

San Ysidro – Community Plan Update Recreation Element



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Recreation Element Components:

- Park & Recreation Guidelines
- Recreational Opportunities
- Preservation
- Accessibility
- Joint Use & Cooperative Partnerships
- Open Space Lands and Resource-Based Parks



Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park



Howard Lane Neighborhood Park

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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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Coral Gate Neighborhood Park

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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.*



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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 and 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 an 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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Park & Recreation Goals and Objectives



Community Identified Key Objectives for Parks and Recreation

- ❑ Identify locations for urban parks, plazas, promenades and venues that support a variety of event and gatherings.
- ❑ Expand park and recreation opportunities including trail options at Dairy Mart ponds and joint use opportunities; promote a healthy, active community.



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Park & Recreation – Park Inventory



La Mirada E.S. Joint Use Area

San Ysidro Activity Center
Beyer Park (future)

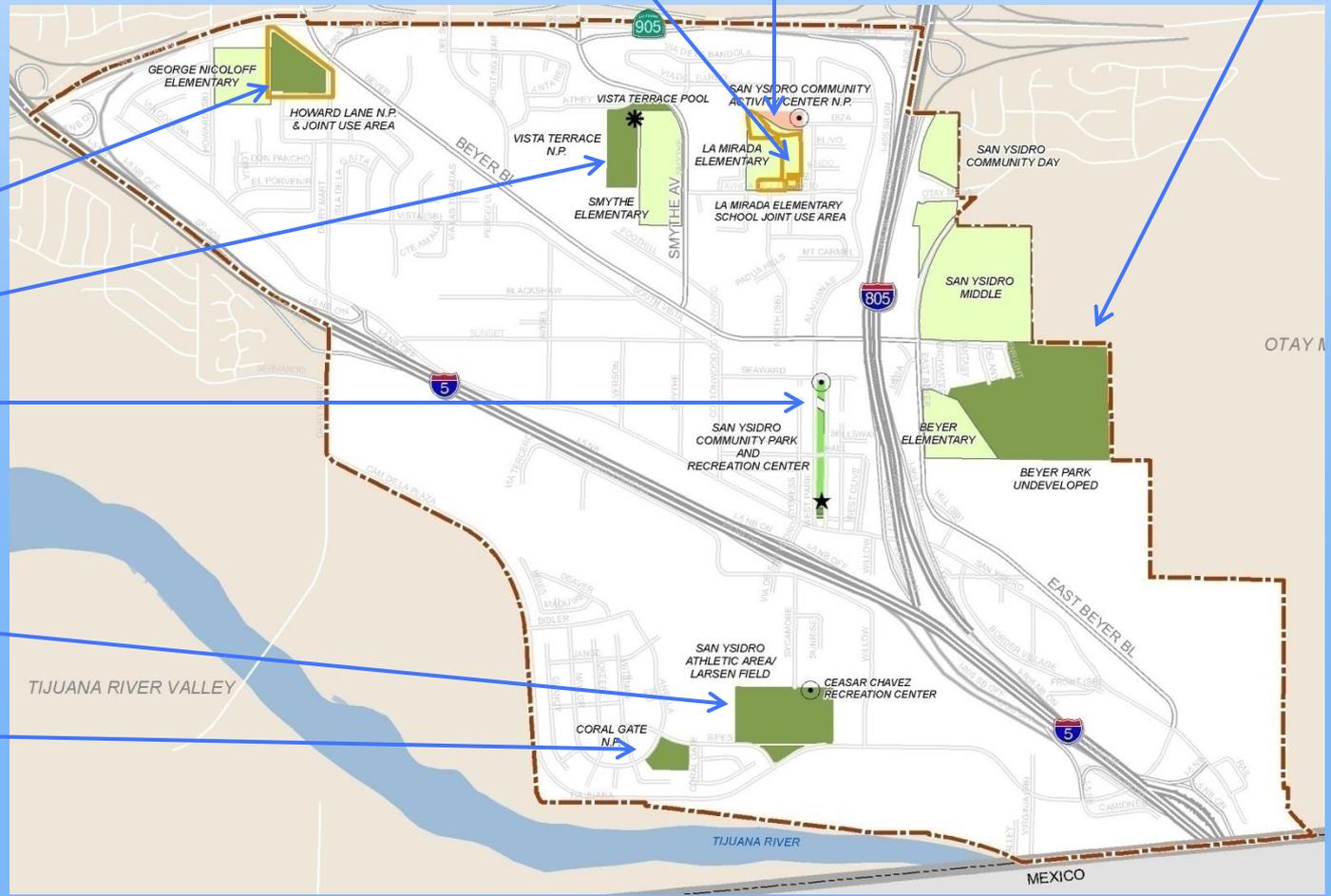
Howard Lane N.P.

Vista Terrace N.P.

San Ysidro C. P.

San Ysidro Athletic Area / Larsen Field

Coral Gate N.P.



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Park & Recreation Existing Park Inventory



San Ysidro Community Park:

- ❑ Provides approximately 3.2 acres of useable multi-purpose parkland.
- ❑ Contains several community facilities.
- ❑ Provides picnic and open turf areas, tennis courts, and children's play areas.



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San Ysidro Athletic Area / Larsen Field:

- ❑ Provides 15.75 acres of recreational uses.
- ❑ Includes Cesar Chavez Recreation Center.



Picnic and Children's
Play Areas



Multi-purpose Fields

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Coral Gate Neighborhood Park:

- ❑ Provides approximately 2.89 acres of multi-purpose parkland.
- ❑ Provides picnic , open turf and children’s play areas.



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Howard Lane Neighborhood Park:

- ❑ Provides approximately 5.95 acres of multi-purpose parkland.
- ❑ Provides picnic shelters and tables, basketball courts, and open turf and children's play areas.



Howard Lane N.P. – Children's Play Area



Howard Lane N. P. – Picnic Shelters

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Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park:

- ❑ Provides approximately 4.10 acres of useable parkland.
- ❑ The area provides a multi-purpose turf field and multi-purpose courts.
- ❑ Includes an aquatics complex.



Vista Terrace N.P. – Children's Play Area



Vista Terrace N.P. – Multi-purpose Fields

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Future Beyer Park:

- ❑ Provides for approximately 12 future acres of useable parkland, shared with Otay Mesa.
 - ❑ San Ysidro: 5 acres NP; Otay Mesa: 7 acres CP
- ❑ The area is currently not developed.
- ❑ A preliminary GDP has been prepared.



Future Beyer Park

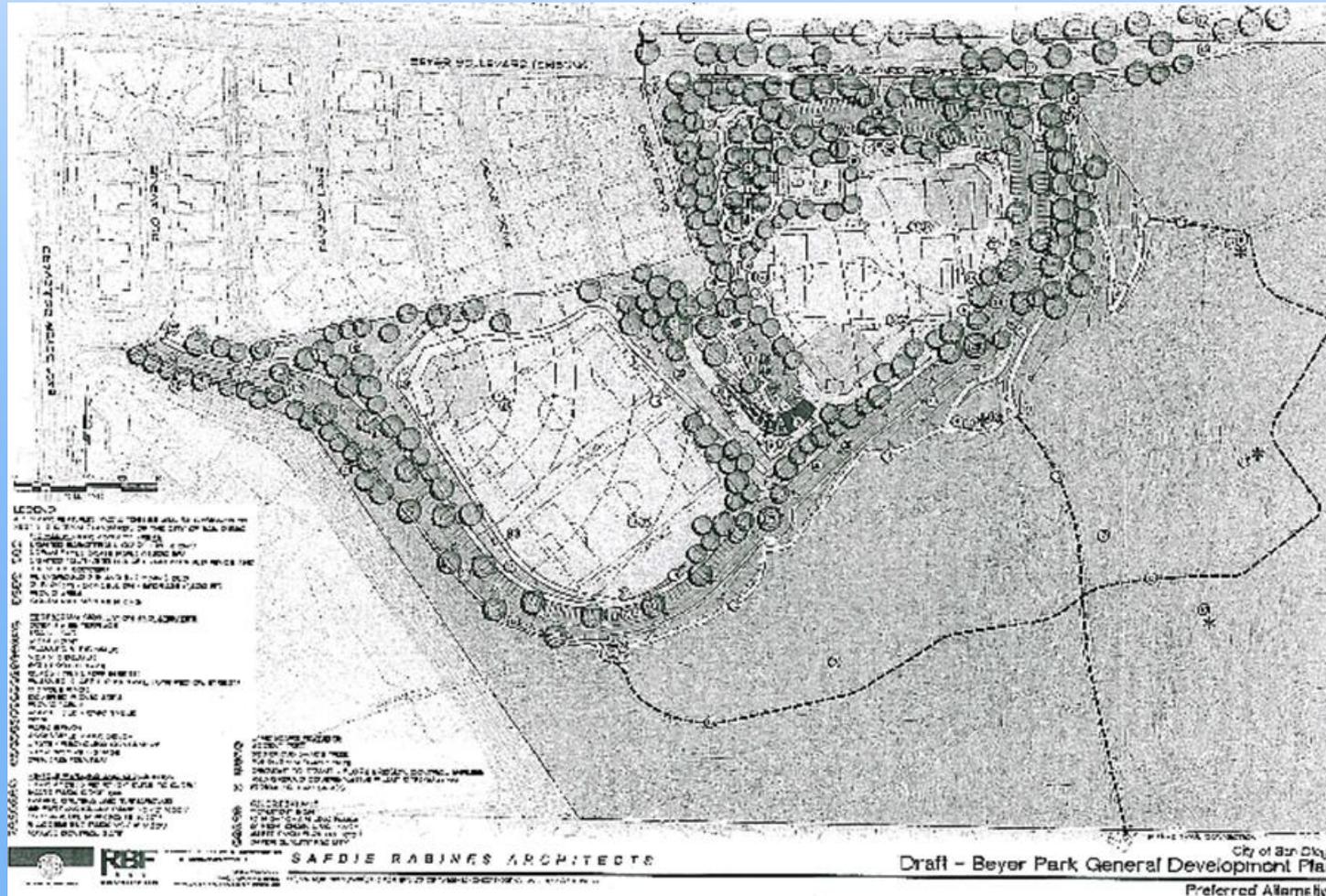


Future Beyer Park

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Future Beyer Park - Draft preliminary General Development Plan



**Maximum
development
Potential:
12 useable
park acres**

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San Ysidro Activity Center (Mini-Park):

- ❑ Provides approximately 1.45 acres of useable parkland.
- ❑ A portion of the site is unimproved.
- ❑ Located adjacent to La Mirada E.S. Joint Use Area.



Undeveloped area behind the Center



Access from La Mirada Joint Use Area

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La Mirada Elementary School Joint Use Area:

- ❑ Provides approximately 1.94 acres of joint use improvements.
- ❑ Project is on San Ysidro Unified School District property.
- ❑ This site connects to the San Ysidro Activity Center.



La Mirada E.S. Joint Use Field



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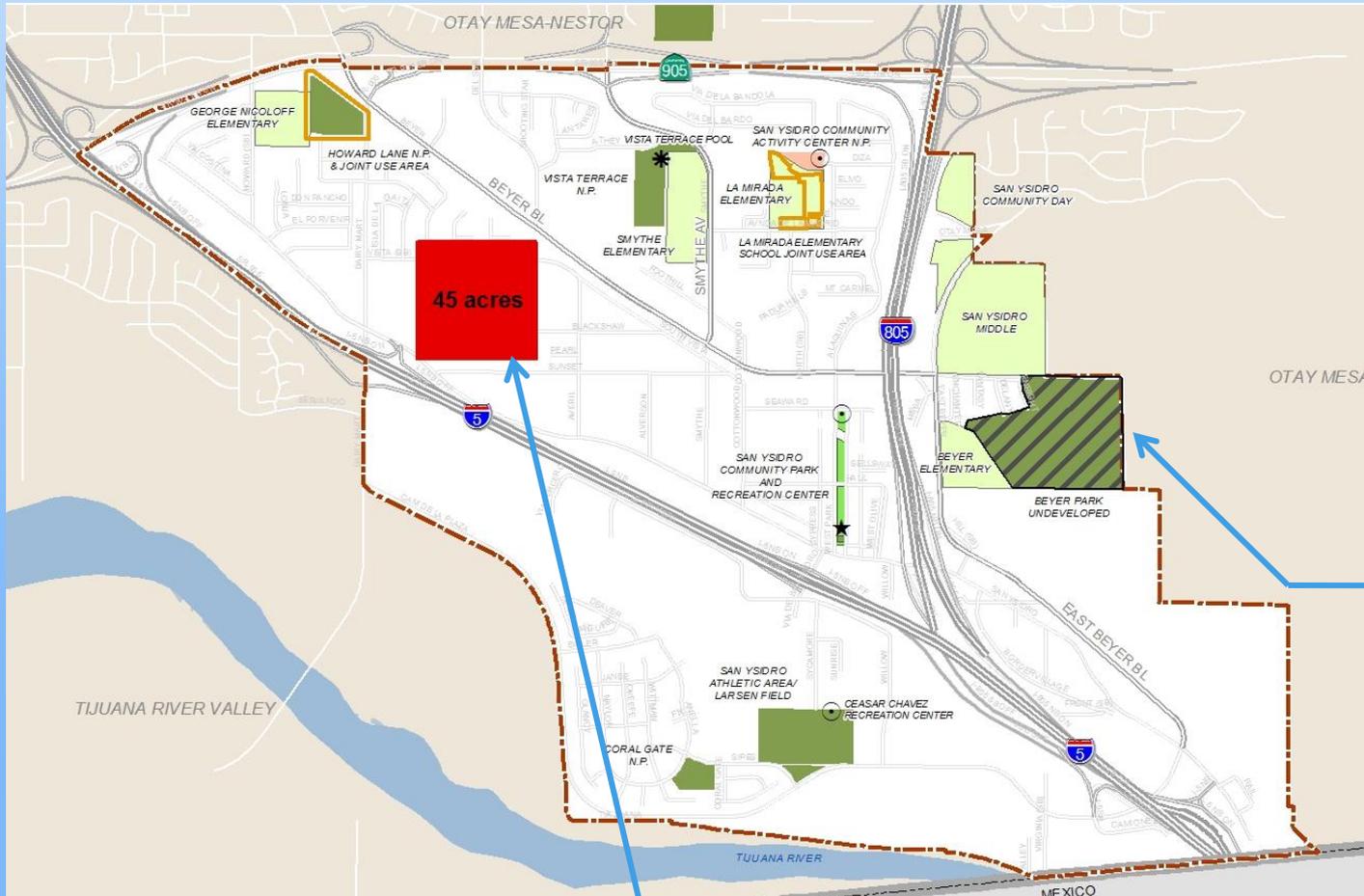
General Plan population-based park standards: 2.8 acres/1000 population.

The City has struggled to meet park standards in the older urbanized communities such as San Ysidro 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.*
- Lack of funding and resources.*
- Open space and Resource-based parks have not counted towards population-based parks.*

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Recreation Element – Acreage Standards



2010 Population:
28,594

Acreage:

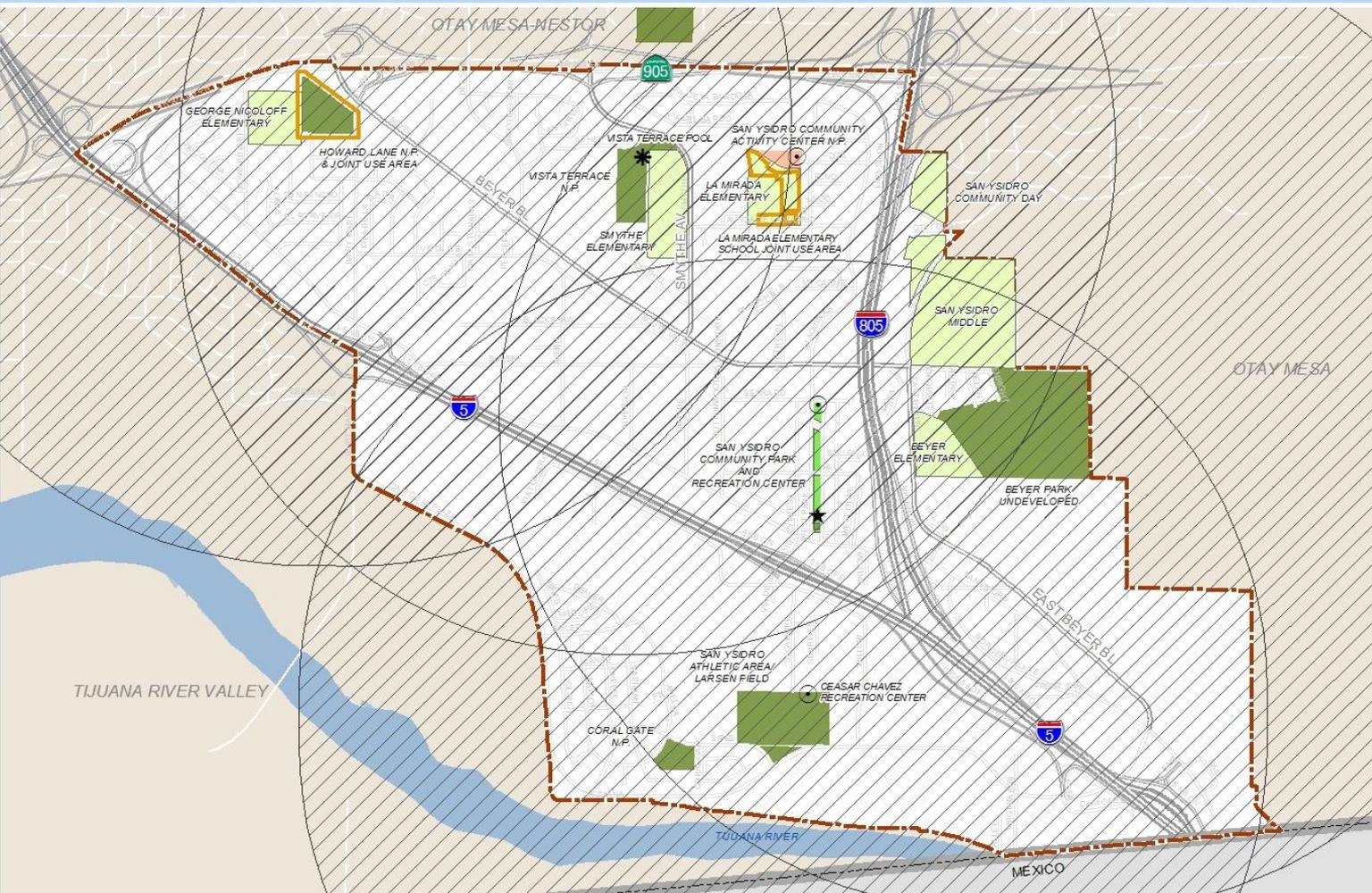
- ❑ Required: 80.06
- ❑ Existing: 35.28
- ❑ Deficit: 44.78

Development of Beyer Park would reduce the community's current deficit to 40 acres.

45-acre deficit

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Park & Recreation – Park Inventory



1-Mile
Service
Radius

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General Plan population-based park facility standards:

Recreation Centers:

- Serves a population of 25,000, or within approx. 3 miles
- Minimum 17,000 square feet per rec. ctr. or 25,000 population.

Aquatics Complex:

- Serves a population of 50,000, or within approx. 6 miles.
- Minimum standard 25 meters x 25 yards swimming pool.

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Col. Irving Salomon Activity Center :

- ❑ *San Ysidro is currently served by 3 recreation centers.*
- ❑ *This recreation center's size is currently 13,976 square feet.*
- ❑ *Located adjacent to La Mirada E.S. Joint Use Area .*



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Cesar Chavez Community Center :

- ❑ Located in San Ysidro Athletic Area / Larsen Field.
- ❑ This recreation center's size is currently 12,997 square feet.

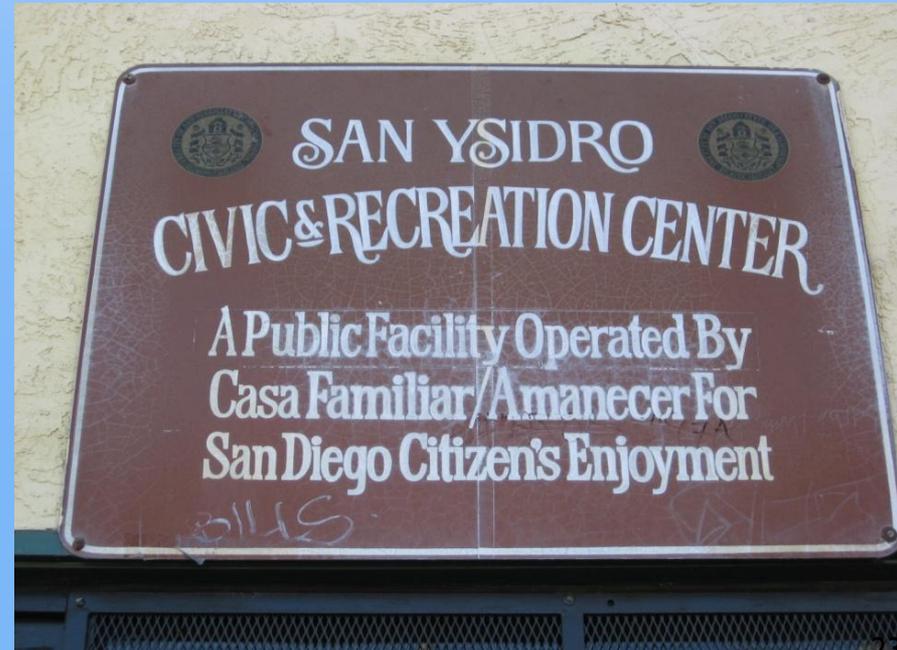


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San Ysidro Recreation Center :

- ❑ Located in San Ysidro Community Park.
- ❑ This recreation center's size is currently 7,854 square feet.



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Vista Terrace Swimming Pool:

- ❑ *Located in Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park.*
- ❑ *The City currently has 18 municipal swimming pools.*



Vista Terrace Pool House



Vista Terrace Pool

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San Ysidro Senior Center:

- ❑ Located in the San Ysidro Community Park.
- ❑ This senior center's size is currently 2,344 square feet.



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General Plan population-based park facility standards:

2010 population: 28,594

Recreation Centers:

Required: 1+ recreation center, or 19,444 square feet.

Existing: 3 recreation centers, totaling 34,827 square feet (15,383 surplus).

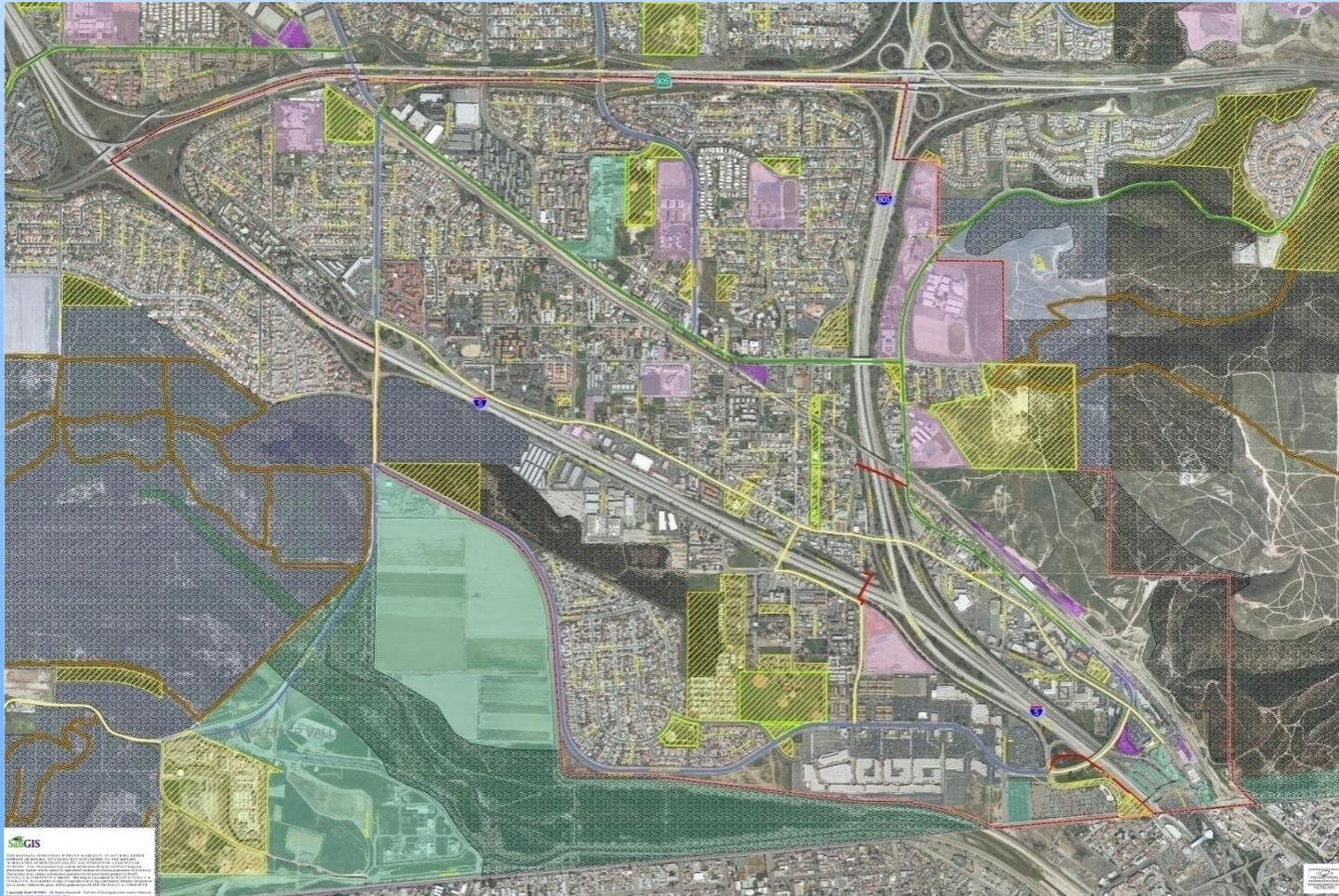
Aquatics Complex:

Required: A portion of 1 aquatics complex (0.57).

Existing: 1 aquatics complex.

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Existing Parks,
Trails, Bike
Routes, Public
Ownership, &
Open Space

LEGEND

San Ysidro Planning Boundary	Trails	Path or Trail	Route	City	School Districts	Federal Lands
Existing Open Space Park or Preserve*	Parks	Other Suggested Routes	Lane	Other Special Districts	County	
Parcels	Bike Routes					

*OPEN SPACE PARKS OR PRESERVE: Wildlife and scenic preservation areas for open space and parks with limited development and access. Excludes all things listed under Business, Transportation, and other categories in the City of San Ysidro's Comprehensive Plan.

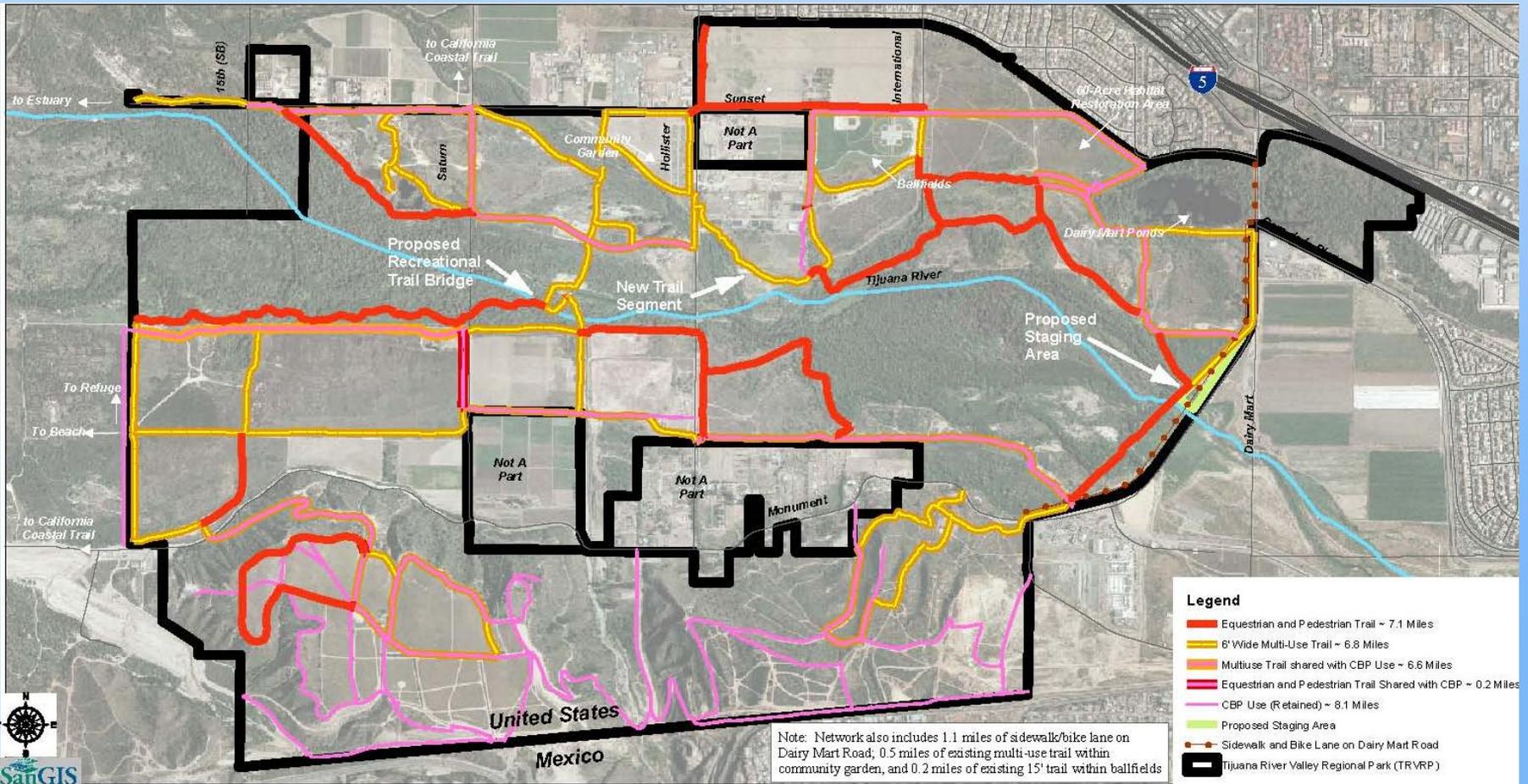
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Recreation Element



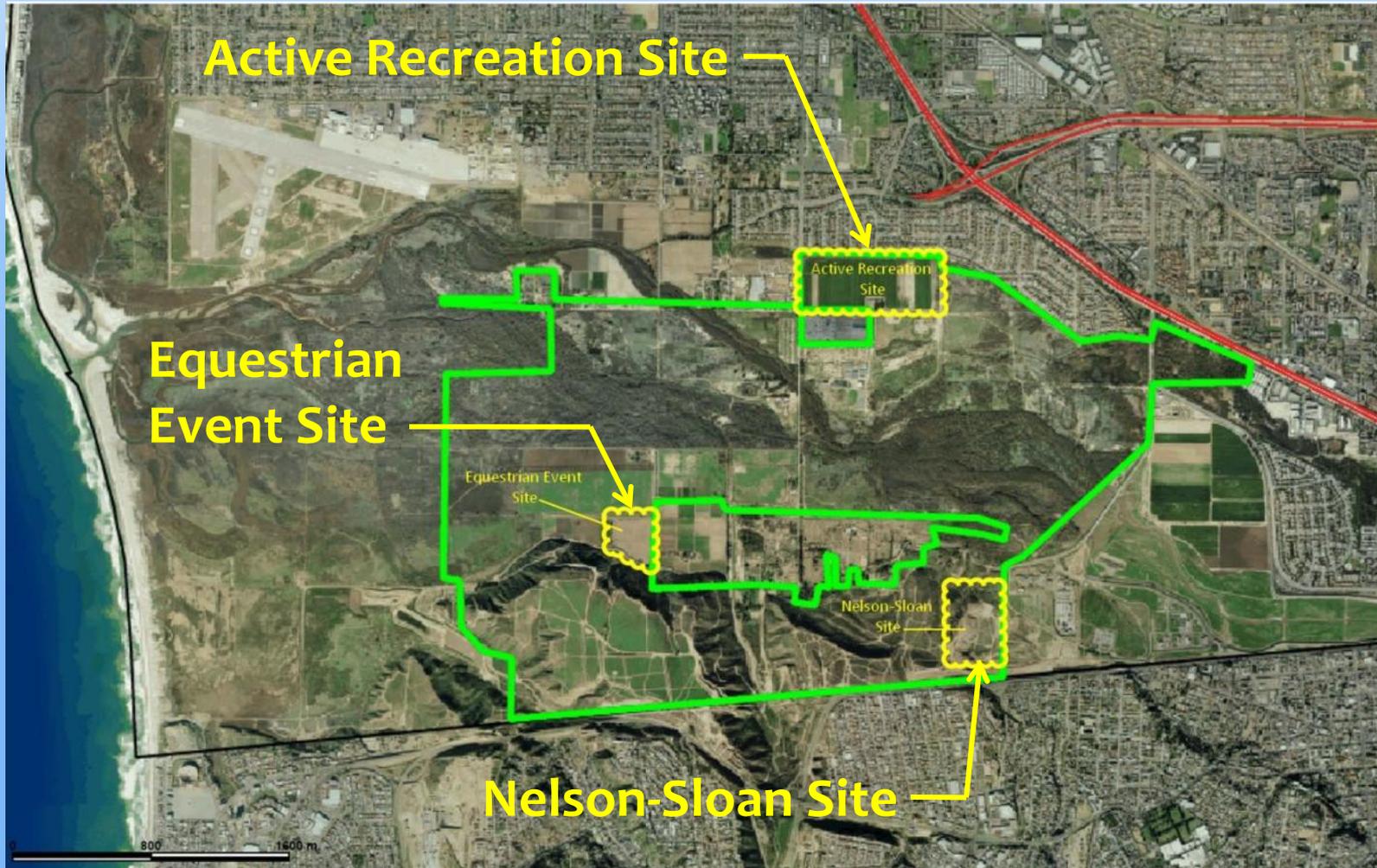
Tijuana River Valley Regional Park Trail Network– County of SD, P&R Dep't.



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Tijuana River Valley Regional Park – Potential Recreation Sites



County of
San Diego,
Parks and
Recreation
Department

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Park & Recreation Guidelines - Equivalencies



What are Equivalencies and Why Can They Be Used in San Ysidro?

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** lists categories that can qualify as equivalencies:
 - ❑ **Joint Use Facilities**
 - ❑ **Portions of Trails**
 - ❑ **Portions of Resource-Based Parks**
 - ❑ **Privately-owned Park Sites**
 - ❑ **Non-traditional Park Sites**
 - ❑ **Facility or Building Expansions**



Dairy Mart Ponds – Open Space

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Park & Recreation Guidelines – Equivalencies



Benefits of Using Equivalencies within the San Ysidro Community:

- ❑ *Allows for allocation of Development Impact Fee (DIF) dollars into new park projects.*
- ❑ *Provides for more timely delivery of park improvements .*



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



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Community At Large Map

October 2010
Charrette

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General Themes and Concepts

Parks and Open Space:

- ❖ *Need more parks and open space.*
- ❖ *Maximize existing park space.*
- ❖ *Central park desired.*
- ❖ *Keep parks green.*
- ❖ *Way-finding and informational signage to access parks.*

Opportunities for New Park Land:

- ❖ *Pocket parks; utilize vacant lots as potential pocket parks or other uses.*
- ❖ *Bridge deck plazas.*
- ❖ *Joint use with schools.*
- ❖ *Rooftop parks OK subject to specific application.*
- ❖ *Alleys as connectors to multi-use paths (bike, pedestrian) around the community.*
- ❖ *Park size requirements to be considered.*
- ❖ *Parks are used by people that live very near.*

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General Themes and Concepts

Facilities:

- ❖ Sports complex.
- ❖ Skateboard park; could be part of a larger park.
- ❖ Off-leash dog park; would need staff oversight/monitoring.
- ❖ Community garden.
- ❖ Outdoor destination/ amphitheater.
- ❖ Multi-use fields.
- ❖ Plazas with passive amenities.
- ❖ Central public space; public gathering places, like Eastlake.
- ❖ Identify a site for a farmers market or street fair; gathering place for fiestas.
- ❖ A lot of people do not know San Ysidro has a public swimming pool.

Trails, Open Space & Hillsides:

- ❖ Modernize existing, and design new, trails.
- ❖ Amenities for trails: mile markers, drinking fountains, security lighting.
- ❖ Hillside Residential/Open Space opportunity – vacant east parcels.

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Specific Sites and Locations

Connections / Linkages:

- ❖ Bridge deck – Over I-5.
- ❖ Via de San Ysidro as potential bridge over freeway.
- ❖ Connect trolley to trails – Beyer trolley area.
- ❖ Preserve and protect canyon w/connection from Via Tercero to Dairy Mart Rd.

Beyer Boulevard:

- ❖ Improve open space - Beyer Blvd near Foothill.

Beyer Park:

- ❖ Improve Beyer Park site.
- ❖ Try to get soccer field.

Border Commercial Area:

- ❖ Create plaza and fountain in E. Border commercial area.
- ❖ Street car and pedestrian promenade is a good idea.

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Specific Sites and Locations

Dairy Mart Ponds:

- ❖ Create an access link for road, pedestrians & bicycle across Dairy Mart ponds.
- ❖ Constrained open space – preserve Dairy Mart ponds.

Howard Lane Neighborhood Park:

- ❖ Bring a pool. Under-utilized Park, need for more recreation activity.

Las Americas:

- ❖ Opportunity site for public use - vacant parcel just east of Las Americas.

Pilot Village Area:

- ❖ Amphitheater: park, holiday events, concerts, farmers market.
- ❖ Room for soccer or softball?

San Ysidro Community Park:

- ❖ Plaza opportunity & new library at existing site.

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Specific Sites and Locations

San Ysidro Athletic Area / Larsen Field:

- ❖ Preserve recreational opportunities and expand to Las Americas' west undeveloped parcel.
- ❖ Would like another swimming pool – perhaps at Larsen Field.

Smythe Avenue:

- ❖ There are opportunities for green spaces along Smythe Ave. not being implemented. - On Smythe Ave. hill down to Beyer Blvd.

Tijuana River Valley:

- ❖ Clean up Tijuana River Valley – Improve it; need more maintenance.
- ❖ Trail Head / Interpretive Center / Recreation Use in Tijuana River Valley and Lake.

Vista Terrace Neighborhood Park:

- ❖ Improve access to park and pool.
- ❖ Remodel existing pool.

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COMMUNITY AT LARGE



Community
At Large
Map

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COMUNIDAD EN GENERAL



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OPEN DISCUSSION

followed by

MAP EXERCISE

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