

*This Greenprint
establishes new
priorities,
creates
new connections,
and solicits
new help
and partnerships
to create
a more livable
San Jose
for ourselves
and future
generations.*

As you, the reader, begin reviewing the *Greenprint for Parks and Community Facilities and Programs*, there is one central question you must ask and answer:

*What kind of neighborhood and city
do I want to live in?*

Every person wants to live in a livable community. While no two people have the same vision of livability, it is the role of government to work with the people to equitably provide services and places that help create sustainable neighborhoods. Every resident has unique needs. Some need a warm meal and a dry place to sleep. Others need natural open space or a public place to recreate with friends. Some need access or integration into the programs and places already available. Together, we must attempt to create a universal vision of a livable city by providing public places, programs and services, forming a vigorous healthy community. The strategic plan provides a roadmap so that progress can be planned, and, as opportunities arise, our government can respond.

This strategic plan, or Greenprint, not only shows where we are, but where we would like to go. More importantly, it gives some direction as to how we can get there together. As we look at this Greenprint, it is clear that what we want to achieve for the citizens and City of San José is difficult and challenging. However, when something is beyond our reach, we can either give up or, through planning and with help from others, strive to realize our dreams. We choose to make our dreams a reality.

Please join me in implementing this plan.

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