bike trail to the north

# WHAT'S NEXT

# Project Phases



# Design Process



# DISCUSSION


Barnhart Ave
Bike/Ped
Connection
Saratoga Creek
Sterling
Barnhart
Park
STERLING BLVD
Sound wall
Saratoga Creek Trail
Crossing to
Mitty Way
LAWRENCE EXPRESSWAY
Sound
wall
HWY 280

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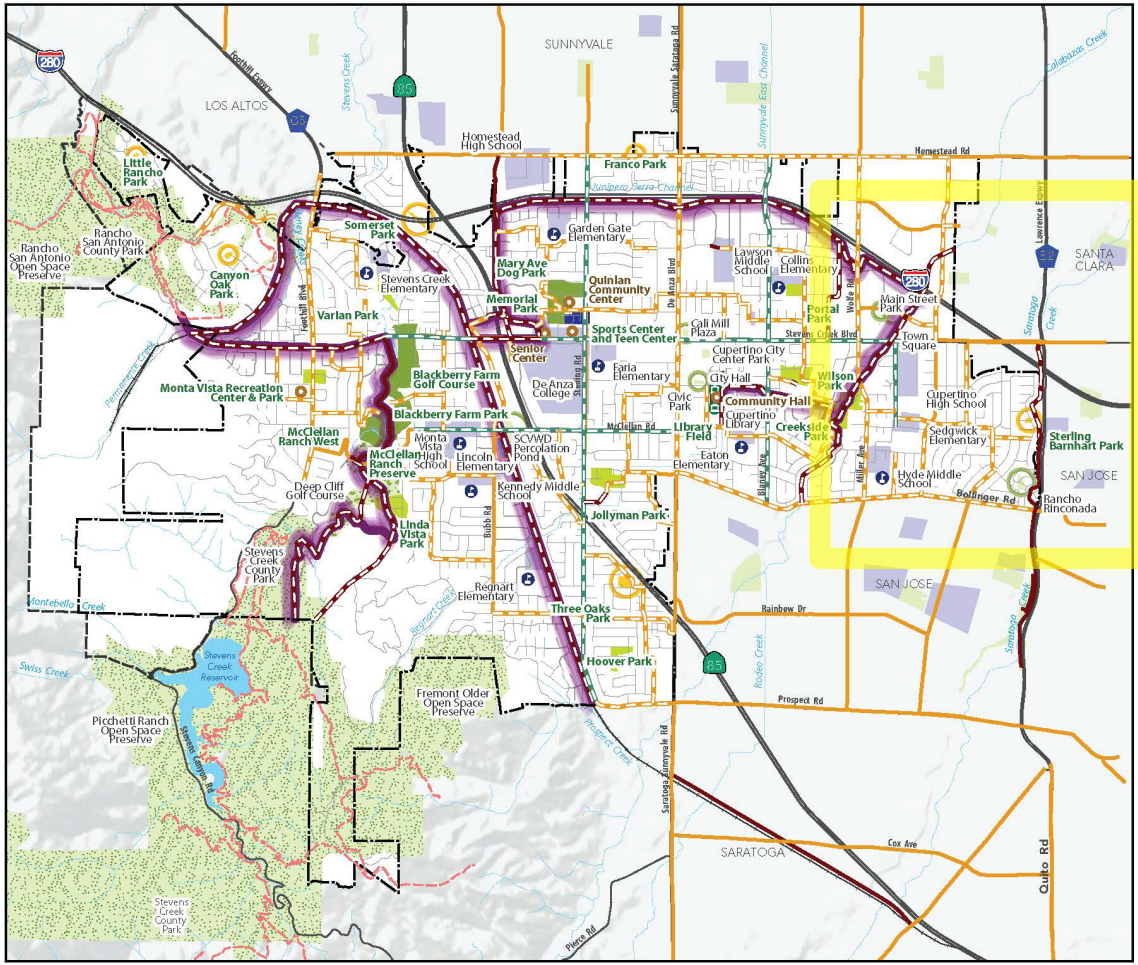


Parks & Recreation System Master Plan

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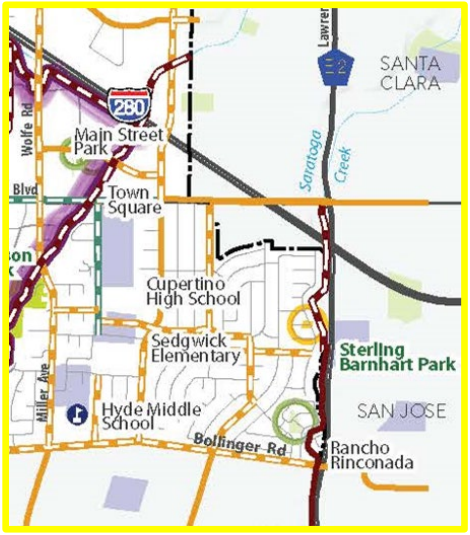
# Map D-2: Opportunity to Enhance Pedestrian and Bike Connectivity

**Bicycle and Pedestrian Facilities**

| *Existing* | *Proposed* | |
|---|---|---|
| | | Class I Path and Trails |
| | | Class II Bike Lanes and Class III Routes or Boulevards |
| | | Class IV Protected Bikeway |

**Other**

- Park/Open Space Trails
- Key Opportunities

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Lawrence-Mitty Park
Saratoga Creek
CHT Construction
Lapa Dr
Doyle Rd
G2
Lawrence Expy
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Sterling Blvd
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Sterling Blvd
Runo Ct
Ralya Ct
Loree Ave
Calvert Dr
Junipero Serra Fwy
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Calvert Drive

# Understanding the Site

