

## Current General Plan Goals & Policies Not Proposed for Inclusion in the General Plan Update



### Parks, Trails, Open Space, and Recreation Amenities/Programs

The following Goals & Policies are included in the current, San Jose 2020 General Plan, however, they are not proposed for inclusion in the Envision San Jose 2040 General Plan Update. The italicized text behind each Goal or Policy shows the reasoning for its removal.

A. The City should consider as an objective the provision of neighborhood or community park within reasonable walking distance for each resident. That portion of a Citywide or regional park which provides recreational accessibility for nearby residents in the same manner as a neighborhood or community park should be considered as meeting this objective. (#1 on page 108 of the San Jose 2020 General Plan) - *This existing policy addressed by new proposed Policy A.4*

B. Through the development review process, private open space and recreation facilities should be encouraged in most residential projects, mixed use projects and major employment complexes in order to meet a portion of the open space and recreation needs of residents, employees and visitors that will be generated by that development. (#3 on page 108 of the San Jose 2020 General Plan) – *Policy to be included in urban design policies. Not a public recreation and open space issue.*

C. In the design and maintenance of parks, consideration should be given to impacts on wildlife. In particular, it should be recognized that native plant species may be best suited for providing wildlife cover and food sources and that herbicides, pesticides and fungicides may be damaging to native plants and wildlife. (#6 on page 108) - *Policies E.1 and F.4, which are broader and more general, are proposed to be included.*

D. The City should promote the enactment of Federal, State and local legislation intended to facilitate the acquisition of surplus property of public agencies for parks, open space and recreation purposes. (#12 on page 109) - *There is currently adequate legislation in place. Policy E.10 & Implementation Action E.5 are proposed to be included specifically related to the acquisition of surplus public school properties.*

E. The City should consider negotiating with property owners and local school districts in newly developing residential areas for the dedication of playground/recreation portions of future school sites to the City, providing for long term low cost leasing of these playgrounds back to the school districts. Under this arrangement, when a school district declared a site as surplus the playground portions of it would automatically revert back to

the City, ensuring public use in perpetuity. (#19 on page 109) - *New proposed Policy E.10 and Implementation Action E.5 address this issue.*

F. The incorporation of trails and pathways into lanes used for public and utility purposes is encouraged. (# 6 on page 112) – *New proposed policy E.7 addresses this issue.*

G. Trails should be built to meet the trail standards established by the Department of Public Works. Trail design should provide sufficient light, vertical and horizontal clearance, and landscape setbacks from adjacent development to ensure a safe and aesthetically pleasing recreational experience. (#7 on page 112) - *Too specific for General Plan. PRNS follows the County & Caltrans trails standards; there are no Public Works trail standards.*

H In areas which are already developed and where insufficient right of way exists to provide trails separate from existing roadways, the City should consider interim trail alignments along public roadways to provide linkages with trail corridors and public transportation facilities. (#8 on page 112) - *This issue will be covered in the forthcoming Transportation and Circulation discussion on, and section of the Envision San Jose 2040 Plan.*

I. Trails and pathways should be designed and constructed in a manner which allows safe access to each type of trail experience for people of all abilities to the maximum extent possible. (#9 on page 112) – *This issue addressed by proposed Policy B.3.*

J. In addition to trails proposed along major watercourses, additional trail routes should be established on abandoned railroad rights-of-way. (#10 on page 112) - *This issue addressed by proposed Implementation Action F.2*

K. Encourages private entities to preserve open space lands adjacent to their properties. (Revised #13 on page 109) – *Property owners have no control over adjacent properties.*