

Greater Golden Hill – Community Plan Update

Recreation Element



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Recreation Element Components:

- Population-Based Park & Recreation Guidelines
- Recreational Opportunities
- Preservation
- Accessibility
- Joint Use & Cooperative Partnerships
- Open Space



Golden Hill Recreation Center Play Area



Open Space at Delevan Dr. and Ash St.

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Park & Recreation Guidelines



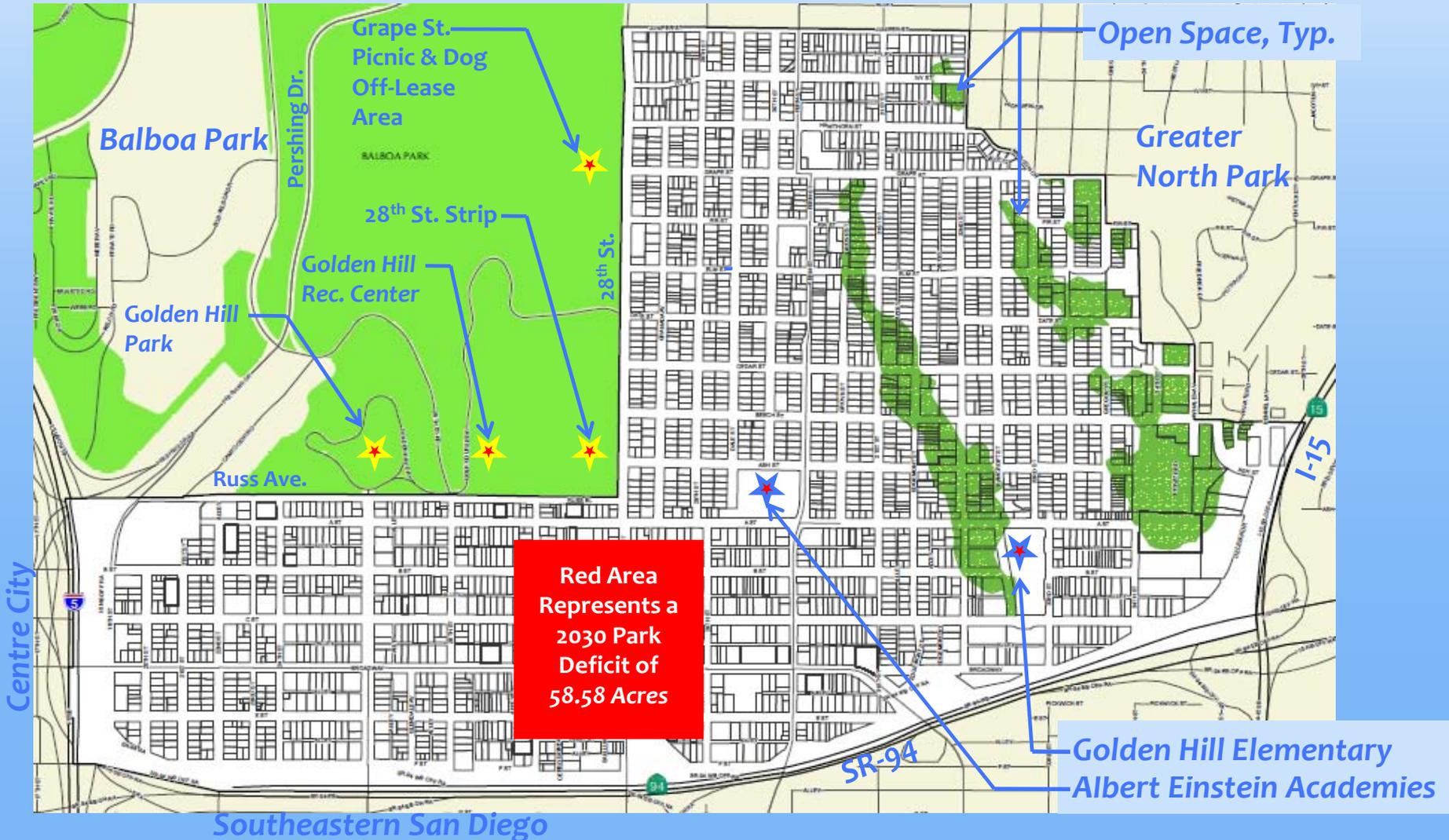
Guiding General Plan Goals:

- ❑ *A sustainable park and recreation system that meets the needs of residents and visitors.*
- ❑ *Provision of parklands that keep pace with population growth through timely acquisition and development.*
- ❑ *An increase in the amount and quality of recreational facilities and infrastructure through the promotion of alternative methods where development of typical facilities and infrastructure may be limited by constraints.*
- ❑ *An equitable citywide distribution of and access to parks and recreation facilities.*



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Park & Recreation Guidelines – Park Inventory



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Park & Recreation Guidelines



The City has struggled to meet park standards in the older urbanized communities such as Greater Golden Hill, for several reasons:

- Developed prior to specific park standards or guidelines.*
- Developed prior to park fees being established.*
- Limited land readily available for park development.*
- Competing needs for the land.*
- Resource-based parks have not counted towards population-based parks.*
- Lack of funding and resources.*

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Park & Recreation Guidelines



Greater Golden Hill Recreation Center Access:

- ❑ Greater Golden Hill is currently served by the **Golden Hill Recreation Center, located within Balboa Park.**
- ❑ Greater Golden Hill should have **12,130 s.f. of recreation center area.**
- ❑ The community has a **2,095 s.f. deficit in recreation center area.**

Golden Hill Recreation Center



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Park & Recreation Guidelines



Greater Golden Hill Pool Access:

- ❑ Greater Golden Hill should have **0.36 swimming pools**.
- ❑ Golden Hill's closest pool is **Bud Kearns Pool in Morley Field**.
- ❑ The City currently has **18 municipal pools**, shared between communities.



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Park & Recreation Guidelines



Greater Golden Hill Dog Off-Leash Area Access:

- ❑ *Greater Golden Hill is served by the Balboa Park Grape Street dog off-leash area.*
- ❑ *This facility serves surrounding communities as well.*
- ❑ *This area also provides for multi-purpose recreation amenities.*



Grape Street Dog Off-Leash Area



Grape Street Dog Off-Leash Area

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Greater Golden Hill Senior Services Recreation Access:

- ❑ *Senior recreational services are offered out of the Golden Hill Recreation Center.*
- ❑ *Senior services are also offered at the Clubhouse Senior Center in Morley Field, or the Senior Lounge, located in Balboa Park.*
- ❑ *Services are provided out of the North Park Community Adult Center.*

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Recreational Opportunities



Guiding General Plan Goals:

- ❑ A City with park and recreational facilities and services that are designed to accommodate the needs of a growing and diverse population and that respect the City's natural landforms.
- ❑ A regional and citywide parks / open space system, including the bays beaches, rivers, and other attractions, that gives our region identity, attracts tourism, and enriches the quality of life for residents and visitors.
- ❑ A city with a diverse range of active and passive recreational opportunities that meet the needs of each neighborhood / community and reinforce the City's natural beauty and resources.



28th & Cedar Play Area–Balboa Park



Grape Street Dog Off-Leash Area

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Recreational Opportunities



- ❑ Create equivalencies that count towards population-based parks, by utilizing:
 - ❖ Portions of *Balboa Park*.
 - ❖ Portions of *Public Rights-of-Way (ROW) or open space*.
 - ❖ Portions of *trails within open space areas*.
 - ❖ *Future joint use agreements with the SDUSD*.



Golden Hill Park - Balboa Park



Elm St. and Bancroft St. ROW

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Recreational Opportunities



- ❑ *Other options for gaining park land:*
 - ❖ *Opportunistic Purchases of Land.*
 - ❖ *Utilization of Caltrans ROW.*
 - ❖ *Partnering with adjacent communities.*
 - ❖ *Discretionary development projects.*
 - ❖ *Private / public cooperative partnerships .*



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Recreational Opportunities - Equivalencies



What are Equivalencies and Why Can They Be Used in Greater Golden Hill?

The updated *Recreation Element of the General Plan* establishes the concept of park equivalencies.

- ❑ *Page RE-11 notes that alternative methods of providing recreation facilities need to be available.*
- ❑ *Table RE-4 shows facilities that can qualify as equivalencies.*



Balboa Park Along 28th St. at Russ Blvd.

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Recreational Opportunities - Equivalencies



So what is the nexus between using portions of resource-based Balboa Park as equivalencies, counting towards population-based parks in Greater Golden Hill?

❑ *Current Greater Golden Hill Community Plan :*

- ❖ *Balboa Park meets some of Golden Hill's recreational needs.*
- ❖ *'Golden Hill Triangle' area of park is used by residents of Greater Golden Hill.*
- ❖ *Current community plan recommends improvements the 'Golden Hill Triangle'.*

❑ *East Mesa Precise Plan, Balboa Park:*

- ❖ *East Mesa provides activities for the neighborhood.*
- ❖ *East Mesa provides needed neighborhood park space.*
- ❖ *East Mesa serves as a community park.*
- ❖ *East Mesa serves both community and neighborhood users.*

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Recreational Opportunities - Equivalencies



Greater Golden Hill Triangle Park Area of Balboa Park in Current Community Plan:



1. Grape Street Picnic Area
2. 28th Street Strip
3. Golden Hill Recreation Center
4. Golden Hill Park
5. City Storage Yard / Pershing Complex



28th Street and Cedar Play Area

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Recreational Opportunities - Equivalencies



Benefits of Using Equivalencies within the Golden Hill Community:

- ❑ *Allows for allocation of Development Impact Fee (DIF) dollars into Balboa Park projects.*
- ❑ *Fees will be collected for more timely improvements within Balboa Park.*
- ❑ *Projects will not have to wait for Balboa Park funding sources to become available.*

Golden Hill Community Center



Grape Street Off-Leash Dog Park

Golden Hill Community Clubhouse



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Recreational Opportunities - Equivalencies



Criteria for Using Portions of Resource-Based Parks, such as Balboa Park as Equivalencies:

- ❑ *Consistent with applicable policy documents.*
- ❑ *Contiguous to the community served.*
- ❑ *Provides neighborhood and community park amenities.*
- ❑ *Creates opportunities for adding additional recreational improvements.*
- ❑ *Recreational improvements must not be for maintenance, repair, or deferred maintenance items.*



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Equivalencies – Resource Based Parks



Russ Blvd. Community Garden in Balboa Park:



A 5,500 s.f. community garden is currently located north of Russ Boulevard, just to the west of 25th Street. The garden is located within Balboa Park, and serves as a population-based park equivalency for Greater Golden Hill.

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Equivalencies – Resource Based Parks



Golden Hill Park in Balboa Park:



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Equivalencies – Resource Based Parks



Golden Hill Recreation Center and Club House in Balboa Park:



Existing View of Site



Existing View of Site

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Equivalencies – Resource Based Parks



28th St. - Cedar St. to Russ Blvd. in Balboa Park:



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Equivalencies – Public ROW and/or Open Space



Criteria for Using Portions of Public Rights-of-Way (ROW) or open space, such as canyon edges or paper streets as Equivalencies:

- Directly adjacent to existing streets.
- Unused or under-utilized areas.
- Relatively flat, disturbed areas.
- Typically outside MHPA areas.
- Areas that would not extend down to or into canyon lands.
- Areas that could be used as trail heads.



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Equivalencies – Public ROW and/or Open Space



Possible Open Space Pocket Park @ Elm St. and Bancroft St.

Site is disturbed. There is an small flat area on top of the canyon, adjacent to the street. A small mini-park here would likely be possible, and could serve as a trail head. This area is not adjacent to MHPA area. Size = approximately 6,000 s.f.



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Equivalencies – Public ROW and/or Open Space



Existing View of Sites



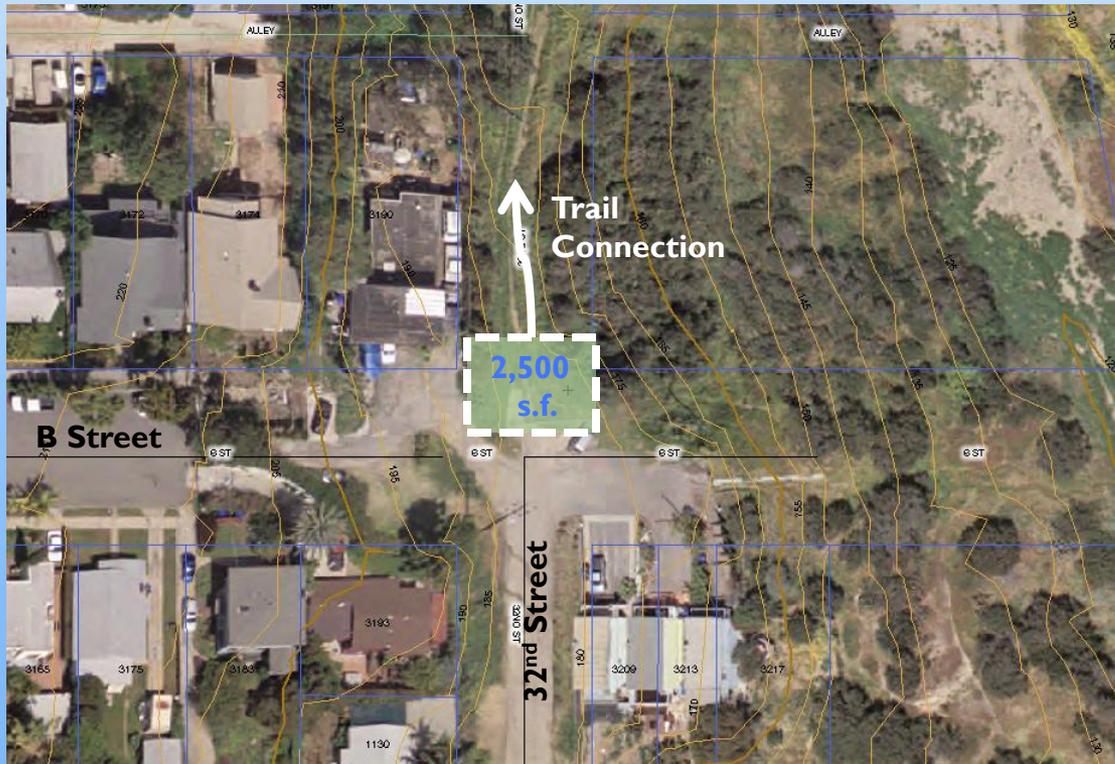
Existing View of Sites

Possible Open Space Pocket Parks @ Delevan Dr. and Ash St.

Sites are disturbed directly adjacent to street. There is a small flat area, adjacent to the street. These areas are in / adjacent to the MHPA and could serve as a trail heads to the trails leading into 34th Street Canyon. Approximate size of both areas = 10,000 s.f.

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Equivalencies – Public ROW and/or Open Space



32nd Street and B Street

Site is disturbed directly adjacent to street. There is a small flat area, adjacent to the street. This area is not in the MHPA. However, due to its limited size and location, it would not serve as an equivalency for the community. However, it could still be developed as a trail head.



Existing View of Site



Existing View of Site

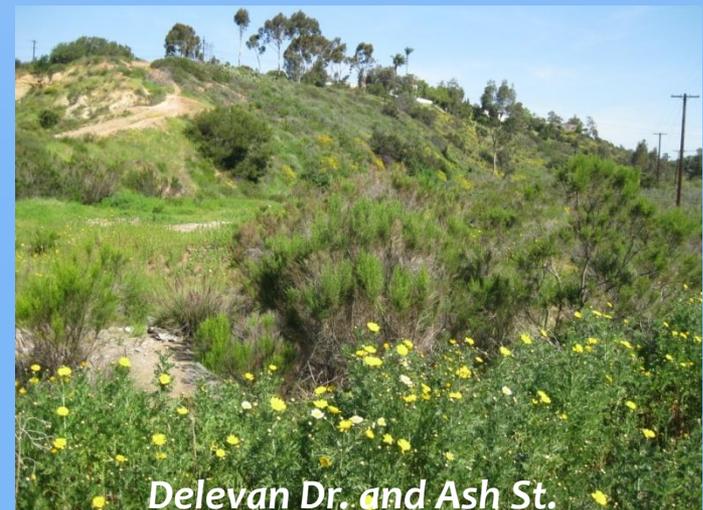
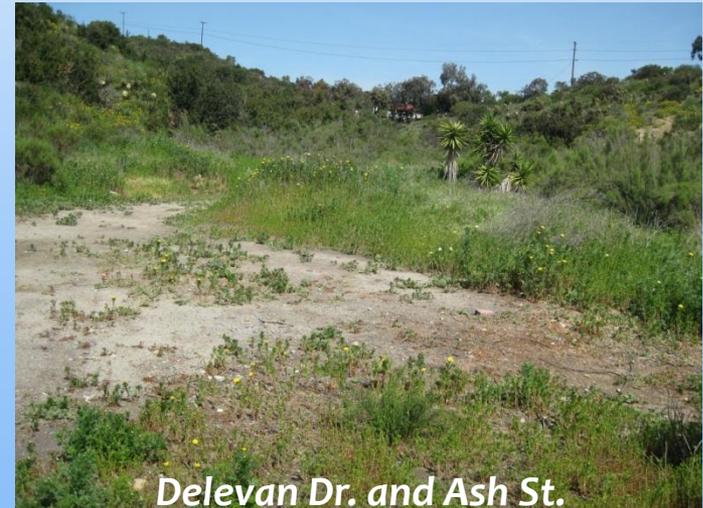
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Equivalencies – Trails in Open Space Areas



Criteria for Using Portions of Trails Within Open Space Areas:

- ❑ **Access:** Trails shall be open for public use and accessible from a public lands.
- ❑ **Recreational Benefit:** Trails shall provide various recreation activities.
- ❑ **Recreational Amenities in Non-MHPA Areas:** Trails shall provide recreation amenities.
- ❑ **Recreational Amenities shall be provided in MHPA areas.**
- ❑ **Safety and Sustainability:** Trails shall not present hazards to users.



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Preservation & Accessibility



Guiding General Plan Goals:

❑ Preservation & Accessibility:

- ❖ *Preserve, protect and enhance* the integrity and quality of existing parks, open space, and recreation programs citywide.
- ❖ *Preserve, protect and enrich* natural, cultural, and historic resources that serve as recreation facilities.
- ❖ A park and recreation system that provides an equitable distribution of park and recreation facilities that are designed to *accommodate the needs of a diverse population*.
- ❖ Park and recreation facilities that are sited to *optimize access* by foot, bicycle, public transit, automobile, and alternative modes of travel.
- ❖ Provision of inter-connected park and open space system that is *integrated into and accessible* to the community.
- ❖ Recreational facilities that are for *programmed and non-programmed uses*.

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Joint Use, Partnerships and Open Space Lands



Guiding General Plan Goals:

- ❑ **Joint Use, Cooperative Partnerships and Open Space Lands:**
 - ❖ **Achievement of greater public benefit through shared use.**
 - ❖ **An increase in recreational activities and programs through multi-agency coordination of interagency public lands.**
 - ❖ **Joint use and lease agreements.**
 - ❖ **An open space and resource-based park system that provides for the preservation and management of natural resources, enhancement of outdoor recreation opportunities, and protection of the public health.**
 - ❖ **Preservation of the natural terrain and drainage systems of San Diego's open space lands and resource-based parks.**
 - ❖ **A system of pedestrian, bicycle, and equestrian paths linking communities, neighborhoods, parks, and the open space system.**

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Joint Use, Partnerships and Open Space Lands



How Will Preservation, Accessibility, Joint Use, Cooperative Partnerships and Open Space Lands be dealt with in the Community Plan Update?

- Specific policies will be developed with community input that specifically address these items, using the guiding General Plan Goals.*
- Some of these items have been touched on in this presentation, such as open space and partnerships, and how they relate to the Golden Hill Community.*

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