

# ***ENVISION SAN JOSE 2040***



**Agenda Item #5: Parks & Recreation Discussion  
August 24, 2009 Task Force Meeting**

# ***Vision for Parks, Recreation & Open Space***

## **Key Questions**

- ◆ How should we provide 3.5 acres / 1,000 population?
- ◆ How should we meet the parks needs of Villages?
- ◆ What amenities should be counted towards this goal?
- ◆ How do we meet parks needs in underserved areas?

# ***Vision for Parks, Recreation & Open Space***

## **Major Park Themes**

- ◆ Community and City Identity
- ◆ Equity
- ◆ Interconnected Parks System
- ◆ High Quality Facilities and Programs



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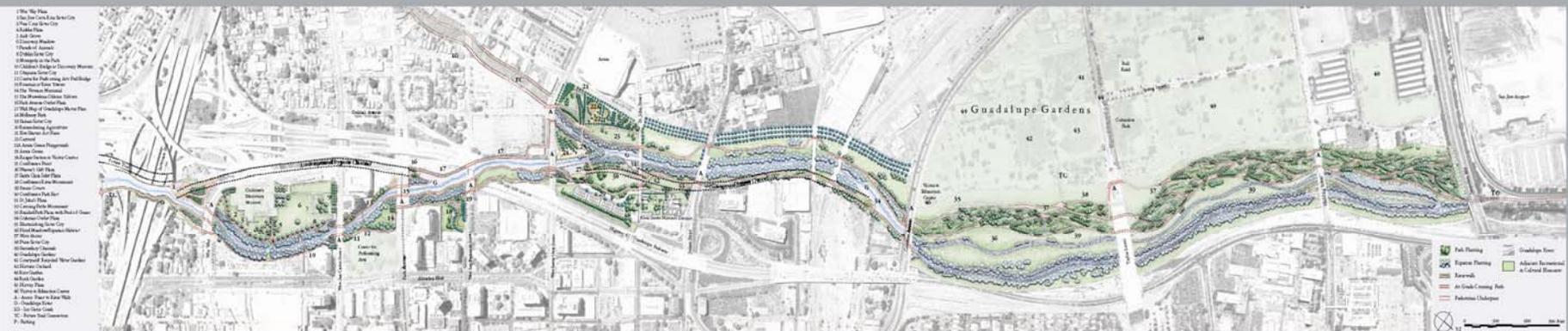
## **Major Park Themes Continued...**

- ◆ Healthy City
- ◆ Environmental Stewardship
- ◆ Fiscal Sustainability



# Community and City Identity

Develop the Guadalupe River Park as San Jose's vibrant, grand central park



GUADALUPE RIVER PARK

# Equity

Create a balanced park system providing all residents with access to parks



# *Interconnected Park System*

Provide an integrated system of Parks connected by a citywide trails network



## *High Quality Facilities and Programs*

### **Retain citywide goal of 3.5 acres / 1,000 population**

- ◆ Current General Plan:  $\geq 1.5$  acres / 1,000 population
- ◆ Count up to two acres of school playgrounds
- ◆ Count other public agency parks
- ◆ Include high schools with joint use agreements
- ◆ Include trails, community gardens and community centers

# *High Quality Facilities and Programs*

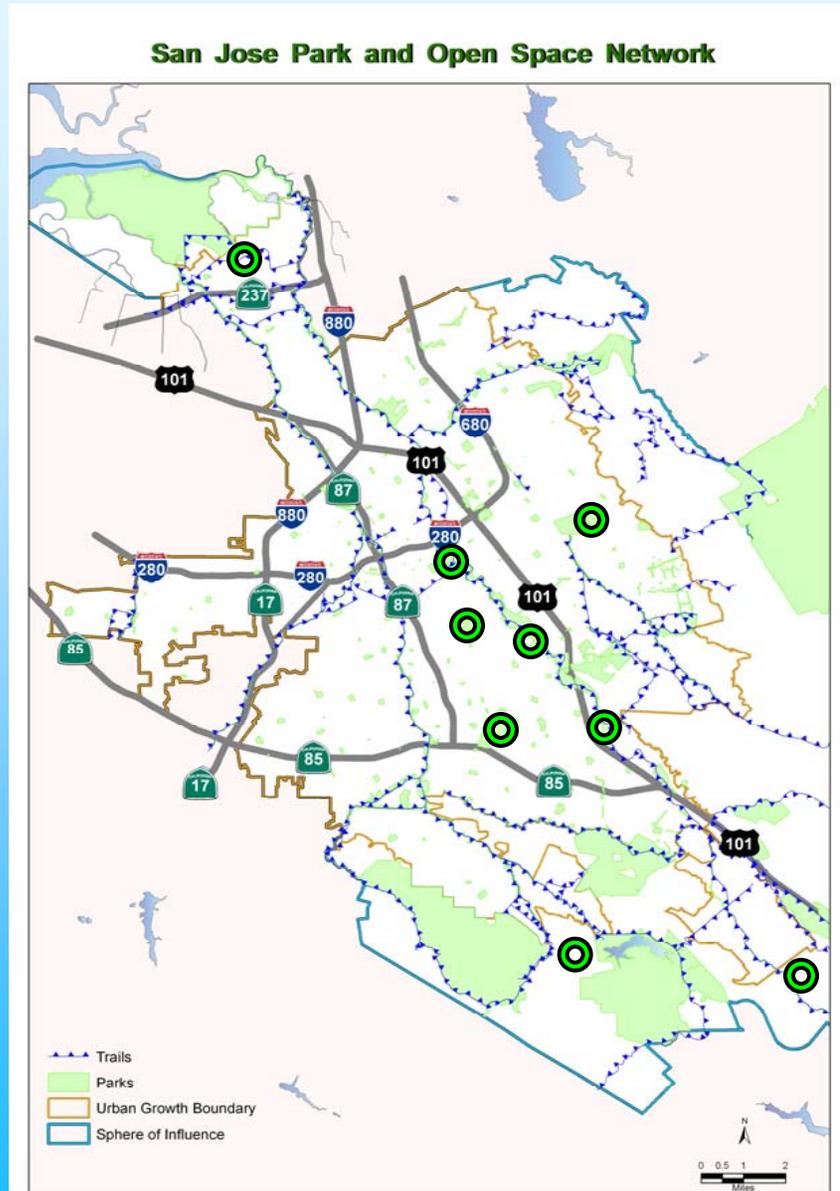
**Develop a large community park in North San Jose**



# High Quality Facilities and Programs

## Develop new and expand existing large parks

- Kelley Park
- County Fairgrounds
- Martial Cottle Park
- Former Singleton Landfill
- Coyote Greenbelt
- Rancho San Vicente
- Plant Buffer Lands
- Former Pleasant Hills Golf Course
- Shady Oaks Park



# *High Quality Facilities and Programs*

## Meet the parks needs of Villages through....

- ◆ Public neighborhood parks
- ◆ Public/private partnerships
- ◆ Dynamic public spaces
- ◆ Improved connections to existing parks facilities



# *Healthy City*

**Build healthy communities through parks and programs**



# *Environmental Stewardship*

**Provide environmentally sustainable programs, facilities, and infrastructure assets**



# *Fiscal Sustainability*

## Provide financially sustainable recreation programs, facilities, and infrastructure

- ◆ Develop a parks & community foundation
- ◆ Develop public and private partnerships
- ◆ Promote community volunteerism
- ◆ Consider parks bond



# ***Vision for Parks, Recreation & Open Space***

## **Summary of Staff Recommendations**

- ◆ Develop the Guadalupe River Park as our grand central park
- ◆ Develop new and expand existing large parks
- ◆ Focus investments in underserved areas on existing parks and improved connections
- ◆ Build Interconnected Park System by developing trail system
- ◆ Retain 3.5 acres / 1,000 goal
- ◆ Count 2 acres of schools towards this goal
- ◆ Provide Villages with dynamic public and private spaces and improved parks connections